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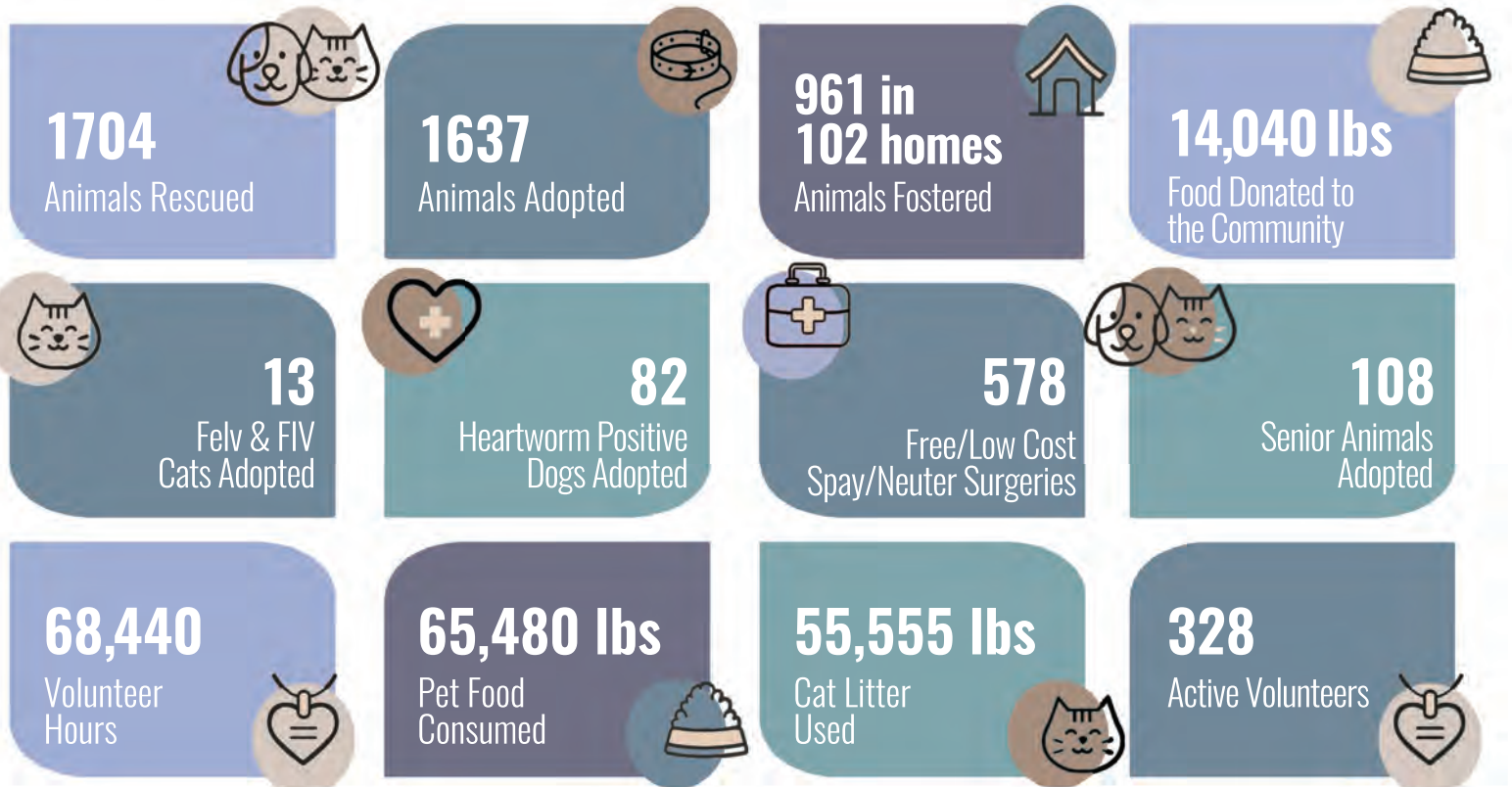
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2023 YEAR IN REVIEW

All4Paws is grateful for the support of **donors, staff, volunteers, and adopters** who collectively made it possible to rescue 10% more animals in 2023 than the year before, and 62% more than in 2019. All4Paws accepted and rehabilitated more special needs dogs and cats in 2023 than any time in our history, demonstrating that **our shared collective compassion makes All4Paws something special.**

This newsletter provides a summary of 2023 performance including examples of compassion, sharing what we accomplished together.

From everyone at All4Paws and all the many dogs and cats rescued and adopted in 2023, a very special THANK YOU!



2023 UPDATE & SUMMARY

All4Paws celebrated its 12th anniversary on December 14th of 2023 having rescued over 20,000 homeless and helpless dogs and cats.

According to Shelter Animal Counts data, shelters and rescues across the country are still trying to recover from the impact of Covid. **Adoptions on average across the US are still 8.1% below** 2019 levels while intakes are up, filling shelters beyond their rated capacity.

Contrary to national trends, **All4Paws adoptions in 2023 increased 62% from 2019 level and over 10% from previous year**, driven by increased cat and kitten adoptions. As an outgrowth of All4Paws low cost spay/neuter services to the Georgetown/Horry County area, we have become a major participant in the TNR (Trap/Neuter/Return) of area feral cats. This has provided the opportunity to intake and adopt many kittens that were slated to be released into communities without a home. This was possible because increased number of individuals were willing to foster, care for, and socialize young kittens until they could be adopted.

In 2022 All4Paws Clinic performed 578 **free/low cost spay/neuter** surgeries, in addition to surgeries for the 1637 animals rescued and adopted. It is estimated the total spay/neuter surgeries performed last year potentially prevented the birth of over 8 million unaltered dogs and cats over the next 6 years

In 2023 All4Paws rescued more compassion animals than ever before – dogs and cats that have severe medical, behavioral, or emotional problems – dogs and cats that most rescues will not accept. Many of these, young and old alike, were intentionally abandoned because municipal shelters were too full to accept additional dogs or cats, because the owner could no longer care for the animal, or the owner died and no one wanted or could care for the pet. (See pages 4 & 5)

The list of compassion animals rescued in 2023 is long and their care was expensive. While we are blessed to have donors who share our compassion for these less fortunate creatures, the cost of care for these in 2023 exceeded the financial contributions made to our **Compassion Fund**. We want to keep rescuing these unfortunate creatures but need increased donor support to make this happen.

More volunteers helped in 2023. Volunteers helped with fundraisers, adoption events, facility maintenance, fostering and caring for cats and dogs, working at Rescued Treasures, and even recruiting other volunteers. Dog walkers benefited by training from a special volunteer and professional trainer, Matt Dellaira, helping dogs become more adoptable quicker and better pets after adopted.

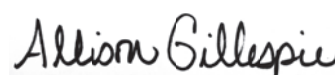
Our **partnership with Baskerville Food Pantry** continued to expand in 2023 both geographically and in the number of families served and pounds of food donated to those in need. Over 7 tons of free pet food was provided to local pet owners last year.

Financial support from our boutique upscale resale store, **Rescued Treasures**, increased in 2023, helping fund our increased rescue activity. This increasing support is made possible because donors share our compassion for animals and shoppers find quality merchandise at unbelievable prices. (See page 6)

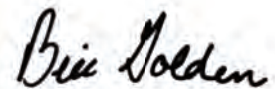
The most important outcome of 2023 was that All4Paws rescued more cats and dogs, rehabilitated more compassion animals, and performed hundreds of free/low cost spay/neuter surgeries. We witnessed the hopeless given hope, the scared and fearful loved and transformed, the injured and hurting healed, and the homeless and helpless rescued and adopted.

What was accomplished in 2023 would never have happened without the dedicated and compassionate support of donors, adopters, volunteers, and staff.

To all of these, a sincere and heartfelt very special THANK YOU!



Allison Gillespie
All4Paws
Founding Director



Bill Golden
All4Paws Operations &
Developmental Director

SOME THOUGHTS ON WHAT MAKES EVERYTHING POSSIBLE...

Rescuing homeless and helpless dogs and cats is an act of compassion that requires sacrifice, dedication, and perseverance. Some daily challenges seem impossible, but then help arrives and what was impossible becomes possible and happens.

Help shows up in many ways. **Volunteers and staff show up.** Some help catch a feral cat or fearful dog that escaped being caught for days. Transporters show up to deliver the rescued to where they find hope. Staff and volunteers care for the animals – bathing the dirty, washing bowls, cleaning kennels, calming the fearful, healing the sick and injured, fostering dogs and cats, socializing and training each based on need, and then adopting each to a loving home.

In 2023 we had over 60,000 hours of volunteer time which is equivalent to thirty full time employees – skilled and dedicated volunteers that we could not find nor afford if we tried to replace. Volunteers come because they care about animals and want to be a part of something worthwhile. Words cannot express the value volunteers bring and the difference they make.

Adopters show up to add to their family, enjoying the love and companionship that each provides. Without a welcoming home for each rescued dog and cat, the rescue process can not happen.

We are thankful that **Donors show up** and help cover the costs of making the impossible a reality. Rescuing homeless and helpless dogs and cats is expensive. Adoption fees cover only a fraction of the cost, the balance generated by fundraisers, Rescued Treasures, and donations or grants from individuals and businesses. For every dollar raised, 98¢ goes directly or indirectly to the care of animals rescued.

We are grateful for every member of our staff, for every volunteer and adopter, and every individual and business donor that helped make what happened in 2023 possible.

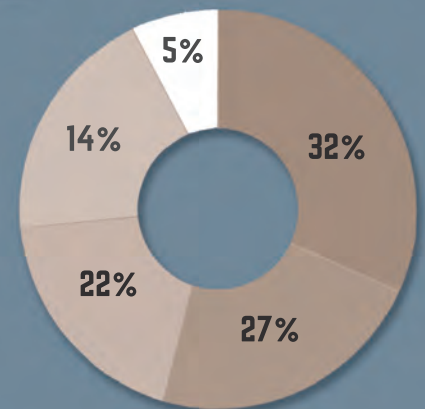
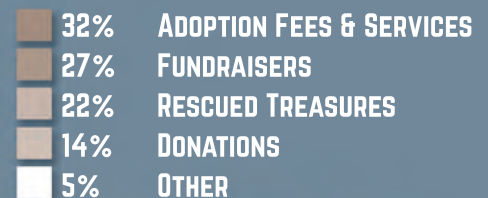
All4Paws has become much bigger than just a place; it's a community of individuals with shared values coming together to do good for animals and the people they touch, causing the impossible to become possible.

If you are not a part of making compassion happen, see page 7 for links and information.

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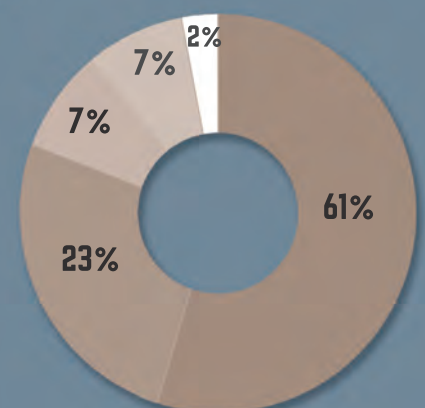
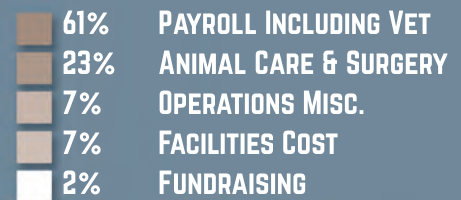
WHERE MONEY COMES FROM:

It took \$4,080 a day to fund All4Paws in 2023. The sources of funding that support the operations of All4Paws are shown below. Adoption revenue remains the largest source of funds – and growing each year as the number of animals adopted increases. Fundraisers remain the next major source of funding followed by funds from Rescued Treasures.



HOW MONEY IS SPENT:

Rescuing, caring for, and getting dogs and cats adopted is a labor intensive activity. Our payroll includes staffing in our own Clinic. Overall 98% of what is spent goes directly or indirectly to the care of the animals with 2% spend to raise funds and other miscellaneous activity.



EXAMPLES OF COMPASSION FROM 2023

Every dog and cat rescued represents
one or more acts of compassion!

Rescuing any dog or cat is not possible unless someone cares enough and does something to make the rescue happen. Recognizing this, All4Paws (staff, volunteers, donors, and adopters) is just a collection of many individuals doing acts of compassion every day.

While every dog or cat rescued requires some act of compassion, some dogs

and cats require acts of compassion of heroic proportions because of the severity of their physical, mental or emotional condition. These are the animals we call COMPASSION ANIMALS - animals so traumatized, abused, malnourished, diseased, infected, deformed, damaged or undisciplined that most rescue organizations do not or cannot afford the expense or time to provide the care and love necessary to give each a chance and a home. The rehabilitation and transformation of these animals is expensive – in both time and money. We are fortunate to have staff and volunteers dedicated to providing the love and care needed to make the rescue of Compassion animals possible. Being a part of each animal's journey from hopeless despair to a full recovery and then to a loving home is the reward that makes the effort meaningful.

Dogs like Buttons, a tiny unhealthy and impaired senior abandoned in a box in the middle of a parking lot of a local restaurant; and Stitch, a very sick puppy abandoned in a cardboard box along the road and not expected to live to nightfall, are just two examples that found hope and recovery at All4Paws.



Buttons

Stitch



Misha, a senior cat, found herself homeless after the death of her owner. As it turned out, Misha was diabetic and needed special care to stabilize her critical condition before being adopted.

Misha



Cora, a very sweet 3 month old pup, started out life with a 90% blockage in her pulmonary artery which could have led to a very short lifespan. All4Paws was able to get her to NC State where she had a procedure that reduced the blockage allowing her to live a normal life.

Cora



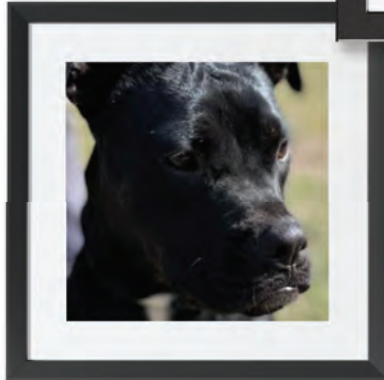
Noelle, just one of many abandoned dogs accepted by All4Paws, was left in a very small crate in our parking lot overnight and she was very pregnant! One of our compassionate initiatives, the "last litter" program, offers free spaying for mothers, reducing the number of unwanted pets. The program focuses on finding loving homes for the offspring, breaking the cycle of overpopulation.

Noelle



Marshall, a dog infected with unknown virus and severe hookworm infestation, needed special care and days in our clinic just to survive. After several doses of care and love, he found hope and a home.

Marshall



Hanson, a 3 year old beagle mix, needed both a leg amputation and a lot of love to overcome his physical disability and fear of people. He found confidence with the help of many volunteers and found hope, comfort and a home with the foster that helped him through his surgery.

Hanson



A TRIBUTE TO



A RESALE STORE FOR  ALL4PAWS WWW.ALL4PAWSSC.ORG

On Wednesday, April 11th of 2018 at 4:00 PM, on National Pet Day, a new source of support for All4Paws was officially born – at a ribbon cutting ceremony for **Rescued Treasures**.

Rescued Treasures was the brainchild of Beverly Halvorsen, who developed the vision for the store in response to the Board's search for additional sources of funding. The vision was to create a different kind of resale store—one that looked less like a thrift store and more like a boutique, carrying only high-quality merchandise at low prices. Little did anyone realize what was about to happen.

The Board spent considerable time looking for the right location and facility. As with most things that All4Paws does (when we do the right thing in the right way at the right time, and for the right reason), things just fell into place. In fact, the startup was so successful that when the adjoining unit became available in Fall 2019, the Board voted unanimously to expand the store. The rest is history.

Rescued Treasures revenue has increased every year making it possible for All4Paws to rescue more abandoned and abused dogs and cats. Since its beginning in 2018, it has generated over \$1.5 Million in revenue for All4Paws. In addition to this, Rescued Treasures has enriched the

All4Paws brand by the quality of what they do and how they do it and has hosted our Annual Auction Fundraiser.

While the vision was critical for its beginning, what makes Rescued Treasures so special are the many very talented volunteers and very small staff that make it happen, the very special donors who share our compassion for animals and donate the merchandise to sell, and the many shoppers who visit the store for awesome offerings at amazing prices.

For Rescued Treasures legacy to continue we always need volunteers, donors, and customers. Anyone can be a part of this amazing story by volunteering, donating, and shopping at what has been voted for years as the best boutique resale store in the area.

To everyone who has been a part of this amazing story a special **THANK YOU!** Know that your footprints have funded hope and love for thousands of hopeless animals and the people they touched.

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11378 Ocean Highway,
Pawleys Island, SC 29585

For directions to the store, go to Fresh Market in Pawleys Island, look across the street, then go to Rescued Treasures.



OPPORTUNITIES TO BE A PART OF



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Donations in different forms make up a significant part of funding to support what is done every day. Individuals donate to our **Compassion Fund** that helps us address special medical and behavioral needs of animals that most other rescue organizations will not accept. Some donate to our **In Honor** or **In Memory** Funds in recognition or memory of a special person or pet. Various fundraisers provide multiple opportunities for others to donate to All4Paws such as the annual community **Palmetto Giving Day** sponsored by the Bunnelle Foundation and the All4Paws **Annual Silent Auction** that allows businesses and individuals in our area to donate services or items to be auctioned off to others who can contribute by bidding on the available items.

Below are links to some of the many opportunities to be a part of what we do together.



Volunteer Opportunities

All4Paws could not exist without our family of volunteers. Volunteers can work at the shelter front desk or Rescued Treasures, walk dogs, socialize cats, attend adoption and other off-site events, help with facility maintenance needs and so many more special ways. To volunteer, scan image or go to all4pawssc.org/volunteer

Rescued Treasures Donations

Rescued Treasures is our upscale boutique resale store and all proceeds go to support All4Paws mission, and all donations qualify as tax-deductible contributions. You can donate, volunteer, or shop to support All4Paws.

Scan image or go to rescuedtreasuresc.org/donations-form



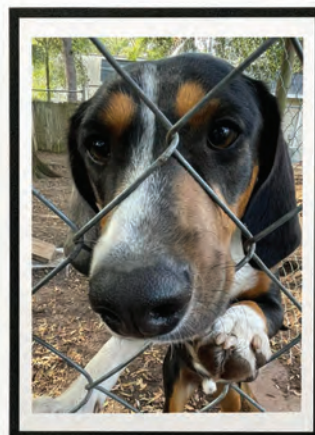
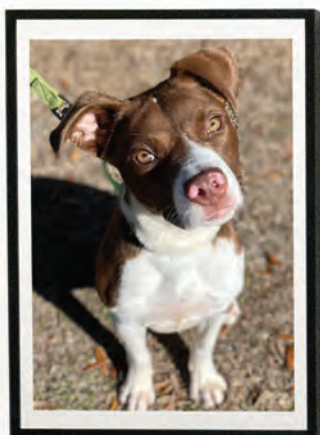
Compassion Fund

All4Paws Compassion Fund supports dogs and cats with severe medical issues that require complex surgery, lengthy treatments, and/or special rehabilitation that most rescue organizations would not accept. To donate scan image or go to all4pawssc.org/donate/compassion-fund

Family Membership

The All4Paws Family Membership supports our rescued dogs and cats throughout the year by providing vaccines and medications, a place to live, people to care for them, food to eat, toys to play with, and training while waiting to be adopted. To become an All4Paws Family Member scan image or go to

all4pawssc.org/donate/family-membership



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