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Dear PBJ friends and family, it always gives me great joy to share our accomplishments of the past year, which have enriched the lives of animals we've rescued and the people who love them – *all made possible by your unwavering support!*

PBJ is honored to serve our community by bringing joy to people and pets through rescue, adoption, and community service. 2024 was our 11<sup>th</sup> year of operation as a non-profit rescue organization, and as of today *we've found loving adoptive homes for 249 deserving animals so far this year -- 3,970 animals in total since our launch in 2013.* The animals that we rescue come to us from overcrowded shelters, as strays or "community cats" by way of our TNR partners and community members, and through our owner assistance program, which provides *help and hope to families struggling with decisions on giving up their pets.*

PBJ believes that everyone in our community deserves to experience the joy that comes from communing with animals, whether through adopting, fostering, or volunteering. We're incredibly thankful for our foster families who care for rescued cats while they await forever homes, and for our team of dedicated volunteers who help with adoption events, cat care at our PetSmart and PetMAC adoption venues, transporting cats, and a myriad of administrative tasks.

♥ *We couldn't accomplish these good works without your support!!!* ♥

As is true for all rescue organizations, the average cost for rescuing an animal significantly exceeds what we are comfortable charging as adoption fees. PBJ incurs a deficit of \$387 per animal, which can only be covered through grants and charitable donations. We look forward to carrying on our rescue mission with help from wonderful people like you! Please take a peek at a bit of important math below.

*Rescue math: \**

- YTD, we've saved 249 animals.
- We've brought in \$33K from adoption fees ... an average of \$134 per animal.
- We've spent \$130K on rescuing and placing animals ... an average of \$521 per cat.
- **Deficit per animal adopted: \$387**

\* To view PBJ financial statements, please visit [pjb.org/reports.html](https://pjb.org/reports.html)



As you reflect on the joy that pets bring, and on the positive impact that PBJ has on animal welfare within our community, we invite you to *show your support by making your most generous donation possible* -- no matter the amount, every donation counts and directly enhances the well-being of animals in our care. *Please consider joining our family of sustaining monthly donors: your recurring gift creates a reliable source of income that allows us to create a brighter future for many more cats.* To make a donation online, please visit [pbj.org/ff2024.html](http://pbj.org/ff2024.html) or scan the code below; if you prefer to give by check, simply use the enclosed envelope. *On behalf of the entire PBJ team, sincerest heartfelt thanks!*

*Jacquie*

Jacquie Barker  
Founder and Executive Director  
Pets Bring Joy



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**Mimo** arrived to PBJ as one of ten lucky cats rescued from Kabul Small Animal Rescue. After a very long journey, we discovered this sweet boy was in terrible pain and in need of major dental work. Thanks to your financial support, PBJ was able to get Mimo the medical care he needed. Shortly after his recovery, Mimo met his forever family, Gabriela and Andrew, and it was love at first meow!



Senior cat **Willow** found herself alone and confused after the loss of her human companion. With hopes for someone to help mend her broken heart, Willow embarked on her rescue journey with PBJ. Willow's sweet, cuddly demeanor made quite the impression on her adopter Esther. Two hearts were made whole and we couldn't be happier for this senior kitty and her new Mom!



The **Starbucks Litter** of five 6-week-old kittens and their momma cat were rescued from a storm drain in a parking lot by a PBJ volunteer with help from Starbucks employees ... it takes a community effort to rescue community cats! Four of the kittens have already found forever homes ... little **Bean**, now 5 months old, is still waiting for his.

For more delightful stories of how PBJ has touched the lives of people and animals in our community with your help, please visit our new "Happy Tails" page at [pbj.org/HappyTails.html](http://pbj.org/HappyTails.html) or scan this QR code to view

