



2022

IMPACT REPORT

PAWSTER
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**END PET HOMELESSNESS
BEFORE IT BEGINS**

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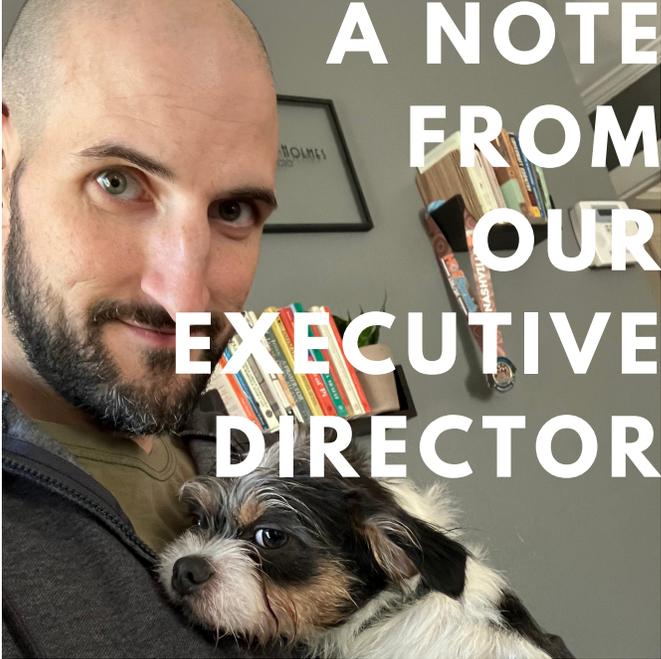
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A NOTE FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Two years ago, I connected with Natalie Corwin, the founder of Pet Community Center. I asked her, "What are the biggest needs in Nashville for cats and dogs right now?" I expected her to say "food pantries" or "affordable vet care." Instead, she told me about the ongoing need for Crisis Foster Care when people are temporarily unable to care for their pets. **Then she said, "Now tell me about the nonprofit you're going to start."**

Crisis Foster Care was a new concept to me, but I called up some friends and we got to work starting a nonprofit to care for people's pets when they experienced a crisis. The future was uncertain in a global pandemic, but we wanted to help in whatever way we could.

Two years later, with the guidance and support of so many local and national nonprofit leaders, along with an amazing and dedicated crew of fosters, volunteers, donors and foundation partners, Pawster has far surpassed our hopes for the impact we could have on Middle Tennessee families and their pets.

For 2022, the board of directors set a goal to foster 75 pets while their families were in crisis. We surpassed that goal and kept going. If we have learned one thing in the last two years, it's this: **The need for Crisis Foster Care is only growing as the housing crisis worsens.**

Yet our community has proven that we are up to the task. Over 150 volunteers stepped up over the last two years to foster pets, transport pets, and help in so many other ways. Over 240 individuals have given financially to keep pets and people together. You are a part of the community that is working to end pet homelessness before it begins. Thank you.

Because of the hope your continued support has offered, Pawster's board voted to raise our goals in 2023: **We will aim to provide foster care for 125 pets whose families are in crisis. To meet this goal, we will also hire a new staff person by July 2023.**

Pawster is an animal welfare nonprofit, but we exist to help people. Keeping people and pets together through crisis is what it's all about. And people like you make this work possible.

Thank you for continuing to work toward a future where no one has to lose a (furry) family member because of a temporary crisis.

With Gratitude and Hope,

Gabe Horton
Executive Director

82

**PETS FOSTERED
IN 2022**

The board of directors set a goal to foster 75 pets in 2022. With your help, we were able to provide Crisis Foster Care for 82 pets.



**BY THE
NUMBERS**

247

**DONORS
IN 2022**

The average cost to foster 1 pet for an average of 2 months is \$500. 247 donors gave an average gift of \$106 to provide care for foster pets.

87%

**PETS
REUNITED**

87% of pets were reunited with their families following foster care. The remaining pets were directly adopted to new families without entering a shelter or rescue.

13

**COUNTIES
SERVED**

Pawster serves all Middle Tennessee counties, including Davidson (62%), adjacent counties (23%), and other counties as able (15%).



DEEDEE'S STORY

DeeDee's story illustrates some key lessons we learned in 2022.

DeeDee came to Pawster when her owner was threatened with eviction if they didn't get rid of DeeDee. The owner asked if we could foster DeeDee until they could secure new, pet-friendly housing. **Loss of housing is the primary reason why people come to Pawster.**

Unfortunately, it's difficult for anyone to find housing -- much less *affordable* and *pet-friendly* housing. That's why we worked with other local organizations this year to develop an affordable, pet-friendly housing database.

But even with our help, DeeDee's owner hit obstacle after obstacle, including several health emergencies and loss of a stable job that left them even less equipped to find new housing.

The good news was that DeeDee's foster wanted to keep her for as long as possible. Pawster typically has a 3-month maximum foster stay, but this case was unique. As long as the foster was happy, we decided to let DeeDee be.

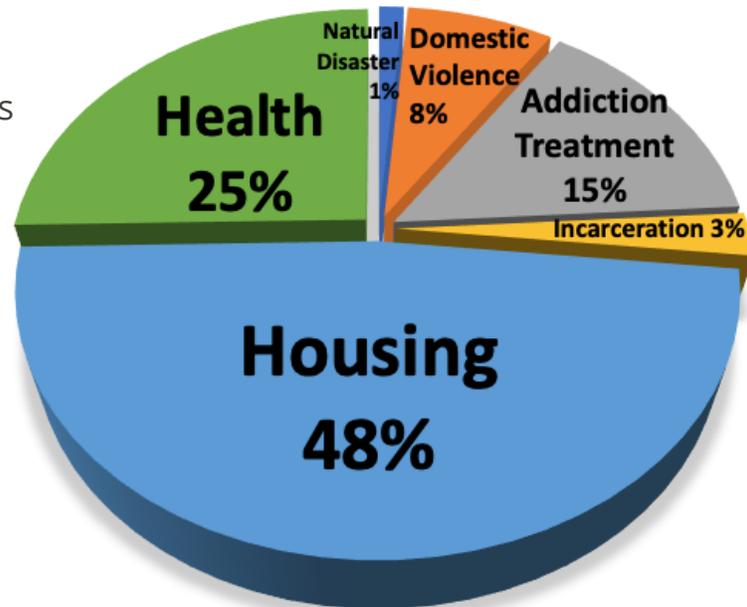
Meanwhile, we heard from so many pet owners who found housing but couldn't afford expensive pet fees. **The board of directors voted unanimously in early 2022 to pay for any pet fees that would allow the families of current foster pets to move into housing more quickly.**

This was the lifeline DeeDee's owner was waiting for. Within a month, her owner had secured a much-needed Emotional Support Animal letter and her apartment agreed to let her have DeeDee back.

We celebrated DeeDee's reunion, but also learned a key lesson for the future: If we can help families move into pet-friendly housing, then pets like DeeDee can reunite with their families so much more quickly. And the sooner pets go home to their families, the more families we can help!

Here's to another year of happy reunions and new lessons learned!

Reasons for Crisis Foster Care





OUR PARTNERS

Thank you to everyone who gave financially to keep pets and their people together in 2022! Listed below is every individual, family, church or foundation who gave \$500 or more:

\$10,000 and above

PetSmart Charities
DJ&T Foundation
Animal Welfare Fund, Patricia McGavock Fund for Animals
of The Community Foundation of Middle Tennessee

\$5,000 to \$9,999

Ellen and Steve Adams

\$2,500 to \$4,999

Maddie's Fund

\$1,000 to \$2,499

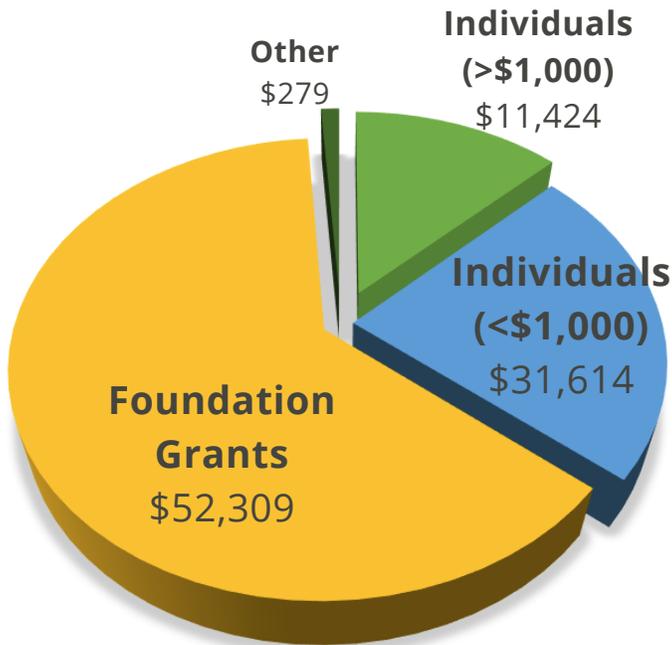
Digital Lift	Mallory Smyth and Patrick Quirke
Creag Foundation	The Harnisch Family Foundation
The Binky Foundation	The KMZ Foundation
Bill and Theresa Hook	PetCo Love
Jeff and Julie Adams	West End United Methodist Church
Melinda and Jeff Balsler	

\$500 to \$999

Darrick Benson	Kristen Bokhan
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Amy Stone	Sandra Earthman
Linda Howard	Dottie's Yard

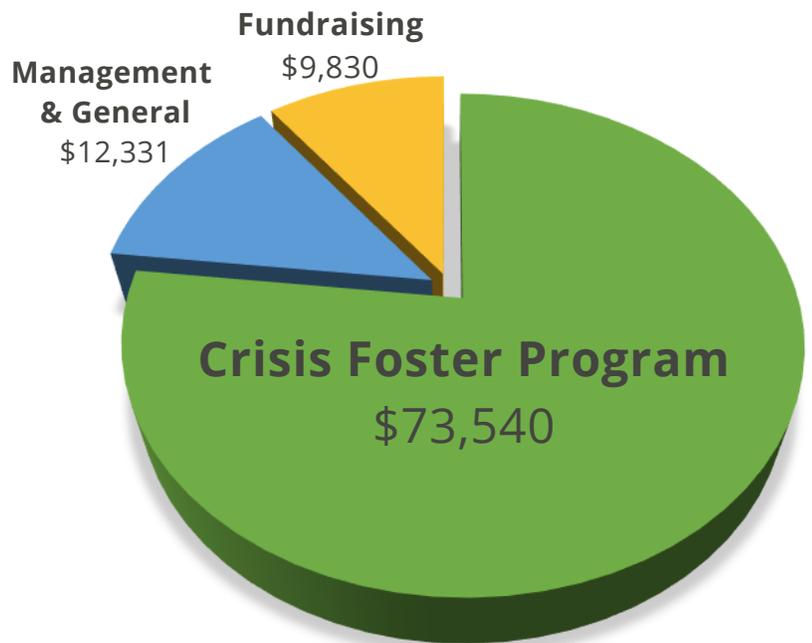
FINANCIALS

2022 Revenue



Total: **\$95,626**

2022 Expenses



Total: **\$95,701**

2023 Projected Expenses:



Total: **\$146,761** to foster **125 pets**



THANK YOU!

