

# Philanthropy Impact Report 2023



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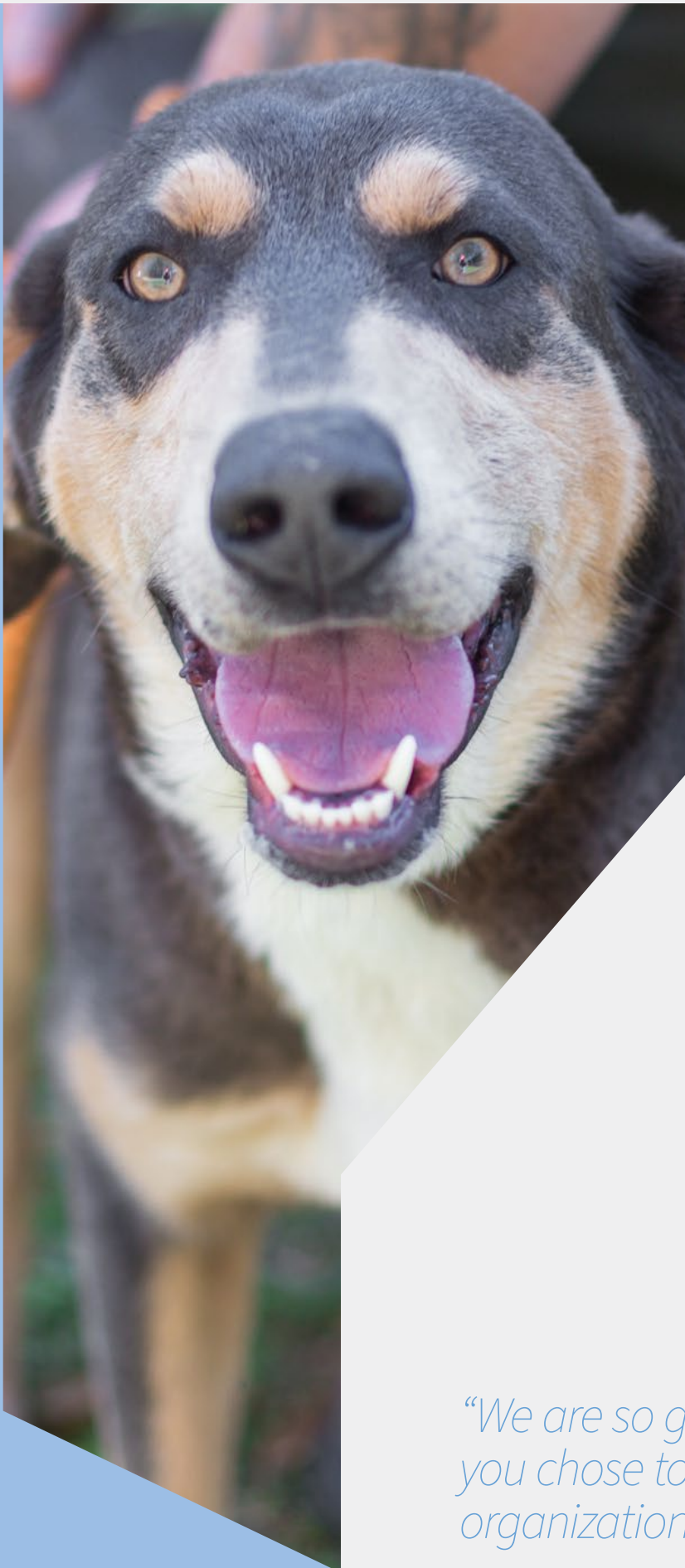
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## LETTER FROM CDCK

On behalf of City Dogs & City Kitties Rescue (CDCK), countless rescued pets, new forever families, our shelter partners, and our passionate volunteers -- please accept our immense gratitude for your decision to entrust us with your donation and philanthropic partnership.



Our donor community is tremendously vital to our rescue operations. Your philanthropic partnership allows us to further positively impact and save the lives of at-risk dogs and cats when they need us the most. The support you provided, along with donations from like-minded philanthropists, enables our rescue to work with under-resourced, at-capacity, rural shelters and provide life-saving medical treatments and home placement for pets that otherwise would not have been possible. We are so grateful for the lifeline you chose to become for our organization. Thank you for unleashing your generosity to CDCK.


We are pleased to provide you with this impact report which outlines how your donation has contributed to the success of our rescue organization. As we continue to grow to meet the ever-expanding needs of adoptable pets and our community, we reflect upon our history and how philanthropy continues to act as a catalyst for impactful change.

We are a volunteer run organization that relies on the public support via individual donations. We are so proud that we have reached a milestone of 10,000 animals being adopted. We could not achieve this without the generous support of dollars and time from our donors, volunteers and supporters.

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**Ray Gonzales**  
**Executive Director, CDCK**

# PHILANTHROPY IMPACT: BY THE NUMBERS

 **1,057**  
dogs and cats adopted



Medical Expenses  
**\$551,207**  
52%



Animal Supplies  
**\$13,312**  
2%



Fuel & Transport  
**\$31,681**  
3%



Training & Boarding  
**\$43,625**  
4%

*More than 70 cents of every donated dollar directly impacts the animals we save.*

## HOW DO WE MAKE THIS big of an impact?

**\$606,390 • 57%**  
individual donations

**\$268,008 • 25%**  
in capital campaign contributions

**\$98,419 • 9%**  
employee programs

**\$60,674 • 6%**  
events

**\$31,122 • 2%**  
corporate partnerships

**\$1,700 • 1%**  
other

## THANKS TO SUPPORTERS like YOU!

## A DECADE OF SAVING PETS & UPLIFTING THE COMMUNITY

As one of the largest and oldest non-profit animal rescues in the District, CDCK has expanded over the last ten years to an ever-growing number of lives of animals by pairing DC area families with loving pets in their new forever homes. A largely volunteer-based organization, our compassionate team continues to uplift and improve rescue organization best practices while focusing on transforming the lives of people and pets for the better.

Since our humble beginnings ten years ago and with the generous support of donors like you, CDCK has:

- Built an active community of 600+ volunteers and foster parents
- Grown our intake from 3 to 75-90 dogs and cats every month
- Coordinated volunteer home-based foster care for up to 250 pets year long
- Treated over 3,000 medical cases with vet care expenses reaching over \$550,000 annually
- Secured and placed more than 10,000 dogs and cats in their forever homes

Together, with your philanthropic partnership, CDCK continues to uplift our community and save pets' lives. With your help, we are able to save countless animals facing euthanasia and place them with new, loving families who will be able to tell them ... *We are home.*



### JOEY'S JOURNEY

CDCK alum, Joey the kangaroo kitty, has truly put to test the old adage of a cat having nine lives. After a tragic accident leaving him stranded in the woods, Joey was found and rushed to the nearest veterinarian clinic. With no family to call his own, this kitty received what care he could. Now without the usual use of his front legs, Joey's determination to remain a kitten quickly earned him his nickname and won over the hearts of everyone he encountered.

Read more about this inspiring story and how Joey's happy and healthy life today was a result of many loving helping hands including shelter partners, CDCK professionals, volunteers, his "foster-fail" parent, and a tremendous amount of luck and grit.



## OUR NEXT CHAPTER

### A DC-BASED BUILDING TO SERVE AS OUR OPERATIONAL CENTER

With a foundation built on philanthropic support and success, CDCK has grown to the point that it now needs its own brick-and-mortar space. This physical space will enable our work to continue with a sense of stability and permanence for volunteers, staff, the community, and, of course, the many dogs and cats whose lives depend upon the organization.

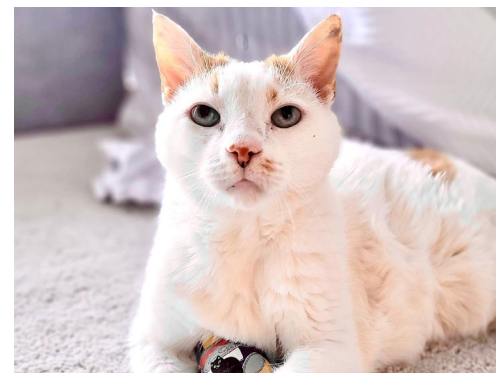
CDCK has long understood the importance of a dedicated, centralized space for our organization's operations. As of September, CDCK's new home is a two-story townhouse that is zoned commercial and has enough outdoor space to allow our rescue to act as a centralized location for our community and meet all the needs of our organization. Supported by philanthropic investments by our donors, this space has been renovated to include features such as:

- office space for volunteers and staff
- storage for many large crates and supplies
- community room for meetings, trainings, and social events

- places to meet with potential fosters and adopters
- ample space for weekly intake of approximately 25 rescued dogs and cats
- safe, enclosed outdoor space for dogs to meet their fosters or adopters and decompress after their long journey to the DC area

A dedicated, physical space will evolve our ability to grow and provide the room for us to further our positive impact on the region. This endeavor was only made possible through the support of our donors. Thank you for believing in our vision for the future of animal rescue in our nation's capital.

## WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR YOU



We are grateful for your philanthropic investment in our vision to fully realize our next step as one of the most impactful animal rescue organizations in the nation's capital. Thank you for joining us in our passionate mission to expand our organization and meet the growing needs of an at-risk, urgent animal population and the caring DC area families whose hearts they touch.

For more information on how philanthropic partnerships continue to positively impact and provide a chance at a new life for so many dogs and cats in the mid-Atlantic region, please contact Raymond Gonzales, Executive Director of CDCK, at ray@citydogsrescuedc.org and learn more about our organization at citydogsrescuedc.org