



## Executive Director Impact Report

July 2025

### A Message from the Executive Director

We made it halfway through 2025! With 519 cats saved this year, 472 cats adopted, 6,738 volunteer hours logged by 316 active volunteers we are starting the second half of 2025 enthusiastic and ready for the work that lies ahead.

We held our first book club in July, as well as our annual summer volunteer potluck to honor those who make our work possible-- all part of our plans to continue expanding community opportunities.

Best,

Ashlynn Boyce, Executive Director

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### Rescue Statistics

We took in **78** new cats in the month of July (**41 kittens, 37 cats**). We achieved a 97% live save rate in July, maintaining our overall save rate of 99%.

We performed 68 on-site surgeries in July. Thirty-two were spays and 36 were neuters. Having an onsite vet is highly beneficial as it ensures quicker access to medical care, which can be critical for early diagnosis and treatment. It also significantly reduces transport time, which minimizes stress for the cats, as they remain in a familiar environment without the added anxiety of travel.

## Dan Ryan's Road to Recovery

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*Dan Ryan when he first arrived.*



*Dan Ryan now.*

## Adoption Statistics

We received 117 adoption applications this month, leading to 52 cats getting adopted, which is down 29.7% over last July. That's 44 forever homes!

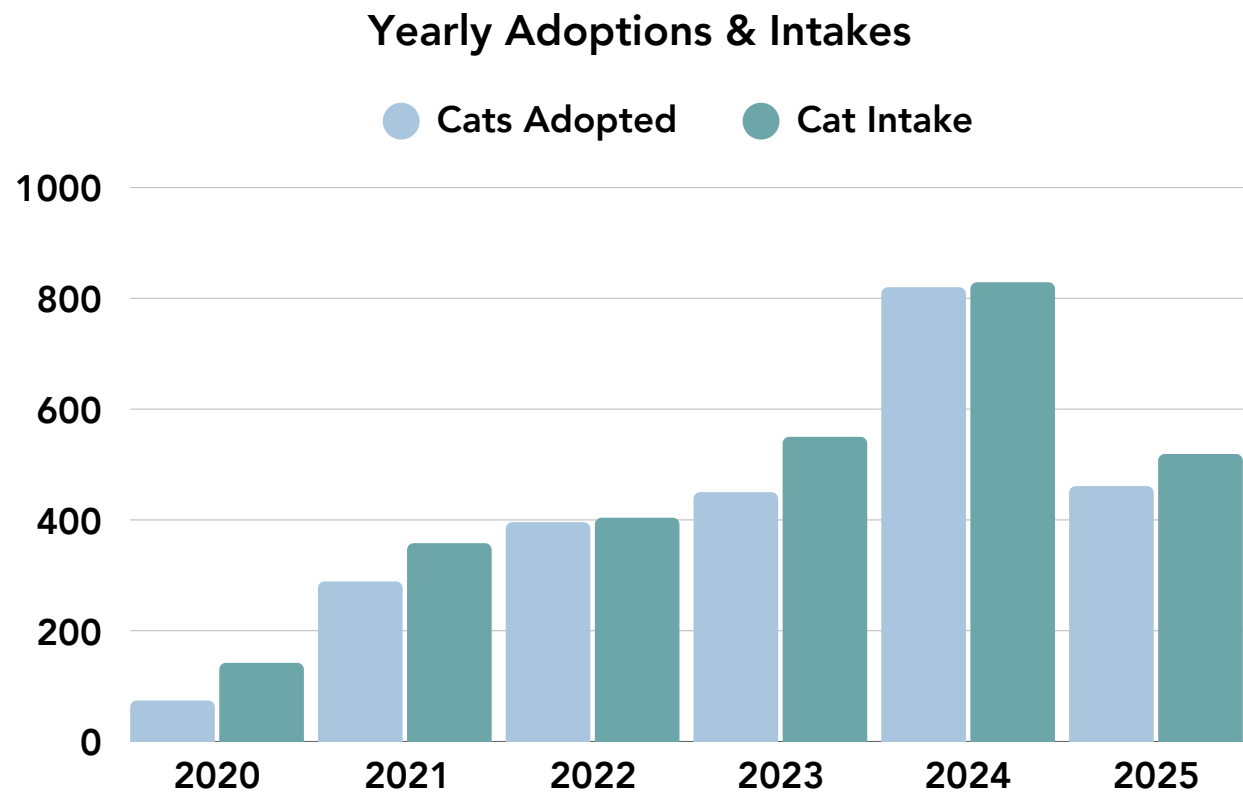


Single cat adoptions



Multi-cat adoptions

We’ve saved a total of 519 cats in 2025 so far. We’re 44% towards our goal of saving 1,160 cats this year.



Our average length of stay for the month of July was 42 days and for 2025, 41 days (days in custody).

### Average Length of Stay for ALL Cats

Metric	LOS (days)
Pre-adoptable	14
Adoptable	28

### Average Length of Stay for Cats In Foster

Metric	LOS (days)
Pre-adoptable	-
Adoptable	-

## Other Outcomes

While adoption is our primary goal, every cat's journey is unique. In some cases, transferring a cat to a partner organization for specialized care is the best option. In rare instances, humane euthanasia is the most compassionate choice. This section offers a transparent look at the various outcomes that ensure each cat receives the care they need.

<i>Metric</i>	<i>#</i>
TNR	0
Return to partner	0
Transfer out	0
Euthanasia	0
Died in care	1

## Adoption Center Statistics

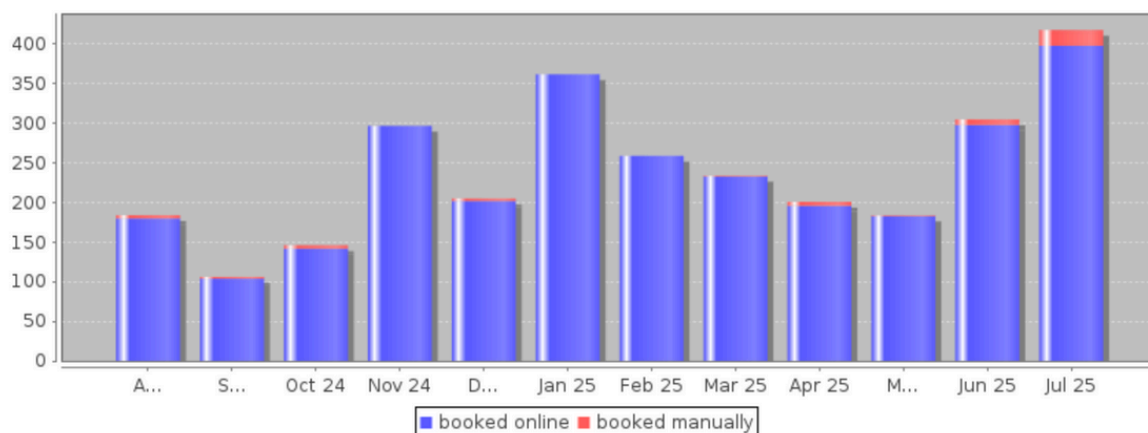
We were open to the public 24 times for visiting hours, with a total of 325 visitors came to the Adoption Center.

Open hours:

**Tuesday 4-5:30 p.m.    Friday 6-7:30pm    Sunday 12:30-2:45 p.m.**

**Thursday 12:15-3 p.m.    Saturday 12:30-3:30 p.m.**

**Visitors**



## Meet Davy Jones, Bootstrap Bill and Barbossa: Three of Our Intakes This Month

Between these three kittens there are only four eyes to go around! Bootstrap Bill and Barbossa each lost an eye—likely due to severe, untreated upper respiratory infections that caused irreversible damage.

The three month old trio came to us from Indiana where they got all the medical care they needed, but there wasn't space for them to wait until they were adopted. When our shelter partner asked if we would take them in, we did so gladly.

Thankfully, all three siblings are now settled in a loving foster home, where they're getting the care and comfort they need to heal.



*The trio on their way to Paws and Claws.*

## Paw Print Club

Our monthly donation membership, Paw Print Club, allows supporters to sign up for automatic monthly donations that go towards the shelter, rehabilitation, food, supplies, and medical care of homeless cats who have been abandoned and neglected.

This month, we welcomed 6 new members to the Paw Print Club, bringing our total number of dedicated donors to 263. Thanks to their consistent generosity, we've been able to ensure that every cat in our care receives the love and attention they need to thrive.

## Volunteer Statistics

Volunteer Stats for July

<i>Metric</i>	<i>#</i>
Individuals who submitted applications	52
Volunteers who signed up for orientation	33
New Volunteers Attending Orientation	24
New Volunteers Who Logged Hours	15
Total Volunteers Who Logged Hours	151
Total Volunteer Hours in 2025	7,063

We held 8 volunteer orientations in July, welcoming 24 new volunteers to our team.

**Adoption Center Aviator** (Shelter upkeep)

**Birthday Baron** (Supervising kid's parties)

**Cat Care Crew** (Cleaning, Feeding, and Socializing resident felines)

**Visitor Valet** (Interact with public visitors)

**Weight Warden** (Weigh all resident cats and document data)

Our volunteer program is finalizing a new volunteer Onboarding Course. The Volunteer SOP/Infographic Hub has been completed and is used as a resource for all current volunteers. This establishes consistent protocols, ensuring the best care throughout each week of Cat Care Crew shifts.

View the Volunteer SOP/Infographic Hub: [here](#)



## Foster Statistics

### Foster Stats for July

<i>Metric</i>	<i>#</i>
Cats in Foster Care	181
Total Active Fosters	91
New Fosters	19
Total Days Cats Were Fostered	3071

The Foster Program continued to grow in July. We saw a new high in both the number of active fosters, new fosters, and total days cats were fostered.

### Meet Valerie, One of Our Longest Residents

Valerie has been with us for 110 days, the majority of which she's spent decompressing in a loving foster home. When she first arrived, she was understandably overwhelmed. After all, being a 9-year-old cat uprooted from her familiar life in Indiana and placed into a brand new environment was a lot to process. The transition left her overstimulated and unsure.

But today, Valerie is thriving in a quiet foster home where she reigns as the one and only feline. Independent and intelligent, she prefers to do things on her own terms. Her days are filled with sunbathing on windowsills, curling up in her favorite armchair, and enjoying the peace of a cat-paced routine. Despite her age, she's still full of playful energy, and nothing excites her more than a feather wand toy. Watching her pounce, swat, and chase with kitten-like joy is a reminder that age is just a number.



*Valerie in foster.*

## July Events

Each event we host brings us closer to our community, fostering connections that are essential for our mission. Events provide a unique opportunity to raise awareness about our cause, educate the public on the importance of animal welfare, and showcase the personalities of the cats in our care.

### ***Reading to Cats 7/2***

On July 2, we hosted another Reading to Cats event in partnership with the Robert Crown Community Center. This initiative provides a calming and enriching experience, allowing elementary school students to practice their reading skills while helping our cats grow more comfortable with children.



*Scooter has discovered a new love for laying on books.*

### ***Book Club: 7/25***

We hosted our very first book club event, featuring *Poet Square Cats: A Memoir in Thirty Cats* by Courtney Gustafson. Unlike anything we've done before, this unique brought together cat and book lovers for a night of thoughtful conversation and connection. The overwhelmingly positive response has us thrilled to make this a monthly event!



*Book Club*

### ***Volunteer/Foster Potluck: 7/26***

Every few months, we host a potluck for our fosters and volunteers to come together and enjoy delicious food, catch up with familiar faces, and connect with new ones.

### ***Yoga Classes: 7/26***

We hosted a yoga class this month, a forty-five-minute session led by an experienced instructor. These all-level classes were designed for small groups, where our community can come together, unwind, and play with our rescue cats.



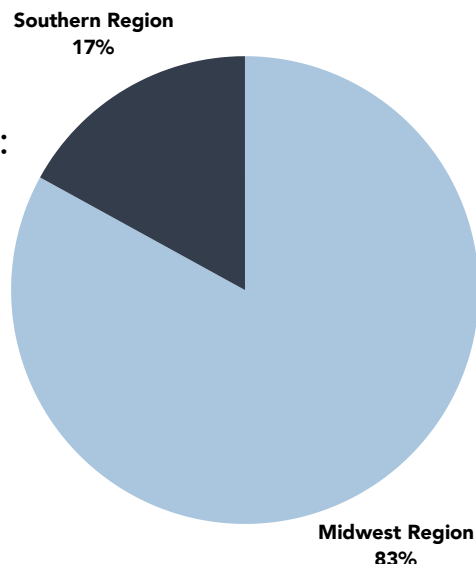
*Volunteer/Foster Potluck*



## Transports

We received 5 transports from our partner shelters:

- Laporte County Animal Shelter
- South Bend Animal Resource Center
- Humane Society of Elkhart County
- Ouachita Parish Animal Shelter



## Meet Bulgogi and Bibimbap, This Month's Fan Favorite on Social Media

When we welcomed one-year-old Bulgogi and Bibimbap from our Indiana shelter partner, we knew these stunning brothers would steal hearts in no time.

With their striking auburn coats, they immediately caught the eye of our supporters. Their bond was just as beautiful and we had a feeling they wouldn't be waiting long for a home.

The only way to tell these handsome brothers apart is by Bulgogi's unique wink, as one eye never fully developed due to a congenital birth defect. It doesn't affect his quality of life and has become a sweet little quirk that makes him even more lovable.



*Bulgogi (top); Bibimbap (bottom)*