

# ANNUAL REPORT

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BETTERTOGETHER  
ANIMAL ALLIANCE

2022



# Letter from the Director

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Each year, Better Together Animal Alliance (BTAA) is faced with new challenges, surprises, and heartwarming stories and 2022 was no different. With your support we have been able to help more animals receive important medical care, find homes, and help more families stay together. Thank you for your continued support and generosity.

Together we helped families through hardships such as housing challenges, illness, and at times, loss. The latter is the case for Linda and her dog, Daisy. In October Linda adopted Daisy from our animal care center through our Senior to Senior program. Daisy was an 11 year old small breed dog. It was love at first sight for both of them. Just over a month later, Linda called our Helpline. Daisy had become very ill and after being rushed to a local veterinarian, Daisy drew her last breath and passed away. It was sudden and Linda was devastated. Being a senior on a limited income made Linda unable to cover the cost of the vet bill and she reached out for assistance. Thankfully, our Helpline was able to help her pay the vet bill and although Linda was brokenhearted over the loss of Daisy, she knew in her heart she had given Daisy the best gift. Daisy's last days were filled with love and companionship.

In December Linda came to BTAA, ready to adopt again. She fell in love with a small breed dog named Heidi. It was so sweet to see. We waived the adoption fee, and they went home together. Linda said she loves being able to give senior dogs a loving home to live out their time, whether it be days, months, or years. It's her goal to give them a happy life.

This is just one of the hundreds of stories that have touched us this year. The human-animal bond transcends age and socioeconomic status. Because of supporters like you, we can help loving people like Linda enjoy all that comes with it.



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mandy G. Evans".

**MANDY G. EVANS**  
Executive Director

# Animal Intake

|                     | 2021         | 2022         |
|---------------------|--------------|--------------|
| <b>Total Intake</b> | <b>1,441</b> | <b>1,702</b> |
| Canine Intake       | 623          | 667          |
| Feline Intake       | 798          | 1,035        |
| Stray Intake        | 716          | 957          |
| Owner Surrenders    | 661          | 693          |
| Transfers In        | 44           | 8            |



## Outcomes

**1,295 Adoptions**

**596 Fosters**

**315 Returns to Owners**

**42 Humane Euthanasia\***

**9 Transfers Out**

\*Humane euthanasia is only performed under necessary circumstances including illness, quality of life, or behavioral issues that impact our staff or the public's safety.



# Community Programs

91k

Pounds of food given through our Pet Food Bank

1,246

Calls to our Helpline

551

Families served through Pets for Life

568

Animals assisted via Home To Home

291

Trap Neuter Return Program

426

Community pets spayed or neutered

42

Pets boarded through Temporary Loving Care Program

16

Humane euthanasias through Lovingly Letting Go



## Here to Help

BTAA can assist pet owners with food, temporary shelter of a pet, end-of-life care, rehoming, and other crises that families and pets face due to changes in financial, relationship, and housing status. Our goal is to help families keep their pets when possible and guide them through the process of relinquishing a pet when necessary. **Call our Helpline at (208) 217-4453 for assistance.**



# Philanthropy & Support

**\$645,170**

Total gifts

**1,911**

Donors who gave in 2022

**\$147**

Average gift



## Every Gift Makes a Difference

At the start of 2022, BTAA received a generous pledge from a local couple to match up to \$5,000 for medical care for sick and injured cats and dogs. BTAA's dedicated supporters were up to the challenge and met the goal. Little did we know, the generous start to the new year couldn't have come at a better time.

In February, the sweetest 12-week-old puppy found her way to our animal care center in need of help. She had been hit by a stock trailer, suffered a broken humerus, broken rib, and had a large hematoma on her tiny stomach. Our skilled veterinary team performed surgery on the hematoma, X-RAY'd her leg and rib and made a plan to help her recover. She was placed into foster care and monitored by our veterinary team until she was ready to be adopted. The happy ending? She was adopted by long-time supporters of BTAA and received the most fitting name of Lindor, like the chocolate. Today - over one year later - she's thriving!

People from all around our region helped make Lindor's story possible by donating to our medical program. She's just one example of the lifesaving services BTAA provides to thousands of cats and dogs each year.





# BTAA Thrift Store

22,300

Number of donations  
to the BTAA Thrift Store

83,000+

Overall purchases at  
the Thrift Store

The Better Together Animal Alliance Thrift Store offers the community quality resale clothing, housewares, electronics, furniture, and more. Every donation and purchase benefits animals in need.

## Volunteer Services

8,327

Volunteer Hours  
Served

123

Active Volunteers



## Thrift Store Volunteer Spotlight

Our Thrift Store receives and sorts through over 3,000 donations monthly. People like Jeanne volunteer their time at the sorting facility so items can be sorted through, labeled, priced, and sold at the Thrift Store. All proceeds from the BTAA Thrift Store help us care for the cats and dogs at BTAA and provide vital community services. Volunteering at the Thrift Store is a great way to help support animals in need, even if you don't wish to volunteer with them directly.

Pictured: Jeanne Duffner  
Volunteer since 2019





# Home To Home

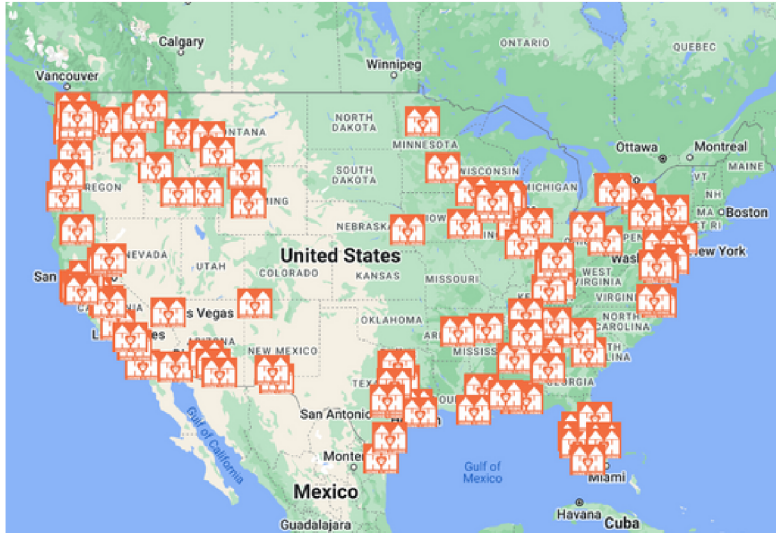
Adopt. Foster. Rehome.

**568**

Number of animals assisted in  
North Idaho via Home To Home  
in 2022

Home To Home™ is an interactive platform created to help families, people, and pets with the difficult task of transitioning pets from one home to another. Home To Home™ believes that pets should avoid a stay in an animal shelter and should instead be welcomed into loving homes.

## Home To Home National



**120**

Total number of animal  
shelters using Home To  
Home across North  
America

**31**

Number of states with  
shelters using Home  
To Home

**46,000**

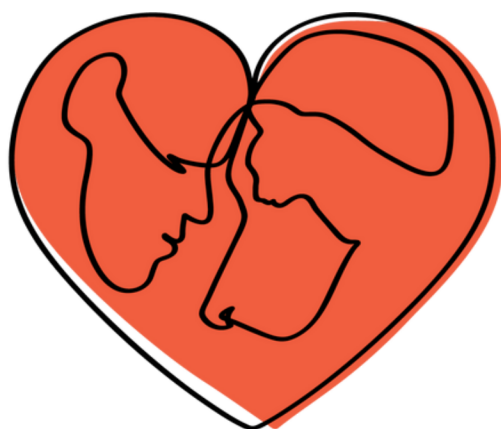
Number of animals  
assisted across North  
America through Home  
To Home in 2022

**14,000**

Number of animals  
assisted across North  
America through  
Home To Home in 2021







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