



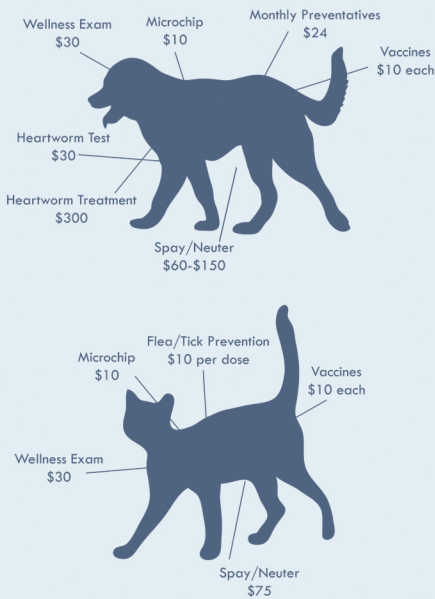
Best Friend Pet Adoption

2020 Newsletter

How You Can Help

As an all-volunteer organization with few overhead costs, over 95% of your donation dollars makes a direct impact. Our annual holiday campaign accounts for 15% of our total donations each year. Since we are a small, local organization, we rarely receive any major support from corporations nor matching programs. Monetary donations can be made securely online through Paypal at [bfpa.org/donate](https://www.bfpa.org/donate) OR via mail.

Typical Veterinary Costs



Rescue Never Stops...

When COVID hit, we were very concerned about the impact it would have on our rescue work. How would we continue without face-to-face adoption events and fundraisers? Would people still donate to this cause? Would people give up their pets due to hardship, creating more need?

COVID has impacted us, but not quite in the ways we imagined. Adoptions and foster volunteering soared, as people went to work at home and found themselves with time to foster a dog or cat. Many decided it was the perfect time to adopt as well. In fact, we have adopted out 198 dogs to date, a 70% increase compared to last year!

Our supporters and volunteers learned new ways to continue our work, because we could not let rescuing animals in need come to a stop.

Thanks to your support, you have not only helped us prove that RESCUE NEVER STOPS, you have again helped us in our mission to never turn away or euthanize an animal due to the expense involved in returning them to health. Our largest income source is from year-end donations, and especially in these uncertain times, we need your assistance. Please consider a donation before the end of the year to allow us to continue our work with rescues. 🐾

A Story of Three Paws!

In alignment with our mission, two unique stories stand out this year due to the magnitude of the medical care we were able to provide to two very special dogs: Tres and Vardy. They came to BFPA two months apart, and both had serious leg injuries which required amputation.

Tres was an owner surrender to the shelter because they could not afford to treat the gaping injury on his rear leg.



Vardy was found by a shelter staff member, with a serious leg injury that had likely been festering and dragging on the ground for weeks.

Through the generous financial donations of BFPA supporters and the skilled hands of Dr. Claudia at the newly-opened Harmony Animal Rescue Clinic (HARC), BFPA was able to save these deserving dogs from being euthanized solely due to their injuries. Both boys have quickly adapted to being "tripawds", and are now living their best life! 🐾



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Resilient Felines

Many awesome cats and kittens also found their way to BFPA this year, demonstrating how resilient they can be even in the face of hard times. In fact, we are at 87 cat adoptions so far; a 29% increase in adoptions to date compared to last year!

Most kitties came from small shelters whose dedicated volunteers notified us of felines in need. Soraka, a very young, underweight momma, and her 4, one-week old kittens were just one such

case coming from Wayne county.

Their amazing foster family, Mark and Olivia, dedicated their summer to this feline family, creating an environment that allowed

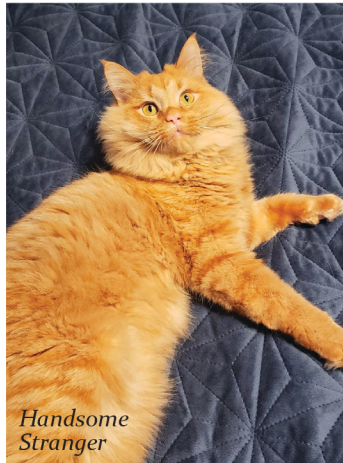
them to grow and thrive. Now all 5 kitties are in wonderful forever homes having the lives every cat deserves.

Other kitties find their way to us, thanks to the kind hearted citizens who find stray kitties. This is how Handsome Stranger arrived on our watch, named Handsome by his rescuer, and Stranger got tacked on by a mix-up at the vet's office. As it often goes, it took a village to get just this one sweet kitty

on the road to recovery as he had a hernia around his heart. That 'village' included his rescuer, his foster/chauffeur Rachel, the vet specialists and staff, plus BFPA's cat coordinator extraordinaire! He is now in his forever home living the good life. 🐾



Soraka



Handsome Stranger

Fundraising During a Pandemic

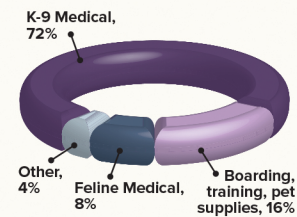
Like many non-profits, we found ourselves with the challenge of how to effectively fundraise without in-person events, and during a pandemic when dollars would surely be constrained by the uncertainty in our world. And yet, once again our supporters came through!

You helped us exceed our goal of \$2500 when we held our T-Shirt fundraiser, completely online. This fundraiser replenished the funds used for Noelle's heart valve surgery, a puppy who was born into BFPA foster care and discovered to have a serious congenital heart defect.

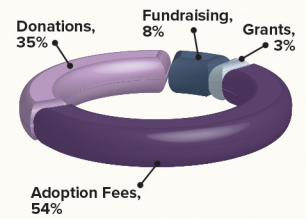
You have also responded generously to our various pleas for support for medical needs, boarding, surgeries, and more throughout the year. We also want to give special thanks to long time volunteer and foster, Beverley Winfield, for organizing several GoFundMe campaigns this year, which helped to fund a majority of Tres, Jack, and Vardy's leg surgeries! 🐾

Financials

Where did your money go in 2020
(as of 9/30)



BFPA Sources of Income
(as of 9/30)



Donate by mail or online at www.bfpa.org/donate

A Special Thank You to these Partners:

- ◆ Crossroads Vet
- ◆ Harmony Animal Rescue Clinic (HARC)
- ◆ Dr. Lee's Mobile Vet
- ◆ Armadale Kennel
- ◆ All Dogs Allowed
- ◆ NC State College of Veterinary Medicine



Noelle

Volunteers Make it All Possible

Finally, we would like to THANK the ~150 volunteers that keep us rescuing!

We have no paid staff or physical shelter and 98% of our volunteers work full time. The many roles that go into our rescue efforts include:

- ◆ Cat and Dog Fosters
- ◆ Event Coordination
- ◆ Accounting
- ◆ Supply Coordination
- ◆ Application Processors
- ◆ Web Design
- ◆ Print Design
- ◆ Social Media Marketing
- ◆ Cat and Dog Rescue Coordination
- ◆ Cat Cage Cleaning
- ◆ Volunteer Management
- ◆ Writing
- ◆ Photography
- ◆ Legal Consultation
- ◆ Grant Writing
- ◆ Fundraising
- ◆ Animal Transport
- ◆ Training/Animal Behavior Consulting

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