



Annual Report 2024



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!



950

Adoptions

6327

Spay & Neuter
Surgeries

98%

Live Release Rate

Dear Nine Lives Family,

Last year was one of extraordinary growth for Nine Lives Foundation. **Our spay/neuter program grew by 54%** compared to 2023, helping reduce unwanted litters and promote healthier cat communities. **We also grew our Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) program by 100%** for the second consecutive year, leading the area in this critical service. **We're proud to collaborate with over 50 rescues**, offering best-practice, low-cost medical services and saving lives together. **Adoptions rose by 38%**, and as a **certified No-Kill Shelter** we were able to **increase intake by 37%**, allowing us to save even more cats in need!

So far in 2025 we are set to surpass the extraordinary growth seen in previous years, and our reach is expanding by the day.

Let's continue saving lives, together!

Sincerely,

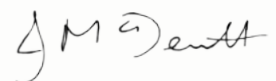


Liam Montgomery
Executive Director



A WORD FROM OUR BOARD PRESIDENT

Our continued year-over-year growth only reinforces the need for our feline rescue and wellness services. In this report, we not only share our successes, but provide a glimpse into our exciting future – as we prepare to move into a larger, better-equipped facility and help many more cats for decades to come! This milestone will be the culmination of over three years of strategic planning, and will position Nine Lives as the feline wellness leader in the Bay Area and beyond. We are profoundly grateful to our donors, volunteers, adopters, staff, and community of supporters – and we look forward to taking the next momentous steps in our journey together!



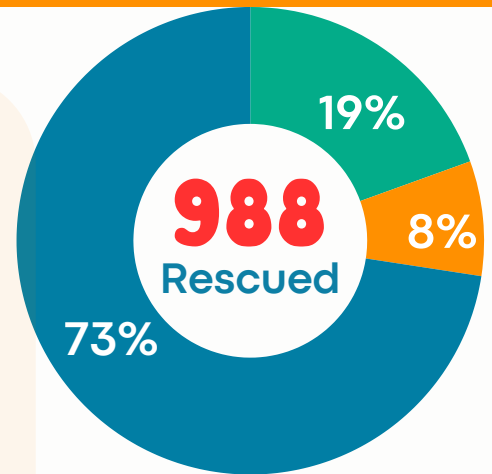
Jo McDermott
Board President



RESCUE & ADOPTIONS

RESCUE REPORT 2024

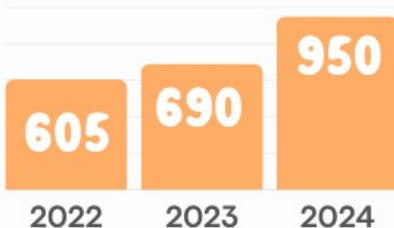
At Nine Lives, we rescue at-risk cats from every corner, partnering with overwhelmed, under-resourced shelters to save lives and create brighter futures — together. We specialize in helping the **most vulnerable cats and kittens**, proudly offering vital lifelines where few others can. Thanks to our best-in-class care and commitment as a **certified No-Kill rescue**, we've raised our **Save Rate** to an incredible **98%**.



713 Rescue Transfers
198 Owner Surrenders
77 Strays



Adoptions



IMPACT IN NUMBERS

Because of your support, **adoptions soared 38%** and **rescues grew 37%** last year. Together, we're proving — year after year as the demand increases — that more vulnerable cats can be saved, given a second chance, and placed into loving homes.



Rescue



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Working in shelter medicine is not just about treating and stabilizing sick patients, but also trying to rescue **at-risk and vulnerable animals**. I am proud to work with a team who prioritize **compassionate, high-quality care** to a forgotten population, with the goal of getting each one into a loving, forever home.

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Dr. Liu - Lead Shelter Medicine Veterinarian



VALENTINA'S STORY

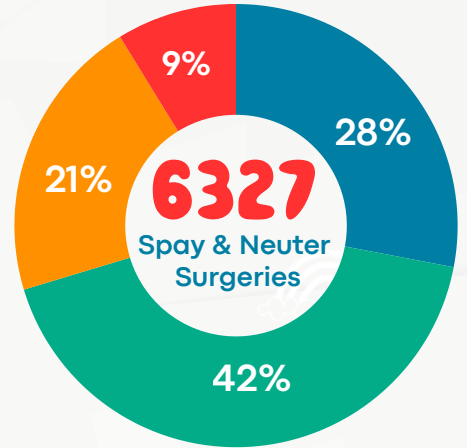


Valentina arrived at Nine Lives suffering from **severe skin disease, ear infections, and parasites**. She was in so much pain she would scratch her face raw. For months, our veterinary team provided **best-in-class care** — **special diets, medications, enrichment, and constant monitoring** — to manage her chronic allergies and flare-ups. Her journey included **repeated treatments, rechecks, and lots of patience from staff and volunteers** who never gave up on her. After more than **three months of dedicated care**, she was finally healthy enough to graduate from medical hold. Today, Valentina is thriving in her forever home — proof that Nine Lives is always here for kitties in need, offering them very best chance for a brighter future.

LOW COST SPAY & NEUTER

2024 SPAY/NEUTER IMPACT

In 2024, Nine Lives performed **6,327 spay/neuter surgeries** — a **54% increase** from 2023 (4,109). This incredible growth reflects our commitment to addressing cat overpopulation on every front and we are set to **surpass these totals already in 2025!** Of the 6,327 surgeries we performed in 2024, **2,678 were for feral and community cats** through our Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) program. **Nine Lives is proud to be the premier TNR clinic in the Bay Area!**



2678 Trap-Neuter-Return
1772 Owned Pets
1322 Rescue Groups
555 Nine Lives Rescues

A LIFELINE FOR CATS ACROSS OUR COMMUNITY

- Over 50 rescue partners depend on us to spay/neuter their cats, provide **wellness exams**, and perform **lifesaving interventions** that prepare animals for adoption.
- Pet owners across the Bay Area rely on our **affordable, low-cost services** to keep their cats healthy and prevent unplanned litters.
- Our Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) program humanely manages community cats and colonies, giving outdoor cats safer lives while **reducing the cycle of overpopulation**.



That's **54%** growth in 2024!



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I'm incredibly proud to be part of the Nine Lives team. Our focus is always on the cats and people who need us most, and I'm continually inspired not only by watching cats recover and thrive, but also by the incredible way our surgery team works together to make it possible.

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Clare Sugarman - Cat Clinic Supervisor



KITTEN SEASON LEADERS



In 2024, Nine Lives rescued **595 kittens**, compared to 297 in 2023 — **a 100% increase in just one year**. Kitten Season continues to be a crisis in our community, overwhelming shelters and leaving the most vulnerable at risk. **From fragile neonatal bottle babies to kittens battling chronic illness**, Nine Lives provides best-practice, around-the-clock care to give them a chance at life. Year after year, we are expanding our reach to meet the growing demand, ensuring that **more at-risk kittens survive, thrive, and find their forever homes**. Already in 2025, **we've shattered last year's kitten rescue totals** — and the demand for our lifesaving work continues to climb higher every day.

FINDING OUR FUREVER HOME

BREAKING MEWS!

A New Home. A New Era of Lifesaving.

The Future of Cat Rescue Is Here: Welcome to the New Nine Lives!

In a monumental milestone in our history, Nine Lives' shelter and clinic will unite under one purpose-built roof designed for high-volume feline care. This transformational space will double our capacity to **rescue, heal, and rehome cats**, with **dedicated medical suites, expanded adoption areas**, and a **state-of-the-art shelter medicine hub** — allowing us to provide more **advanced, affordable care** faster and with greater compassion than ever before!

By 2028, this new facility will allow us to:

- **Perform 10,000+ surgeries every year**, including spay/neuter, dental, and lifesaving interventions
- **Rescue and rehome over 2,000 cats annually**, including the most vulnerable and medically fragile
- **Deliver lifesaving dental surgeries** at our best-in-class surgical center
- **Prevent suffering and surrenders with accessible wellness programs** for pets and families
- **Serve as a lifeline for community and feral cats**, and a vital regional resource for rescue groups
- **Engage and educate** through public workshops, adoption fairs, and volunteer training programs

**This is more than a building — it's a promise:
Every cat, no matter their past, will have a future.**



FINDING OUR FUREVER HOME

THE TIME IS NOW

28%

We've laid the foundation for a brighter future. Now we need your help to build it!

This is our moment of transformation. Our growth — and your belief in us — have brought Nine Lives to this pivotal point. Together, we can build a sustainable, purpose-built campus that not only meets today's urgent needs but also unlocks lifesaving possibilities for generations of cats to come. We've laid the foundation, but with demand surging in our community and beyond, Nine Lives — uniquely positioned as the region's only feline-specific spay/neuter and low-cost wellness provider — is ready to help more cats and kittens than ever before.

A new chapter in lifesaving begins here!

It's fear-free, purpose-designed housing for sick, scared, and adoptable cats.

It's expanded programs to double the number of surgeries, adoptions, and rescues.

It's increased staffing to support a growing medical and adoption team.

It's operating support to cover the real cost of care for every cat we save.

It's lifesaving services like dental care, wellness clinics, and critical surgeries for cats who have no other options.

It's a legacy of compassion, care, and commitment — a home for the most vulnerable cats, a lifeline for under-resourced rescues, and a beacon of hope in a crowded, underfunded system.



SCAN TO DONATE



LIFESAVING INTERVENTIONS & WELLNESS

OFFERING EVEN MORE LIFELINES

In 2024, Nine Lives Foundation **expanded its services** to provide lifesaving interventions for rescue groups across the region. More than 50 partner organizations now rely on our expertise and **affordable, best-practice care** to strengthen their own lifesaving capacity. From complex **dentals to delicate amputations**, we are performing specialty surgeries not only for our own cats, but for the animals of fellow rescues who need our help. Together, we are determined to save more lives than ever before.

SHELTER STATS

- 3,650 physical exams
- 3,000 diagnostic tests
- 30,000 treatments & interventions
- 30 specialized lifesaving surgeries

CERTIFIED NO-KILL

Year after year, Nine Lives proudly maintains its certified No-Kill status with a **98% save rate**.

This achievement reflects our unwavering belief that every cat deserves a chance at life.



3,000+ Microchips implanted



10,000+ Vaccines administered

Expanding Access to Care

In 2024, Nine Lives grew our low-cost vaccine clinic — **offering 100% more appointments than in 2023**. With **bilingual staff** coverage seven days a week, we ensure that every member of our community can access the care their cats need. Uniquely, Nine Lives also provides **wellness appointments for feral cats**, safely sedating them to deliver essential treatments often unavailable elsewhere. By breaking barriers to care, we are keeping more cats **healthy, safe, and in loving homes**.



LITTLE SURFER'S STORY



At just four weeks old and weighing less than a pound, Lil' Surfer faced euthanasia after being abandoned at a local shelter with a painful, infected wound that left him unable to urinate. After he was brought to Nine Lives in critical condition, our medical team performed **emergency surgery** and gave him the intensive care he needed to survive. Today, Lil' Surfer is thriving — a playful, affectionate kitten who embodies our mission: **providing lifesaving interventions and rescuing the most vulnerable cats and kittens from the brink of euthanasia**. Little Surfer represents just one of almost **600 kittens saved in 2024**.

VOLUNTEERS - OUR PARTNERS IN LIFESAVING

Celebrating Our Volunteers

In 2024, **150 active volunteers** dedicated over **11,000 hours** to caring for cats and supporting our lifesaving programs — **a 25% increase in the number of volunteers** and **22% more hours** compared to 2023. This remarkable growth was fueled by the introduction of new roles, such as **Hospital Helpers**, who provide vital post-operative recovery support. By expanding opportunities to serve, our volunteers not only skyrocketed their total hours but also enabled us to **help more cats and kittens than ever before**.

We are deeply grateful for their compassion, commitment, and countless hours of effort. Their generosity of time and spirit makes our lifesaving work possible.



Life in a shelter can be stressful for cats, but our **Fear Free® Cat Care and Enrichment** program eases anxiety and nurtures their emotional well-being. With **personalized playtime, gentle touch, and plenty of treats**, our cats gain confidence — helping them feel at home faster and **shortening their length of stay** on the path to adoption.

FOSTER REPORT 2024

Without our incredible foster families, we could not rescue as many vulnerable, underage, or shy cats and kittens. In 2024, foster homes gave countless cats the chance to grow, heal, and thrive outside the shelter — a lifesaving gift that shortens shelter stays and prepares them for adoption.

- 107 foster homes opened their doors
- 424 cats and kittens spent time in foster
- 10,000 cat-days of love and care were provided

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Every time I step into the clinic, I'm reminded why I love helping the surgical team. They are professional, skillful, and always put the animals' lives first. The work brings such an incredible sense of reward and brings warmth to my heart. Being part of a team that makes such a difference is truly inspiring.

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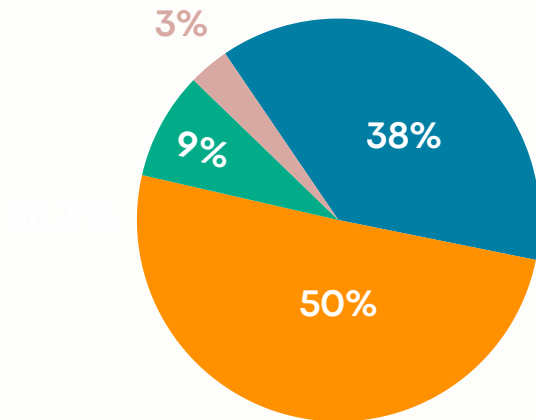
Carrey Yang - Hospital Helper Volunteer



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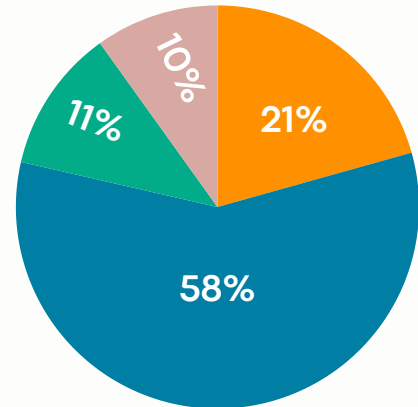
2024 Audited Financials

Revenue: \$2,905,588



Net Income:
\$758,534

Expenses: \$2,147,054



\$ 1,094,920 Donations
\$ 1,464,726 Program Revenue
\$ 251,270 Grants
\$ 94,672 Investments

\$ 443,397 Adoptions Program
\$ 1,244,003 Veterinary Services
\$ 247,004 Management & Admin
\$ 212,650 Fundraising

Assets & Liabilities

Current Assets	\$ 1,930,193
Property, Equipment, & Leasehold	\$ 197,781
Total Assets	\$ 2,127,974
Current Liabilities	\$ 294,362
Total Equity	\$ 1,833,611

Footnote:

Financials have been approved by an independent auditor. Total investments and cash equivalents are \$1,930K, equivalent to almost 11 months of operating expense.



POWERED BY DONORS

THANK YOU TO OUR WONDERFUL DONORS!

Our work would not be possible without the generosity of our dedicated supporters. Nine Lives receives no municipal funding or government contracts — every life saved is thanks to you. In 2024, for the first time in our history, **we surpassed \$1 million in donations**, fueled largely by grassroots giving. An incredible **2,787 donors** stood with us last year — **a 27% increase from 2023's 2,200 donors** — showing just how deeply our mission resonates with the community.

YOUR DONATIONS

- Provide lifesaving food, shelter, medical care, and enrichment for cats until they find loving homes
- Keep pets with their families by making low-cost veterinary care accessible during a critical shortage of affordable options
- Strengthen our spay/neuter program, preventing homelessness and easing the burden on overcrowded shelters



Celebrating Our Grantors

In 2024, Nine Lives was honored to receive **\$251,000** in grant funding, including transformative support from **Best Friends Animal Society** and **UC Davis**. These investments are helping us lead the way toward a “No Kill” future — bringing lifesaving resources to partner rescues, **saving cats and kittens from the brink of euthanasia**, and strengthening our own programs.

We are grateful to all of our grantors for enabling us to transfer in more vulnerable cats from overwhelmed, under-resourced shelters — **saving more lives than ever before!**



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I proudly support and donate to Nine Lives because its lifesaving mission is shaping a future where every cat and kitten knows safety, care, and love.

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Candace Maxwell Korzinski - Donor and Board Member



WAYS TO GIVE

- ONLINE, BY MAIL, OR IN-PERSON
- THROUGH YOUR WILL OR TRUST
- STOCKS OR BONDS
- THROUGH YOUR IRA OR DAF
- BECOME A CORPORATE PARTNER
- GIVE THROUGH SOCIAL MEDIA
- DONATE A VEHICLE OR BOAT
- SHOP OUR AMAZON OR CHEWY WISHLIST

QUESTIONS? CONTACT [GIVING@NINELIVES.ORG](mailto:giving@ninelives.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 our 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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