



2025 Annual Report

Moby Kit Rescue is a volunteer-run, 501(c)3 non-profit feline rescue based in Fall River, MA.

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LETTER FROM OUR PRESIDENT

As we look back on 2025, we do so with a mix of honesty and pride. This past year was one of the most challenging our rescue has experienced, marked by rising need, shrinking capacity, and increasing complexity in the cases we took on. Yet it was also a year that clearly demonstrated the strength, resilience, and dedication of our small, volunteer-run team. Throughout the year, we faced significant headwinds. Adoption applications declined by approximately 25% compared to the previous year, while requests for assistance remained high. In 2025, we received 70 individual surrender requests for owned cats, nearly matching the 71 received in 2024. This doesn't include the requests for assistance with stray animals, which is at least twice as high as owner surrenders. These numbers reflect a continued crisis for cats in our community, even as fewer adopters were able or ready to step forward.

At the same time, our foster network—one of the most critical pillars of our work—continued to shrink. We saw an approximately 30% year-over-year decline in foster homes, from 20 in 2024 to 15 in 2025, and further to just 9 as we entered 2026. As a volunteer-run rescue, these fluctuations are understandable; our team members balance this work alongside major life events such as growing families, the loss of loved ones, new jobs, medical challenges, and other personal responsibilities. Even so, the reduction in foster capacity significantly limited the number of cats we could safely take in and required careful, often difficult decisions throughout the year.

Adding to these challenges was a noticeable increase in the number of sick, shy, and undersocialized cats coming into our care. These cats require more time, more resources, and more individualized attention—demands that stretched our volunteers and finances even further.

And yet, despite all of this, we are incredibly proud of what was accomplished in 2025. With a small team and fewer resources, our volunteers continued to show up—coordinating care, supporting fosters, managing medical needs, and advocating tirelessly for each cat. Every intake, every recovery, and every successful adoption represents extraordinary effort behind the scenes.

This year reaffirmed something we have always known: our rescue is powered not by size, but by commitment. The impact we made in 2025 is a direct result of volunteers who refused to give up, supporters who continued to believe in our mission, and a community that understands how vital this work is.

As we move forward, we do so with gratitude and determination. The challenges of 2025 have strengthened our resolve and clarified the importance of sustainable support—through fostering, adopting, donating, and spreading the word. With your continued involvement, we are hopeful for a year ahead marked by renewed capacity and continued compassion.

Thank you for standing with us through a difficult year and for helping make everything we accomplished possible.

With sincere appreciation,

Emilly Melendez
President & Co-Founder of Moby Kit Rescue

97 Adoptions



67 Low-Cost Sterilizations



110 Cats TNR'd



\$62,000 Raised



2025

ADOPTIONS

Of the cats adopted in 2025, 83 were kittens, 9 were adults, and 3 were seniors. More than half of all adoptions were bonded pairs, reflecting our commitment to keeping closely connected cats together whenever possible. Additionally, over 15% of adopted cats had special needs, and an even greater number required significant socialization support from their foster families to help them build confidence and trust before transitioning to their permanent homes.

97*adoptions***51%***cats adopted in pairs*

ADOPTION TESTIMONIALS FROM 2025

"We adopted a brother and sister pair from Moby Kit Rescue, and we couldn't be happier! They lived with a wonderful foster mom and are very affectionate, playful and healthy. You can tell they were well cared for and loved. We are so happy to have found out about this amazing resource for foster kittens in need of new homes. Thank you Moby Kit Rescue!"

- Titus & Aurora, adopted in June 2025

"We feel incredibly fortunate that we discovered Kelly through Moby Kit's Facebook page. From that first online interaction through bringing her home, every step was positive. The rescue clearly cares about matching the right cats with the right families, and they've helped us find the perfect addition to our household. We're so grateful to Moby Kit Rescue for the excellent work they do and for helping us find our new family member!"

- Kelly, adopted in January 2025

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PROJECT SNIP PROGRAM

Moby Kit Rescue's Project Snip program provides low-cost spay and neuter services through partnerships with local veterinarians, making essential care more accessible for community cat owners. By reducing financial barriers to sterilization, the program helps prevent unwanted litters and improve the health and wellbeing of cats. This proactive approach reduces cat overpopulation and eases strain on local shelters and rescues.

In 2025, we provided spay and neuter services for 69 cats from 50 different

households, prioritizing homes with both unaltered male and female cats and a history of unplanned litters. While limited appointment availability meant we were unable to meet current demand—reflected in a waitlist of more than 400 households—the program's growth and reach have expanded significantly over time. This strong demand underscores the critical need for accessible spay and neuter services in our community, and we remain committed to expanding the program's capacity and long-term impact.



3 cats that participated in our Project Snip program in 2025

PROJECT SNIP TESTIMONIAL FROM 2025

"The gals at Moby Kit Rescue are truly Angels, they put their heart into every rescue! I was able to get my cat Lucidity, neutered at Moby Kit Rescue, as well as the shots he needed, all for a very affordable price... Their mission is to Spay & Neuter as many cats as possible, and they do just that!! They are amazing !! If you are looking for a way to help animals in need, please consider donating to Moby Kit Rescue."

- *Tracie & her cat Lucidity, March 2025*

Learn more about our Project Snip Program at www.mobykitrescue.org/project-snip

TRAP-NEUTER- RELEASE (TNR)

Moby Kit Rescue partnered closely with dedicated community members—including caregivers, volunteers, and local residents—to trap, neuter, vaccinate, and return more than 100 community cats across Southcoast Massachusetts. Through this collaborative approach, we were able to stabilize multiple colonies, prevent countless litters, and reduce behaviors such as roaming, fighting, and spraying that impact both cats and neighbors.

Our focus was on cats who were ill or in need of emergency medical care—cases that required significantly more time, coordination, and financial resources, limiting our ability to trap additional cats. As a result, these targeted interventions led to meaningful improvements in individual cat health while still easing pressure on rescues, shelters, and animal control. By prioritizing urgent medical need alongside population control, we continued to deliver humane, high-impact outcomes for both cats and the broader community.



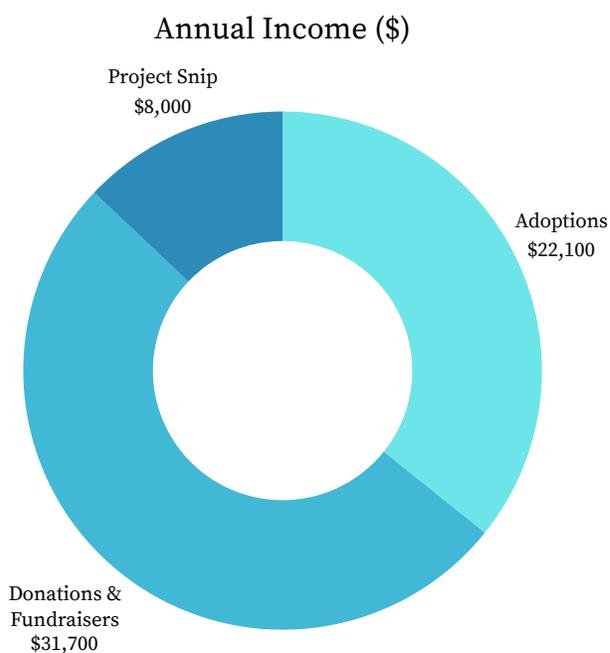
TNR TESTIMONIALS FROM 2025

“Such a great organization!! I cannot say enough great things about everyone that I have spoken to or that has helped with Belle’s TNR! She just came home today and she looks amazing! Truly grateful for the amazing care she clearly was in, and that her babies now have the chance at a better life!”

“I reached out to Moby Kit for a cat colony on the property. They were able to save 2 batches of kittens, their momma cats and multiple other strays to get them checked and fixed. Moby Kit rescue was able to catch over 20 cats which is incredible. Everyone has been great to work with there, especially Jen P! Definitely look forward to working with them again in the future and absolutely recommend them to anyone else in need!”



FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS



As a volunteer-run rescue, 100% of our income goes directly to the cats in our care. By far, our largest expense is veterinary care, which includes routine check-ups, surgeries, vaccinations, and emergency treatments. While adoption and Project Snip fees cover the medical costs of those animals, any additional income is used to provide care for feral or special-needs cats who do not have adoption fees to support them. Other expenses include essential supplies such as food, litter, and bedding, though we are fortunate to rely heavily on in-kind donations from our supporters to help keep our pantries stocked. Every dollar contributed enables us to provide life-saving medical care, improve quality of life, and respond to urgent needs, ensuring that no cat is left without the support they need.

STORIES FROM 2025

A Community Effort to Care for Farm Cats

We responded to a farm overwhelmed by a growing population of stray cats, many of whom were friendly and well-suited for adoption but suffering from medical issues. With our own capacity stretched, we coordinated with partner rescues and shelters across Massachusetts to ensure every cat was taken in, received necessary veterinary care, and ultimately placed into adoptive homes. While we cannot always directly take in every cat, this effort reflects our commitment to supporting the community in any way possible and to working collaboratively to ensure no cat is left without help.



From Crisis to Care

This year, we supported a family facing a growing cat overpopulation crisis after a caregiver moved in to assist an elderly parent and discovered the home was becoming overwhelmed by 28 unfixed cats. We intervened by arranging spay/neuter surgeries for the original adult cats and coordinating foster placements and rescue transfers for the remaining cats and kittens. Our intervention successfully broke the cycle of unchecked breeding. The family was deeply grateful for the support, and the outcome prevented further suffering while creating a more stable, humane situation for both the cats and the household.

WAYS TO SUPPORT US

Hands-On Cat Care:

Help feed, groom, clean, and socialize cats at our Fall River location, giving them the care and attention they need to thrive.

Join Our Foster Network:

Fostering with Moby Kit Rescue involves providing a comfortable, clean, and loving environment for cats and kittens, ensuring they receive proper nutrition, medical care, and socialization to prepare them for adoption.

Donate: As a volunteer-run rescue, we are always in need of supplies and monetary donations so that we can continue to feed, house and provide medical care for the hundreds of cats we support annually. Visit www.mobykitrescue.org/donate for more information on how to support our cause.

Become a Driver:

Becoming a driver for Moby Kit Rescue is a rewarding way to make a direct impact by safely transporting cats and kittens to and from spay/neuter appointments, helping ensure their well-being while contributing to our cause.

Learn more about how to support us at www.mobykitrescue.org/

THANK YOU!

We are deeply grateful to everyone who made our work possible this year. To our volunteers and drivers, thank you for giving your time, energy, and flexibility to ensure cats received the care they needed, often behind the scenes and on short notice. To our foster families, thank you for opening your homes and hearts and providing safety, patience, and love to cats as they healed and learned to trust. To our adopters, thank you for choosing rescue and giving our cats the stable, lifelong homes they deserve. And to our donors, your generosity sustained every step of this work—from medical care to daily essentials—and allowed us to say “yes” when help was needed most. This rescue exists because of you, and we are profoundly thankful for your continued support.

