

2024 ANNUAL REPORT



FEARLESS KITTY RESCUE

About Us

Fearless Kitty Rescue was founded in 2012 on the belief that all cats and kittens deserve a chance to be Fearless. We are a 501(c)(3) non-profit no-kill cat rescue in metropolitan Phoenix and the 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 Mission

Fearless Kitty Rescue is dedicated to providing a safe place for cats in need until they can be adopted into a loving home.

Our Vision

A future when all cats live happy and healthy lives, free from loneliness, cruelty, and neglect.

Message from Leadership

To all our Fearless Kitty Rescue supporters:

Your contributions and efforts have been instrumental in making 2024 a remarkable year for Fearless Kitty Rescue. We started 2024 raising funds to help pay off our mortgage. A very special donor saw our request and gave us the funds to eliminate our mortgage in November 2024. What a fantastic gift it was to own our building free and clear! With no mortgage payments, we can now use the additional funds to save more cats and kittens. This gift is truly a blessing we are thankful for every day.

Our financial results for 2024 reflect this large donation and have enabled us to continue introducing new programs and goals. The 2024 results are even stronger than 2023 with over \$1,194,000 in revenue and support. We are currently upgrading our building as old items wear out by replacing old air conditioners with a new state-of-the-art mini-split system as well as replacing the underlayment on our tile roof. Now, even in the middle of July, we have the coolest cats in town. Even with these additional expenses we still managed to keep our overhead to 9 cents for each dollar spent! Our balance sheet became even stronger with the payoff of our mortgage.



2024 saw even more major milestones. We achieved our 3,000th intake and our 3,000th adoption! Fearless also successfully launched our Silver Whiskers program for senior cats in February, and we were honored to be named the *Fountain Hills Chamber of Commerce Nonprofit of the Year*.

Reflecting on 2024 as strong as it was, we have not sat on our laurels. We started 2025 by saving over 20 cats from the California wildfires. In addition, we are

working on introducing some new and important programs in 2025, including how to achieve the growth we want to see for your rescue. Fearless will always continue to grow and seek more ways to help our community and save the lives of more and more cats.

Please join us as we continue our successes in 2025 and find loving permanent homes for every cat and kitten passing through our doors.

Steven C. Hedden
President and CEO



From our Director

As we reflect on the past year, we are filled with gratitude for the incredible progress we have made in our mission to rescue and rehome cats in need. Thanks to your unwavering support and dedication, we have been able to make a meaningful impact in the lives of hundreds of homeless cats.

In 2024, Fearless Kitty rescued over 400 cats, giving them a loving safe place while they waited for their new families. We are pleased to say that 374 of those cats found new homes last year. These numbers are not just statistics; they represent lives saved and families transformed by the power of compassion.

Our work goes beyond simply finding homes for cats. We provide educational talks and tours, offer interactive workshops with cats, support rescues impacted by disasters, hold free microchip clinics, and help area TNR programs with donations of food and other supplies. Through community outreach efforts and partnerships with shelters and veterinary clinics, we continue to build a network of support that ensures fewer cats face the hardships of homelessness and neglect.



The success of this year would not have been possible without the generous donations, volunteer efforts, and dedication of our community. Our volunteers have worked tirelessly to care for the cats in our program, and our donors have provided the essential funding that allows us to continue our life-saving work. Together, we have created a safer and brighter future for many of the most vulnerable animals in our society.

Looking ahead, we are committed to expanding our rescue efforts, increasing

adoptions, and furthering our educational initiatives. With your continued support, we can do even more in the coming year to create a world where every cat has the chance to live a happy, healthy life.

On behalf of the entire team at Fearless Kitty Rescue, I extend our deepest thanks for your generosity, compassion, and belief in our mission. We could not do this without you, and we are so grateful for your ongoing support. Together, we are changing lives, one cat at a time.



With heartfelt appreciation...

Deanna Schlagenhaft
Executive Director

To the Rescue...

This is the story of a tiny kitten who was very sick and needed help desperately. His name is Cason. This kitten helped us change the way Fearless Kitty Rescue, like other life-saving organizations all over the country, save the lives of cats diagnosed with FIP. Feline Infectious

Peritonitis is a common and aberrant immune response in cats to infection with feline coronavirus. Until very recently FIP was always fatal. But important, and long-running research, has made significant and curative progress. FIP is now treatable and curable.



Cason is doing well! He is an amazing cat! After many weeks in the Fearless Kitty medical unit, and wonderful care from his foster family, Cason is home. His forever family shared this about Cason: "He's a curious boy and loves to help in the kitchen, especially if you're not looking!"

Thanks to your generous support we saved Cason making him a happy healthy cat with a wonderful family.



Silver Whiskers



This year our Silver Whiskers Program continued to give much needed attention to older cats like Bastet. We're not sure what life has dealt her, but when she was



rescued from the streets it was clear that she wanted a forever home. At Fearless Kitty Rescue, we are dedicated to finding loving homes for all cats, including those in their golden years. That's why we launched the Silver Whiskers Program focusing on senior cats, aged seven and above, who are often overlooked in shelters and rescues. By providing special attention to health checkups, vaccinations, and adoption opportunities, we are helping older felines find a place to rest and make all the toe biscuits they can muster for the rest of their lives. And the good news is....*Bastet found her forever home!*

Volunteers

Fearless Kitty Rescue relies heavily on very dedicated volunteers to accomplish our goals and succeed in our efforts. During 2024, our volunteers provided over 24,547 hours of help to allow us to achieve our goals. This amounts to nearly 12 full-time employees throughout the year. This is a huge success story, especially when we consider the large number of cats and kittens in our care. Volunteers provide socialization, foster care, feeding, cleaning, and event support. We simply could not provide the cat and kitten care we do without our wonderful volunteer team!



Grants

Successful grant writing efforts can be a mainstay for non-profit organizations like Fearless Kitty Rescue. During 2024, we received several generous grants which helped us acquire much needed medical supplies, spay neuter services, vaccinations, and much needed food and cleaning supplies. A total of \$22,500 was received from various grants. The work continues to ensure that more kittens and cats can find loving homes.

Ways you can help

Volunteer: To provide our community with all the necessary services and programs to eliminate kitty homelessness, Fearless Kitty Rescue depends on the hard work and dedication of volunteers.

Opportunities range from cat caregiver, events, facilities maintenance, boutique reception, adoption counselor, to a host of other opportunities.

Volunteering is not just beneficial to Fearless Kitty Rescue. It's good for you, too! Volunteers care for the kitties, meet new friends, learn new skills, and feel great about the work they do. And they should! They are saving hundreds of lives every year.



Donate: Lifesaving monetary donations are always



needed 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 wish lists on our website of items we need. You can find them on our [website donation page](#), [Amazon](#) or [Chewy](#).

Foster: We need you on our team! Fostering a cat or kitten is so rewarding. Fostering gives a kitty time to shine and to feel what a real home is like. Fearless Kitty

Rescue will provide all the supplies you need while the foster kitty is in your care. Fostering is flexible and isn't a lifetime commitment, but it is a commitment to save a life. To learn all about our foster program, visit our website

<https://fearlesskittyrescue.org/foster/>.

Ongoing Support: Join, [Fry's Food Stores VIP shopping card](#), the [Cat's Pride Litter for Good program](#), and the [Fresh Step Paw Points Rewards](#).

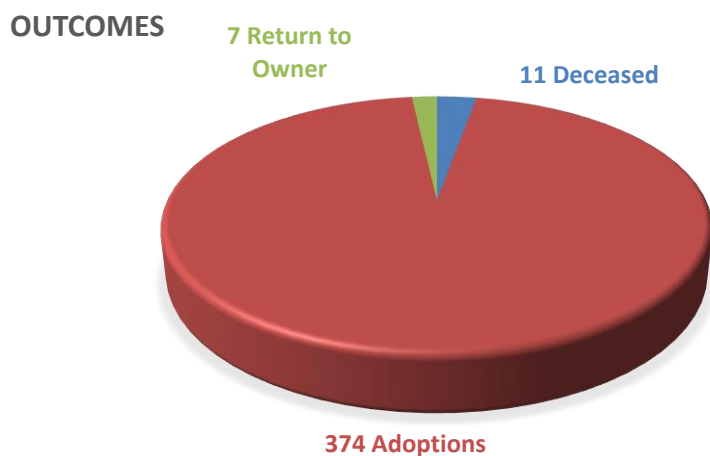
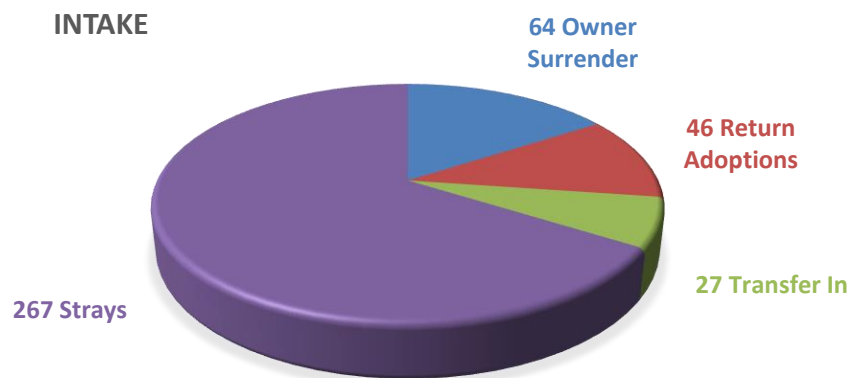
Continuing Care Program: Pets who are enrolled in the program and have owners who predeceased them are welcomed into the loving arms of Fearless Kitty Rescue, and cared for by Fearless Kitty Rescue volunteers until their next family is found. For more information, please email info@fearlesskittyrescue.org or call (480) 837-7777.

Planned Giving Program: Please consider including Fearless Kitty Rescue in your 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, please email info@fearlesskittyrescue.org or call (480) 837-7777.



Intakes and Outcomes

Every year Fearless Kitty Rescue receives thousands of requests for help. We work tirelessly to offer resources or services for every request. In 2024 Fearless Kitty Rescue was able to take in 404 cats and kittens¹. This total intake number includes those who came from the public, municipal shelters, or other rescue organizations that are at capacity. With 374 adoptions in 2024, Fearless Kitty Rescue was able to find homes for 97% of those kitties we took in and some who were already with us from the previous year. Every year our goal to rescue more lives grows more important, but we cannot do it without your support!



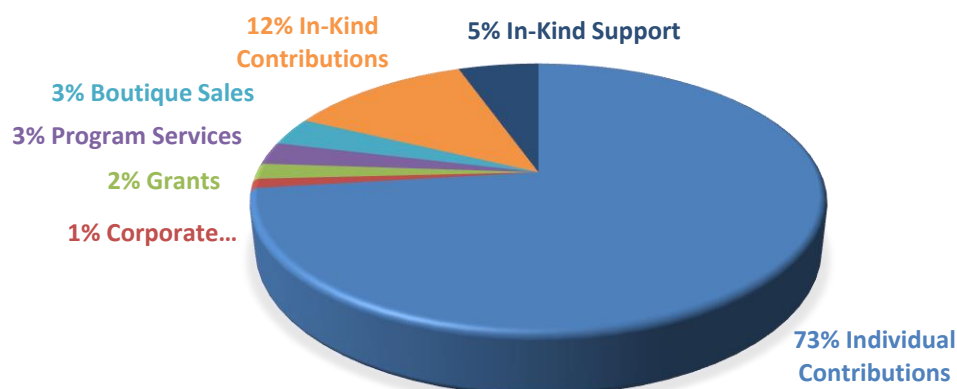
¹ Fearless Kitty Rescue collects and reports data based on Shelter Animal Count

The Financial Picture²

Donations and Earned Income

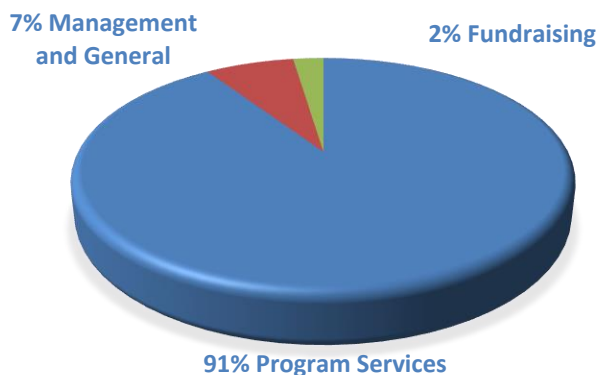
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| Individual Contributions | \$880,664 |
| Corporate Contributions | 13,440 |
| Grants | 22,500 |
| Program Services | 32,525 |
| Boutique Sales | 40,708 |
| In-Kind Contributions | 149,600 |
| In-Kind Support | 65,500 |

90.7% of every dollar spent contributes directly to our cats' wellbeing:



Expenses

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| Program Services | \$497,148 |
| Management / General | \$38,066 |
| Fundraising | \$12,988 |



² For further information our 2024 I.R.S. Form 990 can be found on our website <https://fearlesskittyrescue.org/financial-information/>

Paws Giving Circle

Some would say it's all about the cats. For the most part that's true. But it's also about the people—kind, caring, generous people who give of their time, talents, and finances to ensure that rescued cats have a safe place to live while they wait for their new families. No matter the size of the donation, every dollar makes a difference.

The *Paws Giving Circle* recognizes those donors who made significant contributions to save the lives of so many. While we recognize all donations from our supporters with heartfelt appreciation, the amazing members of the Paws Giving Circle are mentioned here with endless gratitude. Their support has made a big impact on our life saving work.

Premier Paws (\$25,000+)

Anonymous donor

Platinum Paws (\$20,000 - \$24,999)

Dr. Thomas Moryl and Christy Zook

Kim and Ed Kamins

John Hasenmiller and Chris Baxter

Anonymous donor

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Bronze Paws (\$5,000 - \$9,999)

Elaine and Adam Marzola

Robert Nyman

Fuego-Space Cat

5 Anonymous donors

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