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# 2022 Annual Report

*"Lakitu"*

“Through SAFe, I have found a new connection with the community...

~ Aarati K. (Foster)



## Warm Fuzzy Tale:

### Rex's Foster Triumph

When a litter of kittens came to SAFe from Eastern WA this winter, you could see right away that the smallest baby wasn't feeling well. He wouldn't eat or play like his siblings. He just quietly curled up in his foster's lap.



Kittens born homeless like Rex don't always get the chance to grow up. Fortunately, these little ones had your support and the whole SAFe community looking out for them.

Rex's whole foster family knew just what he needed to feel better: extra cuddles! (Plus syringe feeding, and support from SAFe's Medical Team).



Nursing Rex back to health had forged a strong bond between this little kitten and his foster family... Rex and his brother became "Foster Triumphs" and officially joined the family. As you can see, their bond brings lots of joy!

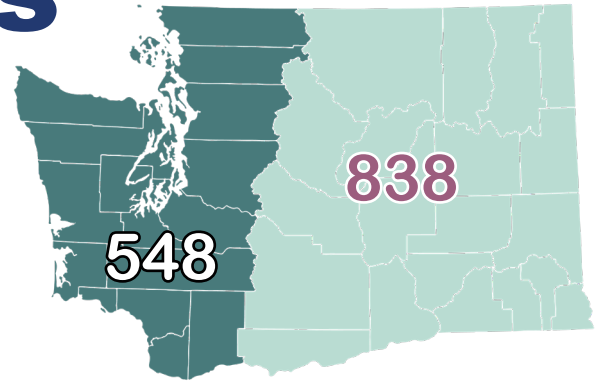
*"Rex" and "Walter"*



# Counting Paws

## 2022 IN NUMBERS

As our region began to feel the full effects of reduced spay/neuter during the pandemic, SAFE took in more cats from Western WA and continued rescuing many cats from Eastern WA. As resources allowed, SAFE also took in cats and kittens from other states experiencing overpopulation or natural disasters.



CA: 184



HI: 63



LA: 22



FL: 21



## 1,629 Cats Adopted

As SAFE worked to bounce back from pandemic-related slowdowns, adoptions increased by **191 felines** in 2022. That means that **1,106 households** are now enjoying the company of a feline friend... or two!

“ I love [my cat] so much, and I'm grateful to have him in my life.

~ Emily T.  
(Adopter)

## 130 Foster Homes



Cared for **1,074 felines**. (That's over 300 more cats fostered than in 2021!) SAFE's fabulous foster homes give rescued cats a comfortable place to stay while they recover.

## 134 Volunteers



Dedicated an astounding **7,213 hours** of service, up 77% since last year! From feeding and cleaning to Adoption Counseling and office tasks, volunteers helped with every aspect of SAFE's work.

## 51 Owned Cats

Received wellness care including vaccines, microchips, and testing. SAFE launched affordable **Community Clinics** in June to help keep owned cats healthy, happy, and together with their families.



## 83,424 Meals

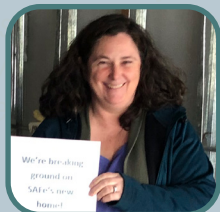
Went from the **Stay SAFE Pet Pantry** into the bowls of cats and dogs. The Rescue's Community Support Program also connected pet owners with much-needed supplies and resources.





# Going the Extra Mile

## A message from SAFe's Executive Director



Emily Sprong

*Here at SAFe Rescue, we pride ourselves on living the values of Compassion, Community, Optimism, Respect, and Excellence. Your partnership has made it possible to find homes for more than 13,000 cats since SAFe opened its doors in Shoreline in 2014. We're proud of this accomplishment, and also of the work you support that, while harder to quantify, is equally important. In this report, I'm excited to share the extra mile programs you make possible. These initiatives uphold high standards of care and animal welfare, reduce barriers, offer ongoing support, and build compassionate community.*



**24-Hour Medical Support:** Now, fosters can contact a 24-hour online AI-driven triage system with medical questions and concerns. This system gives fosters information and reassurance, and also alerts on-call staff when the system identifies a true emergency.

Online triage helps cats experiencing a medical crisis get care right away, while also limiting after-hours calls to truly urgent situations. Hard-working staff get more sleep, everyone gets peace of mind!



**Home to Home:** With limited space and time, SAFe can take in few owner surrenders.

Last year, we launched a program where individuals can directly list their own pets for adoption. Now, those facing the difficult decision to rehome a beloved pet can choose their next family. The pet never needs to enter a shelter, freeing space for cats with nowhere else to go.



**Adoption Follow-Up:** Every SAFe Adopter receives a follow-up email, text, or call within a week of adoption to see how new kitties are settling in. If adopters need support, our Retention Specialist provides advice on acclimating kitties to a new space, introductions with existing pets, and any other concerns that may have come up. If adopters are struggling to get their new kitties to a vet, the medical team can now provide additional medical tests and services.

*These are a few examples... In these pages, you'll also learn about other initiatives, from feline enrichment to Community Veterinary Clinics! Significant space constraints, combined with your support, have driven creativity, but with the move to SAFe's new home on the horizon, we are so excited to see what we will be able to do together once we can stretch our wings! Thank you for going the extra mile, so we can offer these extras for cats in need and the people who love them!*



"Claire"

## Feline Enrichment

In 2022, **86 cats** received special training and positive reinforcement from **10 dedicated enrichment volunteers** to help them put their best paws forward. Kitties housed at the Adoption Center even watched lots of "Bird TV" to keep them happy and healthy!



# 2022 Financials

## Your support, helping cats!

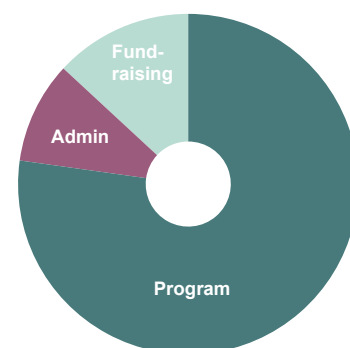
In 2022, generous gifts from supporters like you made it possible to continue and grow SAFE's programs, while also moving forward to create a new home with room to make an even bigger impact for the community.



*I have had many rescue cats in my life and they have all been so special. I honor them by helping other cats in need.*  
~ Jennifer S.  
(Donor)

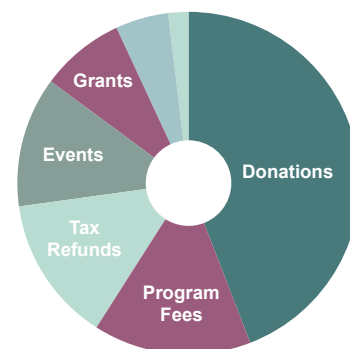
### General Operating Expenses

Program .....	\$1,005,984
Administrative .....	\$126,012
Fundraising .....	\$170,852
Total:	\$1,302,848



### General Operating Income

Donations (General Fund) .....	\$568,913
Adoption Fees + Program Income ...	\$192,135
Tax Refunds and Credits.....	\$177,670
Nine Lives Gala (net) + Events .....	\$158,670
Grants .....	\$102,540
In Kind (donated items) .....	\$64,518
Retail Sales (net) .....	\$24,703
Total:	\$1,289,149



## Capital Campaign

**What does it cost to create SAFE's new home? A lot goes into the move!**

**Cost:** The anticipated renovation cost is \$780,000 (plus planning/permitting costs and additional enclosures and equipment), offset by a \$250,000 Tenant Improvement Allowance (TIA) credit. In 2022, SAFE spent \$152,845 on the expansion (\$132,819 of which was capitalized).

**Fundraising:** In 2022, SAFE received \$302,742 in restricted gifts towards the \$500,000 campaign goal. Grant proposals are underway to help fund the expansion, and general funds are available to keep the work going until SAFE reaches its funding goals.

As of 5/2023, SAFE has nearly reached the funding goal. The finish line is in sight!

## Helping Paw

In 2022, **223 members** of the Helping Paw Circle made regular gifts to save cats!



## Grant Awards

- The Gary and Carol Milgard Family
- Svanee's Foundation
- Petco Love
- WA State Dept. of Commerce
- Tulalip Tribes Charitable Contributions
- Maddie's Fund
- Digital Lift



"Esty"