

ANNUAL REPORT 2025



A YEAR OF TRANSFORMATION AND GROWTH



ABOUT FLEAS

Friends of Little Elm Animal Support (FLEAS) is an all-volunteer 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation serving Little Elm, TX and surrounding communities.

Our mission is simple yet powerful: to ensure every animal in the Little Elm area has the opportunity to thrive in a loving home. This work is made possible through community programs, shelter support, the commitment of volunteers, and the generosity of donors.

Our twofold approach:

- Prevent pet surrenders before crisis hits by supporting families facing financial hardship or unexpected challenges.
- Boost shelter adoptions through Pet of the Week marketing, shelter support, adoption subsidies, and rescue partnerships.

With our Shelter Surrender Prevention Program and targeted shelter support, we aim to reduce shelter intakes and help more pets find and stay in forever homes.



A NEW NAME FOR A BROADER MISSION

This year, our work expanded in powerful ways. What began as a small group supporting shelter pets has grown into a full network of programs that help community pets stay with the families who love them.

To reflect this transformation, we've adopted a new name: Friends of Little Elm Animal Support.

From emergency pet food to spay/neuter assistance and microchip clinics, our mission now focuses on preventing shelter intake before it happens—while continuing our strong support for shelter pets.

Same heart. Same dedication. Just a clearer name that reflects the impact we're making together.



OUR PROGRAMS IN ACTION

This past year, thanks to the generosity of our supporters, Friends of Little Elm Animal Support (FLEAS) expanded vital programs, responded to urgent emergencies, and—most importantly—kept families and their pets together during times of need.

Direct Shelter Support

ENRICHMENT SUPPLIES & ACTIVITIES

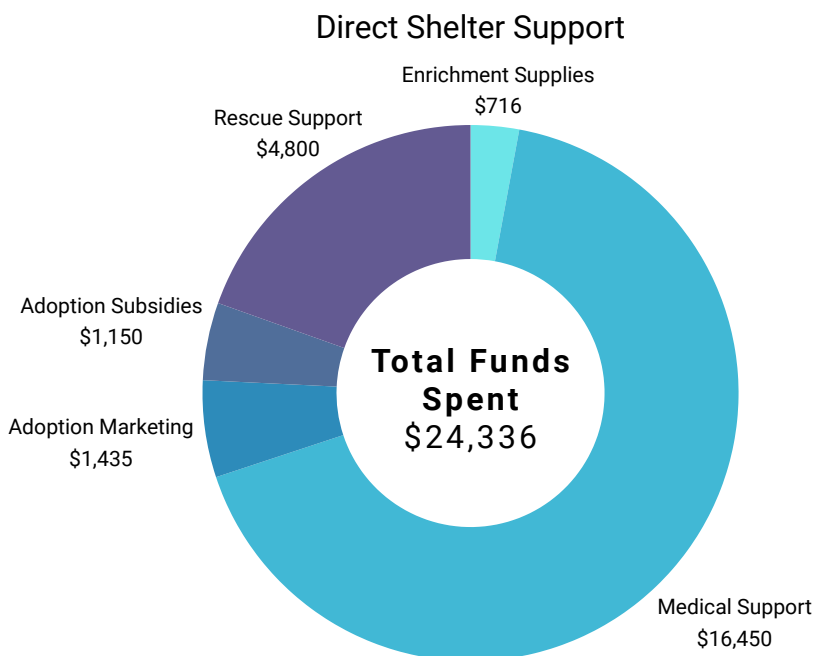
Total Funds Spent: \$716

Supported shelter pets through enrichment and care.

Enrichments Provided:

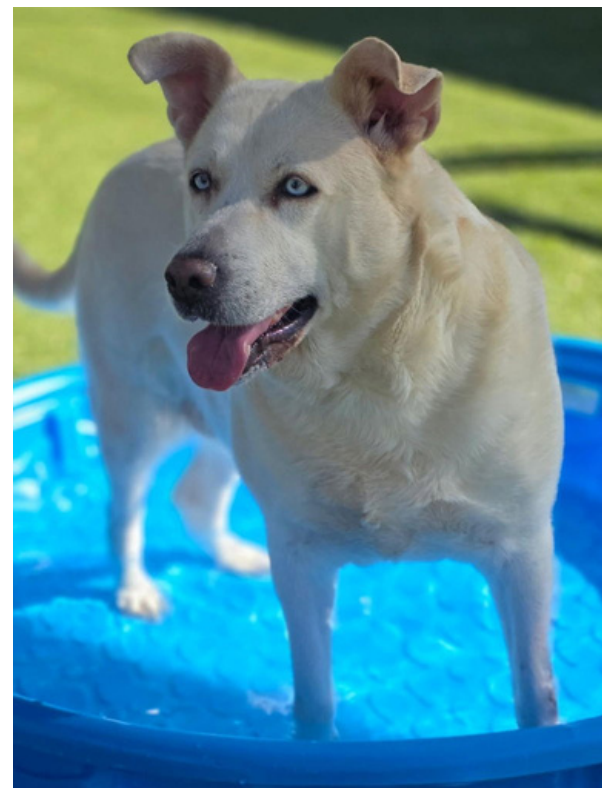
- Treats, Kongs, and pig ears—to reduce stress and encourage healthy behavior
- Pools to help dogs stay cool during the Texas heat
- Calming collars to support anxious dogs

Funded specialized training for a shelter volunteer to enhance animal care and handling. Community support continues via the FLEAS managed Amazon Wishlist



Aspen
Senior Pet Spotlight
November 2025

Adopted
January 2026



Direct Shelter Support

MEDICAL SUPPORT

Total Funds Spent: \$16,450

Provided lifesaving medical care for shelter, rescue, and community animals

Cases included:

- **Four abandoned puppies** found in a barn during a snowstorm
- An **emergency C-section** for a shelter dog
- **Four newborn kittens** abandoned at the shelter, bottle-fed around the clock by a FLEAS volunteer
- One kitten requiring **emergency treatment for a collapsed lung**, including a high-risk blood patch procedure at a critical care hospital—fully funded by FLEAS
- A dog from another shelter with a six-month-old, **untreated femoral fracture** requiring immediate evaluation
- A dog suffering from **extensive skin disease** beyond the shelter's capacity to treat, requiring costly diagnostics and medication
- A cat previously adopted from the shelter and later relinquished due to medical needs; one of our board members stepped in to provide foster care following treatment so the cat would not have to return to the shelter



Belle - Collapsed lung survivor

149%

increase in medical support
for pets from 2024

Animal Visibility & Adoption Marketing

PET OF THE WEEK MARKETING

Total Funds Spent: \$1,435

Pets Featured: 42

Expanded online and community visibility for shelter pets through coordinated social media campaigns and electronic billboards, strengthening awareness and supporting improved adoption outcomes.

IN-KIND DONATION: MARKETING & WEB SUPPORT

Estimated Value: \$4,620

Professional marketing and web services donated by El Dorado Media, strengthening outreach and community engagement.



Mia - Pet of the Week
December 21-28, 2025
ADOPTED



Fredrick - Pet of the Week
December 14-20, 2025
ADOPTED

Adoption & Rescue Support

ADOPTION SUBSIDIES

Total Funds Spent: \$1,150

Subsidized adoption fees for **23 pets** during July, helping them find permanent, loving homes.

RESCUE SUPPORT

Total Funds Spent: \$4,800

- Assisted **seven dogs**, including one who required professional board and training after spending more than a year in the shelter
- Supported the rescue of **15 cats** by covering spay/neuter surgeries and medical care
- Funded out-of-state transport for **four Mastiffs** after exhausting all local Texas options. A FLEAS volunteer spearheaded the journey, traveling 650 miles one-way to complete the rescue relay
- Provided safe transport for wildlife from the shelter to licensed rehabilitation facilities, including bunnies, birds, a deer, raccoons, possums, ducklings, and even a vulture



Mastiff puppies transported to El Paso by a FLEAS volunteer to meet a rescue partner



Young doe transported by a FLEAS volunteer to a licensed rehabilitation center for expert care

Shelter Surrender Prevention & Community Support

This year marked a major milestone as we celebrated the first full year of both our Emergency Pet Food Pantry and Spay/Neuter Voucher Program, alongside a record-breaking year for pet safety.

EMERGENCY PET FOOD PANTRY

Total Funds Spent: \$7,209 (food & supplies)

In 2025, the pantry experienced a 73% increase in families needing assistance. With rising economic pressures, there are few resources available to help families afford pet food. By supporting families during difficult times, the FLEAS Pet Food Pantry prevents pets from entering the shelter system and keeps beloved companions where they belong—at home with their families.

COMMUNITY IMPACT

- **Families Supported: 811**
- **Pets Kept Fed: 1,600**
- **Total Food Weight: 38,000 lbs**
- **Total Value Distributed: \$114,000 (purchased & donated)**
(Leveraging \$7,209 in operational funds to achieve massive impact!)

Figures represent best-faith estimates based on distribution logs and average market values.



Shelter Surrender Prevention & Community Support

SPAY/NEUTER VOUCHER PROGRAM

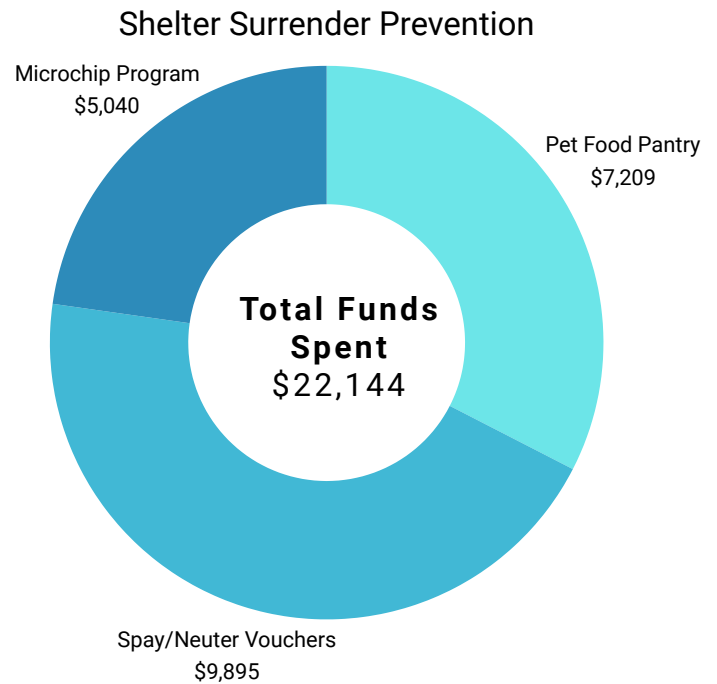
Total Funds Spent: \$9,895

This year, we funded **113 surgeries and rabies vaccinations**, directly preventing thousands of future unwanted births. Beyond reducing shelter intake, these vouchers provide essential medical care that curbs the spread of disease and fosters a more stable, healthy pet population in our neighborhoods.

FREE MICROCHIP PROGRAM

Total Funds Spent: \$5,040

Provided **168 microchips**, each representing a future reunion between a lost pet and their family instead of a shelter intake.



Angel - Pet of the Week
February 9-15, 2025
ADOPTED

88%
increase in microchipped pets
from 2024

Volunteer Hours & In-Kind Contributions

Total Volunteer Hours: 6,702

Estimated Hourly Rate: \$31.80

Total In-Kind Volunteer Contribution: \$213,124

This includes both on-site shelter support and off-site roles (food bank, administrative support, social media & marketing, transport, etc.).



133%

increase in volunteer hours
contributed from 2024

Overall Financial Summary (2025)

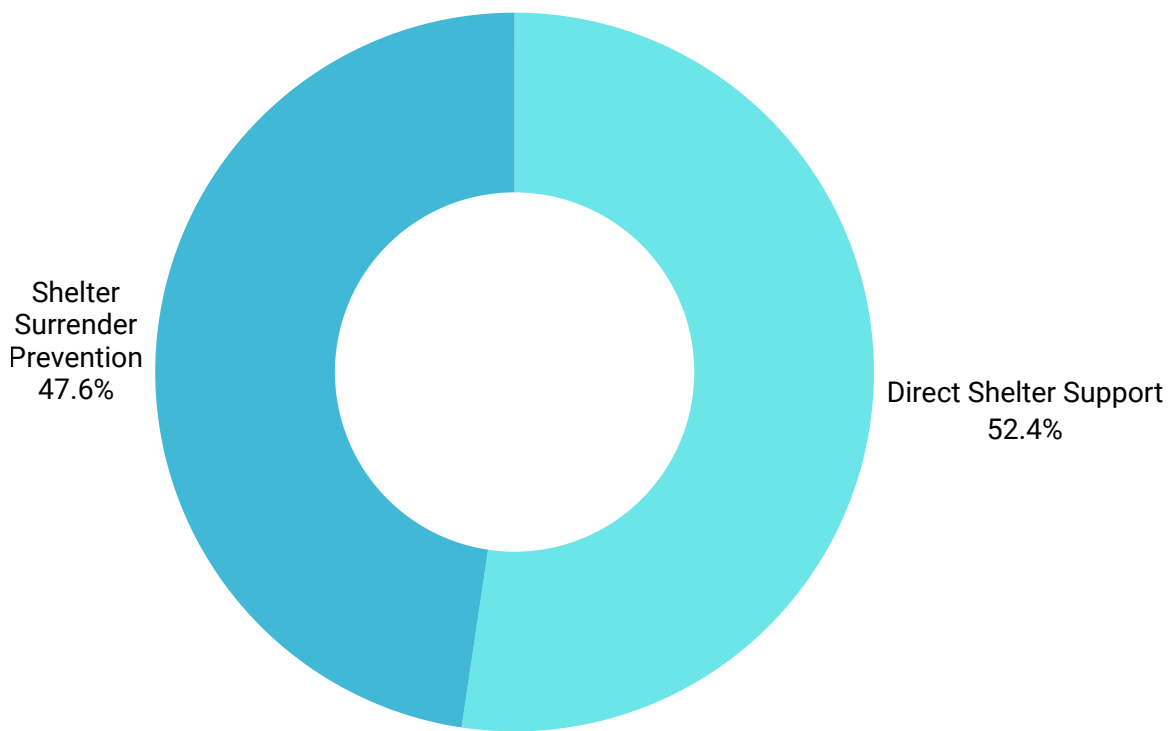
Total Funds Spent: \$46,480

Total In-Kind Contributions: \$217,744

» Volunteer Hours: \$213,124

» Additional In-Kind Marketing Support: \$4,620

Total Funds Spent



2025 Impact Highlights

Total Estimated Dogs & Cats Impacted by FLEAS Programs

1,981

Lives Changed by Adoption & Rescue Support

45



Total Funds Spent on Shelter Support

\$24,336

Total Funds Spent on Surrender Prevention

\$22,144

Honoring Our 2025 Donors

Thank you to every individual, family, business, and partner who contributed this year. Your generosity made it possible for us to expand our programs, strengthen our safety net, and support more pets and families than ever before.

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