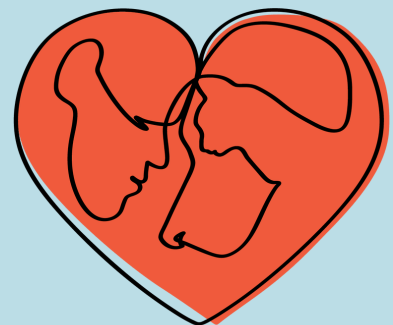




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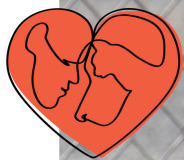
2025 ANNUAL **REPORT**



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People and Pets are Better Together

LETTER FROM OUR DIRECTOR



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Each year, I'm reminded of the powerful bond between people and animals, and what's possible when a community leads with compassion. I'm deeply grateful to the staff, volunteers, donors, and partners who make this work possible. As the largest animal welfare organization in our region, Better Together Animal Alliance (BTAA) serves as a safety net for animals and the people who love them. In 2025, we focused on breaking down barriers to care and reaching pets and families who might otherwise go without support.

We helped 1,471 animals find loving homes and provided 655 community spay and neuter services to reduce unwanted litters. Through Trap-Neuter-Return, we supported community cat colonies, helping more than 421 cats. We expanded outreach to rural areas and hosted a microchip and vaccine clinic in Post Falls, Idaho. Our Helpline kept pets with their families by offering guidance and resources, while our medical team provided lifesaving veterinary care for sick and injured stray animals. Through our local Home To Home program, 429 pets were featured on the platform, providing the opportunity to avoid a shelter stay all together. And, despite not holding stray dog contracts with the three municipalities, your support allowed us to continue helping vulnerable dogs found by community members, providing them with food, shelter, veterinary care, and a path forward.

No matter the circumstances, animals in our care received the medical attention they needed and a chance at a new beginning. People received compassionate, nonjudgmental support and the resources they needed to care for their pets.

I'm incredibly proud of what we achieved this year, but the need in our community remains. Your support helps provide everything from pet food to lifesaving veterinary care, keeping people and pets together whenever possible and ensuring that animals with nowhere else to go receive the care they deserve.

Looking ahead, with your support, we will continue showing up for the animals who need us most and the people who care about them, building a more humane region for all.

Mandy Evans, Executive Director BTAA

ANIMAL INTAKE

Total Intake 1,671

Dogs 542

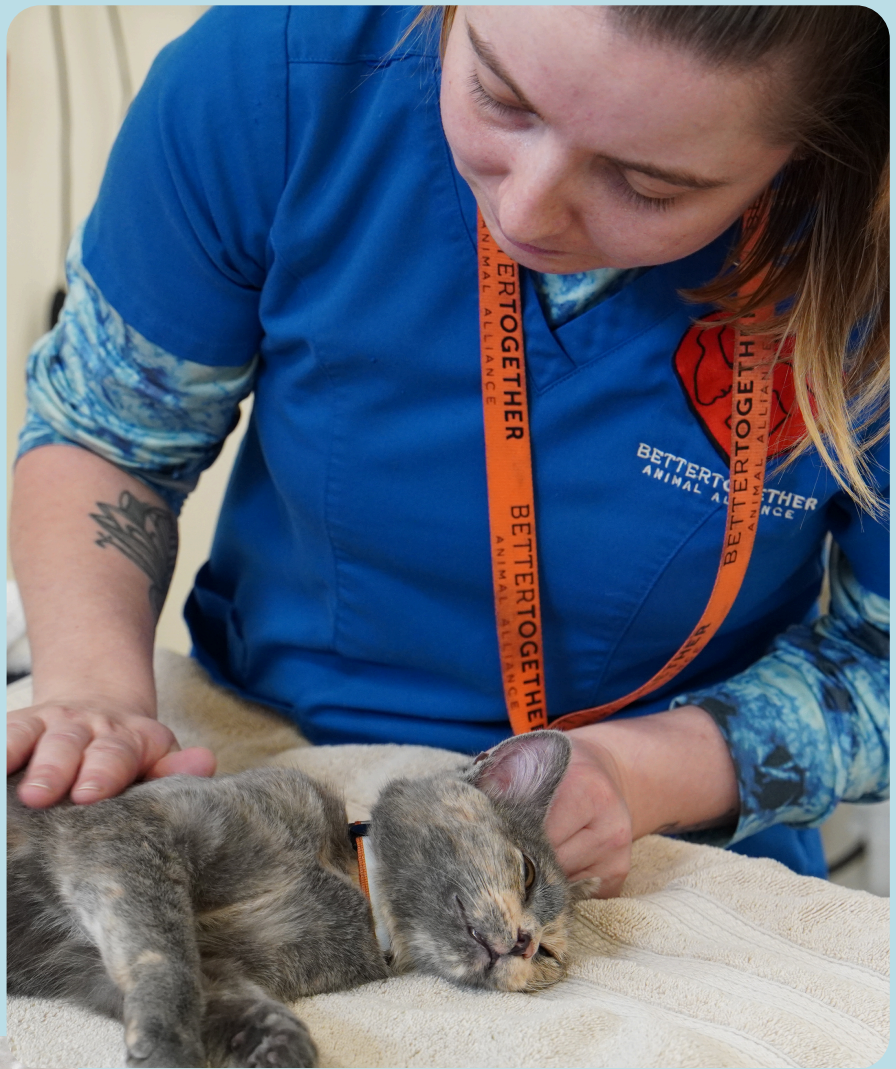
Cats 1129

How They Arrived

Stray Intake 905

Owner Surrenders 737

Transfers In 29



OUTCOMES

1471 Adoptions

142 Returns to Owners

27 Humane Euthanasias*

5 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

127k

Pounds of food given through our
Pet Food Bank

4,097

Calls to our Helpline

104

Pets served through Pets for Life

429

Local animals assisted via Home To Home

421

Trap Neuter Return

655

Community Spay / Neuter Surgeries

28

Pets boarded through Temporary Loving
Care

30

Humane euthanasias through Lovingly
Letting Go





BTAA HELPLINE

BTAA assists 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 and guide them through the process of relinquishing a pet if necessary. Call our Helpline at (208) 265-7297 ext. 107 for assistance.

VOLUNTEER SERVICE

For nearly five years, Phyllis Beauchene has been a cornerstone of BTAA's foster program, caring for some of our most vulnerable kittens and puppies. A retired nurse and dedicated foster, Phyllis specializes in bottle babies and medically fragile animals, giving them the chance to survive, grow, and find loving homes. While saying goodbye is never easy, Phyllis knows her role is to help each animal thrive until they're ready for adoption. Thanks to her commitment, countless animals have been given a second chance at life.

12,350
Volunteer Hours Served

97
Active Volunteers



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PHILANTHROPY & SUPPORT

\$960,577 Total Gifts

\$332,500 Grant Awards

\$244,568 Bequests

Philanthropy in action at BTAA's Giving Tuesday event, where young philanthropists helped raise over \$62,000 for animals in need through their bake sale.

LEAVE A LEGACY



A bequest through your will, estate, or trust is a powerful way to support BTAA beyond your lifetime.



To learn more about leaving a legacy gift, visit bettertogetheranimalalliance.org/ways-to-give.

Hunter

Hunter arrived at BTAA after being struck by a car, injured, frightened, and in urgent need of emergency veterinary care. Our medical team acted immediately, stabilizing him and easing his pain so a full assessment could be done. X-rays confirmed a broken pelvis and the need for major surgery. Thanks to the generosity of our donors, **Hunter received lifesaving medical treatment and the chance to heal.** Today, he has fully recovered and is thriving in his new loving home.



EVERY GIFT MAKES A DIFFERENCE



Louis & Drip

During a wildfire this past summer, two kittens were discovered trapped in a chicken hutch, exposed to smoke and danger. Thanks to the quick thinking of a kind hearted community member, they were quickly evacuated to BTAA, where our medical team treated them for smoke inhalation and other respiratory illnesses. With help from the expertise of our staff and the support of BTAA donors, **both kittens made a full recovery and have gone on to thrive in their new homes.** This is a small but powerful reminder of how resilience and care can help overcome even the toughest starts in life.



AUGUST PUPPIES



In August, we welcomed 13 puppies who needed more than just a safe place to land. They had yet to experience human connection and arrived terrified. **They needed comprehensive veterinary care, positive interactions with humans, and a whole lot of patience.** We knew we couldn't help them alone, so we put out a call for donations toward their care and for people to volunteer as "Puppy Whisperers."



That need was met by compassionate people who showed up with kind words, gentle care, and quiet moments for each young dog. Every puppy received vaccinations, spay or neuter surgeries, and continued socialization to help them grow into confident, adoptable companions. **Thanks to the dedication of our Puppy Whisperers and the generosity of donors who made their care possible, these puppies received the best possible start on their journey to loving homes.**



COMMUNITY CATS

In October, BTAA received requests for help from three different locations in Bonner County, each experiencing an overpopulation of cats. **Each situation presented unique challenges, but combined, highlighted the importance of spay and neuter programs.** In one instance, what had been a manageable situation with a few house cats, turned into a colony of over 250 cats when the primary caregiver was hospitalized for an extended period of time.



Unspayed female cats can become pregnant again quickly after giving birth. This rapid reproductive cycle can lead to as many as five litters in one year, swiftly escalating a manageable challenge into a much more complex and difficult situation.

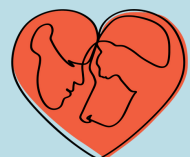
With the help of generous supporters who sent donations of cash, food, and supplies, **BTAA helped provide critical veterinary care to all three locations including spay and neuter services and vaccines, graciously provided by Petco Love.** Through these efforts to help improve the health and wellbeing of the individual cats, we prevented future litters, creating a more humane, sustainable outcome for these cats and the neighborhoods they call home.



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BTAA THRIFT STORE

\$1,275,000

Total Revenue

25,000

Donation Drop-Offs

98,000

Guest Count

569,000

Items Sold



A Lift to Power Our Mission

When our walking stacker (which allowed us to move, lift, and stack pallets) broke, it left our Thrift Store with a critical need for new equipment to ensure the continued smooth operation of our store. **Thanks to the generosity of the Thomas Family Foundation, BTAA purchased a brand new electric forklift.** With this machine, BTAA can safely move pallets, load trucks with salvaged products, clothing, and recycling to divert 250,000 pounds of excess product from the landfill. The forklift also allows us to say “yes” to opportunities we couldn’t manage before. For example, when North 40 Outfitters donated eight pallets of dog food (nearly 9,000 pounds!), our team was able to load and unload everything independently, without having to rent additional equipment. This gift has ensured that our work never slows and our mission can continue moving forward.



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HOME TO HOME

Adopt. Foster. Rehome.

429

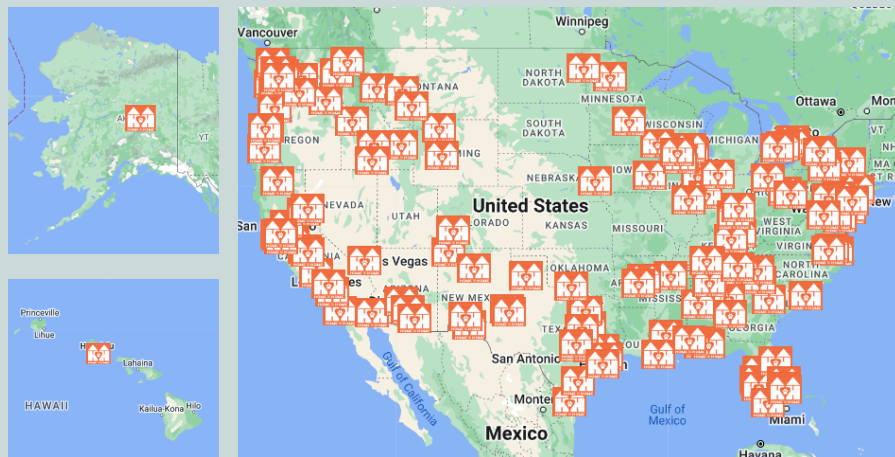
Number of animals assisted in
northern Idaho via Home To
Home in 2025

Home To Home® is an interactive platform created by BTAA to help families and people 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

100,647

Number of animals
assisted across North
America through Home
To Home in 2025

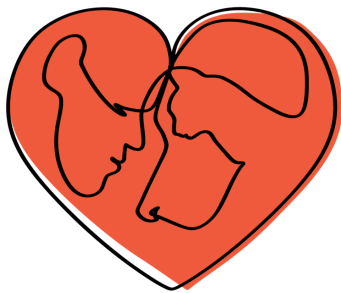


163

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

41

Number of states (and
one Canadian
province) with shelters
using Home To Home



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