



Thank you

Dear Friends and Supporters,

As we close out 2025, we want to take a moment to say thank you for your unwavering dedication, compassion, and belief in our mission.

As an independent, no-kill animal shelter, we do not receive local, state, or federal funding. That choice allows us to stay true to our values and make decisions based solely on what is best for the animals in our care, but it also means that everything we do is made possible 100% because of you.

Every adoption.

Every animal rescued into safety.

Every medical visit, warm bed, and second chance is only made possible by the support and compassion of our community.

Whether you followed along with our medical cases, shared our stories, donated, volunteered, fostered, or simply let the animals' stories touch your heart, you played a role in saving lives this year, and we are truly grateful.

Thank you for standing with us and making a difference for local animals in need. We are honored to have you as part of our community and look forward to saving even more lives together in 2026.

With heartfelt thanks,

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Q4 2025 QUARTERLY REPORT YOUR SUPPORT IN ACTION



165

ANIMALS FOUND SAFE REFUGE

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



155

SPAY/NEUTER SURGERIES

were performed to stop overpopulation and homelessness in our community.



181

ANIMALS ADOPTED

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



281

ANIMALS RECEIVED VET CARE

through community programs, ensuring their health and safety.



51

CRITICAL MEDICAL CASES

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

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HIGHLIGHTS OCT - DEC 2025

DOG KENNEL

ADOPTION SUCCESSES

The final quarter brought renewed momentum for our longer-term dogs. From our heart murmur family, Whisper (mom) and Barry were adopted. Harry remains with us — a gentle, playful dog with a mild heart murmur. We were also thrilled to see all but one of the dogs from the Passaic hoarding case find homes, with Peter the last little guy seeking a home.

INTAKE

While adoptions increased, intake remained continuous, with several dogs placed quickly due to strong networking and collaboration. We took in a number of large-breed and urgent dogs providing immediate medical care. Some were transferred to partner rescues or placed directly into foster homes when space was limited. **Millie**, a severely emaciated doodle, has gained 15+ pounds and is expected to be adopted by her foster. Laney, our "Festivus miracle" starvation case, continues to thrive in foster care. Layla, who arrived with an enormous tumor, received the wonderful news that her mass was benign.

Millie



Tofurkey



Laney

MEDICAL SPOTLIGHTS: PYM & GARRETT

Medical care remained central to our work this quarter. **Tofurkey** underwent airway surgery and is now breathing comfortably. **Millie** and **Laney** required intensive nutritional rehabilitation, while **Layla's** recovery highlighted the importance of timely diagnostics and surgery. **Tiny Tim**, another starvation case, received stabilization and vetting before transfer to a partner rescue.

LOOKING AHEAD

Our focus moving into 2026 will be on sharing the stories of our long-term residents, including large breeds and those needing experienced homes. Our ability to say "yes" depends on community support, collaboration, and creative outreach — together giving overlooked dogs the chance to be seen, healed, and loved.



HIGHLIGHTS OCT - DEC 2025

CATTERY

ADOPTION SUCCESSES

Q4 was a strong quarter for cat adoptions, with 91 cats and kittens finding homes, including seniors, bonded pairs, long-term residents, and medical cases. We were especially encouraged to see some of our longest residents finally chosen, including Mac, Nubby, Aria, Ozma, and Nugget. With the exception of sweet Noah, nearly every cat in our care has now been here less than a year.



INTAKE

We took in 82 cats and kittens, many from Paterson and surrounding communities, including large litters, seniors, surrenders due to hardship, and cats requiring urgent medical care. As kitten intake slowed, we were able to focus on medical, senior, and special-needs cases.

MEDICAL SPOTLIGHTS

The cat kennel faced an especially high volume of complex medical cases this quarter. Notable cases included **Otter** and **Hades**, both requiring amputations; **Domino**, treated for a life-threatening urinary blockage; and **Magnus**, a 17-year-old partially blind senior found dumped outdoors. Cats with ringworm, heart murmurs, and chronic illness received extended, individualized care to support their comfort and recovery.

LOOKING AHEAD

In the months ahead, our focus will be on vet room renovations, expanded foster training, and continued outreach to help cats with medical or behavioral needs find homes, as we ensure we are ready for the demands of kitten season 2026.





HIGHLIGHTS OCT - DEC 2025

SMALL ANIMAL HOUSE

ADOPTION SUCCESSES

This quarter saw 11 small animals adopted, including a meaningful milestone when **Cricket**, one of our longest-term residents, found a home! While adoptions were slower overall, each placement was impactful, particularly for animals requiring specialized care.

INTAKE

We welcomed 20 small animals, including a number of senior guinea pigs and bonded pairs. The steady intake combined with slower adoptions highlights an ongoing reality: our ability to help depends directly on available adopters and fosters.

In Memory of Cookie Dough



MEDICAL SPOTLIGHT: RANDY

Several senior guinea pigs received supportive care focused on comfort and quality of life. We sadly lost **Cookie Dough**, but his brother **Oreo** quickly went on to a loving home where he can spend his days safe, comfortable and loved.

Pudge, currently in foster, continues to do well on nebulizer treatments and remains stable while awaiting his forever home.



LOOKING AHEAD

In 2026, we look forward to increasing visibility for adoptable bunnies and guinea pigs while building our foster network for animals with more specific needs. Bunnies like Sophia & Louise and Hugo & Francois are thriving in foster and ready for homes. With more adopters stepping forward, we can continue saying "yes" to small animals in need.



MEDICAL FUND IMPACT REPORT OCTOBER 2025



TAZ & MARIGOLD

Found abandoned, Taz and Marigold were severely matted and covered in fleas, with signs of prolonged neglect. We provided urgent medical care and ongoing treatment to restore their comfort and health. With patience and compassion, fear turned to trust, coats healed, and both dogs made remarkable recoveries—proof of how donor support transforms neglect into new beginnings.



CORDELIA & TEMPERANCE

Animal Control contacted us about two young kittens, one with a severe degloving injury. Cordelia arrived with bruising, scrapes, ear damage, respiratory infection, and a tail injury requiring amputation. Temperance provided comfort to her sister throughout recovery. Today, both kittens are thriving, social, and energetic.



ABRAHAM

Found alone beneath a parked car, Abraham arrived at just weeks old with a spiral fracture of his front leg. Because he was too small for surgery, his injury was managed with splinting and close veterinary care. As he grew, his leg healed well. Abraham has since been adopted by his foster mom and is thriving in his new home.



RILEY

Riley, a senior Cavalier, arrived with chronic skin allergies, recurring ear infections, and untreated dry eye after years of neglect. He required medicated baths, allergy medications, prescription eye drops, and a special diet. Gentle and affectionate throughout his care, Riley healed beautifully and has since been adopted, now thriving in a loving home.



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ELI

Working alongside a partner organization, we rescued Eli and three other dogs from a neglectful home. Eli, a 4-year-old Maltese, was diagnosed with Legg-Calvé-Perthes disease, a painful hip condition. After stabilization and neuter, he underwent a successful FHO surgery. Still shy but gentle, Eli grows stronger each day as he looks ahead to a bright future.



NICOLE

Nicole, a 9-year-old Morkie rescued from the same home as Eli, arrived with chronic ear infections, hair loss from long-term flea allergies, and a mammary mass. She was spayed, underwent tumor removal, and received treatment for her skin and ears. Despite all she endured, Nicole's sweet nature never faded, and her life now is filled with comfort and love.



MISS PRINCE

Miss Prince, a 7-year-old Maltese rescued alongside three others through our partnership with Second Chance Pet Adoption League, received much-needed care, including spay surgery and a major dental with multiple extractions that finally eased her discomfort. Though she has early cataracts, her gentle, quiet spirit shines as she settles into the peace and love she's found through rescue.



BONITA

Through a joint effort, Bonita, a tiny 4-year-old Maltese, arrived severely matted and frightened after prolonged neglect. With grooming, spay surgery, and a dental procedure, she finally felt safe and cared for. Bonita blossomed in our care and is now settling into a home where she is cherished.



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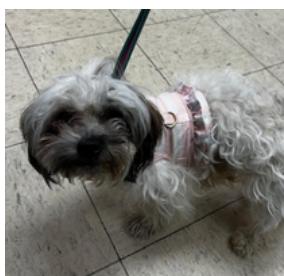
VERONICA

Veronica, a 10-year-old Yorkie, entered our care after her owner's arrest showing clear signs of long-term neglect. Severely flea-infested with chronic skin infection and dental disease, she required medical treatment and multiple extractions. As she healed, her sweet, playful personality emerged. Veronica has since been adopted and is thriving in a loving home through our partner rescue.



VANNA

Seven-year-old Maltese Vanna was found as a stray, heavily matted and urine-soaked after prolonged neglect. She was groomed, spayed, and received dental care, finally experiencing relief and safety. Vanna proved to be gentle, affectionate, and trusting. Through continued collaboration with Second Chance, we supported her care as they placed her in a loving home.



VERA

Vera, a 2-year-old Morkie rescued as a stray, arrived terrified, matted, and underweight. Once her immediate grooming and medical needs were met, she began to show signs of trust. With love, she continued to build confidence and has blossomed into the little dog she was always meant to be.



MR. MAGOO

Mr. Magoo, a 12-year-old Yorkie, arrived after a lifetime of severe neglect, blind and in pain from advanced eye disease and dental decay. Untreated dry eye and infection left his eyes irreversibly damaged, requiring bilateral eye removal to give him relief. Surgery was successful, restoring his comfort and quality of life. Mr. Magoo has been adopted and lives safely and loved in his new home.



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PEBBLES

Pebbles, a one-year-old mini doodle, came into care after the sudden onset of seizures and gastrointestinal distress. He was rushed to the hospital, stabilized, and began medical treatment. Since then, Pebbles has remained seizure-free. Gentle and affectionate, he continued to improve—and is now a cherished member of his new family.



DUKE

Duke, a 10-month-old Bernedoodle, was surrendered in critical condition after more than 10 days of worsening illness. He was diagnosed with an obstruction and aspiration pneumonia, requiring emergency surgery to remove a sock from his intestines. Duke recovered with intensive treatment and has since been adopted into a loving home.



LINUS

Linus was found frightened and trapped in an empty pool, underweight, dehydrated, and covered in a heavy infestation of fleas and ticks. Once safe in our care, he received urgent medical treatment, parasite removal, and supportive care. Beneath it all was a resilient, affectionate kitten. Linus was adopted the very day he became available and is now thriving in his forever home.



SHORTSTACK

Shortstack arrived weighing under a pound and battling a severe upper respiratory infection. He was refusing food and quickly declining, but with dedicated medical care and syringe feeding, he slowly stabilized and began to regain his kitten spark. After a long stretch of healing and devoted foster support, Shortstack is thriving—and has since been adopted.



MEDICAL FUND IMPACT REPORT NOVEMBER 2025



JOHNNYCAKE

Johnnycake came in with Shortstack, equally tiny and dangerously sick with a severe upper respiratory infection. Weak, dehydrated, and not eating, he required syringe feeding and round-the-clock care. Thanks to our dedicated medical team, he soon began eating, gaining strength, and even playing. It wasn't long before this little fighter recovered and found a loving home of his own.



GUPPY

Guppy was rescued alone at just 5 weeks old, covered in fleas and ticks and struggling to survive. Shy but sweet, he received treatment for parasites, anemia, and malnourishment. With a calm environment and patient handling, Guppy is gaining confidence and steadily growing into the playful kitten he's meant to be.



WHISPER

Whisper, a small senior mama, was rescued after living in a car with her two pups. Frightened and unkempt, she was diagnosed with heart disease requiring medication and monitoring. Despite her past, Whisper melts into gentle touch. She has since been welcomed into a loving family.



HARRY

Harry, Whisper's frightened 8-month-old puppy, knew only the backseat of a car before rescue. He was diagnosed with a mild congenital heart murmur that will need monitoring. With patient handling, Harry has begun to relax and trust. He is still searching for a home of his own.



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BARRY

Barry, Whisper's other 8-month-old pup, arrived trembling after spending his entire young life in a car. Scruffy and overwhelmed, he was also diagnosed with a mild heart murmur needing monitoring. With reassurance and the comfort of a loving home, Barry has learned to trust (and cuddle!).



SIMBA

Simba, a tiny 9-week-old doodle puppy, was surrendered after a week of worsening distress. Emergency surgery removed an 11-inch stick reaching from his esophagus to his stomach, along with chicken bones. Stabilized and finally comfortable, Simba continued healing in foster care and has been adopted by his doting foster family.



ESMERALDA

Esmeralda was found abandoned, emaciated, and fading after long-term starvation. She required hospitalization, IV support, a blood transfusion, and a careful re-feeding plan. Once stable, she was placed in a foster home through our partner rescue, Pitties 'n Pals. Esmeralda is gaining strength each day as her gentle spirit shines.



PANDA

Panda, a small Shih Tzu-Terrier mix from a Passaic hoarding case, arrived matted and frightened after living in filthy conditions. Following grooming and treatment for skin infection, her sweet, curious personality emerged. Now comfy, clean and safe, Panda is beloved by her new family.

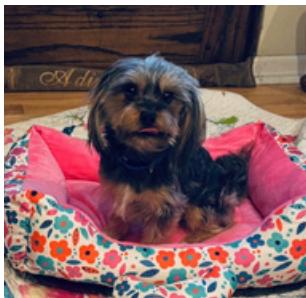


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PANSY

Pansy, a 3-year-old from the Passaic hoarding case, arrived timid and heavily matted. With grooming, gentle care, and time to decompress, she began to relax and trust. Pansy is now flourishing in her forever home.



PETER

Peter, a 5-year-old Shih Tzu-Terrier mix, was rescued from the Passaic hoarding case after years in crowded, unsanitary conditions. Once groomed and treated, his affectionate nature quickly appeared. Peter has since been adopted and is adored in his new home.



PEE WEE

Pee Wee, a fragile 5-year-old weighing just 3 pounds, was pulled from the Passaic hoarding case severely matted and neglected. After careful grooming and veterinary care, his adorable personality emerged. Pee Wee is settling beautifully with his new family.



WANDA

Wanda, a 2-year-old from the Passaic hoarding case, arrived scared, matted, and under-socialized. With grooming, vet care, and quiet decompression, her sweet personality began to shine. Wanda is finally living the life she always deserved in her forever home.



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WILMA

Wilma, a 7-month-old survivor of the Passaic hoarding case, arrived matted, fearful, and overwhelmed. After grooming and supportive care, she began showing her playful, affectionate side. Wilma has been embraced by a family who has welcomed her – and just adores their adorable little girl!



LANEY

Laney arrived severely emaciated and trembling, revealing long-term starvation. She required emergency hospitalization, IV support, slow re-feeding, and monitoring for anemia and serious gastrointestinal issues. Thanks to intensive care and community support, Laney stabilized and is recovering surrounded by love in a medical foster home.



LAYLA

Layla, a 6-year-old Lab mix, was surrendered with a huge tumor on her lower abdomen. This mass had grown for years with no medical attention. We rushed her for diagnostics and surgery, where the 4.9 pound mass was successfully removed – and amazingly confirmed benign! Layla has been welcomed into a loving home where she's finally receiving the devoted care she always deserved.



MILLIE

Millie, a senior sheepadoodle surrendered in a cruelty case, arrived dangerously underweight with infected ears and severe matting. She required careful nutritional support, GI treatment, and close monitoring. With dedicated veterinary care and a nurturing foster, Millie regained weight and strength and is now cherished by her new family.



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MAGNUS

Magnus, a 17-year-old cat, was put outside during freezing weather, replaced by a new kitten in the home. Found cold and disoriented, he came to us with FIV, mild kidney disease, anemia, and age-related vision and hearing loss. Gentle and appreciative of comfort and warmth, Magnus is now safe and stable while seeking a quiet hospice or adoptive home.



JAVA

Java arrived as a fragile bottle baby and was soon diagnosed with a chest deformity, pectus excavatum, and a suspected liver abnormality after failing to thrive. With diagnostics, supportive care, and a tailored diet, he began gaining weight and strength. Lively and affectionate, Java continues to do well in foster care and is seeking a forever home.



OTTER

Otter, a 6-month-old kitten found limping in frigid weather, arrived with a chronic growth-plate fracture that was misaligned and causing significant pain. Amputation offered her the best chance at a full, pain-free life. She recovered quickly after surgery and blossomed into a social, spirited young kitten. Otter has since been adopted into a loving home who appreciate how perfectly imperfect she is!