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2024 YEAR IN REVIEW

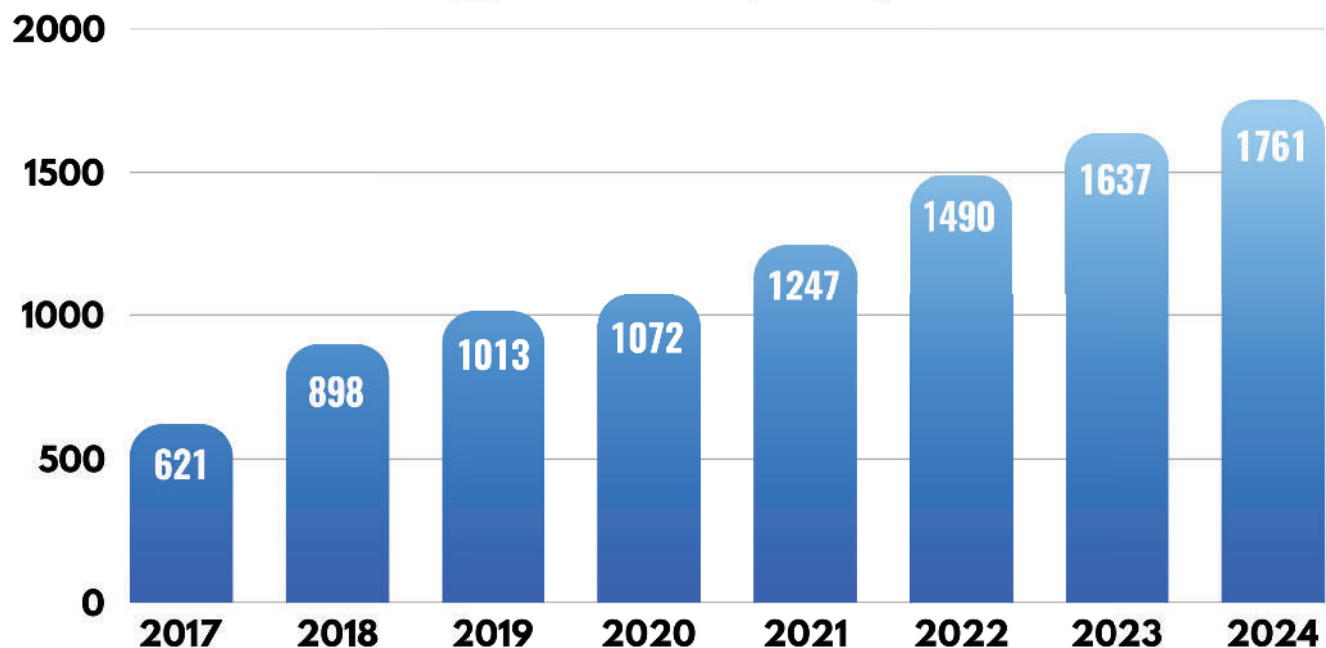
All4Paws Mission is to compassionately and responsibly rescue and adopt as many helpless and hopeless dogs and cats as possible.

Shelters and rescues across the nation are still struggling to recover from the impact of Covid. Adoptions since 2019 have been flat and adoptions in 2024 are estimated by Shelter Animals Count to be **down 6% from 2023 and down 2% from 2019.**

By comparison during this same time frame, All4Paws outcomes are remarkable with 2024 adoptions **up 7% from 2023 and up 73% from 2019.** All4Paws adoptions have almost tripled over the last seven years - a remarkable legacy for all who have been a part of the All4Paws Family. Among the many adopted in 2024, All4Paws rescued more special needs Compassion animals than ever before, animals that most rescues would not accept.

We are extremely grateful and **THANKFUL** for all the compassionate staff, volunteers, fosters, donors and adopters who made 2024 special for hundreds of dogs and cats and the people they touched.

■ All4Paws Adoptions By Year



UPDATE FROM OUR DIRECTOR

We celebrated our 13th anniversary as a not-for-profit animal rescue in December of 2024 having rescued over 21,000 animals.

Many good things happened at All4Paws in 2024! Good things happened because so many individuals share our compassion and commitment to rescue as any abandoned, abused, and helpless dogs and cats as possible.

From our very beginning we always accepted **animals with special medical needs** that others would not accept. For several years, we tried to find a pathway to provide the same level of care and support for **animals with special behavioral needs**. In 2024 we were able to establish a successful principle-based approach to address behavioral needs. As part of this we formed a special group of dog trainers called Curators, led by Pete Girolamo, who are having an enormous impact on the behavioral quality of dogs adopted from All4Paws. See page 4 for more details about this approach and the difference it has made on the animals in our care.

While we think about All4Paws as a shelter-based rescue, the reality is that many of the animals in our care reside in **foster homes** while awaiting to be adopted. During the peak of kitten season in June and July, we had almost 200 cats and kittens in foster care and the number of foster homes doubled to 204 fosters in 2024 from 102 in 2023. Many of the dogs with special medical needs during 2024 were in foster homes awaiting appointments or recovering from surgery. It would be impossible to support our existing rescue and adoption outcomes without fosters like these who open their homes and hearts to animals that have no other place to go.

In 2024 we performed fewer TNR (trap/neuter/return) surgeries because we **started converting TNR kittens to TNA (trap/neuter/adopt) kittens**, placing them in forever homes rather than returning them outdoors to fend for themselves. This is a **much better outcome** for the kittens but is only possible because we have partners that allow us to place cats in their facility for adoption like Petco, Pets Supplies Plus, and Purr & Pour along with volunteer caregivers (cat guardians) who care for the cats. As we continue to increase the number of animals rescued and adopted, we consume more of our clinic capacity for internal use. Efforts are planned to increase clinic availability for community low-cost spay/neuter services.

Volunteers contributed 72,000 hours of their time in 2024 doing many different things critical to our success. Over two-thirds of our workforce are volunteers, many with very special skills and all with a shared passion for the animals. It would be impossible to pay volunteers for what they do, meaning without volunteers we would have to do considerably less, rescuing fewer animals every year.

Businesses partners help by donating financially and making in-kind donations for things we need. Monarch Roofing, SRS Distribution, and GAF-Roofing replaced the roof of our main building in 2024 at no cost to us – saving us approximately \$30,000. Others donated services or materials that we consume on a regular basis. Still others donated items used in fundraisers such as our annual auction or golf tournament. This community of business supporters help make it possible to raise money through fundraisers and reduce our operating/maintenance cost, allowing us to spend more money on the animals in need.

2024 was a wonderful year because more dogs and cats were rescued and adopted than previous year! This happened because the All4Paws Family showed up and shared their time, talents, and compassion to make the impossible achievable.

To each of you, a very special **THANK YOU!**

Allison Gillespie

Allison Gillespie
All4Paws
Founding Director



SOME THOUGHTS ON COMPASSION, INCOME, AND EXPENSES

Doing what is done every day at All4Paws is not work. It is the free exercise of a collective compassion to provide help and hope to broken, abandoned, helpless, and hopeless dogs and cats. The currency exchanged is time, talents, and treasures of compassionate individuals. The reward is seeing hope realized as dogs and cats are repaired physically and emotionally, finding their forever home, and knowing some will rescue the family they adopted.

To do what is done requires funding and 2024 was a special year financially for All4Paws. For the first time in three years revenue exceeded expenses. Special efforts were made in 2024 to make this happen.

In 2024 All4Paws had more donors by far than other nonprofits during both **Palmetto Giving Day** and **Coastal Giving Day**, two major local fundraising events. While we had more donors, we did not raise the most money.

It takes \$4,300 a day to fund what we do. Without volunteers, our cost would be considerably higher. Volunteers bring special skills, compassion, and a commitment and we could not do what is done every day without their input and support.

In kind donations from our Business Partners, our wish-list donors, and everyone contributing goods and services critical to our operations allows us to do more with every dollar at our disposal.

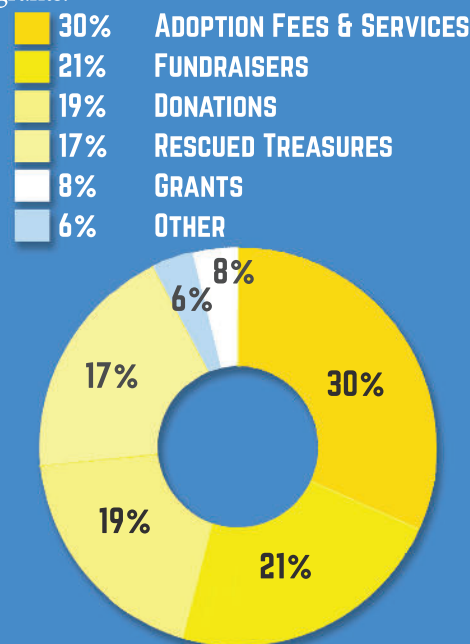
Individuals who donate furniture, housewares, women's clothing, and other items to **Rescued Treasures** help support shelter operations, funding 17% of all dogs and cats rescued and adopted in 2024.

The financial support of the community is critical to our success as we receive no local or state funding for what we do. The cost to rescue and adopt each animal has not changed considerably over the last few years, but we continue rescuing more dogs and cats every year. To continue doing what we are accomplishing together in 2025 will require continuing contributions of compassion and funding.

DID YOU KNOW?

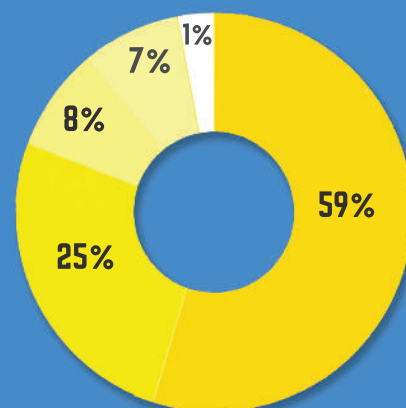
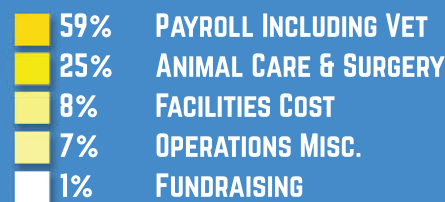
WHERE MONEY COMES FROM:

It took \$4,300 a day to fund All4Paws in 2024. The sources of funding that support the operations of All4Paws are shown below. Adoption revenue remains the largest source of funding – and growing each year as the number of animals adopted increases. Major changes from prior year include increases in donations and grants.



HOW MONEY IS SPENT:

Rescuing, caring for, and getting dogs and cats adopted is a labor intensive activity, including veterinary cost. Over 98% of what is spent goes directly or indirectly to the care of the animals.



DOG TRAINING AND CURATORS

Rescuing dogs is a challenging task. Many dogs rescued by All4Paws come from a terrible past - some traumatized or abused and injured physically and/or emotionally, others abandoned to fend for themselves, and others left ownerless because their lifelong companion has left them. It would be much easier if each could talk and share their history, fears, pains, and anger with us verbally - but that is not possible. Our success depends on understanding where the dog is and then plotting a path to give the dog hope, comfort, love, and a happy life.

All4Paws developed a five-coloration evaluation classification system to describe the behavioral and medical status and needs of each dog. For the support and safety of staff and visitors, each dog's behavioral color is included on kennel cards and each dog wears a matching color collar.

Training Principles:

Trust, Patience & Consistency

Manage Dog's Attention

Behavior Conditioning - ABC's

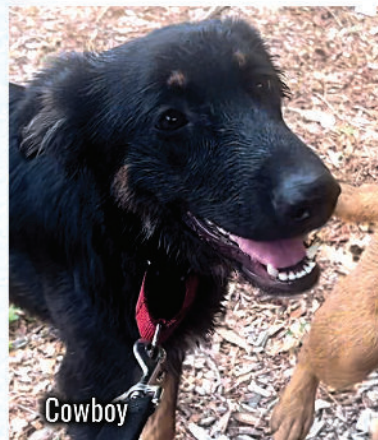
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- Behavior
- Consequences

Manage Environment

Following initial and subsequent evaluations, each dog's behavioral needs are addressed by a special group of well-trained and experienced dog walkers, a group we call our Curators. Using a principle-based training approach, the curators teach the dogs to not jump and properly walk on a lead, heel, sit and stay, climb stairs, and play with other dogs in playgroups. The key objectives for each dog is to get them to accept and trust people, accept a collar and lead, accept other dogs, and reduce their reactivity to environmental issues and conditions. Being principle based, the training approach becomes descriptive rather than prescriptive, allowing the approach to be modified to each dog's specific needs. Sharing our approach with adopters allows them to continue each

dog's behavioral journey, making each dog adopted a better family member.

Our lead Creator, Pete Girolamo, serves as Curator group trainer conducting weekly classes for curators and staff to develop understanding of how to apply the principles while addressing current dog population issues. Pete is also building a library of short videos covering a range of topics new dog walkers and dog adopters can use to improve their skills and the behavioral of dogs they are working with.



Our experience with this approach has been remarkable. As an example, two dog siblings, Cowboy and Austin, arrived as feral dogs and given little hope that they would be salvageable. Using this new approach, both dogs were transformed and adopted into loving homes.



Pete Girolamo
with Francesca



Pete with Austin

FOSTERING SAVES LIVES. IT SAVED LETTIE'S



Fostering a pet is a beautiful act of compassion! When you foster, you provide a temporary home for an animal prior to adoption. You help them learn what it's like to eat, sleep and play in a safe space. All4Paws has over 200 foster homes for our animals, but we need more! Every foster home added allows us to rescue more hopeless dogs, cats, kittens and puppies. Your home, your backyard, your love of walking on the beach, is a dream for many homeless and helpless animals that deserve a second chance.

Your kindness and care make a world of difference in their lives, just like it did for Lettie. It's a wonderful feeling to know that any animal that a foster helped socialize ends up with a loving family, all because a foster like Lettie's took the time to show love and compassion. They will always remember you.

Goodbye Is a Happy Ending

Don't be put off fostering because you think it'll be too hard when your foster gets adopted. It's never easy to say goodbye to these beautiful souls, but seeing their happy ending makes it all worthwhile. And just when that chapter comes to an end, there is another one waiting in the wings to be saved.

As one foster explained...

"I'd rather cry because they went to a happy home than because they didn't make it out of a shelter."

Getting started is easy!

You provide love and the home. All4Paws supplies approved Fosters the following:

- All Food
- All Medical Expenses
- All Supplies
- A 24-Hour Emergency Contact Number
- Training Support

Please visit all4pawssc.org, click Volunteer and scroll down to Become a Foster for more information and a foster application. You can also scan this QR code with your phone.



THIS IS WHY I FOSTER...

Foster mom Kim kept Lettie in her home for a very long time. "Everyone thought I would be stuck with her, but I knew her person was out there somewhere. She found them! She is in a great home now and doing wonderful! Makes my heart happy."

Below is a letter from Lettie's grateful adopter, "her person".

*Hi Kim,
I just wanted to share with you an update on Lettie. She is doing so great. She loves her big brother, Jasper, and has become my little shadow. She has grown to trust Andrew and loves playing fetch with him in the backyard! She is the best little girl our family could have asked for. We've worked on training and have loved seeing her confidence grow. Thank you so much for taking such good care of Lettie and for trusting us with her. We love her so much and are so glad to have her as a part of our family!
Thank you,
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THANK YOU TO OUR 2024 BUSINESS MEMBERS

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Being a business partner demonstrates to the community we reach that you not only have sympathy for people and animals in need, but you show your compassion through your actions. Recognition of your support and compassion is provided through social media, local media, email and newsletter distribution. While recognition is nice, what is more important is that you, your employees and your customers know that you make a real difference every day by partnering with All4Paws – saving thousands of abandoned, abused, and helpless dogs and cats.

We invite you to join our extended family demonstrating compassion and support to help animals in need and the people they touch.

We invite your business to become a 2025 Business member! Visit all4pawssc.org, go to the "Donate" tab and select "Business Membership Program" or scan QR code.



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OPPORTUNITIES TO BE A PART OF



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Donations in various forms are a crucial part of our funding, supporting our daily operations. Individuals can choose which area their donation supports, such as the **Compassion Fund**, General Operations, **Spay/Neuter Clinic in A Can Fund**, or the **'In Honor or In Memory Funds'** in recognition or memory of a special person or pet.

We rely on community support for various fundraisers throughout the year. Look for **Palmetto Giving Day** each May and the **All4Paws Annual Online Auction** each Fall. We depend on businesses and individuals in our area to donate services or items to be auctioned off, making this our biggest fundraiser of the year. Check the All4Paws website for updates on these events!

Here are some of the many opportunities for you to join us in our mission.

Join Our Family!

For just \$50 a year, the All4Paws Family Membership supports our rescued dogs and cats through the year by providing vaccines and medications, food, toys and training while waiting to be adopted.

Scan QR code with camera or go to all4pawssc.org/donate-original/family-membership



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 QR code with camera or go to all4pawssc.org/volunteer

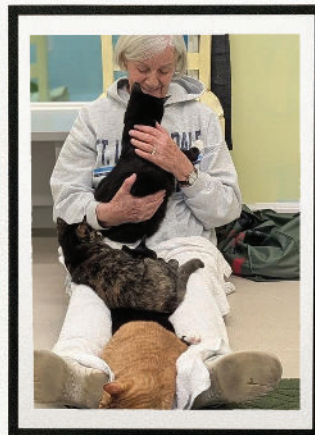
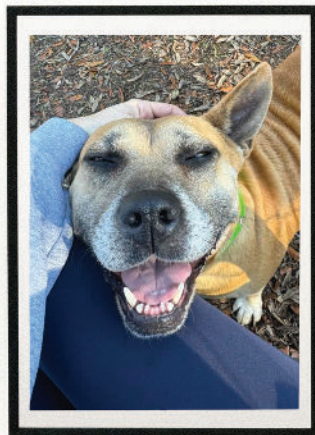
Compassion Fund

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 QR code with camera or go to all4pawssc.org/donate/compassion-fund



More Ways To Help

There are many ways that you can help support All4Paws! Host a donation box at your business, donate your used golf balls and golf equipment, fill a change jar and more! Scan QR code with camera or go to all4pawssc.org/other-ways-to-give



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