

Feeding Pets of the Homeless®

2025 Annual Report



Feeding Pets of the Homeless® is the first and one of the few national nonprofits providing pet food and emergency veterinary care to pets that belong to people experiencing homelessness.

From the desk of Genevieve Frederick

Founder & President

Each year, I return to the moment that started Feeding Pets of the Homeless: seeing a man on a New York City sidewalk with a healthy, devoted dog at his side. That moment changed what I understood about homelessness, about love and about the quiet promises people make to the animals who stay with them through everything.

In 2025, that promise felt more important than ever. Nationally, half of all renter households are cost burdened, and millions are spending more than half their income just to stay housed. For too many families, the distance between a home and homelessness is one illness, one lost job, one rent increase or one emergency vet bill.

For pet guardians experiencing homelessness, crisis is never simple. A sick dog in the back seat of a car. A cat who needs medication while her guardian searches for shelter. A Veteran trying to keep a companion healthy while working toward housing. These are the stories behind the more than 78,000 incoming and outgoing calls our staff handled this year.

Every call asked something of us. Listen. Guide. Verify. Coordinate. Find a veterinarian. Find food. Find a way to keep a pet and guardian together when the world has already taken so much from them.

This year, we also prepared for a meaningful change in how people reach us. Our team developed a new online Emergency Veterinary Care application, that launched Jan. 1, 2026. It is more than a technology update. It is a commitment to clarity, fairness and faster review for people facing urgent decisions with limited time and few resources. By gathering needed information earlier, our case managers can spend more time moving pets toward care and less time chasing paperwork during a crisis.



I am deeply grateful for everyone who made this work possible in 2025. Donors gave with compassion. Veterinarians opened their doors and discounted care. Volunteers collected food, hosted drives and brought our mission into their communities. Our board and staff continued to strengthen the foundation that allows this organization to respond with both heart and discipline.

The need is real, and it is growing. But so is the compassion that

surrounds this mission. I see it in every person who refuses to look away, every gift made in honor of a beloved pet and every guardian who says, "They are my family."

Thank you for believing that pets and people deserve care, dignity and hope. Because of you, families facing homelessness are met with help instead of judgment and a path forward when they need it most in every community served.



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Our History

In July 2008, Feeding Pets of the Homeless® received public nonprofit status, becoming the first national nonprofit focused on providing pet food and emergency veterinary care to pets belonging to people experiencing homelessness. In 2009, our network expanded into Canada.

We are a registered charity, authorized to solicit donations in every U.S. state requiring registration.

From the beginning, Feeding Pets of the Homeless has responded to needs that are urgent, practical and personal. We arrange emergency veterinary care for sick or injured pets and connect guardians with pet food, supplies, vaccinations, spay or neuter services and pet-friendly shelter resources.

Our supporters, including individuals, private foundations, businesses, veterinary hospitals and volunteers, make this work possible by giving time, resources and compassion.

Since 2008, Feeding Pets of the Homeless has paid more than **\$7.1 million** to provide emergency veterinary care and wellness clinic services to over **33,320 pets**. The market value of food donations distributed has surpassed **\$6.7 million**.

Through our network of donation sites and volunteers, nearly **2.7 million pounds of pet food** have been collected and distributed to food banks, shelters, soup

kitchens and directly to unhoused communities, easing one burden faced by people without stable housing.

Recognizing the unbreakable bond between people and their pets, we launched the Sleeping Crate Program in 2010, providing domestic violence and homeless shelters with crates so guests can keep their pets safely indoors.

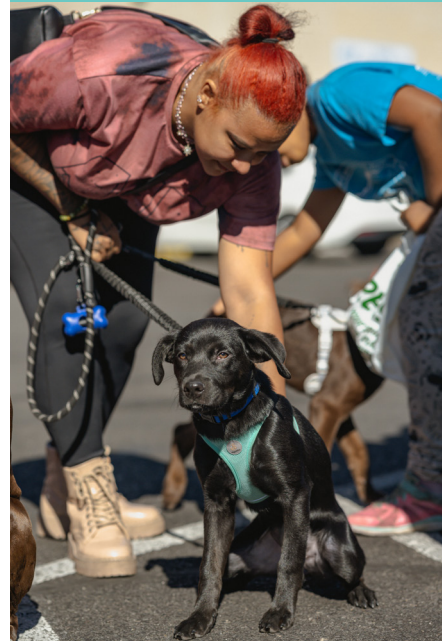
To support the long-term sustainability of our mission, we established an Endowment Fund in 2017. By the end of 2025, the fund had grown to more than **\$1,047,000**, stewarded by the Community Foundation of Northern Nevada.

We have always helped Veterans experiencing homelessness and through the Veterans Affairs Homeless Programs, we are helping Veterans and their pets move toward housing, stability and hope.

Beyond services, we offer a listening ear, hearing stories of struggle, resilience and devotion from those we serve.

Our website connects donors with food collection locations and provides resources for people experiencing homelessness who need help caring for their pets.

Most of us cannot imagine the hardships of homelessness. Because of your support, we help ease that burden by ensuring pets and their people receive care, dignity and hope.



Milestones

 **2008**
501(c)(3) Status Established

 **2010**
Crate Program Launched

 **2021**
Veteran Pet Support Began

 **2009**
First Emergency
Veterinary Care Provided

 **2013**
First Wellness
Clinic Hosted

Our Mission

Feeding Pets of the Homeless® believes in the healing power of companion pets and of the human/animal bond, which is very important in the lives of people experiencing homelessness. They find solace, protection and companionship through their pets. They care for their pets with limited resources so they themselves have less. Our task, nationwide, is to feed and provide emergency veterinary care to their pets and thus relieve the anguish and anxiety of homeless guardians who cannot provide for them.

The Need

When families lose housing, their pets lose housing too. Across the country, rising rents, medical debt, evictions, job loss, domestic violence, mental health challenges, substance abuse and the shortage of affordable housing continue to push people into homelessness. For many pet guardians, one unexpected crisis can mean the difference between stability and living in a vehicle, shelter, encampment or on the street.

Feeding Pets of the Homeless estimates that up to 33% of people experiencing homelessness on any given night are with pets. These pets are family. They provide comfort, protection, routine and unconditional love during some of the most unstable moments in their guardians' lives. No pet, no matter who their guardian is, should be left hungry or sick.

The need grows as housing costs outpace wages and fixed incomes. Older adults, people with disabilities, Veterans, survivors of domestic violence and families living paycheck to paycheck are especially vulnerable. Our records show that approximately 6% of the unhoused individuals we assist are over the age of 65, many surviving on limited Social Security income or pensions that no longer stretch far enough.

For people experiencing homelessness with pets, every choice becomes more complicated. Many shelters still do not allow animals, forcing guardians to choose between accessing shelter services or staying with the pet who has remained beside them through crisis.

Most will not abandon their companions, choosing instead to remain together in cars, tents, temporary encampments or outdoor spaces.

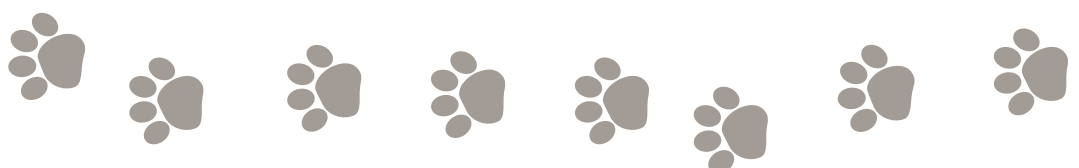
For guardians, a pet is a lifeline. People often go without food, medical care or basic necessities to make sure their animals are fed and safe. The bond can help them cope with trauma, loneliness, depression and uncertainty while giving them purpose and a reason to keep moving forward.

People experiencing homelessness are often judged harshly for having pets. Yet Feeding Pets of the Homeless sees the opposite of neglect. These pets are deeply loved, closely watched and cared for with extraordinary devotion, even when resources are scarce. As Dr. David Kowalek, a longtime supporter, veterinarian and board director for Feeding Pets of the Homeless, has said:

“Their means of care may be different, or financially limited, but these pets are very clearly loved, attended to, and in some respects have a quality of life that is better than my own animals.”

When a pet becomes sick or injured, people experiencing homelessness often have nowhere to turn. Feeding Pets of the Homeless fills this critical gap by providing emergency veterinary care, pet food, wellness services and support that help keep pets healthy and families together.

With compassion and action, we protect and honor the bond between people and their pets.



Our Impact



Hi, I'm Bronx. I'm a 5-month-old Pit Bull puppy, and I live in Long Beach with my mom. Right now, we're experiencing homelessness. My mom is disabled, and I'm her constant companion. She takes me everywhere in my cozy stroller as we keep searching for safe, stable housing.

A few weeks ago, I started limping and would not put weight on my back leg. It hurt too much to walk, and my mom was heartbroken watching me struggle, especially because carrying me was difficult for her too.

At a local Homeless Shower Program, we met a volunteer who referred us to Feeding Pets of the Homeless who offered help. After intake and paperwork, we were approved for care.

The veterinarian took X-rays and thankfully found no major injury, just a soft tissue strain. With rest, I would recover. I also received updated vaccines and worm treatment to help keep me healthy.

Feeding Pets of the Homeless contributed \$977 toward my care. Now I'm healing and back with my mom, safe in my little stroller, ready for better days ahead together. We feel supported, hopeful and less alone now.

Hi, my name is Tasha! I am a 16-year-old female Husky, and I live in a car with my dad. We have been experiencing homelessness for as long as I can remember, more than 13 years.

My dad still struggles with a traumatic brain injury that affects his memory, and we do not have family or a support system nearby. He says I am the one thing he consistently remembers each day, and I help give him stability. Because we are so close, he noticed right away when a growth on my neck began getting larger. Soon, it was the size of a softball and was affecting my quality of life.

A kind veterinarian helped us start a crowdfunding campaign, but the procedure cost more than we could raise. The vet said waiting could make the mass inoperable, so they contacted Feeding Pets of the Homeless and helped my dad complete the application.

Once we were approved, my surgery was scheduled very quickly. The veterinarian removed the mass, and Feeding Pets of the Homeless contributed \$675 toward my care. I am back to my energetic self and still comforting my dad as we work toward a better living situation, grateful for everyone who helped keep us moving forward together with hope, care and a second chance to stay together.



Hi, my name is Scorpio. I am a 4-year-old female Pit Lab mix. My mom is disabled and working toward housing. Right now, we live in a motel that has been converted into a shelter for people experiencing homelessness.

At the shelter, I was attacked by another dog. I had scratches across my body and a cut on my right leg that became swollen and started to drain. My mom was scared it might be infected. She searched online for help and found Feeding Pets of the Homeless.

After speaking with a case manager and verifying our situation, my mom was able to take me to a nearby veterinarian. I received wound care, antibiotics and pain medication. Feeding Pets of the Homeless contributed \$736 toward my care, and I am now back home with my mom recovering.

My mom said she was lost and ready to give up before help came through. She was so grateful to the donors and staff who made sure I could be seen. Thanks to Feeding Pets of the Homeless, my mom and I did not have to face this alone, during a scary and painful time like this again.

Our Programs

What We Do

Feeding Pets of the Homeless was founded to provide pet food for individuals experiencing homelessness. Over time, we expanded to offer additional services to care for their pets during challenging living conditions.

Today, our network across the United States and Canada provides critical support, including emergency veterinary care, pet food distribution, wellness clinics, and a sleeping crate program that allows homeless guardians to shelter with their pets safely.

Donation Sites and Pet Food Providers

Our Donation Sites are businesses committed to social responsibility. These locations collect pet food donations and deliver them to Pet Food Provider sites or arrange for Feeding Pets of the Homeless volunteers to facilitate deliveries.

Pet Food Providers include homeless shelters, food banks, and soup kitchens serving individuals and families experiencing homelessness and economic hardship.

In 2025, 303,105 pounds of pet food were delivered to Pet Food Providers by Donation Sites and volunteers that had a fair market value of over \$1,049,940. Additionally, we shipped 1,607 pounds of pet food, at a cost of \$2,288, to support partners unable to meet the growing needs of their clients.

We proudly maintain partnerships in all 50 U.S. states and across Canadian provinces. As the need persists, we continue to seek businesses willing to join our mission.

Emergency Care Assistance

Our network of over 2,000 veterinary hospitals continues to offer life-saving support to pets in crisis. We pay veterinary partners at the time of service, ensuring fast care when it matters most.

In 2025, hospitals provided discounts of over \$141,000, helping us maximize donor impact. Combined Emergency Veterinary Care and Veteran Pet Support costs exceeded \$1,172,000, supporting over 2,108 pets through emergency treatments, wellness clinics, and follow-up care.

Of the individuals we assisted, 65% were women, 34% men (1% unidentified), 20% were survivors of domestic violence, 41% were disabled, and 8% were Veterans.

Approximately 28% were living in their vehicles, and the average length of time experiencing homelessness was three years and four months.



Wellness Clinics

Preventative care is vital to maintaining healthy pets. Feeding Pets of the Homeless sponsors licensed veterinarians who volunteer their time to hold wellness clinics, providing wellness exams, vaccinations, nail trimmings, ear cleanings, and other basic services.

In 2025, we sponsored two hospitals in one state, collectively vaccinating 263 pets.

Sleeping Crate Program

The bond between a pet and a person is so strong that many individuals will forgo staying in a shelter if their pet is not welcome. Feeding Pets of the Homeless created the Sleeping Crate Program to address this challenge.

Some shelters allow pets if they are secured in crates; however, few unhoused individuals have access to one.

Since its inception in 2010, the program has contributed 529 sleeping crates to shelters in 15 states, at a cost of over \$32,883. When requested, crates are drop-shipped to facilities and become property of the shelter.

When pets are welcomed into shelters through programs like this, Feeding Pets of the Homeless can also help provide emergency veterinary care when a pet becomes sick or injured, ensuring they receive treatment while remaining close to their guardian.

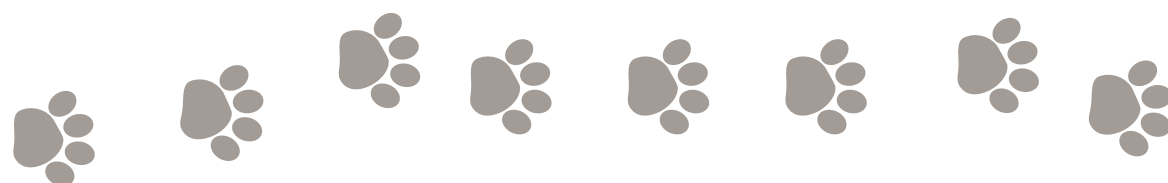
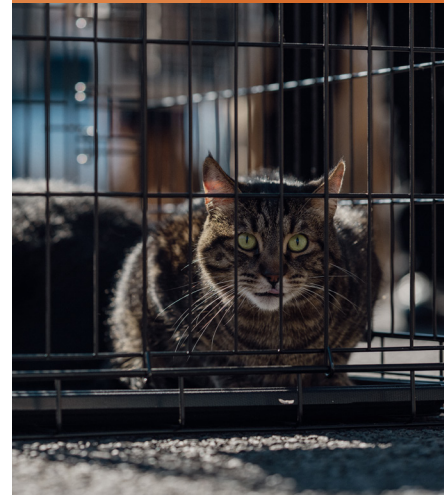
While many shelters still prohibit pets, we continue to advocate for this simple yet powerful solution to homeless and domestic violence shelters.

Veteran Pet Support

Feeding Pets of the Homeless has always supported homeless Veterans, and we now offer specific assistance to Veterans participating in Veterans Administration Homeless Programs; a collaboration between the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and the VA.

HUD-VASH combines housing vouchers with supportive services to help vulnerable Veterans find and sustain permanent housing.

We are proud to provide veterinary care and supplies, ensuring that Veterans' furry companions remain with them throughout their journey to stability and recovery.



2025 Key Accomplishments

Welcomed New Board Member

In 2025, Feeding Pets of the Homeless voted Tony Luchetti, DVM, to its Board of Directors. A Reno veterinarian and owner of Peak Pet Urgent Care, Tony brings more than 20 years of veterinary experience and a commitment to access to care. His clinical expertise and passion for helping Veterans and underserved communities bring valuable perspective to our leadership team.

October Pet Food Drive: Fill a Vehicle Campaign

Twelve dealerships across four states (Arizona, California, Nevada and New Mexico) joined our annual "Fill a Vehicle" Pet Food Drive. Community members generously donated hundreds of pounds of pet food and supplies, which were distributed through our partner network to support unhoused and low-income pet guardians. This campaign spotlighted the power of local partnerships to create meaningful change.

GlobalGiving

In 2025, we ranked 1st in animal welfare nonprofits and ranked 18 overall out of more than 11,613 organizations on GlobalGiving. Supporters contributed more than \$733,000 through the platform.

Direct Mail Growth

Strategic direct mail campaigns continued to grow our donor base and deepen engagement. In 2025, we mailed 952,478 letters nationwide, sharing powerful stories of impact and inviting compassionate support. This effort generated an impressive 98% return on investment, ensuring that more pets receive the care they need when their guardians had nowhere else to turn.

100% Board Giving

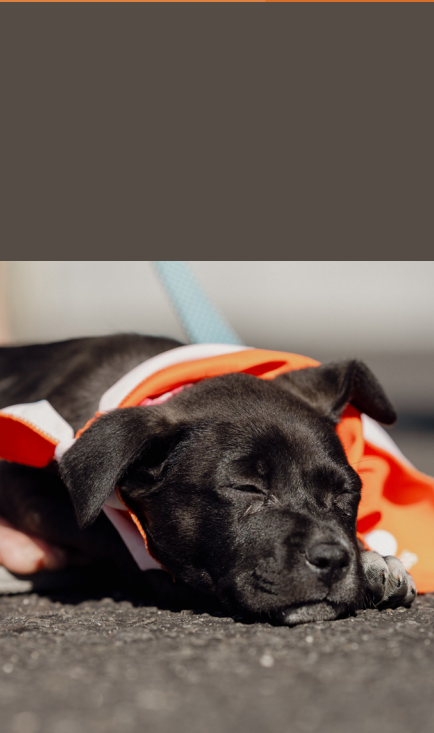
For the 12th consecutive year, Feeding Pets of the Homeless achieved 100% Board Giving, a reflection of our leadership's steadfast commitment to our mission and values.

New Online Application for Emergency Veterinary Care

With over 78,000 incoming and outgoing calls, Feeding Pets of the Homeless developed a centralized online application for Emergency Veterinary Care, preparing the program for launch on Jan. 1, 2026. The new application was designed to make the request process clearer, faster and more efficient for pet guardians experiencing homelessness. By collecting key eligibility information upfront, including verification of the guardian's living situation, the system helps reduce delays, limit back-and-forth phone calls and allow Case Managers to review requests quickly and fairly, creating a consistent process that prioritizes pets facing the most urgent medical emergencies.

Corporate Community PAWtnership Program

Feeding Pets of the Homeless developed the Corporate Community PAWtnership to create a meaningful pathway for businesses and community organizations to support pets and people experiencing homelessness. With local, regional and national engagement levels, the program helps companies align their corporate social responsibility goals with a mission that keeps pets and their guardians together. IntroVet and the Dave & Cheryl Duffield Foundation joined as founding PAWtners, helping strengthen support for emergency veterinary care, pet food and vital services nationwide.



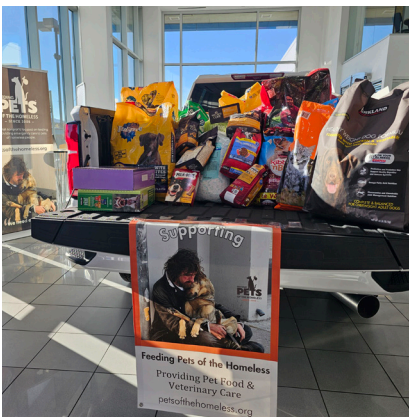
Volunteers in Action

Our volunteers are the heartbeat of Feeding Pets of the Homeless, dedicating their time and passion to make a tangible difference in the lives of both pets and their owners experiencing homelessness. From organizing pet food drives to participating in community outreach events, their commitment has sparked conversations and raised awareness about our mission. Their invaluable contributions not only ensure that pets receive the care they deserve but also highlight the significance of compassion and support within their communities. Through their efforts, we continue to expand our reach and make a meaningful impact on the lives of those in need. This year we updated our volunteer page on the website to make it easier to learn about all the ways you can participate.

Visit petsofthehomeless.org/get-help/how-we-help/volunteer-opportunities/ to check it out.

Highlights From Our Year

Fill a Vehicle



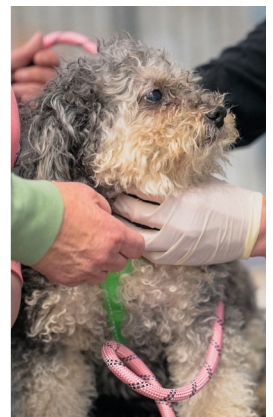
Give a Dog a Bone



Veteran Stand Down



Wellness Clinic



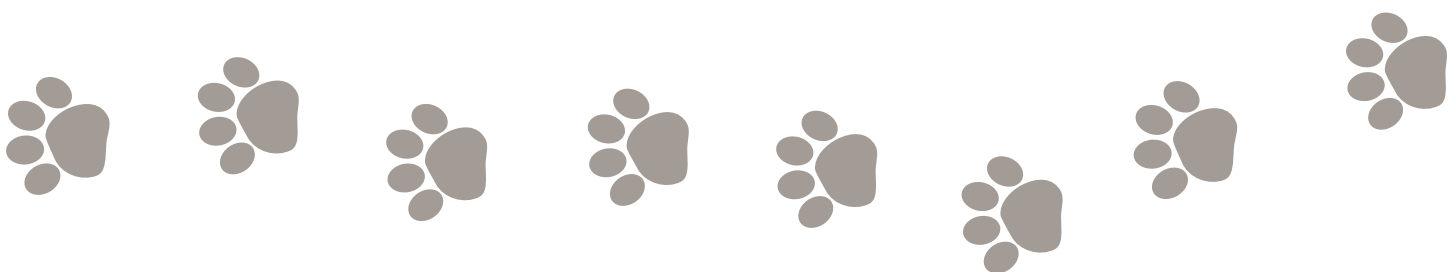
Fundraiser Raffle



Student Pet Food Drive



Donation Sites



Legacy Society for Feeding Pets of the Homeless

Linda Betzer
Natasha Brenner
Donna Bulick
Betty Burr
Teresa S. Caudle Revocable Trust
Douglas Gifford
Linda Goodhart
Linda Kuttner
Christy Long
Karen Lund
Patricia S. Martin Estate
Thomas McCaslin
Julie Neuberger
Lindsay Patterson
Marilyn Perez
Fred Reust
Nancy Schloss Revocable Trust
Patricia Sharon
Lou Ann Skinner
Eugenie Sotiropoulos
Nancy Stoffer
James Strenk
Nancy Ann More Strenk
Marguerite Swanson
George Swenson
Coya Tapia
Sharyn Burkle Wetmore
Annabelle Wightman
Julie Zatz



Legacy Society Members are honored here after they have passed on.



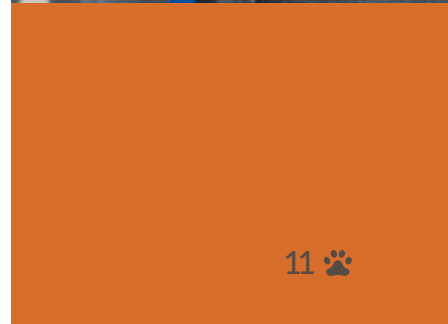
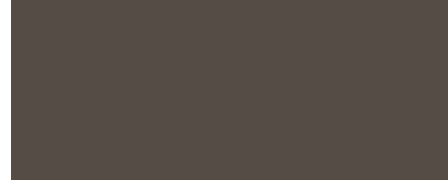
Feeding Pets of the Homeless Endowment Fund

In 2017, we began an endowment fund to guarantee the long-term sustainability of Feeding Pet of the Homeless. The fund is held at the Community Foundation of Western Nevada in Reno, Nevada and the 2025 year-end balance was \$1,047,569. If you are interested, please contact our office for additional information, info@petsofthehomeless.org.

2025 Grants

We are grateful and appreciative to the following foundations who have chosen to support Feeding Pets of the Homeless, allowing us to provide our programs across the United States and Canada.

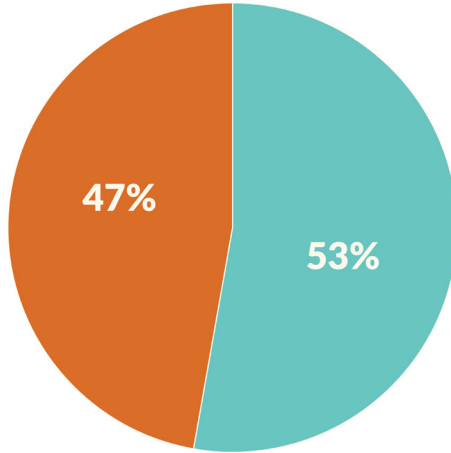
Leslie L. Alexander Foundation Inc.
Alpha Omega Charitable Foundation, Inc.
Animal Health Foundation of California
Sandra Atlas Bass Foundation
Bryce Family Foundation
Coville-Triest Foundation
Destination Pet Foundation
Disabled American Veterans (DAV)
Doris Day Animal Foundation
Drake Family Foundation
Dave & Cheryl Duffield Foundation
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Thornton & Katrina Glide Foundation
Thomas & Thelma Hart Foundation
Hoveida Family Foundation
Humane World for Animals
LB Charitable Foundation
Levitt Family Charitable Foundation, Inc
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Charles & Nikki Singer Foundation
Sidney Stern Memorial Trust



Financials

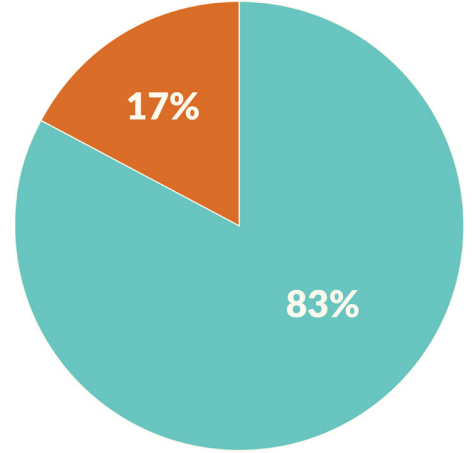
Financial Position as of December 31, 2025

Total Revenue/Expenses



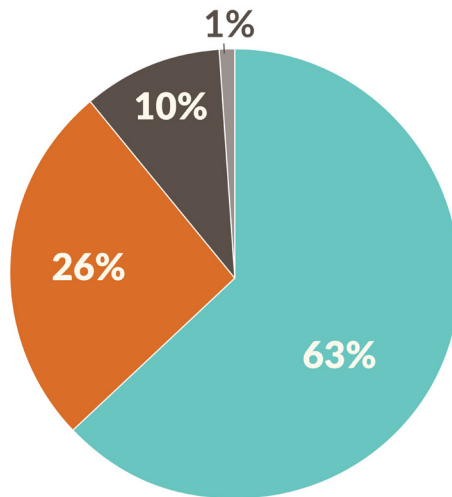
Total Revenue - \$4,646,672
 Total Expenses - \$4,184,685

Assets and Liabilities



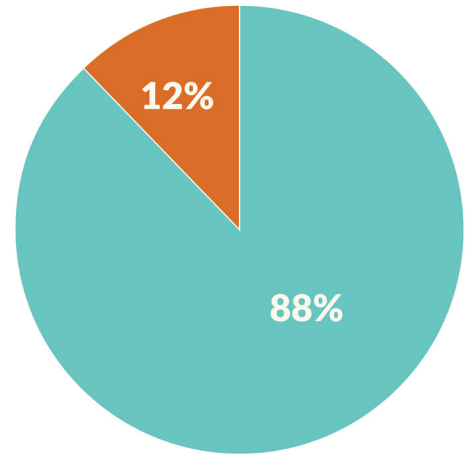
Assets - \$2,812,690
 Liabilities - \$582,268

Concentrations of Revenue

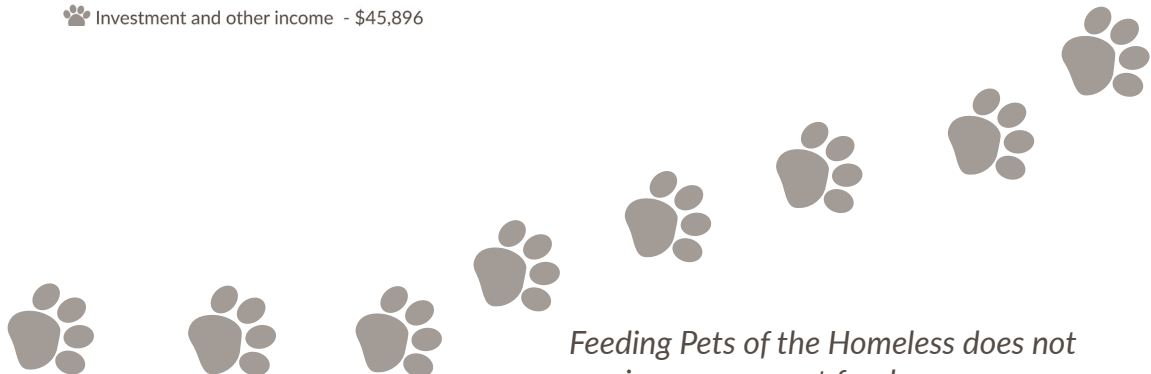


Contributions of cash - \$2,936,065
 Contributions of nonfinancial assets - \$1,191,786
 Grants - \$472,925
 Investment and other income - \$45,896

Contribution of Nonfinancial Assets

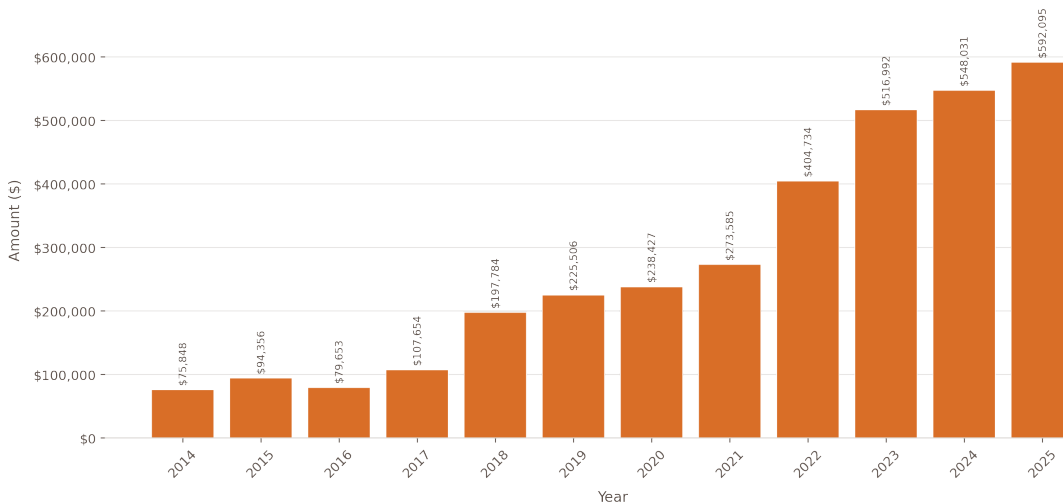


Pet Food and Supplies - \$1,049,821
 Donated Services - Veterinary Care - \$141,070

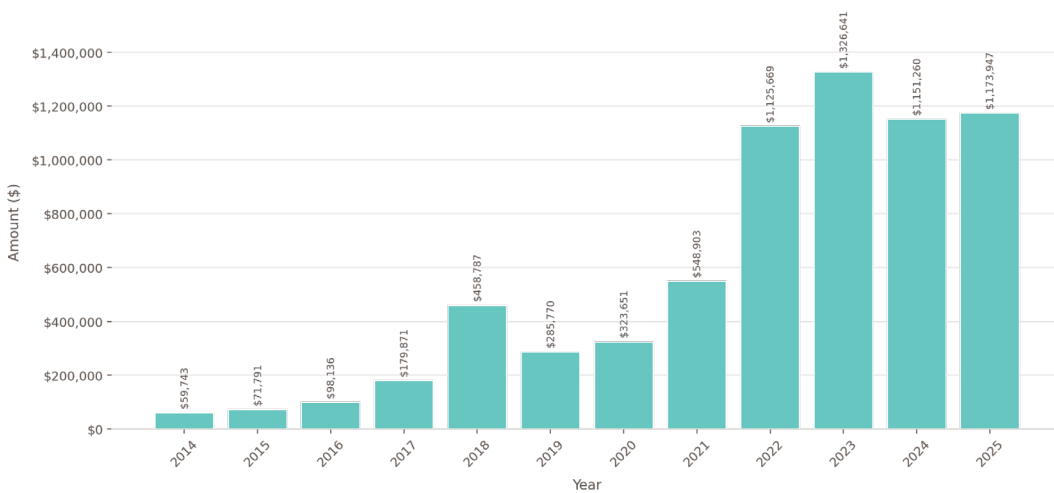


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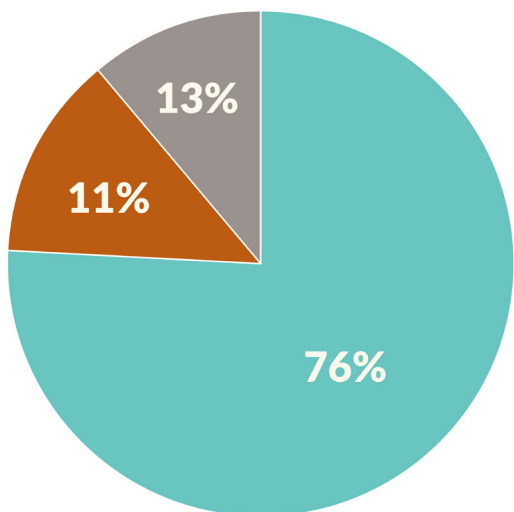
Wages, Payroll Taxes & Benefits, 2014-2025






Emergency Veterinary Care costs after Discounts, 2014-2025

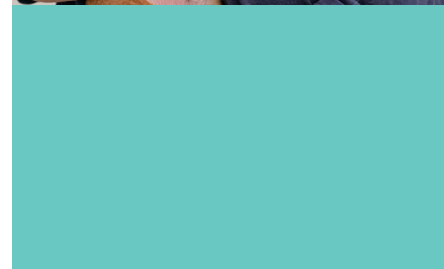


Functional Expenses



-  Programs - \$3,181,097
-  General & Admin - \$452,037
-  Fundraising - \$551,551

*The Better Business Bureau reports that nonprofit organizations should designate at least 65% of their funds to programming costs and no more than 35% of funds to fundraising and administration.



An independent audit is available per written request. IRS 990 tax form is available on the website.

2025 Board of Directors



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 [feedingpetsofthehomeless](https://www.tiktok.com/feedingpetsofthehomeless)

 [PetsHomeless](https://www.youtube.com/PetsHomeless)

 [PetsofHomeless](https://twitter.com/PetsofHomeless)

 [feeding-pets-of-the-homeless](https://www.linkedin.com/company/feeding-pets-of-the-homeless)

 [pets_of_the_homeless](https://www.instagram.com/pets_of_the_homeless)

How to Donate

Since we do not receive government funding, we rely on your support to deliver services. Feeding Pets of the Homeless became recognized as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization registered with the State of Nevada in 2008. Candid has rated us as "Platinum." Charity Navigator rated us 100 out of 100. We are registered as a "charity" with all U.S. states with registration requirements. Our EIN is 26-3010540.

You can donate on our website at www.petsofthehomeless.org or you can mail us a check to Feeding Pets of the Homeless, 710 W. Washington Street, Carson City, NV 89703-3826. Contact us if you have further questions at info@petsofthehomeless.org or call 775-841-7463.

You can also support us through a charitable IRA Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD), through a Donor-Advised Fund or a charitable gift to the endowment fund, or donate a vehicle, or donate appreciated stock, or crypto or through your company matching program. Leaving a lasting legacy gift through your estate planning will ensure that you are remembered.

Thank you to all the wonderful photographers who have contributed images to Feeding Pets of the Homeless.

Donate Now



We act with integrity!

We've earned a



★ FOUR-STAR RATING ★

from

 Charity Navigator

Platinum
Transparency
2026

Candid.

100%

Giving Board
Award 2025





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