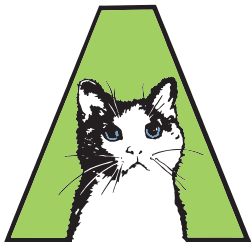


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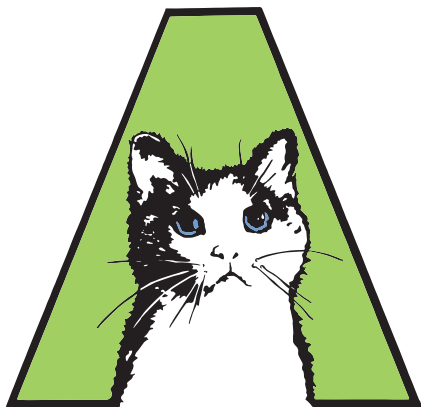


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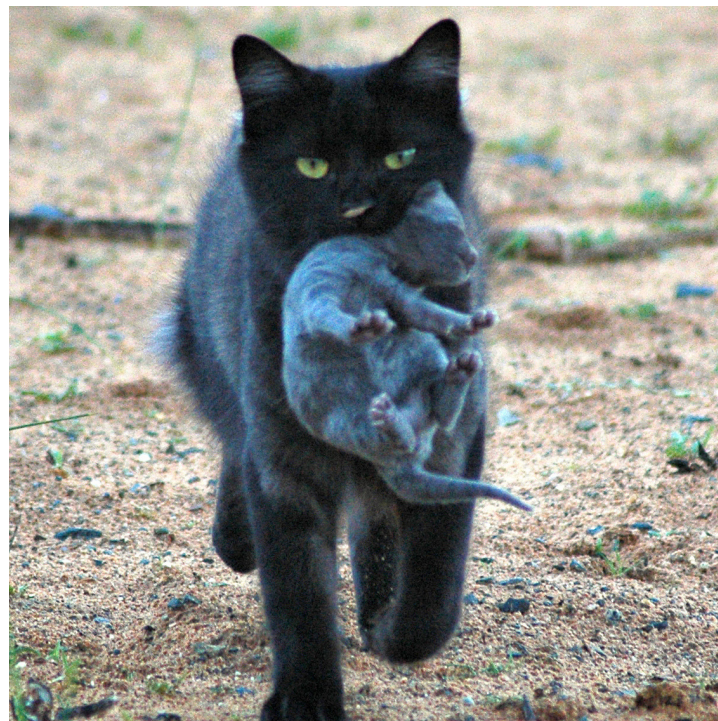
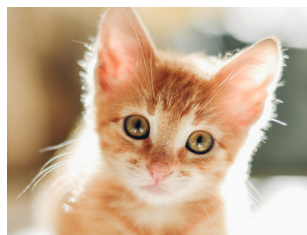
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2022 ANNUAL REPORT



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PROVIDING MEDICAL CARE & SUPPLIES FOR CATS IN NEED



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When Wendy and her son spotted a tiny cat in the middle of a busy road in Collegedale, they pulled over and scooped it up. The kitten had been hit by a car and was limping and terrified. They took it immediately to a vet.

Shadow Jellybean, as they named the kitten, was about seven weeks old. Amazingly, he had no broken bones and no internal injuries. But one foot was hurt in an odd way. The vet thought it was worth waiting to see if the problem would self-correct.

Wendy, a disabled single mom, took the kitten home, but his foot would not heal. The vet recommended amputation of the entire leg and quoted a price of \$1200. Wendy shopped around and found a vet who would do it for much less, but she had exhausted her funds. The vet suggested she call *The Alice Fund*. We offered \$500 toward the cost of the surgery, with the possibility of more help if necessary. Shadow Jellybean had his surgery on January 6, and is doing well. Here's the email we got from Wendy two days later:

"I am sending this email to let you know how thankful we are for your help getting Shadow his surgery. He had his amputation and so far he is doing good. We are so very grateful to *The Alice Fund* for the financial help. Blessings, Wendy."

It was our deep pleasure to be able to help Wendy and Shadow. Thank you for all you do to make things like this possible.



The Alice Fund had its modest and informal beginning fifteen years ago in May 2008. A simple donation jar was left on the front desk of the cats-only veterinary practice, the Cat Clinic of Chattanooga, which had just opened its doors. Named in honor of a feral cat, Alice, the founding purpose was to channel funds from generous donors wishing to provide help to cats in need of medical services to those in want of such help.

Veterinary Partners

Animal Emergency and Specialty Clinic

Animal Medical Center

Appalachian Animal Clinic

Ashland Terrace Animal Hospital

Cat Clinic of Chattanooga

ChattaNeuter

Dixie Day Spay

East Brainerd Animal Hospital

East Ridge Animal Hospital

Highway 58 Animal Hospital

Keith Street Animal Clinic

Lafayette Main Street Vets

Lee Parkway Veterinary Clinic

Main Street Veterinary Clinic

Middle Valley Animal Hospital

My Kids Have Paws

National Spay Alliance

South Rhea Animal Hospital


South Town Veterinary Clinic


Standifer Gap Pet Hospital


VCA Catoosa


Veterinary Care and Specialty Group

Our **Veterinary Partners** are compassionate in their treatment of our clients. They've helped community cat caregivers seeking spay/neuter services, someone who found an injured or sick cat, or a person who had lost their job. Our funding recipients have been deserving people who needed help to maintain a positive and healthy quality of life for their cats. Tamara, our Client Services Manager, notes:

 Kim, a caretaker struggling to pay her own medical needs, let alone needed services for her cat, shared her gratitude for the assistance she'd received saying, *"The Alice Fund was amazing. I can't tell you how much I appreciate your help and support. Now I am yours and will help in any way possible. You know I'm a Jill of All Trades. I'm even driving, finally, and can almost go up and down steps."*

 **Binx, Zoey**, and their two humans were evicted from Budgetel. After a week of living in their car, the housing they were offered would not accommodate pets. The Cat Clinic provided boarding until alternate housing could be arranged for all. The owners could hardly believe the female cat would get spayed during her stay. She said she believes December is the month of miracles and this was a miracle for them.

 **Ginger**, taken in by Burnetta, had kittens but two days later seemed to be struggling to have another one. Tamara knew Ashland Terrace would be most likely to see Ginger, but Burnetta was very nervous because she wasn't familiar with the area. Tamara spent time easing her fears, helping her make a plan for getting Ginger and kittens ready, being prepared to feed the kittens in case the situation with Ginger was serious, and figuring out directions. Tamara made Ginger's appointment and Burnetta overcame her fear, rose to the occasion, and got them all out there. The outcome was good. From Burnetta: *Just wanted to thank you so much for your help today! It was such a relief to find that Ginger wasn't pregnant after all! What a blessing you were in such a stressful situation! I look forward to the day when my financial situation changes and I can return the favor!*

 A new donation was recently received with a note: *"You took care of my stray **Charlie** last week! We neutered and fixed his tail and clip the ear. I am so grateful for you all! Thank you! I love my Charlie! I wish I could upload his video of his crying, whining to go out. His voice is so awesome!"* Later she wrote, *"I just wanted to give you wonderful people an update. Charlie got his stitches out yesterday and he's been doing good. I have managed to keep him inside. He has two big windows that he goes and looks out constantly with the street light that lights the entire yard up so he's been staying at it some. I took him to get his stitches out yesterday in Dalton at My Kids Have Paws. They said that Dr. Robin recommended eye surgery for his eye that's draining but it is not affecting his lifestyle if we don't do anything right away. I thank you all from the bottom of my heart for helping me help this neighborhood stray cat! Thanks again and have a very blessed weekend!"*





Helping Cats



PENNY POUND PRIDE

When reviewing treatment plans for the cats we try to help through *The Alice Fund*, advising veterinarian Dr. Marcia Toumayan frequently says “**in for a penny, in for a pound.**” That’s because we’re committed to complete the care we’ve started, even though it may be difficult or expensive. *The Alice Fund* is fortunate to currently have 23 donors in our Penny Pound Pride. They have pledged to make recurring donations each month, ranging from \$10 to \$150. With their commitment, we are assured of ongoing support.

STROHLER SOCIETY

Making a memorial gift in honor of a former neighbor, Johnnie Lu’s tribute stated, “*Hers was a life well-lived and she loved cats.*” Remembering a pet or person with a memorial is a wonderful way to celebrate their life. *The Alice Fund’s Strohler Society* accepts donations and sends acknowledgements in honor of those gone too soon. Strohler was the official greeter and beloved companion at Flowers by Gil and Curt.

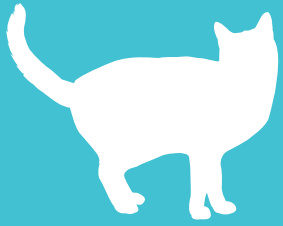
FURBALL

Our virtual **FurBall** occurs on National Hair Ball Day. There’s no need to dress up in fur or tails. Cat lovers stay home with their favorite feline and enjoy a purr-fect evening, making a donation online for the ongoing support of *The Alice Fund*. With nearly \$10,000 in donations in 2022, we have provided care ranging from chemotherapy to treatments for diabetes, heart, and kidney disease, and surgery for broken limbs or other injuries. Donations help cover the cost of wellness exams, vaccinations, and spay/neuter for kittens, community cats, and others.

TAIL END

Our **Tail End** campaign helps us meet a wide variety of needs for feline companions and their humans. Providing for vaccines and spay/neuter services for kittens, helping acutely ill cats to obtain emergency services, and making older cats’ senior years as comfortable and healthy as possible are all within our mission. Tail End makes assistance available to young and old applicants seeking help for their beloved cats.



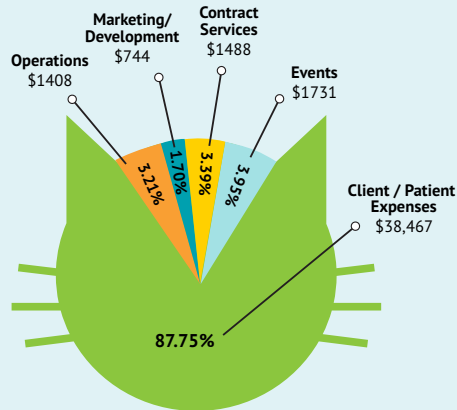


Numbers

The Alice Fund had a banner year with donations up 118% over last year. This year's Tail End Campaign exceeded expectations, generating \$6,248.35 over estimates, and FurBall/National Spay & Neuter Day increased available funds by \$11,114.22.

The Alice Fund remains financially sound with the success of these programs and others, along with donations from supporters, while keeping business expenses to a minimum. All of this has allowed us to focus on our mission of helping cats and their caregivers, even as calls for assistance increase.

Expenses



Balance Sheet

ASSETS (as of December 31, 2022)

Current Assets	
Bank Accounts	
PayPal	0.00
TVFCU Checking	31,810.56
TVFCU Organizational Shares	7,740.03
Total Bank Accounts	\$39,550.59
Total Current Assets	\$39,550.59

Fixed Assets	
Furniture and Equipment	\$2,200.00
Total Fixed Assets	\$2,200.00
TOTAL ASSETS	\$41,750.59

LIABILITIES AND EQUITY

Liabilities	
Total Liabilities	
Equity	
Unrestricted Net Assets	\$38,189.04
Net Revenue	\$3,561.55
Total Equity	\$41,750.59
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	\$41,750.59





One of the first songs written for the musical score of *Funny Girl* was “People”. Part of the lyric, “people who need people,” explains getting beyond “grown-up pride” to admit we need others to care about what happens to us.

At *The Alice Fund*, we know people (and cats) need people. When caregivers lack the resources to access medical assistance for their cats, our donors extend their help to those in need.

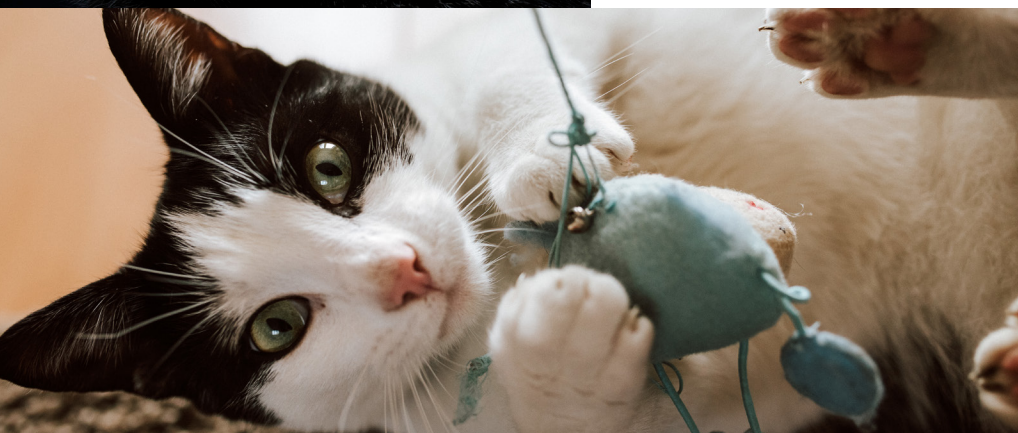
We helped 238 caretakers with their cats in 2022. Our clients tend to be senior citizens, single moms, people who have recently lost their jobs, and people who are dealing with major illnesses. Often they are people who have found sick cats and are willing to take on the long-term care of the cats if they can get help with initial treatment.

In addition to the financial assistance we provide is the emotional support we give. People love their cats and any encouragement we can give helps. And there are times when it’s sympathy we must offer – in cases where the best choice was to euthanize.

Not too many organizations help the way *The Alice Fund* does. We’re grateful to the people that help us help cats and their loving owners: our veterinary partners, the Penny Pound Pride monthly recurring donors, those that “attend” our virtual FurBall spring event, contributors to the Tail End campaign, memorial gifts given to the Strohler Society, champions of Spay/Neuter day, and more.

This annual report is dedicated to our people.

Kathy Allison | THE ALICE FUND PRESIDENT



Two-and-a-half-year-old **Tango** wasn’t eating. Vet tests showed Tango’s kidneys were in distress and an ultrasound showed a kidney stone in her right ureter. Sarah was told it was a rare place for a kidney stone in a female cat – it was a 3 millimeter stone in a 1 millimeter ureter. Only one vet in Chattanooga could do the surgery - Dr. Pullen at VCSG - but they were looking at a bill of \$8,000. They had already paid nearly \$2,000. Sarah’s husband is a middle school teacher and Sarah was working part-time. She said they had also faced some expensive car repairs recently. VCSG agreed to discount the surgical procedure 20% and provided a second ultrasound at no cost. *The Alice Fund* committed a total of \$1500. Sarah burst into sobs and could not speak for a little while, then said thank you over and over. Tango came through her life-saving surgery successfully and is a happy, pain-free kitty today.

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