2025 Annual Report

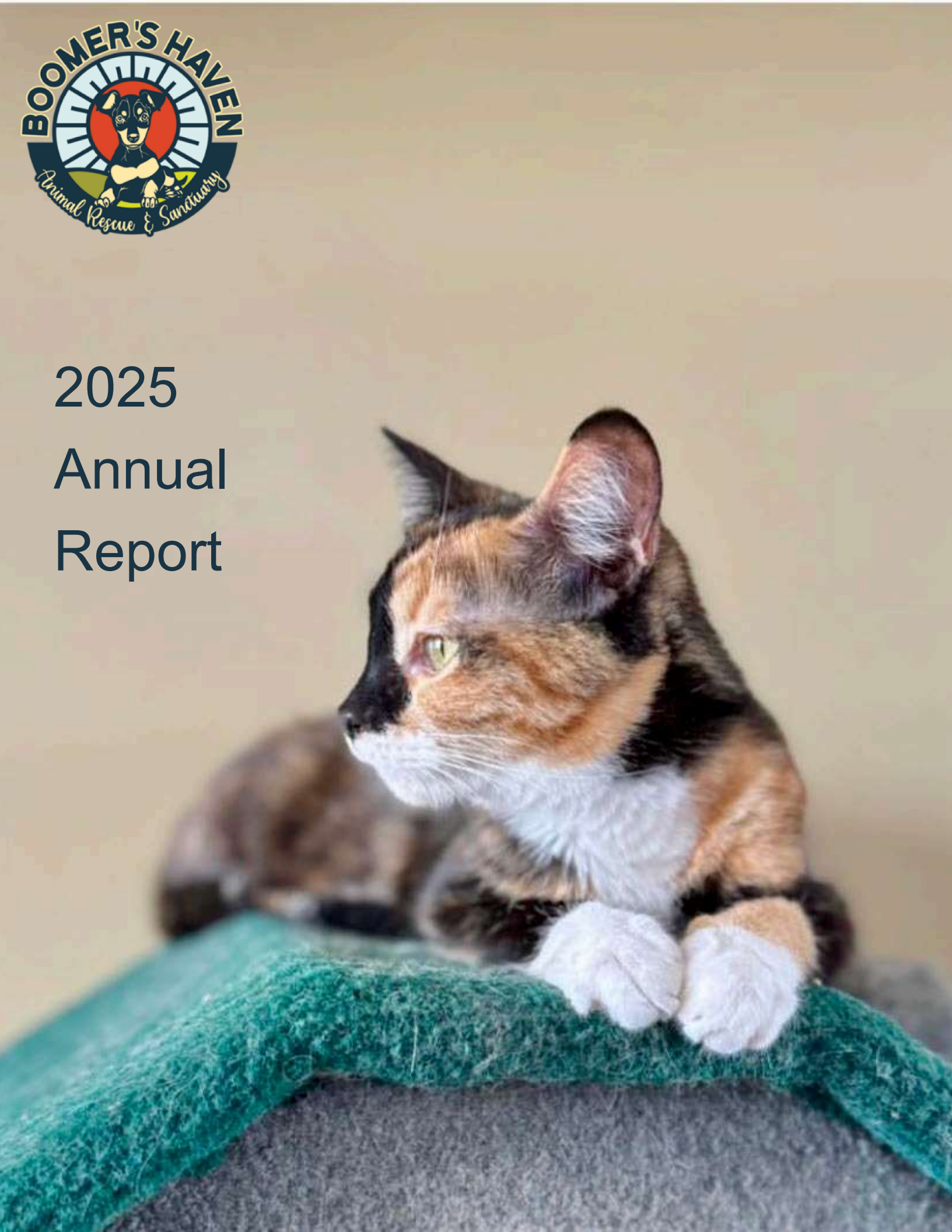


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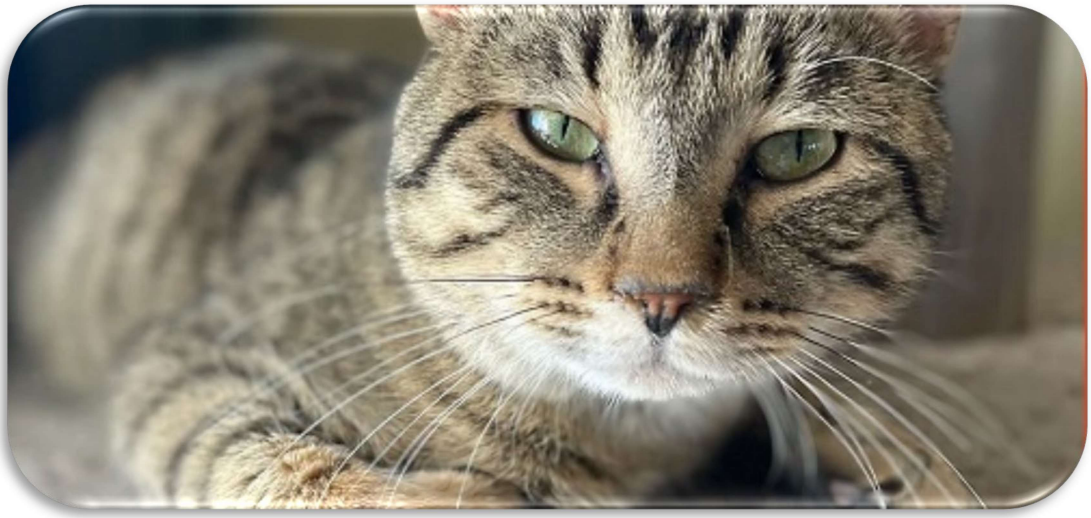
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Our Misson

Our mission is to rescue, rehabilitate, and rehome animals in crisis, and to provide sanctuary to animals who may not be suitable for rehoming. To ensure healthy human-animal relationships through education and advocacy, and to inspire a community where the animal-human bond is celebrated and nurtured.



A Message from Our Board's Vice-President

Dear Friends of Boomer's Haven,

As we reflect on the 2024-25 year, we are filled with gratitude and pride for the positive impact we've been able to make in the lives of animals—despite the challenges we've faced. Boomer's Haven Animal Rescue and Sanctuary is still in its early stages, and while we may be small, our dedication to making a difference is mighty.

One of our challenges this year was the devastating car fire, which temporarily disrupted our operations and delayed vital programs. We also faced difficulties growing our social media presence, limiting our ability to connect with new supporters, adopters, foster homes, and volunteers.

Yet through these challenges, there were countless bright spots. We are deeply grateful to our corporate and local market partners, who generously contributed to fundraising efforts and provided venues for our fundraising and adoption events. Our trusted veterinary partners, whose expertise and compassion ensured that injured and neglected animals received the care they needed to heal and thrive. All of our

community members and colleagues in animal rescue organizations that rallied behind us, particularly after the fire, demonstrating their steadfast dedication to our cause. All of this unwavering support has been essential to our mission.

Looking ahead, we are excited about the future. We aim to strengthen our community connections by expanding support programs like our SNAP (Spay and Neuter Assistance Program), and continuing to educate the public about responsible animal care. We are also working toward securing a dedicated facility, which will enable us to better serve the animals and families who depend on us.

Thank you for your ongoing support and belief in our mission to rescue, rehabilitate, and rehome animals in need. Together, we're building a compassionate future for all.

With gratitude,
Rochelle Price
Vice President, Boomer's Haven Animal Rescue & Sanctuary

Meet Our Board

- Marc Heethuis-Dubois - Co-Founder, Executive Director
- Crystal Brown - President
- Rochelle Price - Vice-President
- Nathalie Martel - Treasurer
- Jennifer Mann - Director of Fundraising

Year in Review

Community Impact – How We Help

Both the number of intakes and support for community members rose over the course of 2024. BHARS proudly collaborates closely with multiple rescue partners across Alberta to facilitate rescue efforts, animal transfers, and admissions. These relationships are critical in ensuring the safest and most appropriate placements and adoptions for animals in need.

We positively impacted the communities we serve in multiple ways, notably:

- We continued to support animals with progressive treatment plans, with a focus on keeping companions in their homes whenever possible.
- Our main focus remained on rescue, rehabilitation, and adoption in most cases, but also provided sanctuary when necessary.
- We expanded our network of foster homes, who are critical partners in increasing our animals' emotional and social growth.
- We offered guidance and assistance to individuals and other agencies in their ongoing efforts to help animals in various communities.
- We supported outdoor community cats by providing TNVR (Trap-Neuter-Vaccinate-Return) where suitable.
- We proudly offer SNAP (Spay Neuter Assistance Program) to support families in the community who otherwise might not have access to necessary veterinary care.
- We engaged regularly with multiple animal welfare organizations to increase our effectiveness and streamline our procedures.
- We engaged collaboratively with our veterinary teams to refine our intake, daily, quarantine, and isolation protocols.

Additionally, seven animals found permanent sanctuary with us.

We've supported communities with TNVR for multiple cats. This program provides vital care for cats who are not suitable for re-homing. Providing them with spay/neuter surgeries and vaccinations ensures these animals receive the necessary veterinary care to limit feral cat population growth and helps them avoid common communicable diseases.

Through SNAP, we provided over 20 low-cost spay/neuter surgeries and vaccinations.



This year, communities most in need of our assistance included Irricana, Beiseker, Acme, Linden, Keoma, and Kathyrn, along with rural residents surrounding these communities.

Our Volunteers & Fosters



- We grew our volunteer base, slowly but steadily, throughout 2024. Our volunteer base is small but mighty and are the lifeblood of our organization, going above and beyond every day to support our efforts in providing the best service possible to animals in need and their families.

- Foster homes are a key part of our success; this year we included individuals with specialized knowledge of kittens, challenging behavioural and medical needs, and senior/palliative care.

- Our volunteers gave 6032 hours in 2024.

Challenges & Successes

2024 presented numerous challenges as we navigated significant increases in the number of calls we received to rescue stray, injured, and abandoned animals. We also experienced increased requests to surrender animals. We relied on our community partners to mitigate necessary veterinary care, supplies, and transportation costs.

We also suffered a significant loss of our primary vehicle used to transport animals and supplies when the vehicle suddenly catastrophically caught fire. The community and media rallied behind us, enabling us to stabilize our operation and return to serving our community once again. We will be forever grateful for the incredible assistance we received and the for the kindness we were shown in our time of need.

On the medical front, we faced a significant number of FIP cases, which was physically, emotionally, and financially challenging. We are happy to report that despite increased stress, we also saw much success in our treatment of this deadly disease, with a successful treatment rate of just over 85%.

A constant challenge for us, as well as most rescue organizations, remains the lack of funding. With continued economic instability across many communities, fundraising remains fundraising and securing regular donors to help us fulfill and continue our mission. Thankfully, we've been able to grow our donor base, and have gained a committed corporate partner to support us in our veterinary care expenses.

Events & Fundraising

Our dedicated volunteers were busy this year coordinating and representing BHARS at multiple community fundraising events. From music night to cat yoga, pictures with Santa and fun paint parties, our supporters came through for some fun, and much-needed funds to help us grow.









Since we get no government or civic funding, we heavily rely on the generosity of small businesses and individuals, who allow us to continue operating. Hence, fundraising events remain one of our most important means of earning funds and comprise 33% of our total funding.

The Year Ahead

We are expecting to receive charity status in 2025, which will enable us to issue donor tax receipts. Furthermore, this status will allow us to secure and grow our corporate donor base.

Our second biggest goal this upcoming year is to secure a dedicated facility. Having our own property will bring significant positive changes to BHARS:

- Help us streamline operations;
- Save time and money by reducing multiple trips into the city for veterinary care;
- Provide a centralized location for volunteers to assist with daily shelter care, such as cleaning and socializing animals in care;
- Provide a location to hold future fundraising events;
- Facilitate animal transport from veterinary clinics, foster homes, and community events.





2024 Revenue & Expenses

February 1st, 2023 to January 31st, 2024

