



Thank you

Dear Friends,

We're so excited to share our latest update with you—because **none of what we do would be possible without you.** Each quarter, we'll be bringing you behind the scenes at RBARI to show exactly how your support is making a difference in the lives of the animals we care for. From new initiatives and lifesaving medical care to heartwarming rescue stories and impact numbers, this report is our way of saying: **Look what you made happen.**


Thanks to your compassion and generosity, animals in our community are getting second chances—finding **healing, hope, and loving forever homes.** Your support fuels everything we do, from emergency rescues and daily care to enrichment, rehabilitation, and adoption. As an independent, no-kill shelter that receives no government funding, it's truly your kindness that keeps us going.


We can't thank you enough for being part of this journey. Together, we're **building a better, brighter future** for so many deserving animals—one rescue at a time.


With heartfelt thanks,

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YOUR SUPPORT IN ACTION



165

ANIMALS FOUND SAFE REFUGE

and received medical care, food, and love while waiting for their forever homes.

176

SPAY/NEUTER SURGERIES

were performed to stop overpopulation and homelessness in our community.



183

ANIMALS ADOPTED

into loving homes or placed safely through networking. Hundreds more were saved through community programs.



268

ANIMALS RECEIVED VET CARE

through community programs, ensuring their health and safety.



38

CRITICAL MEDICAL CASES

were provided with hospitalization and life-saving emergency medical care.



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HIGHLIGHTS JANUARY - MARCH 2025

CATTERY

ADOPTION SUCCESSES

In the first quarter of 2025, we saw more than twice as many adult cats adopted compared to the same period in 2023 and 2024! Notable adoptions included Reed and Geena, who spent over a year in the shelter, and Theo, a senior cat adopted after nearly a year. Additionally, Chase, Rip, Arizona, and Tori found homes despite their medical needs.

FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS

Key updates to our cattery have enhanced the experience for both cats and adopters. The door to our free roam room has been updated, and the nursery has been relocated. We have added a meet-and-greet room, which has proven invaluable. The goal is to help our cats shine and interact with potential adopters, leading to successful adoptions.

PROCEDURAL UPDATES

We have introduced an observation binder to enhance proactive care and monitoring of each cat. This system allows us to track medical and behavioral issues, enabling early identification of potential concerns and facilitating timely intervention to prevent more significant problems.



MEDICAL SPOTLIGHT: LEGOLAS

Legolas, a resilient kitten, was found trapped in freezing temperatures a severely injured leg, necessitating amputation. After receiving life-saving surgery, Legolas is thriving, his sweet personality winning the hearts of everyone around him. Adopted into a loving home, Legolas (now Moon) is living his best life, a testament to the power of rescue.

LOOKING AHEAD

As kitten season quickly approaches, we are entering our busiest time of the year. Our commitment to enhancing the lives of our cats remains strong. We look forward to further improving their well-being while helping them find forever homes.



HIGHLIGHTS JANUARY - MARCH 2025

DOG KENNEL

ADOPTION SUCCESSES

The Dog Kennel at RBARI has had a fantastic start to the year, highlighted by heartwarming adoptions like Pecan and Skye finding their forever homes after 9 months with us. This success reflects the effectiveness of our evolving adoption strategies, which focus on matching dogs with loving families through a more tailored approach to each dog's needs.

ENRICHMENT

This quarter, we launched new enrichment initiatives for our dogs, including painting, outings, and improved use of our showroom for socializing and engaging with potential adopters. Additionally, we introduced new agility equipment, which has been invaluable for both physical stimulation and behavioral training, helping our dogs grow and increase their chances of finding forever homes.

PROCEDURAL UPDATES

A special focus has been placed on collaboration, streamlining processes, and fostering communication pathways within the dog kennel and across departments. Additionally, handling instructions and safety protocols have been enhanced to ensure our dogs have a more positive, stress-free experience when meeting new people or encountering new situations.

MEDICAL SPOTLIGHT: MAYA

Maya, a sweet 5-year-old English Bulldog, has found her perfect forever home with a bulldog-experienced family who understands her medical needs. Despite chronic allergies, she is now thriving alongside her new brother, Tyson. Maya's journey is a heartwarming example of the incredible difference a dedicated family can make in the life of a special-needs pet.



LOOKING AHEAD

Overall, it's been an exciting and productive quarter for the Dog Kennel. We are proud of the progress we've made in improving both the lives of our dogs and our internal processes, and we look forward to continued success in the months ahead!



HIGHLIGHTS JANUARY - MARCH 2025

SMALL ANIMAL HOUSE

ADOPTION SUCCESSES

It has been a busy and rewarding few months, with several long-time residents finding forever homes. Beloved animals like Camelot, Merlin, Petunia, Cynthia, and most recently, Eloise, have found the love and care they deserve. Additionally, all the animals from the large hoarding case have been successfully adopted. A heartfelt thank you to our community for opening their hearts and homes to these sweet pets!



Merlin

ENRICHMENT

Thanks to generous donations of toys, hideaways, and tunnels, our residents have been enjoying a wealth of enrichment that has greatly enhanced their well-being and overall happiness. Whether snuggling in cozy hideaways or exploring new tunnels, our small animals are thriving and living their best lives.

HEALTH & WELLNESS

We've had successful spay/neuter surgeries for our rabbits, ensuring their health and readiness for adoption. Our specialized veterinarians play a key role in preventing overpopulation and giving our bunnies a bright future.

LOOKING AHEAD

We are incredibly grateful for the ongoing support from our community, donors, and volunteers. Every contribution makes a difference in giving these animals the care they need. Thank you for being part of their journey!

HAPPY TAILS FOR ANYA

"Anya is an amazing rabbit and we are delighted to have her as part of our family!"





MEDICAL FUND IMPACT REPORT JANUARY 2025



HIPPO

Hippo, a 2-year-old exotic micro bully, overcame severe neglect and painful infections through urgent medical care and dedicated support, ultimately finding a loving home and inspiring others to support animal rescue and adoption.



PEBBLES

Pebbles, a 1-year-old cat, survived a life-threatening bowel obstruction and emergency surgery, making a full recovery and showcasing the vital role of specialized rescue efforts and compassionate support.



MAYA

Maya, a 5-year-old English Bulldog with chronic allergies, has found her perfect forever home with a bulldog-experienced family who understands her needs, and is now thriving—showcasing the incredible difference a loving, dedicated family can make in the life of a special-needs pet.



SORAYA

Soraya, a critically ill cat who gave birth while battling Calici Virus and pneumonia, bravely fought through her illness. Despite losing her kittens, she made a remarkable recovery with intensive care and, thanks to community generosity, is now thriving in her forever home.



MEDICAL FUND IMPACT REPORT JANUARY 2025



MOO SHU

Moo shu, an 8-year-old English Bulldog, was rescued after years of neglect, suffering from severe ear and skin infections, malnourishment, and painful cherry eyes. Thanks to dedicated medical care and support, he has fully recovered and is now thriving.



LEGOLAS

Legolas, a resilient kitten found trapped in freezing temperatures with a severe leg injury, received life-saving surgery and is now thriving. Adopted into a loving home, he's living his best life as Moon with his new sister, Maggie.



LOLA & LEX

Lola and Lex, a mother-and-puppy duo rescued from neglect, overcame their rough start with the care they needed to grow healthy and strong, with Lola overcoming anxieties and Lex discovering his playful side. Their story highlights the importance of spaying/neutering and responsible pet ownership.



AGNES

Agnes, a sweet and shy bulldog mix discarded after a life of breeding, is now in a loving home where she's slowly learning to trust again, receiving the care, diet, and exercise she needs while her heart murmur is monitored as she heals.



MEDICAL FUND IMPACT REPORT JANUARY 2025



SAMMY

Sammy, a tiny puppy born with a life-threatening condition, underwent surgery to repair his rectal area and is now recovering with ongoing care. Though his future remains uncertain, this brave little fighter has a chance at a full and happy life thanks to continued medical support.



MAX

Max, a 9-year-old Shih Tzu, was rescued in poor health due to neglect, obesity, and infections, including a painful ear mass needing surgery. Thanks to community support, he received treatment and is now thriving comfortably in his loving home.



CALI

Cali, a 4-year-old French Bulldog who became paralyzed after an injury, was rescued after surgery was no longer viable. Now called Cherry Cheesecake, she's thriving with her new family, gaining mobility through a wheelchair, physical therapy, and loving care.



MADISON

Madison, a 14-year-old dog who arrived at the shelter in poor health after the loss of her owner, received treatment for a urinary tract infection, Cushing's disease, and growths. She has since been adopted and is living a comfortable, happy life in her golden years.



MEDICAL FUND IMPACT REPORT FEBRUARY 2025



REBEL

Rebel, a 4-year-old Shih Tzu had made a full recovery following emergency surgery to remove hair ties from her digestive tract. Now a playful, spunky girl, she has found her forever home, where she is receiving the devoted care she deserves.



PHIL

Phil, an 8-month-old French Bulldog surrendered due to GI issues and suspected IBD, received specialized care and made great progress with the support of generous donors. He has since fully recovered and been adopted into a loving home, where he will be spoiled and cherished.



MCFLURRY

McFlurry, a 7-year-old poodle surrendered in poor health with a parathyroid tumor, underwent surgery to remove the tumor and give him a second chance at life. He is now recovering and settling into his forever home, where he will be loved and treasured.



TANK

Tank, an emaciated senior pit bull found wandering the streets of Newark, received urgent medical care to recover from neglect, parasites, and malnutrition. Thanks to generous supporters, he has made remarkable progress and is now adopted into a loving home where he continues to heal and thrive.



MEDICAL FUND IMPACT REPORT FEBRUARY 2025



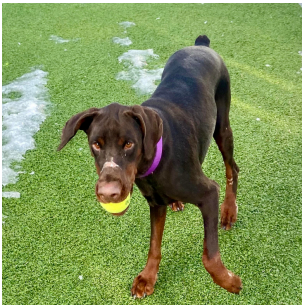
SIMON & GARFUNKEL

Simon and Garfunkel received life-changing care thanks to generous donors—Simon bravely adapted to life on three legs after overcoming osteomyelitis, while Garfunkel recovered from entropion surgery. Both have since been adopted into loving homes, a testament to the compassion of the rescue community.



CINNAMON

Cinnamon, a 7-year-old yellow lab diagnosed with heart failure, was heartbroken and confused upon surrender, but received the care and comfort she needed thanks to devoted donors. She has since found a compassionate hospice home, where she'll be cherished.



LUNA

Luna, a 1-year-old Doberman, overcame painful sores and skin infections caused by prolonged crating and is now healthy, happy, and full of life. She's ready for adoption and looking for a loving home where she can continue to thrive.



EMILY

Emily, rescued after 14 years of neglect, suffered from chronic ear infections, arthritis, and an injured tail. Thorough medical care, including a tail amputation, she's now healing and thriving. She's found a loving home to cherish her for the rest of her life, thanks to the support that made her recovery possible.

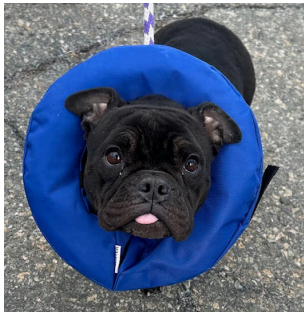


MEDICAL FUND IMPACT REPORT MARCH 2025



FREDDIE MERCURY

Freddie Mercury, an 8-month-old pug with a vibrant personality, was rescued after suffering frequent seizures. Now seizure-free with proper medication, he thrives despite visual impairment—enjoying toys, walks, and social time. Though he'll need ongoing care, Freddie fills his home with joy and love.



MADDIE

Maddie, a 3-year-old micro bully, was rescued from a life of overbreeding and a severe uterine infection. After emergency surgery and care, this sweet, timid girl is now healing and has found a loving forever home, thanks to your support.



OBI

Obi, a 12-year-old beagle, was surrendered when his family moved abroad. Though living with a terminal chest mass, he remains happy, active, and affectionate. Now in a loving home, Obi is enjoying his golden days, proving that every dog deserves to be cherished, no matter their age or diagnosis.



KIWI

Kiwi, a 2-year-old dog rescued from neglect, suffered from severe skin infections and scars from a past C-section. Despite her difficult past, she remains a sweet and loving soul. Thanks to the support of compassionate donors, Kiwi has found her forever home, where she'll be cherished, spoiled, and loved for the rest of her life.



MEDICAL FUND IMPACT REPORT MARCH 2025



ERIN +5

Erin, a 1-year-old French Bulldog mix, was rescued after a difficult labor led to an emergency C-section. Thanks to swift intervention, she and her five puppies are recovering well and growing stronger each day with dedicated care and support.



CHARLIE BEAR

Charlie, an 8-year-old dog, came to us in urgent need of medical care after a dog fight and the heartbreak of losing his home. Despite his trauma, he's an affectionate pup who thrives in a calm home and prefers to be the only pet so he can soak up all the love.



BIANCA

Bianca, a 1.5-year-old Shih Tzu, endured a traumatic cat attack that left her with a severely damaged eye, requiring urgent surgery. Despite concerns about head trauma and neurological issues during her recovery, Bianca's strength never wavered, and she has been adopted into a loving forever home.



MARTHA, CONAN, LULA & TOBY

Four German Shepherds—Martha, Conan, Lula, and Toby—were surrendered to a local shelter in urgent need of help. Thanks to quick rescue efforts, all are now safe, receiving medical care, and beginning their journeys toward healing.