



Foster Committee Annual Meeting Report 2023

The Foster Committee was formed to provide additional support and resources to the shelter’s foster program and currently consists of 9 members. The Committee aims to connect fosters to bring together a critical community of volunteers within the Humane Society programs and to encourage the development of shared resources and experiences. As a partner to the shelter, the Committee has fundraised through events like Mimosas & Mutts, as well as merchandise sales, to purchase supplies for the foster program and fund a spay and neuter clinic focused on fosters. By working closely with the Front Desk and Medical teams within the shelter, the Committee has been able to develop educational resources to support new and existing fosters.

Recruitment and awareness are priorities of the Foster Committee, and we appreciate all that the members have done to support giving these precious animals a chance to experience life in a home!

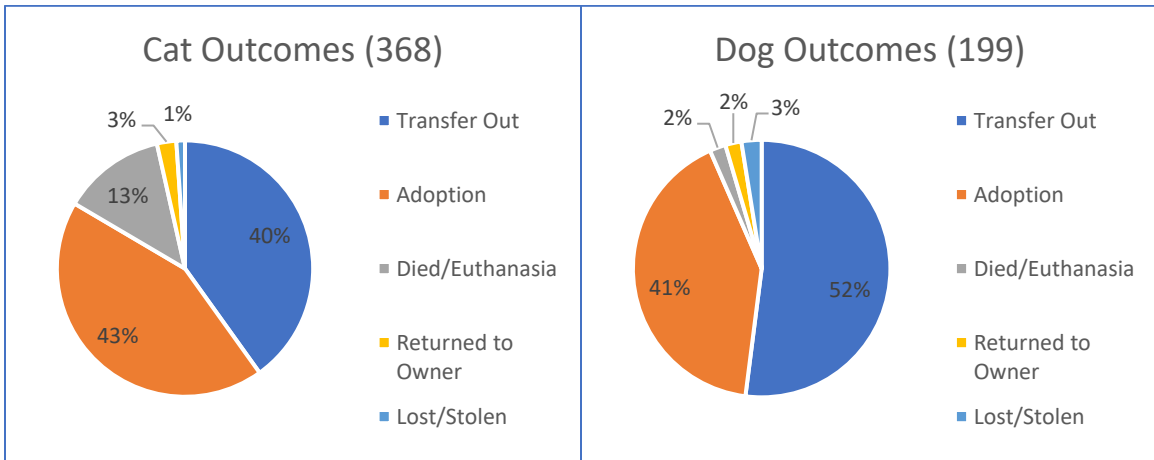
Foster Statistics

Total Animals Fostered 9/1/2022 to 8/31/2023: 711

Animals previously in Foster Care with Outcomes between 9/1/2022 – 8/31/2023: 567

- Transferred to partner rescue via Pets with Wings: 250
- Adoption on Island: 214
- Died: 32
- Direct Adoption off island: 28
- Euthanasia due to health: 20
- Returned to Owner: 13
- Lost/Stolen: 10

95% of fostered dogs and 86% of fostered cats had positive outcomes. Those fosters which were not able to thrive had a loving and comfortable space to spend their final days.

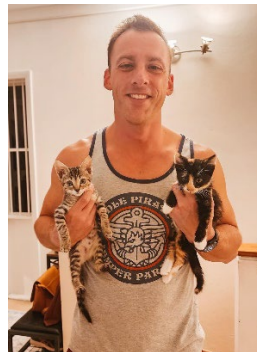
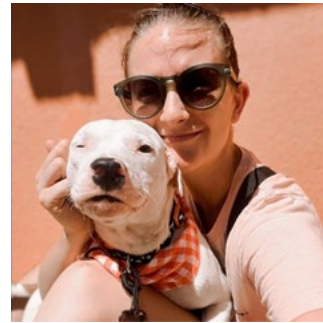


Animals In Foster Care as of 8/31/2023: 145 (102 cats, 40 dogs, 3 rabbits)

Active Foster Homes as of 8/31/2023: 82

Foster Committee – A Year in Review

Foster homes provide a haven for animals who would not otherwise thrive in the shelter, as well as those who benefit from the structure of home life to prepare them for a forever family. Many of our fosters provide round-the-clock care to sick, injured and un-weaned babies that could not survive without this individualized care and attention. We are so thankful for all the animals that the Foster Program has helped on their journeys!

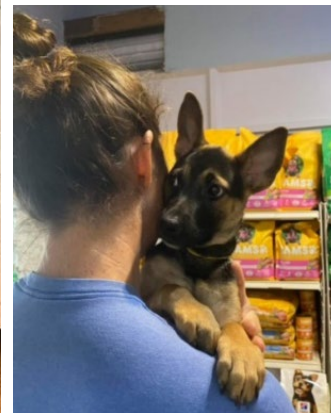




Through fundraising events, merchandise sales and private donations, the Foster Committee has been able to supplement foster supplies provided by the shelter, including food, bottles, formula, scales, carriers, litter supplies, probiotics, and syringes. These items are critical to ensure our fosters are supported and able to provide what the animals in their care need.



In addition to supplies and resources, the Foster Committee, with support from medical volunteers, was able to sponsor a Spay and Neuter Clinic on 9/10/23 where 21 foster and pending outcome shelter animals were fixed. Spay and neuter is a barrier to animal placement and curtailing the stray animal population on St Thomas, so the Committee hopes to sponsor more clinics in the future.



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