

ANIMAL FRIENDS ALLIANCE

2024 COMMUNITY IMPACT REPORT



How we are Saving Animals Today

OUR MISSION

To provide comprehensive companion animal resources, services, and education to the community to prevent homelessness and promote the human-animal bond.



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OUR VISION

All companion animals experience a healthy home where they are wanted, cared for, and loved.

Dear Animal Friends,

In May of 2006, a 400 sq. ft. space in a strip mall on East Mulberry was rented to house homeless cats, and thus Animal Friends Alliance was born. In the years following, the Alliance rented more and more space in that same building and expanded its services, with the intent of preventing animals from becoming homeless, not just sheltering those who already were. In 2016, the Alliance purchased a 1,300 sq. ft. unit, while holding onto the audacious dream to eventually own the entire 8,480 sq. ft. building.

Fast forward to 2023, when our staff leadership and board of directors met for a whole day to create the Alliance's next 5-year strategic plan. It was full of great objectives and goals, including expanding our public veterinary services, providing the community with healthy and safe animals for adoption, and strengthening our financial situation by completing the purchase of the rest of the Mulberry building.

In 2024, the stars aligned when all of the other owners in the Mulberry building became ready to sell and the bank approved a loan to the Alliance to complete the purchase. As if that wasn't wonderful enough, something even more amazing happened – Patricia Telleen made a gift of \$300,000 to Animal Friends Alliance to name our Taft Hill adoption center after her son, Jason Paul Telleen, who had been tragically killed in 2023. With Patricia's permission, the gift was used as a down payment for the Mulberry purchase, cutting our loan in half and saving the organization thousands of dollars in interest that would now go towards helping more animals.

I wanted to share this story with you in our 2024 Community Impact Report for many reasons. I think it truly highlights how far the Alliance has come in the last 19 years. We went from renting 400 sq. ft. to owning two locations, one being a beautiful, 5-acre campus on N. Taft Hill Rd. I believe this highlights what happens when there is a strong vision combined with the persistence and resilience to not give up. And I believe it also reminds us that out of great tragedy we can create something beautiful. While it will never make up for the loss of Jason Paul Telleen, having The Jason Paul Telleen Adoption Center will ensure that his memory lives on through the lives of the thousands of animals who will benefit through his loving memory.

In 2024, the Alliance served more cats and dogs than ever before. In 2025, we have already expanded our adoption program to Westminster and, soon after, plan to expand our public veterinary services. With your support linked to our shared vision of every pet being wanted, cared for, and loved, we will continue to do great things and save animals today!

**With Immense Gratitude,
Sarah Swanty, CAWA
Executive Director & Co-Founder**



2024 FUNDRAISING

2024 FUNDRAISING EVENT/CAMPAIGN CALENDAR

With your help, in 2024 we completed an ambitious seven fundraising campaigns which raised \$703,748.

This much needed funding supports programs and operations on both Alliance campuses.



February Fix Fest 2024

Donors Engaged: 148
Raised: \$38,574



Gala For Animals

Donors Engaged: 676
Raised: \$224,444



Saving Pets Challenge Crowdfunder

Donors Engaged: 1,132
Raised: \$227,072

BrewPawPaw Bingo

Cards Sold: 1,062
Raised: \$50,499



Pawlapalooza

Registrants: 158
Raised: \$16,516



Run Fur Fun Spooktacular 5k

Registrants: 605
Raised: \$41,622



Colorado Gives Day

Donors Engaged: 562
Raised: \$105,057



MAJOR GIFTS AND GIVING PROGRAMS



BIZPAW PARTNERS

Business Partners in Animal Welfare (BizPAW) commit to the long-term sustainability of our organization through monetary gifts or in-kind donations of goods or professional services. We publicly recognize our BizPAW member's commitment to helping pets in need in a myriad of ways, including recognition in print and e-newsletters, and via social media channels.

5 Partners

Superhero Level
(\$10,000/year)

15 Partners

Hero Level
\$300/Month
(\$3,600/year)

17 Partners

Luminary Level
\$150/Month
(\$1,800/year)

8 Partners

Guardian Level
\$75/Month
(\$900/year)

31 Partners

Caretaker Level
\$35/Month
(\$420/year)

ANIMAL ADVOCATE CLUB (AAC)

Our Animal Advocate Club recognizes supporters who provide a stable source of funds that we can count on monthly and annually. Recurring funds even out the ebb and flow of expenses and revenue throughout the year, and help us better plan for the future. Our Junior Animal Advocate Club allows youths in our community to get involved in philanthropy. Memberships help Animal Friends Alliance to build a sustainable future with a greater sense of security, and gives us the opportunity to show our gratitude to supporters, an integral part of our success.

Leader

6 (\$400 Month)

Champion

14 (\$200 Month)

Ambassador

40 (\$100 Month)

Protector

76 (\$50 Month)

Friend

124 (\$25 Month)

Companion

146 (\$10 Month)

Associate

47 (\$5 Month)

Junior

12 (\$5 Month)



LEGACY OF LOVE SOCIETY: PLANNED GIVING

Our Legacy of Love Society is driven by a deep passion to provide lasting support to the animals and people in our community through the vehicle of planned giving. Planned giving, often facilitated through wills, trusts, and insurance policies, allows individuals to leave a legacy of compassion and support. It provides an opportunity to extend love and care for animals beyond our own lifetimes. By including these thoughtful provisions in estate plans, you ensure that the important work we do today continues to well into the future.



MEMBERSHIP

78

FAMILIES

GRANTMAKING DONORS

2024 GRANTMAKING

In 2024, we were honored to receive support from 61 foundations and trusts, totaling over **\$346,424**. These generous grants help power our life-saving programs and provide critical resources for both animals and the people who love them. Whether funding general operations or specific initiatives, these contributions reflect a shared commitment to creating a more compassionate community. We are deeply grateful to our grantmaking partners for standing with us in our mission to save lives and strengthen the human-animal bond.



Our Fall in Love at Dellenbach Subaru event was made possible thanks to a life-saving grant from ASPCA and Subaru of America.

CASE STUDY: SCRIMP



At Animal Friends Alliance, we believe every animal deserves its best chance, and we're committed to helping those who need it most. Scrimp, a scrappy and affectionate tabby, is a perfect example of the resilience we see every day and the extraordinary outcomes made possible by compassionate supporters and our team.

Scrimp came to our shelter in critical condition. His left eye was severely infected and painful, leaving him lethargic and withdrawn. Our veterinary team determined he needed an enucleation, a surgical removal of the damaged eye, to save his life and relieve his suffering. Thanks to the dedication of our medical team and the generosity of our community, Scrimp received the life-saving care he needed.

Following his recovery, Scrimp's sweet personality began to shine. He quickly became a favorite among staff and volunteers, charming everyone with his playful nature and loud purrs. Despite his new one-eyed appearance, Scrimp proved he was just as capable and curious

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COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

We are thrilled to have over 685 dedicated volunteers supporting us each day in our life-saving mission! The compassion, generosity, and advocacy our volunteers show for the animals and people we serve create a special environment. At Animal Friends Alliance, service and community drive social change. Our volunteers are vital to providing exceptional care for our animals, whether in foster homes or our shelters.

685
VOLUNTEERS SUPPORTING US

76,446
DIRECT ANIMAL CARE
VOLUNTEER HOURS*

89,003
TOTAL VOLUNTEER HOURS

*INCLUDES FOSTER VOLUNTEER HOURS

VOLUNTEER ROLES

Animal Care

Animal care volunteers are at the heart of our shelter, providing daily hands-on support to the cats and dogs in our care. They help with essential tasks like cleaning, feeding, socializing, and providing enrichments.

Community Outreach Volunteers

Outreach volunteers play an essential role in our ongoing efforts to help connect animals with the community. They assist with fundraising events and represent our organization at outreach opportunities by sharing information about our programs and services.

Foster

Foster volunteers provide temporary shelter, socialization, and care for animals in their own homes. Fosters help us gain insight on animals as they prepare for adoption. They help study their interactions in a home, with other pets, and out in the community.



SUPPLY DRIVES

We had an incredible year in 2024 with our supply drives. We raised \$35,988 worth of in-kind donations along with \$2,801 in monetary donations. Supply drives play a vital role in keeping our shelter stocked with essential items.

DIGITAL ENGAGEMENT



42,609
Facebook
Followers



14,959
Instagram
Followers



38,000+
Email
Subscribers



Scrimp Case Study Continued

as any other cat. What he needed now was the right family, one that would see past his scars and recognize the loving companion he was.

That family came along in 2024. Scrimp's adopters not only embraced his quirky charm but also welcomed him into a large and lively family that includes dogs, chickens, and many human relatives. From lounging in the sunshine to leash walks in the yard, Scrimp is now living his best life. His adopters shared, "Having one eye hasn't held him back at all... He's such a sweet, loving, and funny cat. Our goal is to take him camping this summer. He's going to be a traveling boy!"

Scrimp's journey reminds us that healing takes a village and that no obstacle is too great when love and compassion lead the way. His story represents our ongoing commitment to every animal who comes through our doors—providing not just medical care, but the chance at a joyful, adventure-filled life.

SHELTERING AND ADOPTION

Our adoption-guarantee shelter accepts surrendered and homeless cats and dogs and canine/feline transports from shelters in need. Prior to adoption, all animals are provided with preventative health measures, microchip, and spay/neuter.



Feline Intakes

| | |
|---------------------------------|-------|
| Stray. | 201 |
| Owner Surrender/Return. | 1,026 |
| In-State Transfer. | 154 |
| Out-of-State Transfer. | 1,239 |

Total 2,620



Canine Intakes

| | |
|---------------------------------|-----|
| Stray. | 1 |
| Owner Surrender/Return. | 252 |
| In-State Transfer. | 25 |
| Out-of-State Transfer. | 765 |

Total 1,043



Feline Outcomes

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|-----------------------------|-------|
| Adopted. | 2,523 |
| Reclaimed by Owner. | 35 |
| Died. | 11 |
| Euthanized. | 26 |
| Transferred Out. | 22 |
| Other. | 0 |

Total 2,617



Canine Outcomes

| | |
|-----------------------------|-------|
| Adopted. | 1,009 |
| Reclaimed by Owner. | 2 |
| Died. | 1 |
| Euthanized. | 19 |
| Transferred Out. | 2 |

Total 1,033



Intake Rate
Compared to 2023 intake rate



Live Release Rate
Live outcomes divided by total outcomes



FOSTERING

Of the 3,663 animals that entered our care in 2024, 79% spent some time in foster care. Our extensive network of foster homes housed 2,102 cats in 180 homes and 792 dogs in 210 homes for a combined fostering feat of **2,894** animals fostered in **390** homes.

2,102

Total Cats Fostered

792

Total Dogs Fostered

390

Number of Foster Homes

58,099

Foster Volunteer Hours Logged

80.2%

% of Cats Who Were Fostered

75.90%

% of Dogs Who Were Fostered

CASE STUDY: SUKI



Meet Suki, a resilient Chow/Husky mix whose journey from an overcrowded Texas shelter to a loving home in Fort Collins highlights the life-changing impact we can make. In September 2024, a group of Alliance staff visited under-resourced shelters in southern Texas to better understand the challenges in animal welfare. While visiting the Laredo, TX animal shelter, one particular pup stood out. Suki quickly wiggled her way into the heart of one of our staff members, and was chosen alongside other dogs and cats to begin their journey to a brighter future in Colorado.

Once in Fort Collins, Suki went into a foster home with the very staff member who had fallen in love with her in Texas, who was determined not to let her spend another day in a kennel. When she arrived, Suki was in rough shape; her fur was severely matted, she was in visible pain, lethargic, underweight, and struggling to breathe and eat. Like every animal in our care, Suki was met with compassion, resources, and an unwavering commitment to her healing and happiness.

While in her foster home, Suki was treated for multiple conditions including an upper respiratory infection, giardia, and coccidia. Yet, despite initial improvements, some symptoms persisted. Refusing to give up, our cont. on pg 7

COMMUNITY PET RESOURCE PROGRAMS

COMMUNITY CAT PROGRAM

Since 2014, our Community Cat Program has reduced the population of unowned cats in our community through sterilization and medical care. This program is an important vehicle for companion animal education and promoting pet-retention services.

Trapping Outcomes 2024

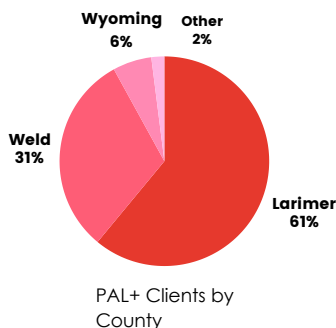
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| Returned After Spay/Neuter. | 604 |
| Kittens Taken Into Foster. | 486 |
| Adults Taken Into Shelter. | 190 |
| Already Altered, Returned. | 2 |
| Euthanized. | 2 |

BEHAVIORAL SERVICES

In 2023, we started providing Canine Behavioral Services to the public with a licensed veterinarian. In 2024, we provided 195 behavior consults, providing resources and medical management when necessary to keep dogs in their home where they are loved and cared for.

PREVENT A LITTER + PROGRAM

The PAL+ program provides subsidized spay, neuter, vaccinations, and microchips for those who show proof of financial need via low income or government assistance. A small copay (\$35/cat and \$60/dog) is requested but not required. No animal is ever turned away due to financial restrictions.



Services 2024

Spay/Neuter: 341 Cats, 487 Dogs
 Vaccines: 2,815 Total
 Vaccines, 689 Cats, 729 Dogs
 Microchipping: 492 Animals

KIBBLE SUPPLY PET FOOD PANTRY

Our supplemental pantry works in conjunction with PAL+ to support pets remaining with their families. Participants must spay/neuter their pet(s) to remain active and are referred to our PAL+ Program for assistance.



1,799

18,404 lbs Dry Cat Food
36,532 cans Wet Cat Food



1029

28,542 lbs Dry Dog Food
9,136 cans Wet Dog Food

805 Total Pet Guardians Helped



Suki Case Study Continued

veterinary team dug deeper and ran a blood test, ultimately diagnosing her with Ehrlichiosis. This is a potentially life-threatening tick-borne disease. Treating this illness required a month-long course of medication, regular follow-ups, and lots of TLC.

Thanks to the expertise and dedication of our team, Suki received the prompt, comprehensive care that saved her life. After nearly 50 days, she was officially adopted by her foster. Since then, Suki has blossomed into a happy and healthy girl who brings joy to everyone she meets. She loves brewery patio adventures with her family, hiking the trails at Horsetooth Reservoir, and making new friends everywhere she goes. At home, she's still working on winning over her two feline siblings, but she's determined and patient. Suki is now living the full life she was always meant to have. Her transformation reminds us that every animal deserves a chance to be truly wanted, cared for, and loved.

PUBLIC VETERINARY CLINIC

CLINIC SERVICES

The services in our clinic are available to any dog or cat owner, or caretaker of feral/barn cats, and focus on the prevention of pet overpopulation and disease. We are a nonprofit, high-quality, subsidized clinic. All of our spay/neuter procedures are performed by licensed Colorado veterinarians with a tremendous amount of experience. We perform more than 8,000 spay and neuter procedures each year! We are able to provide our services at reduced cost because of the donations and grant subsidies we receive from many funders.

Services Offered

- Spay/neuter surgery for cats and dogs
- Vaccinations (weekly clinics)
- Blood testing
- Heartworm testing and prevention
- Dewormer
- Microchipping
- Nail trims

2024 SURGERIES

2,482

**Animal Friends Alliance
Shelter Cats and Dogs**

65

**Other Rescues'
Cats and Dogs**

4,028

**Full-Pay Public Cats
and Dogs/
Promotional
Blitzes**

913

**Public Community Cats
and Community
Cat Program
Trap/Neuter/Return**

771

PAL+ Patients

**Total
8,295**

VACCINE CLINIC PARTICIPANTS



4,062

Pets Vaccinated in 2024



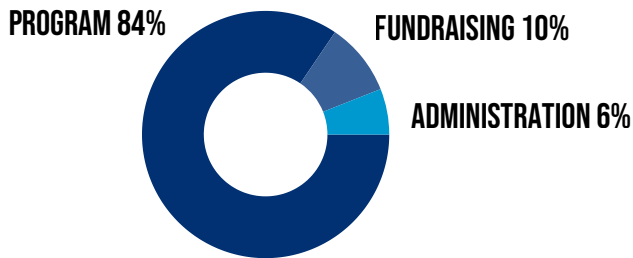
2024 FINANCIALS



EXPENSES

Total: \$4,667,826

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| Program | \$3,900,348 (84%) |
| Fundraising | \$485,270 (10%) |
| Administration | \$282,208 (6%) |



BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2024

President: Jana Dean, DVM

Vice President: Jenna Riedi

Treasurer: Julie Piepho

Secretary: Kirk Reimann

Voting Members:

Kris Cafaro

Kathy Dalton

Bob Gregory

Jean Opsomer

Travis Rounsaville

Stu Phillips

DIRECTORS

Executive Director: Sarah Swanty,
CAWA

Director of Community Pet Resources:
Mariah McCulley

Director of Shelter Services: Maria Hall

Director of Development: Bailey Payton

Taft Hill Campus:

2200 N. Taft Hill Road, Fort Collins, 80524

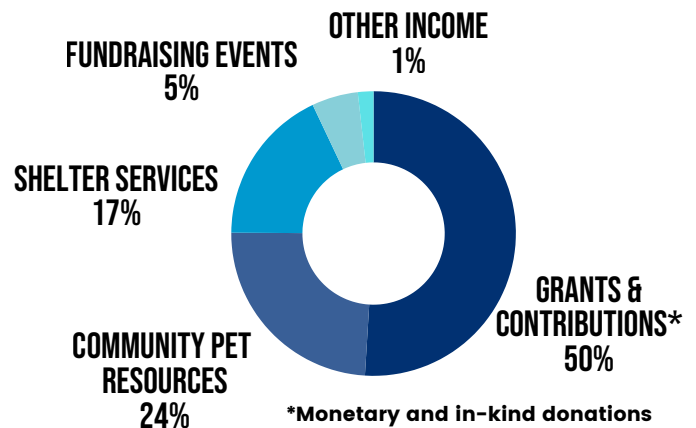
Mulberry Campus:

2321 E. Mulberry Street, Fort Collins, 80524

REVENUE

Total: \$5,023,603

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|-------------------------|-------------------|
| Grants & Contributions* | \$2,560,474 (50%) |
| Community Pet Resources | \$1,212,172 (24%) |
| Shelter Services | \$897,566 (17%) |
| Fundraising Events | \$264,140 (5%) |
| Other Income | \$89,251 (1%) |



ENDING NET ASSETS

Total: \$4,603,428

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