



ANNUAL REPORT

2023



PRESIDENT AND TREASURER'S REPORT

Hana



SAFE has had another year of mixed fortunes, which overall speaks to the highly unpredictable nature all charities are subject to. Perhaps animal welfare charities such as SAFE have even more unpredictability to deal with, given we are taking animals of unknown origins, often with unknown medical concerns, which we have no idea about before bringing the animal into care. When we take an animal into care, it's not always possible to know what will be needed and sometimes quite a lot of veterinary care is required.

Panleukopenia Virus

We never know what issues will come up with any one pet we take in. And this was the case in February when we took in an unwell cat from Western Sydney. Chanel had been dumped on someone's front lawn. The kind person who found Chanel took her in and got her initial vet treatment. After we took her in, and there was no improvement within a couple of days, we arranged further investigation and it was ultimately discovered that she had feline panleukopenia virus

(FPV). FPV is a deadly virus that is highly contagious, while the cat population in homes is generally well vaccinated against the virus, outdoor cats in certain areas are at risk of catching the virus from the stray population who are generally unvaccinated. Unfortunately, despite our best efforts, the virus spread to 23 other cats in SAFE's care. The virus's mortality rate is usually around 95%, however through a lot of care, including midnight feeds and fluid injections to keep sick kittens hydrated, miraculously, 14 of the 24 infected cats and kittens survived, including Chanel, who was hospitalised for 10 days at Vet-O Brookvale. While we lost so many beautiful kittens, they did not go without lack of us trying to save their precious lives by any means possible.

Chanel



1000th Adoption

SAFE celebrated our 1000th adoption in January! This proud moment for everyone involved in the charity, came about when a lovely family popped in and adopted Midnight and his mum, Pumpkin (who was 1001st). SAFE rolled out the red carpet for the Adkins family and we had a celebration with the whole family and Midnight at SAFE Haven. This incredible feat shows how much SAFE has achieved with such enormous support from the members, volunteers and community, which we are so grateful for.

Midnight



Adoption Celebration



Jolene

When the person that called us about Jolene first got into contact with us, we honestly didn't know what to expect and were fearing the worst. They told us over the phone that this brave little 3 month old kitten could not move her back legs and they suspected she had accidentally been trodden on, as she was being kept in an unsuitable environment where they found her. When she finally turned up at SAFE Haven, we could see that there certainly was an issue with mobility and there was reason to believe that this could be a permanent problem for her. After a vet visit which included x-rays and a thorough physical examination of the legs and lower spine, the good news was there was no break to the spine at all, only inflammation around the spine in certain areas. The treatment was ultimately very simple, anti-inflammatory medication and rehabilitation of the legs - three times a day we were to stretch both hind legs out 5 times. Over time Jolene started moving her hind legs instead of dragging herself around using her front paws. And within a few short weeks, she was actually walking around her suite at SAFE Haven. By the time she was big enough to be desexed, she had almost complete movement in both hind legs, and was running and jumping like any other kitten!

Jolene Before



Jolene Middle



Jolene After



Leon

This gentle ginger boy was Facebook famous before he came into care with SAFE, people were scrambling to find him the help he needed. It appears he was dumped in a cat colony at an older age and being completely out of his regular territory, he was getting badly bullied by the other cats. He had wounds so terribly infected that he had large holes in his skin when he came into care initially. These were promptly treated, however the scarring from this means that his fur won't ever grow back in certain areas. Other than this, and some minor somewhat expected kidney problems for a cat his age (estimated to be around 13 years old), he's in great spirits and ready for a new home, the chance to live a happy life.

Leon Before



Leon After



Davo

Perhaps the luckiest cat in Sydney, Davo was found by Davidson Rural Fire Brigade during a routine back burning operation. As he was in the bushland in Terrey Hills, likely dumped as he was not microchipped but is extremely friendly, he was suffering from a paralysis tick bite and rushed to Terrey Hills Veterinary Hospital. The vets treated him for the tick poison and incredibly, within a few days he was ready to be transferred to SAFE Haven. Without the back burning operation he may never have been found, and in some ways the tick bite helped, as even if he had been found, he may have been too scared to be caught or picked up.

Davo



Financial Situation

While we always do whatever it takes to ensure a pet is healthy and well looked after in our care, as you might imagine with all of these cases, good and bad, expenses add up very quickly. And while our financial situation may look very healthy on paper, the committee has been dealing with heavy losses through the back half of the 2023 financial year. There are multiple factors believed to be contributing to this and the concerns have continued into the 2024 financial year. So even though the 2023 financial year has ended with a substantial surplus, the majority of this was from SAFE's successful application for the OLG's Companion Animal Grant, which was a total of \$99,000. However all of this money has already been allocated to projects and costs over the next 12 months, and then is also reported on throughout this period. The trend over the last 5 months of the 2023 financial year and onwards has been a lack of adoptions and donations coupled with our regular amount of spending which has slowly gone up throughout the last 12 months, as SAFE takes on more space and helps more animals.

And with the stray cat crisis out of control in Western Sydney in particular, the call for SAFE to help more animals is ever present. The finances are an ongoing concern for SAFE and something that needs attention, however due to the rental issues and cost of living rises, there's not much SAFE can do alone to try and tip the scales back in the right direction. The committee is looking into ways we can try and bridge the gap, including corporate sponsorships and ongoing monthly donations. With some luck and some great management through the committee, the hope is SAFE can keep pushing through, however we need the SAFE committee to help as well, as always.

Tim Crossman

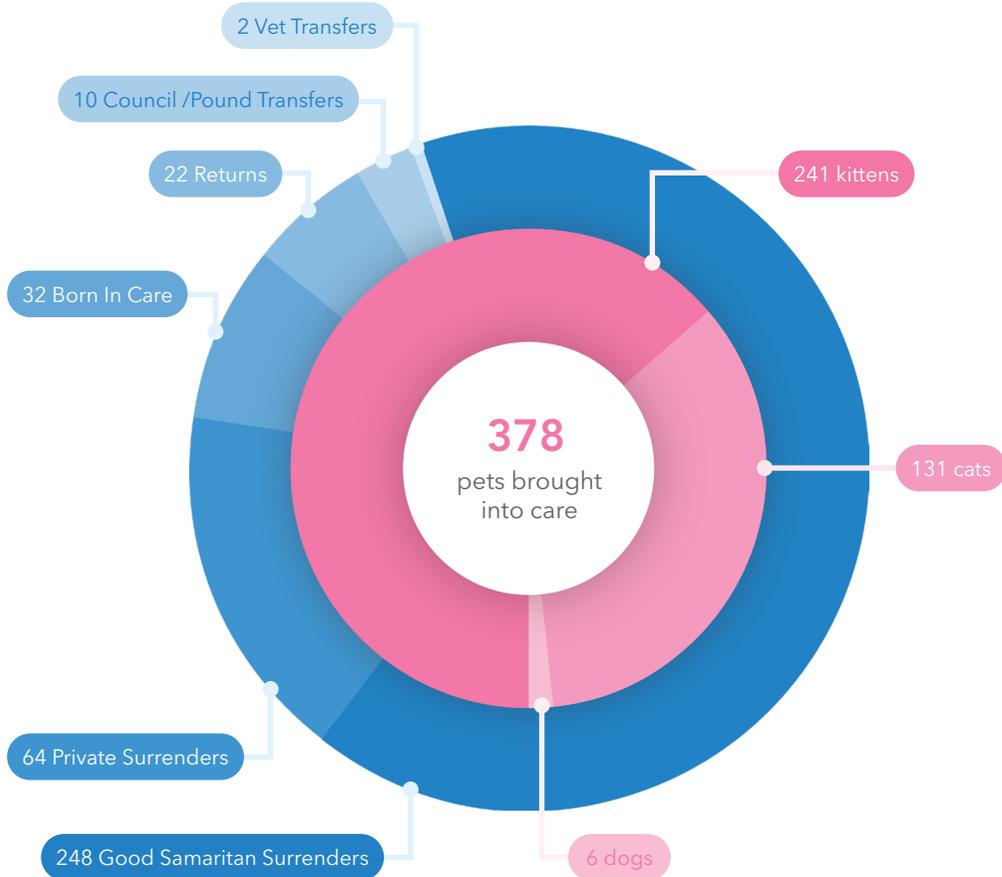
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FINANCIAL SUMMARY

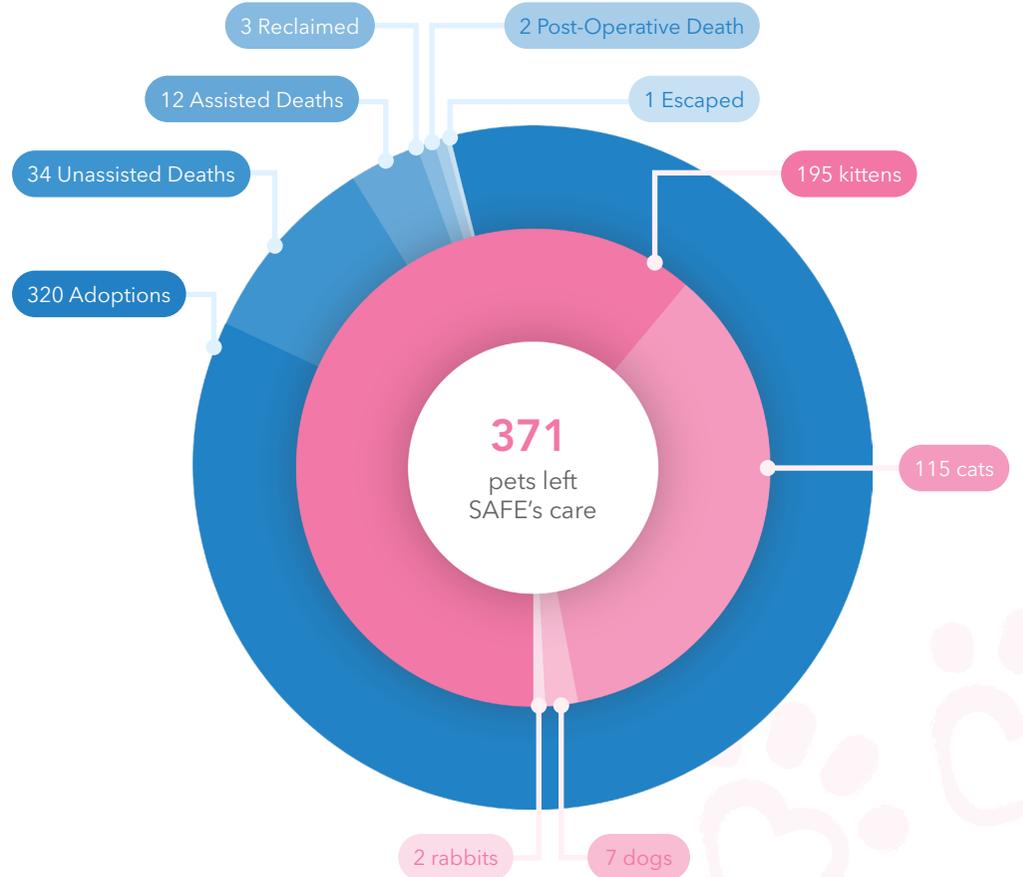
Month	Donations / Fundraising	LovePets	Boarding	Adoption/ Surrender Donations	Merch	Other	Income Total	Vet Expenses	Food Expenses	Rent, Pay & Services	Merch	Other	Total Expenses	Surplus / Loss
Jul-22	\$3,804.17	\$3,850.00	\$4,993.50	\$10,270.00	\$1,420.87	\$335.00	\$24,673.54	\$8,305.16	\$666.61	\$6,915.23	\$129.15	\$1,963.15	\$17,979.30	\$6,694.24
Aug-22	\$2,596.52	\$5,225.00	\$3,043.50	\$11,365.00	\$1,487.50	\$210.00	\$23,927.52	\$3,648.97	\$1,581.98	\$5,892.59	\$-	\$2,730.59	\$13,854.13	\$10,073.39
Sep-22	\$6,077.30	\$6,175.00	\$2,359.50	\$8,790.00	\$737.47	\$280.00	\$24,419.27	\$10,241.98	\$731.29	\$10,792.36	\$584.17	\$4,441.66	\$26,791.46	-\$2,372.19
Oct-22	\$5,048.13	\$1,000.00	\$6,767.50	\$10,400.00	\$1,085.00	\$190.00	\$24,490.63	\$6,459.99	\$2,831.56	\$7,363.85	\$719.71	\$4,444.88	\$21,819.99	\$2,670.64
Nov-22	\$9,242.21	\$5,450.00	\$5,001.86	\$6,634.00	\$1,396.63	\$188.27	\$27,912.97	\$8,858.60	\$978.80	\$7,749.00	\$1,830.98	\$1,640.32	\$21,057.70	\$6,855.27
Dec-22	\$7,919.45	\$4,000.00	\$8,330.90	\$7,045.00	\$1,449.57	\$63.64	\$28,808.56	\$10,315.60	\$2,858.88	\$5,541.70	\$-	\$739.05	\$19,455.23	\$9,353.33
Jan-23	\$8,647.44	\$5,825.00	\$6,054.10	\$12,975.00	\$2,068.18	\$2,034.64	\$37,604.36	\$7,499.94	\$2,907.02	\$7,224.37	\$-	\$1,595.20	\$19,226.53	\$18,377.83
Feb-23	\$3,639.93	\$2,000.00	\$2,923.64	\$6,035.00	\$450.01	\$354.21	\$15,402.79	\$16,362.56	\$2,245.61	\$8,172.60	\$-	\$2,386.84	\$29,167.61	-\$13,764.82
Mar-23	\$9,326.29	\$4,300.00	\$3,288.62	\$6,030.00	\$753.22	\$666.56	\$24,365.49	\$9,621.33	\$2,842.48	\$11,846.32	\$-	\$3,668.02	\$27,978.15	-\$3,612.66
Apr-23	\$5,936.95	\$6,000.00	\$5,365.91	\$7,335.00	\$1,401.79	\$4,547.66	\$30,587.31	\$13,271.99	\$1,734.14	\$12,934.95	\$463.57	\$4,827.39	\$33,232.04	-\$2,644.73
May-23	\$4,681.00	\$-	\$2,288.64	\$5,795.00	\$1,369.09	\$2,692.27	\$16,826.10	\$8,806.35	\$1,400.17	\$10,393.83	\$54.09	\$1,520.88	\$22,175.32	-\$5,349.22
Jun-23	\$10,882.33	\$-	\$2,887.28	\$5,945.00	\$1,725.43	\$99,927.30	\$121,367.34	\$7,182.63	\$3,309.35	\$9,695.73	\$395.20	\$330.74	\$21,361.22	\$100,006.12
Total	\$77,801.72	\$43,825.00	\$53,304.95	\$98,619.00	\$15,344.76	\$111,489.55	\$400,385.88	\$110,575.10	\$24,087.89	\$104,522.53	\$4,176.87	\$30,288.72	\$274,098.68	\$126,287.20
Average	\$6,483.48	\$3,652.08	\$4,442.08	\$8,218.25	\$1,278.73	\$9,290.80	\$33,365.49	\$9,214.59	\$2,007.32	\$8,710.21	\$348.07	\$2,524.06	\$22,841.56	\$10,523.93

ANIMAL NUMBERS

528 cared for throughout 2022/23



INCOMING ANIMALS



OUTGOING ANIMALS

THANK YOU

SAFE Rehoming would like to thank the following for their contributions this year.





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