



Best Friend Pet Adoption

2024 NEWSLETTER

How you can help

As an all-volunteer organization with minimal overhead costs, more than 95% of your donation dollars directly impact our cause. **Our holiday campaign contributes 15% of our total annual donations.** As a small, local organization, we seldom receive significant support from corporations or matching programs and we get no state or federal funding making individual contributions essential to our work.

You can securely make monetary donations online through PayPal at [bfpa.org/donate](https://www.bfpa.org/donate) or by mail.

Typical Veterinary Costs

\$300 Heartworm Treatment	
\$30 Heartworm Test	
\$200 Spay	
\$100 Neuter	
\$30 Wellness Exams	
\$75 Required Vaccines (Avg)	
\$10 Microchip	\$30 FIV/FLV Test
\$24 Flea/Tick/Heartworm Prevention (Monthly)	\$80 Spay/Neuter (Average)
	\$35 Wellness Exams
	\$35 Vaccines (Average)
	\$12 Microchip
	\$12 Flea/Tick Prevention (Monthly)

Tiki's Story

Each year brings special stories, and this year we're highlighting Tiki's journey. Tiki is an adorable and timid Rat Terrier mix that was picked up as a stray by Wake County Animal Shelter. In their care, she began to come out of her shell and was saved by BFPA on her 'last' day. She quickly settled in with her foster mom, gaining confidence and adjusting to her new home and routine, all-the-while having quite a surprise in store.

About a month later, her foster mom returned home to a delightful surprise: "Tiki's had puppies!" was the excited message BFPA received. Unbeknownst to us, Tiki had been expecting when she entered the rescue, and her pregnancy progressed under the radar until her "Luau Pups" made their debut: Honi, Lani, Kala, and Eno were born in early June.

We are grateful Tiki's foster mom was able to care for both Tiki and her puppies until they were weaned. The pups eventually moved to other foster homes to prepare for adoption, and Tiki found her forever place with her foster mom, Nancy.

Gaining Momentum

This year has brought its share of ups and downs. On the bright side, we started with a fully transitioned leadership team, welcoming a new President and Dog Medical Coordinator from late 2023, along with three new Board Directors and a few key volunteer roles in 2024. Their commitment has helped us restart Dog Adoption Events and expand our Social Media team, adding fresh energy and helping us gain new momentum.

We're also deeply grateful for two unexpected and sizable donations from the **Katherine Haworth Haven for Homeless Animals** and the **Ruby & Ernest McSwain Worthy Lands Trust**. These contributions have helped offset the income lost from smaller fundraisers we couldn't hold this year.

Despite this good news, we continue facing challenges, particularly with slower dog adoptions and fostering—a trend affecting many shelters since 2022. Even puppies are taking longer to find homes, though our cat adoptions have held steady. Despite these challenges, we remain committed to saving as many lives as possible. Your support—through fostering, volunteering, or donating—remains essential to our mission, and we thank you for helping us move forward.



Feline Friends

Reflecting on the 115+ cats that have come into our rescue, we've been overwhelmed but also incredibly grateful. Grateful these cats and kittens found their way to us, so we could provide the help they needed. Beyond the basics like vaccines and spaying or neutering, some have required special care: a few needed eye treatments, others needed leg amputations after traumatic injuries, and many just needed a safe place to grow up. Thanks to our dedicated foster team, these cats receive nutritious food, a safe and loving environment, and plenty of attention. During their time with us, we get to know their personalities, so we can carefully match them with the right forever families.



One of the highlights from this year include the “Apex 9”—nine kittens from three mothers who were part of a managed feral colony. Their caretaker was thrilled that these kittens would find loving indoor homes. Then there's Zipley, a kitten who came to us needing a leg amputation due to an unknown accident. She faced a tough recovery, including a bout of aspiration pneumonia, but with patience and wonderful vet care, she recovered and now enjoys life in her new home. We've also welcomed cats from local shelters, helping to relieve their overcrowding and providing the cats with a nurturing environment that prepares them for adoption.

None of this would be possible without the generous donations from our supporters. Because of your support, we're able to say “yes” when a cat needs more extensive care, and for that, we are deeply grateful.

Volunteer News

This year has been an exciting one for BFPA's volunteer team, with several new volunteers joining our Board of Directors, giving some long-serving board members a well-deserved break. With these new additions, we've seen fresh passion, inventive ideas, and the resources to get more accomplished. Roles filled included our Director of Fundraising, Board Secretary and Director of Social Media & Marketing. We are **still seeking** a new **Director of Volunteers**.

We've also celebrated a rise in volunteers supporting social media, dog adoption events, event coordination, and cat cage cleaning. And, as always, we are profoundly appreciative for the dedication of our long-term volunteers who support BFPA year after year in countless ways.

All this support is crucial, as BFPA has been a fully volunteer-run organization since its founding in 1998.

We encourage you to join us as a volunteer in 2025! bfpa.org/volunteer

Fundraising

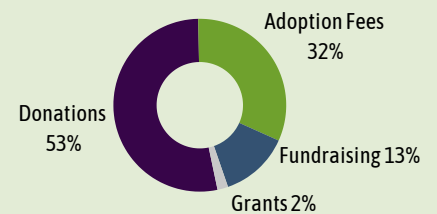
As we wrap up 2024, we are celebrating our 4th successful Auction, which brought in ~\$8400! This year, we were lucky enough to expand our auction team to include some new members and we plan to get an early start in 2025 to make our 5th Auction the most successful ever! Special thanks to Leslie with **Our Greene Home Designs** for being a sponsor this year!

We are also grateful to **Kellie Renzi** and the **International Facilities Management Association** for selecting us again, as beneficiaries for the 4th year in a row at their annual Bingo for Bones event, donating ~\$1100 to BFPA.

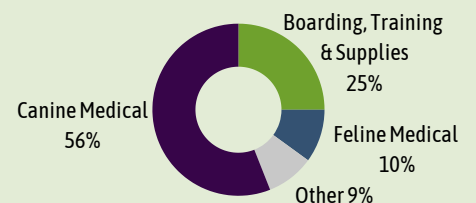
If you are willing to lead a fundraising event and would like to join our fundraising event team, please connect with us at fundraising@bfpa.org!

Financials

BFPA Sources of Income



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