

To Love a Canine

2022 ANNUAL REPORT



A NOTE FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Ten years of providing hope for the dogs who need it most. Our last few years have been trying in so many ways, with so much unknown and uncertainty. The one thing we can be sure of is that TLC has the BEST Team.

Once again, this team has pulled out a terrific year of saving lives. We pushed through the owner surrenders coming in at an alarming rate, shelter partners literally begging to help relieve their overflowing locations, and still **saved hundreds more lives**.

We saved 737 lives, to be exact - providing better tomorrows no matter the cost, the length of time in foster, or the efforts required to save them. Each of those lives are better because they were rescued, cared for, and loved. Each of our lives are better for having played our part in these happy tails.

We visited more schools than ever to provide stress free moments of joy for students and teachers alike. We brought adoptable dogs to retirement homes, corporate events, fundraisers, breweries, and everything in between. 2023 will bring even more lives saved no matter the cost and even more time spent in our community bringing people together over the mutual love of dogs!

This new year has the potential to be our **best year yet**. We have many new opportunities to grow and save more lives, and we invite you to join us.

Our team is always strong and by staying united in our quest to save lives, educate, and give back to our community, we can do **ANYTHING** and I can't wait to see what the next year brings!



Thank you to ALL of our volunteers, supporters, donors, and adopters! We cannot do what we do without ALL of YOU!
- Tracy Long

2022 Highlights



Celebrated 9 years of rescue in June



Saved 737 dogs' lives in 2022 (695 adopted)



Saved 6,106 dogs' lives since inception (5,961 adopted)



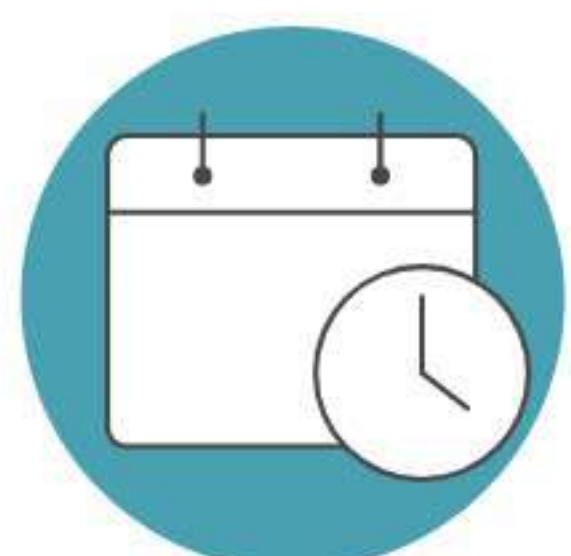
Named Top-Rated Nonprofit by GreatNonProfits for 7th consecutive year



Achieved Platinum level of transparency from Guide Star



31k+ Facebook followers
6.5k+ Instagram followers
1k+ TikTok Followers



67 Meet & Greets + 37 school visits & 13 community events



128 Mini Paws participants



44 Transports of freedom rides from MS, SC, & TN



\$73k+ earned in fundraising donations

Mission Statement

Our mission is to rescue and find permanent homes for abandoned, stray and surrendered dogs in order to minimize the needless euthanizing of animals.

Our vision is to make the right connections between our rescued dogs and families in order to give our dogs their final, happy, loving homes.

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Fundraising SAVES Lives

As a non-profit, we rely on the generosity of our community to fund our life-saving mission. All fundraisers directly impact our ability to rescue more dogs that would otherwise be euthanized. These funds also help care for rescued dogs that have medical needs requiring veterinary treatment.

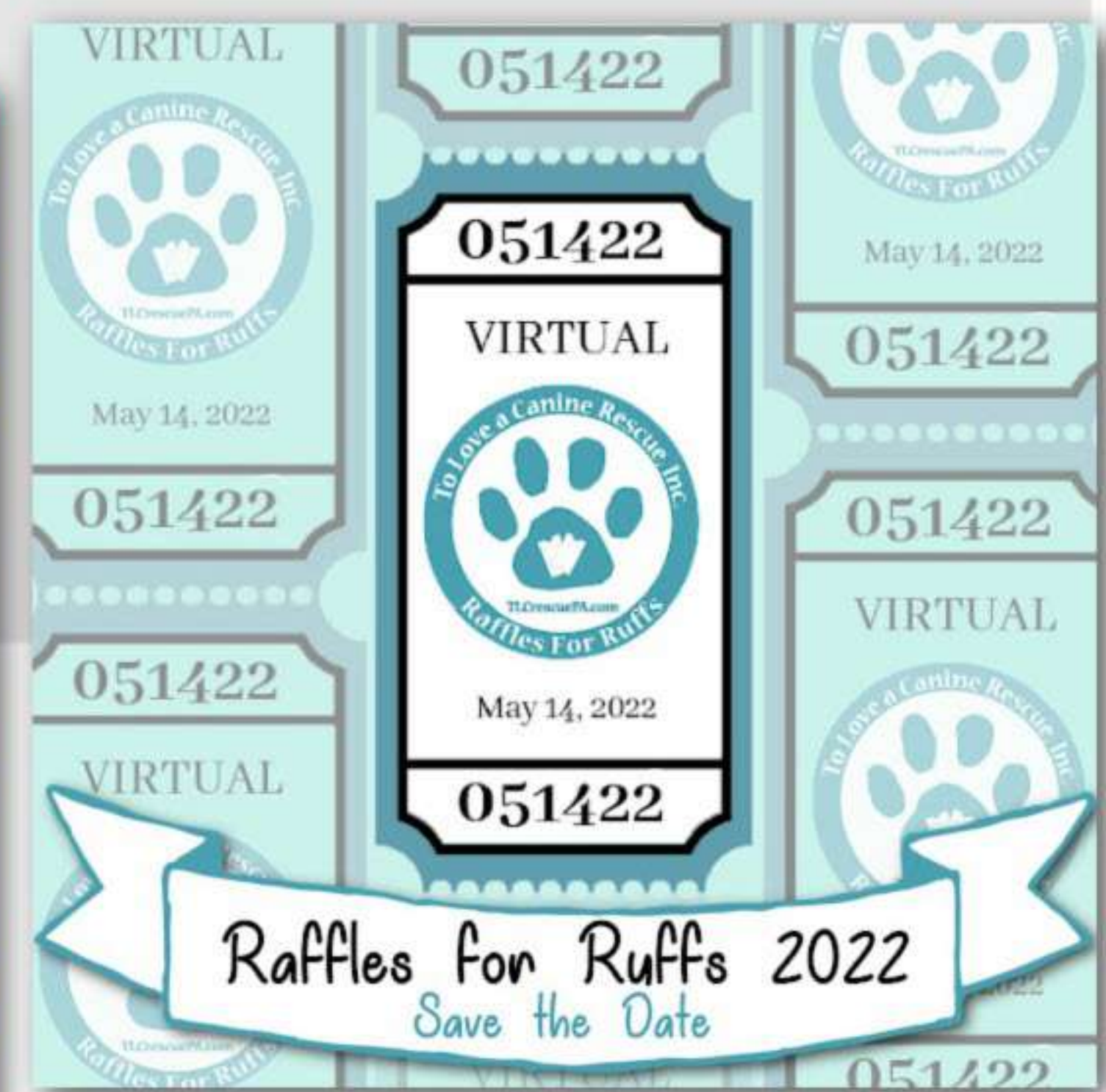
In 2022, our fundraising event & campaign donations totalled over **\$73,000!**

7th Annual Raffles 4 Ruffs
Total Event Profit: **\$29,459**

8th Annual Miles 4 Mutts
Total Event Profit: **\$25,673**

Additional Fundraisers:

- 2023 Calendar Sales
- T-Shirt Sales
- Giving Tuesday
- Subaru Loves Pets Grant
- Photos with Santa
- Easter Bunny Photos
- Loki's Gourmet Treats Donation



The Cost of Rescue

We've been asked a lot this past year why our adoption fees are "so high". Many people believe rescue is just about picking up stray or unwanted dogs from the streets, people's homes, or shelters. While we wholeheartedly believe in the fairytale of saving dogs and bringing them to a better life, **it comes at a cost.**

The Cost of a Rescue Dog

How much does it truly cost for a rescue to rescue a dog?



\$590 - 800

If they are heartworm positive, add \$350 - 750 for treatment

One Team
One Love
One Choice
RESCUE
Until they all have a home...



We are caring for neglected dogs who often times have not had proper medical care, necessary vaccinations, or spay/neuter surgeries to prevent future litters. We are caring for animals who required transport from Mississippi, Tennessee, and South Carolina to Pennsylvania. We are welcoming these dogs into our care for few days, weeks, or even months while tending to their physical, emotional, or behavioral needs with things like food, doggy daycare, or training.

While all of this sounds wonderful, it is not free. Even as a non-profit rescue, we still have to pay for all of the necessities to properly care for any dog who comes through our rescue.

Keep reading to learn more about some of our extra TLC pups and how they found their happy tails thanks to the extra time, attention, and support from our foster and partner teams.

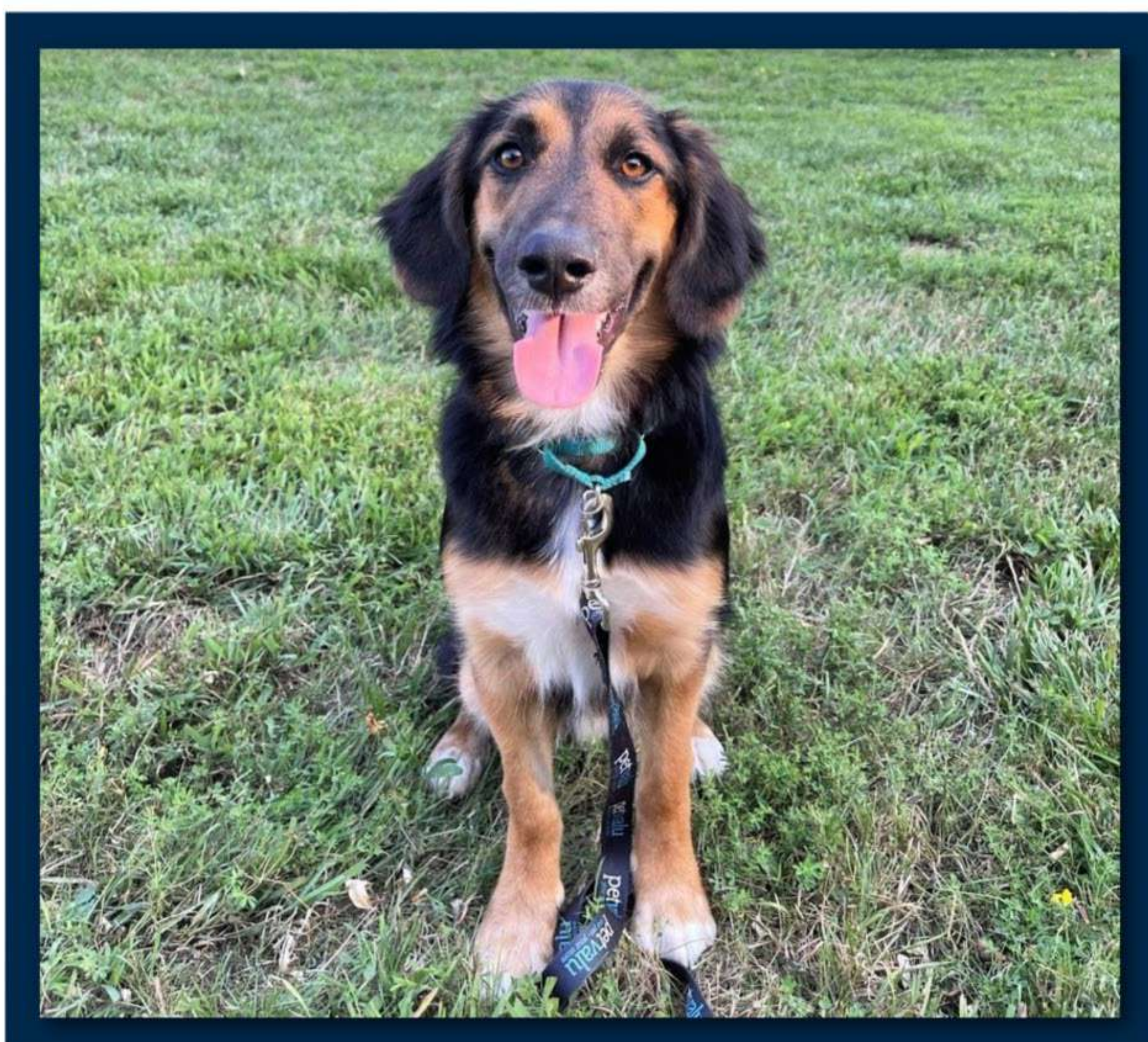


REBEL

Rebel arrived at TLC in May of this year as a sweet, mellow pup with a lot of adoption interest! Being in high demand, Rebel was quickly adopted by a local family after only about 1 week in a TLC foster home.

Unbeknownst to us, Rebel was not just mellow, but he wasn't feeling well and the adopter's vet diagnosed him with a possible liver shunt.

While TLC was fully prepared to help Rebel and his new family, they decided to return him to TLC after 2 weeks due to the potential cost of vet bills and the thought of their children not being able to interact with a sick puppy. Once safely back in a TLC foster home, we continued testing and running blood work to confirm that Rebel was in fact suffering from a liver shunt. A liver shunt is a congenital condition in which the veins that should carry blood to the liver bypass the liver through an abnormal vessel - essentially bypassing the liver's filtration process releasing toxins and waste into the blood stream. Liver shunts can vary tremendously from one minor shunt that may heal on its own, to multiple shunts that can cause death. Fortunately, most liver shunts can be fixed surgically and managed with prescription food.



Our friends at VRC Malvern referred us to an internal radiologist at Redbank Vet in New Jersey. After all of the tests, bloodwork, scans, consultations & referrals, Rebel finally had surgery on October 11th at Redbank Vet in New Jersey, who specialize in this type of surgery. Rebel is now expected to make a full recovery and will live out a long, healthy life in a loving home with his new family.



Rebel's vet bills are totaled around \$17,595 after the surgery, bloodwork, scans, and specialist appointments.

We cannot thank all of you enough for your support, love, prayers, and donations to help support Rebel & our organization!

We promised a new and better tomorrow for all of our pups, and we will do whatever we can do keep that promise.



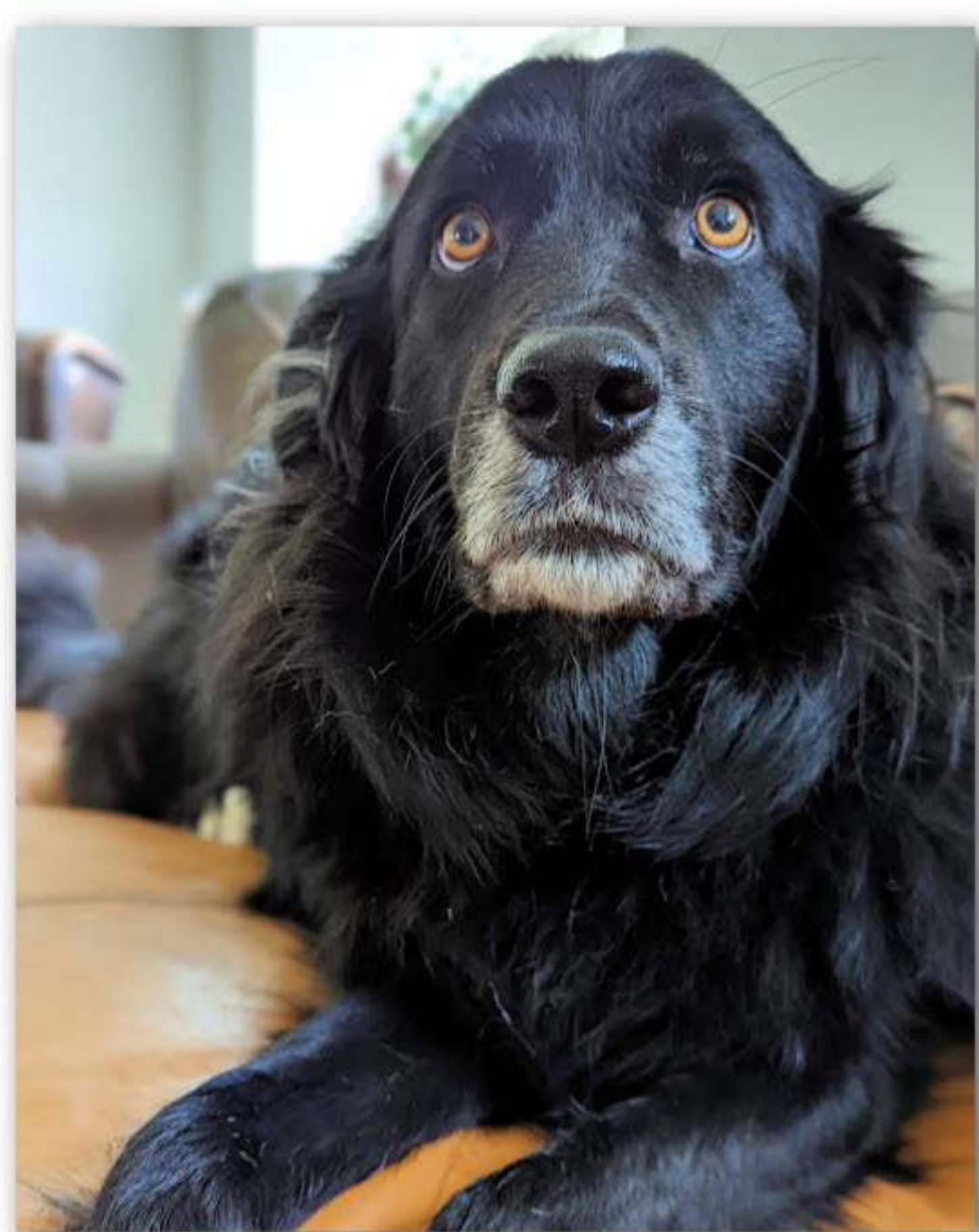
extra TLC

Our motto is "until they all have a home..." and that is exactly what we mean. No matter the medical, behavioral, or physical needs of the dogs we encounter, we will do our best to save them.

Over the last few years, this has meant a dedication to a special group that we lovingly refer to as our "extra TLC" pups! Blind, deaf, heartworm positive... we see the best in these dogs who may have otherwise been euthanized due to their special needs.

In 2022, we spent \$9,489 on heartworm treatment for 35 dogs. Many shelters and rescue will not take heartworm treated dog because of the cost involved, but we spare no expense, for treatment gives these otherwise healthy dogs the long, happy life they deserve!

Not all of our Extra TLC pups have visible needs that make them part of this special pack. Some dogs, like Indigo, came to us as scared, untrusting dogs. We will never know every dog's history, but we knew that Indigo was worth saving. We spent roughly \$500 working with trainers and enrolling her in doggy daycare programs so that she could find her confidence again. She learned how to trust people - and other dogs - again and eventually found the perfect, patient family to call her own.



Indigo

\$500+ for additional training to help her feel more confident



Maggie

\$542+ on Heartworm treatment and preventatives for Maggie & other dogs like her



Rebel

\$17k+ on surgery to repair a liver shunt

Extra TLC is not a label that we put on scary or undesirable dogs. It's a reminder that every dog deserves a loving, forever home.



Freedom Rides

Rescue shelters are experiencing a true crisis with the number of dogs that need saving versus the amount of resources available.

Each day our rescue partners beg us to take more dogs on our next transport to allow them to free up much-needed space and resources for other dogs that are in dire need of help.

The transports that we arrange to bring dogs from southern rescues up north to our facility are truly a ride of freedom. Many are leaving an unpromising situation and are headed to TLC to begin their next chapter.

Little do they know just how lucky they are. Freedom Rides are the first step of their TLC foster journey. They are welcomed with open arms by a group of volunteers waiting to unload the transport vehicle. From that minute forward, they will know nothing but a safe place to rest, full bellies, and a loving foster parent.

In 2022, we transported 737 dogs from overcrowded or high-kill shelters to loving, foster homes within TLC!

"There is something special about being the one to take them from the chaos and welcome them with open arms."

- TLC Volunteer



Peyton - from Freedom Ride to Forever Home

MOMS & BABIES

If there is an expecting mom in need, TLC Rescue is there to help!

A shelter, a pen, an outdoor shed - these are no places for a puppy to grow up. We make it our mission to move expecting mothers and moms with litters out of our rescue partners' overcrowded shelters and into the safe, loving homes of our foster volunteers.

In 2022, we saved a total of **23 moms & 131 puppies** both born in our care or transported here in their first few days.



Foster homes can help put expecting mothers at ease when they realize they can give birth or care for their new pups in a safe environment. Foster homes can also provide more individual attention to the new family - providing not only physical support, helping with feeding, etc. but also providing mental stimulation, training, and more playtime for puppies, helping with overall development.



“The only thing better than saving one dog, is saving an entire family. Fostering a litter has its own challenges, but helping mama raise her puppies is the greatest reward of all. When you have a litter as charismatic, sweet and hilarious as the Chicken Cutlets, you spend more time laughing while they’re here and shedding happy tears when it’s time to finally say goodbye.”

- TLC Foster Family



Fosters & Volunteers

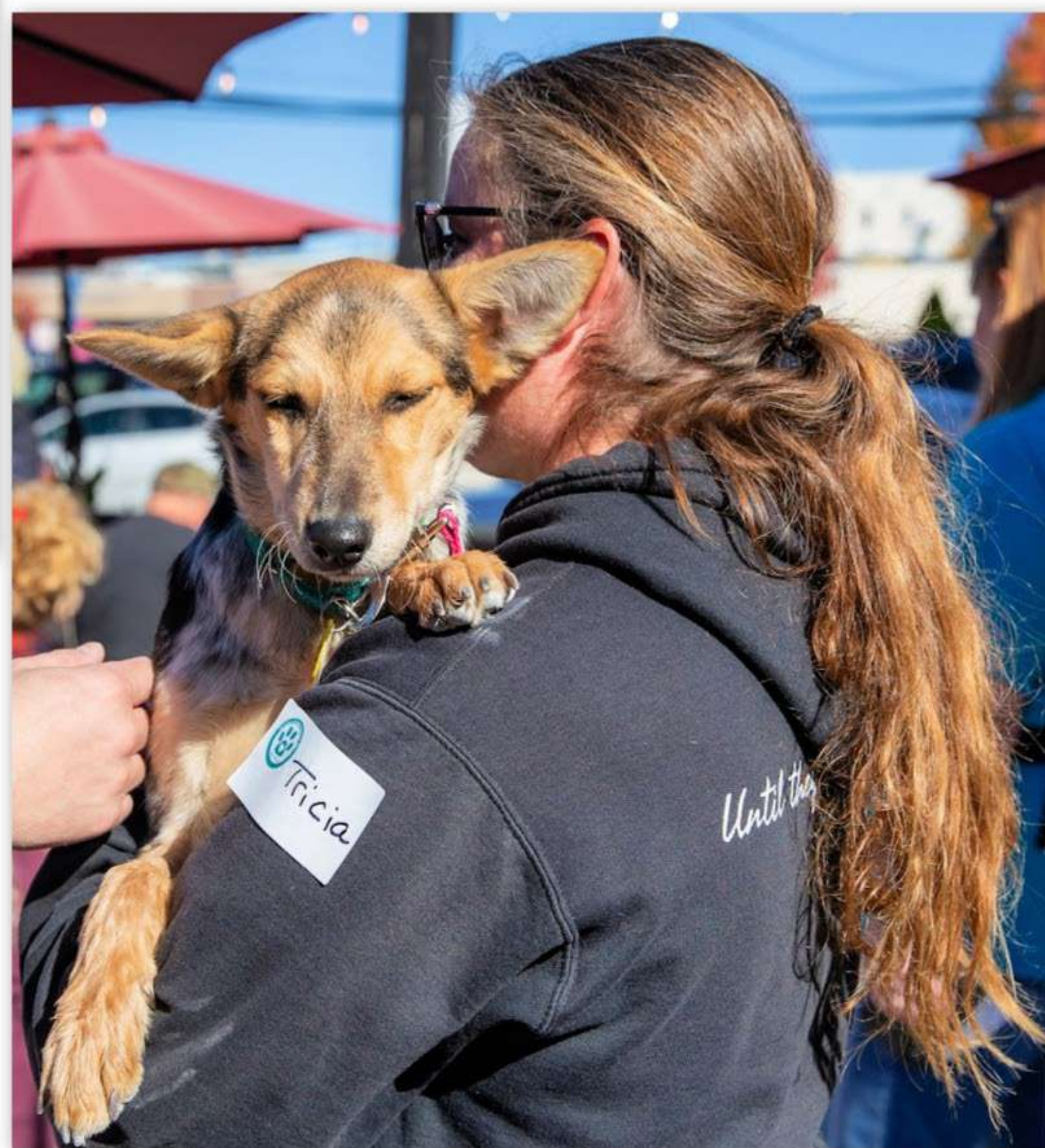
384+ active volunteers | **127+** active fosters

We cannot do what we do without our foster community and this subgroup of our volunteers is of the utmost need and importance to our rescue. We know that fostering is not always an option for our community which is why we have a variety of other ways to get involved!

From the behind-the-scenes volunteer roles, such as application processing and dog taxi, all the way through to our front-facing roles like Event Lead and Adoption Counselor, this team of volunteers gets it all done!

We are so grateful for the dedication of this team and all they do to support our organization. We invite you to join this team and help rescue dogs with us!

We cannot do what we do without you!



Mini Paws Junior Volunteers

We believe in the future of our community and what that means for the world of rescue moving forward. When this organization began nearly ten years ago, our founders recognized a need for educating the youth about responsible pet ownership and care. The result was the beginning of a hands-on, educational program that we lovingly call: Mini Paws.

This group is open to kids ages 5 to 17 who have an interest in dogs, whether they have a family pet or not. They learn more about things like: rescue transports, fostering, bathing dogs, adoption, dog body language, leash handling, working dogs, and more! They get to attend events like K9 unit meet & greets, Border Collie herding demos, visits with local senior centers, Search and Rescue presentations, and other amazing informational events.

Our Mini Paws are an invaluable part of our organization. Not only are they our future, but they show up to every morning with questions, open minds, and love in their hearts. They leave each meeting having learned a little more about how to be a better dog owner and rescue member.

Total Mini Paws: 128

Events Held: 6

- 🐾 Group Walk to learn about handling & dog body language
- 🐾 Border Collie presentation at a local farm
- 🐾 Police K-9 unit demonstration
- 🐾 Volunteer Training to learn more about dog behavior & events
- 🐾 Visit to a senior living community to spread some holiday cheer

We couldn't be more proud to have this program as a pillar of our organization and to welcome such amazing kids and teens into our volunteer family.



COMMUNITY

INVOLVEMENT

Nothing brings people together quite like PUPPIES.

One of our favorite activities in the community is School Visits - or - "Stress Free Fridays" - where we bring puppies into a school for some relaxation, snuggles, and a little dog education. The best part is seeing students come together over their love of a dog. In 2022, we had **37 school visits** - an increase of over 300% since last year.



We held a donation drive to benefit Bringing Hope Home and bring smiles to the faces of our neighbors going through cancer treatment. Thanks to the generosity of our volunteer base, we also donated gifts to families in the Chester County Department of Children & Youth.



We continued our partnership with The Landing at Collegeville and brought adorable pups to their facility to bring joy to their residents.



No matter their age, gender, nationality, religion, political view, social status, you name it - if one puppy can help a person connect with someone they may not have otherwise, we will continue to believe that puppies heal everything.

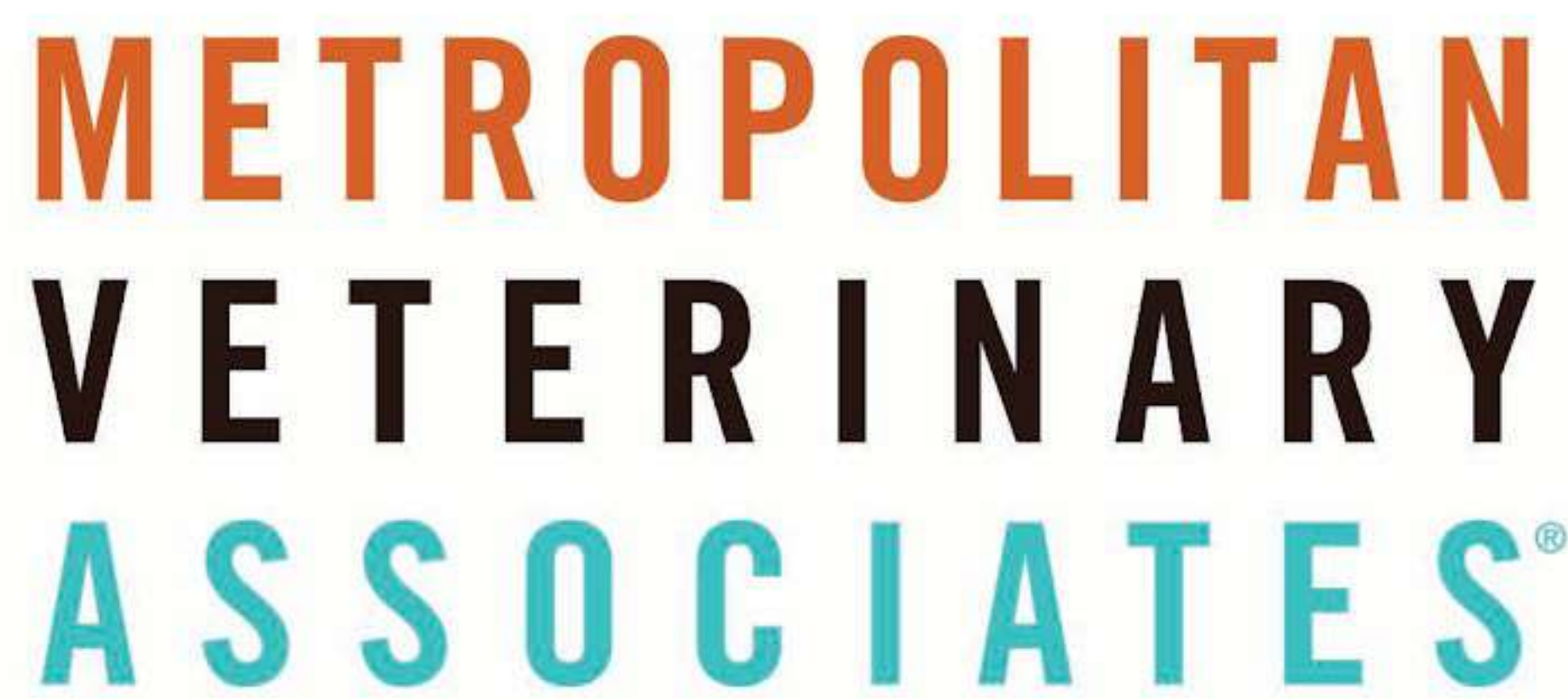




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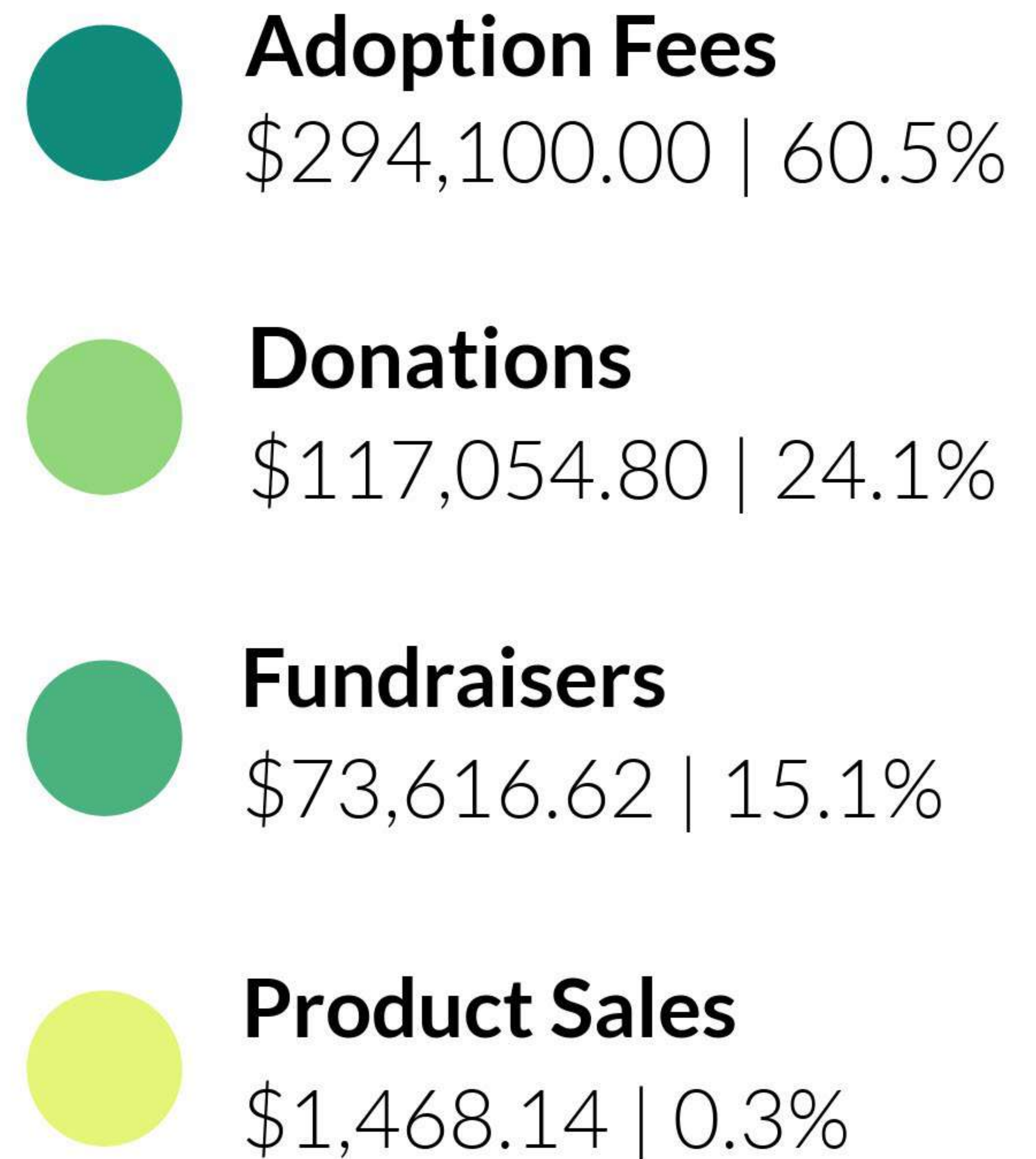


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Financial Summary

INCOME



EXPENSES



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