



To **save the hungry**, the **helpless**, the **lost**, and the **little ones** just struggling to survive; to **house and feed** as many animals as possible; to **ease the suffering** of the weak and unloved.

FOOD BANK AND
ANIMAL SHELTER
EXPENSES

\$644,076

IMPACT SNAPSHOT

1251 Hours that 90 Volunteers
Donated to Enrich the Lives
of Cats

360 Feline Intakes in 2024

339 Felines Matched with New
Companions in 2024

18,045,880
Pounds of Lifesaving Food
Distributed in Western Montana
to Date

From the Director

Dear Friends,

AniMeals rolled into our 21st year of service stronger than ever! We could only accomplish this work because of your commitment to fostering a more compassionate and humane community for cats in Missoula County.

This year was the first full year we implemented our standard operating procedures to meet the medical, physical, and behavioral needs of every cat in our shelter as outlined in the *Guidelines for Standards of Care in Animal Shelters*. We paid particular attention to maintaining our capacity for care – 50 cats in-shelter and 35 cats in foster at any given time. Our shelter cats benefited from a calmer shelter environment and 21 of our longest-term cats found loving homes. Some had been with us for 2+ years.

We Rescued: AniMeals took in 360 cats -- 262 strays, 102 owner surrenders, and 10 cats transferred in from other facilities. We reduced our adoption return rate by 52% in 2024 compared to 2023. Our staff worked hard to match adopters with the right cats!

We Fed: Our supporters donated 10.1 tons of kibble and wet food to the animal food bank. First, we filled our shelter cat's bellies. Then, we distributed nearly 6.5 tons of animal food to homeless individuals, families in crisis, and to community cat caretakers.

We Healed: AniMeals took in cats with treatable or manageable medical conditions largely because of our working relationship with Animal Blessings Pet Hospital. Dr. Zirbel and her team donated \$177,228 of in-kind medical services to AniMeals felines. Your donations covered the remaining costs of emergency vet visits, bloodwork, dentals, and prescription medications and food. Our partnerships are the salve that mend precious lives.

The need is still great right where we are. There is no shortage of stray cats or kitten litters showing up at our shelter door. Owner surrender requests come in daily due to the housing crisis, insurmountable veterinary expenses, or pet food insecurity. None of these situations come with easy solutions, but we are well-staffed with 10 compassionate employees equipped to help.

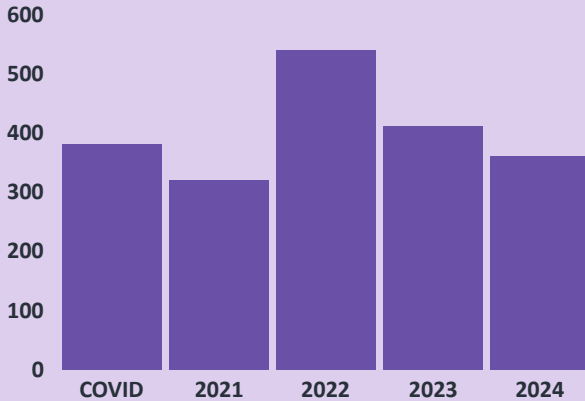
We are strengthening the human-animal bond together. Thanks for believing in and supporting this transformative work.

For the Felines,

Ashley Lipscomb
Executive Director

At AniMeals, we save animals and value every life. We offer quality care for special needs cats due to physical disabilities, behavioral issues, and emotional distress. We accept the aged, at-risk, blind, injured, and those with treatable or manageable medical conditions like diabetes and hyperthyroidism. We actively seek permanent, loving homes for all felines.

of Cats Cared for by Year



PROGRAMS

DETAILS

OUTCOMES

Safe & Soft Sheltering Services

AniMeals provides exceptional care for all felines that enter our facility, with an emphasis on cats with medical needs and vulnerable kittens. Each cat receives veterinary care within two weeks of entering the shelter. We operate 365 days a year and staff a 24/7 hotline.

- 95% live release rate.
- All cats are fixed, vaccinated, microchipped, and dewormed before going home.
- Animal Blessings Veterinary Hospital waived fees for wellness exams and reduced rates for spays and neuters.

Gaia's Landing

This program removes barriers to adoption for special needs cats by covering medical expenses for the remainder of the cat's life. This includes procedures, prescription food and drugs.

- On average, 40 cats are in this program.
- We matched 27 cats with caring companions through Gaia's Landing.
- Since 2017, 195 cats have found homes through Gaia's Landing.

Retention in the Home

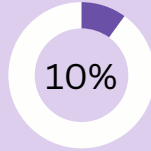
Pets and people are better together. AniMeals offers a fund to help companions cover unexpected vet expenses, return-to-owner services, low-cost microchipping, and a low-barrier animal food bank.

- AniMeals approved \$8,180 to help 36 owned animals receive medical treatment through the Honey Fund.
- A total of 5 cats were returned to their owners. All left with a microchip.
- We distributed 6.5 tons of pet food to neighbors in need.

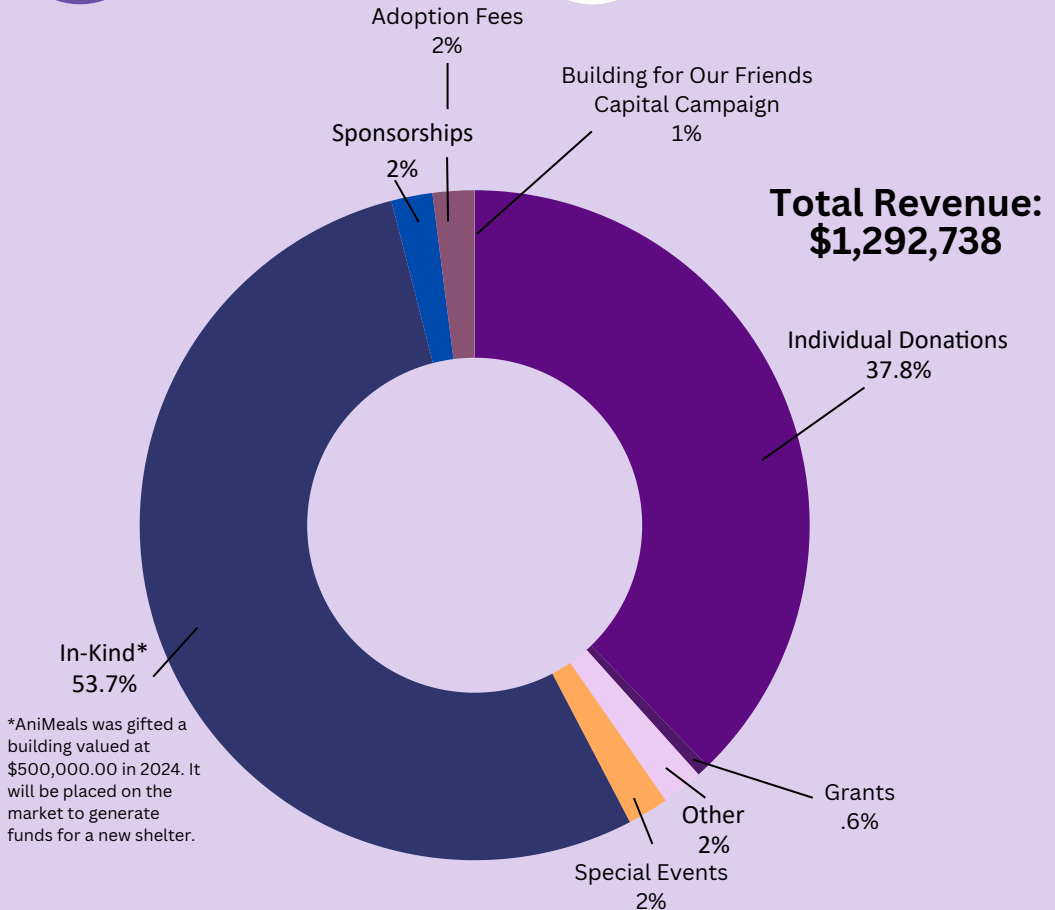
2024 Financial Transparency



Programs Expenses



Admin/Fundraising Expenses



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