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## ANNUAL REPORT

*A cat for every home...and a home for every cat!*



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The past year has brought exciting growth to the rescue in many areas, but one common thread runs through all the progress... You, our community of caring cat lovers! Because you gave sustaining, life-saving support, we had the resources to take in more felines than ever before. Because you encouraged adoption, record-breaking numbers of visitors came to the Adoption Center to find new life-saving work with you, and excited to create another life-saving year together!

You are the reason we reached the goal of "1,000 and Beyond" in 2016 with a record-breaking 1,277 adoptions. We are so honored and grateful to carry out this life-saving work with you, and excited to create another life-saving year together!

family members. Because you spread the word about the rescue, we could network with more organizations and community members to help them help more cats.



## WARM FUZZY TALE: *Gingersnap*

Gingersnap, a special orange tabby female, grew up in a Seattle homeless encampment. She felt shy around humans and fended for herself.

By the time she turned one year old, Gingersnap had learned many skills. When she felt hungry, she practiced hunting mice and scrounging scraps of food from the tents in "The Jungle." Sometimes, when she ventured out from her hiding places, the people who lived outside threw her morsels of food, too. Gingersnap knew all about hot sun and thirst in the summer, and cold rain and mud in the winter.

But there were many things Gingersnap didn't know. She had no idea what "inside" was. She didn't know that there are warm places where some

kitties get bowls of food, warm beds, and people to pet them every day.

A little after her first birthday, Gingersnap was caught by a Good Samaritan and brought to Seattle Area Feline Rescue for a second chance. She was spayed and given the medical care she needed at the rescue.

In a foster home, Gingersnap received the patient, gentle attention she needed. She discovered that she loved attention and became expert at giving kitty cuddles. Whenever her foster dad picked her up, she started to purr, purr.

Now Gingersnap has a home of her own—she gets to live the rest of her life in the magical "inside" place, surrounded by a loving family!





# SAVE THE DATE

Last year, you gave so much love to the kitties on GiveBIG and the Nine Lives Gala. Your support and caring left us grateful, inspired—and made it possible to rescue hundreds of felines. This year, we're excited to save more lives!

**GiveBIG**  
Wednesday, May 10, 2017

With the chance to have your gift matched, and opportunities to win amazing prizes to help the rescue kitties, GiveBIG is our second-biggest life-saving event of the year. This online giving event makes a BIG difference for the kitties!

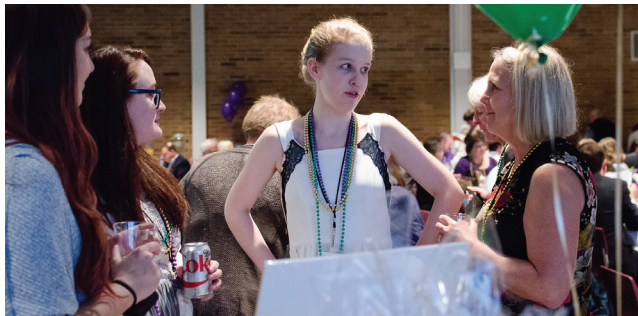
# FINANCIALS: 1/1/16–12/31/16

Adoption fees account for only 35% of the rescue's funding. Supporters like you truly make our work possible! The rescue is small but mighty: small staff, small space, but a mighty mission to save lives. We rely on your generous support as we work to become not so small—and even mightier!

Animal Sheltering & Care	\$ 262,830.76	83%
Fundraising & Events	\$ 43,488.50	14%
Administrative	\$ 8,615.26	3%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 314,934.52</b>	

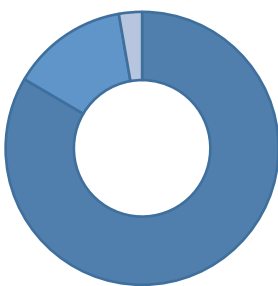
Adoption Fees	\$ 127,425.00	35%
Individual Donations	\$ 49,394.67	14%
Nine Lives Gala	\$ 82,724.98	23%
Retail Sales	\$ 28,381.37	8%
Grants *	\$ 26,780.66	7%
GiveBIG	\$ 26,158.88	7%
Workplace Giving	\$ 23,146.35	6%
Other	\$ 237.45	0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 364,249.36</b>	

\* Thank you to the ASPCA, PetCo Foundation, and Maddie's Fund!



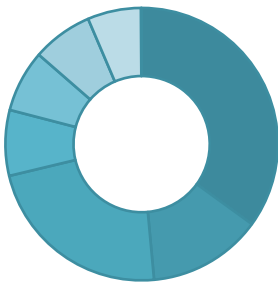
## Nine Lives Gala Saturday, Sept 23, 2017

Last year's Gala brought together a room full of amazing cat lovers to support felines in need. We are already counting the days until we get to see you again for another memorable, life-saving night! Please mark your calendars and plan to join us for **CATURDAY NIGHT FEVER!!**



### Expenses

- Animal Sheltering & Care
- Fundraising & Events
- Administrative



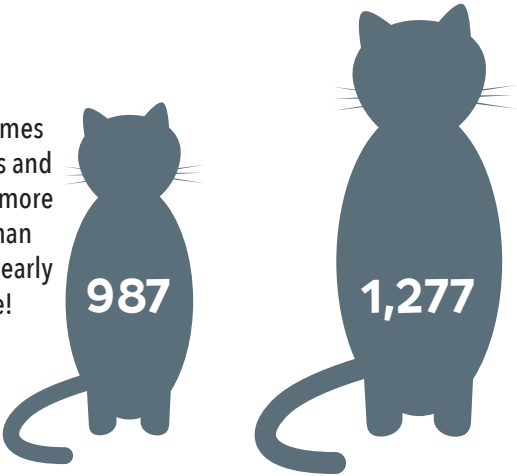
### Income

- Adoption Fees
- Individual Donations
- Nine Lives Gala
- Retail Sales
- Grants
- GiveBIG
- Workplace Giving
- Other

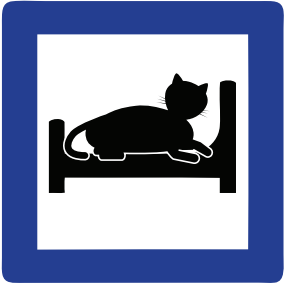
# COUNTING PAWS: the year in numbers

Behind each number, you can find a story—the story of an animal in danger, of a precious life saved. We wish that you could see every hopeful, whiskered face that your support comforts. The impact of your generosity has touched the lives of so many homeless animals.

We found homes for 1,277 cats and kittens; 290 more lives saved than in 2015...a nearly 30% increase!



Throughout the year, adoption-ready cats found homes quickly. The average Length-of-Stay fell to under 2 weeks. Many found homes even sooner.



The closest kitties we rescued came from a hotel less than a 1 mile away. A feral cat had given birth to a litter of kittens in their parking garage.



We start by helping local kitties—but when we have space, we also reach out to wherever the need is most urgent: the farthest kitties travelled 2,710 miles from the island of Kauai, where cats outnumber humans!



The runner-up kitties travelled almost as far: 2,621 miles from Louisiana after flooding left their shelter underwater.

The largest was senior lovebug "Bubba," who weighed in at 21 lbs. 13 ounces—and promptly went on a diet!



The smallest feline we rescued was a tiny bottle baby weighing only 4 ounces.



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