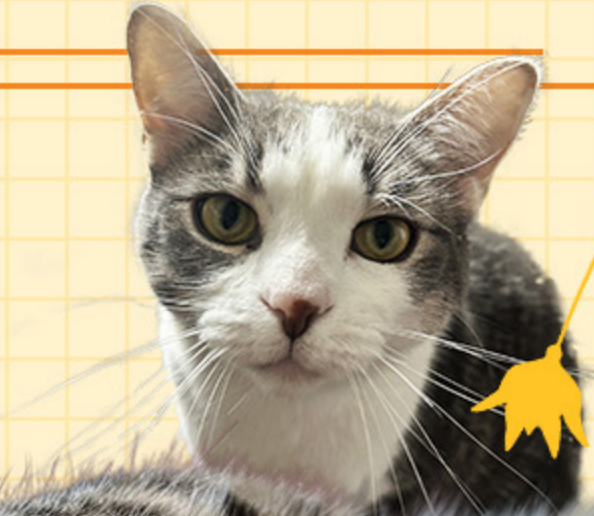


# 2024

Annual Highlights







## BISCUIT

# LETTER FROM THE CHAIR

Dear Friends of Annex Cat Rescue,  
The year 2024 was one of stability and sustainability for ACR. **We had more vetting expenses in 2024 than ever before, continuing to go above and beyond for the cats in our care. We supported 247 amazing cats in foster care with 129 finding their forever homes. We also helped 151 members of our community through our feral-stray hotline, assisting with an astonishing 480 trappings, mostly of cats heading for TNR.**

With a robust board of eight people, we spent this year reviewing our capacity as an organization and making plans for how to ensure we can sustain operations and help as many cats as possible for years to come.

We have spent dozens of hours in discussion about what makes Annex Cat Rescue such a special organization. We help a vulnerable population of cats that require special skills to care for appropriately and we are steadfast in our commitment to go above and beyond with the veterinary care we underwrite. For the cats not released back outside, it is the very unique and compassionate rescuers and fosters who take over

care for these felines who often take a while to show gratitude for our intervention!

Over the years we have shared stories of how different volunteers get into this “line of work” and it often happens very organically. “I found a cat, it needed help, I didn’t know what to do but I had to do something...”

Enter TNR workshops, training, learning how to pill a cat who does not want to be pillled, socialization work, assessment skills to know the signs that a cat is open to socialization even if it’s slow progress...The people who answer the call for these cats are the heart of everything Annex Cat Rescue does.

As Chair of the Board, I’ve seen countless stories of resilience—but Biscuit’s journey holds a special place in my heart. When we first rescued him at just 10 weeks old last summer, he was a tiny, lonely kitten found wandering a colony. His future was uncertain until he was brought into our care and placed in a loving foster home.

But just as he began to settle in, Biscuit was diagnosed with FIP—a pernicious, viral disease that, until recently, was considered untreatable. That’s why it was such a pivotal moment for us when Biscuit became the



## CAMPFIRE & MARSHMALLOW

first ACR cat accepted into a legal Canadian study for a groundbreaking FIP treatment. Thanks to the dedicated team at South Tower Animal Hospital and the tireless work of his volunteer foster Jacqueline, Biscuit made an incredible recovery.

Today, Biscuit has completed his treatment and is thriving. He's a snuggly, talkative, and delightfully silly kitten who loves making "super biscuits" on every soft blanket he finds. He's currently awaiting a dental assessment, but we're hopeful he'll be ready for adoption very soon. Biscuit's story is a powerful reminder of the life-saving impact Annex Cat Rescue has on cats in need, and how your support helps us give second chances to kittens like him.

Our hope for the next year is to bolster our foster program to equip volunteers with the knowledge and training to embrace these kinds of tough cases. To get excited about always standing up for the little (furry) guy.

We are also delighted that Gillian Gallimore, a certified cat behaviourist who joined the ACR board last year, has been working with our foster team to provide over 150

hours of consultations for cats in our care in 2024. She works closely with our cats and their fosters to navigate the tricky stages of adjusting to life in a new home and gives fosters the tools needed to connect with cats and have a deeper understanding of how our four-legged friends communicate.

This is only the beginning of our progress as an organization. As we look ahead, the ACR board is excited to make plans for our future and engage our volunteers in more conversations about how we can work together to achieve the best outcomes for this amazing population we serve.

On behalf of the Annex Cat Rescue Board of Directors, I want to thank every person who has volunteered their time, donated funds or items and offered their compassion and love to our cats.

Thank You,

Sydney Shapansky  
Board Chair

On behalf of:

Alicia Saris, Vice Chair

Michelle Vinokurov, Treasurer

April Campbell, Secretary

Gillian Gallimore, Member-at-Large

Kim Hughes, Member-at-Large

Katie Phillips, Member-at-Large

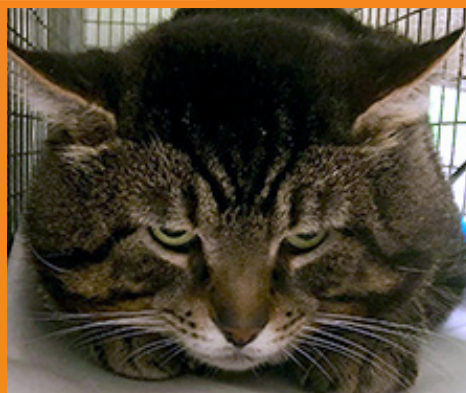
Sarah Wayne, Member-at-Large



## WAYS WE HELPED IN 2024



We offered support, supplies, and medical care at multiple managed colonies citywide, including at Cedar Garden where Mayo loves to sunbathe.



We worked alongside other rescue organizations to TNR cats and while neighbours appreciated our efforts, some TNR recipients were less thrilled.



Our feral-stray community outreach saved countless cats from the streets, like a heavily pregnant mama dubbed Pickles, rescued and brought inside to give birth.



A homeowner alerted us to a very sick litter of tiny kittens eventually dubbed the Wine Kittens, who we slowly nursed back to health and adopted out. Here's little Pinot upon rescue.

ANNEX CAT RESCUE

# IMPACT STATS 2024

**\$346,938** DOLLARS RAISED

**365** VETERINARY VISITS

**151** COMMUNITY MEMBERS HELPED  
VIA OUR FERAL-STRAY LINE

**150** HOURS OF CONSULTATIONS  
GIVEN BY CAT BEHAVIOURIST



While we closed several colonies for good, we also said goodbye to some dear friends along the way, like sweet Flossie from the Carlaw and Gerrard colony.



We underwrote life-saving dental and medical care for the city's most vulnerable cats and kittens like Piston, saved from the horror of a giant embedded botfly.



Anastasia, one of hundreds in our foster program, has an excellent chance at a successful indoor life with a kind and loving forever home.



Here's another of the Wine Kittens, Muscat, just because. His joyful recovery is its own reward.

ANNEX CAT RESCUE

# IMPACT STATS 2024

**480** TRAP-NEUTER-RELEASES

**247** CATS IN FOSTER CARE

**129** CATS FOUND THEIR  
FOREVER HOMES





## WHISKERS

Whiskers' story illustrates our work. The last cat standing at our Greenwood and Gerrard colony in 2024, she was trapped and now lives contentedly indoors with her foster.

### 2024 FINANCIAL SUMMARY

	Year Ended December 31, 2024	Year Ended December 31, 2023
<b>FUNDRAISING INCOME</b>		
Donations .....	\$161,325.00	\$244,275.34
Events & Coinboxes.....	\$44,494.93	\$58,387.81
Bingo .....	\$53,918.99	-
Donations in Kind .....	\$49,009.34	\$37,921.95
<b>TOTAL FUNDRAISING INCOME .....</b>	<b>\$308,748.26</b>	<b>\$340,585.10</b>
<b>OTHER INCOME</b>		
Adoption Fees.....	\$25,100.00	\$21,400.00
Membership Dues.....	\$300.00	\$580.00
Interest .....	\$6,789.87	\$3,497.70
Bequests.....	\$6,000.00	\$145,852.49
<b>TOTAL OTHER INCOME .....</b>	<b>\$38,189.87</b>	<b>\$171,330.19</b>
<b>TOTAL REVENUE .....</b>	<b>\$346,938.13</b>	<b>\$511,915.29</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
Veterinary Expenses.....	\$313,380.46	\$266,860.69
Administration, Accounting & Subscriptions ..	\$11,650.01	\$5,053.32
Foster Program .....	\$4,004.16	\$36.00
Fundraising & Marketing Expenses.....	\$3,742.79	\$6,193.21
Bank Expense .....	\$321.82	\$45.11
<b>TOTAL FOR OPERATING EXPENSES .....</b>	<b>\$333,099.24</b>	<b>\$278,188.33</b>
<b>OTHER EXPENSES</b>		
65100 Other Expenses (GIK) .....	\$49,009.34	\$37,921.95
65230 Reconciliation Discrepancies .....	-	(\$17,004.65)
<b>TOTAL FOR OTHER EXPENSES .....</b>	<b>\$49,009.34</b>	<b>\$20,917.30</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES.....</b>	<b>\$382,108.58</b>	<b>\$299,105.63</b>
<b>% GOING TO VETTING .....</b>	<b>95.28%</b>	<b>95.94%</b>
Net Profit (loss).....	(\$35,170.45)	\$212,809.66