

Annual Impact Report



2024



Angel's Retreat:

a nonprofit, volunteer-run rescue dedicated to dogs

We focus our efforts on saving dogs who need us the most and are often overlooked due to their emotional or physical health. We give them the care and love they desperately need so they can find their forever homes or, if necessary, allow them to spend their remaining days at our retreat.

We began as a tiny rescue exclusively for hospice and senior dogs, but have grown into a retreat for dogs of all walks of life who need help. We are primarily foster-based to support our goal of helping dogs more easily recover from their pasts in a loving home environment rather than a shelter.

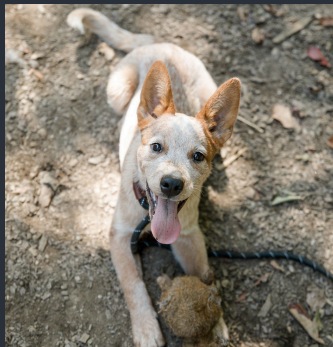
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Special Needs	Medical	Senior
		

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Every dog deserves a place to feel safe

Our mission is to promote responsible ownership of companion animals, act as a resource to homeless animals and our rescue partners, encourage adoption, and provide hospice care for senior and special needs dogs.



Love me for who I am, not what I am!



Love me for who I am, not what I am, is quite a simple concept at its core. Don't we all want to be loved and judged only for our personality and what we have to offer the world, instead of what we look like or what people perceive when they see us?

The philosophy of love me for who I am, not what I am, is not only important for a successful life-long adoption, but isn't it also what we all deserve?

One of the biggest challenges our Adoption Team routinely faces is people who want to select a dog based on appearance and not personality. We are passionate about finding adopters who want to adopt a dog not because of the way it looks, but because of its silly or sweet personality, or the way it might play with their other dogs, or be able to go on hikes with them on the weekends, or be a part of their weekly gatherings with friends.



The year *in review*



"I found me when I was rescued by dogs." – Anonymous

Every year I look at what Angel's Retreat has accomplished and I'm in absolute shock. It's hard to believe that we started out as a tiny little rescue six years ago.

We live in a world that is forever changing. And the needs of animals shift every year.

2024 did not disappoint. We gave shelter to many mill moms, dads and puppies. Our amazing veterinary team did everything they could to undo the damage from their past.

With our incredible donor support, we were able to expand our parvo room and became the primary source for low cost parvo treatment in the Philadelphia region.

I am so proud of everything we have accomplished and so thankful to everyone who makes the impossible happen! Angel's Retreat is doing more than I think any of us ever imagined...and we're doing it our way, in a home setting where all of our dogs know love.

Melissa Heisey, Founder

Mill Momma & Son

Ned & Netta were pulled from one of the worst puppy mills in the country. They were adopted together by a wonderful family.



Hospice Senior

We met Basha at ACCT Philly and had to bring her home. Sadly, we only got to spend a few short weeks with her, but are so thankful for the time we could give.



Parvo Litter

Biscuit & Snoopy were surrendered to ACCT Philly with parvovirus. We successfully treated them and they have both found their forever homes.



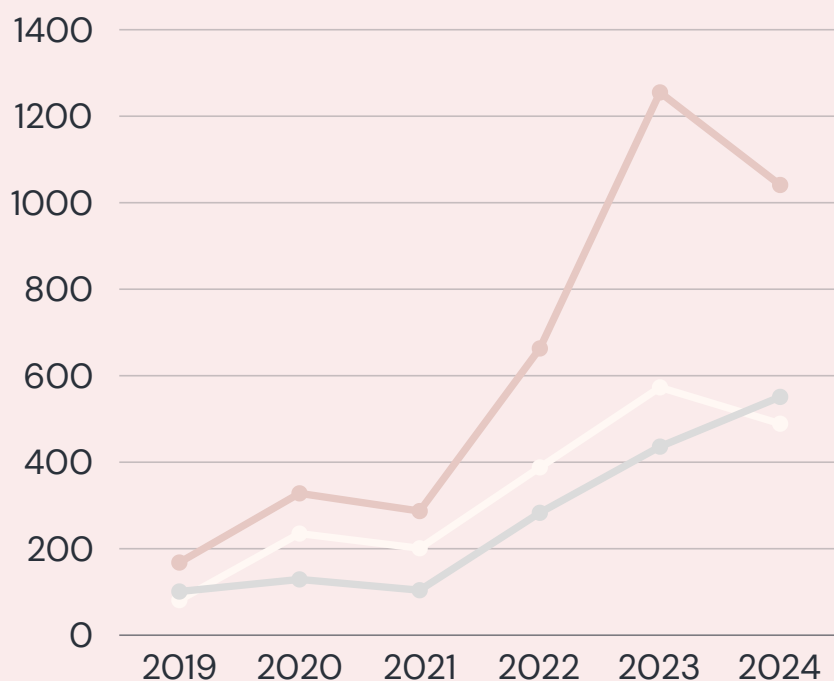
Special-Needs Pup

Roomy found himself at ACCT Philly and in need of major orthopedic help. Roomy is scheduled to have surgery in early 2025 and will then be looking for his forever family.



Growth

Our goal is always to help as many dogs as possible. We adopt out dogs who will make wonderful and loving family members despite their background. The Angel's Retreat Adoption Team works hard to ensure the best matches for both our families and our dogs.



FY 2024

\$551k

Funding raised to
serve homeless
animals

489

Number of
animals adopted

1,041

Number of
individual financial
supporters

Funding summary

\$322,829

Adoption Fees

\$210,205

Private Donations

\$18,306

Grants

"A dog is not a thing.
A thing is replaceable.
A dog is not. A thing
is disposable. A dog
is not. A thing doesn't
have a heart. A dog's
heart is bigger than
any 'thing' you can
ever own."

-Elizabeth Parker

586

Lives Saved

96

Mill Mommas Rescued

86

Code Red Dogs Saved



Projects

Details

Outcome

Mill Mamas

Provide medical
care and
rehabilitation for
breeder dogs

- 96 mill mommas saved
- 50 advanced medical
procedures performed

ACCTs of Love

Give high-risk dogs
a chance at life

- 66 shelter dogs saved from
ACCT Philly
- 38 parvo-positive dogs
treated

Community Engagement

Deliver low cost
vaccines,
microchips, and
exams to
community pets

- 340 dogs and cats served
- 12 clinics held

Parvo Room Expansion

We are continuously overwhelmed and heartbroken with the number of dogs suffering from Parvovirus in our area. When we first launched our ACCTs of Love program, our Parvo treatment and isolation room could only accommodate three dogs at a time.

Depending on the dog's severity of the virus, they may need to be in our Parvo isolation unit for several weeks. Even with the lifesaving monoclonal antibody, proper supportive care and quarantine are a critical part of the recovery process.



To complete this vital project of adding 8 isolation spaces we needed to raise \$20,000

Medical
Supplies
8 Bank Cages

IV Fluid
Pumps
PPE

Supportive
Medications
Electric/Laundry

We came to you, our generous supporters, with the goal of adding 8 more spaces we could fill with dogs in need of a lifeline. You helped make this a reality, and in just 6 months we were able to expand our unit and saved 38 additional lives.

*A huge thank you to Judith Heisey for
matching donations of \$10,000*

Finances

REVENUE

Adoption Fees	\$322,829
Donations	\$210,205
Grants	\$18,306

<u>Total Funding</u>	\$551,340
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EXPENSES

Medical Care	\$70,547
Surgery Costs	\$63,785
Emergency Room Costs	\$13,000
Pharmaceuticals	\$47,524
Diagnostics	\$12,835
Dog Supplies	\$61,646
Improvements	\$19,525



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2025 goals & intentions



Goal

Purpose

Planning

Commercial Breeders

Provide an alternative to killing unwanted breeder dogs

- Maintain relationships with breeders and continue to serve spent breeder dogs
- Act as a source of information and aid law enforcement when possible

Parvo Treatment

Offer low-cost Parvo treatment options to save lives

- Continue to act as the only resource for parvo-positive shelter dogs in our area
- Expand partnerships with pharmaceutical suppliers to keep costs down

Community Engagement

Slow the spread of deadly viruses and keep dogs out of shelters

- Hold monthly low cost vet clinics
- Partner with other regional shelters to expand reach

Get Involved & save lives



Foster



Fostering saves lives! We rely on foster parents so we can rescue more dogs. Fostering provides a safe and healthy environment for animals who need to heal, grow, or get some extra love while waiting for their permanent home.

Volunteer



Angel's Retreat is 100% volunteer run. This organization wouldn't exist without the generosity, dedication and commitment of others. We are a family and hope you'll consider joining us to help continue this important work.

Donate



Our donors support our dogs in so many ways: life-altering medical care, preventative wellness care, food, shelter, and training. We are so thankful for all they have contributed. Lives would be lost without their generosity.

Adopt



2.7 million animals are euthanized every year in the United States. Adopting a dog literally saves a life!

Sponsor



Our sponsors provide venues for our adoption and fundraising events, donate fundraising items, and promote our mission.

Shop



Looking for a unique and meaningful gift that helps save lives? Want to be the envy of your fashionable friends? Shop our online store!

Happy Tails

Maddie

Maddie (fka Daisy) originally came to us from a commercial breeding facility in Lancaster county due to not being sold and rapidly outgrowing the tiny cage she was living in at the puppy mill.



Many dogs, especially dogs that are bred for jobs such as herding and hunting, that need active families to thrive. We knew Maddy was one of those dogs, and one of the many factors we take very seriously when matching potential adopters to dogs. Maddie's forever family reached out to us after seeing her picture online and shared with us the story of their older chocolate lab rescue, Gracie, and the wonderful life they had given her. We knew they would be a perfect match!

Maddie now enjoys a life full of lots of swimming in her pool, nightly walks around the neighborhood, and endless love by her adoring family. She was even shown the ropes by her older sister and learned "golf course etiquette", allowing her to spend her days accompanying her dad at the golf course. She is thriving and we are so grateful her family chose to adopt this wonderful girl!



Happy Tails

Gypsy

Gypsy was originally saved from a rural kill shelter but was then given up by her family due to the couple "breaking up".



Gypsy's forever family had actually met her before she was adopted the first time, but they were not quite ready to adopt at that time. Gypsy had stuck in the back of their minds, and when they saw she was available for adoption again they told us that it felt like fate! They were finally ready to adopt and the dog they never stopped thinking about was now available

We like to think Gypsy was always meant to be a part of her now forever family, but it just took her a little bit of extra time to get to them. She now spends her days being adored and given endless love like she always deserved. We are confident she is part of a wonderful family who she will truly be with her for life.



We'd like to thank all our donors for their *generous support*

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