

# ANNUAL REPORT

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BETTERTOGETHER  
ANIMAL ALLIANCE

2024



# Letter from the Director

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With every year that passes, my appreciation of the human-animal bond deepens, and so does my gratitude for the staff, volunteers, donors, and community members who make our work possible.

Better Together Animal Alliance is the largest animal welfare organization in our region, and we play a critical role in keeping people and pets together and helping animals with nowhere else to turn.

In 2024, our work focused on increasing access to veterinary care for our region's animals.

We increased access to affordable public spay and neuter services for community-owned pets. We reduced unwanted litters of cats by providing Trap-Neuter-Return services for community cats. We offered free weekly microchip clinics to ensure lost pets can be swiftly reunited with their people. We participated in community events to provide free vaccinations and wellness exams to pets in need. We took in sick and injured stray animals, provided lifesaving emergency veterinary care, and found them loving homes. We helped pets go from one home to another without ever entering our animal care center. And, just like we always will, we took in stray and owner-surrendered animals and helped them find loving new homes, ensuring each and every one of them was spayed or neutered, vaccinated, and microchipped.

While I'm so proud of the difference we made this year, our work is never done. People and animals still need us to support them in their time of need. As we look to the future, we're dedicated to helping our region's most vulnerable animals. Those who are lost, sick, injured, or have nowhere else to go will always be able to rely on BTAA to care for them.

Without the support of a skilled team, passionate and dedicated volunteers, donors, and community partners, our impact simply wouldn't be possible.

With gratitude for the progress we have made and optimism for the future,



**MANDY G. EVANS**  
Executive Director





# Animal Intake

<b>Total Intake</b>	<b>2,528</b>
Canine Intake	457
Feline Intake	807
Stray Intake	780
Owner Surrenders	478
Transfers In	6



## Outcomes

**983 Adoptions**

**220 Returns to Owners**

**25 Humane Euthanasias\***

**3 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

100k

Pounds of food given through our Pet Food Bank

3,800

Calls to our Helpline

400

Pets served through Pets for Life

600

Local animals assisted via Home To Home

257

Trap Neuter Return Program

991

Community pets spayed or neutered

13

Pets boarded through Temporary Loving Care Program

6

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 finances, relationships, 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) 265-7297 ext. 107 for assistance.**



# Philanthropy & Support



**\$803,709**

Total gifts

**1,730**

Donors gave in 2024

**\$210**

Average gift

Pictured: Augie Fisher and his "elves" at BTAA's Giving Tuesday event.

## Every Gift Makes a Difference

When Ladybug arrived at Better Together Animal Alliance, her life was on the line. She was found by a good samaritan as a stray with open wounds and a severely broken front leg. Our veterinary team jumped into action to assess what was wrong and to make her as comfortable as possible. We performed an exam and took X-rays, and the results were grim.

Her front leg was broken in several places. She had a gunshot wound to her shoulder and she had a large laceration on her side. Despite the severity of her injuries, Ladybug lay looking at our team with complete trust, almost as if she knew she'd landed among people who would take care of her. Unfortunately, the severity of her leg injury required amputation. While she was in surgery, we carefully closed her wounds and cleaned her up. She recovered with the help of staff, volunteers, and medication to help her stay comfortable.

Ladybug struck the eye of a loving adopter who would give her the love, patience, and support she needed to recover from her injuries and the trauma she endured before she was brought to BTAA. Now, Ladybug is affectionately named Bugs, and she's living out her days alongside her human companion.

Generous supporters made Bugs' lifesaving story possible, along with so many others who came to BTAA sick, injured, or in need of help in 2024.

**Leave a Legacy** - Leaving a gift in your will, estate, or trust is a wonderful way to support BTAA. We have special ways of recognizing all gift levels. To learn more about ways we can recognize your gift, or how your gift can be directed to make a meaningful impact, visit [bettertogetheranimalalliance.org/ways-to-give](https://bettertogetheranimalalliance.org/ways-to-give).



# BTAA Thrift Store

25,000

Donation drop-offs to the BTAA Thrift Store

580,800

Items sold at the Thrift Store

The Better Together Animal Alliance Thrift Store expanded its services to include pick-up and delivery in 2024. It offers the community quality resale clothing, housewares, electronics, furniture, and more. Every donation and purchase benefits animals.

## Volunteer Services

11,513

Volunteer Hours Served

176

Active Volunteers



## Volunteer Spotlight

Joel and Paula have been invaluable to the BTAA Thrift Store, logging an incredible 2,610 hours since May 2023. Their commitment began with a few hours a week de-tagging retail items but quickly expanded to 14+ hours weekly. From driving our Wafer's Freighter truck for donation pickups and deliveries to assisting with snow removal, forklift tasks, and organizing the warehouse, Joel and Paula do it all. Their dedication has transformed operations, helping BTAA better support the animals in our care.

Looking to make a meaningful impact in the lives of animals in need? Contact [volunteer@btanimalalliance.org](mailto:volunteer@btanimalalliance.org) to get involved.







# Home To Home

Adopt. Foster. Rehome.

**600**

Number of animals assisted in northern Idaho via Home To Home in 2024

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 directly into loving homes.

## Home To Home National



**163**

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

**39**

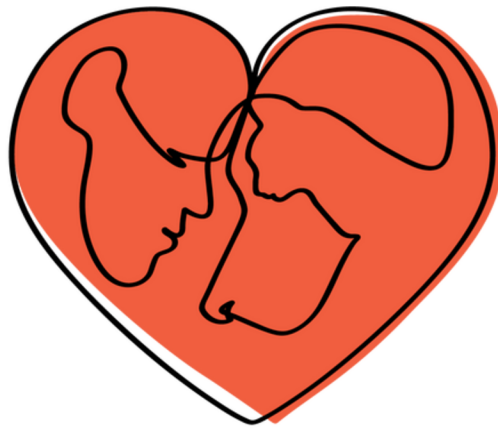
Number of states with shelters using Home To Home

**94,000**

Number of animals assisted across North America through Home To Home in 2024







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**Finest Organization  
with a Cause**



**Best Thrift Store**