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**TOGETHER we are making a
HUGE DIFFERENCE!**

Message from our Founder & President

“Hope, is born of participation in hopeful solutions”

– Marianne Williamson, Author

I have heard this quote a number of times recently and it has really stuck in my head because SAFE Haven for Cats has always been about hope.

Based on our life-saving results this past year, most of you believe in hope too!

Because of your involvement, SAFE Haven is leading our community with solutions for cat overpopulation and unnecessary euthanasia.



This past year:

Thanks to you, we achieved a 46% increase in the number of cats and kittens adopted. 825 stray, abandoned, injured or orphaned cats are alive and happily thriving in their homes.

Through the SAFE Care Spay/Neuter Clinic, 1,859 cats have been sterilized. Best of all, no one is ever turned away from the clinic because they don't have enough money.

As a partner with 4 local County Animal Shelters, we responded when they were forced to start euthanizing for space. We took 236 cats from these shelters.

We supported 83 families (224 cats and 116 dogs) with food from the Pet Food Pantry (the only one in Wake County). These owners and pets have a much better quality of life because of you.

Through our TNVR assistance program for community cats we sterilized 388, loaned countless traps, and educated with hands-on contributions to many colony caretakers.

As you can see, there are many ways to participate with us in hopeful solutions. On the following pages you will read about actions you can take as a volunteer and advocate. You don't have to have any special talents just a willingness to help.

With sincere appreciation for everything you do for the animals...

Sincere thanks,

Pamela Miller
Founder & President

Every photo of a cat in this newsletter is an actual cat from **SAFE Haven**.
NO STOCK PHOTOS HERE!

Because of YOU...We are saving innocent lives every day!

Many, many lives were saved this past year at SAFE Haven due entirely rely to your support. You are the main reason for our shared success. Below is our "annual report" infographic so you can see all the good we are accomplishing together. **We provided services to 5,269 animals this year (13.5% increase) at a cost of \$166.57** each. The only way we that we are able to accomplish this is with the support of our unselfish volunteers who donate almost \$200,000 of their time each year. In addition, \$103,218 worth of food, towels, and beds and other in-kind goods or services were donated in 2016/2017.

Thank you to all our partners in the business of saving lives...

SAFE HAVEN'S AMAZING

ACHIEVEMENTS

2016

2017

PROVIDED TNR ASSISTANCE to our community for **388** feral cats

44 CATS
RESCUED FROM
HOARDING

185 ACTIVE VOLUNTEERS
242 NEW VOLUNTEERS

HOME OF
OPERATION CATNIP
ADDITIONAL
STERILIZED **401**

10 TONS OF FOOD GIVEN
FROM OUR PET PANTRY
Supported **97** families with
279 cats & **54** dogs

1,859 CATS & DOGS
STERILIZED
in the SAFE Care Clinic, 22% free



236 CATS
SAVED
FROM EUTHANIZING
SHELTERS

825 CATS
ADOPTED!

PROVIDED SERVICES FOR
5,269 CATS
& DOGS
at a cost of \$166.57 each

339 DOGS & CATS
VACCINATED **\$5!**



11 NEW FOSTER
HOMES RECRUITED
12 adults, 153 kittens fostered

PROVIDED EDUCATIONAL
EXPERIENCES FOR **6**
GROUPS

Adoption Program Recap

46% increase in adoptions this year; average “length of stay” shrinks by 2 weeks!

Thanks to your support, we just had the most successful adoption year in the 24-year history of SAFE Haven for Cats. We found homes for 825 stray cats this year compared to 589 last year. This also means that each cat’s time at our shelter is shrinking and they are finding homes quicker and quicker. The average time it takes a cat to get adopted at SAFE Haven is 4 weeks. (After a one-week isolation period.)

This is great because it allows us to take in more cats from the community and our euthanizing county shelters.

How we did it.

—Loving, compassionate adopters like these.



Dumoine



Cajeta



Annapurra and Aussie



Yates



Crinkle Cut



Cadet



Shaloe



Chadwick



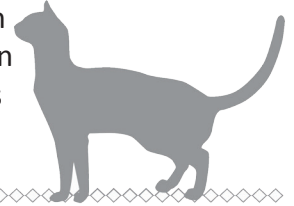
Vulcan

A team of dedicated, caring volunteer adoption counselors donated 2,816 hours of volunteer time this past year.

Audrey Cummings
Beth Lindsey
Cait Hawley
Colette Miller
Dianne LaPlante
Ginger Rice
Heather Hensley
Jayme Williams

Kerry Holbrook
Linda Roycroft
Lisa Karner
Lisa Loiselle
Liz Moss Ohrberg
Maria Bonino
Mary Carver
Mary Nell Murphy

Michelle Hansen
Pat McLaughlin
Patricia Crowe
Ray Dragon
Rosa Chrismon
Ruth Covington
Shalea Rhodes
Susan Wallace



The Happy Cats Crew.

This group of specially trained volunteers perform behavior assessments on shyer or scared cats helping to know just what touch or toy will bring them out of their shell.

Jayme Williams
Cathy Biondi
Gail Bauer

Rebecca Stephen
Andrea Acevedo
Susan Anderson

Susan Wallace
Pat McLaughlin

Foster homes.

These 30 families opened their homes to 165 stray cats and kittens this year. And bottle fed 58 orphan kittens who were as young as 1-day old!



Dingo



Orphan Kitten

Our Life Saving Fosters.

Ali Schwartz
Amber Nielsen
Bonnie Glaze-Hester
Brittany Blais
Cam MacGregor
Caroline Johnson
Colleen Brophy
Danielle Batchelor
Deborah Beckett
Desiree Burns
Eileen Nicholas
Ellen Anderberg
Gina Jennings
Heather Nanney
Jacqui Murphy

Jennifer Bledsoe-Nix
Joanie Aitken
Judy Bridges
Kristen & Patrick Elliott
Laura Clarke
Laura Perry
Lisa Harris
Lori & Keith Langreck
Margaret Woodlief
Maria Bonino
Mary Carver
Mary Reilly
Megan Clifford
Melissa & Andy Nowel
Michelle Bergeron

Nadine Maloney
Nancy Fowler
Pamela Miller
Rebecca Schranz
Rebekah Henry
Sarah Green & Ana Garcia
Sarah Nau
Sherri Orner
Teri Goodrich
The Weidman Family
Traci Highsmith
W. Ray Templeton
Yuliya Lokhnygina

Special Events.



PetPeople off-site adoptions each month.

Our home-away-from-home, PetPeople in the Falls Pointe Shopping Center, hosts us two times a month for kitty adoption events. They are also a major supporter of our Pet Food Pantry. Thank you so much to Sam de Sousa and all the staff at PetPeople.



Kitten Shower and Palooza featuring Artwork by the Cats.

Thirty-three very talented cats found homes in June at Kitten Palooza! Each cat used an iPad to paint their own artwork that was sent home with them. In addition, at the kitten shower, the kittens received 46 packs of baby wipes, 34 bottles of Pedialyte, 9 heartbeat sound machines, 5 baby scales, 7 stuffed bears and 68 baby blankets!



WRAL's Clear the Shelters

51 cats adopted in one day!

Wow! What a day for stray cats in our community. As you can see from the empty cages, cats were "flying out the door" at this national event sponsored by NBC and the Humane Society of the United States. WRAL-TV worked hard for several weeks before this event organizing reporters, publicity, live Facebook feeds and

coordinating this entire event. Enjoy these photos of this incredible day. Now we can take xx cats from our waiting list and start over again! Thanks to WRAL, the HSUS, our volunteers and especially our wonderful adopters!



Who are these cats?

Lots of times people ask us: Where do all these cats come from? Well, here is the answer! They were all former stray, abandoned, injured or orphaned cats and kittens.

872 Cats came to SAFE Haven this year.

- 319 Directly from the Community
- 236 From Granville, Franklin, Orange and Wake County Animal Shelters
- 67 From community outreach by staff, volunteers and friends
- 29 abandoned at the shelter
- 44 from hoarders
- 96 immediate life-threatening situations
- 50% Male, 50% female
- 81 former cats of SAFE Haven who can no longer stay in their present homes*
- 60 Orphans 1d-4wks
- 326 Kittens 5wks-5mos
- 116 Teens 6mos-11mos
- 210 Young Adult 1 to 4 years
- 64 Adult 5 to 7 years
- 15 Mature 8+ years**

*With almost 9,000 SAFE Haven adoptees to date, we expect around an 8% return rate per year. Most are returned because the situation of the owners drastically changes.
**Did you know SAFE Haven "sweetens the pot" for every cat 8 years and older? To help them get adopted their new owners are gifted with a Mature Companions Certificate. This provides them with free vaccines for life, food and medication at cost, free telephone consults with the SAFE Care veterinarian and a \$50 cash payment for dental services

Help the 25 Thrive!

As an emergency placement partner with the HSUS (Humane Society of the US), SAFE Haven took 21 cats and 4 kittens from a puppy mill seizure in Cabarrus County, last October. These cats, used for breeding purposes, were Ragdolls, Siamese and Bengals.



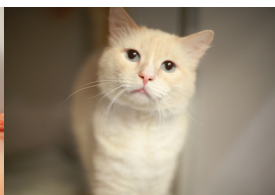
Kitsi



Melora



Teacup and Java



Garrison



Calandra



Hermione and Renly

County Shelters

SAFE Haven has a true commitment to take as many cats and kittens as we can from our area county shelters. Thanks to a grant from Best Friends Animal Society, SAFE Haven are now able to transfer 6 cats every week. Most of the time these are mommies and babies like the ones below.

Please check out our license. Did you know that every rescue group and shelter in North Carolina is required by the NC Department of Agriculture, Veterinary Division to be licensed?

Here is a link to our most recent inspection from February 9, 2016.

www.ncagr.gov/vet/aws/Inspections/Wake_County/index.htm

SAFE Care Clinic Program Recap.

Help for the public with pets, strays and feral cats.

From Beat the Heat to Nut-Free November, we have had fun while promoting one goal: to spay and neuter as many cats and kittens as we can every day, to reduce euthanasia of healthy animals.

More than 23,000 cats have been spayed at SAFE Care since it opened in 2001. If they would have produced even two kittens each, they would have added 168,000 stray cats to the Triangle in only two years. In ten years, they would have added 672,000 cats. In 2015 (the last year reports are available) in the Triangle and surrounding counties 13, 021 cats were euthanized. (NC Department of Agriculture, Veterinary Division, Animal Welfare Section, Animal Welfare Reports.)

The SAFE Care Clinic, owned by Dr. Jennifer Bledsoe-Nix, helps cats, kittens and small dogs every day. The beauty of this clinic is that no one is ever turned away because they cannot pay the already low fee of \$85.

BEAT the HEAT,
COOL Your Lady Cat Down!
Free Spays in March!

Book your appointment:
919-872-7730
Email: clinic@safehavenforcats.org
or online at
safehavenforcats.org/spayneuter-clinic

Before Kitten season heats up, SAFE Haven for Cats is offering 125 free spays during March thanks to a generous grant from PetSmart Charities.

SAFE HAVEN FOR CATS
SAFE Haven for Cats
8431 Carvey Dr #137
Raleigh, NC 27616
safehavenforcats.org

Cannot be combined with any other offer or coupons. Procedure must be completed in March 2017. Owned cats only, no feral cats. Check-in time for appointments is 7:00-7:45 a.m. Pick-up time is 4:00-4:45 p.m.

Nut-Free November!
Neuters just \$70!

Bring your cat in for a neuter in November and save \$15!

SAFE CARE
Feline Spay Neuter Clinic

By the numbers.

- 1859 sterilizations performed this year
- 559 (30%) free or half price
- 56% female, 44% male
- 85% of the animals coming to the clinic had never had any prior veterinary care
- 55% of these customers come from Raleigh, Wake Forest and Durham although customers come from as far away as Fayetteville.
- **SAFE Haven** helps other rescue groups to make sure their cats are sterilized prior to adoptions. They include Road Home Rescue, Best Friends Pet Adoption, 3 Blind Mice Rescue, Franklin County SPCA, Franklin County Humane Society and Snowflake Rescue.



SAFE Haven's TNVR Mission.

“Un-owned or semi-owned community cats number between 30 and 40 million cats in the U.S. Only 2% of them are sterilized. (Managing Community Cats, HSUS, 2014.)” How many community cats do we have in the Triangle? According to experts a mid-range formula to consider for an estimate would be 10% of the human population. The current population of the Triangle is 1,822,000 people. (Triangle Business Journal, October 2016). That would be 182,000 cats PLUS the 13,021 that are euthanized in Triangle shelters yearly. So we have a 195,000 cat problem every year in our community.

Free Feral Fridays!
Every Friday in February + March 3



Through aggressive and mostly free services, with your help, we have sterilized and vaccinated 388 feral cats and kittens this year. You will notice that we are referring to TNR now as TNVR. This is to emphasize what has always been true: that these services include a rabies vaccine. In helping government officials and others to accept TNVR it is sometimes helpful to remember that a rabies vaccine is an important part of this program.

SAFE Haven supports our community in many other ways to help feral cats:

- Loan of humane traps and training/support to safely catch elusive cats
- Classes - Basics of TNVR – Tuesday, February 6, 2018

Overview of community cats-discussing the difference between stray/abandoned cats and feral cats, basics of trapping, types of traps, setting appointment, preparing to trap, caring for recovering trapped cats and colony care taking. Handouts will be provided with feral housing & feeding station plans, vets that see feral cats in the area, tips on trapping “difficult” (or really smart) kitties.

- <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/basics-of-tnvr-tickets-35800415005>
- Management of the www.TNRWake.org feral cat registry. Confidential, third party registry that can help you reclaim a feral cat in Wake County.
- Free food for feral colony managers
- Home of Operation Catnip, the Triangle’s oldest feral cat sterilization program. Housed one Sunday a month at SAFE Haven, OC sterilized 388 feral cats last year.



Project Julius to become an annual event!

In Memory of Julius, a SAFE Haven feral cat (and yes, we have our own feral colony), 19 feral cat dens were constructed by the SAFE Care Clinic staff last December. These were given away to help cats all over the Triangle.

Foundation Grants

As you might imagine, unlike human causes, there are very limited grants available for animals. Although grants make up just 3% of our income SAFE Haven wants to gratefully acknowledge the support of the following for the SAFE Care Clinic:

- The Margaret T. Petrie Spaying and Neutering Foundation
- PetSmart Charities
- The Bernice Barbour Foundation

Make Your Spay/Neuter Appointment Now!

Call: 919 872-7730
Email: clinic@safehavenforcats.org
Web: safehavenforcats.org/spayneuter-clinic

Basic package (\$85) includes sterilization, exam, pain meds, rabies and distemper vaccines, ear cleaning and nail trims! Additional services available: FeLV/FIV testing, microchip, deworming, and parasite control.

Volunteer Program Recap.

Celebrating SAFE Haven's Incredible Volunteers.

This year hundreds of volunteers selflessly donated over 8000 hours of their time to our animal shelter, adding an incredible \$188,480* to our bottom line. (*One hour of volunteer time is valued at \$23.56 by the Points of Life Foundation.)

Here are some of the volunteer opportunities at SAFE Haven for Cats. You can learn about them at our next Volunteer Open House on September 12, 2017.



- **Board of Directors**—On a top level, you can advance the long term goals and vision of SAFE Haven.
- **Cleaning Crew**—Come to the shelter daily and scoop, tidy up, refill waters, do laundry, mop floors, etc.
- **Tabby Cabby**—Transport cats to veterinary specialists for treatments or pick up cats at other euthanizing shelters (like the Wake County Shelter).
- **Public Ambassadors**—Help connect people to our services and programs at street fairs, civic organizations and schools. Represent us at Cat Shows.
- **Mouse Makers**—Help assemble catnip mice toys that are sold at area veterinarian's offices.
- **Pet Food Pantry Volunteer**—Help distribute tons of food to needy dogs and cats. Place and monitor food collection barrels at various locations.
- **Adoption Counselor**—Work in one of twelve shifts available every week to connect excited adopters to their new family member.
- **Happy Cats**—Are you the Cat Whisperer? Work with shy cats to help them gain their self-confidence.
- **Foster Home Provider**—Take a SAFE Haven cat into your home for short periods of time.
- **Fill-A-Truck Volunteer**—Distribute our "wish list" to shoppers on their way into Walmart. Fill-A-Truck when they come out with their incredible donations for the cats.
- **Special Events**—Volunteer for a committee or to work at one of our major events every year: "Cat"sino (July), Run for their Lives 5k (October), Auction for the Cats (November) and the Tuxedo Cat Ball (April).
- **Animal Advocates** – Are you a teacher? Enjoy working with young people? Volunteer to conduct educational programs and tours of the shelter for kids.



Cisco Employees



Allscripts Employees



Thursday Volunteers

SAFE Haven Volunteers.

Wendy Abrams
Paige & Lauren Absher
Andrea and Javier Acevedo
Ally & Angela Acton
Nathan & Kathryn Adams
Kristine Adamson
Zach Agostine
Joanie Aitken
Deborah Aleman
Raney Allen
Sydney Allgood
Wendy Alling
Russ Allred
Deborah Alvord
Ellen Anderberg
Dana and Morgan Anthony
Tiffany Atkinson
April Auman
Eric Auth
Anna Baird
Lexie Baird
Brenda Baldwin Scott
Julie & John Bardin
Dawn Bargione
David Baron
Susan Bartholomew
Danielle Batchelor
Brooke Bates
Caitlin Bauer
Gail Bauer
Bonnie Becker
Naomi Becker
Donna and Larry Bell
Joe Belna
Whitney Bennett
Pat Berry
Maria Beshara
Christopher B. Billings
Amy Bilyard
Catherine Biondi & Larry Robertson
Leanne Blair
Brittany Blais
Betty and David Bland
Megan Blawas
Marjie Boal
Ashley Bolt
Kelly & Gary Bolz
Veronica Bonet
Maria S. Bonino
Nikki Booth
Karen Boston
Debbie Bowen
Kelli & Troy Bowen
Anna Bowers
Mindy Bracco
Susan Howlett
Gabriela Bradley
Ramona & Taylor Branch
Cathy and Robbye Brooks
Rachel Brown
Taylor Brown
Parker Bruer
Daisy Brumit
Allison Bryan
Wendy Bullard
Kendall Bullock

Lisa & Brian Burger
Connie Burns
Caroline Johnson C.
Jessica & Jennifer Cacioppo
Lauri Calandrino
Eddie Camacho & Kaitlyn Bell
Mary Cann
Alycia Cantley
Malena Carlsson
Robert A. Carmody
Rebecca Carranza
Mary Carver
Chris Casey
Daniela Castro
Ginny Cavalet
David Cevallos
Carolyn Chandler
Ye Jin Chong
Rosa Chrismon
Charity Christensen
Megan Christiansen
Alexandria Clayton
Susan Clayton
Megan Clifford
Randall R. Colby
Jim Wright and Janice Coleman
Lynn Coleman
Kaleigh Colwell
Evan Corkery
Christina Covington
Ruth Covington
Dee Cramsie
Ruth Crawford
Patricia Crowe
Audrey Cummings
Tina and Grayson Haver Currin
Lyndell D'Angelo
Khushboo Daas
Alexandra and Ben Dalton
Montia Daniels
Caitlin Daugherty
Katie Davis
Miranda Davis
Shaneisa Davis
Rebecca Deckard
Emily Deem
Jenna DeMartino
Julie DeMott
Ben Dierking
Terri, Alexandra & Stephanie DiGiacomo
Lily Van Dillen
Areti Rita Dimoulas
Karen Dini
Carol A Dowe
Ray Dragon
Sonali Dutta
Mandy Eaton
Jessica Eddins
Lily Edwards
Teresa and Grace Egly
Heather Elliott
Kristen & Patrick Elliott
Andrea Ellison
Betty Ellison
Katie Emerson

Julie Ann Endries
Mallory and Allison Erickson
Morgan Estes
Sheila Ettinger
Maria Evans
Roxanna J. Evans
Jean D. Farlow
Cheri L Faux and Liz Heward
Linda and George Fenton
Daniel Ferguson
Rachel Feutz
Shana Fields
Tina Fish
Susan Flanigan
Tara-Lynn Flick
Katia Foell
Theresa Foran
Todd Forman
Anna Foster
Nancie and Fowler
Nancy Fowler
William Fowler
Morgan Fraley
Amy Freeman
Kristin Frew
Amanda Fromwiller
Dawn Fulks
Rachael and Zack Fuller
Michael T. Gates
Ben & Susan Gauthier
Summer Gay
Tracy Gieger
Sharon Gitlin
Danielle Given
Pamela Glines
Alexandra Goodman
Teri Goodrich
Diane Gordon-Finley
Ashley Gorman
Patsy Grant
Kelly Greene
Azri Amir Hakim
Brittani Halbert
Brittany Hall
Darlene Hamilton
Miranda Haopshy
Sophia Harcourt
Betty Harmon
Sandra Harris
Paul Harrison
Donna Hausmann
Caitlin Hawley
Julia Hayes
Jessica Head
Patti Godin Healey
Keith & Jane Hebert
Cynthia & Julia Hefren
Rebekah Henry
Janet Hensel
Heather Hensley
Grace Herring
Margaret Herring
Bonnie Glaze-Hester and Rick Hester
Sabine Heusser-Bruno
Maureen Higgins
Kathy Hodge

Kerry E. Holbrook
Taylor Holeman
Chloe Holland
Katrina Hulett
Amanda Humphrey
Jean Hunt
Cameron Hyrb
Nicole Impelzino
Brianna Inks
Justin Inscoc
Amanda Ireland
Ian Jarvis
Sondra & Alan Jarvis
Juliana Jauregui
Jennifer Murphy O.D., P.A.
Douglas Jeremiah
Caroline Johnson
Karla Johnson
Michelle Johnson
Sharon Johnson
Shelby Jones
Michelle B. Joyner
Tina Joyner
Meta Kam
Lisa Karner
Carol Kelley
Theresa Kelly
Brenda Kendrick
Hannah Kienow
Shelby Kinsey
Leslie and Alex Knuth
Stephen & Jill Kochik
McKenzie Kostura
Gail Krywenko
Simone & Fabian Kuffel
Jennifer Kunzman
Bill LaBarbera
Amanda Lamb
Danielle Langis
Keith and Lori Langreck
Dianne LaPlante
Kathy Larson
Clara Lazaro
Brandi Leach
Christopher Leach
Charlotte LeBeau
Janice LeBeau
Katrina Leser
Amdry Lewis
Inez Leyden and Allan Evans
Tonja Limburg
Elizabeth Lindsey
Amy Lineberry
Pamela Litchfield
David & Lisa Loiselle
Kaitlin Lospinoso
Alyssa Losurdo
Melanie Loury
Destiny Lowman
Jeffrey Luber
Miemie Lucas
Jason Lundwall
Cam MacGregor
Fallon Maher
Nadine Maloney
Kaylan Manley

SAFE Haven Volunteers (continued)

Aaron Mann
Kimberly Isabela Mannette
Diana Manos
Christine Manson
Janel Marsilia
Christopher Martin
Daniel & Kathryn Martin
Barbara Mason
Eric Matal
Keira Matson
Colton McAllister
Alex & Rebecca McCloskey
Kylie McCool
Chloe McFadden
Kristina McGraw
Amy A. McLemore
Jenna McLemore
Annie McQuaid
Jill & Hannah Medford
Allison Mercurio
Alexandria Mesa
Jessica Mesa
Nicole Meyer
Colette Miller
Deirdre Minissale
M. Sue Minns
Caroline & Derek Mishoe
Mary Mitchell
Lea Mitrovic
Brittanie Moore
Molly Moran
Jamie McMurphy Morgan
Monika Mori
Lauren Morris
Sevanne Moushegian
Jacqui Murphy
Mary Nell Murphy
Jo M Naglich
Franklin & Heather Nanney
Kellie Nattress
Wes and Sarah Nau
Thea Offutt Nelson
Nancy Nemargut
Anita Neuhauser
Sally Newman
Elizabeth Nicholaidis
Eileen Nicholas
Carl & Jennifer Bledsoe Nix
Elena Noble
Akihisa Nonoyama
Justin Norris
Melissa and Andy Nowel
Christine Nunez
Kiia-Maria Nuolikoski
Liz O'Mara
Holly O'Neal
Alanna Oaks
Kelley Oberhart
Christina Offenburg
Keith Ohrberg and Elizabeth Moss Ohrberg
Elissa Oken
Sherri Orner
Beverly Orozco
Bianca Orsini
Melanie Padron Acuna
Emily, Laura and Benjamin Palacios

Lindsay Parker
Carolyn Parten
Pat Pounders
Savannah Patterson
Betty S and Floyd Pearce
Cyndi and Gary Pearce
Judith Pfeifer
Samantha Piccione
Emily Pierce
Nathalie Plundrich & Joel Rodriguez
Sara & Frank Powell
Phyllis Price
Kenneth Proseus
Leonard Keith Proseus
Ann D. and Natalie Ramsey
Kristi Raschka
Julie Rashid
Jennifer Reed
Whitney Reed
Kim and Todd Reichert
Mary V. Reilly
Christie Rhoad
Shalea and Scott Rhodes
Geottri Ricci
Ginger Rice
Christie Richardson
Dick and Judy Richardson
Doug Rickert
Jay Riley
Shaun & Michael Roberts
Sydney Rojas
Thaline Roque
Adam & Linda Roycroft
Doug & Amy Rumford
Emory Saladin
Shauna Sallinger
Lauren Saxby
Stephanie Scarce
Gail E. Scheck
Jeff and Shelly Schiff
Michelle Hansen & Mark Schiller
Mary Schneider
Regina Schoenfeld
Rebecca Schranz
Riann Shackett
Rita and James Shaloiko
Mitzi & Ana Sheridan
Debbie Sherman
Julie Shirah
Jeanne Simmons
Dominique Skonberg
Jeremy Sliwinski and Brittany Richard
Leverett Smith III
James and Irena Smith
Heidi Sneed
Melanie Snyder
Jamie Solomon
Julia South
Ashley Souza
John and Emily Sprague
Michelle St. John-Grover
Willia Stein
Amy Stephen
Rebecca Stephen
Jessica B. Stephens
Sarah Stephens

Matthew Stevens
Cheryn Stone
Lynette Stone
Shirley Sulick
Nicole & Tim Suttles
Rosie Swinehart
Zerwa Syed
Sue Sztancsik
Jennifer Szymendera
Alice Faye Tate
G. Wray Templeton
Aglathia Thompson-Hicks
David Timmons
Jessica Townley
Laurel Clayton Trantham
Ingrid Truitt
Lauren Truitt
Nancy Turchick
Berna Unludag
Michelle Valentine
Sarah Valletian
Lyndon VanderGast
Dacia VanHooerebeck
Karen Vaughan
Jessica Vaughn
Kathy & Douglas Wall
Susan Wallace
Allison Walsh
Larry Walsh
Chrystine Ward-Baker and Bob Baker
Deirdre Warner
Max Washington
Christine Welch
Christine Wells
Catherine Werner
Roxie Whipple
Amy White
Brittany White
Katherine White
Barbara J Whitehurst
Halida Wicaksana
Susan and Joseph Wilkie
Jayme Williams
Linda Williams
Raygan Williams
Michelle Williamson
Lily Wilson
Anne Wise
Isaac & Jill Wollersheim
Heather Wood
Julie Wood
Margaret Woodlief
Linda Worley
Lisa Worth
Nina Wright
Sarah Wright
Michele Yambrick
Neva Yinger
Kristin Zillmann
Jonie Bowen & Erin Zinsli
Garrett Zisk
Sabrina Zoccola

Community Outreach & Education Program Recap.

The Pet Food Pantry

The Pantry is the only one of its' scope in the Triangle. Last year, we fed 224 cats, 116 dogs and helped 83 families. People in need, can apply for the Pantry. They can't have over 6 animals, cannot get any more while receiving food from the Pantry and SAFE Haven assists them to assure that 100% of their pets are spayed and neutered.



In February, a team from the Pet Food Pantry distributed 3,000 pounds of food in the Homestead community to a lot of happy dogs and cats. (Owner's too.)

Donated this year.



1,257
GARBAGE
BAGS

3,561
CANS OF CAT
FOOD

132
CAT TOYS
AND BEDS



Low Cost Rabies and Microchip Clinics

This year, thanks to a grant from the Bissell Foundation, we were able to provide 185 free rabies vaccines and 198 free microchips to area pets. Overall, we were able to provide rabies vaccines for 339 dogs and cats this year.

Feline Fundamentals

SAFE Haven hosts a series of classes yearly to help educate the public on a variety of topics. Check out the class schedule for this year:

- Pet Readiness for Natural Disasters – Tuesday, July 25, 2017
- So you want to start a rescue? Tuesday, August 29, 2017
- Preparing for your cat if you are not around – Basics of Legacy Planning – Tuesday, September 26, 2017
- Caring for Senior Cats – Tuesday, October 24, 2017
- Basics of TNVR – Tuesday, February 6, 2018
- Bottle Feeding Orphan Kittens – Tuesday, March 6, 2018
- Cat Communication – Tuesday, April 24, 2018
- Feline Friendly Fundamentals – Tuesday, June 5, 2018

Sign up for any class via our website: safehavenforcats.org



Individual Contributions: The Key to Success for the Cats.

Thanks to 6,796 gifts from compassionate animal people, SAFE Haven met our financial goals this past fiscal year. Additionally, we aggressively managed our expenses and benefited from the value of \$188,000 donated time from our volunteers. Over \$30,000 worth of cat and dog food, paper towels, toys and litter were also donated to the cats.

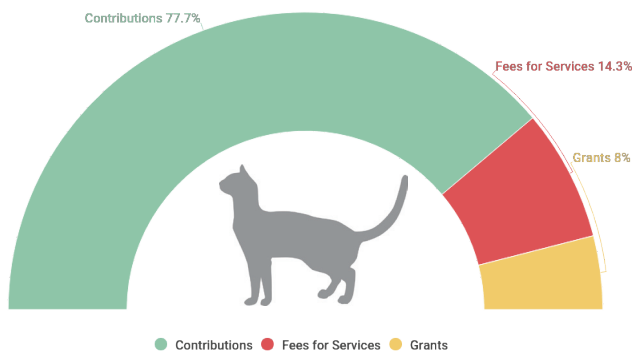
We conducted a successful Matching Campaign in October-December 2017. The generosity of our donors and friends allowed us to exceed a \$125,000 matching opportunity. The Tuxedo Cat Ball, our largest fundraising event of the year, raised \$107,000.

Donations are vital to our organization since adoption fees do not cover the basic medical care of the cats SAFE Haven takes into our shelter. And as a “No Kill” shelter, we believe in treating every medical condition we are able to – just like you do for your beloved pets. You may not know it, but as a private non-profit animal shelter we do not get any funds from the City of Raleigh, Wake County or the State of North Carolina. Because it is of the utmost importance that we continue to offer no-cost or low-cost sterilization services to every person/cat in our community who needs it, the support of our donors is vital to this mission. Several hundred cats who use the spay/neuter services of the clinic have never been to a veterinarian. Were it not for the availability of these services, many cats would go unneutered and hundreds of homeless kittens would be born.

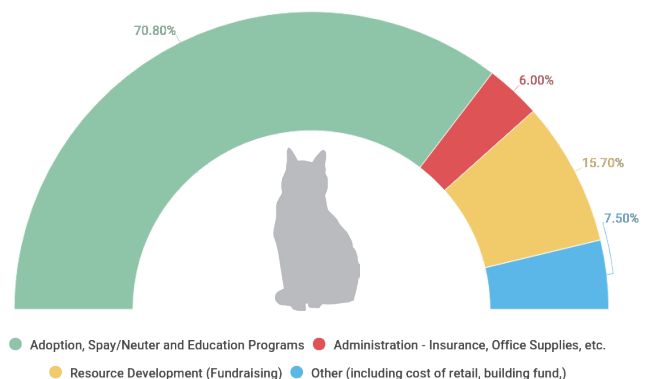
The Numbers at a Glance: July 1, 2016 - June 30, 2017

SAFE Haven—the numbers at a glance. The following charts show you (our supporters) how your dollars are spent and what the major expenses of the organization are.

Income by Category



Expense by Category

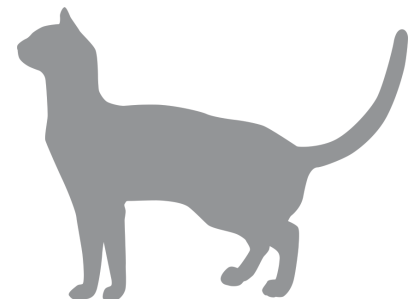


Note: Many people ask us why we are not on rated on Charity Navigator. It is because Charity Navigator only includes nonprofits whose organizational budget is over a million dollars. SAFE Haven’s budget is just slightly over a million dollars so we look forward to a listing soon. SAFE Haven is however, a Silver Rated Charity on Guidestar. You can access our most recent (year end June 30, 2016) tax return (990) at safehavenforcats.com, click on the “Donate” button.

THANK YOU TO OUR PAW PALS MONTHLY DONORS*

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The Society celebrates members who have included SAFE Haven for Cats in their Estate Plans. For more information about The Legacy Society or to make changes or additions to the list, please contact Pam Miller at 919 582-7834 or pam@safehavenforcats.org

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Alice Dulaney	Eileen McGrath and Thomas	Irena and James Smith	*Deceased

SAFE Haven Media Recap

Whether social or traditional, SAFE Haven was in the news many times this past year. Local media such as WRAL, WTVD, WNCN, UNC-TV and the News & Observer turned to SAFE Haven for expert help in explaining the cat issues of our day.

In January 2017, our Founder and President, Pam Miller, was honored with the Tarheel of the Week designation from the News & Observer.

On the social media front, SAFE Haven increased our Facebook family to almost 12,000. Our #4everSAFE campaign (which encouraged people to post pictures of the cats they adopted from SAFE Haven) has hundreds posts to Instagram and 400+ people have shared photos or comments about their #4everSAFE cat on Facebook.

We had so much fun this year at all our events. From the Cats' Meow to the Tuxedo Cat Ball we celebrated the awesomeness of the Cat!

Our website, has been used by thousands of people and is a key tool in educating the public about over population and connecting our community to our services. Visit us at www.safehavenforcats.org, and tell a friend about SAFE Haven! SAFE Haven is also active on Twitter and Instagram and publishes a monthly E-News (the Cat Chronicle) that is seen by over 12,000 people. Twice a year, The Scratching Post, SAFE Haven's Newsletter is mailed to 7,000 people and is seen by an additional 8,000 people on-line.



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Thursday Volunteers



Cat's Meow



Cat's Meow



Tuxedo Cat Ball



Catsino Royale

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Crafts with Cats

Run for their Lives 5K

October 7, 2017

When: Saturday, October 7 at 8:30 am

Registration Link: <https://runfortheirlives5k.itsyourrace.com/event.aspx?id=3380>



The Run for Their Lives 5K keeps getting closer! With two races to choose from (a timed, competitive race and a recreational run), this event is fun for the whole family. You can also sleep in and join us as a “Virtual Walker.” Strollers and dogs are welcome in the recreational run, and kitty-themed costumes are always encouraged.

- Before Race Day (9/17-10/6) - \$25 w/ shirt or \$18 w/o shirt
- Race Day - \$30 w/o shirt
- Virtual Walker - \$20 w/o shirt

SAFE HAVEN FOR CATS

2017 5K

RUN FOR THEIR LIVES

Saturday, October 7, 2017

SAFE Haven for Cats 8431 Garvey Drive, Suite 137, Raleigh, NC

Race Starts at 8:30 AM

Competitive Race • Fun Run | Dogs and Strollers Welcome!

\$20 + fees

All proceeds go to caring for homeless pets

After the race, stay for tours of the shelter + peruse vendor booth



We will have lots of vendors, cats and kittens, and more! This event is for competitive runners, recreational runners, walkers, families, and individuals. Join us and 300 of your closest animal lovers and help save a life!

Our Mission:

To use no-kill principles and education to save cats' lives through rescue, adoption, spay/neuter services and community programs

Our Vision:

To be the industry leader in ending euthanasia to control animal population and eliminate pet homelessness.

Our Core Values:

- Every animal and human at SAFE Haven is an individual being with a personality, feelings, intrinsic worth and value. As such, they will be treated with respect and care in a non-judgmental, safe environment.
- We will always exist as a 501(c)(3) no-kill organization and strive to find homes for every adoptable, treatable and recoverable cat we accept.
- Community volunteers are a vital part of our success and we acknowledge and celebrate their contributions.
- Affordable sterilization, community education and trap/neuter/return are proven methods to stop euthanasia as a means of population control for companion animals.
- No animal will ever be adopted before sterilization.
- No animal will be euthanized except in the case of illness, injury or other condition from which they cannot recover, and only by lethal injection.
- Partnering, collaborating and advocating with other organizations and government agencies increases our ability to benefit these animals and save lives.

Calendar of Upcoming Events

Tuesday, August 29

Class – So you want to start a Rescue?
6:30 – 8 p.m. At the shelter

Saturday, October 7

Run for their Lives 5K
8-11:00 a.m. At the Shelter

Tuesday, September 12

Volunteer Open House
6:30 – 8 p.m. At the Shelter

Tuesday, October 24

Class – Caring for Senior Cats
6:30 – 8 p.m. At the Shelter

Tuesday, September 26

Protecting your cat – Estate planning for your pets
6:30 – 8 p.m. At the Shelter

Saturday, November 5

Annual Auction for the Cats & Estate Sales
5-9:00 p.m. at the Raleigh Auction

Saturday, September 30

\$5 Rabies and \$15 Microchip Clinic
12:00 – 2:00 p.m. At the Shelter

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