



WARM FUZZY TALE: Arnold and Goldfish

Last spring, as Washington's first "stay home, stay healthy" order was about to begin, the SAFe team worked hard to find homes for all the cats at the Adoption Center. One by one, enclosures emptied as kitties went home with happy families. But two cats were still waiting. Arnold had wounds and bare patches in his fur. Goldfish was shy and frightened. Both cats had tested positive for FIV.

Arnold and Goldfish's chances didn't look bright: they would need to enter foster care until the new online adoption system was ready...

Then a family arrived at SAFe looking for a feline companion. They didn't mind that Arnold and Goldfish were older and scruffy. They understood that cats with FIV could lead long, happy lives. They only had one

problem: choosing between them. So they adopted both!

Arnold and Goldfish hadn't met before, but their family explains: "Once we introduced them, they became instant friends. They spend their days grooming each other and snuggling together or with us."

During the past year, Arnold and Goldfish have stayed busy entertaining their humans and giving them lots of love. As you can see, Goldfish takes helping his human sibling read very seriously—he's always an attentive (and cuddly) audience.

Congratulations to all the cats who found homes in 2020—and to all the humans who welcomed new feline family members!



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We couldn't have two more loveable cats... We are so happy that they are part of our family.”



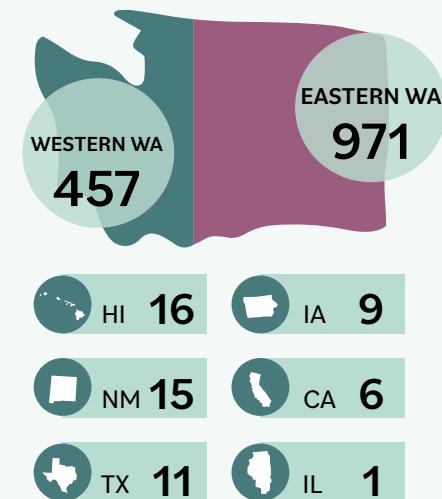
COUNTING PAWS: 2020 IN NUMBERS

In 2020, **22%** of cats adopted from animal welfare organizations in King County came from SAFe Rescue (up from **17.5%** in 2019). By creating a unique virtual adoption process (launched April 2020) SAFe was able to keep the community safe while continuing to find homes for large numbers of cats.



WHERE DO CATS COME FROM?

Although travel restrictions during COVID-19 made transport more difficult, SAFe Rescue continued to help cats throughout the state of Washington (and even beyond) in 2020.



Q: Do online adoptions really work?

A: We have reorganized our adoption process to keep both cats and people safe during the pandemic. We continue to offer support to adopters and are pleased that we have seen kitties settling in just as successfully with our remote procedures as we did pre-pandemic.



ONLINE "virtual" adoptions with curbside pick-up: **1,052**



IN PERSON adoptions: **410**



TOTAL adoptions: **1,462**



FOSTER TIME: **955** cats spent time in **183** foster homes, for a total of **26,068** cat days in care. That's an increase from **104** foster homes in 2019—meow wow! During the pandemic, moving cats to foster care has been key to maintaining social distancing and keeping cats and humans safe.



Ella's foster family gave her the medicine she needed.

Foster homes stepped up to care for cats with medical needs during the pandemic. For example, **47** foster homes took on the treatment of cats with ringworm in 2020, up from **7** in 2019.



VOLUNTEERS: **81** volunteers dedicated **3,009** hours to helping cats. Keeping our community safe and practicing social distancing limited the number of volunteers who could be onsite. We are looking forward to a time when we can see more of SAFe's wonderful volunteers, and we appreciate everyone who has taken shifts, whether virtually or in person.



Volunteering will benefit you and the cats. It truly is a paw-sitive experience.

Gin, volunteer



Stay SAFe Pet Pantry: Since it began, the Stay SAFe Pet Pantry has grown to serve **50** households on average each week, distributing **331** lbs. of food monthly - that's over **1,000** meals each month!



Most popular SAFe Rescue cat name in 2020: "**Molly**."

Molly, adopted July 2020.



HELPING CATS AND THE HUMANS WHO LOVE THEM:

A Message from SAFe's Executive Director

In last year's annual report, we introduced SAFe's organizational values of **compassion, community, optimism, respect, and excellence**. Throughout 2020, these values guided us through countless challenges and unknowns. They were the common thread woven through each innovation and adaptation. During a year when many nonprofits and businesses had to shrink, **your** support empowered SAFe to have an even greater impact on both cats and the people who love them, long into the future.

Before the pandemic, we identified **two** main goals to help guide SAFe's growth and meet the evolving needs of both cats and their humans:

- 1 Build capacity to serve more felines with special medical needs by conducting medical and surgical procedures in-house.
- 2 Increase owner retention by offering more services to help keep cats in homes.

Together with you, during this last year SAFe Rescue made huge steps towards meeting these goals, faster than I ever imagined we could. The innovation, creativity, flexibility and dedication of our entire community working together has made progress possible, even in harrowing times. We are grateful for all of you who are volunteering and fostering in new ways, taking a chance on contact free

adoptions, showing up for virtual fundraisers, and stepping up to support each other through immeasurable challenges and stressors. In the New Programs section of this report you can read about how your kindness is helping to build a safety net to keep pets and families together, and making onsite surgery a reality.

When we speak of our core values, the guiding principles that have made it possible for SAFe Rescue to overcome the challenges of 2020, I hope you see yourself reflected. As a member of the SAFe community, your compassion, optimism, respect and empathy run through all we do. Likewise, I hope you see them reflected in the many accomplishments highlighted in this report. Please know that none of these would have been possible without you.

And while there is much to celebrate, we know there are many more challenges on the horizon. Whatever the future brings, we will face it together.

We are inspired by the incredible support of you, our community. You have helped us emerge from 2020 in a position to make an even greater impact as we continue to work together to build compassionate communities with empathy for all living things.

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Emily Sprong, Executive Director



Rosalind, adopted November 2020.

SAFe Rescue's Core Values:

- Community
- Compassion
- Optimism
- Respect
- Excellence

SAVE THE DATE!



GiveBIG: MAY 4-5

During these challenging times, need in our community is greater than ever. Together, we can save cats and support the humans who love them. Please mark your calendar for **May 4 & 5** and help spread the mews!



Gnocchi, adopted October 2020.



NINE LIVES GALA: SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 25

We can't wait to enjoy a life-saving evening with you! Last year's virtual Gala was an unforgettable community event. We loved seeing everyone's Zoom backgrounds and the furry friends in attendance!

This year, audience favorite Pat Cashman will be back as event emcee, and we're planning another exciting, fun-filled online gala. RSVPs will begin in June. Mark your calendars, and we'll see you on **September 25th!** (In person event elements may take place depending on public health and safety guidelines.)

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We had a lot of fun! It was wonderful to see so many people participate and help cats. The Gala was a nice experience in these hard times.

2020 Virtual Gala Attendee



GIVING TUESDAY: NOVEMBER 30

Every act of generosity counts... And the kitties are counting on us!



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Even though Joey may have chronic health issues, we didn't hesitate to bring him into our lives. We love our sweet boy to infinity and beyond...

Gabrielle, adopter

Photos by Pixel Cat Photography, The Furrtrographer, Kathy Jones, and Sarah Chappell

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NEW PROGRAMS at SAFe Rescue

Onsite Surgery Suite

SAFe Rescue used to bring cats to partner clinics for spay/neuter, but COVID-19 drastically limited the number of veterinary appointments available locally. In 2020, our long-held dream of performing surgeries onsite suddenly became an emergency need!



Thankfully, this caring community stepped up to help. With support from donors like you and from the Banfield Foundation, in just a few short weeks, the Medical Team created a surgical suite.

Since then, the Medical Team has altered

over **500** cats onsite, and counting. Performing these surgeries is making it possible for SAFe to open up more availability at local clinics and to create much-needed veterinary capacity in our area for other organizations and for individual pet owners.

Stay SAFe Pet Pantry

Like their human families, companion animals are also impacted by Washington state's growing food insecurity during COVID-19. When community members become unable to afford the cost of food for their companion animals, everyone involved suffers. Humans face the heartbreaking decision to surrender their animals, animals lose loving homes, and local shelters risk becoming overwhelmed with intake.

Families should not have to choose between themselves and their pets, between caring for their beloved companion animals and meeting their own basic needs! To support local pet owners, we created the Stay SAFe Pet Pantry in 2020. Located outside the front door of the Adoption Center, this pantry has grown to serve over **50** households each week. Members of the community who have extra pet food and supplies can drop them off at the pantry, and we continually restock the shelves with food and litter from the Rescue's supplies as well.



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By limiting population through spay and neuter, we can work together to achieve our goal that every cat can have a loving home.

Kim Morgan, Veterinary Care Manager



Dennis, one of the first cats altered onsite at SAFe Rescue!

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Thank you for putting food out. We would have had to rehome our cat and dog if it were not for you.

Pantry User

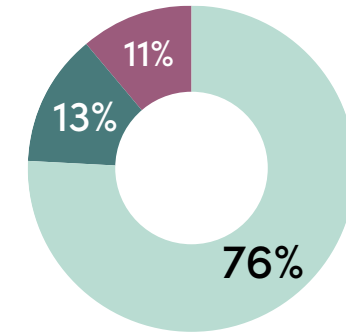


FINANCIALS

You are keeping SAFe Rescue's mission going strong! Adoption fees funded less than **20%** of SAFe Rescue's work in 2020: **your** generosity is what's making it possible to help cats and the humans who love them during this time of unprecedented need.

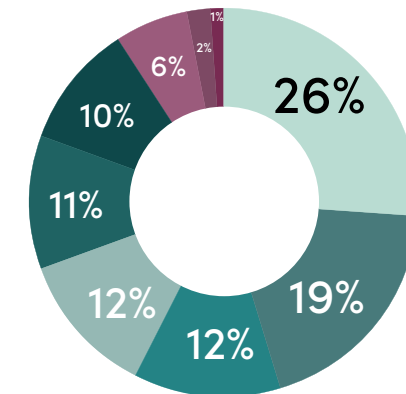
2020 EXPENSES

Program	\$653,416
Administrative	\$90,293
Fundraising	\$114,104
TOTAL	\$857,813



2020 INCOME

Donations	\$210,619
Adoption fees	\$154,144
Grants**	\$99,500
Nine Lives Gala, net revenue*	\$97,518
GiveBIG	\$91,412
Workplace giving & matching	\$78,902
Giving Tuesday	\$52,377
Retail Sales, net revenue	\$17,572
Events	\$5,188
Other Income	\$2,915
TOTAL***	\$810,147



* Gala revenue before expenses is \$105,269

** Thank you to the ASPCA, Petco Foundation, Banfield Foundation, Svane's Foundation, Petsmart Charities, and Petfinder Foundation!

*** Thank you to all of you who made in-kind donations as well, both to help the Rescue kitties and to assist the community via the Stay SAFe Pet Pantry!



Your caring support during these difficult times is saving lives and helping our community!



Helping Paw Circle: **136** cat lovers made regular gifts to help cats in 2020!



Thanks to everyone who donated supplies: you gave thousands of dollars of support to the SAFe Rescue felines and the Stay SAFe Pet Pantry!

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My 13-year-old kitty, Livvy, was diagnosed with lymphoma. She's currently undergoing chemo. Treatment is expensive, and it's hard to know that there are so many cats out there who aren't able to get the care they need to prolong their lives. I feel lucky to be able to provide extra care for Livvy. I hope this donation helps some other kitties with surgery, medicine, and shelter to live longer, healthier lives.

Sandra, SAFe Rescue Donor



You gave shy cats like **Trey** time to blossom.



You gave cats like **Sourdough** life-saving medical care.



You gave seniors like **Dolly** a 2nd chance.



You gave bottle babies like **Andy** nourishment.