



Annual Report 2025





OUR MISSION STATEMENT:

Nine Lives proudly provides lifelines for at-risk cats and kittens and affordable, compassionate care for our feline friends and the people who love them.

LET'S SAVE LIVES TOGETHER!

1174

Adoptions

6518

Spay & Neuter Surgeries

97%

Live Release Rate

Dear Nine Lives Family,

2025 was the most significant year in our history. While still operating from our former facility, our team rescued more cats, completed more surgeries, expanded more programs, and engaged more volunteers than ever before. Together we rescued **1,184** cats and kittens, found homes for **1,174 cats**, performed **6,518 spay/neuter surgeries**, maintained a **97% save rate**, expanded specialty medical services, and grew our foster and volunteer programs to record levels! Most importantly, we completed the final steps toward opening our new home at **749 Brewster Avenue in Redwood City**. The achievements in this report were accomplished before we moved into our new facility. **Imagine what is possible now**. Every statistic in this report represents a team pushing beyond the limits of our old building because the need in our community was simply too great to ignore. As we enter 2026, we are positioned to **save more lives than ever before**.



Thank you for helping make this possible.

Liam Montgomery
Executive Director

A WORD FROM OUR BOARD PRESIDENT

Thanks to the extraordinary generosity of our donors, this year marked a transformative milestone for Nine Lives. Your support made it possible to open our wonderful new Furever Home - a space that has already significantly expanded our capacity to save and care for more cats than ever before. Your support is more than bricks and mortar; it is an investment in healthier lives, stronger communities, and a brighter future for the cats who depend on us. On behalf of our Board of Directors, we are deeply grateful for your support, and excited about the meaningful impact we will create together in the years ahead.

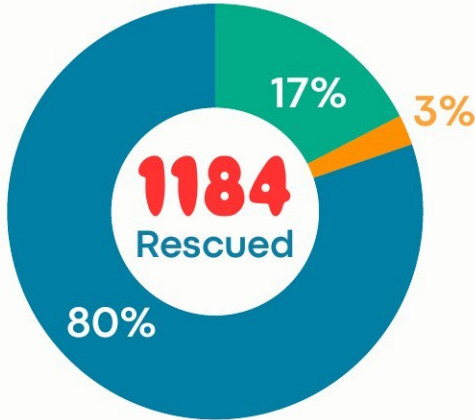


Jo McDermott
Board President

RESCUE & ADOPTIONS

RESCUE REPORT 2025

In 2025, cats and kittens arrived at Nine Lives from across California through our partnerships with **shelters, rescues, and community organizations**. Many needed far more than shelter — from **medical treatment** and **foster placement** to **behavioral support** and **intensive rehabilitation**. Each one represented a unique challenge, and a chance to provide the individualized care that gave them a path to healing and home.



950 Rescue Transfers
206 Owner Surrenders
28 Strays

IMPACT IN NUMBERS

Because of your support, Nine Lives rescued a record 1,184 cats and kittens and celebrated 1,174 adoptions in 2025. Every rescue, every recovery, and every adoption represents a life transformed. These achievements were made while operating from our former facility — a reminder that with our new home now open, the possibilities for lifesaving are greater than ever.

1174
Adoptions



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Every day, we care for cats and kittens who need a little extra time, treatment, and support before they're ready for their next chapter. It's incredibly rewarding to watch **frightened, sick, or injured** animals **heal and grow stronger**, knowing that our team is helping more cats than ever before get the second chance they deserve.

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Amelia Taumoepeau - Senior Inpatient Coordinator

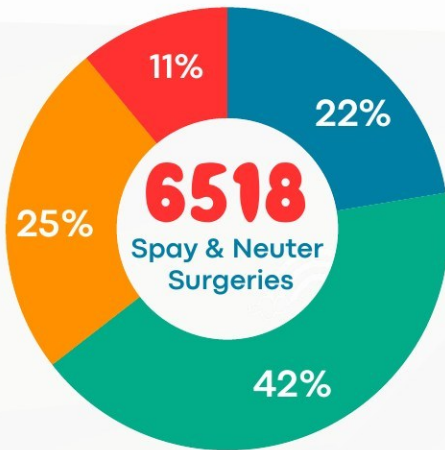
BUTTERS' STORY



When Butters arrived at Nine Lives, he had just survived a **devastating house fire**. The five-year-old cat suffered **severe burns across much of his body** and required immediate, intensive medical care. After receiving emergency treatment, he was transferred to Nine Lives, where our veterinary team performed **wound debridement procedures**, **managed his pain**, and **provided weeks of dedicated nursing care** as he recovered from his injuries.

Despite everything he endured, **Butters never lost his sweet personality**. Even while wrapped in bandages (or pyjamas) he greeted staff with affection, played with toys, and charmed everyone he met with his gentle spirit. After months of healing, **Butters made a full recovery and found the loving forever home he deserved**. His journey is a powerful reminder of why Nine Lives exists: to provide **lifesaving care, hope, and second chances** for cats who have nowhere else to turn.

LOW COST SPAY & NEUTER



2745 Trap-Neuter-Return

1459 Owned Pets

1598 Rescue Groups

716 Nine Lives Rescues

AFFORDABLE CARE. LIFESAVING IMPACT.

Every surgery represents a future litter prevented, a healthier cat, and one less animal at risk of entering an already overcrowded shelter system. In 2025, Nine Lives performed **6,518 spay and neuter surgeries** while continuing to expand access to affordable veterinary care for **pet owners, rescue organizations, and community cat caregivers** throughout Northern California. Nearly half of all surgeries were performed through our Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) program, helping stabilize community cat populations while improving quality of life for thousands of outdoor cats.

CHANGING LIVES, ONE CAT AT A TIME

- More than **50 rescue organizations** rely on Nine Lives for affordable surgery, diagnostics, wellness services, and lifesaving medical care, helping us expand our impact and save more cats throughout California.
- Thousands of pet owners turned to Nine Lives in 2025 for accessible, low-cost veterinary services, ensuring more cats receive the care they need while helping families stay together.
- With **2,745 community cats sterilized in 2025**, Nine Lives remains a leader in feline Trap-Neuter-Return, reducing overpopulation and improving the lives of outdoor cats across Northern California.



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My love for animals led me to veterinary medicine, but my understanding of overpopulation gave my work purpose. **Every cat we spay or neuter is one step toward preventing homelessness, neglect, disease, and unnecessary euthanasia.** The animals we help today, and the ones who will never have to suffer tomorrow, are why I do this work.

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Dr. Ramirez - Lead Surgeon

KITTEN SEASON LEADERS



Kitten season pushed animal welfare systems across California to the brink in 2025 — and Nine Lives felt the impact in full. We **rescued 751 kittens last year**, up from 595 in 2024, marking our **highest kitten intake ever** and a **26% increase** in just one year. From fragile bottle babies needing round-the-clock care to critically ill and injured kittens requiring intensive medical treatment, **our team stepped up to meet an extraordinary level of need**. This surge in demand underscored what we already knew: Nine Lives had outgrown its former facility, and our new campus was essential to caring for **more vulnerable kittens than ever before**.

THE FUTURE IS HERE.

A New Home. A New Era of Lifesaving.

In one of the most significant milestones in our history, Nine Lives has officially opened the doors to our new purpose-built feline rescue and medical center — a transformational space designed to **meet the growing demand** for lifesaving cat care across Northern California. For the first time, our shelter, adoption center, and high-volume medical programs are united under one roof, **allowing us to rescue more cats, deliver more advanced care, and move animals into loving homes faster than ever before.** This new facility positions Nine Lives as **the premier hub for feline rescue and medicine in Northern California**, with expanded surgical capacity, a dedicated shelter medicine center, and the ability to launch new wellness and dental services for cats who might otherwise go without care.

By 2028, this new home will allow us to:

- Perform **10,000+ surgeries every year**, including spay/neuter, dental, and lifesaving interventions
- **Rescue and rehome 2,000+ cats annually**, including the most vulnerable and medically fragile
- Expand access to **affordable wellness and dental care** for cats and the families who love them
- Serve as a vital **regional resource for community cats**, rescue partners, and underserved pet owners
- **Grow our impact** through adoption events, volunteer engagement, foster support, and community education

This is more than a building — it's a promise, and an extraordinary achievement made possible by people who believe every cat deserves a future. As demand for our services continues to rise, **your support is more critical than ever** in helping us meet this moment and save more lives than ever before. If you would like to get involved please email giving@ninelives.org.





LIFESAVING INTERVENTIONS & WELLNESS

SHELTER STATS

- 4,923 physical exams
- 1,307 diagnostic tests
- 40,000 treatments & interventions
- 171 specialized lifesaving surgeries

BEYOND RESCUE

Nine Lives completed 171 **specialty surgical procedures** in 2025, including amputations, enucleations, wound repairs, advanced medical treatments, and other lifesaving interventions. We also administered more than **12,000 vaccines and implanted over 3,500 microchips**, helping protect cats both inside and outside our shelter. As our programs continue to grow, we remain committed to providing **high-quality, affordable care** for every cat who needs us.

CERTIFIED NO-KILL

Nine Lives proudly maintained a 97% save rate in 2025 while increasing intake and expanding access to care. Whether a cat arrives as a transfer from an overcrowded shelter, a community cat in need of TNR, or a pet requiring urgent medical treatment, our goal remains the same: provide every cat with the opportunity for a healthy future.



A Growing Medical Program

In 2026, Nine Lives opened the doors to our new purpose-built campus in Redwood City. The expanded facility allows us to **grow every aspect of our mission**, including shelter medicine, adoptions, surgery, foster support, and volunteer programs. In the coming year, we will launch dedicated **wellness and dental services**, providing **affordable preventive care, treatment, and advanced dental procedures** for cats who might otherwise go **without**. Together with expanded medical capacity, these new programs will allow Nine Lives to help **more cats than ever before**.

JIFF'S STORY



When Jiff arrived at Nine Lives, he was just a three-month-old kitten facing a difficult future. Severe symblepharon had left him **blind in both eyes**, causing **chronic pain** and preventing him from experiencing the world like other kittens. Despite his condition, Jiff remained affectionate, playful, and deeply bonded to his best friend, Marty. After a thorough medical evaluation, our veterinary team determined that **double enucleation** surgery offered Jiff the best chance at a **comfortable, pain-free life**. The procedure was successful, and with dedicated post-operative care, Jiff quickly began to thrive. Today, Jiff's blindness doesn't define him. He navigates confidently (**with help from his seeing-eye-cat Marty**), seeks out affection, and enjoys all the things kittens do best!

VOLUNTEERS - OUR PARTNERS IN LIFESAVING

Celebrating Our Volunteers

In 2025, 206 active volunteers donated **more than 11,500 hours in support of Nine Lives' mission**. From socializing kittens and caring for adoptable cats to assisting with medical recovery and community events, our volunteers play an essential role in every life we save.

As Nine Lives continued to grow, so did the dedication of the people behind our mission. While our new facility has expanded what is possible, **it is our volunteers who continue to make that impact a reality every day.**

We are deeply grateful for the time, talent, and heart they bring to Nine Lives.

Life in a shelter can be overwhelming, but our **Fear Free® enrichment program** helps cats feel safe, confident, and cared for while they wait for their forever homes. Through play, positive interactions, training, and individualized support, we help reduce stress and improve wellbeing—giving every cat the best chance to thrive both in our care and beyond.



FOSTER REPORT 2025

In 2025, our foster network reached new heights, providing lifesaving care, socialization, and recovery support for cats who needed extra time before adoption. Whether caring for neonatal kittens, recovering medical cases, or helping shy cats learn to trust again, our foster families helped transform lives one home at a time.

- 156 foster homes opened their doors
- 694 cats and kittens spent time in foster care
- 16,084 cat-days of love and healing were provided

Together, our foster families make it possible for Nine Lives to rescue more cats, provide individualized care, and prepare animals for successful, lifelong adoptions.

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I'm filled with joyful pride as I contribute with the **dedicated, compassionate staff and volunteers**. The passion and purpose are always focused on quality well-being for the cats in fulfilling their physical, mental and emotional needs. **As a cohesive Nine Lives team...Together Everyone Accomplishes More!**

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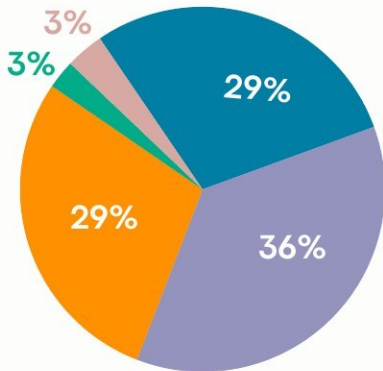
Gerry Kelly-Brenner - Enrichment Volunteer



FINANCIALS

2025 Audited Financials

Revenue: \$5,123,627

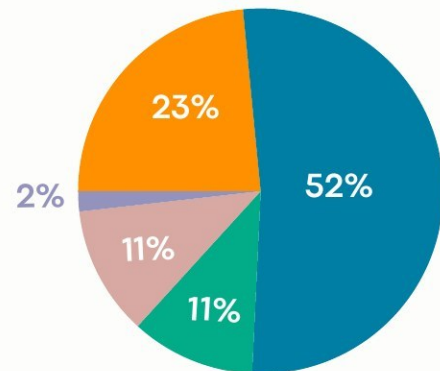


\$ 1,482,958	Donations General
\$ 1,866,025	Furever Home Campaign
\$ 1,471,651	Program Revenue
\$ 129,364	Grants
\$ 173,629	Investments/Other

Net Income:
\$2,307,224

Net Operating
Income*:
\$491,469

Expenses: \$2,816,403



\$ 660,426	Adoptions Program
\$ 1,473,148	Veterinary Program
\$ 309,857	Management & Admin
\$ 322,702	Fundraising
\$ 50,270	New Building Expense

Assets & Liabilities

Current Assets	\$ 3,962,698
Property, Equipment, & Leasehold	\$ 2,270,086
Total Assets**	\$ 6,232,784
Current Liabilities	\$ 375,522
Total Equity	\$ 1,833,611
Long-term liability	\$ 1,716,427
Total Liabilities	\$ 2,091,949
Total Net Assets:	\$ 4,140,835

Current Asset Designations***

Facility Buildout & Equipment	\$ 1,007,083
New Programs	\$ 366,025
Operating Reserve	\$ 2,589,590

Footnotes:

*Excludes Furever Home Campaign and new building expenses. Note that the audit report rolls new building expense into the other expense categories; most of the new building expenditure is capitalized."

** 2025 was extraordinary given the \$1.9M Furever Home campaign to fund our new facility. The majority of New Building expenses will be incurred in 2026.

*** Current Assets at the end of 2025 included funds subsequently invested in our new facility build-out, as well as money designated for new programs in 2026/2027 and operating reserves equivalent to 9 months' run-rate.



POWERED BY DONORS

THANK YOU TO OUR WONDERFUL DONORS!

Our work would not be possible without the generosity of our dedicated supporters. Nine Lives receives **no municipal funding or government contracts** — every life saved is **thanks to you**. In 2025, donors gave \$1,482,958 to our annual fund, (a whopping **38% increase** from 2024) **powering rescue, shelter, adoptions, surgery, foster care, and affordable veterinary services** for cats and kittens across our community. At the same time, supporters contributed an extraordinary \$1,866,025 to the **Furever Home campaign**, helping bring our new purpose-built feline rescue and medical center to life. Together, your generosity made 2025 one of the most transformational years in Nine Lives history, and positioned us to save more cats than ever before.



THANK YOU TO OUR GRANTORS



YOUR DONATIONS

- Provide lifesaving **food, shelter, medical care, and enrichment** for cats until they find loving homes
- Keep pets with their families by making **low-cost veterinary care accessible** during a critical shortage of affordable options
- Strengthen our **spay/neuter and community cat programs**, preventing homelessness and easing the burden on overcrowded shelters

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As a lifelong cat lover and five-time Nine Lives adopter, I appreciate what it takes to keep a facility running smoothly and safely. Every cat who receives care, every family who finds a new companion, and every life that is saved is made possible through the generosity of donors who believe in this mission.

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Linda Sako - Donor and Volunteer



POWERED BY DONORS

BUILDING A LEGACY

Our new Furever Home stands as a testament to the incredible generosity of our community. Together, you have contributed more than **\$2.2 million** toward creating a state-of-the-art campus where thousands of cats and kittens will find **safety, healing, and loving homes** for generations to come.

From leadership donors and monthly supporters to those who have included Nine Lives in their estate plans, these dedicated champions provide the sustained support that makes our lifesaving work possible—today, tomorrow, and for years to come. **We are deeply grateful to every donor whose generosity helped transform this vision into reality.**

As you walk through Nine Lives, you'll see rooms, treatment areas, and adoption spaces **named in honor of beloved pets, cherished family members, and compassionate supporters** who chose to leave a lasting legacy. We are honored to recognize each of them for helping build a place where countless lives will be saved.

There are still opportunities to become part of this legacy. Naming opportunities remain available for rooms, cat condos, equipment, and even a day of adoptions or lifesaving spay and neuter surgeries. It's a meaningful way to honor someone you love while creating a lasting impact for cats and kittens for years to come.

CAT CONDO TRIBUTES

Oliver • Chloe & Kato • Pink Paws For the Cause • Mercadante Family • Burma • Zoe • Siggie • Miss Annie • Sam • Rufus, Nora, Oliver, Jack & Charlie • Princess CooCoo • Houdini • Angel, Pixel & Nova • Jessie, Missy & Bob • Faith Street

WAYS TO GIVE

- ONLINE, BY MAIL, OR IN-PERSON
- THROUGH YOUR WILL OR TRUST
- STOCKS OR BONDS
- FROM YOUR IRA OR DAF
- WITH A QCD OR RMD
- WITH AN HONORARY eCARD
- BECOME A CORPORATE PARTNER
- GIVE THROUGH SOCIAL MEDIA
- DONATE A VEHICLE OR BOAT
- WITH YOUR EMPLOYER'S MATCH GIFT

QUESTIONS? CONTACT [GIVING@NINELIVES.ORG](mailto:giving@ninelives.org)

GIVE WITH CONFIDENCE



NAMED TRIBUTES

Adoption Wing

Camara, Oreo, Greyscale,
Rattles, Abby & Mr. T

Adoption Center

Liamerea Foundation

Surgery Suite

Al & Kona

Adoption Room

Chidi

Community Room

Eskimo

Wellness Room

Zoomy, the Purrfect Cat

Operating Den

Ralph Eschenbach & Carol
Provan

Healing Haven

Zeke & Chuy • Duke & YoYo
Goff

Paw Palace

Greg & Anna

Purrfect Match Room

Buster

Community Recovery Ward

Cosmo

Domestic Recovery Ward

Jean Robinson

Whisker Warrior Lounge

The Lewald Family

Whisker Works

Nancy, Dave & Licorice

Maria B. Medina Memorial Garden

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Prep & Pantry

Nick, Manisha & Snowball

Pawsitive Provisions

Pearl Hurley

X-Ray Room

Ivan, Lily & Carolina



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