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About Us

Save Them All

Best Friends Animal Society is a leading animal welfare organization working to end the killing of dogs and cats in America's shelters by 2025. Founded in 1984, Best Friends is a pioneer in the no-kill movement and has helped reduce the number of animals killed in shelters from an estimated 17 million per year to around 378,000.

Best Friends runs lifesaving programs across the country, as well as the nation's largest no-kill animal sanctuary.

What the Organization has done so far

Thanks to you, 3.6 million cats and dogs were saved in shelters across the country in 2022. From tiny kittens to senior pups, that's 3.6 million reasons to celebrate as Best Friends works with animal welfare partners and caring people like you to lead the United States to no-kill by 2025.

Part 1



What the Organization has done so far

Numbers to Celebrate in 2022



81%
NATIONAL
SAVE RATE



57%
OF U.S. SHELTERS
WERE NO-KILL



63%
REDUCTION IN
THE NUMBER OF PETS
KILLED SINCE 2016



3 States were No-Kill
in 2022
Delaware, New Hampshire,
Vermont



4 States had less than
160 cats and dogs to
save to reach no-kill
Maine, Montana,
North Dakota, Rhode Island

Initiatives



Part 1

We are determined to take the entire country to no-kill by 2025.

We've got the expertise and we've got the passion. And we've got the road map. So together, we are creating progressive new initiatives while growing the programs - trap-neuter-vaccinate-return for community cats, shelter foster networking, online resource centers to provide neighborhood support, and more - that have already brought us close to our goal.



A National Initiative to Save Them All



Best Friends Network Partner

Partners and Places

Best Friends works with more than 4,200 shelter and rescue partners across all 50 states. More than 550 new partners joined the Best Friends Network in 2022.

Focused Impact

We've collected data for 95% of pets in America's shelters, which tells us where help is needed most and which animals are most at risk.

Part 2

Lifesaving Solutions

Best Friends is investing in proven programs that help shelters save more lives and inspire action.

We are saving lives

This is what it's all about, right? Second chances for our most faithful companions.

Dogs and cats at our sanctuary and in our lifesaving centers receive all the love, care, and medical treatment they need - be it lifesaving surgery or life-changing training sessions - to find homes of their own.

And because we know a home is the best place for companion animals, Best Friends implements programs around the country that both prevent pets from having to enter shelters in the first place and get those who do adopt more quickly.

Part 3



- **Pet Adoption**
- **Foster programs**
- **Spay/neuter services**
- **Community cat programs**



We are standing with shelters
Here at Best Friends, collaboration is in
our DNA.

No single organization can do it alone, but by working together, we can ensure a bright and happy future for every pet. Together with our fellow animal welfare organizations, we are creating new approaches to lifesaving that are changing and shaping how this country looks at - and looks out for - homeless dogs and cats.

Part 4



- Network partners
- Education for animal welfare professionals
- Outreach and embed programs
- Collaborating with shelters
- Supporting shelter medicine

We are teaming up with you

Your commitment to making a difference
is what drives this movement.

We're dedicated to supporting you every
step of the way. Because working together is
the only way we can achieve no-kill across
the entire country.

Whether your interest is getting involved in
grassroots advocacy, fostering animals from
your local shelter, or improving the lives of
pet families of every culture and
background, your success means a win for
the animals. We're here to make sure it
happens.

Part 5



- Animal-friendly legislation
- Diversity, equity, and inclusion
- Caring for pets
- Community-supported sheltering

Involvements



4.4 million pets entered America's shelters in 2022, an increase of nearly 2% since 2021.



378,000 dogs and cats were killed in America's shelters. That's roughly 1,000 per day.



Dog adoptions lost ground to breeder purchases. In 2022, dogs made up 45% of the animals killed in America's shelters, a steep increase from 30% in 2021.

Part 6



Overall, shelters experienced a higher volume of intakes, while adoptions and fostering did not keep pace.



**Setbacks Are
Concentrated
And Solvable**

Just 1% of shelters
make up nearly 60%
of the increase in
dogs and cats killed.



**More shelters
are no-kill than
ever before**

Of the 3,943 shelters
in the United States,
57% of them are now
no-kill. This is an
increase from 52% in
2021.

Part 7



**No-kill is
Sustainable**

No-kill isn't just
possible, it's
sustainable.

Nationwide, 93% of
shelters that were no-
kill in 2021 remained
no-kill in 2022.

Activities and Participation



National Conference

Whether you work at a shelter, volunteer with a rescue group, or are just interested in animal welfare, the Best Friends National Conference is for you.

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Be An Events Volunteer

Volunteers are crucial to the success of our events. They help the event run smoothly and ensure that every attendee has a wonderful experience.



Expert Speakers

Request a Best Friends expert to speak about animal welfare topics, including animal behavior and care, fundraising, marketing, PR, events, legal issues, volunteers, and more.



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Who We Are

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Back in 1984, a scrappy group of friends from far corners of the globe settled in a remote area of Utah's high desert ... and took the first steps to forever changing the future for pets in shelters.

It's the story of Best Friends, but it's much more than the history of a spot on the map. This group of ordinary but passionate people believed that every pet has a story, too, each one worth saving, each life individual and important. Today, nearly four decades after they broke ground for a sanctuary in a remote region of the Southwest, achieving no-kill across the entire country is within reach.

Mission

To bring about a time when
there are No More
Homeless Pets®

Vision

A better world through
kindness to animals

Guiding Principles

Golden Rule:

To treat all living things
as we ourselves would
wish to be treated.

Leadership:

To lead by example,
developing, promoting
and sharing great new
ideas and programs to
help animals.

Kindness:

To treat all living things
as we ourselves would
wish to be treated.

Authenticity:

To do what we say we
do.

Part 2

Positive influence:

To demonstrate
compassion and respect
for all living creatures.

Transparency:

To be open and honest
in our relationships.



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Your kindness makes a difference

To homeless pets waiting for families of their very own,
you can be a hero.

In 2021, about 355,000 dogs and cats were killed in shelters nationwide just because they didn't have a safe place to call home. You can help change that. Whether you donate, volunteer your time, foster a pet in your home, or advocate for animals in your community, you can make a lifesaving difference.

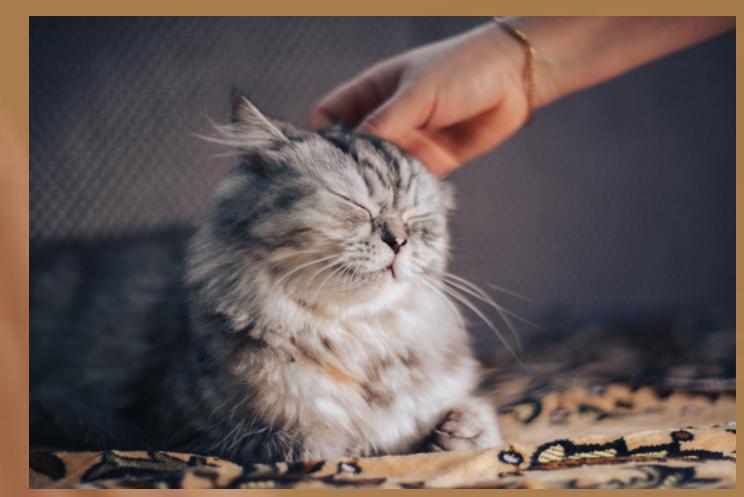


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Donate: make a gift to save lives

When you make a gift to the animals, you'll be helping to save the lives of homeless pets in New York City and around the country.

donations@bestfriends.org

Volunteer: give your time

You can provide hope and happiness to homeless pets by volunteering.

info@bestfriends.org

Foster: open your heart and home

When you foster a cat or dog in New York City, you're not only providing a safe and loving place for a pet to learn and grow, but you're also helping to make room for more animals in the shelter.

cataoptions@bestfriends.org
dogadoptions@bestfriends.org

Advocate: create positive change

You have the power to create positive change for the animals in your community. Join the New York City 2025 Action Team or start your own today.

corporaterelations@bestfriends.org

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