

Every Cat Deserves A Chance at a Safe, Loving Home



Our mission is to continue saving as many cats and kittens as we can every year until there is no more unnecessary euthanasia in the Triangle and Eastern North Carolina. That is why we expanded our shelter and clinic in 2020 so we could help more animals and people.

As our lifesaving programs increase, we continue our work to reduce unnecessary euthanasia in the Triangle. National organization Best Friends recognized our continued 90% save rate, a number that is closer to 100% as we provide quality care for the cats who come to SAFE Haven. Everyday is a step closer to a more positive outcome for cats who enter traditional shelters.

We served 14,834 people with animals in 2022/2023 through all of our programs. That's a 10% increase from our previous year.

In the SAFE Care Clinic, we have increased our surgeries by 29% since last year and adoptions at SAFE Haven have increased by 6%. We fed 1,678 cats and dogs through our Pet Food Pantry last year with over 30,000 pounds of food.

Cats Adopted From SAFE Haven for Cats

1,323

Cats adopted this year
July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023

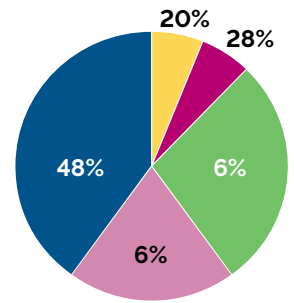
14,692

Total number of cats adopted
by SAFE Haven for Cats.



Ages Of Adopted Cats

Kitten	542	40%
Teenager	265	20%
Young Adult	368	28%
Adult	75	6%
Mature	83	6%



Where The Cats In The Shelter Came From

Partner Shelters 24%

We partner with traditional (usually County) animal shelters. In the 13 counties that surround Wake, we focus our work with shelters that have the greatest need to transfer cats and kittens, so they do not have to be euthanized.

COUNTY SHELTER	# SAFE HAVEN RESCUED/ COUNTY SHELTER EUTHANASIA RATE
Johnston	84/C68%
Wake	82/10%
Granville	68/3%
Franklin	26/56%
Wilson	11/56%



The Public 76%

The other 76% of the cats in our shelter come directly from concerned people in our community.

Stray cats people find	647
Abandoned at our shelter	11
Life of the cat in immediate danger	60
Born at the shelter	4
Returned due to death or owner or other life changes	149

How Long Does It Take The Cats To Get Adopted Once They Come To SAFE Haven?



Our cats, on average, only stay at the shelter for 3.5 weeks. Several years ago, this was about 8 weeks. This is really amazing considering these are all stray, abandoned, injured, or orphaned cats and kittens. We often do not have any idea of their condition when we agree to take them. This year, 28 cats we rescued were over 7 years old. The oldest kitty we took was Phyllicia at 15 years, 1 month.

SAFE Care Spay/Neuter Clinic

Impact On Our Community



7,285

Surgeries this year from
July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023

49,157

Total number of animals
spayed/neutered

Thanks to our expansion in 2020 we have been able to increase our capacity at the clinic and keep our fees as low as possible. We are also able to offer free services to anyone who needs them, so we do not have to turn anyone away from the clinic and risk other kittens being born.

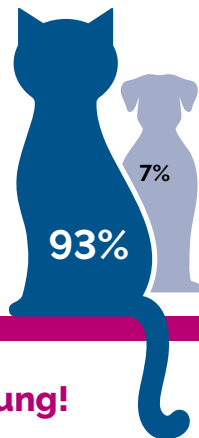


Who Are These Cats (And Dogs!)?

They came from 58 counties in North Carolina. The farthest drove from Asheville (248 miles, one way). Why? Because there are only a handful of clinics like ours in the entire state.

Patient Mix

Cats	93%
Dogs	7%



Spay/Neuter Young!

4,053 of these cats were under a year old and this is a very, very good thing because we sterilized them before (hopefully) they had a chance to get pregnant.

85 of these cats were over 5 years old

15 & 12 The oldest cat neutered was 15 years old. The oldest cat spayed was 12 years old. Imagine how many litters they have had.



Helping Our Community

We sterilized 2,383 cats and kittens as a vital service to 17 rescue groups and humane societies in the Triangle so they will never have to adopt unsterilized animals. We sterilized 2,955 feral or community cats who now will not be having kittens.



Help Save a Cat's Life

Making a donation is a gift of life to an area cat. With 30 years of service to animals, SAFE Haven for Cats has a long-standing record of careful stewardship of your gifts. Our shelter and clinic rely almost entirely on individual donations, like yours. As a private animal welfare organization, we are not supported by government funds/grants of any kind.

Questions? For more information, please call our Director of Development, Marketing & Donor Stewardship Maddie Majerus at (919)710-8184 or email at maddie@safehavenforcats.org. Our website is safehavenforcats.org.

