



# 2025 Annual Report



## Letter from the Executive Director

*Tiny, our namesake, and the first stolen cat we recovered*

In October 2024, while my fiancé and I were moving, my car was stolen with our three beloved cats inside. What followed was a frantic search and an outpouring of help from people—many of them strangers—who gave us hope when we needed it most. A tip led us to discover our cats had been dumped in an alley near the D.C./Maryland border. Strangers and friends came out to search. And miraculously, over the next two weeks, we recovered all three: Tiny, then Scoot, then Winky.

In the process, we uncovered something we couldn't unsee: overrun colonies, sick and starving cats, exhausted caregivers, and pleas for help with nowhere to land. What began as a personal crisis revealed a much larger one.

Tiny Cat Animal Rescue was born from that moment. Our search for our three lost cats became a collaboration among neighbors, caregivers, rescuers, and animal lovers who showed up for us and then chose to keep showing up. By chance, that group brought together a remarkably complementary set of skills and experience: financial, operational, legal, logistical, creative. Strangers became friends. Friends became partners. And together, we built this rescue that in 2025, was able to give better futures to 171 cats across D.C., Maryland, and Virginia.

So as strange as it sounds, I could thank the thief who set all of this in motion. If it weren't for him, I would never have seen the scale of need in our own backyard or met the people who now make up this extraordinary rescue. And without all of you who have supported us, dozens of cats who were struggling on the streets would never have found the care they so desperately needed.

We are a small but mighty rescue. Our range of experience in law, finance, social work, education, and community organizing ensures transparency, compliance, and accountability in every aspect of our operations. And as a volunteer-run organization with no paid staff and no facility overhead, every dollar goes directly to the cats. In 2025, we raised almost \$21,000, spent just under \$14,000 rescuing and delivering lifesaving care for 171 cats including spay and neuter

surgeries, emergency veterinary treatment, preventative medical care, and placement in 29 warm, loving foster homes. We decreased vetting costs per cat, without sacrificing quality, by roughly 40%. That efficiency is intentional—it's how we honor your trust and how we stretch every gift as far as possible.

But our impact is not just measured in numbers. It is measured in the orange cat pulled from a cellar after weeks of failed trapping attempts, weighing barely three pounds and fighting for breath, now thriving in a warm home. It is measured in the "spicy" feral mom who, with patience and gentle care, transformed into a lap cat. It is measured in the family who feared they had no options when a pregnant cat went into labor and instead found partners who showed up, delivered kittens alongside them, and ensured every life had a path forward.

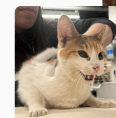
We exist to fill the gaps: when shelters are full, when caregivers are overwhelmed, when a single plea for help might otherwise go unanswered. We believe cats deserve safety and dignity, and that communities deserve support, not judgment. Through TNVR, foster care, rescue, and education, we address the root causes of suffering, not just the symptoms.

None of this happens without you. Whether you donated, fostered a cat, shared a post, trapped cats in the cold, or opened your home to a tiny life in need, you are part of every happy story. You are part of every purr, every healed wound, every cat who no longer has to struggle alone.

With gratitude and resolve,  
**Paige Levenberg**  
*Executive Director*



*Snuggling Scoot after recovering him*



*Ben after capturing Winky and Winky at the vet post-capture*





*Orange and Noodle, two of our first successful adoptions*

## 2025 Board of Directors

Gina Bulett

Ben Cabranes

Kristina Chylinski

Missi Haupt

Paige Levenberg

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*Ben and Tiny*

## Letter from the Board

Tiny Cat Animal Rescue was founded in 2025 to address urgent gaps in animal welfare across Washington, D.C., Maryland, and Virginia—stepping in when shelters are over capacity, caregivers are overwhelmed, and vulnerable cats have no safe alternative.

As a volunteer-led, foster-based organization, we are deliberate about how we deploy limited resources. We prioritize strategies that create measurable, lasting impact: TNVR to reduce outdoor overpopulation at the source, foster care to relieve pressure on shelters, and direct community support to prevent unnecessary surrenders and abandonment.

Our role as a Board is to ensure that TCAR operates responsibly, transparently, and sustainably. We oversee financial stewardship, governance, and program integrity so that every donation, partnership, and volunteer hour translates into real outcomes: fewer kittens born outside, more families supported in keeping their pets, healthier community cat colonies, and more cats placed into safe, permanent homes.

We are proud of what this young organization has accomplished in its first year, and even more confident in the model we are building for the future.

With appreciation,  
**The Board of Directors**

## Where the 2025 Tiny Cats Came From

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# 134

from the streets of  
D.C., Maryland,  
and Virginia

# + 23

owner  
surrenders

# + 8

temporary  
surrenders

# + 6

born in  
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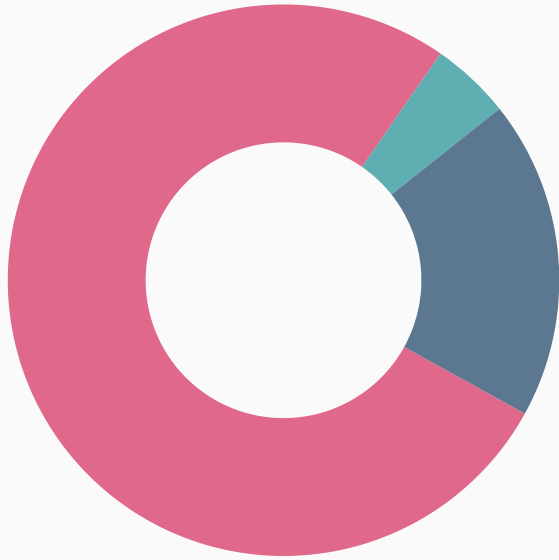
# 171 Tiny Cats!



*Scoot, the  
second stolen  
cat we  
recovered*

# How Tiny Cat Helped In 2025

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**8** Cared for temporarily while awaiting return to owner

**32** Trapped, sterilized, vaccinated, returned

**131** Routed for adoption via foster homes



*Winky, the founders' first eartipped cat and the last of the stolen three to be brought home*

# Forty-Seven Tiny Cats Adopted in 2025



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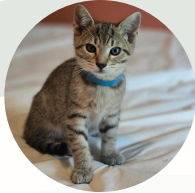
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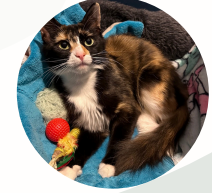
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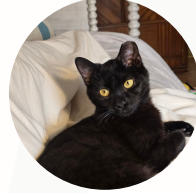
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BABE RUTH



BOY GEORGE



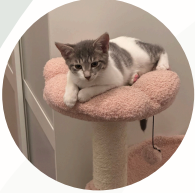
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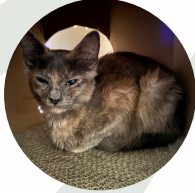
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FREESTYLE



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TURTLE



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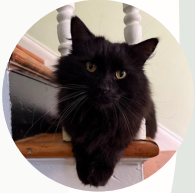
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THE WIZ



PERSIMMON



ROBESPIERRE



REMY



CECE



BUGS BUNNY



PEPE LE PEW

# Making Every Dollar Count

In our first year, a primary goal was to be intentional about how resources were used and to identify ways to reduce costs to maximize our impact without compromising cat welfare. Our disciplined approach directly translated into more cats rescued from the street and receiving care, faster access to medical treatment, and greater overall capacity to serve our community through TNVR, foster care, and adoption. By being thoughtful stewards of donor funds, we're able to do more with less—helping more cats, more responsibly, and with greater transparency.

- **Foster Network:** In 2025, we secured 29 active foster homes, allowing cats to recover, socialize, and thrive in real home environments while housing and maintenance overhead remained at \$0.
- **Veterinary Partners:** We prioritized building relationships with a small group of vet clinics and understanding which clinic was the best options for specific services. Through six clinic partnerships, we secured reduced pricing for exams, spay/neuter, vaccines, diagnostics, and follow-up care. Coordinating care across trusted clinics and advocating for rescue-level pricing allows us to stretch limited resources further while maintaining high standards of care.
- **Microchipping:** We partnered with a microchip company to purchase microchips in bulk and worked with partners offering low-cost implantation. This reduced per-cat costs from \$40 to \$8, an 80% decrease, with no additional registration cost for adopters.
- **Core Vaccinations (FVRCP):** We trained to administer FVRCP vaccines in-house. This reduced cost per vaccine from \$36 to \$18 and allowed immediate vaccination at intake, which lowers disease risk and helps avoid unexpected downstream treatment costs.
- **Community-Sourced Supplies:** We engaged in a coordinated effort to source donated and low-cost supplies through local networks (e.g., Facebook Marketplace, Freecycle). This keeps spending focused on veterinary care and lifesaving services rather than equipment and increases the number of cats we can support at any given time.



*Monty, one of the first cats rescued by the Tiny Cat team*

In 2026, we expect to reduce the cost of FeLV/FIV snap testing from \$40 to \$20 per test through improved sourcing and bulk purchasing, in addition to other measures we are pursuing to improve efficiency.

# Cat Stories



## Jade and the Rooted Kittens

Jade was surrendered to us as a nursing mother in acute medical distress with three nursing kittens and two kittens stuck in utero. We were given an estimate that exceeded \$5,000 for emergency surgery that was the only option for saving her life. This was well beyond what we could responsibly commit for a single case, however by leveraging our veterinary network and through the dedication of a board member who made her transport to the vet possible, all while ensuring her nursing kittens were receiving care while Jade was in surgery, we secured equivalent surgical care at a partner clinic for under \$1,000, kept her three nursing kittens alive, and saved one of the two in utero. This outcome reflects both the urgency of the situation and the importance of having established, trusted relationships that allow us to act quickly and manage costs without compromising care.



## Possum

Possum was found outside severely malnourished and in poor condition. Early testing showed she was FeLV-positive, creating immediate uncertainty about her long-term outlook and ability to be placed. A dedicated foster made space for her in a separate room to nurse her back to health while we looked for a long-term single-cat placement. Because of her young age, we pursued additional testing, including a qPCR, to better understand her prognosis and ensure we were making informed decisions about her care. While results ultimately confirmed a progressive FeLV infection, Possum had already begun to transform—gaining weight, regaining strength, and revealing herself to be an incredibly playful, affectionate kitten. Eventually, we found Possum with a long-term foster without other cats, and fortunately (but unsurprisingly!) her foster fell completely in love with her. Possum is now living as a cherished only cat, traveling the northeast with her adopter and thriving in a home that fully embraces her.

# Cat Stories

## Sk8r Girl and the Sk8r Kittens

Sk8r Girl and her kittens were barely surviving in a crowded outdoor colony, where resources were limited and competition was constant. By the time they were spotted in a neighbor's yard, it was clear that Sk8r Girl had been sacrificing her own nutrition to keep her kittens alive. The property belonged to a longtime community cat caretaker who had spent years feeding and looking out for the neighborhood cats—his yard, once home to a skateboard half pipe, ultimately inspired Sk8r Girl's name.

With winter approaching, the family was brought into foster, where they had consistent access to food, warmth, and medical care for the first time. In those early days, the change was immediate—regular meals, a safe place to rest, and freedom from the daily stress of survival allowed both Sk8r Girl and her kittens to stabilize. The kittens quickly began to gain weight, play, and develop as they should, while Sk8r Girl, no longer forced to put her kittens' needs ahead of her own survival, was finally able to recover her strength.

## Hattie

Hattie came to us with minimal human socialization and, understandably, given she was struggling to survive with her two juvenile kittens on the street, behavior consistent with a near-feral cat. Rather than writing her off as unadoptable, a board member committed to working with her consistently over time. Through structured, patient socialization in a home environment, Hattie became comfortable with people and turned into an affectionate, adoptable cat. Her progress is a direct result of individualized, patient attention and the flexibility of a foster-based model.



# 2025 Financial Highlights

**\$20,788**  
total  
revenue

**\$13,981**  
total  
expenses

**\$6,806**  
net surplus  
in founding  
year

**93**  
individual  
donors

**100%**  
spent on cat  
care

**62%**  
from  
donations

**\$0**  
admin  
overhead

**1**  
grant  
received

*Tiny, our namesake, with our first grant award letter, which was a First Steps Grant from The Binky Foundation.*

*The Binky Foundation later asked to share our "purposeful" business plan as a model for other emerging rescues across the country.*



# 2025 Financial Summary

We operate with no paid staff. Every dollar raised goes directly toward lifesaving care—spay/neuter surgeries, emergency vet treatment, food, cat supplies, and foster support.

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	2025 Total	
Revenues	Adoption Revenue*	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,011.00	\$5,864.15	\$6,875.15
	Donations	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$3,698.00	\$9,015.01	\$12,913.01
	Grants	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00
	City/County Funding	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	Owner Surrender/Return Fees	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	Other Revenue	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.02	\$0.10	\$0.12
	<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$200.00</b>	<b>\$5,709.02</b>	<b>\$14,879.26</b>	<b>\$20,788.28</b>
Expenses	Compensation Expenses	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	Animal Care Costs	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,227.33	\$9,754.14	\$13,981.47
	Facility/Occupancy	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	Marketing, Events, and IT	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	Professional Fees	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$4,227.33</b>	<b>\$9,754.14</b>	<b>\$13,981.47</b>
<b>Revenue - Expenses</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$200.00</b>	<b>\$1,481.69</b>	<b>\$5,125.12</b>	<b>\$6,806.81</b>	

\*Adoption revenue includes \$222.32 in donations made to cover adoption platform fees and \$340 in donations received on top of adoption fees

Note: Financials prepared on a cash basis.

# Our Mission & Vision

*Calpurnia, one of our first semi-feral foster cats. Socialized and adopted after a year in foster care.*

Tiny Cat Animal Rescue is a volunteer-run, foster-based 501(c)(3) nonprofit dedicated to improving the lives of cats living on the streets, reducing the number of cats living on the streets, and preventing cats from ending up on the streets in the first place.

We lead with compassionate, proactive rescue to protect our community's most vulnerable cats. Through hands-on intervention, spay/neuter, and ongoing support for cats and their caregivers, we give cats the safe, healthy, and loving futures that they deserve.

# Our Strategy

*Sage, adopted in  
October 2025*

We serve cats and their caregivers in the Washington, D.C. area by:

- Humanely managing community cat populations through Trap-Neuter-Vaccinate-Return (TNVR), along with ongoing food, shelter, and medical care.
- Giving second chances to sick, injured, neglected, unwanted, and/or homeless cats and kittens and placing them in loving foster and adoptive homes
- Supporting communities with education, supplies, and connections to resources that help people keep cats safe, healthy, and housed

# Our Programs



*Aloe, adopted October 2025*

## Rescue, Rehabilitate, Rehome

We rescue and place cats in loving foster homes while they receive rehabilitative medical care and/or socialization before we work to match them with their forever family.

**Rescue:** Our rescue targets include cats who are injured or in medical distress, cats who are rejected from their colony, cats who lack reliable access to food, cats who are in difficult circumstances, and cats who face abandonment or surrender to shelters.

**Rehabilitate:** Upon intake, cats are evaluated for medical care and socialization needs. We allocate a decompression period to each cat so we can determine their level of socialization. When necessary, if we believe a semi-socialized cat cannot thrive outdoors, we dedicate time to gentle socialization so that formerly fearful cats can adapt to life indoors. This stage is about the cats healing both physically and emotionally.

**Rehome:** Once healthy and ready for adoption, we carefully place our cats in loving forever homes. We take the time to get to know each applicant and cat to create a lasting match!



*One of the Sk8r kittens, rescued from a neighbor's yard*

## Community Support & Outreach

We proactively engage with the community with hands-on support when no other rescue can respond. We work compassionately to prevent abandonment by connecting pet owners in need with low-cost services. You may see our team respond to pleas for help with both pet cats and homeless cats on social media—something we are increasingly able to do with our growing foster network and donor base.

We hope to continue to work to fill the gaps in current shelter and rescue resources. Despite a robust animal welfare community, the cat distribution system still outpaces capacity. Too often those who step up and shoulder the burden of helping animals are our community members who have the least.

To add capacity, we proactively respond to pleas for help both online and in the community. By connecting to existing services as well as leveraging our resources, we assist with requests to rehome cats, support overwhelmed cat caregivers, and address emergency needs. By helping caregivers navigate available resources along with hands-on education, we can work together to stabilize and improve the lives of vulnerable cats.

# Our Programs



*Husband, TNVR'd In October 2025*

## Trap-Neuter/Spay-Vaccinate-Return

Trap-Neuter/Spay-Vaccinate-Return (TNVR) is the only humane and effective way to save the lives of feral cats and manage community cat populations.

We humanely trap community cats, facilitate neuter/spay surgeries and vaccinations, then return healthy adult cats to their outdoor homes. During trapping, we behaviorally assess adult cats—friendly strays and struggling semi-feral cats are placed in loving homes instead of returned to their outdoor homes when possible. This approach not only improves the health of outdoor cats, but by breaking the reproductive cycle, TNVR gradually reduces and stabilizes outdoor populations, prevents suffering, and relieves pressure on overcrowded shelters so resources can be effectively allocated to cats in need.

TNVR is a lifesaving alternative to “catch and kill” programs or sending feral cats to shelters, where they are often the first to be euthanized. Without TNVR, outdoor cat numbers would continue to grow—leading to more suffering, more at-risk kittens, and more cats entering shelters where many may not survive.



*Two community cats In the alley where TCAR began*

## Ongoing Community Cat Support

We provide ongoing support to community cats in underserved neighborhoods by feeding and placing insulated outdoor shelters, monitoring for illness and injuries and providing medical care, and offering guidance on available resources for community cats and how to safely care for neighborhood cat colonies.

TNVR is a critical first step, but it’s not the end of the journey. Community cats still face harsh weather, food insecurity, and health risks even after they’ve been altered. Continued care strengthens the long-term success of TNVR by keeping colonies stable and reducing nuisance behaviors that can arise when basic needs go unmet.

Ongoing care also allows us to spot new arrivals who are unfamiliar or whose behavior or appearance suggests they may be lost or abandoned pets, friendly strays, or displaced house cats in need of rescue.



@tinycatanimalrescue

*Bath time for  
one of the Sk8r  
kittens*



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