



Friends of the Fairfax County Animal Shelter

With the close of 2025, we'd like to look back at our successes and milestones of the year. The biggest of course is marking the 20th anniversary of supporting and improving the lives of homeless pets at the Fairfax County Animal Shelter. Thanks to the amazing generosity of our donors, we managed to break all previous years' fundraising totals, meaning more animals could be treated for major medical and dental issues, protected from deadly parasite diseases, spayed and neutered to avoid overpopulation (i.e., rabbits and community cats), and properly identified with collars, tags, and leashes for adopted dogs and cats. With your ongoing support, we were able to introduce the "Second Chance Paws" program for senior pets. A \$500 medical voucher is provided to qualified adopted senior cats and dogs.

Being recognized with a Proclamation from the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors on June 10, 2025, was also a shining moment we will never forget. Being surrounded by Friends' board members, Shelter staff and pets, our partners, friends, donors, and volunteers made it even more special! The continued support of the Board of Supervisors has made a crucial impact on the success of Friends. It helps us do what we do every day to help the pets at the Shelter. Opening the Shelter to our donors for a behind-the-scenes view of the workings of this amazing facility was a one-of-a-kind experience. Held every Monday in June, attendees were treated to tours of the different habitats, intake areas, and dog runs, as well as an opportunity to meet and mingle with each other. The success of these events would have been impossible without the help of Shelter staff and volunteers who gave their time and expertise to make the Shelter and what they do every day to help the pets who are at "their home between homes" shine. Our golf outing held in October was another banner event with 101 golfers joining us for a friendly challenge, silent auction, and raffle. As always, our Friends' volunteers stepped up to create a truly enjoyable experience for all.

Stay tuned for more exciting news, success stories, and happy paws looking forward to finding their forever homes in 2026. And thank you for continuing to improve the lives of Shelter animals and strengthening our community.

Yours in paws from the Friends board,

President & Co-Founder



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By the Numbers...

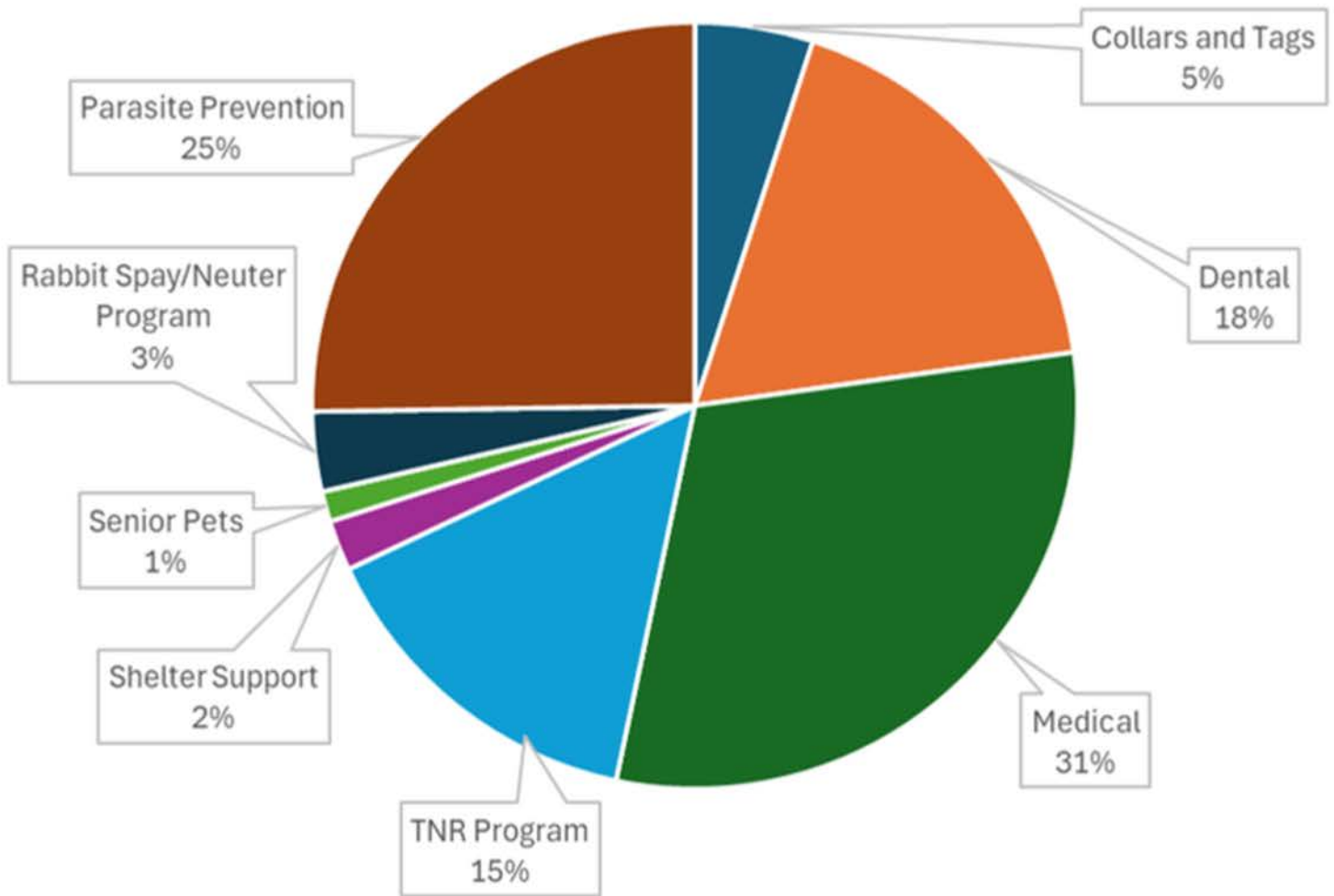
In 2025, with the generous support of our animal-loving community, Friends provided \$321,616 in support to Animal Services:

- 44 pets were provided medical care, including emergency lifesaving medical care in the amount of \$99,076.
- 18 senior pet vouchers were issued for additional medical care, totaling \$4,105 (2025 was the first year for this program).
- 61 pets were provided with dental care to improve overall health, reduce pain, and help set pets and their adopters up for success, totaling \$56,943.
- 61 rabbits were provided spay/neuter services totaling \$10,769.
- 2,813 pets were provided leashes for dogs and collars with personalized tags for cats and dogs, totaling \$16,009.
- 4,481 pets (dogs, cats, rabbits) were provided parasite prevention totaling \$80,869.
- \$6,819 was provided toward items for the Shelter's enrichment programs.
- 529 community cats were spayed or neutered, vaccinated, ear-tipped, and examined as part of Animal Service's Trap, Neuter, Return (TNR) Program, totaling \$47,026.
- 42 pets were highlighted on social media as part of the Friends spotlight program to give pets a chance to shine.



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Shelter Expenditures of \$321,616 in 2025



- Collars and Tags
- Dental
- Medical
- TNR Program
- Shelter Support
- Senior Pets
- Rabbit Spay/Neuter Program
- Parasite Prevention

Friend's Success is Their Success

Twinkling Toby



Toby arrived at the Shelter when his family relocated to a place that did not permit pets. At nine years old, he required dental care, which was funded by Friends. Shortly afterward, Toby was adopted from the Lorton campus and is now thriving with his new family. He is enjoying his golden years, and his adoptive family shares, "He has been an outstanding addition."

Simba was rescued by a family but surrendered to a shelter when they couldn't keep him. He suffers from a serious eye condition that required surgery and has lifelong hypertension. Friends stepped up with the help of their donors and provided funding for the surgery. Despite his health issues, Simba quickly found a loving new home where he's cherished for his affectionate and playful personality. His adopters appreciate the care he received and say he brings joy and comfort to their lives.

Snugly Simba



Maggie's Got Moxie!



Maggie, formerly known as Lorelei, was left at the Shelter with an untreated leg injury that led to a full amputation. Thanks to the donors who support our mission. Friends provided funding for the surgery. At just over a year old, Maggie recovered quickly and found a permanent home with her foster family. Her new owner says, "Maggie is resilient and fits right in. She enjoys long walks and meeting neighborhood dogs." "She's friendly with other dogs and is learning to greet people. Our other dog Stanley is warming up to her—we already love her!"

Seamus was surrendered to the Shelter due to a significant change in his family's living situation. Luckily, he arrived with no major medical issues, only needing good dental cleaning which Friends was able to fund. Less than a month later, Seamus found his forever home, acclimating well to his two other furry siblings. His new mom gushed, "Seamus is my beloved senior cat, and I would adopt another senior kitty in a heartbeat. It is such a blessing to have him, and he is adjusting well to my other kitties [also adopted from the Shelter]."

Seamus - Senior Sage

