

Impact Report 2024

Seattle Animal
Foundation



2024: A Year of Transformation

Looking back, 2024 was a transformational year for the **Seattle Animal Foundation (SAF)**. As our inaugural year under this new name, we are incredibly proud of the successful launch of the **Best Chance Program** as well as the expansion of our mission to support animal welfare organizations beyond the Seattle Animal Shelter (SAS) following our rebrand in October 2024.

Expanding our mission means that we remain committed to honoring our legacy and supporting the life-saving work happening at SAS every single day for years to come. We're also excited about opening doors to partnerships with shelter-adjacent organizations working to improve the lives of animals. We believe that moving the needle for good comes through stronger collaboration. The Seattle Animal Foundation is a unique organization in its ability to bring together diverse partners in animal welfare doing great work across the Greater Seattle area to create lasting change.

2024 is just a preview of the exciting journey ahead!

None of this would be possible without our donors. Your generosity and compassion for animals is truly inspiring.

THANK YOU FOR MAKING THIS POSSIBLE.



Changing the lives of animals and the people who love them...

Thanks to you, in 2024 we were able to help provide essential care, support, and second chances to

5,055

animals

from

1,746

families



Our 2024 Grants

Best Chance Program

Grant Amount \$150,000

- 2024 marked the launch of the Best Chance Program which was a resounding success.
- The program sponsors monthly, no-cost vaccine clinics for dogs and cats across Seattle and is administered by the Seattle Animal Shelter staff and volunteers. There were also 474 surgeries scheduled in 2024.
- **Urgent Need:** The community lines up as early as 8am for clinics that open at 10 am - a testament to the urgent need. Beyond vaccines, the clinics provide a free veterinary check-up, flea treatment and deworming, microchipping, pet licensing and free pet supplies.
- **Inclusivity:** Flyers translated into multiple languages are available, outreach focuses on underserved populations and building lasting trust in communities.

2024 Best Chance Program Highlights



Animals assisted: **1,533**



Families served: **941**



Supplies distributed (food, leashes, collars, etc): **17,085**



Vaccines administered: Dogs (**2,460**); Cats (**728**)

Existing Programs

Grant Amount **\$75,000**

The Existing Programs grant supports SAS in four major areas:

- Financial support for owned pets
- Care for animals currently in the shelter
- Community outreach and engagements
- Staff and volunteer training

Owned animal assistance is one-way donations are turned into community action and support. The goal is to help people keep their pets by assisting with supplies and financial support to cover items like vet care and behavior support.

From waived adoption fees to avoid long stays, to licensing fee support that helps owners reclaim lost pets - these funds turn compassion into action.

In 2024, our support helped power community food banks, which represented 47 different ZIP codes across the region and served:



804 households



939 dogs



983 cats

Foster Care Program

Grant Amount **\$125,000**

This grant funds a full-time Foster Coordinator and consulting support vital to managing the Seattle Animal Shelter's foster program. The coordinator works closely with the veterinary and animal care teams to identify which animals would most benefit from a foster home - especially those struggling in the shelter environment.

SAS has hundreds of potential foster parents, and the coordinator identifies which pups most need a break and highlights them in a regular email update to fosters. These foster volunteers are literally life savers, and the entire process is made possible by the Foster Care Program.

2024 Foster Care Program Highlights (January - September)



Dogs fostered: **906**



Critters fostered: **109**



Cats fostered: **585**



Active fostering
homes **1,253**
New onboarded: **277**

Behavior Program

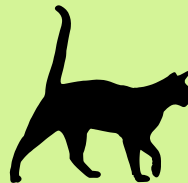
Grant Amount \$50,000

Although the dedicated Behaviorist role was vacant for much of 2024, the Seattle Animal Shelter continued to meet critical behavior needs by reallocating funds to staff and contractors who stepped in to provide support.

Behavior services were provided for:



736 dogs



155 cats

Case Spotlight: Dash



Surrendered in August 2024 due to escalating behavioral challenges, Dash had bitten multiple people and was in crisis. Through structured training with SAS staff, access to agility equipment, and consistent behavioral support, he made tremendous progress. By October, Dash was adopted into a new home - a powerful reminder of the potential in every animal when given the right support.



Looking ahead to

2025

We're energized for what lies ahead. With your support, we will continue to fund high-impact programs that support animals in Seattle and the people who care for them. Whether through lifesaving medical clinics, behavior support, or foster care, every contribution makes a difference.

Let's keep building a future where every animal in Seattle has their best chance.

With gratitude,

Justin Taft, Board President

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