



TOMATO FOSTER CLUB
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A YEAR IN REVIEW

This year certainly wasn't without significant challenges, but it was also one filled with many extraordinary triumphs and notable firsts for our little club.

We welcomed more fosters and partnered with new shelter and rescue organizations to save so many lives. We were able to help more neonatal, critical and special needs cases than ever before including three paralyzed cats - Rhubarb, Bermuda & Milo. In addition to taking on more involved cases, we were also able to pursue FIP treatment for the first time for Little, a kitten with effusive FIP.

I am so proud of all that we were able to accomplish and overflowing with gratitude for the community we've built. It truly is incredible the impact we've been able to make in the lives of those that would otherwise have nowhere to turn, all thanks to your generosity.

As we look ahead to our third year, we want to thank you for your continued support as we plan for bigger things and pursue bigger dreams to help the most vulnerable animals.

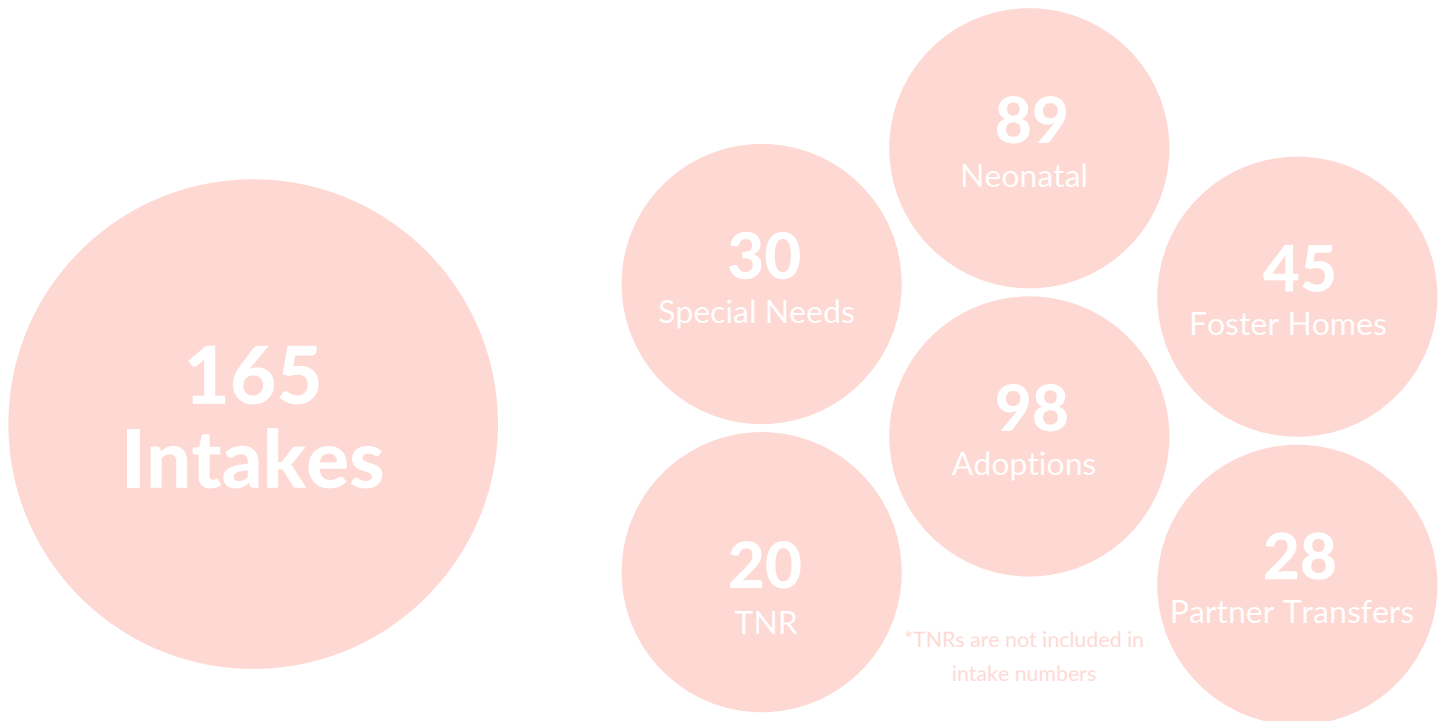
Coral Pogue

FOUNDER/DIRECTOR



OUR IMPACT

BY THE NUMBERS



BEHIND THE NUMBERS

As a rescue that focuses on the most at-risk animals, numbers rarely tell the full depth of our work. We choose cases based on need and often turn away healthy, able bodied animals in order to serve the disproportionately vulnerable. These include neonatal (which account for about 50% of our intakes), critically sick or injured and special needs. Taking on these cases requires more of every resource - time, care and money, but we know each one is worth it.

And of course none of the stories behind these numbers would have been possible without the support of our full hearted community.

HIGHLIGHTS: LITTLE



Eight-week-old Little was diagnosed with FIP at a local shelter and was going to be euthanized since FIP has long been considered a 100% fatal disease. However, in recent years, an experimental treatment has given hope to those diagnosed with this awful disease. We pulled Little and pursued treatment. After 12 weeks of treatment followed by 12 weeks of observation, Little was deemed cured and adopted!

HIGHLIGHTS: ARTHUR & WALKER



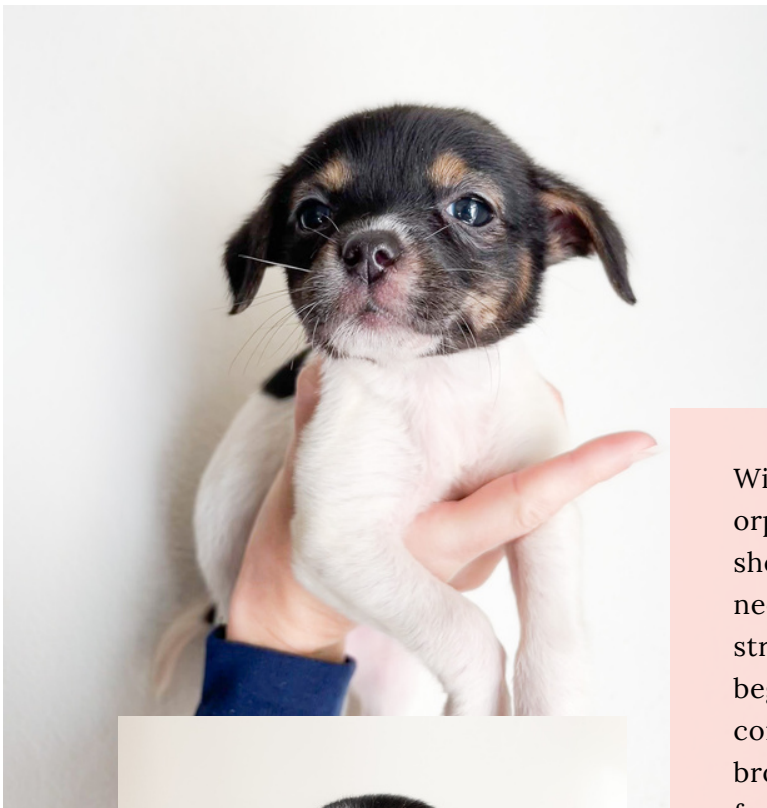
Arthur and Walker were two kittens diagnosed with moderate to severe Cerebellar Hypoplasia, a condition that affects the fine motor skills. Due to their special needs they needed a rescue to advocate for them. Walker found a wonderful family who understood her needs and Arthur was adopted into a family that already had a CH kitty that is now his best friend!

HIGHLIGHTS: RHUBARB



At two months old Rhubarb was brought into a local shelter unable to use her back legs. Radiographs discovered a bullet lodged in the tissue near her spine causing her paralysis. After five months in the shelter with few resources to care for her they put out a rescue request. We worked with several vets to reduce her chronic inflammation, pain and figured out a simple potty routine for her incontinence. Rhubarb found her forever home with her foster!

HIGHLIGHTS: WINSLET



Winslet and her brother, Walter, were left orphaned when their mom was euthanized at a shelter for aggression. They were so young they needed to be bottle fed, but Winslet really struggled and was touch and go from the beginning. With aggressive treatment she turned a corner and continued to thrive. She and her brother were both adopted into wonderful families.



HIGHLIGHTS: MILO



Milo came to us from a rural shelter where he was brought in paralyzed and covered in wounds. Radiographs showed that his spine and legs are permanently twisted and his hip broken and healed over incorrectly. None of this has ever slowed Milo down or dulled his spirit. Now that his wounds are healed he is a confident scottie cat with the sweetest heart and soul in the world.

HIGHLIGHTS: PEACH FUZZ



Peach Fuzz was brought to us by a trapper when she saw that his mom rejected him and he was struggling to survive. With dedicated round the clock care, Peach Fuzz grew into his name. He was adopted with his best friend and foster sibling, Cherry!



HIGHLIGHTS: MS. ALLEN



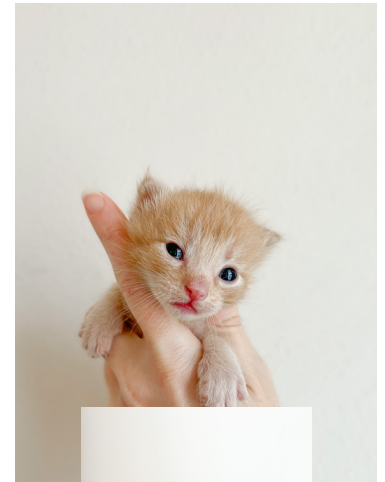
We rescued Ms. Allen from euthanasia at a rural shelter when she was seven weeks old. She was severely anemic, emaciated and so critically sick her eyes could barely open. It took weeks of care for her to pull through. Overcoming so much so young, the odds were completely stacked against her - we're so proud of the beautiful kitten she is today.

HIGHLIGHTS: TILLY



Tilly was one of six neonates whose mom was killed by a car and were brought into rural shelter with no capacity to care for them. Tilly was the smallest, sickest skin and bones kitten in the litter. She refused to eat on her own so she was syringe fed a small meal every few hours and given subcutaneous fluids for dehydration. After a week of round the clock critical care, Tilly began eating on her own and playing with her siblings. Now, Tilly is the sweetest lap sitting belly rub loving kitten. We are so glad we were able to be there for her when she needed help.

HIGHLIGHTS: SUGAR, STOUT, MUDBUG



Sugar, Stout and Mudbug were only days old when they were found in a truck wheel well on a freezing, rainy day, hypothermic and caked in grime. Two of their siblings had already passed away before being found. They were in such a fragile and rough state, but with a lot of love and care they grew into the best little trio!

FOSPICE

Fospice is one of the heaviest weights to carry as a foster, but it's also one of the most important. Inevitably taking in the toughest cases means that sometimes we come to find their condition is terminal due to progression or lack of treatment options. In those cases our fosters serve as their forever home.

Sebastian was one of those sweet souls.

From Sebastian's foster mama -

"Our sweet Sebastian came to us as a critical care, special needs bottle baby. We knew Sebastian had concerning congenital abnormalities including a severe case eyelid agenesis. While pursuing treatment for his eyes Sebastian developed concerning respiratory symptoms that required emergency care. This is when it was discovered that Sebastian was not only in congestive heart failure but his CHF treatment would be further complicated by advanced kidney disease.

With aggressive treatment, Sebastian got to enjoy two more weeks of being a happy playful kitten. Two more weeks full of purrs, delicious meals, tumbling and cuddling with other kittens his age, and being wholly loved. Until the end, he never stopped showing us how happy he was to be here. It was an honor to be able to spend the time he had together."



**It's not the
quantity of
time, but the
quality ♥**

THANK YOU



FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

