



Dear Friends & Supporters,

As we reflect on the second quarter of the year, we are filled with immense gratitude for your continued support and commitment to RBARI and the animals we serve. Thanks to your generosity, we were able to respond to urgent, often heartbreaking cases—providing critical medical care, shelter, and love to those who needed us most. Your compassion made these lifesaving outcomes possible.

At RBARI, we remain proudly independent and true to our no-kill mission, and as such receive no local, state, or federal funding. This means we rely solely on individual donations like yours to continue our vital work. Your support is not just appreciated — it is essential.

If you are looking for the most impactful way to help RBARI remain strong, sustainable, and ready to act when animals are in crisis, we invite you to become a monthly donor. By joining our RBARI Rescue Society, you provide dependable support that ensures we can plan ahead and continue saying "yes" to animals in need.

Join us today at rbari.org/monthly and be a part of every rescue, every recovery, and every second chance.

With heartfelt gratitude,

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# Q2 2025 QUARTERLY REPORT YOUR SUPPORT IN ACTION



164

**ANIMALS FOUND SAFE REFUGE** 

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

134

**SPAY/NEUTER SURGERIES** 

were performed to stop overpopulation and homelessness in our community.



163

**ANIMALS ADOPTED** 

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

318

**ANIMALS RECEIVED VET CARE** 

through community programs, ensuring their health and safety.



72

**CRITICAL MEDICAL CASES** 

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

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# HIGHLIGHTS APRIL - JUNE 2025 CATTERY

#### **ADOPTION SUCCESSES**

67 cats and kittens were adopted — 51 kittens and 16 adults — plus 10 additional cats transferred to a partner rescue in Maine who have since found homes. A special highlight was Firefly, our sweet blind cat, who was returned after an initial adoption but finally found her perfect match this spring.

#### INTAKE

We rescued 61 cats and kittens this quarter — 14 adults and 47 kittens — many from urgent local situations. Notable cases included Ace, a devoted mother of 11, and medically complex rescues like Cherry, Garrett, and Pym, all of whom came to us in need of immediate care and a second





**MEDICAL SPOTLIGHTS: PYM & GARRETT** 

This quarter, our medical team responded to severe injuries and complex conditions, from maggot-infested wounds and broken limbs to neonatal emergencies. Thanks to our supporters, cats like Pym, who needed an emergency amputation, and Garrett, recovering from trauma, are now safe and healing.

#### **LOOKING AHEAD**

As kitten season intensifies, we're seeing a sharp rise in orphaned litters, pregnant strays, and urgent medical cases. The need for fosters, supplies, and veterinary care is growing daily, and we're preparing for a continued surge in intake. Our team remains committed to providing each animal with the care they deserve — but we can't do it alone. Ongoing support, especially through monthly donations, allows us to respond swiftly and compassionately when it matters most. Learn more or join at <a href="mailto:rbari.org/monthly">rbari.org/monthly</a>



# HIGHLIGHTS APRIL - JUNE 2025 DOG KENNEL

#### **ADOPTION SUCCESSES**

We celebrated the adoptions of many long-timers and special-needs dogs, including Lula, who overcame trauma through dedicated care; Tucker and Pluto, both with ongoing medical needs; and Fiddler, who arrived in fragile condition and blossomed into a happy, goofy pup. Senior dogs like Rosemary, Jackson, and Disco were given the second chance they deserved. Flash, rescued in critical condition after being hit by a car, was adopted by the vet who treated him, and Kobe found his home after undergoing surgery to remove a foreign object.

# Kobe & Georgie



#### INTAKE

We assisted with multiple urgent rescue cases, including 7 dogs from a rescue partner, Kaya and her puppies, and seniors like Georgie, found stumbling in the heat, and Disco, abandoned and tied to a fence at 14. We also took in local surrenders like Jackson, whose elderly owner entered assisted living, and continued to support rescue partners by providing spay/neuter surgeries for dogs in need of transfer or urgent placement.

#### **MEDICAL SPOTLIGHTS**

Many dogs arrived with serious medical needs this quarter. We supported dogs like Kobe, who required surgery for an intestinal blockage, and Flash, who needed emergency treatment after being hit by a car. Our medical team continues to manage chronic and hospice care for dogs like Emily and Georgie, ensuring they have comfort and quality of life no matter their prognosis.



#### **LOOKING AHEAD**

As summer heats up, we're balancing physical activity with enrichment like splash pools, art projects, and behavioral training to keep dogs engaged. We're also expanding partnerships by providing spay/neuter services and transport to help more at-risk dogs. With continued support, we're committed to saving lives, finding homes for long-timers, and giving even our most complex cases a chance.



# HIGHLIGHTS APRIL - JUNE 2025 SMALL ANIMAL HOUSE

#### **ADOPTION SUCCESSES**

This quarter brought some joyful send-offs — an incredible 20 small animals found loving homes, including our longtime residents Hazel and Harvey, who were adopted together! Their happy ending is a reminder of the patience and care it often takes to find the perfect match for our more overlooked rescues.

#### INTAKE

We welcomed 31 small animals into our care this quarter, including rabbits, guinea pigs, and other pocket pets — many of whom came from neglectful or unsafe situations. Among them were Sophia and Louise, two rabbits rescued from a meat market, who arrived fearful but have made great progress in learning to trust.



#### **MEDICAL SPOTLIGHT: RANDY**

Our team celebrated a major win with Randy, a severely emaciated rabbit who arrived in critical condition.

Heartbreakingly nicknamed our "skeleton bunny," Randy is now at a healthy weight and thriving. Ongoing medical care and supportive housing have also helped several other fragile rescues stabilize and recover.



#### **LOOKING AHEAD**

As we continue to welcome more small animals, our focus remains on providing consistent enrichment, socialization, and devoted care. Many of these animals arrive fearful or under-socialized and require time and patience to feel safe. Every step forward — from a first hand-fed treat to a successful adoption — is a meaningful milestone, and we're excited to build on this progress in the months ahead.





#### **TANK**

Tank, an emaciated senior pit bull, was found wandering the streets of Newark—starving, anemic, and covered in scars from a lifetime of neglect. With devoted care, Tank began a remarkable recovery, gaining strength and showing his gentle spirit. Today Tank is living his best life in a loving forever home.



#### **MCFLURRY**

McFlurry was surrendered with a life-threatening parathyroid tumor. Thanks to your support, he underwent successful surgery to remove the tumor and made a full recovery. Now renamed Marshmallow Flurry, he's been adopted by a member of his medical team and is thriving in a loving home.



#### **BIANCA**

Bianca, a young Shih Tzu, came to us after a traumatic injury left her with a damaged eye and head trauma. With you by her side, she received surgery and care to help regain mobility. Bianca has been adopted into a home that embraces special-needs pets where she's continuing her healing journey surrounded with love.



#### **GARRETT**

Garrett, a young blind cat, was found in critical condition—sick, filthy, and suffering from a ruptured eye. He received emergency enucleation surgery and treatment for a severe upper respiratory infection. Today, Garrett is safe, healing, and finally free from pain—proof that your compassion transforms lives





#### **FLASH**

Flash arrived in critical condition after being hit by a truck and left without care overnight. This sweet Schnauzer was suffering from internal bleeding, a fractured leg, and severe jaw swelling. With emergency treatment, Flash began to heal and is thriving in a loving home with his doctor. His resilience and remarkable recovery are a powerful reminder of the lives your compassion makes possible.



#### **KARINA**

Karina, a blind senior mama dog was left behind when her owners moved. She came to us confused and in urgent need of care. Since arriving at RBARI, she has begun her journey toward healing, receiving treatment for dental disease, dry eye, and other complex medical conditions. With your support, Karina is finding the gentle care she's always deserved, reminding us that it's never too late to give a mother the love she gave so freely.



#### **TIKI AND KITTENS**

Tiki, a young mama cat, was found in distress while giving birth outside. She was rushed to the hospital, requiring a C-section to save her kittens. Tiki is now healing in foster care with her babies, safe and surrounded by love. Her rescue highlights the urgency of kitten season and the critical difference your compassion makes for vulnerable mothers and their newborns.



#### **ELLA**

Ella, a gentle golden retriever, arrived paralyzed and in excruciating pain from a rare, life-threatening case of tetanus. Her only chance was intensive, around-the-clock specialty care. Ella is healing slowly in foster care with one of her doctors. Her journey isn't over, but your support gave her the chance to keep fighting.





#### **CALPURNIA**

At just six months old, Calpurnia was found limping through the streets with a severe and infected femoral fracture, an old injury so advanced that her leg had to be amputated to save her life. Surgery was complex, but Calpurnia faced it with purrs, biscuits, and unwavering sweetness. She healed beautifully with your support and has found her forever home, where she's thriving as a joyful tripod cat—proof that love can overcome even the hardest beginnings.



#### **BUNNY HOARDING CASE**

Hugo, Francois, Sophia, and Louise were rescued from a hoarding case where over 50 rabbits were confined, neglected, and raised for the meat trade. Once safe at RBARI, these brave survivors began to blossom as they learned to trust, explore, and enjoy gentle affection for the first time. Their resilience and sweet nature remind us why rescue matters. Thanks to your support, they're now living the peaceful lives they always deserved.



#### **JACKSON**

Jackson, a 7-year-old beagle, came to RBARI after his owner entered senior housing. Though he arrived overweight and heartbroken, Jackson's friendly nature quickly shone through. Diagnosed with stage B2 heart disease, he's now thriving on medication and a healthy diet—thanks to your support of the Senior Animal Fund.





#### **DISCO**

At 14, Disco was abandoned and tied to a fence—but his spirit never wavered. With heart disease and dental needs, he required urgent care. Thanks to the Senior Animal Fund, Disco received the treatment he needed and is now thriving in his forever home, soaking up love and living his golden years to the fullest.



#### **PAISLEY**

Paisley, an 8-month-old Doodle, was surrendered in critical condition—weak, unresponsive, and in urgent need of care to remove fabric lodged in her digestive tract. Incredibly, she recovered quickly with supportive treatment and a less invasive procedure, and was soon adopted into a loving home. Your generosity gave Paisley the second chance she nearly didn't get.



#### MAMA LINDA & HER BOB'S BURGERS KITTENS

Mama Linda and her five kittens—Gene, Tina, Louise, Bob, and adopted baby Jimmy Jr.—came to us just as kitten season began. Rescued from life as a stray, Linda lovingly cared for her little ones (including an adopted kitten) with the help of devoted staff and supporters like you. This little family received the nourishment and care they needed to thrive and find loving forever homes.



#### **FREYA**

Found alone and abandoned in a yard, newborn Freya was just days old—cold, hungry, and barely hanging on. Her mother returned for her siblings but left Freya behind. Thanks to your compassion, Freya was placed in a devoted foster home and is safe, thriving, and growing stronger every day.





# OAK & ASPEN

Oak and Aspen were just 4 weeks old when they were rescued from animal control battling panleukopenia—a deadly virus for kittens. Weak, anemic, and suffering from severe diarrhea, they were rushed into intensive care at the hospital, where they received lifesaving treatment. Because of your kindness, these tiny fighters had a chance to stabilize and begin their long road to recovery.



#### **KOBE**

At 4 months old, Kobe faced euthanasia after swallowing a sock—for the second time in a week. Thanks to your support, he received emergency surgery and made a strong recovery. Your generosity gave this oversized puppy the second chance he desperately needed to find a forever family that could keep up with his endless energy. Happy life Kobe!



#### **PLUTO**

Pluto, a scruffy 2–3-year-old pup full of personality, arrived with serious medical needs. He was diagnosed with heart disease and underwent surgery to remove a blind, damaged eye. Now healing well and thriving on heart medication, Pluto remains as joyful as ever —and thanks to you, he will find the loving forever home he deserves.



#### **PUDGE**

Pudge was the final rescue from a large-scale hoarding case involving over 50 guinea pigs. Now safe and thriving, this sweet senior enjoys daily "spa time" with his nebulizer treatment, which helps manage his respiratory health. Though he has a few benign fatty lumps, he's otherwise healthy — and full of love, snuggles, and happy wheeks for his favorite treats.





#### **BLOSSOM**

Blossom arrived with severely overgrown nails and a timid, defensive demeanor—the result of neglect. It didn't take long for her affectionate, curious nature to shine through. After a challenging spay recovery, not uncommon in rabbits due to their fragility, she's thriving and delights with her flops, gentle affection, and playful energy. Blossom's resilience and charm make her truly unforgettable.



#### ROSE

Rose, a young French Bulldog, arrived in rough shape. She was suffering from chronic, untreated skin disease that left her raw and painfully itchy. With ongoing medicated baths, injections, and a specialized diet, she's comfortable and healing. Rose has since found a loving home where she is surrounded by the love she always deserved.



# KAYA & PUPS

Kaya was rescued from a crowded shelter while in active labor, giving birth on a cement floor. She cared for her puppies with unwavering devotion, but her journey took a serious turn when she developed a severe mastitis infection that required two surgeries, a wound vacuum, and intensive hospitalization. Thanks to round-the-clock care, Kaya is healing well — a full recovery expected, and her big, healthy pit bull-husky mix pups are ready for adoption.



#### **PEARL**

Pearl, a 6-month-old Pomsky, was surrendered after suffering an untreated leg fracture for two weeks. She was moments from euthanasia when a compassionate vet intervened and reached out. Following orthopedic surgery, Pearl is healing and has found a home—finally safe, loved, and free from the pain she silently endured.





#### **HANK**

Hank was found in a local cat colony with a severely swollen face and a body covered in scars—abandoned, sick, and far too gentle to survive on the streets. His facial abscess ruptured, but even in pain, he purred for affection. Now safe, Hank is on a long-overdue journey of healing and devoted care.



# **COOKIE**

Cookie was just a baby when she was surrendered with a severe, infected wound that left her unable to urinate — requiring emergency surgery. Thanks to specialized care, both her colon and rectum were successfully repaired, and she's made a remarkable recovery. Cookie now charms everyone as our beloved office cat while she waits for the forever home she truly deserves.



### **DOODLE MIX PUPPIES**

Missy, Lacey, and Luke, three Doodle mix puppies, were surrendered through local outreach, arriving matted, undersocialized, and in need of veterinary care. Thanks to your support, they received medical treatment, grooming, and the patient handling they needed to heal. All have since found loving homes, blossoming at their own pace — a testament to the power of community-driven rescue.



#### **ROBERTA**

Roberta, a tiny senior chihuahua found abandoned, is now safe and receiving comfort care as a hospice pup. Estimated to be in her mid-to-late teens, she has kidney disease, mammary tumors, arthritis, and vision loss — yet still delights in warm laps, soft beds, and short strolls. Roberta's spirit shines, and she'll spend her remaining days surrounded by love and kindness





#### **ACE + 11**

Young mama Ace gave birth to an astonishing eleven kittens before being rescued. This is her second (and last) litter and now she and her babies are safe in foster receiving devoted care. With such a large litter, their care is intensive, but Ace's mothering and their growing strength remind us why local rescue matters.



#### **FIDDLER**

Fiddler was discovered alone on a rooftop — emaciated, full of hookworms, and barely surviving. Under a year old and dangerously underweight, he had clearly been struggling on his own for some time. With medical care, love, and time, Fiddler healed and has been adopted into a loving home, his journey from rooftop to forever family made possible by your kindness and support.



#### GOOSE

Goose, a senior French Bulldog, was found wandering the streets in heartbreaking condition. His paw pads were cracked and infected, his ears inflamed, and a raw growth on his shoulder left untreated. Quiet and withdrawn, his body bore the signs of long-term neglect — yet even in pain, he welcomed kindness. Now safe, Goose is receiving the medical care he's long needed and slowly learning to trust again — a quiet testament to the power of rescue.



#### **PRESLEY**

Presley, a sweet 3-year-old Shih Tzu mix, was surrendered for diarrhea, but an exam revealed congestive heart failure. He began a course of triple therapy and, despite the challenges ahead, quickly found a loving home where he now enjoys comfort, companionship, and care. His story shows how rescue gives even the most medically complex animals the chance to be truly loved.





# **SHADOW**

Shadow was found collapsed with a severe, infected wound and no access to care—his condition urgent and heartbreaking. Thanks to our rescue network, he received emergency surgery and began healing. Now thriving, Shadow is enjoying affection and the safety he was once denied, with a full recovery well underway.



# ROSEMARY

Rosemary, a frail senior Chihuahua, was found wandering with a massive, ulcerated mammary tumor, barely able to walk. After emergency surgery, a major dental, and compassionate foster care, she began to heal. Now safe and thriving, Rosemary has found her forever home at a senior sanctuary, where she'll spend her golden years surrounded by comfort and love.



#### LITTLE RICKY

At just 5 pounds and 10 years old, Little Ricky was found in heartbreaking condition, his jaw fractured by severe dental disease. After full dental extraction and pain management, he's thriving — toothless, drooly, and deeply lovable. This gentle senior is enjoying soft meals and soft beds for the first time in far too long.



#### **REGINA**

Timid and matted, Regina was left behind with Ricky when their owner moved away, having never received veterinary care. She underwent a much-needed dental and spay surgery and has since found safety and love in a new home. Her quiet resilience now shines through in the comfort of a family.





#### DAISY

Tiny, scruffy, and just 4 pounds, 10-year-old Daisy had never seen a vet before. Despite years of neglect, she remained sweet and trusting, and quickly captured hearts. After receiving essential dental care, Daisy was adopted into a loving home where she's finally being cherished.



#### **CHOCOLATE**

Chocolate, a senior Min Pin, came to us with severe dental disease and untreated anemia. After hospitalization and surgery, she's now healing well and soaking up affection. This gentle senior is calm, affectionate, and ready for the loving home she's always deserved.



#### **DUCKY**

Ducky, a young Frenchie with a waddle as unique as his personality, came into rescue suffering from severe regurgitation and sores — the tragic result of breeding. After surgery to correct his soft palate and a carefully managed diet, he's showing great improvement. Full of quirks, charm, and determination, Ducky is seeking a family that understands his special needs and loves him just as he is.



#### **THUMPER**

Thumper was just six weeks old when he was found alone in a yard, starving, sick, and struggling to breathe. Severely dehydrated and battling a serious respiratory infection, he required urgent, round-the-clock care to survive. Thanks to fast intervention and devoted care, Thumper now has the chance to grow up safe and loved.





#### **MANDI**

Mandi was found alone on the streets at just five weeks old, suffering from a serious jaw injury. A severe cartilage separation and exposed jawbone left her at high risk of bone infection. With your support, Mandi received urgent hospitalization, antibiotics, and daily wound flushes. She's now eating on her own and gaining strength, but continued monitoring is critical as she heals — and surgery may still be necessary if complications arise.



# OTIS

Otis spent three long years surviving on the streets before arriving at RBARI with infected bite wounds and a severely swollen front leg. Despite all efforts, his leg couldn't be saved. His recovery has been challenging and required ongoing, dedicated care — but today, Otis is nearly healed. Through it all, he's remained gentle, loving, and full of affection. Now, he's ready for the comfort and safety of a home to call his own.



#### **GEORGIE**

Georgie, a senior pit mix, was found abandoned during a dangerous heat wave, struggling to walk due to severe untreated arthritis. Now in our care, he's receiving pain management, joint supplements, and supportive care to improve mobility. Despite his condition, Georgie remains sweet and affectionate, and we are actively seeking a home to provide him comfort in his golden years.



#### **PANCAKE**

Pancake, a five-year-old micro bully, was abandoned outside a local shelter in the heat, unable to walk or breathe properly due to deformities from irresponsible breeding. He has since been neutered and undergone successful soft palate surgery. While his mobility issues remain, Pancake has adapted well and continues to be playful and affectionate as he waits for a special home.