

Pip's Warm Fuzzy Tale



How a one-of-a-kind kitty inspired SAFe to find a creative pathway.

One-year-old Pip arrived at SAFe in March 2025.

Though small for his age, he was frisky, sweet and social: all signs of a healthy cat. Yet his GI symptoms told a different story.

Testing and x-rays failed to explain Pip's digestive distress, bloating, and changes in appetite. He went offsite for fostering, then returned to the Rescue for onsite foster care, including regular medical checks.

Pip was a delight to share an office with, but he deserved the comfort of a home. Yet without a diagnosis for a medical waiver, he couldn't go up for adoption.

To meet Pip where he was at, we introduced a new program: fospice.

Unlike adoption, where there's a legal transfer of responsibility, fospice gives Pip the stability of a home while **the Rescue remains in charge of his care.**

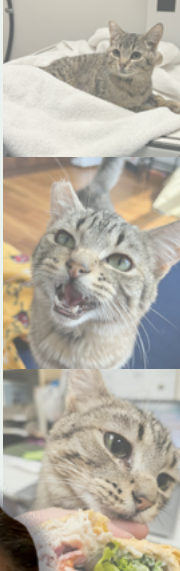
Today, Pip is happily settled with people who cherish him. He even has a big kitty brother to play 'follow the leader' with. Every few weeks, he returns to SAFe for a vet check-up and supply restock.

"It has been quite rewarding to watch Pip thrive," says Pip's foster, Karien. "We love the little fellow and are glad to have him as part of our family."

Pip's road was unusual, but it led to what he needed: **love, care, and community.** Together, we strive to provide those for more cats, no matter how they get there. ♥



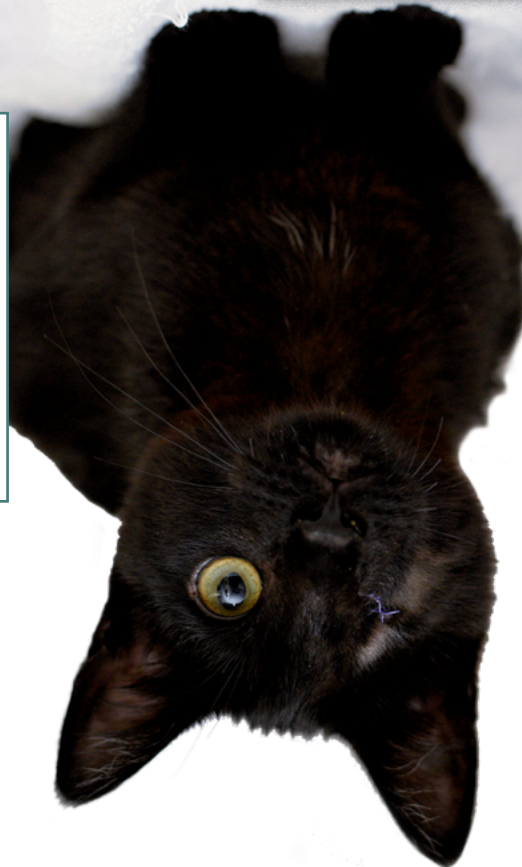
Pip gives his human, Karien, a real good sniff!



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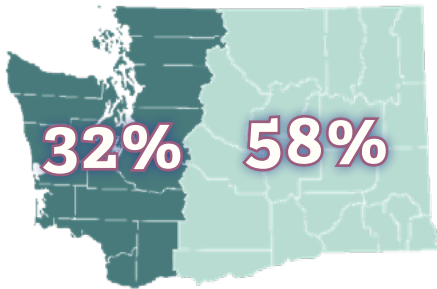
Trooper
Adopted Feb 2025

Counting Paws | 2025 in Numbers

Intake

In 2025, we worked with **35 intake partners** to bring in **1,562 cats**. Of these kitties, **1,410 (90%) were Washington locals**.

We had a few transplants, too. The furthest distance a kitty traveled was 2,726 miles—all the way from Kauai!



495 cats

from Western WA

915 cats

from Eastern WA

Foster Homes

Last year, **116 homes fostered 467 cats**. 60% were returning fosters, while 40% were new to the Rescue.

Some cats came to foster care as **complex medical cases** (20%), and some were fostered for **behavioral reasons** (20%)—with high adoption success rates!

But the largest population we fostered was also our smallest...and most vulnerable. Of all our foster graduates, **374 (80%) were kittens**, and **182 (31%) were neonates** (ages 6 weeks and under).

Tiny or grown, in SAFE's phenomenal homes, these cats found a safe space to grow!

A potential adopter gets her lap tested by Tika. She passed inspection!



Adoptions

Together, we found homes for

1,493 cats

in 2025, with a **96% reported retention rate**.^{*} Our most adoption-heavy month was July. That month, 161 kitties found happy homes!

*Percentage based on shelter returns. Numbers do not account for rehoming outside of shelter.

Medical

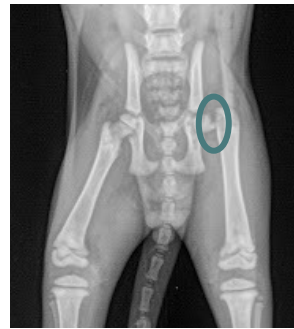
Our veterinary team performed a record **667 spay and neuter surgeries** and promoted access to even more.

With the launch of our **Public Spay/Neuter Clinics**, we were able to fix 86 cats from across our community. We also altered 61 kitties from other rescues.

Elsewhere in our medical suite, we treated **61 cases of ringworm**. Plus, your support last April helped us acquire a new x-ray machine, allowing us to take **radiographs of 31 kitties**.



Above: After Poe's leg surgery, Dr. King demonstrates how to do his physical therapy.



Left: A radiograph taken of Poe pre-surgery, revealing a fractured femoral head (circled).

Foster Program Expansions



<p>Held our first Annual Kitten Shower</p>	<p>Introduced new supply bags and kitten protocols</p>	<p>Merged Hidden Gem Cat Rescue into operations</p>	<p>Started a fospice program</p>
<p><i>This ground-breaking event raised enough money and supplies to last our fosters through October.</i></p>	<p><i>We equipped our foster families with the tools they needed to succeed.</i></p>	<p><i>Our merger welcomed new litters of neonates to the Rescue—and expanded our community of skilled foster homes.</i></p>	<p><i>Inspired by one special kitty, fospice provides long-term home care in unique medical cases. (Learn more in Pip's cover story!)</i></p>

Counting Paws + Financials



“Volunteering with the SAFE kitties is always a highlight of my week. I love the opportunity to make a difference for cats and the people who love them in our community.”

— JW, volunteer since 2023

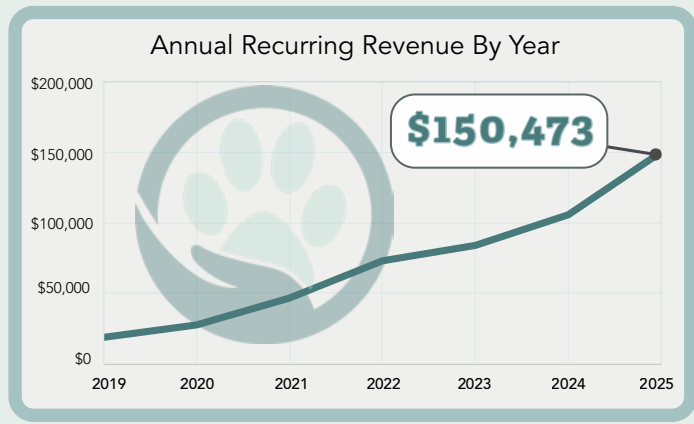
Volunteers give SAFE kitties a shoulder to lean (or perch) on!

Advocating in their communities, volunteers **spread awareness and support** at the grassroots level.

Of all donations made to Rescue kitties in 2025, **more than \$33,000 came from volunteer efforts** at Rescue events or through personal fundraisers.

Volunteer Program

We are so grateful for our **231 volunteers**, who logged **170 shifts a week**. These individuals took **11,860 cumulative hours** out of their schedules! That dedication didn't end with their shift.



Hundreds of Helping Paws

Every year, our **Helping Paw Circle** of recurring donors grows—and so does their impact. **Helping Paw contributions have increased over 700% from 2019!**

These reliable donations help us plan our capacity, forming **the foundation of the work we do.**



General Operating Income

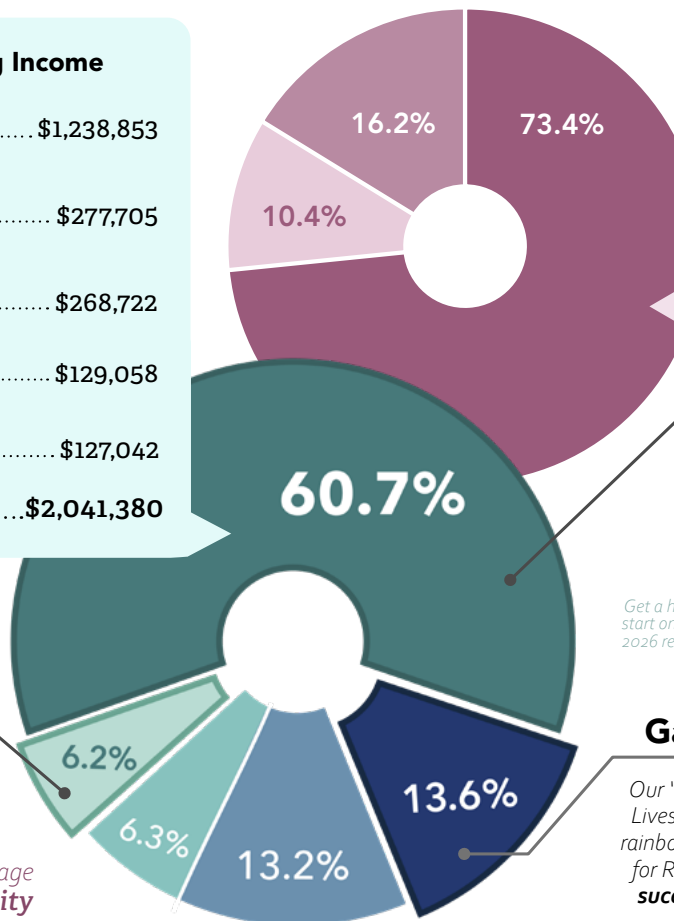
General Donations	\$1,238,853
Nine Lives Gala + Other Events	\$277,705
Adoption Fees, Retail + Program Revenue	\$268,722
Grants	\$129,058
In-Kind (Item) Donations	\$127,042
TOTAL	\$2,041,380

Expenses

Program	\$1,514,220
Fundraising	\$334,865
Administrative	\$214,165
TOTAL	\$2,063,250

In-Kind

Every donated can of food, handmade blanket, and gift purchased off our wishlists adds up to real impact for our cats.



General Donations



Get a head start on the 2026 report

You are our **biggest source of support**, and we have the numbers to show it. Individual donations accounted for more than half of 2025's general operating income.

Gala + Events

Our "Wizard of Paws" Nine Lives Gala took us over the rainbow, raising over \$240K for Rescue cats—our **most successful gala to date!**

We can't wait to make more magic together
Sep. 19th at our "Enchanted Furrest" Nine Lives Gala!

Speaking of cans: Flip the page to see our **2025 Community Support statistics!**

Letter from Sara | Executive Director



2025 was a year of change for us at Seattle Area Feline Rescue. We said goodbye to some old friends, and welcomed new ones.

Above all, this was a year of focusing on **the importance of the relationship between humans and felines.** We found loving homes for 1,493 cats, but we also provided resources so many more could stay in the homes they know with the people they love.

Working together, we plan to continue this work.

I have always been passionate about advocating for the voiceless. **I believe in our ability to help cats through the people who love them, including you.** Our staff, volunteers, adopters, and supporters all come together as a community united by our love of these complex, adorable, fuzzy creatures.

Cats enrich our lives way beyond their size would suggest they're capable of. I believe in the power of this bond; **the joy and the comfort our feline companions bring us in what seems like an increasingly complex world.**

It is because of this belief that SAFE offers both **adoption services** that build and complete families, as well as **community services** to keep pets together with their families.

For example, we provided more than 140,000 meals to give food security to pet homes last year.

At the core of SAFE's mission is a dedication to bringing cats warmth, care, and the provisions they need to be part of a loving home. Together, we look forward to another year of making that possible.

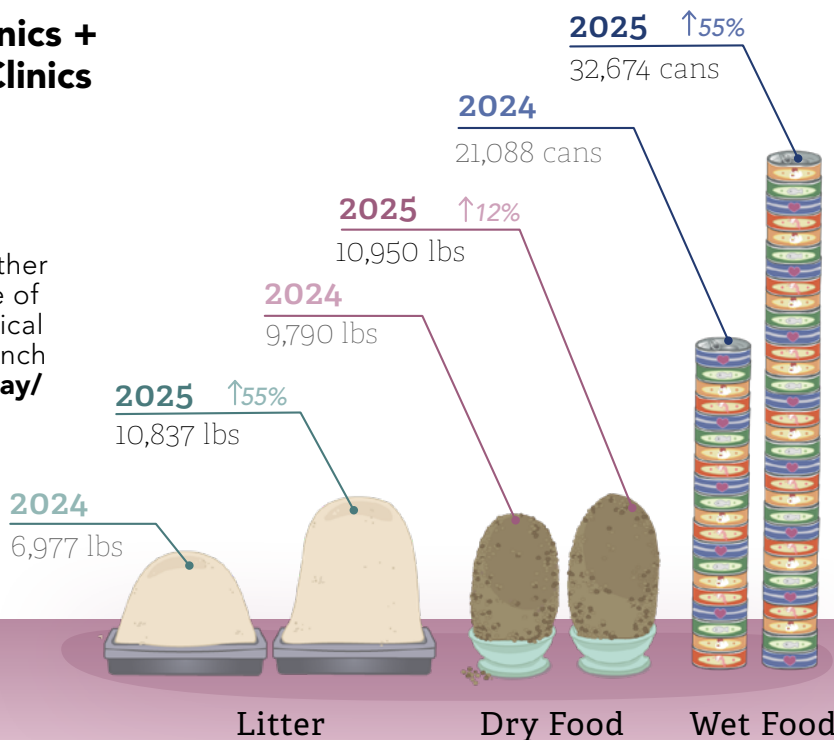
We invite you, our community, to be part of our new future. This year, we're building opportunities for you to see what we do and learn from our experts. We want to be with you along the joyous path of having a cat in your family. We hope to share more moments with you, big and small, as we navigate what it means to love and be loved by our feline friends. ♥



Community Support

Community Clinics + Spay/Neuter Clinics

In the past year, our **low-cost vet clinics saw 252 cats from 164 households.** In August 2025, we further expanded the scope of our community medical services with the launch of **SAFE's Public Spay/Neuter Clinics.**



Pet Pantry

When SAFE's Pet Pantry **first opened in 2020**, we distributed less than 10,000 meals.

In 2025, through both our Pet Pantry and partnerships with other organizations, we distributed **142,549 meals**, serving a total of **2,455 family pets.**

That's a **1,325% growth in five years.** (Yes, you read that right.)