

BEST FRIEND PET ADOPTION 2025 NEWSLETTER

This past year has brought both new opportunities and familiar rhythms, yet through it all, our organization has continued to make an incredible difference. We're so proud to have expanded our TNVR (trap, neuter, vaccinate, return) efforts for stray and feral cats, helping to break the cycle of cat overpopulation. This success is a result of the dedication and efficiencies our cat team has built over the past few years.

Another exciting milestone has been that our dog adoption events are taking place regularly and are fully staffed thanks to our new adoption event lead, Katie! These in-person events are vital for connecting adoptable dogs with potential families, especially as overall dog adoptions remain lower following the surge from 2020–2022.

Of course, challenges remain. Like many nonprofits, we continue to seek volunteers who can commit to longer-term lead roles—often just several hours a month—that are essential to keeping BFPA running smoothly. Maintaining consistency and commitment over time makes all the difference.

As we close out 2025, we're deeply grateful for everyone who has fostered, volunteered, donated, or adopted. If you've been thinking about getting involved, now is the perfect time to join our volunteer team. Your time and heart make a real difference for the animals who need us most.



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 annual 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 or by mail.

A Heart Full of Love: The Story of Fred and His Final Journey



Fred

At BFPA, every animal that comes through our doors is treated with the love and dignity they deserve, no matter their circumstances. This is the story of Fred, a senior Husky who reminded us of the power of compassion and the beauty of a life well-loved, even in its final chapter.

Fred arrived at BFPA after being surrendered to a county shelter. At 10 years old, he had been kept outdoors chained to a tree for an unknown amount of time. Severely underweight and struggling to eat, he was diagnosed with heartworms, hypothyroidism and anemia. With care and treatment, he gained weight, his eyes brightened and his tail wagged in happiness to everyone he met. Sadly, a follow up ultrasound revealed a heart mass for which there were no treatment options. Rather than give up, BFPA chose to give Fred the gift of comfort and love through hospice care.

Thanks to the generosity of our supporters, Fred stayed with his foster family spending his remaining days surrounded by warmth and kindness. They ensured he had soft beds to rest on, delicious meals to enjoy, and endless cuddles. Fred became a cherished member of the family and was surrounded by their love when the time came to say goodbye.

At BFPA, we believe every life matters. Fred's story is just one example of how your support helps us provide care and comfort to animals in need. Thank you for being part of our mission to ensure that every pet, no matter their age or health, knows what it means to be cherished.

If Fred's story touched your heart, please consider donating to BFPA so we can continue to provide vital veterinary care to the animals in our program, as well as choose to provide the comfort of hospice care for which costs are nominal to the cases like Fred's.

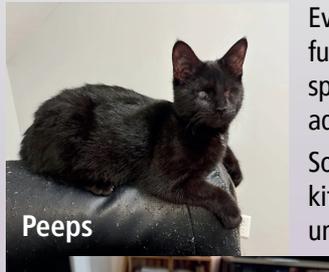
Average Dog Costs

\$300	Heartworm Treatment
\$30	Heartworm Test
\$200	Spay
\$100	Neuter
\$30	Wellness Exams
\$75	Required Vaccines
\$10	Microchip
\$24	Flea/Tick/Heartworm Prevention (Monthly)

Together, we can make a difference - one wagging tail at a time!

Cat Reflections

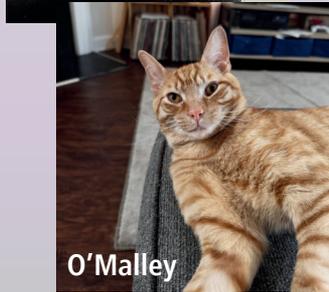
Our rescue's impact in 2025 has truly been multi-faceted. We've helped cats in need by pulling from rural county shelters with limited resources, funding special medical cases such as blindness and amputations, and tackling overpopulation through our TNVR partnerships.



Peeps

Every one of the 130 cats taken into our program this year has received full veterinary care—including testing for common diseases, vaccinations, spay/neuter surgery, and microchipping—before becoming available for adoption.

Some of our most memorable cases include Peeps and two other kitties who required eye removals due to infection, and O'Malley, who underwent amputation after nerve damage from unknown causes.



O'Malley

We're also thrilled to report success in treating several cats with FIP (Feline Infectious Peritonitis)—a once-fatal disease that is now treatable with the right care and dedication.

We're equally proud to have supported numerous TNVR efforts this year, thanks to our amazing network of volunteers and veterinary partners. If you're looking to add a little excitement (and a lot of purpose) to your life, consider joining the TNVR team—it's literally herding cats, but the victories are worth every minute!

Did you know? 1 unspayed female cat can produce 400,000+ cats in her lifetime!

Average Kitty Costs

\$30	FIV/FLV Test
\$80	Spay/Neuter
\$35	Wellness Exams
\$35	Vaccines
\$12	Microchip
\$12	Flea/Tick Prevention (Mthly)
\$300	FIP Treatment

Volunteer News

As an all-volunteer organization, BFPA is incredibly lucky—and deeply grateful—for the small group of volunteers who give their time year after year. Their dedication provides the continuity and experience that keep us going and without them, BFPA would not exist.

In recent years, it's become harder to recruit and retain volunteers for key leadership roles, including positions on our Board. These roles typically require just 10–15 hours a month but are essential to keeping our programs running. Without enough help, our long-term volunteers risk burnout—which means fewer cats and dogs get the second chances they deserve.

If you've ever thought about getting more involved, now is the perfect time. Most leadership roles are flexible and can be tailored to your availability. Even a few steady hours each month can make a real difference. Please reach out or visit bfpa.org/volunteer to view our many opportunities — we'd love to have you join the team!

2025 Fundraising

Thanks to our dedicated fundraising team, our 5th Annual Auction was our most successful to date, bringing in ~\$11,000. In addition, we also moved to a new auction specific platform and the feedback from participants was positive!

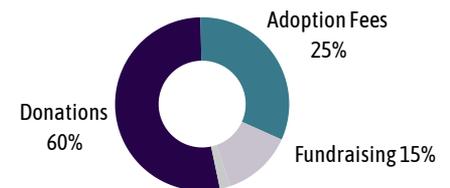
We also brought back our T-Shirt fundraiser with a fresh and unique design which went over well as this was one of our highest dollar T-Shirt fundraisers over the past several years, bringing in \$1140.

We are once again grateful to **Kellie Renzi** and the **International Facilities Management Association** for selecting us as beneficiaries for the 5th year in a row for their annual event, donating ~\$1100 to BFPA. In addition, we'd like to thank the **Animal Aid Alliance-NC** for providing a \$500 grant to help with our TNVR program.

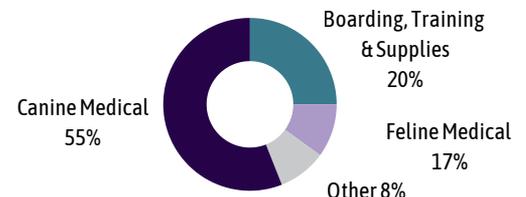
We're looking for a Fundraising Team Lead for 2026—a role that's been vacant since last year. It's flexible, requires just a few hours a month, and doesn't involve asking for donations. If you're organized and enjoy project management, please reach out to us!

Financial Summary

BFPA Sources of Income



How Your \$\$ Helped



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