



Year-End Report

2025



Cats

Behind every metric is a real animal, real people, and real work to give them every opportunity for a safe path forward.

7 days

Average Length of Stay in Shelter

1,601

Cats Requiring Immediate Shelter Placement

2,375

Cats Diverted through TNR & Supported Self-Rehoming Programs

3,976

Total Cat Intake



Dogs

Helping dogs isn't just sheltering — it's problem-solving, prevention, and second chances in action.

9 days

Average Length of Stay in Shelter

4,746

Dogs Requiring Immediate Shelter Placement

479

Dogs Diverted through Supported Self-Rehoming Program

5,225

Total Dog Intake



Intake Reasons

Animals come to us for many reasons — our work is to meet each one with a solution, not just a kennel.

196

Average # of Animals in Shelter Each Day

2,463

Owner Surrenders & Rehoming Needed

4,479

Stray & Lost Pets Brought In by the Public and Animal Control

2,100

Community Cats for TNR Services

159

Other Intake Types (Returned Adoptions, Transfers, etc.)



In Shelter Medical Care

Every animal in our care receives medical screening and treatment by licensed veterinarians and trained medical technicians. This in-shelter medical support stabilizes health and improves placement outcomes.

16,026

Vaccines Given to Shelter Pets

15,428

Veterinarian & Technician
Exams Completed

9,700

Diagnostic Tests Performed



Animal Control

4,179

Complaints Investigated

115

Cruelty, Neglect & Public Safety Animal Seizures

181

Animal Violations Prosecuted *

Every call is different — animal control shows up ready to protect, respond, and resolve.

** Does not include prosecutions led by the Greenville County Sheriff's Office where our officers provided support.*



Adoption

2,589

Adopted in the Shelter

Each adoption means one less animal waiting and one more family made whole.

58

Adopted at Offsite Events

530

Adopted in Foster Care

3,931

Total Pets Adopted in 2025

754

Adopted through Supported Self-Rehoming Program



Foster

Foster care is sheltering without walls. It expands capacity, improves outcomes, and saves lives...and it's FUN!

774

People Became Foster Parents

464

Dogs Placed in Foster Homes

1,629

Total Pets Fostered in 2025

1,165

Cats Placed in Foster Homes



Rescue Partners

103

Active Rescue Partners

Rescue partnerships expand pathways to placement. We save more lives when we work together than we ever could alone.

870

Dogs Transferred to Rescue Placement Partners

946

Total Pets Helped by Our Rescue Partners in 2025

76

Cats Transferred to Rescue Placement Partners



Reunited

Nothing we do matters more than getting a lost pet safely back to their family. Back home is always the best outcome.

1,009

Lost Pets Reunited with their Family *

2,100

Community Cats returned to their outdoor home areas after TNR

3,109

Total Pets Reunited in 2025

** Includes lost pets reunited at the shelter and returned home in the field by animal control.*



Non Live Outcomes

Our goal is always a live outcome. When that is not possible, our duty is a humane one. Open-admission animal care means saying yes to animals in crisis — the sick, the suffering, and the dangerous — not just the adoptable.

32

Unassisted Deaths
(Died in Care)

10

Live Outcomes Unknown
(Lost or Stolen)

1,407

Assisted Deaths*
(Humane Euthanasia)

** Includes euthanasia in shelter and end-of-life services offered at the request of pet owners*

Reasons for Euthanasia

We believe the community deserves clear information about why euthanasia occurs. Each decision follows medical and behavioral evaluation and humane care standards.

873

Behavior or Aggression
That Makes Safe
Placement Not Possible

352

Untreatable Medical
Condition Resulting in
Pain or Suffering

135

End-of-Life Services
Offered at the Request of
Pet Owners

7

Court-Ordered
Euthanasia for
Dangerous Dogs

31

Euthanasia for Public
Health Rabies Testing

9

Shelter Capacity
Limitations

Pet Support Programs



Our pet support programs help families keep their animals safe, healthy, and at home whenever possible by removing barriers and providing practical early help. This proactive approach prevents unnecessary surrenders, reduces pet overpopulation, and supports a safer, healthier community for pets and people alike.

No Empty Bowls Pet Food Pantry



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Second Chance
Fund & Support
from Partners in
Animal Care*

The pet food pantry is a simple but powerful prevention tool — helping families care for their pets during tough times and reducing crisis-driven shelter intake.

2,763

People Helped

13,635

Pets Helped

204,525

Pounds of Food Given Out

Spay & Neuter



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Fund*

Providing free and low-cost spay/neuter services is one of the most effective public investments in animal welfare, helping prevent overpopulation and reduce crisis intake before it starts.

7,429

Spay/Neuter Surgeries
Completed

90%

Percent of Surgeries
Provided FREE to the
Community

2,100

Trap-Neuter-Return
Surgeries for
Community Cats

Community Pet Vaccine Clinics



Free pet vaccines are a frontline public health service, preventing disease and protecting both pets and the community.

6,370

Total Pets Vaccinated

11,784

Total Vaccines Given for FREE

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Petco Love*

Public Access to Veterinary Care



Our low-cost wellness veterinary services provide basic care for pets whose owners meet income qualifications, helping remove financial barriers to essential treatment and prevention. By making care more accessible, we help pets stay healthier, reduce avoidable medical crises, and support families in keeping their animals safely at home.

4,339

Low-Cost Vet Appointments for
Community Pets

2,572

Community Pets Served

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Pet Identification



Our pet identification program provides free microchips and ID tags to help lost pets get home faster. By increasing access to permanent and visible ID, we improve reunification rates, reduce shelter stays, and strengthen safety for pets and their families.

8,969

FREE Microchips Implanted in Shelter & Community Pets

10,000+

FREE ID Tags Given Out to Our Community

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Community Engagement Programs



Many of our most effective programs are powered directly by the community. Volunteers, businesses and residents play a hands-on role in giving pets relief, exposure, and extra support while they wait for their next step. These programs expand what the shelter can do each day, create more positive outcomes, and give people practical ways to be part of the solution for animals in our community.

Volunteer Support

Volunteer involvement turns community compassion into direct action for animals, expanding what we can accomplish together. They give their time, energy, and compassion to support animals and strengthen our programs, making better outcomes possible every day.

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4,630

Hours of Volunteer Work
Given by the Community

125

Active Volunteers

2,064

Hours Spent by Volunteers
Walking Shelter Dogs

The Power of Off Site Events

67

Events Held Off-Site
Around our Community

58

Pets Adopted at Off-Site
Events

522

Kennel Days Opened
through Successful
Adoptions Off-Site



Doggy's Day Out

The Doggy's Day Out program allows approved participants to take shelter dogs on short outings, giving them a break from the kennel and real-world exposure. These experiences reduce stress, showcase each dog's personality, and provide valuable behavioral insights that support better adoption matches and faster placement.

395

Doggy Day Out Adventures



Tails & Trails 5K Run/Walk Fundraiser

The Tails & Trails fundraiser is our biggest one-day giving event of the year, turning community participation into direct support for animal care and lifesaving services.

553

Participants & Fundraisers

35

Sponsors & Vendors

\$46,557

Raised at the Event



Camp Animal Care

Camp Animal Care serves our 8-15 year old youth with hands-on, supervised learning in responsible pet care and animal welfare. Our consistently sold-out Vet Camps offer fun, age-appropriate behind-the-scenes medical learning — building compassion and knowledge in the next generation of animal helpers.

68

Camp Animal Care “Grads”

4

Scholarships Awarded to Attend for FREE

\$22,525

Funds Raised through Camp Fees for Second Chance Fund Initiatives



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Support for Veterans

We are proud to support veterans through free adoptions, free spay/neuter services, and outreach visits with shelter pets to veteran support centers. These efforts create meaningful connections, reduce barriers to pet ownership, and provide comfort and companionship for those who have served.



*Made Possible
By Donations to
our Second
Chance Fund*

194

Veteran-Owned Pets Spayed/Neutered
& Vaccinated for Free

51

FREE Pet Adoptions for
US Veterans

Advocacy

Our advocacy group helps connect community voices with animal welfare policy, education, and practical solutions. These volunteers strengthen communication between the shelter, local leadership, and the public so animal issues are addressed with facts, transparency, and responsible action.



Highlights for 2025:

- Turned community advocates into **informed, fact-based voices for animal welfare**.
- Raised the standard for **constructive, solutions-focused advocacy**.
- Supported **major county ordinance updates** on pet identification, and breeder, rescue, and animal care standards.
- Mobilized advocates to **support spay/neuter** and community prevention efforts.



**PARTNERS
IN ANIMAL CARE**
SUPPORTING GREENVILLE COUNTY ANIMAL CARE

Partners in Animal Care is a nonprofit that supports Greenville County Animal Care. Its mission is to save more homeless animals by raising awareness and providing fundraising support.



Highlights for 2025:

- Funded advanced **Shelter Playgroup Alliance training**, improving dog behavior and speeding adoptions as well as improving defensive handling and playgroup skills for staff and volunteers through an intensive 3-day in-person hands-on training.
- Made a **dedicated enrichment room remodel** possible at our shelter, expanding tools that reduce stress and improve animal well-being and equipped it with commercial-grade storage, appliances, and dual workspaces.
- Launched the **Safe Start Fund**, in partnership with Animal Care and its founding sponsor, Donna Mease, to prevent pet surrender through short-term boarding, pet food support, and critical medical care



Every outcome in this report reflects daily, practical work — prevention, response, care, and second chances. Progress happens because a community shows up: partners, volunteers, advocates, donors, and adopters working together. With continued collaboration and support, we can keep expanding access, improving outcomes, and building a safer future for pets and people.

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