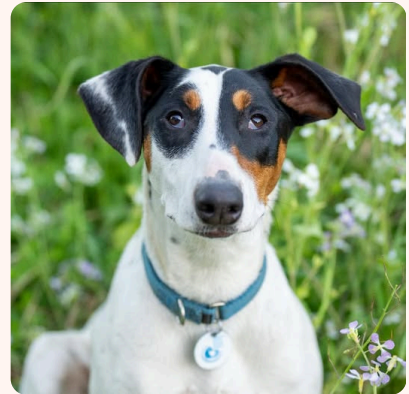


Dogwood Animal Rescue Project

2025 ANNUAL REPORT



A Message From Our Volunteer Team

Dear Friends, Donors, and Supporters,

We are immensely proud to share our 2025 annual report, reflecting on a year filled with challenges, triumphs, and unwavering dedication to our mission: To support animals and the people who love them through rescue, rehoming, spay/neuter and education.

Your support has been instrumental and appreciated in every life we've touched. Thank you for helping us make a difference, one animal at a time.

By the Numbers - Adoptions



699

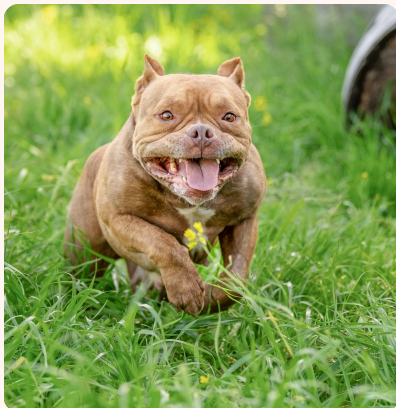
Dogs and Puppies Adopted

230

Cats and Kittens Adopted

929

Animals Adopted into
Loving Homes



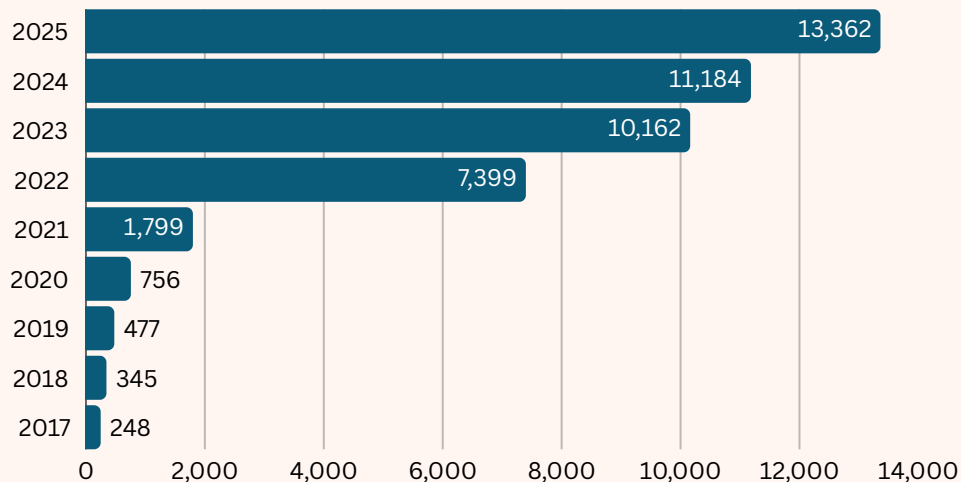
By the Numbers - Spay and Neuter

13,362

Low-cost spay/neuter surgeries funded!

A critical component in preventing unwanted litters and reducing animal overpopulation.

Funded Spay/Neuter Surgeries by Year



It's staggering to think about how many litters of unwanted puppies and kittens have been avoided with just over 45,000 less dogs and cats being able to reproduce. The number one cause of preventable death for companion animals in this country is euthanasia due to overpopulation. Dogwood knows we can't rescue/adopt our way out of the crisis. Spay/neuter is the only way to prevent the ongoing suffering and death of so many thousands of unwanted animals every year.

The single biggest impact we make for animals is through funding various affordable spay/neuter programs throughout California. If we can prevent unwanted litters from being born, we help curb this nightmare overpopulation crisis. We feel immense gratitude to our donors, our team and our spay/neuter partnerships!

Financial Highlight



2025 Financial Highlights

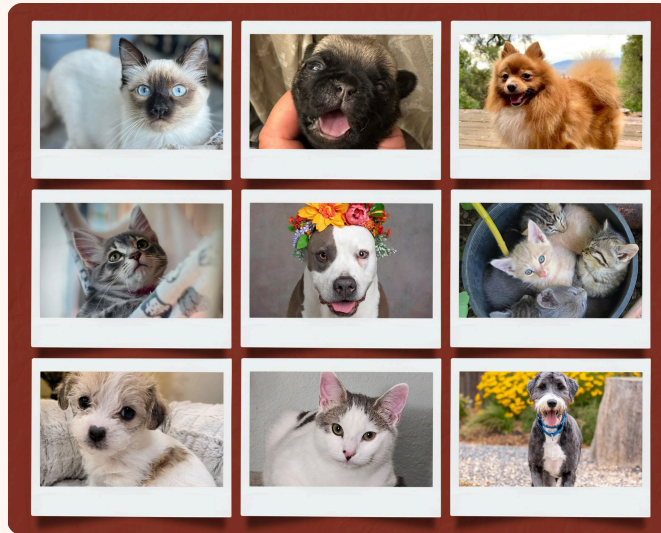
Animal Care/Vet Expenses	(\$ 840,767)
Community Spay/Neuter	(\$ 953,695)
Fundraising & Marketing	(\$8,072)
Operations/Admin	(\$ 161,972)
Adoption Fees	\$316,902
Donations, Grants & Events	\$ 1,807,024
Net	(\$159,420)

Dogwood Animal Rescue is a volunteer led 501(c)(3) non-profit animal rescue that is entirely funded by the financial support of our generous donors and the dedication of our team. We have one full time and one part time employee and 200+ volunteers. Because of our supporters we are able to rescue more animals, work toward reducing the pet overpopulation problem through our many Spay & Neuter programs throughout California and work with severely injured and ill animals would otherwise be out of options.



Our Rescue Work

We care for them all, big and small, from bottle babies, kittens and puppies to elderly dogs and cats in the sunset of their lives. We welcome every type of breed, both healthy and extremely sick & injured.



This year has been marked by significant rescue efforts:

- **Saving Animals:** From situations of neglect and overcrowded shelters, we provided refuge and a second chance.
- **Daily Animal Care:** Volunteers worked hard every day bathing, feeding, medicating, cuddling, socializing and loving every single one of our rescues.
- **Medical Intervention:** We ensured critically injured and ill animals received essential medical attention, from routine check-ups to complex surgeries.
- **Community Spay/Neuter:** We held spay/neuter clinics, helping to address pet overpopulation.
- **Christmas Eve Shelter Pull:** Rescuing animals from a local shelter just before the holidays, giving them warmth, safety and new hope. This is one of the most joyous and satisfying things we do!
- **Fundraising Efforts:** We continued with a series of small fundraising efforts after making the difficult decision to postpone our 2nd annual Gala. Our volunteers organized crafts sales, rummage sales, online auctions, and local winery events to name a few.

Challenges and Triumphs

We experienced our worst year yet of Parvovirus, which included a litter of 10 puppies rescued from a hoarding situation and endless litters of kittens. Overcoming Parvovirus required intensive treatment and strict quarantine protocols. We are deeply grateful for the exceptional veterinarians we work with, who never let us down, coming in on weekends and responding after hours to provide lifesaving care. Through the dedication of our veterinary partners and committed volunteers, we were able to save countless lives.



Another significant challenge we faced was when our Dogwood Treasurer uncovered that checks were being stolen from our rented mailbox at a local UPS Store. The UPS Store employee stole more than \$22,000 in donor checks and justice is still pending in our case. Our volunteers showed up for every monthly court date, presenting a united blue Dogwood wall at each and every hearing. The judge and prosecutors have noted that our continued presence has made a meaningful difference.



Medical Care and Second Chances



We took in critically injured animals, including the desperately ill, mange ridden, dental disease, broken bones, cancer, malnutrition and starvation. We welcomed endless pregnant mommas and delivered their families in love and safety. We treated ringworm, Parvovirus, malnutrition, gunshot wounds, paralysis, and just about everything else under the sun. We rejoiced at our successes, cried at our losses and every day vowed to not give up and help as many animals as possible.

Awards and Recognition

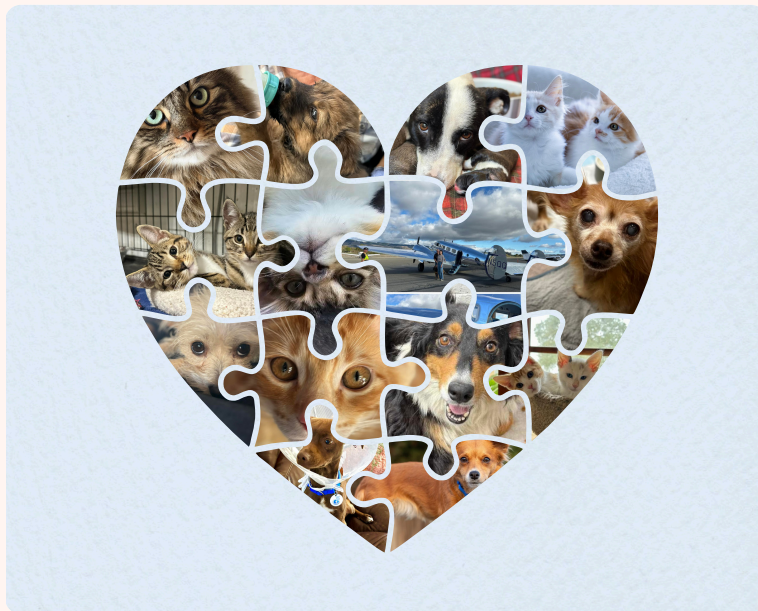
We are honored to have been voted **Best Non-Profit** for the 8th time in the last 9 years in the Press Democrat Reader's Choice Awards. This recognition is a testament to the hard work, dedication, and compassion of our entire team. We thank our supporters for voting for Dogwood!



Partnerships and Support

We established a partnership with Animal Balance to offer high volume, low cost spay/neuter clinics in underserved communities including Lake County and other rural locations throughout California. Spay and neuter is the only way out of this overpopulation crisis. We helped fund and volunteer at these hugely successful clinics.

Rescue is a team effort and our transportation partners are an integral part of that. Animal loving volunteers drop everything to drive thousands of miles through storms, heat, bad roads and traffic to rescue animals in need. Our flying partners make rescues from the Central Valley so much easier.



We continued to build partnerships with other rescue groups, shelters, and foundations who provide the crucial dollars for us to offer costly medical care. Special thanks to the 15/10 Foundation who stepped up to absorb the costs for many of the most medically challenging cases with which we were faced. These partnerships enable us to do more with our existing resources. We are so grateful!

Volunteer Spotlight

Our volunteers are the heart and soul of our organization. This year, we celebrated an increase in volunteer participation, with more individuals dedicating their time and talents to support our mission. They bring boundless enthusiasm, hard work, and creativity for the love of animals. Our volunteers are our superpower!



In Memoriam

It is with heavy hearts that we remember and honor the contributions of three incredible volunteers we lost this year: CeCe the bottle baby queen, Cindy the crafts and lottery ticket queen, and Rheta who did it all with the biggest smile imaginable. Their passion for animal welfare and unwavering dedication will forever be remembered.

Cece Palmer DePaoli



Rheta Schissler



Cindy Goede



Looking Ahead

As we look to the future, we remain committed to expanding our reach, enhancing our programs, and continuing to provide exceptional care to animals in need. With your continued support, we can create a brighter future for dogs and cats.

Thank you for being a part of our journey.

Sincerely,

The Dogwood Animal
Rescue Project Team



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