

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 15,146 people with animals in 2023/2024 through all of our programs. That's a 2% increase from our previous year.

In the SAFE Care Clinic, we have increased our surgeries by 8% since last year. We fed hundreds of cats and dogs through 396 Pet Food Pantry appointments last year with almost 17,000 pounds of food.



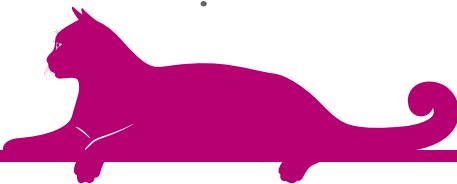
Cats Adopted From SAFE Haven for Cats

1,332

Cats adopted this year
July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024

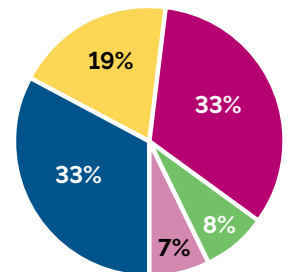
15,916

Total number of cats adopted
by SAFE Haven for Cats.



Ages of Cats Adopted

Kitten	438	33%
Teenager	249	19%
Young Adult	441	33%
Adult	108	8%
Mature	96	7%



Where The Cats In The Shelter Came From

Partner Shelters 29%

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 FOR CAT
Wake	70/18%
Johnston	28/83%
Granville	13/4%
Durham	5/35%
Franklin	5/34%
Wilson	4/65%



The Public 42%

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

Stray cats people find	646
Abandoned at our shelter	12
Life of the cat in immediate danger	221
Born at the shelter	11
Returned due to death or owner or other life changes	150

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 21 days. 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, 87 cats we rescued were over 7 years old. The oldest kitty we took was Ace Ventura at 16 years.

Spay and Neuter Clinic

Impact On Our Community

7,930

Surgeries this year from
July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024

56,907

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.

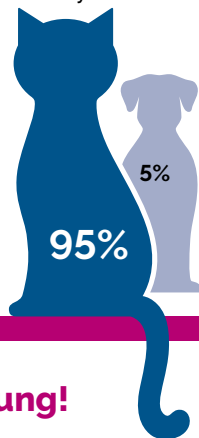


Who Are These Cats (And Dogs!)?

They came from 46 counties in North Carolina. The farthest drove from Forsyth, GA (429 miles). Why? Because there are only a handful of clinics like ours in the entire state.

Patient Mix

Cats	95%
Dogs	5%



Spay/Neuter Young!

2,633

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.

109

of these cats were over 5 years old

10 & 15

The oldest cat neutered was 10 years old.
The oldest cat spayed was 15 years old.
Imagine how many litters they have had.

Helping Our Community

We sterilized 2,633 cats and kittens as a vital service to 19 rescue groups and humane societies in the Triangle so they will never have to adopt unsterilized animals. We sterilized 2,908 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 Maddie Majerus at (919)710-8184 or email at maddie@safehavenforcats.org. Our website is safehavenforcats.org.

