



NINE LIVES FOUNDATION
Annual Report 2023



LET'S
SAVE
LIVES
TOGETHER!



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!



690

Adoptions

4109

Spay & Neuter
Surgeries

96%

Live Release Rate

A Message From Our Executive Director

Dear Nine Lives Family,

I am thrilled to share some remarkable achievements from 2023, made possible by your support and dedication. Together, we have truly transformed the lives of countless kitties, and for that, we are immensely grateful.

In 2023, we surpassed significant milestones that underscore the profound impact of our collective efforts:

690 Adoptions - A 15% Increase Over 2022. Each adoption represents not just a new beginning, but a life saved and a loving home found. This increase highlights the growing reach and effectiveness of our adoption initiatives.

400 Kittens Rescued - Over 40% More Than 2022. This increase reflects our unwavering commitment to the most vulnerable among us.

4109 Spay/Neuters - A 20% Increase Over 2022. Our dedication to serving our community is evident in the increase in spay/neuter services provided. This vital work not only controls the feline population but also ensures healthier communities for cats and prevents needless suffering.

Collaboration with over 50 rescue partners - to transfer in at-risk felines, and to provide essential low-cost spay/neuter services to other rescue groups - enabled us to expand our impact even more.

As a proud "No Kill" rescue with a 96% live release rate, I extend heartfelt gratitude to all our staff, donors, volunteers, foster parents, adopters, clients, and supporters. Your generosity fuels our mission and empowers us to save lives. Together, we have achieved remarkable success in 2023, and I am confident that with our shared determination and compassion, we will continue to make a positive impact in the lives of our feline friends.

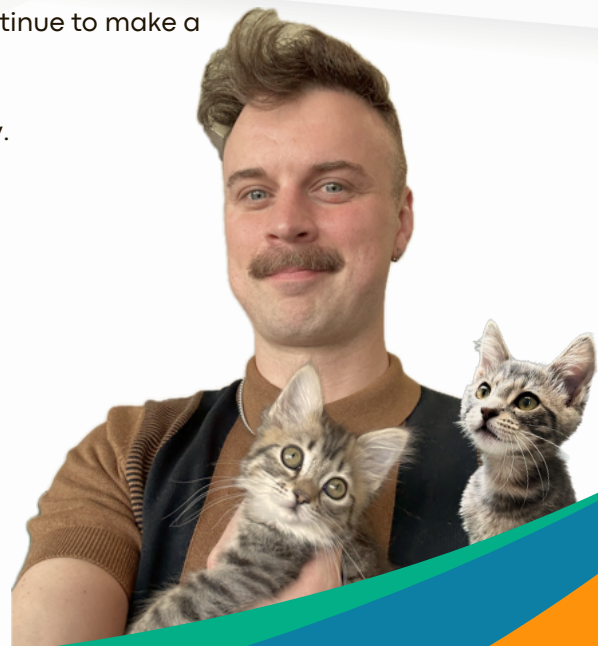
Thank you for being an integral part of the Nine Lives family.

Let's continue to save lives, together!

Sincerely,



Liam Montgomery
Executive Director

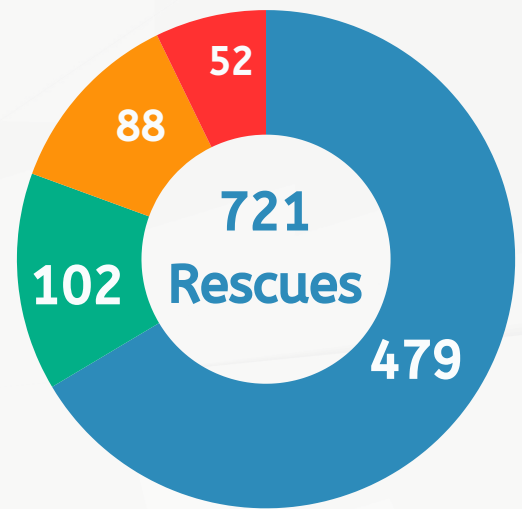


Rescue & Adoptions

We are thrilled to share Nine Lives Foundation's achievements – in 2023, we completed **690 cat and kitten adoptions**, an **increase of 15%** over the prior year!

We are committed to eliminating barriers to adoption to ensure more cats find their way into loving homes; for the first time we now have **bilingual staff coverage seven days per week**, enabling us to better serve our diverse community and expand our lifesaving work.

FOLKLORE WAS ABANDONED AT LOS BANOS ANIMAL SHELTER BEFORE BEING TRANSFERRED TO NINE LIVES. SHE IS TRULY ONE OF A KIND, BOASTING FOUR EARTIPS, INCLUDING THREE ON HER LEFT SIDE! SHE WAS ALSO BORN WITH OTHER ISSUES, INCLUDING A JAW MISALIGNMENT AND HAIR GROWTH ON HER LEFT CORNEA. AFTER AN EXAM BY A VISION SPECIALIST, FOLKLORE UNDERWENT SURGERY WITH OUR VERY OWN DR. DESAI TO REMOVE HER LEFT EYE. FEELING MUCH MORE COMFORTABLE, FOLKLORE IMMEDIATELY SHOWED HER SWEET AND AFFECTIONATE SIDE, AND WITHIN A FEW DAYS SHE FOUND HER FOREVER HOME!



479 Rescue Transfers

102 Strays

88 Owner Surrenders

52 Returns

“ Collaboration between rescues multiplies our impact, saving more vulnerable lives. Together, we're stronger, offering countless cats a brighter future! ”

*Jennie Comstack -
Hayward Animal Services*

Rescue Partners

Nine Lives partners with many overwhelmed municipal shelters to help cats and kittens that are sadly at risk because of lack of resources. We are committed to continued collaboration with **San Jose Animal Care Center, Los Banos Animal Shelter, Merced SPCA and Stockton Animal Services (to name but a few)** to save lives. We were recently awarded a **grant from Rachael Ray** to partner with **Hayward Animal Services** to help rescue 60 of their most vulnerable!

Low-Cost Spay & Neuter

Nine Lives expanded its **low-cost spay/neuter** program, which plays a vital role in promoting the health and well-being of cats and reducing overpopulation. Our **4,109 spay/neuter surgeries** is an increase of **20% over 2022!**

Recognizing the high demand for **Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR)** for free-roaming cats, we doubled our efforts in this area, including collaborating with community cat advocates such as **San Jose Animal Care Center, Hayward Animal Services, Feral Change, and ICRA**, implementing targeted TNR efforts to address cat colonies effectively.

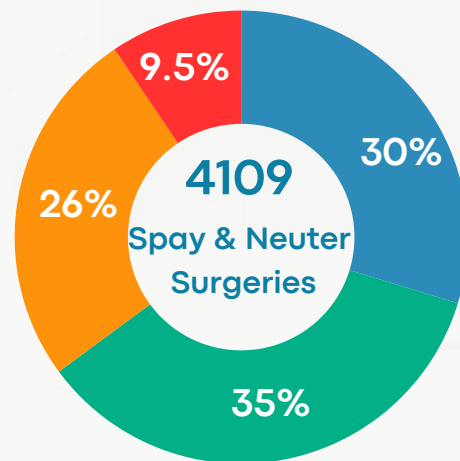
We provided low-cost spay/neuter services to **44 local rescue groups**, enabling them to intake more cats and kittens and place them into loving homes. We also remain committed to providing **affordable spay and neuter and regular vaccine clinic services** to our community and beyond, helping ensure that financial constraints never prevent pet owners from accessing essential veterinary care for their cats.

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As we increase our capacity while maintaining our high quality of care we are building a future with fewer homeless pets and are nurturing a community of healthier, happier companions.

”

Dr. Julie Desai DVM - Lead Surgeon



388 Nine Lives Rescues

1445 Owned Pets

1221 Trap Neuter Return

1055 Rescue Groups



2,723 Microchips implanted



6,662 Vaccines administered



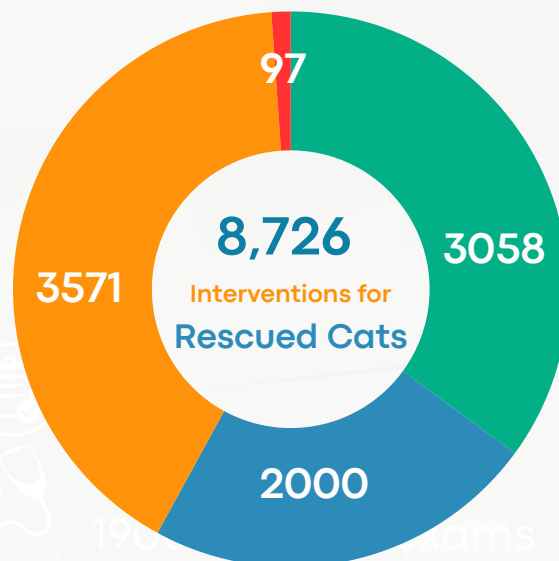
Life-Saving Interventions

Every feline deserves a chance at a great life, which is why we prioritize pre-adoption medical care. Each cat adopted from Nine Lives is **microchipped, spayed or neutered, vaccinated, and examined by our veterinary staff.** That's only the beginning, however, as many cats arrive in poor condition. As a committed “No Kill” shelter, we do whatever it takes to get them healthy and ready for adoption, including life-saving surgeries, such as **amputations and dental extractions, and weeks of medical treatment.** Your support enables us to give these cats the second chance they deserve!

XAVIER ARRIVED IN ROUGH SHAPE — DEHYDRATED WITH MATTED FUR, AN INJURED EYE AND AN UPPER RESPIRATORY INFECTION. OUR VETERINARIAN PERFORMED LIFE-CHANGING SURGERY THAT PAVED THE WAY FOR A BRIGHT AND PAIN-FREE FUTURE. XAVIER IS NOW THRIVING IN HIS FOREVER HOME. HE SPENDS HIS DAYS PLAYING WITH HIS FAVORITE MOUSE TOYS, AND BASKING IN ATTENTION.



**90¢ FROM EVERY
\$1 DIRECTLY
FUNDS
LIFESAVING
PROGRAMS**



97 Unique Specialty Surgeries
3,058 Physical Exams
2,000 Medical Treatments
3,571 Diagnostic Tests



Our Adoption Center team is passionate about our mission to save sick kitties, ensuring they receive the utmost care they deserve. Despite our small size, our commitment is unwavering



Soledad Soto - Adoption Center Supervisor



Volunteers - Our Partners in Lifesaving!

Our committed crew of more than **120 active volunteers** help with a wide range of activities, including **cat care & enrichment, surgical equipment sterilization, administrative tasks, social media management, hospital assistance, and adoption counseling**. In 2023, our volunteers collectively contributed over **9,000 hours** of their time! Their unwavering dedication and hard work are essential in ensuring the smooth operation of our organization and the well-being of our feline residents.



Fear Free® Enrichment

Life in a shelter can be scary and stressful for animals. Thanks to our Fear Free® Cat Care and Enrichment program, we help lower our cats' anxiety and meet their emotional needs. Every cat and kitten enjoys personalized playtime, loving touch and plenty of treats!

PRINCE ARRIVED AS A PICTURE OF DESPAIR; HE HAD AN EAR INFECTION, URI, HAIR LOSS & RINGWORM. EMOTIONALLY SCARRED, HE SHIED AWAY FROM TOUCH. BUT AFTER 5 WEEKS OF INTENSIVE MEDICAL AND EMOTIONAL CARE HE BLOSSOMED INTO A CHAMPION CUDDLER, BRIMMING WITH LOVE. NOW HEALED HE IS THE PRINCE OF HIS NEW KINGDOM WITH HIS FOREVER FAMILY.



Foster Families

Our foster homes provided temporary shelter and care for **350 cats and kittens, totaling over 8,000 cat-days in foster**. Among these, **250 placements were underage kittens**, while others required special attention due to behavioral issues or recovery from surgery/medical problems. We are grateful for the support of all our foster families, whose compassion and commitment make it possible for us to save lives and give cats the best chance at finding their forever homes.

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As an enrichment volunteer, sharing the joy of cats with newcomers is deeply fulfilling. Witnessing their brave transformations and aiding in adoption success is truly heartwarming

”

Natalie Cash - Enrichment Volunteer





KITTEN SEASON 2023

400 Kittens Rescued, surpassing 2022 by Over 40%!
Our unwavering dedication to the vulnerable shines through each saved life. Every adopted kitten not only finds a loving home but embodies our relentless mission's triumph over adversity.

THANK YOU TO OUR WONDERFUL DONORS!

Our work would not be possible without the generous support of our dedicated donors. Nine Lives receives no municipal funding or government contracts and relies on our wonderful donor community to keep our programs going. In 2023, more than **2200 donors together gave over \$925,000** to help the kitties - and we are beyond grateful!

YOUR DONATIONS

- **Provide** food, shelter, medical care and enrichment for cats in need, until they find loving homes
- **Help** keep pets in homes by subsidizing low-cost veterinary services to the community, amidst a chronic shortage of affordable vet care
- **Support** the spay/neuter program, helping to reduce the number of homeless animals and alleviate strain on shelters

“

Nine Lives is the most incredible organization and run by the most kind, loving and thoughtful people”!

The impact they have, saving so many fur babies is just unbelievable

”

*Christal Bemont -
with Nine Lives Alum Verna*



MEOW!



Celebrating Our Grantors

Nine Lives is grateful for the significant funding we have received in grants – recognizing and supporting our commitment to best practices and saving lives! We are especially grateful to **Best Friends**, for enabling us to transfer in more vulnerable animals from overwhelmed, under-resourced partner shelters, and **California for All Animals** and **UC Davis**, whose funding has helped us expand our medical team, as well as implement programs that reinforce our commitment to Diversity, Equity and Inclusion.



THERE ARE MANY WAYS TO SUPPORT THE CATS AND KITTENS!

- 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 OR CHEWY WISHLIST

QUESTIONS?

[GIVING@NINELIVESFOUNDATION.ORG](mailto:giving@ninelivesfoundation.org)



CAT'S WHISKERS CLUB

Our Cat's Whiskers Club recognizes cat lovers who support Nine Lives' lifesaving work with cumulative gifts of \$1,000 or more each year. Cat's Whiskers supporters receive special benefits and recognition throughout the year. We are grateful to them for being heroes to the cats and kittens!



ARE YOU FELINE THE LOVE?

Donors who set up monthly or quarterly gifts are like that amazing friend who will help you move, or take care of you when you have the flu. With ongoing support we know we can count on, Nine Lives builds sustainability, improving our fiscal predictability so we can save more cats month in and month out.

LEGACY CIRCLE

The Legacy Circle recognizes cat-lovers who, by remembering us in their estate plans, ensure a healthy future for Nine Lives and a lasting lifesaving legacy.

Give with Confidence

Nine Lives is proud to have achieved a Candid Platinum Seal of Transparency and a top four-star rating on Charity Navigator, the world's largest and most trusted nonprofit evaluator - so you can give to Nine Lives with confidence.

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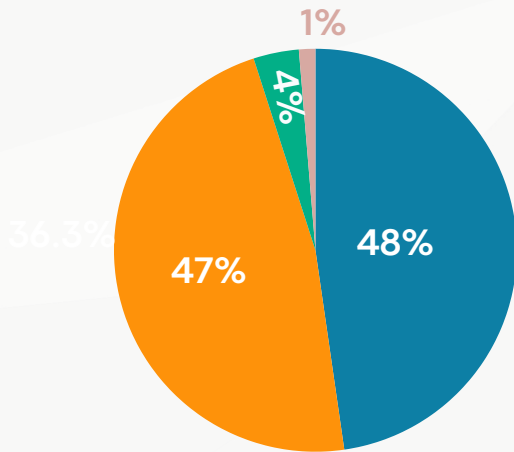


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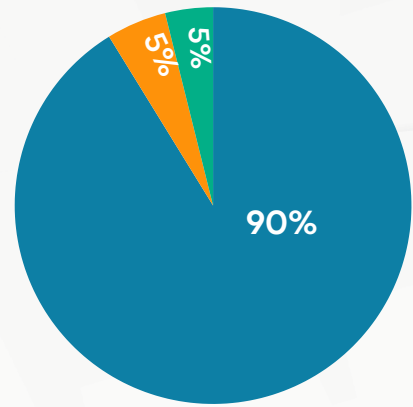
2023 Financials

Revenue: \$1,942,764



\$927,314 Donations
\$919,770 Program Revenue
\$70,075 Grants
\$25,605 Investments

Expenses: \$1,815,575



\$1,639,734 Programs
\$86,954 Management & Admin
\$88,886 Fundraising

Net Income:
\$127,189

Assets & Liabilities

Current Assets	\$1,107,717
Property, Equipment & Leasehold	\$134,847
Total Assets	\$1,152,564
Current Liabilities	\$84,707
Total Equity	\$1,067,857

90% of
expenditures
went directly
to lifesaving
programs

Financials are preliminary and not yet reported to the IRS





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