



# Best Friend Pet Adoption

## 2021 Newsletter

### Intro

Coming into 2021, BFPA had experienced a record number of adoptions, people willing to foster, and donations from 2020 – which was the silver lining of last year. This year, we have seen a return to more typical conditions. Times like this are when we are so grateful for those dedicated fosters, volunteers, and financial supporters who, every year (no matter the world conditions), help us continue our mission: to never turn away or euthanize an animal due to the expense involved in returning them to good health.

We have saved 263 cats and dogs so far in 2021 and we have some amazing stories to share about some of those extra special cases of rescue that warm our hearts. In addition, we will share the feats accomplished by some very dedicated (and newer to BFPA) fundraising volunteers who played a huge role in keeping 2021 funded to date.

We hope you enjoy reading these stories and that you will continue to support us, knowing that our year-end campaign is still our largest fundraiser of the year. 🐾

### 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.

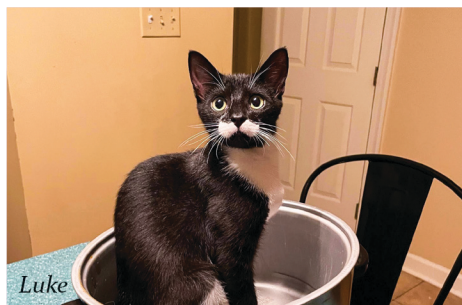
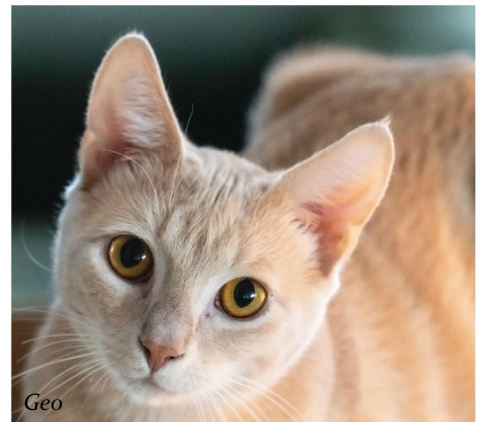
### Tri-paws and Other Cat Stories

In 2020, we had stories of some special dogs who became tripods, but this year it seems it is the cats. Surprisingly, cats also do just fine on 3 legs, and it is sometimes the best option to save their lives and allow them to live pain-free. Thanks to our awesome partner vets and dedicated fosters who cared for these special cases, all will recover and be able to live their best lives with their adoptive families.

While these three were unique, we've also had our usual slew of kitties come through this year with various maladies: upper respiratory infections, eye infections, underweight, fleas, ringworm, parasite infections, etc.

“Nothing is more rewarding than seeing how the dedication of our fosters, plus the financial support of our donors, transforms a struggling kitten into a healthy, playful, and vibrant bundle of fur, ready for their forever home.” 🐾

*Geo, a sweet dilute ginger kitty, started our year with his emergency leg amputation due to injuries and wounds that just would not heal despite everyone's best efforts.*



*Luke, at just 8 weeks old, was attacked by something leaving his leg mangled and two deep, very serious puncture wounds in his chest. Thanks to his foster, Anne, he is healing nicely.*



*Dolly, was found along with other kitties at an abandoned rental, with a leg injury from an unknown cause. She is recovering well thanks to her foster, Linda.*

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## Overlooked – Heartworm Positive Dogs

Heartworm positive dogs in shelters are often passed over by many rescues due to low funds for medical treatment and lack of equipped fosters. As of the beginning of October 2021, BFPA has rescued and treated 19 heartworm positive dogs, with several more currently in various stages of treatment! Most of these dogs were very adoptable and had no other issues besides heartworms, but they were scheduled to be euthanized at the shelters due to no rescue interest.

The cost for treatment runs approximately \$250-\$350 per dog (based on weight), and involves foster commitment for approximately 8 total weeks, 4 of

which require the dog to be kept crated and/or extremely calm during recovery – which is no small task, especially for a bouncy little chap like Vinnie (right) who felt great during his treatment and recovery. We would like to thank our fosters and volunteers who make treating HW+ dogs possible – we save so many dogs by being able to provide this life-saving treatment.

Remember : Heartworm disease is easily prevented with a monthly pill from your veterinarian! 🐾



Vinnie

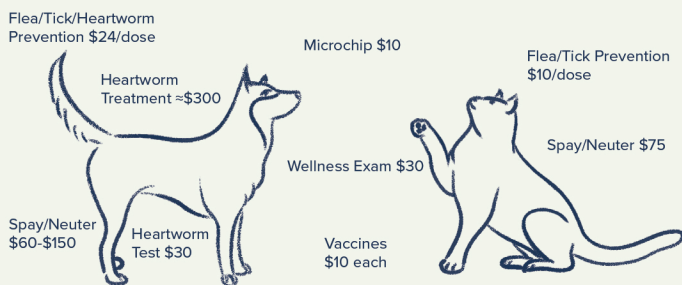


Bagel



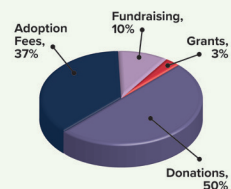
Taffy

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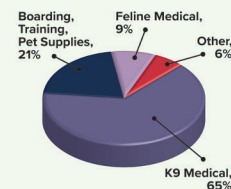


### Financials

BFPA Sources of Income  
(as of 10/31)



How Your Money Helped  
(as of 10/31)



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## Volunteers – Amazing Fundraisers

In January we kicked off our 2022 Calendar Contest. One of our Photography volunteers, and also our Secretary for the BFPA Board of Directors, Abby M, single-handedly planned, set up, and executed this contest which raised ~\$6000! This turned out to be one of our single, largest fundraisers in BFPA's recent history. It was so awesome to see all the dog photos submitted and the great voter (for donations) turnout.

As Spring of 2021 brought hopes of return to normalcy, we had some big plans for getting back to in-person events – but COVID (Delta variant) challenged us to again be creative! Our Havana Nights Gala and Live Auction, planned for late August, required

the team to quickly pivot to an online fundraiser for everyone's safety. Our key organizer, Sandra C, lead the way by creating and running our first ever, Online (via Facebook) Auction in a matter of a few weeks. Though it was not the event we originally had in mind, the auction was a huge success, generating over \$10,000 for our animal medical fund! We would like to thank our generous sponsors: Gold – All Dogs Allowed, Johnson Hyundai; Silver – Unleashed, Bovenizer and Baker Orthodontics, Brendan Kincaid with Keller-Williams Realty, and event partners Lilybird Design and Lillian Suarez Weddings & Events. A big shout out as well to those who donated and participated in this event. 🐾

**Thanks  
to All Our  
Volunteers!**

We have no paid staff or physical shelter and 98% of our volunteers work full time jobs. Many unseen roles go into our rescue efforts, and without each and every one of them, we could not save all these dogs and cats each year.

Thank you to each and every one of you out there!

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