



**FOOTHILLS**  
ANIMAL RESCUE

# 2024 Pawpositive impact

**HENRY**  
Adopted 7/13/24

**BENTLEY**  
Adopted 8/22/24



# GUIDING OUR MISSION FORWARD

## MESSAGE FROM OUR CEO

As we close the year 2024, I am filled with immense gratitude for the incredible progress we've made together. This year has been one of significant growth for Foothills Animal Rescue, and it's a reflection of the dedication and support from our staff, volunteers, donors and community partners.

This year, we saw a 31% increase in adoptions, each one representing a life saved and a family brought together. We also cared for nearly 800 animals, a number that highlights the trust our community places in us. Every animal that comes through our doors receives the medical care, shelter and love they need to ensure their readiness for a forever home.

We were thrilled to connect with even more people through 55 community events, which helped strengthen our bond with local supporters and raise awareness for the work we do. These events have not only provided opportunities for fundraising but also for building a sense of unity and shared purpose, creating an environment where everyone feels part of the FAR family.

As we look ahead, 2025 marks our 30th Anniversary. This milestone is not just a celebration of our past, but a reminder of how much more we can accomplish together. Thank you for being a vital part of Foothills Animal Rescue's journey—here's to many more years of rescuing, caring and building brighter futures for animals and families alike.

Sincerely,



Shannon Valenzuela, CEO



# OUR MISSION

Save lives through the rescue, care and adoption of homeless cats and dogs.

## ABOUT US

Foothills Animal Rescue has been transforming the lives of homeless pets and the people who love them since 1995. What began as a small foster-based group in Cave Creek, Arizona, has grown into one of the Valley's most trusted animal welfare organizations.

In 2016, we opened the Brynne Smith Memorial Campus & Adoption Center in North Scottsdale, providing a safe haven for pets in need and helping us place over 9,400 animals into loving homes.

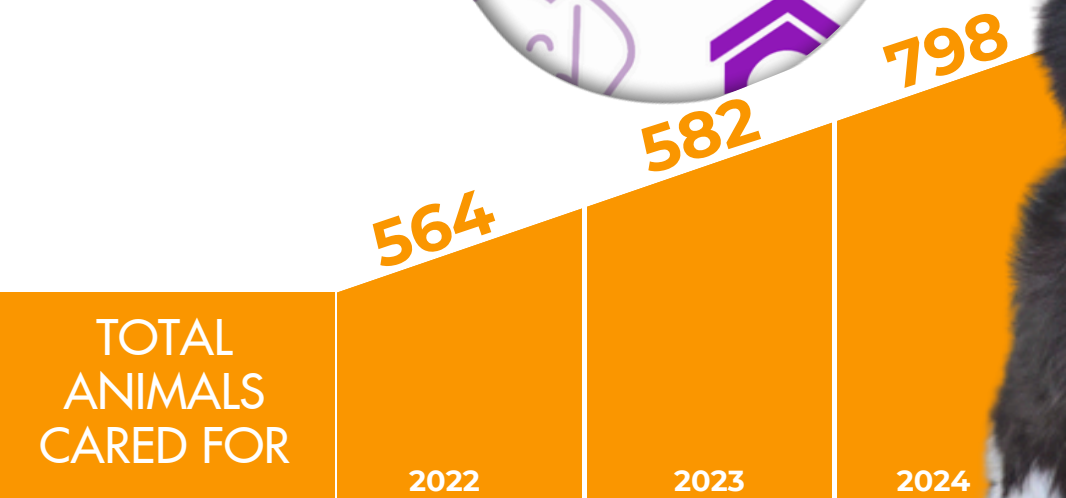
Guided by a volunteer Board of Directors, we remain committed to advancing best practices in animal welfare. From rescue and rehabilitation to adoption, our team of staff and volunteers ensures every dog and cat in our care is treated with compassion and provided with the highest level of care.

As a 501(c)(3) private nonprofit, we rely on the generosity of our community and corporate partners to fund our lifesaving work. Together, we're changing lives—one rescue at a time.

**Give a gift today so  
that pets can have  
a tomorrow.**







**31** DAYS  
AVERAGE LENGTH  
OF STAY

**670**  
ADOPTIONS



**195**



**475**

**61**  
DOGS SENT  
INTO FOSTER

**185**  
CATS SENT  
INTO FOSTER



**BRYNNE SMITH  
MEMORIAL CAMPUS**  
10197 E BELL RD.  
SCOTTSDALE, AZ  
85260 480-488-9890

**SCOTTSDALE RESALE  
BOUTIQUE**  
23030 N. PIMA RD.  
SCOTTSDALE, AZ 85255

**CAREFREE RESALE  
BOUTIQUE**  
7202 E HO RD. SUITE C  
CAREFREE, AZ 85377



## SADIE 200 DAYS

Sadie arrived at Foothills Animal Rescue on Sept. 20, 2023, with her eight nursing puppies, just 2 ½ weeks old. Within days, Sadie and her pups were diagnosed with ringworm, requiring three months of treatment and quarantine. After 200 days in our care, Sadie was adopted on April 7, 2024, finding her perfect family on just her second adoption appointment.



## TRIPP 234 DAYS

Tripp arrived on Jan. 9, and was diagnosed with ringworm, requiring weeks of treatment and monitoring offsite. Sweet and affectionate, he melted hearts with his purrs and gentle nature. After 234 days in our care, Tripp was adopted on Aug. 30.



## HONEY 211 DAYS

Honey arrived on May 17, and found a home after 50 days, only to be returned two weeks later. She evolved with care and a two week off-site training camp during her stay and was finally adopted into a loving home on Dec. 27.



## THELMA & LOUISE 325 DAYS

Thelma and Louise, a bonded pair born and raised in a warehouse, came to us on March 17, 2023. Their inseparable bond and unique needs required a special adopter with patience and understanding. After 325 days, these sweet sisters were adopted together on Feb. 2, 2024, finally finding a family to call their own.



## HENRY

### 145 DAYS

Henry arrived on Feb. 19, as a playful puppy with his brother, Peabody, and quickly charmed everyone with his boundless energy. He even became a campaign model, showcasing his sweet personality. After 145 days in our care, Henry found his forever family on July 13.



## POPPY

### 291 DAYS

Poppy, one of 27 cats transferred to us from Salome, AZ, on March 10, stayed with us for an incredible 291 days. Shy but hopeful, she waited patiently and was adopted just in time for the holidays on Dec. 26, finding a warm and loving forever home.



## PRINCESS LEIA

### 97 DAYS

After being adopted in 2019, Princess Leia returned to Foothills Animal Rescue on Feb. 6, after her beloved owner passed away. Placed in a foster home, her foster family couldn't let her go and officially adopted her on May 8. Leia's journey came full circle, giving her a second chance at love.



## MIMI

### 309 DAYS

Mimi spent 309 days at Foothills Animal Rescue due to severe UTIs that required extensive treatment to save her kidney function. She arrived with symptoms that needed immediate care and left with a new lease on life. On Jan. 12, 2024, Mimi found her forever home, where she'll continue to thrive with a special diet.





# ENRICHMENT

Our enrichment program is essential to keeping the dogs and cats happy and healthy during their time at FAR. Through activities like puzzle feeders, scent games and interactive play, we reduce stress, build confidence and prepare them for their forever homes.

## DOGGY DAY OUT

This program allows the public to voluntarily take one of our shelter dogs out on a field trip for the day.



5,991

Dog enrichment & care  
volunteer hours

2,804

Cat enrichment & care  
volunteer hours

## FOSTER PROGRAM





# A DEAF DOG'S JOURNEY TO A FOREVER HOME

SAMMY'S INCREDIBLE STORY



On Aug. 15, 2023, Sammy was transferred to Foothills Animal Rescue from a shelter partner. Upon intake, he tested positive for Giardia, which was immediately treated. Shortly after his arrival, staff and volunteers observed that Sammy was hearing impaired or completely deaf. Recognizing the unique challenges this posed for his adoption, Foothills Animal Rescue turned to the community for resources. A trainer generously stepped in, teaching staff and volunteers how to use hand signals and other tools to effectively communicate with Sammy and set him up for success.

Sammy's journey wasn't without additional hurdles. One day, he became ill, showing signs of an obstructive foreign body. An emergency hospital visit confirmed the need for an enterotomy to remove part of a rope toy from his digestive system. After a successful surgery and recovery, Sammy was placed back up for adoption.

Over his 362 days in our care, Sammy received hundreds of hours of training, enrichment, and walks, thanks to the dedication of staff and volunteers. On July 14, 2024, he was adopted for the first time. Unfortunately, unforeseen housing matters led to Sammy's return. But Sammy's resilience and the continued support from Foothills Animal Rescue helped him find his forever family just a short time later, on Sept. 28, 2024.

Sammy's story is a testament to the compassion and commitment of those who cared for him and believed in his potential. Through patience, perseverance and teamwork, Sammy overcame countless obstacles and now enjoys the loving home he truly deserves.

SPECIAL THANK YOU TO COLLEEN WILSON & DESTINATION DOG TRAINING



362 days  
in our care

 FAR  
community  
raised \$15,000  
for Sammy's  
emergency  
surgery





# FRAGILE TO FEARLESS

ESPERANZA'S NEW BEGINNING

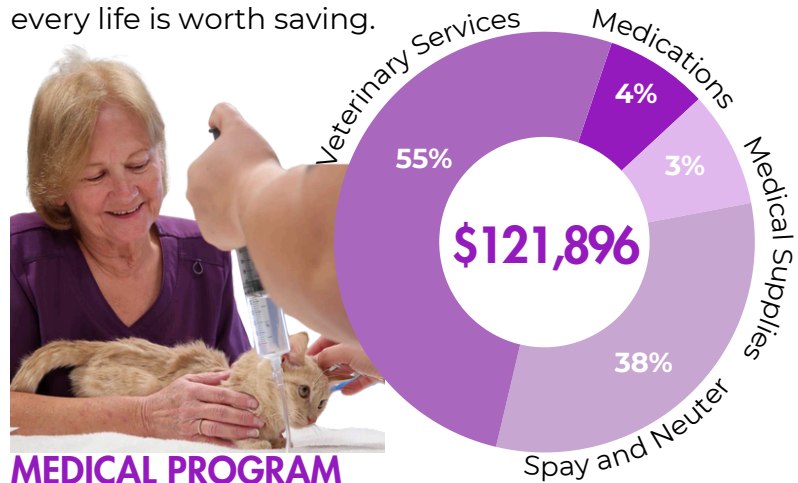


When Esperanza arrived at Foothills Animal Rescue on Sept. 9, her tiny, two-pound frame and unsteady walk immediately tugged at our hearts. She appeared to have a neurological issue as she struggled with stability and had an atrophied left eye, leaving us concerned about her future. Despite her challenges, this sweet kitten only wanted one thing: to be held and loved.

After consulting with Dr. Brett at Arizona Animal Hospital, Esperanza was diagnosed with Microphthalmia in her left eye and medial strabismus (cross-eye) in her right eye. Thankfully, her vision impairment did not affect her neurological health, and Dr. Brett deemed her physical condition good overall.

By late October, Esperanza's left eye began causing significant discomfort due to swelling and exposed conjunctival tissue. The decision was made to proceed with enucleation surgery to relieve her pain and improve her quality of life.

After surgery, Esperanza recovered in a foster home, where she gained weight, healed from her procedure and blossomed into a playful, affectionate companion. Through every step of her journey, from evaluations to surgery and recovery, we were committed to giving Esperanza the care she needed to thrive. On Nov. 13, she found her forever home. Esperanza's story reminds us that every life is worth saving.



## MEDICAL PROGRAM

250 animals needed additional medical treatment



**1,951** Hours donated by Resale Boutique volunteers

**\$923,619**

Total sales in 2024

**DONATE + SHOP =  
SAVE LIVES**





# FOSTERING CONNECTIONS

## ONE EVENT AT A TIME

### PAWS TO CELEBRATE

On April 6, we brought together supporters for an evening of reflection and celebration. We raised an impressive **\$70,826** to honor the lives saved and look ahead to the impact we'll create in the coming year.



### A PICTURE-PERFECT CONTEST

Our annual photo contest brought out the best of our FAR Alum, raising an incredible **\$28,837**. Maren Sater beautifully captured our winners in studio sessions for their feature in our calendar. Pinnacle Brewing Company designed a limited-edition beer can label showcasing the winners and celebrated with a launch party on Oct. 5.



### WHISKERS & WINE



On October 16, we gathered at Windgate Ranch for an unforgettable evening filled with delicious food and drinks. Together we raised an incredible **\$80,788** to support our mission.





# \$2,856,239 REVENUE

## \$1,926,889 EXPENSES

INTAKE METHODS		
Transfer	88	65
Owner Surrender	70	387
Return	17	29
Stray	0	6
Total	175	487

### \$1,500

Average cost of care for one animal



Began partnership with Petco on Tatum & Bell

### 55

Total community events

### 13,405

Hours given by



### 286

Volunteers

## GRANT CONTRIBUTIONS

Subaru of America  
MCS Charitable Foundation  
Petco Love  
Arizona Community Foundation  
Synergy Physical Therapy  
TCC Wireless Zone

## EMPOWERING CHANGE THROUGH PARTNERSHIP

*Maren Sater*  
PHOTOGRAPHY

**paws**  
The Modern Spay-Neuter Clinic



BOUTIQUE + BLOWDRY BAR



Arizona Animal  
HOSPITAL



PACC911



DESTINATION  
DOG TRAINING

# 2025

March 21

30<sup>TH</sup>

ANNIVERSARY

April 2



April 20-26



August 31



October 22



December 2

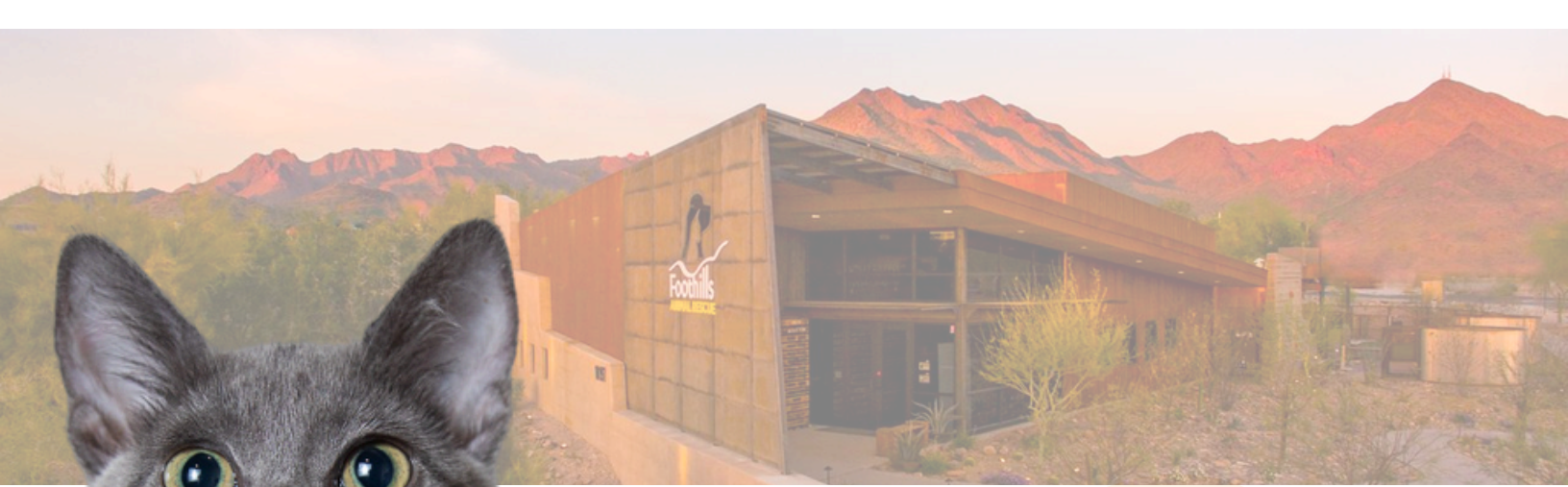






# I CHOSE ADOPTION





# LEGACY Giving

Ensure your love for animals continues for generations to come by participating in Foothills Animal Rescue's Legacy Giving program. By planning today, you can provide a brighter future for countless animals in need. One of the simplest ways to leave a lasting impact is by naming Foothills Animal Rescue as a beneficiary in your will or living trust.

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