

2018 ANNUAL REPORT



FEARLESS KITTY
RESCUE

OUR MISSION

Fearless Kitty Rescue is a recognized 501(c)(3) non-profit, no-kill cat rescue, serving our immediate community of Fountain Hills, Arizona and surrounding areas. We are dedicated to rescuing cats left homeless for whatever reason – cats in municipal shelters where they are at high risk of euthanasia due to animal overpopulation, abandoned and homeless strays, cats surrendered by their owners because of difficult circumstances, and those in danger of abuse or neglect.

OUR HISTORY

Kim Kamins and Paula Stefan decided to create Fearless Kitty Rescue in 2012 after they met while saving kitties. They pooled their talents to create a highly regarded organization. As scores of dedicated volunteers will attest, their energy is infectious! And thanks to their efforts, thousands of kitty lives have been saved.

As the saying goes, "It takes a village." This is certainly the case when it comes to saving the lives of cats and kittens from the elements, unfortunate situations, and the high-kill and often forgotten shelters in Arizona. Fearless Kitty Rescue was founded on the belief that all cats and kittens deserve a chance to be ... FEARLESS.



MESSAGE FROM OUR LEADERSHIP

Our 2018 was filled with many great accomplishments, for the felines and humans. We determined this year that in order to save the number of animals we strive to, we needed to expand our staff of one to seven, in key positions. Our current pool of volunteers is amazing and filled with many talents. We were able to fill most of our open staff positions with skilled volunteers. Having their knowledge of and commitment to the rescue before sliding into their new roles has been invaluable. The entire staff is a cohesive unit and in this life-saving together.

With the hiring of a veterinary technician, this is the first year we have been able to provide expanded, on-site medical services to our animals. In addition to all the other medical services we are now able to provide, every animal continues to receive an extensive wellness exam upon intake where initial medical concerns are addressed immediately. This will ultimately shorten their time in intake.

The year started with 62 kitties residing at Kittyville and ended with our saving an additional 245 cats and kittens for a total of 307 kitties that we cared for in 2018. Yes, wow! We continue to have a save rate of over 94% with this year being at 96%. We work diligently in finding homes for all our kitties with 70% of them being adopted each year. Our dedication to caring for them and keeping them healthy while they wait for adoption, innovative and "thinking outside the litterbox" marketing strategies, our over 150 dedicated volunteers, and the hiring of staff ensure that all our kitties WILL find a home, no matter how long it takes.

We have been in our current Kittyville location since January 2017 and with any new space, it takes time to live in it and figure out how to best utilize the space. In our case: How can we save more animals and make it the healthiest environment for all our kitties? We have been able to save animals that we could not save in the past because of our limited space and lack of human resources. In doing so, we now know that we need to upgrade our intake and medical areas in order to continue to save the animals that may not have any other chance (other than us) as well as get our kitties ready for adoption within our goal.

A few of our focuses for 2019 and 2020 are to expand our marketing program in order to find our kitties homes more quickly and decrease their length of stay; build a robust foster program so that we can help our kitties whose initial needs are beyond what we can provide at Kittyville; and build our medical and intake areas to increase our life-saving goals.

Always at the forefront and critical to our existence and the lives that we save, is fundraising. Without the unbelievable support from our donors, supporters and volunteers, we are not able to save lives every day. Our fundraising team is a persistent bunch who come up with creative ways to raise those much-needed funds. One notable event we held was our major fundraiser, Wet Your Whiskers. Our wine tasting/auction event was held at Kittyville for the first time, and we were warmed by the attendance and the funds raised from our supporters. Additionally, our Kitten Shower supported our kitten season that everyone knows is a very long season.

We are truly grateful for the support you have provided to get this rescue where it is today. We hope to continue to be connected in the mission of saving animals.

Sincerely,



Kim Kamins
CEO, Co-Founder



Paula Stefan
Executive Director, Co-Founder



BROCCOLI, TRULY FEARLESS

Severely wounded and fending for his life in the desert, Broccoli came upon a friendly couple chatting on the patio of their home in Fountain Hills. He could barely walk due to unseen injuries, or see from the infection in his eyes, but he summoned the courage to hop up and belt out a barely audible meow for help.

The two cat lovers from Colorado immediately came to his aid. They recalled seeing Fearless Kitty Rescue during a walk on the Avenue of the Fountains and knew we were their best shot at giving this cat a chance at survival.

Within 30 minutes, Broccoli was safe at Kittyville, drinking and eating for the first time in what had likely been days. It's no wonder we don't sleep at night when we receive cats like Broccoli. He was the most emaciated cat we've ever taken in, and with his desire to live despite head to toe wounds, we were reminded of what it takes to be fearless.

After two hospital visits, we were relieved to learn Broccoli's pain was managed and he was going to make it. He just needed plenty of food and TLC, which both come in abundance here at Fearless Kitty Rescue. Broccoli also required dental surgery, which made him feel so much better after it was all over.

Although we don't know if Broccoli had a previous owner, we do know that he stole our hearts with his purrs and loving head butts. We extend our gratitude to the Colorado couple for remembering Fearless Kitty Rescue (with help from our blazing red awnings and giant Karma Kitty statue out front). We appreciate their quick response in bringing Broccoli to safety. We would also like to thank Republic Services for their grant, which allowed us to give Broccoli the medical attention he so desperately needed.

Broccoli is, without a doubt, a truly fearless kitty!



VOLUNTEERS

Fearless Kitty Rescue relies mostly on the very dedicated volunteers to accomplish our goals and succeed in our efforts. We have seen an increase in volunteerism of over 15% in the last year. In 2018, our volunteers provided the equivalent of **9 full-time employees** throughout the year. This means our volunteers worked an average of 1,590 hours each month.



IN 2018, WE HAD 18 VOLUNTEER ORIENTATIONS

TOTAL VOLUNTEER HOURS FOR 2018: 19,087



WAYS YOU CAN HELP

VOLUNTEER: YOU! Can make a difference. Giving a little or a lot of your time can make all the difference in the world to our cats. Opportunities range from cat caregiver, events, facilities maintenance, boutique reception, adoption counselor to a whole host of other opportunities. YOU! Are the difference.

DONATE: Monetary donations are always welcome and can be made via our donation page on our website, www.fearlesskittyrescue.org or by check payable to Fearless Kitty Rescue P. O. Box 19601, Fountain Hills, AZ 85269. We have a wish list on our website of items we are always in need of, and this can also be found on our website donation page. You can also download a copy off Amazon Smile.

ONGOING: Join Amazon Smile, Frys VIP shopping card, Pet Prides "Litter for Good" campaign, and Fresh Steps "Paw Points". Recurring donations to FKR gets you into the "Fearless Paws" club. More information can be found on our website, www.fearlesskittyrescue.org.

CONTINUING CARE PROGRAM: Pets who are enrolled in the program and have owners who predecease them are welcomed into the loving walls of Fearless Kitty Rescue and cared for by FKR volunteers until their next family is found. For more information, please email ccp@fearlesskittyrescue.org or call 480-837-7777.

PLANNED GIVING: By providing for Fearless Kitty Rescue in your Will or Trust, you can leave a legacy of compassion for animals who need your help. For more information, email ccp@fearlesskittyrescue.org or call 480.837.7777.

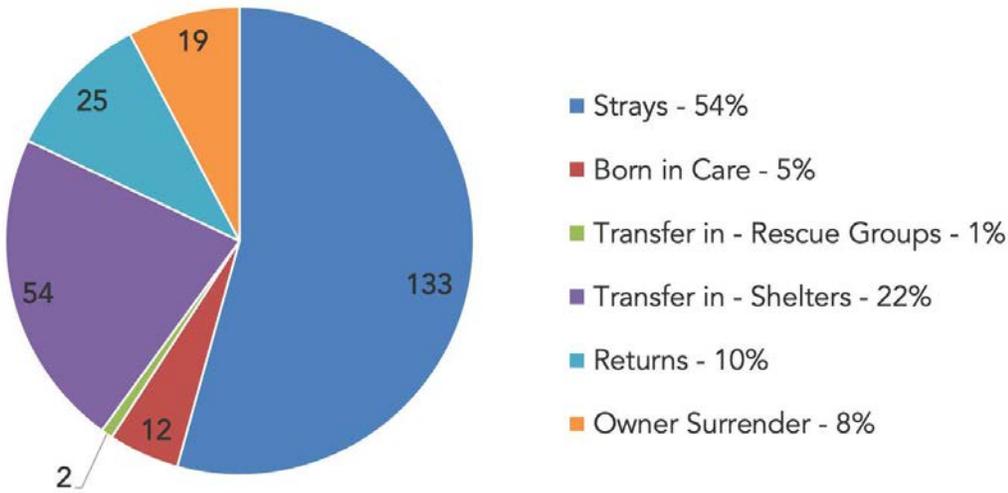


INTAKES AND OUTCOMES

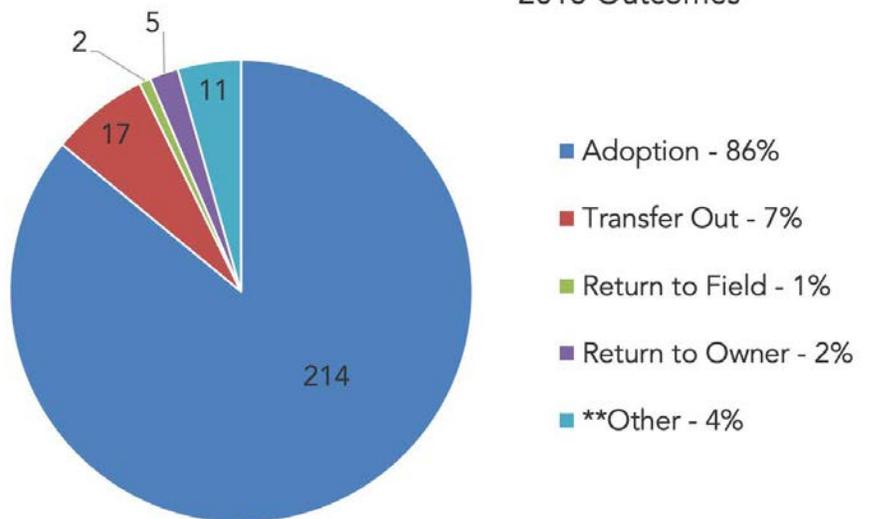
In 2018, Fearless Kitty Rescue took in 245 cats and kittens. This total intake number includes those who came from the public, municipal shelters or other rescue organizations such as Arizona Animal Welfare League, Pinal County Animal Control and AZ Humane Society. With a record number of 214 adoptions in 2018, Fearless Kitty Rescue was able to find homes for 86% of those kitties we took in this year.

Since we are a no-kill rescue, any cats who are unable to find a home will remain beloved residents of Fearless Kitty Rescue for the remainder of their lives.

2018 Intake



2018 Outcomes



Fearless Kitty Rescue collects and reports data based on Shelter Animals Count.

**Compassionate Euthanasia: 1%

**Passed in Care: 3%

THE FINANCIAL PICTURE

TOTAL 2018 REVENUE - \$257,300

- Donations - \$156,600
- Grants - \$48,000
- Adoptions - \$14,100
- Boutique Sales - \$13,200
- Events - \$12,700
- Trusts/Bequests - \$10,000
- Intakes - \$2,700



TOTAL 2018 DONATIONS - \$166,600

- Individual - \$142,400
- Business - \$9,600
- Foundations - \$4,600
- Trusts/Bequests - \$10,000

TOTAL 2018 EXPENSES - \$276,500

- Animal Care/Program Services - \$194,300
 - * In-Kind Donations - \$63,500
- Management & General - \$16,500
- Fundraising - \$2,200

*Without in-kind donations our total expenses would have increased by \$63,500

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Cash Assets

\$152,300

Fixed/Other Assets

\$73,900

Net Assets

\$249,700

Liabilities

\$500



WHO WE ARE

OUR VOLUNTEERS:

Our facility and programs would not function without our team of volunteers. Their dedication, love, and commitment is beyond measure.

170 Volunteers ending 2018



BOARD OF DIRECTORS (as of July, 2019):

- Kim Kamins - President/CEO, Co-Founder
- Kristen Skivington - Vice President
- Christine Orbeck - Secretary
- Debbie Peglow - Treasurer
- Marcus Bulow von Dennewitz - Director
- Linda Kavanagh - Director
- John Wolfe - Director
- Liz Finch - Director

ADVISORY BOARD:

- Scott Cargill
- Steve Hedden

STAFF:

- Paula Stefan - Executive Director, Co-Founder
- Monique Moody - Licensed Veterinary Technician
- Kathy Blazo - Intake/Adoption Coordinator
- Kathie Roehr Farley - Social Media Coordinator
- Bob Guzman - Events Coordinator
- Marty Rafenstein - Facility Coordinator
- Brenda Rempe - Foster Coordinator



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