

2024



All cats are  
**perfect**  
M. Krieger

# Happy Cats Haven Annual *Impact* Report

Happy Cats Haven

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“We are madly in love with them and are so glad they’re part of our *family*”

**950**  
cats  
rescued

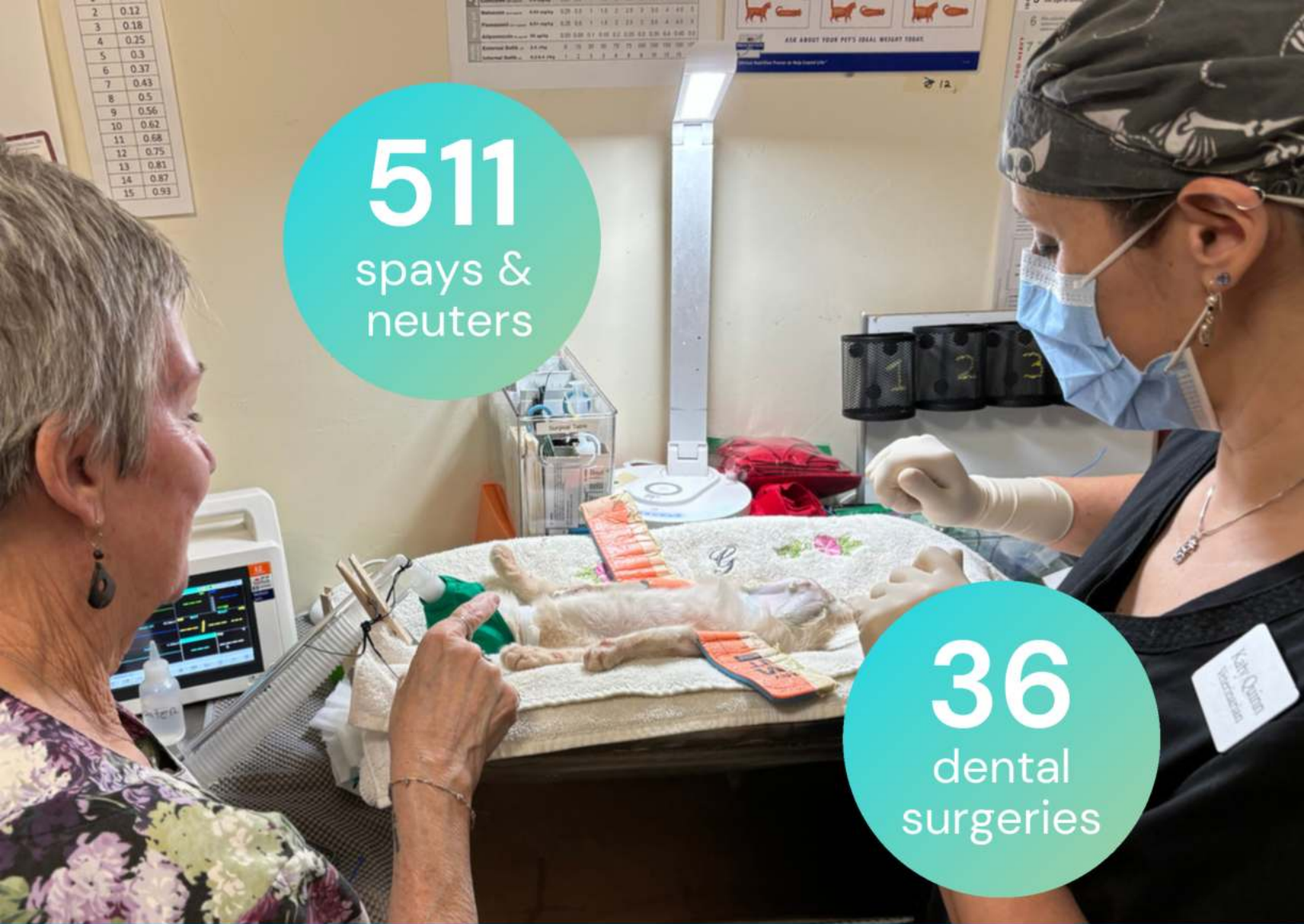
**774**  
adoptions

**52%**  
bonded  
family  
& friends

**62%**  
adults &  
seniors



We are committed to saving **and** supporting homeless felines in the Pikes Peak Region. We work as hard for our vulnerable adults as we do for our adorable kittens, with adoptions up 18% from the national average for cats.



511  
spays &  
neuters

36  
dental  
surgeries

## happy, healthy & fixed

With deep gratitude to the many veterinary clinics who partnered with us since 2011, we consolidated to mostly in-house care in 2024. Funded by our donors and a Banfield grant, our small surgery suite kept very busy. We are blessed to have Dr. Katy Quinn as our part-time veterinarian, since she is as committed to shelter cats as we are. She generously mentors our volunteers and vet tech students who staff our surgeries. Thanks to everyone's hard work, we lowered our medical procedure costs by 3% from 2023!

We are also grateful to our former Veterinarian of Record, Dr. Jennifer Pearson, for sharing her facility and equipment so we could provide 32 in-house dentals, leading to a **138% jump in senior cat adoptions**.



624

fostered  
felines

149

foster  
families

### *fostering saves lives*

Two thirds of our kittens and cats spent time with our dedicated, loving foster families, peaking at 200+ in summer. Our foster moms and dads help us raise confident, purrful kittens ready to adapt to any changes in their guardians' lives. They also help us recover sick and traumatized kitties into health and adoptability.



**80**  
behavior  
adoptions

*onsite  
behavior  
team*

**16**  
Litterbox  
Lab  
adoptions

**36**  
Bubble  
Kitten  
adoptions

We created our Onsite Behavior Team in 2020 to better help our most traumatized and scared kitties. Our trained volunteers use play therapy and clicker training to bring back their joy and trust in humans.

In 2024, 80 OBT kittens & cats graduated to their forever families, including our most vulnerable cats labeled with litterbox issues. Our shy Bubble Kittens graduated from hiding and avoiding touch to leaning in for petting and coming out to meet their new families.



## save means stay

Standard shelter practice counts only cats who come back within 30 days as returns, but we count them all. Why? To learn as much as possible about each cat to make a better match next time.

Except for a post-pandemic uptick to 14%, our return rate has stayed at about 10-11% each year. Last year it dropped dramatically to 8%. We credit the hard work of our Foster Families and Onsite Behavior Team who help our cats & kittens become adoptable before they go home: *they come to their names, lean in for petting and can be placed or lured into a carrier.*



94

Biscuit  
Factory  
adoptions

205  
shelter  
transfers

## *making Biscuits*

Our friends at the Biscuit Factory opened as our region's first fulltime Cat Cafe in November 2023. Since then, they have helped us find forever families for 137 cats and catolescents.

Their loving support and promotion of our cats enabled us to increase our transfers of adult cats from other shelters to 22% of our intakes, saving scores of at-risk cats.



403  
TNR  
cats  
fixed

149  
kittens  
saved

Our TNR Coordinator Barb Jones partners tirelessly with HSPPR's Sam and crew. With their support and mass spay/neuter days, we contributed 403 cats to our community efforts to reduce feline overpopulation. These surgeries prevent thousands of deaths and untold suffering in our community cats. Along with the kittens we rescued, we found homes for dozens of their brave momcats and helped feed 300+ cats, thanks to generous donors.



*TNR cares.*



**100+**  
steady  
volunteers

## *our beating hearts*

Volunteers are the lifeblood of any nonprofit, but especially one that rescues animals. Our volunteers keep us in operation, keeping our cats and kittens happy from the moment they come in the door to the moment they go home...with plenty of kitty therapy to keep our volunteers happy too.

# headbonks & purrs



## Our Staff

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