



Annual Report 2022
NINE LIVES FOUNDATION





601

Adoptions

3425

Spay & Neuter
Surgeries

95.3%

Live Release Rate

A Message From Our Executive Director

2022 was a year of transformation and growth!

Your donations allowed us to expand our rescue efforts, resulting in a **25% increase in adoptions**. This means 25% more cats and kittens found safe and loving homes in 2022. We were also able to **increase the number of low-cost spay and neuter surgeries** in a year of unprecedented demand.

Last year we put **best practices at the forefront** of our operations. By implementing standard procedures and protocols for **medical care, disease control, housing density and our "Fear Free®" Cat Care and Enrichment program**, we ensure that we are providing the best possible experience for the cats in our care.

This life-saving work is not always easy, and we recognize the power of collaboration among rescues so that we can unite in our mission to save more lives, together! Nine Live is proud to not only be a **partner to local shelters**, but also to more than **25 foster-based rescues** who find homes for cats.

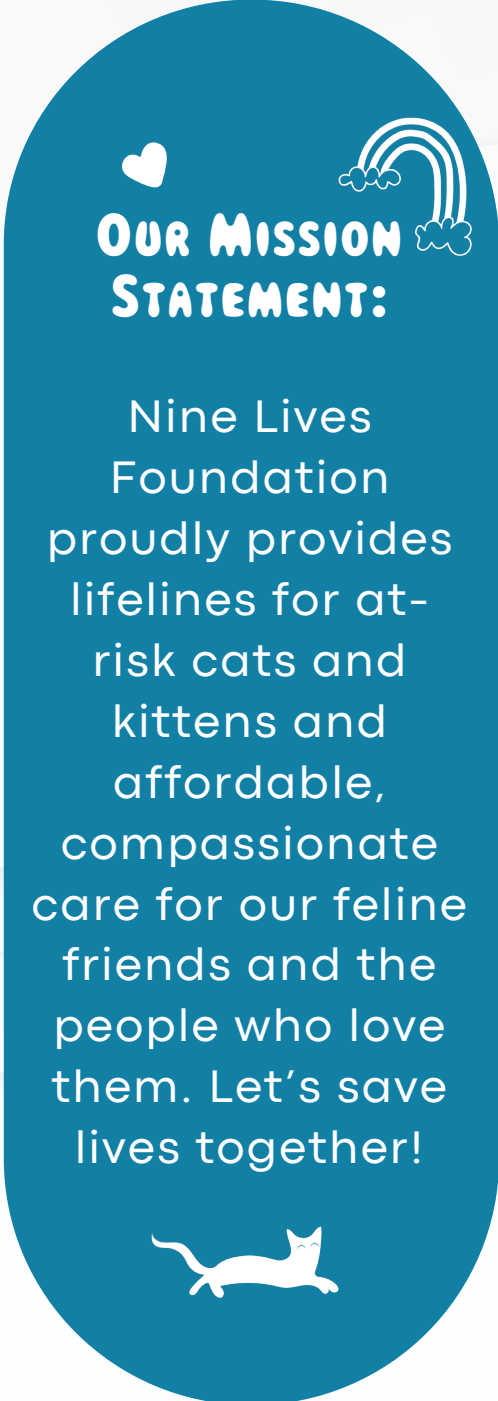
We could not achieve our mission without our wonderful and diverse staff. We are committed to their continued education, and **for the first time we offered healthcare benefits and a retirement savings program** to our team.

We are excited to reflect our evolution in our new **branding**, our **accessible website** and **mission statement!**

All in all, you helped make 2022 a game-changing year. Beyond our operational and statistical accomplishments, we will continue to strive each day to fulfill our mission to save lives, together!


Sincerely,

Liam Montgomery
Executive Director

OUR MISSION STATEMENT:

Nine Lives Foundation proudly provides lifelines for at-risk cats and kittens and affordable, compassionate care for our feline friends and the people who love them. Let's save lives together!





Rescue & Adoptions

We are proud to have achieved **601 adoptions** in 2022, **up 25% from 2021!** Last year 4% more animals entered shelters than left¹. This is why every adoption is a life saved! One of the ways we have increased placements this year is by introducing **Barrier-Free Adoptions**, making our adoptions process easier to navigate, more inclusive and focused on open discussions with adopters to find the best match for their household.

< *Statistics source: Shelter Animal Count, a nonprofit organization database* >



393 Rescue Transfers
128 Strays
99 Surrenders



Merlin's Story

This tiny kitten was abandoned in a trash can outside Stockton and was brought to Nine Lives with maggots in his little injured paw.

After weeks of treatments and bandage changes we were able to save his paw from amputation! He also learned to love humans for the first time and now Merlin thrives in his forever home, is healthy and safe, and can concentrate on the important things in life: **SNUGGLES!**

“ Meow Force One was started to pay forward the privilege of flight by transporting cats to **Nine Lives** so they can thrive and not just survive! Thanks to the generosity of our animal-loving pilots, our fleet has already saved 80 high-flying felines! ”

Felice Shieh - Nine Lives Volunteer

Rescue Partners

It takes a village to save cats! Through collaboration with other shelters like **Los Banos Animal Shelter, Stockton Animal Services, San Jose Animal Care Center and Fresno Furry Friends** we make vital transfers possible. We have been able to alleviate the overwhelming demand of rescuing at-risk cats by working together to save even more lives. Most recently **Nine Lives** began its very own **Meow Force One** thanks to our amazing volunteers **Bob Krentler and Felice Shieh**. They have orchestrated a fleet of pilots that rescue cats from overwhelmed and under-resourced shelters in the Central Valley (and beyond).



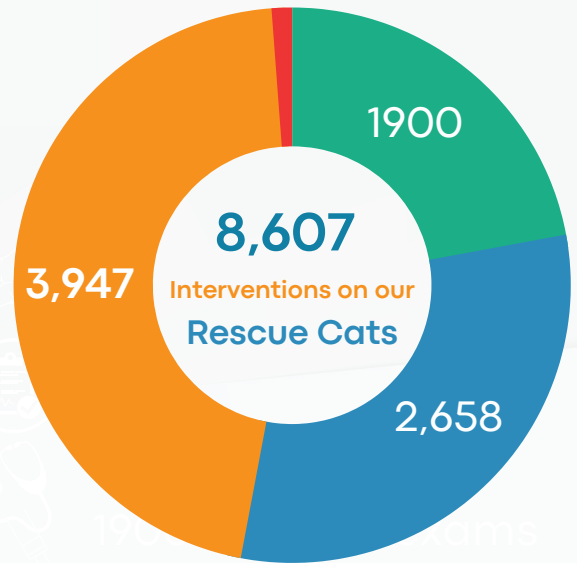
Pictured: Bob & Felice with Fresno Furry Friends





Life-Saving Interventions

Nine Lives is committed to rescuing vulnerable cats and kittens. We believe that every kitty deserves a great life, which is why every cat adopted from Nine Lives is **microchipped, spayed or neutered, vaccinated and receives diagnostic testing and multiple exams by our veterinary staff**. However, it's almost never that easy or straightforward. The cats who we rescue often arrive with no medical history, and in quite poor condition. We dedicate our days to providing life-saving interventions to give our kitties the best start at a second chance in life. Whether that's an **amputation, eye removal, weeks of quarantine, full dental extractions or cystotomies**, rest assured your donations allow us to save lives!



- 102 Unique Specialty Surgeries
- 1,900 Physical Exams
- 2,658 Medical Treatments
- 3,947 Diagnostic Tests



"Fear Free®" Cat Care & Enrichment Program



Life in a shelter can be scary and stressful for animals accustomed to a different environment, especially when they first arrive! Our kitties don't just receive attention to their physical ailments, **at Nine Lives we are just as concerned about their emotional well-being**. After all there is no health without mental health! Each cat rescued goes through our "Fear Free®" Cat Care and Enrichment program to help them develop trust in humans, possibly for the first time! Our cats often come from abusive, risky or neglectful situations. Our amazing staff and volunteers are required to complete Fear Free® training as part of onboarding.

We adore our dedicated team who work tirelessly day in, day out to ensure the best care for our residents. Their compassion and talent allow our cats to heal, gain trust and thrive before successfully finding their new families.
Go team!

“ Thanks to our "Fear Free®" Cat Care & Enrichment Program, now every cat and kitten has their emotional needs addressed! Every cat gets enjoys personalized playtime, loving touch and plenty of treats! ”

Soledad Soto - Adoption Center Supervisor





Low-Cost Veterinary Services

Providing low-cost veterinary services for people in our community is essential for pets to achieve their best health. We believe that all cats should be free from fear, illness and unnecessary hardships regardless of their families' monetary status. We are committed to providing **Low-Cost Spay/Neuter services** at a time when demand for veterinary care has far out-stripped supply, and other spay/neuter clinics have reduced hours or closed their doors due to staffing shortages. We offer low-cost surgeries for **community cats** (TNR - Trap, Neuter and Return), **privately-owned cats** and cats from more than **25 rescue groups**. Last year we were able to **increase the number of cats we spayed/neutered by 2.5%** over 2021, thanks to our dedicated medical team and support staff. Our **low-cost vaccine clinic** provided thousands of kitties with the gift of immunity and health.

High Quality, High Volume Spay & Neuter Training Program

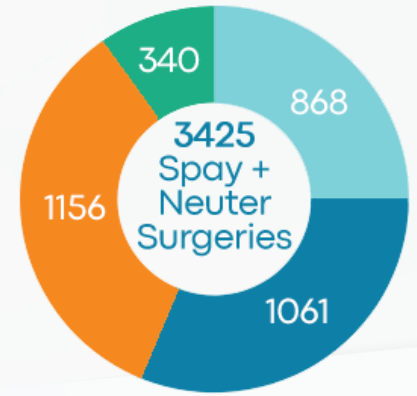
In addition to sustaining our current programs we understand the greater need in the rescue community. Our veterinarians and medical staff, led by our **Lead Surgeon Dr. Julie Desai** are initiating a **High Quality, High Volume Spay and Neuter Training Program** for local veterinarians who want to join our call to action. This means our commitment to ending the senseless euthanasia of cats and kittens will continue and expand for years to come. Nine Lives is committed to the sustainability of such precious programs so that we can help to secure, in part, the mission **to prevent the overpopulation and displacement of cats** by sharing our resources and skills.

In California alone in 2021, 37,000 cats and dogs were euthanized in shelters. Reducing the overpopulation of cats through spay/neuter saves lives!!!

* Source: Best Friends Animal Society Lifesaving Dashboard

“ Our **High Quality, High Volume Spay and Neuter Clinic** is a critical solution to help prevent cat overpopulation, reduce animal suffering, and create a healthier community for cats and humans. ”

Dr. Julie Desai DVM- Lead Surgeon



1156 Rescue Partners
1061 Owned Pets
868 TNR (Trap, Neuter, Return)
340 Nine Lives Rescues



(Picture: The Wonderful Dr. Tang with some rescue kittens)



4210 Vaccines administered



2280 Microchips implanted



Volunteers & Donors: Our Partners in Lifesaving!

The achievements described in this annual report would not be possible without our **dedicated donors and volunteers!** This report is a **love-letter to you.** This year our donors dug deep! You enabled us to provide more lifelines to vulnerable animals. Last year **2000+ donors contributed a whopping \$750,000.** Whether you have been a **sustaining donor, a one-time donor** or have funded a large scale program through a **major gift, rest assured you have helped save lives!**

120 volunteers contributed over **7,500 hours!** Whether that's through enriching the lives of our kitties, instrument sterilization, adoption support, transport or admin, **you are the beating heart of our foundation.** Our unwavering foster network cared for our entire demographic of cats; so many kittens, cats with chronic illnesses, fearful cats and seniors (to name a few). **68 foster families** provided loving care for a whopping **326 cats and kittens!**

Special Thanks to Christal Bemont for her continued contributions to our life-saving programs



You might be surprised by the many ways to support Nine Lives...

Financial Gifts & In-Kind Support:

- Online, by mail, or in-person
- Through your will or trust
- Give stocks or bonds
- Through your IRA
- Ask about Corporate Matching
- Give on our Facebook page
- Fundraise for us on Facebook
- Sponsor an event
- Donate a vehicle or boat
- Shop our Amazon Wishlist



Questions?



giving@ninelivesfoundation.org

Volunteer Opportunities Include:

- Onsite cat adoptions
- Onsite Cat Care & Enrichment
- On-and-off-site admin
- Social media
- Storytelling
- Technical support
- And Many More!

Questions?

volunteer@ninelivesfoundation.org



I have made Nine Lives the beneficiary for 50% of my life insurance policy. Lani and I caretake a colony of cats on our company property. I'm so grateful for organizations like yours supporting efforts like ours.



Craig Abbott - Planned Giving Donor

91¢ FROM EVERY \$1 DONATED DIRECTLY FUNDS LIFESAVING PROGRAMS



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SCAN TO SAVE LIVES



I love talking to adopters, learning who they're looking for, and helping make a great match. The experience is so fulfilling, especially when a long-term cat or any of our special needs cats or kittens gets adopted.



Donna Marcus - Volunteer & Donor



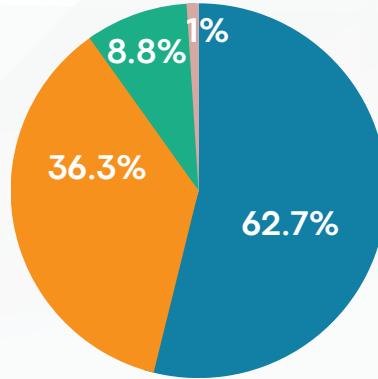
2022 Financials

With a nationwide Veterinary shortage, an ongoing recession and a nation coming out of a pandemic, 2022 was a difficult year for the rescue world. **We are so grateful for all of our dedicated donors** for sticking with us and allowing us to continue our core mission.

Nine Lives is proud to inform everyone who donated this year how their gifts are being utilized. **Over 91% of your donations go directly back into our vital programs and allow us to rescue, adopt, provide low-cost services and surgeries for our community and beyond.** This means that **91 cents of every \$1 you give directly enables life-saving programs** we are committed to continue. Let's save lives, together!

Revenue

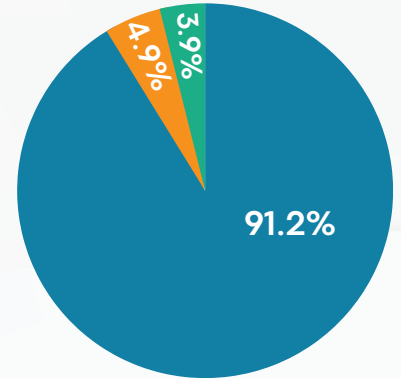
Total for 2022: **\$1,441,780**



- \$776,318** Donations
- \$523,486** Program Revenue
- \$127,250** Grants
- \$14,726** Retail & Investments

Expenses

Total for 2022: **\$1,404,900**



- \$1,281,505** Programs
- \$68,722** Management & Admin
- \$54,673** Fundraising

Net income: \$36,880



Give with Confidence

Nine Lives is proud to have achieved a Candid Platinum Seal of Transparency. On Charity Navigator, the world's largest and most trusted nonprofit evaluator, we earned a Four-Star Rating – the highest possible rating! This means that donors can give to Nine Lives with confidence, knowing we are good stewards.

Celebrating Our Grantors

2022 was a revolutionary year for Nine Lives Foundation. At the beginning of 2022 we had implemented a brand new shelter software system and consolidated all of our data so we could report all of our amazing work to **Shelter Animals Count**. With this development, and the implementation of best practices in every aspect of our little foundation, we were recognized as a valued rescue partner to many of the model organizations in our field. We are proud to be part of **Best Friends Network, and California For All Animals** where we can share and exchange vital resources in the fight to save them all! Additionally we were rewarded major grants by **California for All Animals** who recognized us as an investible resource for our great mission. We were one of three organizations in the country to be rewarded the top **Maddie's Fund "We Foster Challenge"** grant for our efforts in implementing a best-practice foster program.



SAVE A KITTEN THIS SEASON



[NINELIVESFOUNDATION.ORG/DONATE](https://www.ninelivesfoundation.org/donate)

Kitten Season 2022

We all know that kittens are irresistibly cute and loveable, but they can also be very high maintenance. They need regular vaccines and boosters, dewormers, flea prevention, and microchips. Their fragile immune systems mean they get sick easily, requiring expensive veterinary care and medication. And while adult cats may enter our care already spayed or neutered, **nearly all the kittens we rescue will require this essential surgery.**

Last year we made a pledge to save **200 kittens**, however the need became so critical that **we ended up saving almost 300 little lives!**

Nine Lives is committed to rescuing these precious lives and **we need your help!** Please consider making a donation for Kitten Season 2023.



Winston before treatment



Winston healthy at home

Winston's Story

Winston was found in a feral trap with BB pellets in his skin, ringworm, a URI, FIV and painful rotting teeth. After 8 weeks of intensive treatment, diagnostics, imaging, surgeries and rehabilitation Winston was able to be placed in a loving home, where he now chases birds through the window in between naps. Behold the power of rescue and interventions!



“ It is a pleasure working with Nine Lives as a foster. The team makes sure my cats and I have everything we need to be successful. They are approachable, knowledgeable, helpful, and great matchmakers! ”

Joan Walton - Foster Parent

