



# Best Friend Pet Adoption

## 2022 Newsletter



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### A Look Back at 2022

In 2022, BFPA returned to normal in May, by celebrating its first official Dog Adoption Event since 2020. The cats, being in the adoption center, have been able to see more visitors. While we are all rejoicing in these changes, the impact to rescue hasn't been all good. As people returned to their post-pandemic lives, many stopped fostering and others began surrendering the very pets that gave them solace during the isolation. These trends, plus the fact that so many adopted a pet in the past 2 years, has made it challenging to get even young lab mix puppies adopted, which is unprecedented.

Despite this, we have saved 95 cats and 105 dogs in 2022. THANKS to a core set of supporters, whether it be our working Board of Directors, our avid fundraisers, our fosters who always take the next one in, or our donors with their financial support, we have been able to continue our mission: to never turn away or euthanize an animal due to the expense involved in returning them to good health. We recognize 2022 has brought many challenges for every family, especially the increased costs for the basics. Can you continue supporting Best Friend Pet Adoption? 🐾

### The Prevalence of Parvo

In the world of rescue, one of the most dreaded phrases to hear from a vet is "Parvo Positive". Canine parvovirus (commonly referred to as "parvo") is one of the most serious viruses that dogs can get, and it usually preys on very young puppies whose immune systems haven't fully developed and/or who haven't been able to receive their entire DHPP vaccination series. This virus is easily transmitted in a shelter environment because it is highly contagious. At the end of the summer, BFPA rescued the "Breakfast Puppies" litter. During the normal 14 day quarantine period, several of the pups started showing Parvo symptoms. Two of the five puppies (Jelly and Muffin) required expensive hospitalization at an emergency facility for several

days in order to save their lives.

Thanks to generous donations from our supporters, we were able to treat and save the entire litter — all of whom are now adopted! 🐾

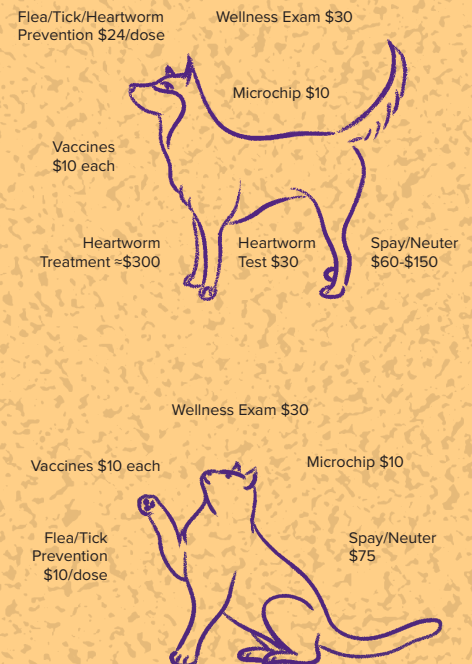


### How You Can Help

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.** Because 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



## 95 Kitties and Counting

In 2022 so far, 95 kitties (and counting) have found their way into BFPA's amazing foster homes this year. The team of cat caretakers and fosters have taken on numerous kittens with many of the common medical issues we find in rescue situations, such as upper respiratory infections, digestive issues, ringworm, and malnourishment. Often times, all these kittens need is some TLC, short courses of medical treatment and adequate nourishment to help them thrive and grow into healthy and happy cats. We did have some scary and more critical cases this year, including a few with injured/broken legs that needed surgery to repair and a couple which required amputation.

While there have been some very tough days and weeks for the team this

year, every time we get to deliver a kitty to a waiting family, the struggle is diminished and our mission comes back into focus. One kitty goes to its forever home, and we again open our foster space to another one who needs that same critical care. It is the generous monetary donations that help us to work with an amazing team of vets and technicians, which give these cats the care they need. 🐾



## The Rewards of Volunteering with BFPA

*"I have fostered for many years. With each rescue I've learned so much .... I've made lifelong friends that send me pictures (of adopted dogs) and keep in touch. It's a very rewarding experience."*  
Pat C. - since 2009  
Dog foster

*"I primarily host dog adoption events on weekends which are a ton of fun and allow me to meet new people and dogs. It takes a village of volunteers to operate BFPA, but with each person committing a bit of time, it is very gratifying to know many dogs and cats will find new homes!!"*  
Lisa L. - since 2017  
Dog Adoption Events

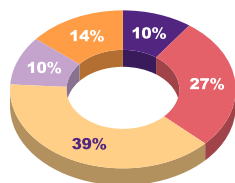
*"I helped... the photographer that came diligently once a month to take new/updated photos of BFPA kitties. What a blast to try and get a cat to smile at the camera!! I also help with cleaning, feeding, and giving TLC to the cats while at Petsmart. Just imagine where would these cats and dogs end up without such rescue groups like BFPA and us volunteers."*  
Karen L. - since 2007  
Cat cages & photos

Many of our core volunteers have been with BFPA in some capacity for 5+ years because it fills their hearts and gives them purpose in this ever-changing world we live in.

Please consider joining us:  
[bfpa.org/volunteer](http://bfpa.org/volunteer).

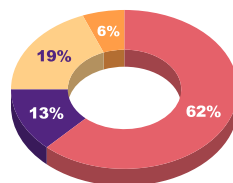
## Financials

### Income



- Cat Adoption Fees
- Dog Adoption Fees
- Individual Donations
- Corporate Donations
- Fundraising

### Expenses



- K9 Medical
- Feline Medical
- Boarding, Training, and Supplies (food/litter/etc.)
- Other/Misc

Donate securely online at [www.bfpa.org/donate](http://www.bfpa.org/donate), or by mail

## 2022 Fundraising

In 2022, we found that we were able to replicate a few of our successful fundraising events from 2021...

- In January we kicked off our 2nd annual Calendar Contest, led again by our BOD Secretary, Abby M. of **Paws Fur Joy Photography**. It was fun to see all of the cute contestant photos, plus we had great voter turnout!
- In the Spring, we partnered with local businesses and friends of BFPA for a few events. Thank you to **Craftboro Brewing Depot** as well as long-time partner, **Fairview Garden Center**, for their generous support!
- In August, we revealed a new volunteer-submitted design for our 3rd annual T-shirt Fundraiser (benefitting Cricket's knee surgery), led by our BOD Fundraising Director, Cheryl S. We are thrilled to report we reached our goal of \$1600, and Cricket's surgery was a success! She is recovering well and has been adopted.
- In September, our 2nd annual Online Auction took place, again led by Sandra C. generating just over \$8000. We would like to thank our generous sponsor, **Gary Rosson**, a realtor with **CB-HPW** in Hillsborough, & our many donors and bidders.
- Other exciting news - BFPA was chosen to receive a \$1000 donation from **Triangle NC Cares/Ricci Law Firm** - ABC11 Together Community Campaign for August 2022. A TV commercial aired on ABC11 live and on social media.

**Without our committed volunteers, sponsors, and donors, BFPA would not be able to continue its mission.**