

CATS Tails Newsletter

We begin 2026 with profound gratitude for all that was accomplished in 2025. It was truly a pivotal year for CATS, marked by extraordinary milestones and growth.

In 2025, we rescued **264 cats**, the most in our history and 204 found their forever homes, also a record year for adoptions.

As we enter our **7th year of operation**, the impact of this work continues to grow. Since CATS began, we have rescued **1,033 cats**, spayed or neutered **869**, vaccinated **833**, and helped **708 cats** find loving, permanent homes.

One of the most transformative achievements of 2025 was the completion of our **sanctuary and catio**, providing a safe and enriching space for our semi-social and feral cats. In a wonderful turn of events, two residents, **Fern and Yuki**, even found adoptive homes of their own.

We also made significant improvements to our facilities, including the construction of an **outdoor covered litter box wash station**, making daily care and deep cleaning far more efficient. Our garage was reorganized with new shelving, and our sign was repaired, making it easier for supporters and adopters to find us.

A major milestone was reached in 2025 when we rescued our **1,000th cat**, and we are now at **1,033 rescues and counting**.

Our community continues to grow as well. Our **volunteer base doubled**, support increased tremendously, and we proudly hosted our first **Community Appreciation Day**, welcoming over **300 attendees** in a celebration of compassion and connection.

We created the **Cuddle Crew program** where we visit The Views dementia village every week with kittens. Kittens and volunteers visit the residents, creating meaningful connections that everyone looks forward to. Both residents and volunteers love the program as it brings comfort, joy and connection to all involved.

We have accomplished so much and yet; we are just getting started.

Our dream is simple but bold; to purchase the property we currently operate on, ensuring long-term stability and security for the cats in our care. The 300-acre property is listed at **\$4.5 million**, and while we only need 20 acres, the landlord will not divide it. It is a big dream, but we believe in miracles.

None of this would be possible without you choosing to journey alongside us. Your support, in all its forms, makes this work possible. We are deeply grateful and truly humbled.

As we look ahead to 2026, we are filled with hope and determination. With you beside us, we know that even the impossible is within reach.

May 2026 be filled with **miracles, good health, and countless purrs and headbutts**.



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CATS Rescue 🐾 Our Journey

2019

🐾 Started in a Garage

Grassroots rescue begins

2020



Shelter Established

Moved into a dedicated building

2021



Thrift Corner Opens

Funding lifesaving care for cats

2022



Rescue Grows

Team expanded
Island-wide partnerships formed

2023



Care Improvements

Intake kennels upgraded
Viewing windows installed

2024



Community-Driven Rescue

Volunteer-focused restructure
New Adoption, Medical & Kitten Rooms

2025



A Milestone Year

Sanctuary & secure catio completed
Cuddle Crew launched at The Views

🎉 **1,000th Cat Rescued!** 🎉

- Litter box wash station built
- Garage reorganized for efficiency



Tango and his foster; a love story.

Meet Tango, one of our special cats in long-term foster. His foster mum, Laurie, shares his story.

Once a blind senior cat struggling to survive in a barn, Tango's luck changed when he was found and brought to CATS—thin, unwell, and suffering from painful glaucoma. Despite treatment, both eyes eventually had to be removed. Once the pain was gone, Tango truly blossomed.



Now free from discomfort, this little black velvet cat is affectionate, mischievous, and wonderfully clever. He's learned to navigate the house with confidence, race for treats, nap in the sunshine, enjoy his catio, and even befriend the family dog. He loves brushing, cuddles, and has found his purr again—along with a bit of late-night "ordinary cat" mischief.

Tango's story is a beautiful reminder that even senior cats with special needs can thrive when given love, patience, and care. And as Laurie says, she's the lucky one. We are grateful to all of our fosters who provide loving safe homes. If you would like to foster please complete an application on our website TheCatAdvocates.com

By the Numbers

2025		
Revenue		
Grants	15,000.00	4.71%
Adoptions	55,224.00	17.34%
Donations	73,281.11	23.00%
Memberships	2,570.00	0.81%
Fundraising	94,777.75	29.75%
Thrift Corner	36,416.80	11.43%
In-Kind	40,807.00	12.81%
Interest	186.25	0.06%
PST		
Commissions	300.69	0.09%
TOTAL REVENUE	318,563.60	
Expenses		
General	54,598.86	20.67%
Foster	37,917.89	14.35%
Fundraising	17,932.13	6.79%
Medical	92,250.17	34.92%
Trapping	6,071.97	2.30%
Intake	54,311.34	20.56%
Thrift Corner	1,117.28	0.42%
TOTAL EXPENSES	264,199.64	

General expenses include rent, utilities, website media & internet, vehicle maintenance, insurance, building maintenance.

Foster and intake expenses include food, litter and supplies. Fundraising expenses includes CATS branded merchandise, volunteer appreciation, fundraising supplies and equipment.

Our bottle team sorted over 250,000 bottles raising \$25,541.95, 27% of our fundraising revenue!

Medical expenses include veterinary costs, medical equipment and supplies (in 2025 we were able to purchase an incubator).

Trapping expenses include purchase of traps, transfer cages, supplies, vehicle gas and trapping food.

Thrift Corner expenses include supplies and equipment such as shelving.

**Return your bottles
& help rescue cats!**



Account #566



	2025	Since CATS Started
Total Rescued	264	1033
Trapped, lost, Abandoned	129	720
Surrendered	65	188
Born in Care	36	not tracked
Transfer from other rescues	34	125
Reunited	5	87
TNR	15	30
Barn Homes	0	5
Spay/Neuter	225	869
Adopted	204	708

Of 264 rescues, 176 were kittens 67%

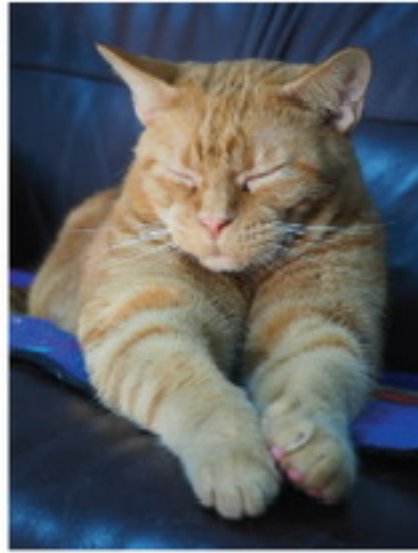
Cheddar's Journey to Trust

Meet Cheddar, our gorgeous orange boy. At just 2½ years old, he's already been through more than his fair share. Cheddar came to us as a feral kitten, and an unfortunate foster experience left him fearful and unsure around people.

Now a permanent sanctuary resident, Cheddar has truly begun to blossom.

The safety and consistency of the sanctuary have worked wonders; he's slowly learning to trust and is warming up to humans more each day. In fact, he's taken on the role of official sanctuary door greeter and will even approach people seeking attention.

Watching Cheddar rediscover joy and confidence has been incredibly rewarding. He's embracing life again, and we couldn't be happier for this beautiful boy.



Guardian Hearts Sponsorship

For just \$25 a month you can sponsor a cat in long-term care and make a meaningful difference in their life. Your monthly support helps provide food, enrichment, veterinary care, and the comfort of a safe, loving environment. As a sponsor, you'll receive a personal bio and photo of your sponsored cat and quarterly updates, so you can follow their journey and see the impact of your kindness. Your compassion gives them more than care; it gives them security, dignity, and a forever promise. For more information and to see cats currently looking for your sponsorship, please go to our website TheCatAdvocates.com and select the Guardian Hearts Cat Sponsorship tab.

Upcoming Events

Adoption Days Jan 31, Feb 21, Feb 28, March 14, March 28
11am-3pm

Trivia Night &

Silent Auction

SATURDAY MAR 7TH

COURTENAY CURLING CLUB
4835 HEADQUARTERS RD.

DOORS OPEN 5PM
TRIVIA STARTS 6PM

TICKETS \$20
LIMITED SEATING
DINNER AVAILABLE

TheCatAdvocates@gmail.com

March 27
Spread's 14th Birthday
Join us 10-4
as we celebrate.



Did you know?

CATS accepts returnables year round!
Every dollar raised from your donated
cans, bottles & returnable containers goes
directly to the cats!



DROP-OFF LOCATION:

863 Knight Rd,
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Turn your
empties into
something
amazing!

Every can and bottle
makes a difference!

Let's recycle for a purpose!