

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.

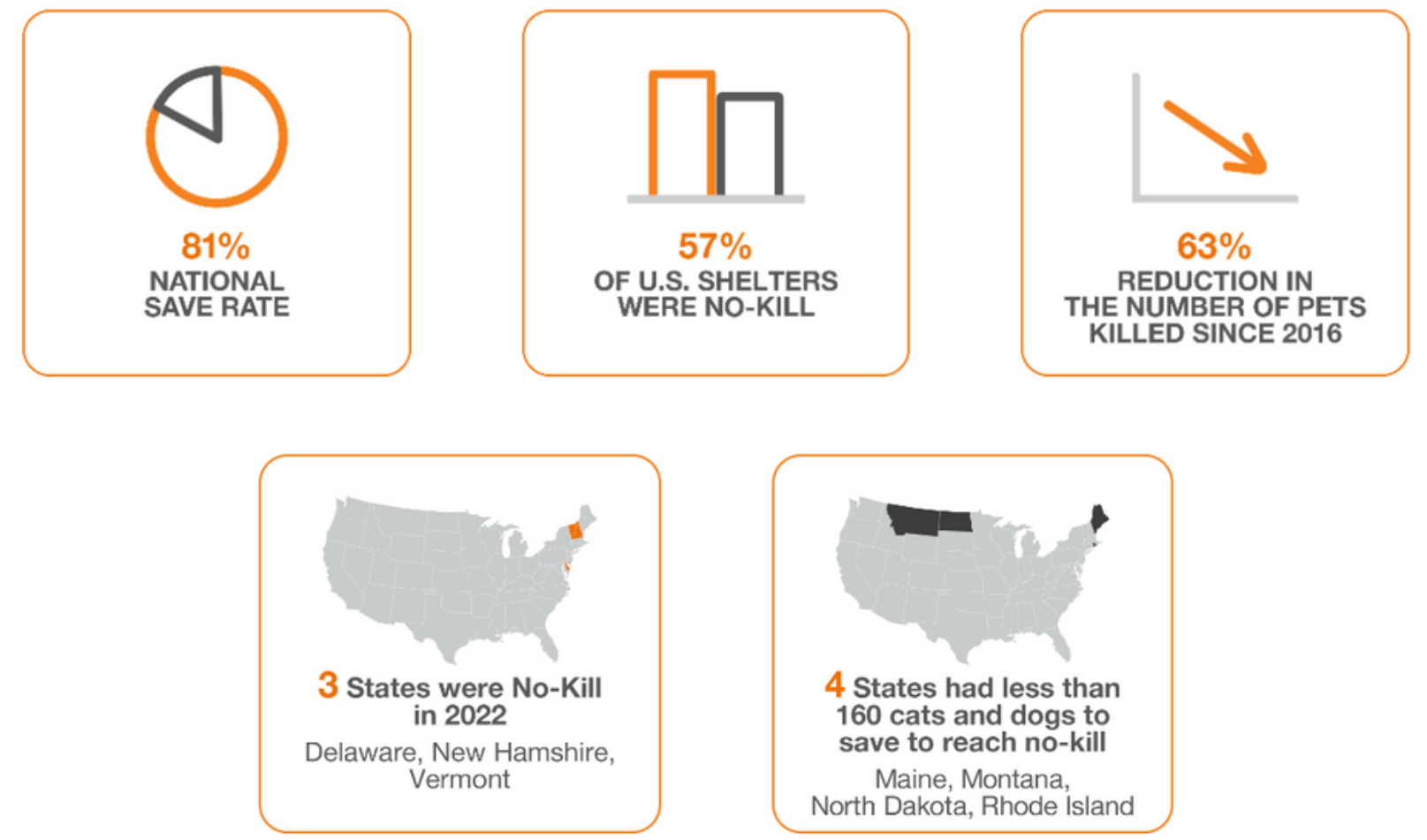
What the Organization has done so far

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



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.

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.

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.

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

A National Initiative to Save Them All



Part 2

Involvements

1. 4.4 million pets entered America's shelters in 2022, an increase of nearly 2% since 2021.
2. 378,000 dogs and cats were killed in America's shelters. That's roughly 1,000 per day.
3. 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.
4. Overall, shelters experienced a higher volume of intakes, while adoptions and fostering did not keep pace.

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

No-kill isn't just possible, it's sustainable. Nationwide, 93% of shelters that were no-kill in 2021 remained no-kill in 2022.

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

ACTIVITIES AND PARTICIPATION

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

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.



Who We Are

Part 1

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.

How Can You Help Us?

Mission

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

1. 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.
2. Volunteer: give your time You can provide hope and happiness to homeless pets by volunteering.

Part 2

Vision

A better world
through kindness to
animals

3. 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.

4. 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.



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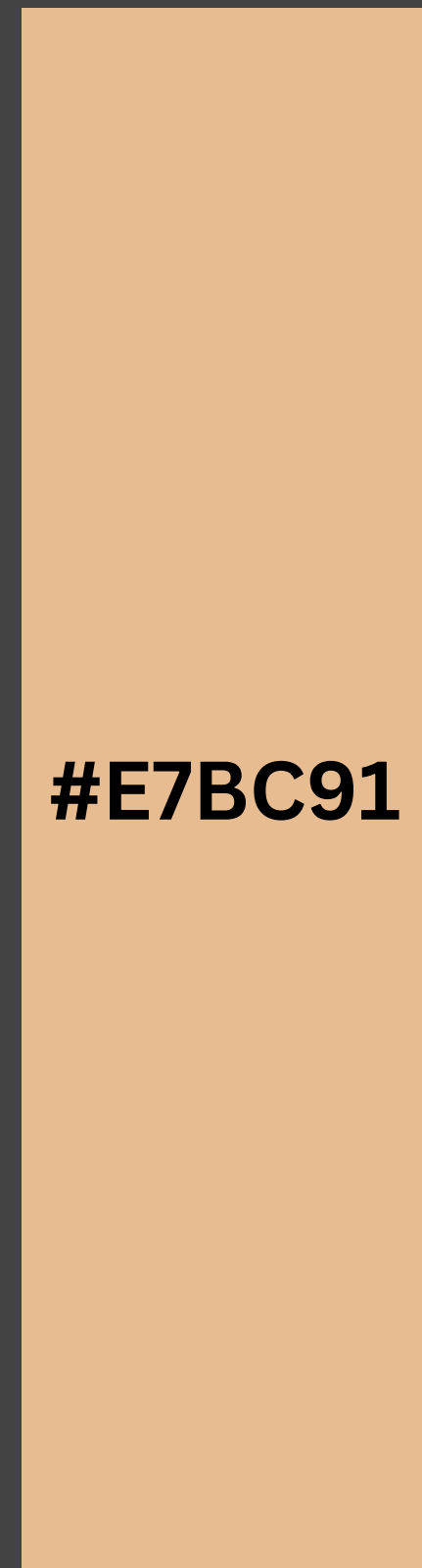
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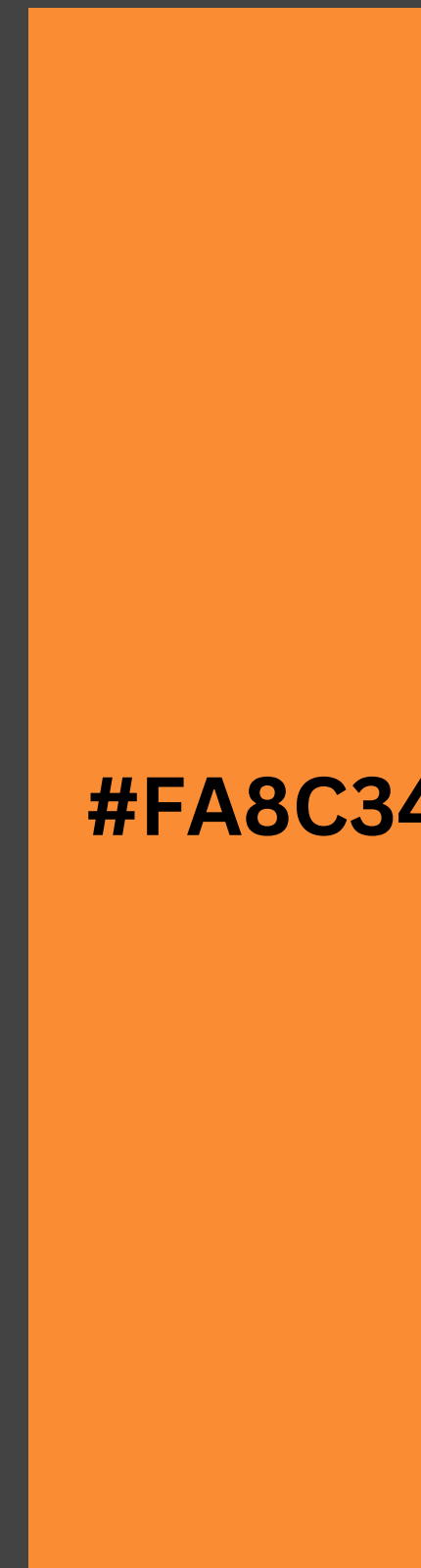
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