

Annual Report 2023



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The Rescue Crew
SAVE A LIFE TODAY

A LETTER FROM our **Founder**

Dear Friends and Supporters,

Since October 2017, The Rescue Crew has remained steadfast in our commitment to a cause that is very close to our hearts. Our journey began with the simple belief that we could make a difference in the lives of animals, especially those facing the prospect of needless euthanasia in our local shelters and impounds. It has been our mission to assist Minnesota shelters in their efforts to save local animals and overcome the many challenges they encounter on a daily basis.

In 2020, the world changed in ways we could never have anticipated, and the animal rescue community experienced a pivotal moment. The COVID-19 pandemic brought about unprecedented levels of adoptions, overwhelming us with the surge in demand. However, in the years that followed, we have witnessed a steady increase in the number of animals entering shelters, both at the local and national levels. Minneapolis Animal Care & Control (MACC), the largest municipal shelter in the state, has seen intakes increase by nearly 30% since 2019.

Alongside this trend, there has been a noticeable rise in animals with behavioral issues requiring attention and care. To be blunt, locally things are worse now than I've seen them during my 15 years in the rescue world; shelters seem to consistently be at capacity with euthanasia rates increasing.



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Compounding these challenges, we've seen stagnant or decreasing adoption rates, increased length of stays for pets in both shelters and rescue and a persistent backlog of animals awaiting their forever homes. The cumulative effect has resulted in an ongoing capacity crisis.

As we enter 2024, we find ourselves confronted with the persistent issue of a year-over-year buildup of animals languishing in shelters and rescues, awaiting the chance to find loving homes. Nevertheless, we must remain forward-looking while drawing valuable lessons from our past experiences. Embracing the changes brought about by the post-pandemic landscape, sharing our knowledge, and collaborating on innovative solutions will be pivotal in shaping what lies ahead for us.

At The Rescue Crew, we remain dedicated to transparency. We take pride in being one of the few - if not the only - local rescues that openly shares our data, including statistics related to animal intakes, outcomes, financial information, and euthanasia rates. We are committed to expanding our impact, in an open and honest fashion, for not only the companion animals in our local communities but also for those on tribal lands in neighboring states.

As we continue our journey, I'd like to extend my deepest gratitude to each one of you for your support and dedication to our cause. Together, we can continue to make a difference in the lives of animals in need. Thank you for being an integral part of our mission.

With Warm Regards,



Chris A. Maddox

FOUNDER/PRESIDENT

ABOUT THE RESCUE CREW

Volunteer Operated and Foster Based

As a Minnesota-based 501(c)(3) nonprofit animal rescue organization, The Rescue Crew strives to prevent the unnecessary euthanasia of companion animals by finding them loving forever homes.

What We Do

We rescue dogs and cats of all sizes, ages, breeds and conditions; with our priority being the most urgent pets in our local shelters and impounds throughout the state of Minnesota that are facing imminent risk of euthanasia without rescue support.

Why We Save

The Rescue Crew was created specifically to help fill a need in the local Twin Cities metropolitan area, and more broadly throughout the state of Minnesota, to help shelter animals facing imminent risk of euthanasia without rescue support.

Every year approximately 6.3 million unwanted, abandoned or lost companion animals enter U.S. shelters nationwide every year. Thankfully, while this number is still staggeringly big, the number has reduced over the past decade; the estimated number in 2011 was 7.2 million. While some are lucky enough to be adopted into loving, responsible homes, there are far more animals in need of a family than there are people willing to foster and adopt them. As a result, many healthy, young and adoptable pets are killed.

Leonardo

Our Mission

We are here to help save the lives of companion animals in need. Those who are homeless; the abused or abandoned; the neglected and unloved, and to show them human compassion and kindness, ultimately helping them become valued family members in a loving home.

Our Vision

We envision the day where every adoptable companion animal has the opportunity of finding a responsible, loving home. A world where pets are no longer mistreated, abused or abandoned.

Our Values



Embrace New Ways of Thinking.

We are dedicated to exploring innovative strategies and ideas to enhance our ability to support companion animals and realize our goal of securing caring, responsible homes for all adoptable dogs and cats in need.



Establish & Maintain Positive Relationships.

Our aim is to leverage the creativity, dedication, and resources of our fosters, volunteers, and partners by fostering collaboration, transparency, open communication, and teamwork.



Be Positive Influencers.

We are committed to educating the public on responsible pet ownership and enlightening the community about the significance of spaying and neutering pets to combat the issue of overpopulation. This is achieved through our advocacy and stewardship of the animal welfare community, leading and inspiring with positivity and respect.



Compassion & Respect.

Our core values include demonstrating utmost compassion and respect towards both the companion animals under our care and the community we serve, as well as the individuals and organizations we engage with.



Appropriate & Proper Placement,

We make it a priority to understand the temperament, personality, and needs of each animal in our care as thoroughly as we do with our foster and adoptive homes, ensuring successful placements.

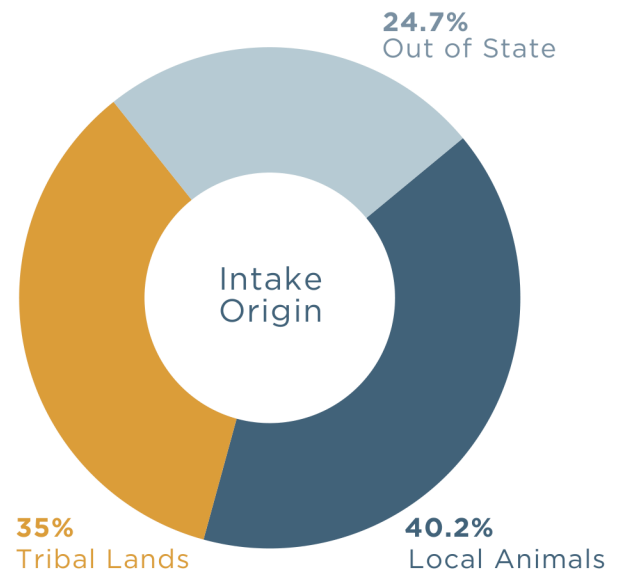
LIFESAVING STATISTICS

Animals Rescued

The Rescue Crew takes in animals from local shelters and humane societies. These shelters are located primarily within the Twin Cities metro area, but we partner with shelters across the entire state and a select group of out of state shelters.

We also work with tribal lands in Minnesota and neighboring states where opportunities for housing and needed veterinary care of companion animals is poor or non-existent.

As we grow, the impact we're making locally continues to increase, as does the support we can provide in helping animals on these tribal lands.



Where We Make a Difference

LOCAL

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|---|----|--|----|
| • Minneapolis Animal Care & Control (MACC) | 78 | • Marshmallow Foundation, Detroit Lakes, MN | 4 |
| • St. Paul Animal Control (SPAC) | 91 | • South St. Paul impound | 5 |
| • Maple Grove impound (PUPS) | 67 | • Companion Animal Control | 6 |
| • Lakes Area Humane Society, Alexandria, MN | 8 | • Other MN impounds | 5 |
| • Bloomington Animal Control | 11 | • Born in Rescue | 19 |
| | | • Owner Surrender | 27 |
| | | • Stray | 31 |
| | | • Owner Intended Euthanasia (transferred from vet clinics) | 6 |

TRIBAL LANDS

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| • Lightshine Canine, Pine Ridge Tribal Land | 187 |
| • Lake Traverse Animal Rescure, Lake Traverse Tribal Land | 122 |

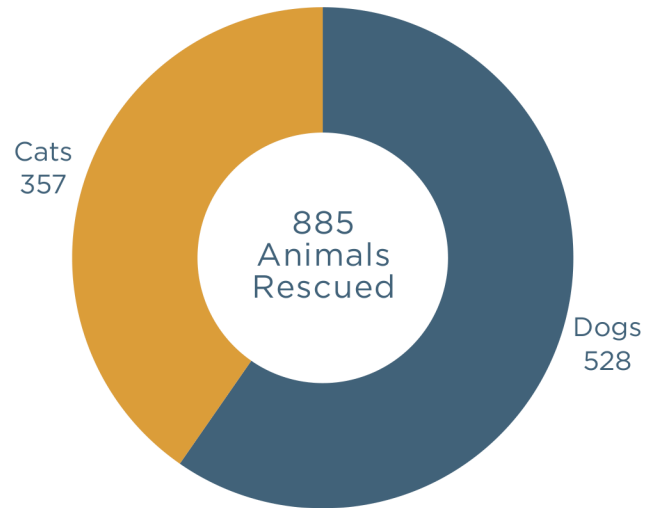
OUT OF STATE

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| • Operation Kindness, Dallas, TX | 104 |
| • Cherished K9, Las Cruces, NM | 106 |
| • Paws in Need, Tulsa, OK | 5 |
| • Other | 3 |

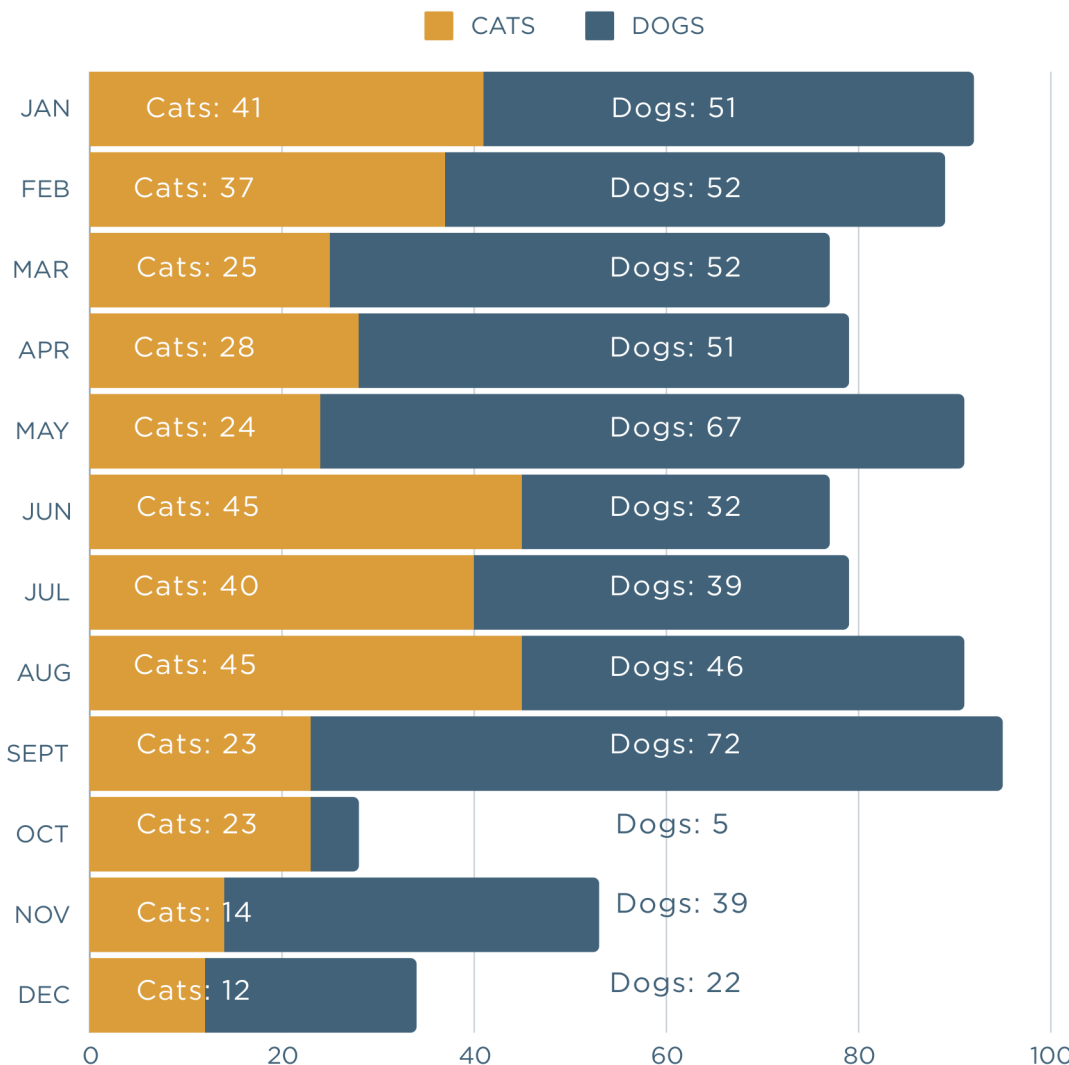
LIFESAVING STATISTICS

Intakes

Intakes are the number of animals taken into the rescue. While the majority of our intake comes from local shelters and neighboring tribal lands, they can also be dogs or cats that are surrendered by their owner, found as strays or born in rescue.



2023 Monthly Intakes



Why were intakes lower during Q4?

Due to significant unplanned major medical expenses, and a higher than normal return rate for dogs, we went on intake hold from 9/22 - 10/3 for cats and through 10/12 for dogs. We remained on hold for any known medical needs animals until 11/18.

LIFESAVING STATISTICS

Outcomes

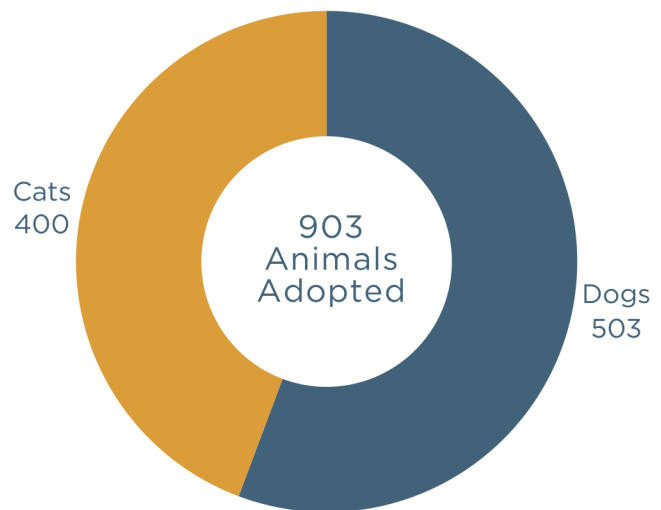
Outcomes identify the number of animals no longer in the rescue. Live outcomes are typically adoptions, but can also be animals transferred to another organization, returned to their owner, or returned to field (feral cats). There are also other types of non-live outcomes which include euthanasia for either medical or behavior issues as well as animals which passed away in our care (typically neonatal kittens).

Animal Outcomes

2023	Total Intake	Total Live Outcomes	Other Outcomes
Dogs	528	504	13
Cats	357	402	17

- Adopted: 903
- Returned to Owner: 2
- Transferred: 1
- Euthanized (medical): 13
- Euthanized (behavior): 3
- Passed: 14

Adoptions



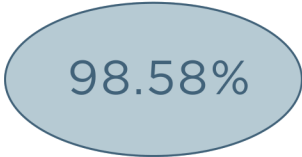
Average Length of Stay



LIFESAVING STATISTICS

Live Release Rate

The Annual Live Release Rate is calculated by dividing the total live outcomes (adoptions, transfers to other rescues or sanctuary and returns to owner) by total outcomes (total live outcomes plus euthanasias for medical or behavior reasons). It does not include animals which passed away in care.



Euthanasia

Dogs and cats, based on veterinarian recommendations, we made the decision to euthanize for medical reasons, or for behavior and public safety reasons.

	Medical	Behavior
Dog	9	2
Cat	4	1

In Memorium

- Josh, 8/8/22 - 2/7/23
- Gato, 3/9/20 - 6/8/23
- Strawberry, 4/11/23 - 6/19/23
- Kit Mortensen, 4/14/23 - 6/26/23
- Johnny Bravo, 7/23/23 - 9/7/2023
- Gingerbread, 3/1/22 - 3/3/23
- King Theodore, 3/11/22 - 3/23/23
- Moria, 11/26/18 - 4/3/23
- Marshmallow, 8/2/21 - 8/13/23
- Barley, 2/13/23 - 8/14/23
- Shasta, 4/20/07 - 4/26/2023
- Perry, 7/11/23 - 9/10/23
- Maggie-May, 2/28/18 - 9/10/23
- Benji, 8/2/2013 - 10/26/2023
- Nibbles, 2/25/2013 - 11/15/2-23
- Duncan, unknown - 11/20/23



Moira



Maggie-May



Gingerbread



Perry



Benji



Nibbles



Duncan



Shasta

OUR DIFFERENCE

From a Foster's Perspective

Our fosters are the heartbeat of our organization, and their experiences speak volumes about the unique and compassionate approach we take at The Rescue Crew.

Hear it from our dedicated foster, Shayla; "I've had the privilege of fostering through five different rescues, and I can confidently say that The Rescue Crew stands out like no other. It's not just about providing the essentials like food, toys, treats, and beds, although they do that exceptionally well. What sets The Rescue Crew apart is their genuine care and support.

Never before have I encountered a rescue that goes the extra mile to ensure the well-being of both animals and fosters. The level of care and concern is unparalleled. They're always ready to lend a helping hand and offering unwavering support. And their commitment to adoptions is extraordinary.

They don't see it as a mere transaction; they genuinely care about their pets and the people who open their hearts and homes to them. They prioritize the well-being of their animals, ensuring they find the right forever homes. The kindness and warmth I've experienced from every person I've interacted with at The Rescue Crew have left a lasting impression. It's a community driven by compassion, and I am proud to be a part of it."

-Shayla, Foster Caregiver



OUR DIFFERENCE

From an Adopter's Perspective

Franni is a shining example of the impact we can make together. From Franni's adoptive family; "In April of 2023 we welcomed Franni into our family, and since then, she's shown us the true meaning of love, loyalty, and boundless joy. Franni is a hound mix with a quirky personality that's all her own. She marches to the beat of her own drum, and her favorite way to communicate is through melodious howls that light up our hearts. She's a bundle of goofiness, showering us with kisses and providing endless laughter with her charming clumsiness.

During the summer months, Franni transformed into our dedicated squirrel patrol officer, spending her days outdoors, keeping a watchful eye on those mischievous critters, and basking in the warm sun. Now that the chill of winter has set in, she's become the queen of snuggles, claiming her throne on the couch.

What warms our hearts even more is that Franni found a lifelong friend in her fur sister, Penni. They share adventures, playdates and nature walks, making each other's lives brighter with their bond. Franni's presence in our lives has been nothing short of a blessing. We can't imagine a day without her infectious spirit filling out home."

-Franni's Adoptive Family

There are countless other Franni's out there still waiting for their chance at a forever home filled with love and happiness.



OUR DIFFERENCE

From a Volunteer's Perspective

Our supporters often say it best. Here's why one of our volunteers supports The Rescue Crew; "I love The Rescue Crew for many reasons, but the biggest is that it gives animals like Millie a second chance!

Millie faced an uncertain fate, with an impending euthanasia date looming at a local Minnesota impound. She struggled with kennel life, and who could blame her? But thanks to The Rescue Crew stepping in, she defied the odds and stands with us today!

Millie's transformation is nothing short of remarkable. In her new loving home, she's thriving, diving headfirst into dog sports, and recently, she wowed us all by competing in her first competition in September, reaching speeds of over 25 mph in the AKC FastCAT! Without The Rescue Crew, so many incredible animals like Millie wouldn't have the opportunity to reveal their greatness to the world and the people who share it.

Thank you for being the bridge between despair and hope, between darkness and the radiant light of second chances. Your unwavering commitment is the reason stories like Millie's exist. Together, we are making miracles happen, one precious life at a time."

-Raychel, Volunteer

By supporting The Rescue Crew, you're helping more animals like Millie find their second chance at life, love, and happiness.



CHANGING LIVES

One Adoption at a Time

At The Rescue Crew, we take immense pride in forging connections - with our animals, our dedicated volunteers, our loyal supporters, and our loving adopters. We firmly believe that it takes an entire community to save lives! We understand that adopting a pet can sometimes feel like an uphill battle, with barriers that make the process seem daunting. However, we are unwavering in our commitment to making adoption as transparent and effortless as possible.

Let us share the heartwarming story of Courtney and her family, who embarked on a journey to find their perfect feline friend: “My family had been searching for a cat to complete our family puzzle. With two young kids and an energetic golden doodle puppy, finding the right fit was absolutely essential. After a frustrating search, we stumbled upon Dana from The Rescue Crew. Dana fostered our kittens and proved to be an absolute blessing. She graciously welcomed us into her home, allowing us to meet the entire litter and discover our own unique connection. We left that day feeling confident about welcoming not one, but two kittens into our home. Dana took the time to understand our family dynamics and had an innate understanding of the kittens’ personalities in her care.

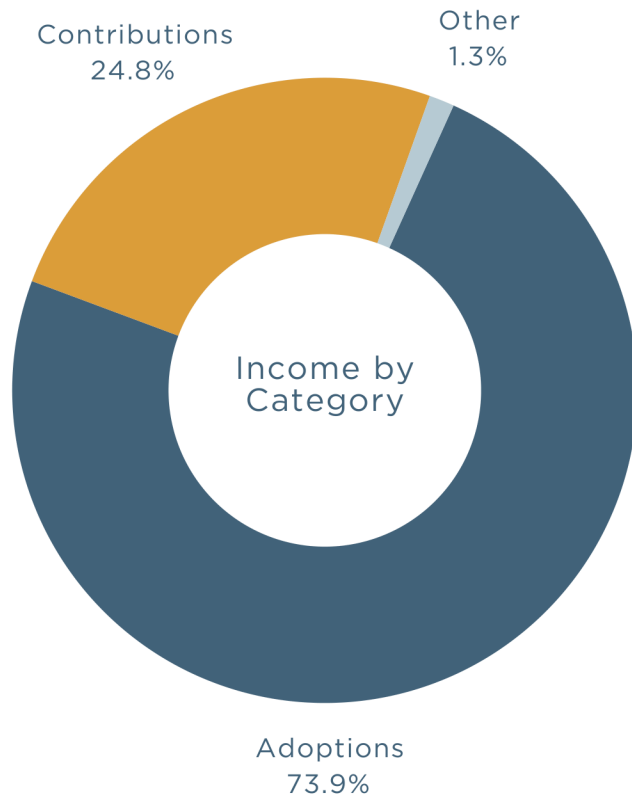
Several months down the line, our entire family is head over heels in love with our cats. The Rescue Crew made the process smooth and delightful, and we believe they are making a profound impact on their mission by creating such wonderful matches.”



Your continued support can help us create more heartwarming matches like Courtney’s family experienced.

FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

Income



Income by Category

PROGRAMS:

Cat Adoptions	\$97,220
Dog Adoptions	\$257,365
Unclassified	<u>\$1,5323</u>
Total	\$356,117

CONTRIBUTIONS:

Donations	\$81,699
Fundraising & Events	<u>\$37,631</u>
Total	\$119,330

OTHER:

Merchandise Sales	\$1,094
Miscellaneous	<u>\$4,153</u>
Total	\$5,247



TOTAL INCOME:
\$480,694

FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

Expenses

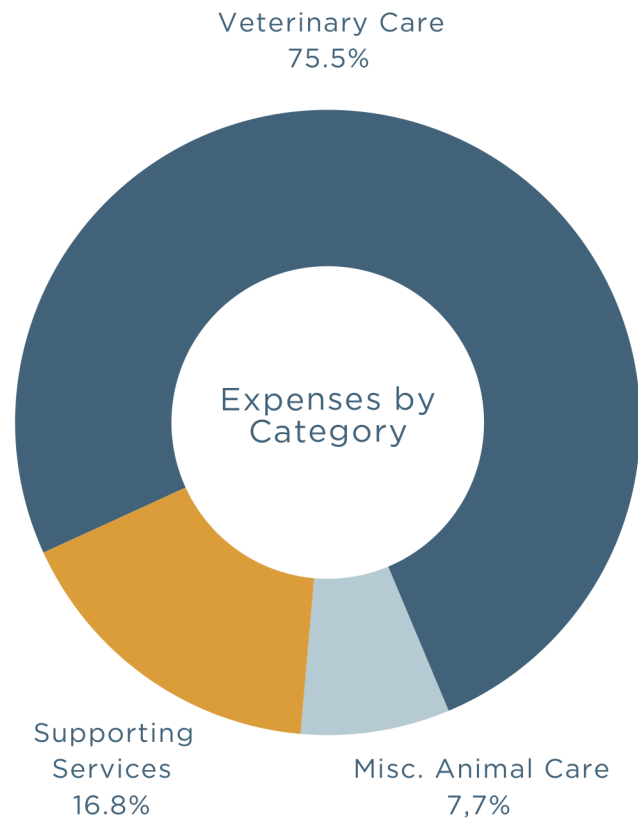
Expenses by Category

PROGRAM SERVICES:

Veterinary Care	\$386,402
MISC ANIMAL CARE	
Boarding	\$2,234
Training	\$1,014
Microchips	\$12,154
Collars, leashes, tags and harnesses	\$5,001
Other misc.	\$19,047
Total	\$425,852

SUPPORTING SERVICES:

Fundraising & events	\$12,192
Insurance	\$17,348
Legal & professional	\$2,400
Management & general	\$51,782
Other misc.	\$2,139
Total	\$85,860



TOTAL EXPENSES:
\$511,712



BALANCE SHEET

As of December 31, 2023

ASSETS

Current Assets: \$44,366

LIABILITIES

Current Liabilities: \$24,861

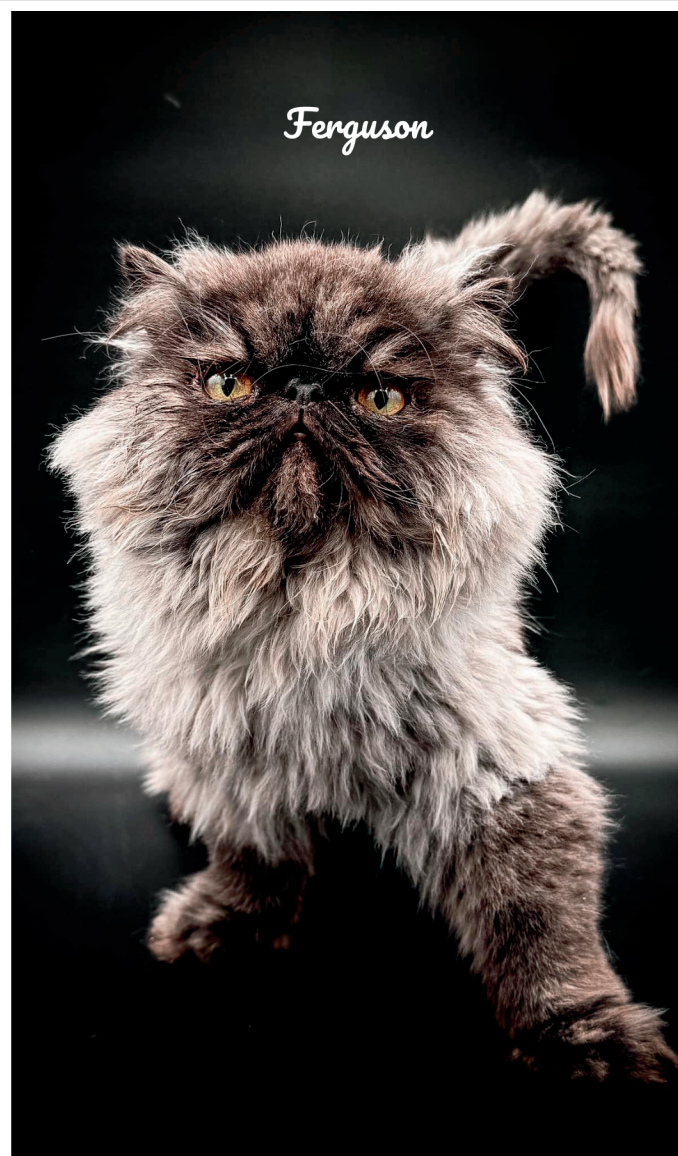
EQUITY

Retained Earnings	\$50,523
Net Income	<u>-\$31,018</u>
Total Equity	\$19,505

TOTAL

LIABILITIES & \$44,366

EQUITY

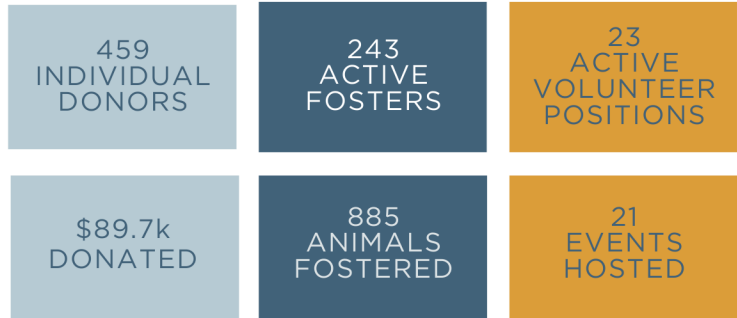


STANDARDS OF ACCOUNTABILITY

Minnesota Charities Review Council's Standards of Accountability state that at least 70% of an organization's annual expenses must be directed toward program activity with no more than 30% for management, general, and fundraising expenses combined. The Rescue Crew has exceeded this standard each year of our existence. Below illustrates what percent of our expenses, each year, have been directed back to programs and services that specifically benefit the animals.

2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Program Expenses: \$97,444	Program Expenses: \$228,091	Program Expenses: \$326,372	Program Expenses: \$312,450	Program Expenses: \$287,006	Program Expenses: \$425,852
Total Expenses: \$109,425	Total Expenses: \$254,506	Total Expenses: \$352,680	Total Expenses: \$349,730	Total Expenses: \$333,847	Total Expenses: \$511,712
89%	90%	93%	89%	86%	83%

COMMUNITY SUPPORT

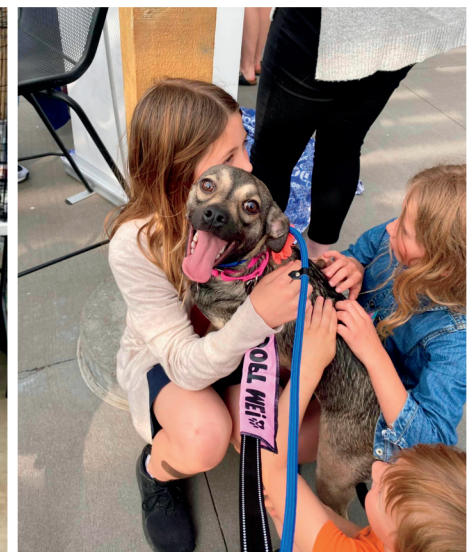


In 2023 we made the conscious decision to focus our adoption and fundraising events less on pet-centric stores and towards more unique and heavily trafficked locals. During the year we partnered with a number of breweries, hosted events at restaurants like Pizza Luce and New Bohemia, and were even welcomed into an upscale senior living facility and a cinema.



Hosting one or two events at locations like these each month, as well as summer-time fairs and fall-time farms, not only helped increase our visibility and improve fundraising efforts, but we also realized better adoption rates. Plus, they proved to be more fun and engaging for our fosters and volunteers too!

Thank You to Our 2023 Partners & Hosts

- Fleet Farm
- Pizza Luce
- Chuck & Don's
- Pet Evolution
- Timberwolf Fitness
- New Bohemia
- The Cafe Meow
- Blaine Festival
- Lupine Brewing
- Emagine Theater - Willow Creek
- Crazy Legs Farm
- Eveland Family Farm
- Avidor Minnetonka
- Paws on Grand
- Indeed Brewing Co.



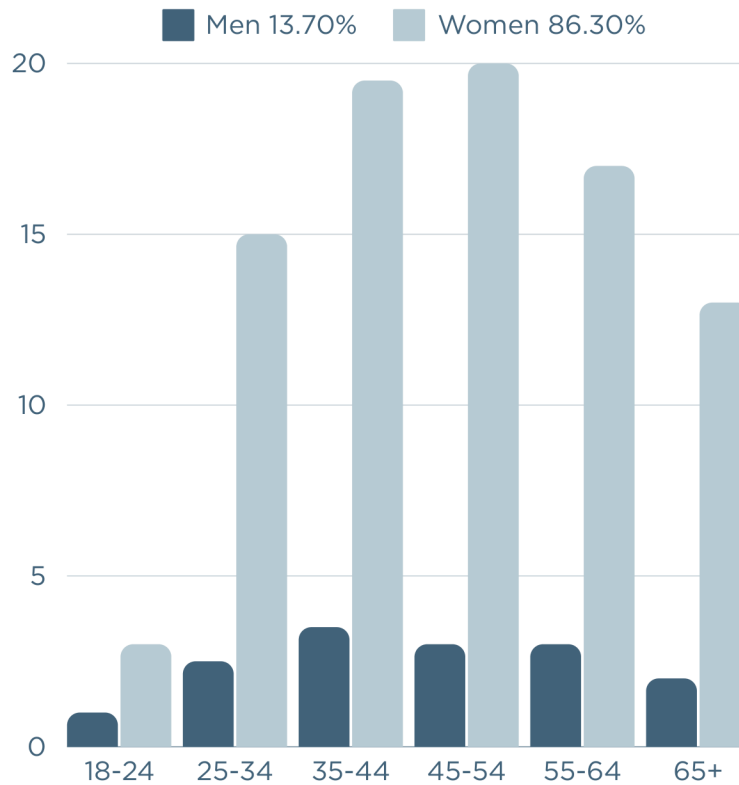
ONLINE ENGAGEMENT

		Monthly Interactions*	Annual Reach**
 Followers 14.2k	}	5.2k	494k
 Followers 2.5k			

		Open Rate
 Email Subscribers	10.8k	61%

		Annual Interactions***
 Annual Profile Visits	94.8k	15.5k
 Unique Visits (per month)	5.3k	

Demographics



*The number of likes or reactions, saves, comments, shares and replies on our content, including ads. Content can include formats such as posts, stories, reels, videos and more.
 **Counts reach from the organic or paid distribution of our Facebook content, including posts, stories and ads. It also includes reach from other sources, such as tags, check-ins and Page or profile visits. This number also includes reach from posts and stories that were boosted. Reach is only counted once if it occurs from both organic and paid distribution. This metric is estimated.
 ***Interactions are when people call, click on our website, ask for directions, and more from our Business Profile on Google.



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ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Technology Enhancements

After 18 months of meticulous planning, in July 2023, we successfully implemented Petestablished, a cutting-edge animal management software database. This migration simplified our operations, offering enhanced functionality for adoption management, application processing, document handling, and comprehensive pet record-keeping.

The adoption of Petestablished enabled us to achieve several key objectives:

- Cut costs by phasing out redundant platforms.
- Streamline application procedures and automate the adoption process.
- Boost donation revenues through a dedicated adopter donation button, which accounted for nearly 7% of total donations in 2023 within just five months.

Simultaneously, we bolstered our fundraising capabilities by introducing Flipcause, a donor software platform. Previously hampered by limited resources and time-consuming procedures, Flipcause now consolidates donor information, simplifies gratitude expressions, and enhances engagement strategies. This cost-effective solution offers versatile payment processing and fundraising options that we have yet to fully realize. It also makes it easier for us to engage our donors to help them better realize the impact they are helping to make.

New Website

Our website serves as the first impression and digital hub of the rescue. For six years, our website remained largely unchanged, fulfilling the basic function of showcasing adoptable pets and facilitating essential applications. However, our ability to enhance usability was constrained within the existing framework. To present our organization in the best possible light; sharing our stories, showcasing our impact and highlighting all we offer, improvements were necessary. Our decision to implement Flipcause, as outlined above, was influenced by its ability to build and support a new website for us. By leveraging this partnership, we were able to seamlessly transfer existing content and page structures to a more modern, mobile-responsive theme; one that we could more easily fully control and update effortlessly.

For smaller organizations like ours, website maintenance can be daunting and time consuming, so having a committed technology partner, dedicated to supporting our online presence, has dramatically improved our ability to disseminate our message and provide better support and resources to fosters, volunteers and adopters.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Expanded Resources

In 2022, we dedicated significant effort to enhancing resources for our foster caregivers, notably expanding our collection of print materials. Throughout 2023, our focus shifted towards digitizing that content and enhancing accessibility for fosters while augmenting support resources for adopters. All of our support material is now easily accessible via the new website.

Adoption Programs

With the launch of our new website, we were also able to formalize and introduce the following special adoption programs that are created with both potential adopters and foster animals' best interests in mind. Each program is tailored to feature animals who need a special adopter or home environment to take a chance on them.

- Respect Your Elders
- I'm the Only One for you
- Bonded Pairs & Kitten Littermates
- I've Been Waiting So Long
- Foster-to-Adopt Program
- Hospice & Special Needs Pets
- Barn & Business Cats
- Training Reimbursement
- Dog Training Over Video Chat

Please visit our website to learn more about each program.

Streamlined Onboarding

Another key improvement we implemented was streamlining, and automating, the onboarding process for new fosters. We worked to make the process as easy as possible, streamlining the process into three simple steps which takes less than 20 minutes (most of which involves watching a new online orientation video). Once completed, we follow-up with information and instructions for how to access resources and get more fully engaged. Previously it would take multiple people well over an hour to onboard a new foster. Now it only takes one person approximately five minutes total.

Online Store

to increase awareness and provide a greater income stream, we launched a new online store in 3Q23. Previously we offered limited clothing options for purchase. Now our revamped store is integrated with our website and features a broader range of products, including technology-based branded goods and home goods. Importantly, the overall operational costs associated with this endeavor have been reduced compared to previous methods, creating more income to support our life saving mission.

TRANSPARENCY

To succeed as an animal rescue organization, we need you - our community, to adopt our pets, donate to our lifesaving efforts and share our stories on social media. We want and need your trust and to help build that trust we embrace a culture of ongoing transparency. To that end, we have been sharing our monthly lifesaving statistics on our social media platforms. During 2023 we expanded our level of transparency even further by sharing:

- Our annual IRS tax documents.
- The percentage of our annual expenses that are directed specifically towards saving the lives of animals.
- The number of dogs and cats we've taken into rescue and adopted year over year.
- Our annual Live Release Rates, and
- The numbers of animals we've made the heartbreaking decision to euthanize for medical or behavior reasons.

All of this information can easily be found under the "About Us" section of our website.

FEEDBACK

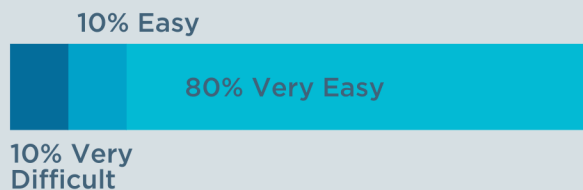
In August of 2023 we began soliciting feedback from all of our adopters to help us better understand how we're doing and continue to improve upon our processes. Below showcases some of the positive feedback we're receiving.



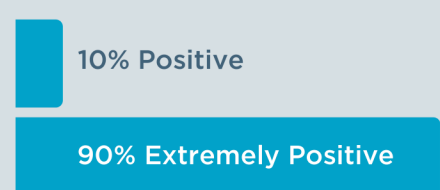
Would you recommend The Rescue Crew?



How easy and efficient did you find the process of finalizing the adoption paperwork for your pet?



How would you rate your experience with us?



4.5 ★★★★★ Google Reviews

OUR STORIES

Abandonment to Adoration

Lynette's journey is a testament to the incredible transformation that rescue can bring—a story that starts with despair but blossoms into a tale of hope and happiness.

Her story began in the most heart-wrenching way, abandoned at a desolate dump on a South Dakota reservation. Hiding under a dumpster, she clung to whatever refuge she could find. It was there, in the shadow of despair, that our rescue partner's keen eyes spotted her, a glimmer of hope amidst the darkness.

Rescue wasn't easy for Lynette; her past had left her terrified and broken. But with time, patience, and the magic of a few hot dogs, our dedicated team managed to scoop her up, offering her a lifeline she so desperately needed.

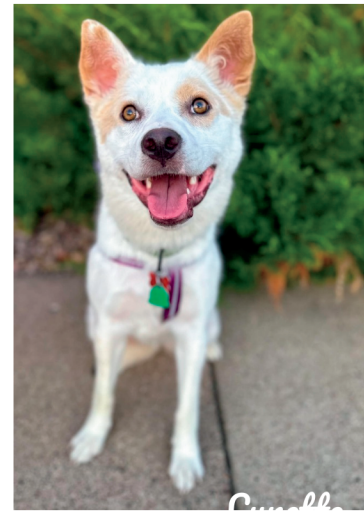
As she entered the loving embrace of her foster family, something truly remarkable happened. Lynette, once a girl who had given up on the world, found herself surrounded by love, patience, and unwavering support. Slowly but surely, she began to shed her fear and transform into the most joyful, playful soul.

The resilient spirit that emerged from the depths of despair was nothing short of inspiring. Today, Lynette has found her forever home, a place where she is cherished and adored, living a life filled with love and indulgence.



Her journey reminds us that rescue isn't just about saving lives; it's about granting second chances, healing wounds, and revealing the true potential that lies within each and every animal.

You can be a part of this incredible movement of change. Your donation today can help us continue to transform stories like Lynette's from heartbreak to happiness. Join us in making a difference and being a beacon of hope for animals in need.



The Power of One "Yes"

Winter's story is a powerful reminder that one simple "yes" can change a life forever. Last Winter, she was found hurt, cold, mangey, and suffering. But when one compassionate foster parent said "yes" to giving her a chance, everything began to change.

Winter's journey was not easy. She needed months to recover from both physical and emotional wounds. Yet, through love, care, and unwavering support, she found her forever home during the summer—a home where she is cherished and adored.



OUR STORIES

From Desolation to Transformation

Meet Lily, a survivor whose journey from despair to transformation will touch your soul. Lily was discovered wandering alone, her fragile state revealing the harshness of her past. Her fur was matted, tangled, and weighted down with all sorts of discomfort.

But here's where the magic happened. The Rescue Crew stepped in, determined to change Lily's life forever. With unwavering dedication, we rescued her from the local animal control facility. It was there that a kind-hearted soul extended a helping hand and lovingly groomed her, freeing her from the painful tangles and muck that had imprisoned her.

Lily's story is a testament to the incredible transformations that happen when caring hearts come together. It's a reminder that every donation, no matter the size, helps us create miracles for animals like Lily.

Lily's story is just one of many, and we believe that every animal deserves their chance at a better life. Thanks to our supporters for their compassion, generosity and commitment to creating a brighter future for animals in crisis.

Together we can continue making transformative change.



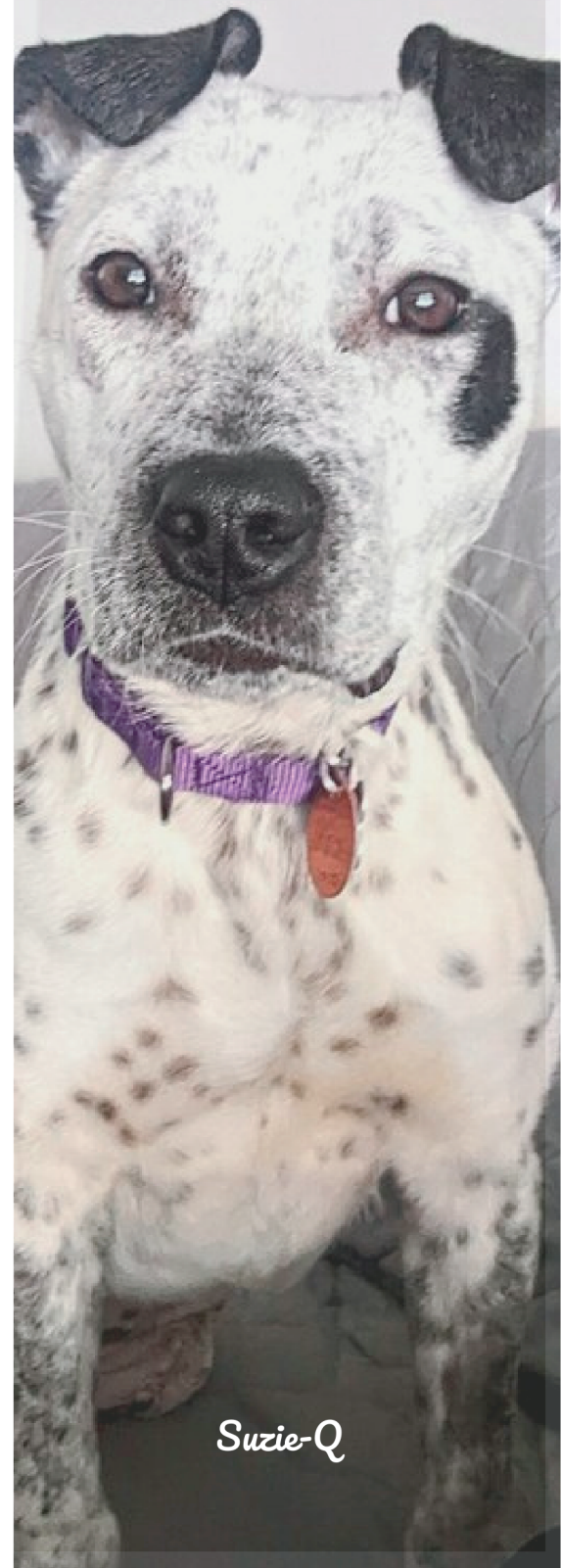
A Heartwarming Journey: From Resilience to Radiance

Meet Suzie-Q, a sweet and loving pup whose path to rescue was anything but easy. Her story is a testament to the power of love, compassion, and the incredible impact of The Rescue Crew.

Suzie-Q's journey began when she was found wandering the Pine Ridge Reservation in neighboring South Dakota. A Good Samaritan took her in just before a fierce storm hit, providing temporary refuge. However, when the storm subsided, they released her, hoping she'd find her way back home. Without a place to go, Suzie-Q continued her journey, but tragedy struck when she was hit by a car, resulting in a shattered knee. With no viable means of repair, her rear leg had to be amputated.

Enter The Rescue Crew and a loving foster caregiver who helped her embark on a new path. Suzie-Q's resilience shone through as she learned to play, discovered the joy of toys (especially her beloved stuffies), and adapted to her new life with grace. Once she was healed, she found a new, loving family and a forever home where she seamlessly fit in.

Today Suzie-Q's list of favorite things includes cozying up by the fireplace, lakeside adventures, sunbathing on the patio, and indulging her green thumb in the garden. She's a smart pup who's even taken up agility, becoming a regular at local breweries and is a true social butterfly. Suzie-Q recently celebrated her first birthday with her loving family, complete with her very own cake and a toy laptop to keep up with her furry friends on social media. As she's celebrated her first year with her forever family, it's crucial to recognize that without the support of The Rescue Crew, this precious soul might not be here today.



Suzie-Q

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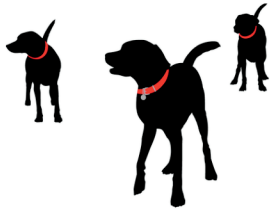
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