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. She even learned to milk a cow—every morning, she'd milk the cow, then eat the milk. When she was hungry, she'd eat 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 kittens 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!

WARM FUZZY TALE:
Gingersnap

ANNUAL REPORT
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 families for our adopted cats. Because you spread the word about the rescue, we could network with more organizations and community members to help more pets find homes. Because you spread the word about the rescue, we could network with more organizations and community members to help more pets find homes. Because you spread the word about the rescue, we could network with more organizations and community members to help more pets find homes.

A Community for Cats

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

### Expenses

- Animal Sheltering & Care $262,830.76 83%
- Fundraising & Events $43,488.50 14%
- Administrative $8,615.26 3%
- Total $314,934.52

### Income

- 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%
- Total $364,249.36

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

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

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**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 kittens!

**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 **SATURDAY NIGHT FEVER!!**