

KINDNESS. CARE. COMPASSION



2023 ANNUAL REPORT



A volunteer-run, 501(c)3 non-profit feline rescue based in Fall River, MA.

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Mendel & Punnett, adopted Sep '23

INTRODUCTION

2 years ago, 7 cat-loving friends banded together to help fight the homeless cat epidemic in Southcoast Massachusetts. What started off as a foster-based adoption program, quickly grew into a trap-neuter-release program, a low-cost spay/neuter program and countless other initiatives that support our mission to bring kindness, care, & compassion to animals in need while publicly promoting their welfare and responsible pet ownership.

We're proud of all that we've accomplished and couldn't have done it without the support of our amazing community. We wouldn't be here today without our dedicated team of volunteers & fosters, as well as our adopters, donors & supporters. From the bottom of our hearts, THANK YOU!

OUR BOARD



Sarah Donner
President



Emily Melendez
Treasurer



Mika Spencer
Secretary

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Clover, adopted Jul '23

MISSION

To give kindness, care, & compassion to animals in need while publicly promoting their welfare and responsible pet ownership

2023 IMPACT

- **200** cats & kittens adopted
- **186** pet cats sterilized through our low-cost spay/neuter program
- **141** feral cats spayed/neutered & released
- **2** lost cats reunited with their owners
- **6** fundraising events
- **\$100,000+** raised



Betty, Ronan & Haze, adopted Oct '23

FOSTER CARE

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Why Foster-Based?

Our foster families are the heartbeat of our rescue, embodying a personalized and compassionate approach to feline welfare. They play a pivotal role in the rehabilitation and socialization of our cats, offering insights into their personalities and needs that prove invaluable in facilitating successful adoptions. Fostering is not just a temporary haven; it's a lifeline, allowing each cat to flourish, regain health, and find a forever home, while simultaneously amplifying the impact of our rescue efforts.

Foster Network

We work with 18 foster homes in Fairhaven, Fall River, New Bedford, Dartmouth & Middleboro. Each foster home took in anywhere from 1 to 20 cats over the course of the year. Whether it's a nursing mom with her litter of kittens, orphaned kittens requiring bottle feeding, or a handful of semi-feral kittens, we have fosters that are trained experts in handling the medical and behavioral requirements of our cats.



Blip, adopted Aug '22

ADOPTION SUMMARY

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Ingrid, adopted Sep '23



200 Cats Adopted in 2023

81% of the cats adopted were kittens with the remaining 19% being adults & seniors. While we accept any cat regardless of age and health, these numbers are a reflection of where our cats come from. The majority of our intakes are kittens born to stray cats outdoors, or families whose cats had accidental litters.

52% Kittens Adopted in Pairs

We always encourage the adoption of kittens in pairs because there are many health and social benefits including mental stimulation, companionship, social development, and physical health. Not to mention the fact that the only thing better than 1 kitten is 2!

ADOPTION REVIEWS

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Alice, adopted in July 2023



"I adopted my kitten Timothy (formerly Alice) from this organization and it was a smooth, easy experience! I can tell Timmy was well-cared for by his foster mom - he is SO well-socialized, and a happy, well-behaved, and fearless little baby! I love him more than anything! They were quick to answer questions and respond to my application pre-adoption. Glad I found them and Timmy!"

Ronan & Betty, adopted in October 2023



"What an absolutely wonderful experience adopting kitties. They were so communicative. So easy to work with. Kitties are happy and healthy."

Mocha, adopted in September 2023



"From the straightforward application to the friendly foster mom, I never ran into any issues adopting our new kitten. We chose a kitty based on best fit for us and current cat and it's been less than a week and they are already beginning to bond. All important healthcare including microchip was handled by Moby Kit Rescue and was included in the one time reasonable adoption fee. Very happy with our decision to do this. Please check out their other sweet cats and help them find homes so they can make room to help more !"



Sammy, neutered & vaccinated Apr '23

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186 cats
were sterilized
& treated
through Project
Snip in 2023

PROJECT SNIP PROGRAM

The Project Snip Program is a low-cost spay/neuter program that aims to make this lifesaving surgery affordable to families that don't have a primary vet or the financial means to provide routine veterinary care for their pets. Through this program, we're ending the cycle of reproduction and preventing accidental litters of kittens.

PROJECT SNIP REVIEWS

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Jennifer & her kitten Rocky

“The communication before the day of my kitty’s neuter was great. I knew exactly what was going on and what I needed to do. On the day of the staff were amazing. I left my baby in good hands they really made me feel that way!! They called during the procedure to check on previous vaccination and what they were going to do about it!! I was never left in the dark. When I picked my kitty up they were just as amazing I appreciate all they do for our communities. I would recommend them to anyone with full trust!! Thank You Moby Kit Rescue.”

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Oswaldo & his cat Patches

“They provided great service spaying my little patches. Prompt responses and very caring towards your pets”

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Jen & her cats Kingsley & Sammy

“I am so grateful for Moby Kit Rescue. My vet closed during covid and no one local is accepting new patients. I have had 1 cat vetted and 2 more on deck. Thank you.”



Kingsley, neutered & vaccinated Apr '23

TRAP-NEUTER- RELEASE

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What is Trap-Neuter-Release?

Trap-Neuter-Release (TNR) is a humane and effective method for managing and reducing the population of feral - or “community” - cats. The process involves trapping feral cats, spaying or neutering them to prevent reproduction, and then returning them to their original location. The goal is to control the population of feral cats without resorting to euthanasia. TNR helps control the population over time, reduces nuisance behaviors associated with mating, and improves the overall welfare of the cats involved.

2023 TNR Summary

- 142 feral cats spayed/neutered & released
- 26 different sites completed



A photo from one of our many spay/neuter runs in 2023

EVENTS & FUNDRAISERS

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In 2023, Moby Kit Rescue hosted 6 fundraising events, raising over \$13k in donations.

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Casino Night

Saturday, January 28, 2023 at the Ponta Delgada Club

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Line Dancing Fundraiser

Saturday, March 25, 2023 at the Hometown Tavern

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Bingo Night

Friday, May 12, 2023 at Raymour & Flanigan Furniture and Mattress Store



EVENTS & FUNDRAISERS

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Bingo Night

Friday, October 6, 2023 at Raymour & Flanigan Furniture and Mattress Store

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Meowsquerade Ball

Friday, October 30, 2023 at The Heron Educational Center for the Human Spirit

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Craft Fair

Saturday, November 4, 2023 at Stoney Creek Farm



PARTNERSHIPS & DONORS

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We would like to recognize some of our biggest partners over the past year, who provided medical care to our cats, helped advertise our harder-to-adopt cats on the radio and hosted or catered our fundraising events. This list barely scratches the surface, but a big thank you to everyone who supported Moby Kit Rescue in 2023 and continues to support us in the new year.

Mattapoissett Animal Hospital



FACT Clinic



Potter League Animal Clinic



Raymour & Flanigan Furniture and Mattress Store



On The Go Catering



Fun107 (Wet Nose Wednesday)





Meg, adopted Nov '23

THANK YOU

As we continue through 2024, there's still a lot of work to be done. With the increased cost of living, we get new requests almost weekly from families that need to surrender their cats or that require support accessing low-cost spay/neuter surgeries. Additionally, many people continue to report abandoned & lost cats in their neighbourhood, as well as litters of orphaned kittens fending for themselves outdoors. Through your support, we can continue our mission to give kindness, care, & compassion to animals in need while publicly promoting their welfare and responsible pet ownership



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