

2026 Mid-Year Impact Report



**A Year of Building Hope.
A Mission That Never Stopped.**



BUILDING HOPE



A Letter from Our Executive Director



Dear Friends,

As we head into the final stretch of 2026, I wanted to take a moment to share some of what we have accomplished together this year — and, most importantly, to **thank you for making it possible.**

As an independent, no-kill animal shelter, RBARI receives no local, state, or federal funding. Our community makes this work possible. Your support gives us the freedom to make decisions based on the individual needs of each animal and to be there when an animal has nowhere else to turn.

And this year, you have helped us say yes again and again. Animals have come through our doors from local animal control facilities, from our community, from situations of neglect, through owner surrenders, and in emergencies. Each arrived with a different story and different needs, but all of them needed someone to be there.

During another demanding kitten season, vulnerable cats and kittens found safety and care. Dogs and small animals received medical treatment, rehabilitation, and loving families. Some of our most fragile animals required emergency hospitalization, specialized treatment and surgery, and ongoing care. Because of you, we gave them that chance.

Our work has extended beyond the walls of RBARI. Through partnerships with local animal control facilities and fellow rescue organizations, we have helped more animals move safely out of overcrowded shelters and into rescue.

At the same time, we have moved forward with Building Hope. This renovation will add eight indoor/outdoor kennels, expanding our capacity and creating healthier spaces where dogs can recover and prepare for homes.

As you look through this year-to-date report, I hope you feel proud of what you have helped accomplish. Every number represents a life changed: an animal brought to safety, medical care provided when it mattered most, a foster home opened, an adoption made possible, or another step toward a stronger future for RBARI.

To our donors, adopters, fosters, volunteers, rescue partners, and community supporters: thank you. **You are part of every story in these pages.**

There is always more work ahead. More animals will come through our doors needing safety, medical care, time to heal, and a chance at a new life. Building Hope will continue moving forward, and so will we.

I hope you will continue saving lives alongside us.

With gratitude,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Megan".

Megan Brinster
Executive Director



YOUR SUPPORT IN ACTION

So Far in 2026...

Every number represents a life changed.



ANIMALS
FOUND SAFE
REFUGE

1,320



SPAY/NEUTER
SURGERIES

303



ANIMALS
ADOPTED / PLACED
WITH RESCUE
PARTNERS

749



ANIMALS
RECEIVING
VETERINARY CARE

513



CRITICAL
MEDICAL
CASES

105

Rescue. Rehabilitate. Rehome. Repeat.



DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS

DOG KENNEL



ADOPTION SUCCESSES

From seniors and long-term residents to dogs overcoming medical challenges, some of our most vulnerable dogs found loving homes. Willie, Stella, Chance, Butterscotch, Major and Comet are among those now beginning their next chapters with families of their own.

INTAKE & RESCUE

As summer intake rises, RBARI continues to support local animal control facilities and rescue partners while providing dogs in our care with the medical care, training and support they need.

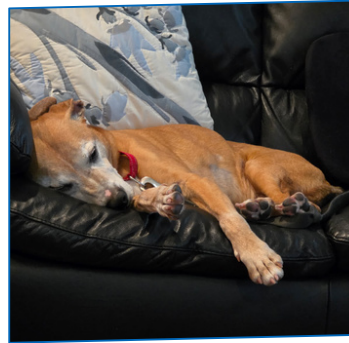
In addition to welcoming dogs into our own care, RBARI helped 10–20 dogs each month move from animal control to rescue partners. We supported these dogs with veterinary care, vaccinations, spay/neuter services, emergency treatment and temporary housing when needed.

By helping prepare dogs for placement, we facilitate their transfer from overcrowded facilities to safe rescue organizations and adoption.

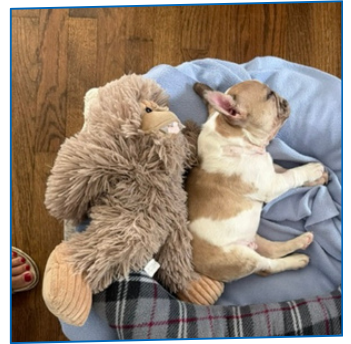
LOOKING AHEAD: RENOVATION

We are preparing for upcoming kennel renovations by making safety improvements to existing spaces and play yards, helping ensure dogs can continue to exercise, decompress and receive enrichment throughout construction.

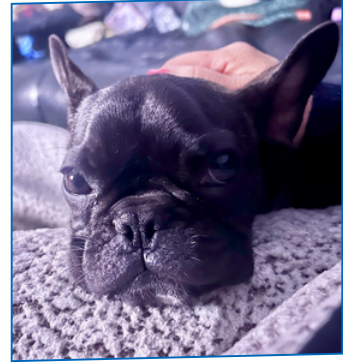
WILLIE



MAJOR



CHANCE



COMET

MEDICAL SPOTLIGHTS



Baked Potato, now **Nellie**, overcame significant congenital and medical challenges and is now cherished in a loving home.



Baby **Rose** has undergone a specialized balloon valvuloplasty and is recovering in foster care, searching for a home.



Senior **Tyler**, found wandering in the cold with limited hearing and vision, is in hospice care while he waits for a quiet, loving home.



Dozer, 14, came to RBARI when his owner could no longer care for him and is now enjoying his golden years with a loving family and two canine siblings.



DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS

CATTERY



ADOPTION SUCCESSES

Seventy-five cats and kittens found loving homes, including longtime residents, seniors and cats with special needs.

Among them were Morgan, Spike, Ariel, Bobby, Abraham, Marlow, Teta, Hammy, Moe and Jotaro & Manchas, along with bonded littermates who were able to begin their next chapter together.

INTAKE & RESCUE

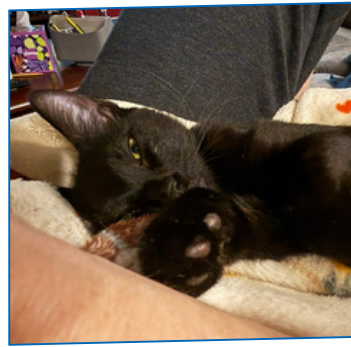
Intake remained steady throughout kitten season, with mothers and kittens, orphaned babies, sick strays and adult cats arriving from local animal control and the community.

Strong adoptions and a growing foster network helped us continue making room for cats needing extra care.

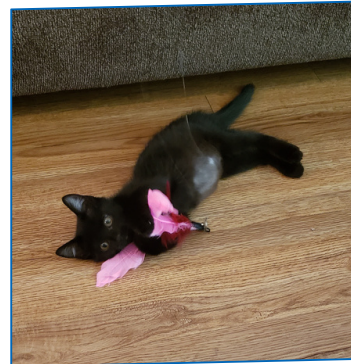
LOOKING AHEAD

Our focus remains on keeping pace with kitten season, growing our foster network, and helping long-term cats find homes while giving fosters the support they need to care for our most vulnerable kittens.

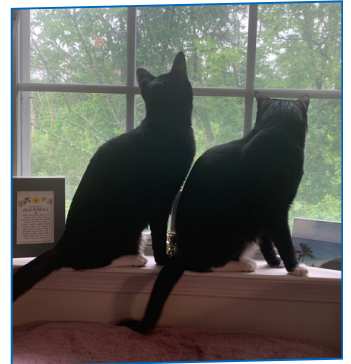
ABRAHAM



HAMMY



MOE



JOTARO & MANCHAS

MEDICAL SPOTLIGHTS



Domino overcame repeated life-threatening urinary blockages and major surgery and is now healed and thriving in foster care.



Liam was rescued with a severely fractured leg and damaged teeth. After surgery and rehabilitation, he is running and playing again.



Spike overcame digestive issues as a newborn and grew into a healthy, energetic kitten ready for his next chapter.



Appaloosa and her three newborn kittens survived a terrifying start after being found tied inside garbage bags and went on to recover in foster care and find loving homes.



DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS

SMALL ANIMALS



ADOPTION SUCCESSES

Thus far in 2026, 30 guinea pigs and 15 rabbits have found loving homes.

Among them were Blanche and Valentina, bonded girls Sophia and Louise, and Paul, the first of his rescued family of white rabbits to begin a new chapter with a family of his own.

INTAKE & RESCUE

During the first half of the year, we welcomed 18 rabbits and 35 guinea pigs into our care, each arriving with their own story and needs.

Whether they came to us through surrender, rescue or local animal control, our team provided a safe place to settle in, receive care and begin the journey toward a new home.

LOOKING AHEAD

Our greatest need continues to be finding loving homes so we can keep making room for small animals who need us.

Deserving small animals like Chase, Miranda, Mikayla and Gene are still waiting for families of their own, while growing more confident and comfortable each day in foster care.

BLANCHE



VALENTINA



SOPHIA & LOUISE



PAUL

MEDICAL SPOTLIGHTS



Senior **Rocky** overcame severe neglect and is now comfortable, receiving supportive care while he waits for a family of his own.



Rabbit **Lilith** continues to heal and thrive in foster and has even learned several tricks.



Chase is slowly gaining confidence in foster care while awaiting the right home.



Gene continues to enjoy foster care while waiting for a second chance.



WHEN EVERY MINUTE MATTERS EMERGENCY & LIFESAVING CARE MOON



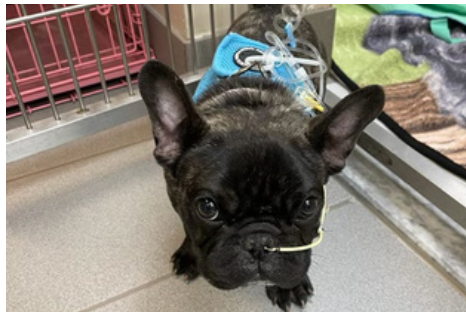
Young French Bulldog Moon came to us critically ill after nearly a week without eating, with a life-threatening intestinal blockage that required emergency surgery and intensive care.

After more than \$10,000 in lifesaving treatment, she made an incredible recovery and soon found the loving home she had been waiting for.



JEWEL

After being hit by a car and suffering pelvic fractures and internal injuries, Jewel fought through emergency care and is now taking steps toward walking comfortably again.



COMET

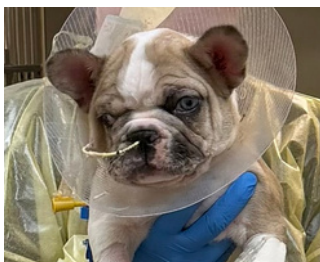
Just a puppy, Comet came to us fighting for his life with parvo and a severe prolapse, but after intensive emergency care, he pulled through and is now healed, living his best life.



TROOPER

Baby Trooper was found with devastating facial injuries and multiple jaw fractures, but after emergency surgery, this happy, playful puppy has found his happy ending.

MORE LIVES SAVED



MAJOR
ARRIVED CRITICALLY ILL AND FIGHTING FOR HIS LIFE; AFTER INTENSIVE CARE, HE PULLED THROUGH AND TODAY IS THRIVING.



SHEBA
SUFFERED A WEEK WITHOUT CARE FOR A RECTAL PROLAPSE; TODAY, SHE IS THE HAPPY PUPPY SHE WAS MEANT TO BE.

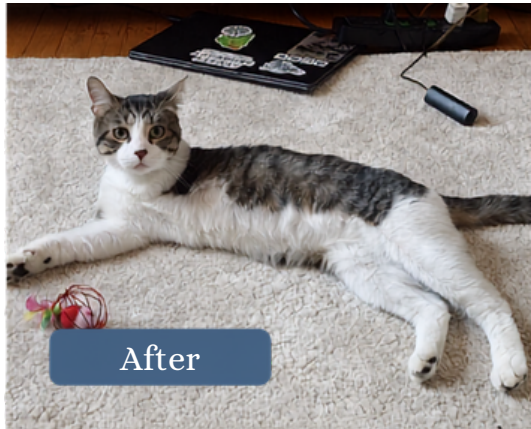


HEALING FROM NEGLECT & CRUELTY COMPASSIONATE CARE

SAUL (HOUDINI)



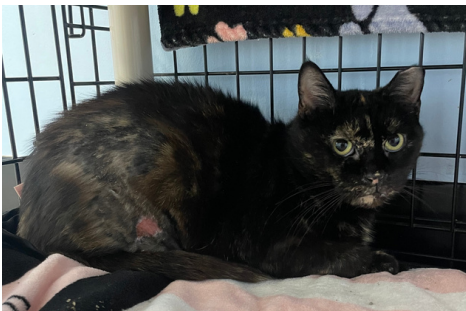
Before



After

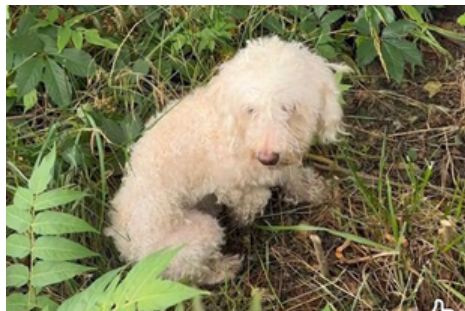
Saul was found outside with a badly neglected leg injury hidden beneath an old splinted cast that had become embedded in infected tissue.

He required emergency amputation surgery, recovered beautifully, and was later adopted as Houdini, where he is now thriving as an affectionate, active tripod cat.



ARIEL

Cruelty survivor Ariel arrived terrified, sick, and covered in painful wounds, but today she is healing and slowly learning to trust again.



KILO

Kilo was rescued from the Paterson Great Falls, painfully thin, matted, and terrified; with care and time, he learned to trust and found a loving home



TOPHER

Topher was found tied inside a garbage bag and abandoned in the snow, nearly frozen and terrified; today, he is safe, healing, and learning to trust.

MORE LIVES SAVED



STAR
ARRIVED WITH A PROLAPSE FROM PROLONGED NEGLECT; AFTER SURGERY, SHE HEALED AND FOUND HER FOREVER HOME.



CLIFF
WAS FOUND ON THE SIDE OF THE ROAD WITH A SEVERE LEG FRACTURE; AFTER SURGERY, HE FOUND A LOVING HOME AND IS THRIVING.



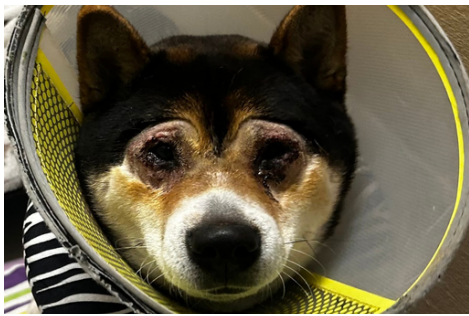
REHABILITATION & SPECIAL NEEDS

HEALING TAKES TIME.
EVERY STEP MATTERS.

MOCHA

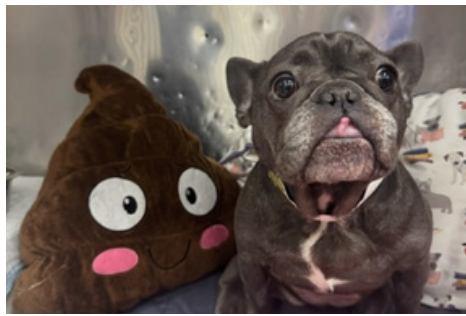
At just 3½ years old, Mocha became paralyzed in her hind end from IVDD after treatment came too late for surgery to restore her mobility.

Through specialized neurological care, she is now pain-free and learning to adapt, with every opportunity ahead for a long, happy and fulfilling life.



HAPPY

Happy came to RBARI in pain from untreated eye and leg injuries; after surgery and ongoing care, this playful dog is finally finding relief.



LUNA

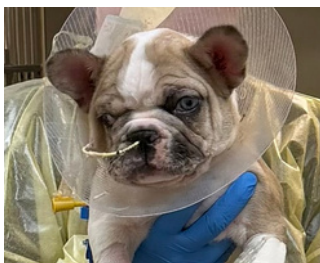
Luna lost the use of her back legs and needed emergency spinal surgery; today, feeling is returning and she continues to heal.



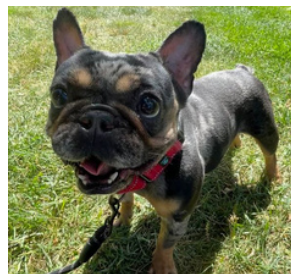
APRIL

April suffered weeks of seizures before being diagnosed with GME, but with specialized care she is stable, playful, and thriving despite her special needs.

MORE LIVES SAVED



QUEENIE LOST THE USE OF HER BACK LEGS AFTER A DISC INJURY, BUT WITH CARE SHE REGAINED MOBILITY AND IS NOW THRIVING IN HER FOREVER HOME.



OLIVE ARRIVED WITH AN OLD SPINAL INJURY, BUT AFTER SEVERAL PROCEDURES SHE IS HEALING WELL AND READY FOR THE LOVING HOME SHE DESERVES.



OUR SMALLEST PATIENTS

TINY HEARTS. BIG FIGHTERS.

TRINKET, TCHOTCHKE & KNICK-KNACK

Orphaned kittens Trinket, Tchotchke, and Knick-Knack arrived sick and in need of care, while Trinket was also suffering from a badly injured leg.

After emergency amputation surgery, she is now healing beautifully on three legs as all three kittens grow stronger together.



BUMBLEBEE & BABIES

Bumblebee was rescued from the streets with her three kittens and lovingly took in two orphaned babies, giving all five the chance to grow and thrive.



CHEDDAR, GOUDA, PEPPER JACK & BRIE

This tiny family arrived scared and without care, but found safety, healing, and the chance to begin again.



BLANCHE, DUFFY & PATRICK

Found living in filthy outdoor conditions just days before a snowstorm, they are now healthy, warm, and finally safe.

MORE LIVES SAVED



PAUL AND RU
ARRIVED MALNOURISHED AND VERY SICK, BUT RECOVERED TOGETHER AND FOUND THEIR FOREVER HOME SIDE BY SIDE.



CREAMSICLE
WAS RESCUED FROM HIGH IN A TREE WITH AN EYE ULCER AND PAINFUL BURNS ON HER PAWS AND IS NOW SAFELY HEALING IN OUR CARE.



MORE TINY FIGHTERS

AND THE CARE THAT CARRIES THEM FORWARD

MIGHTY MAX

At just seven weeks old and only 16 ounces, Mighty Max arrived critically weak, dehydrated, and struggling to survive.

After emergency hospitalization and lifesaving care, he turned the corner and is now thriving in foster.



BERDIE

Tiny Berdie was found alone beside a highway, but with dedicated care she grew stronger and is now thriving.



MARLOW

At 16 years old, Marlow lost the only home she had ever known, but quickly showed just how much love and life she still has to give.



PUDGE

Rescued from a large neglect case, Pudge arrived with chronic respiratory issues but is now stable, happy, and thriving in foster.

MORE LIVES SAVED



TINY SQUIRREL ARRIVED VERY ILL AND FRIGHTENED AFTER LIFE OUTSIDE, BUT WITH CARE SHE IS HEALING AND BEGINNING TO SHOW HER SWEET SIDE.



NIFTY LOVINGLY RAISED HER KITTEN **MIMZY** AND IS NOW WAITING FOR HER OWN CHANCE TO FIND THE SAME LOVE SHE GAVE SO FREELY.

Looking Forward

Help Us Build Their Second Chance



Your generosity is helping create safer, healthier spaces where animals can heal, recover, and find the loving homes they deserve.



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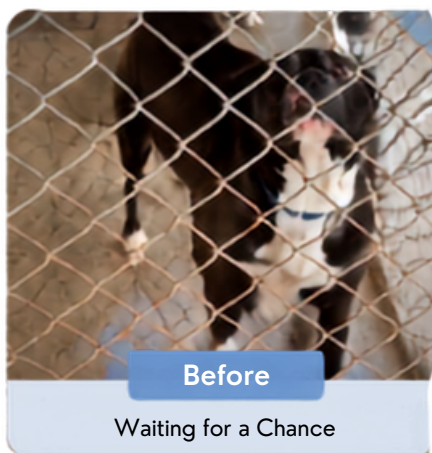
Building Hope

A Brighter Future Begins Here



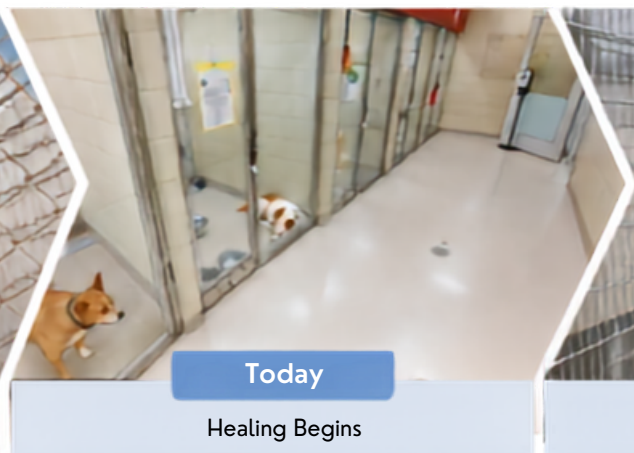
We're renovating and expanding our kennels to create calmer, cleaner, climate-controlled spaces that reduce stress, support healing, and improve daily care.

Together, we're building a shelter where every animal has the best possible chance to heal, thrive, and find a loving home.



Before

Waiting for a Chance



Today

Healing Begins



Tomorrow

A Brighter Future

Because every animal deserves a safe place to heal, find hope, and finally call home.

The next rescue story starts with supporters like you.

