



2025

**Rocky Mountain
Feline Rescue**

A Grand Year



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2025 by the Numbers

Behind every number is a human who showed up.

1,037

Cats received

22%

Increase over 2024

977

Cats adopted

25%

Increase over 2024

21

Cats reunited with their families

185

New volunteers

2025

OUR PERFORMANCE

2025 marked one of the most impactful years in RMFR's history.

More cats arrived needing help—and more found loving homes—because our community stepped up in extraordinary ways.

This report celebrates the people who made it possible.



RMFR Grand Slam: Volunteers, Donors, Foster Families, and Staff

The ❤️ of RMFR

- 232 active volunteers
- 185 new volunteers in 2025
- Volunteer hours doubled over 2024



VOLUNTEERS

Our most active volunteer Lyn Szydlo, who logged over 800 hours in 2025, had this to say about her experience:

"Volunteering with Rocky Mountain Feline Rescue has been one of the most meaningful ways I give my time. I focus primarily on TLC and socialization, working closely with cats who are fearful or behaviorally challenging. Through patience, consistency, and trust-building, I've helped some of our most defensive cats become comfortable with human touch and ready for adoption. Seeing these cats transform and find loving homes is incredibly rewarding. RMFR's work is powered by community support, and I'm grateful to play a hands-on role in giving cats the second chances they deserve." — Lyn Szydlo



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— Lyn Szydlo, Volunteer
800+ hours in 2025

DONORS

Every year we rely heavily on individual donations, which are **40% of our income**.

One such donor is Saša Jović, who is remarkable because of his vision. When he read that we were looking for a reliable used anesthesia monitor, he wrote to us asking what our “ideal” new anesthesia monitor would be and what it would cost, because he was interested in making that happen. Rarely does anyone ask a nonprofit what its “ideal” would be; more often we are asked what we can “get by with” instead. So Saša permitted us to dream about the piece of equipment that would ensure reliable performance for our feline surgery patients and the features that would make it easy for medical staff to operate. Then he and his wife Aundrea Davis made that dream come true. Thank you, Saša and Aundrea!



Feline Family of Saša
and Aundrea

FOSTER FAMILIES

Our shelter would not be able to rescue as many cats as we do if not for our foster families. Foster care helps the weak become strong and the shy become fearless. This year, over 200 families stepped forward to help RMFR with cats needing special care. Here is what one foster family, Art and Carolyn Mast, had to say about the foster experience:

"Art and I have been fostering for RMFR for over 10 years. We started fostering right after I retired, when I was looking for something meaningful to do. Art was involved with RMFR even before that, lending his skills with computer and printer problems. He has helped evaluate new software for the shelter, and he has also helped rebuild and update some of the new kennels, and make sure they meet PACFA regulations.

Some of our favorite cats have been ones with special needs. We have cared for cats with cerebellar hypoplasia, and it was so rewarding to see them adapt to new challenges. We have had pregnant moms, and moms with babies. We have cared for diabetic cats, FELV cats, senior cats, and unsocial cats. We had a sphynx cat who got cold easily and had to wear a sweater all the time. We enjoyed them all!

Our favorite, though, is fostering kittens, especially ringworm kittens. Although they do take extra work, we really like seeing them get healthy! We have had so many kitties with health problems stay with us for a few weeks or months. Our own 4 cats were adopted from RMFR after we had fostered them for a few months!

We encourage people all the time to foster, but they always say they couldn't give the cat up! That is the hardest part, of course, but you know they are going to a good home and will have a good life."



Art and Carolyn with their current foster felines.

STAFF

The Adoptions Team at RMFR is small but mighty! Brie, Jared, and Laura are the faces that help match the cats that come through our shelter to their *purrfect* human families.

The three members of the Adoptions Team act as the liaisons between potential adopters/cat lovers and the wonderful felines at RMFR. Aside from the obvious reviewing of adoption applications, the Adoptions Team also responds to the emails, inquiries, text messages, and voicemails the shelter receives daily. They get to know every cat who comes through our doors to better understand them and their needs to be sure they are going to the right home. Any documentation that comes in with transferred or surrendered cats is reviewed, and sensitive information is redacted so adopters have comprehensive information on their new family member. We receive may also travel onward with adopters for complete transparency.

The Adoptions Team also logs all physical and monetary donations creates and upkeeps profiles for every kitty, completes swag sales, and handles adoption procedures, contracts, and fees. Educating our adopters on how to properly care for felines for the long-term is a big part of our identity and something we take pride in. In 2025 alone, our small but mighty team of three helped over 950 cats join their families!

The felines at Rocky Mountain Feline Rescue are more than just cats to the Adoptions Team—they're family, and we will work hard for them until they find their fur-ever home.



Left to right: Brie (Volunteer Coordinator/Adoptions Counselor), Jared (Adoptions Counselor) and Laura (Adoptions Counselor Lead).

STAFF

The Kennel Team is responsible for thoroughly cleaning the shelter from top to bottom every day. This includes cleaning all occupied kennels, sanitizing surfaces, changing bedding, sweeping, and mopping floors. This role involves significant physical labor and attention to detail.

In addition to cleaning duties, the Kennel Team feeds the cats first thing in the morning and again in the afternoon. It is essential that each cat receives the correct food, as many are on special diets. While not their primary focus, the Kennel Team interacts with the public throughout the day, providing a valuable opportunity to share knowledge about the cats with potential adopters. Overall, the Kennel Team plays a vital role in ensuring the health, safety, and wellbeing of the cats in our care.

Kaden is also in charge of facility maintenance, overseeing the day-to-day repairs that the shelter needs, and preparing for seasonal changes. It's an ongoing responsibility and he is amazing at it!



Left to right: Shandi (Kennel Technician), Kaden (Kennel Team Supervisor), Anna (Kennel Team Lead) and Kaori (Kennel Technician).
Not pictured Zuri and Caitlin.

STAFF

At the heart of our rescue network is our Foster Specialist, Lori, who stepped into RMFR's foster program at the end of 2024. Lori is primarily responsible for managing and supporting the foster care program here at RMFR. This includes recruiting fosters, matching cats to appropriate homes, and ensuring both the cats and fosters have the resources they need to succeed. Without this role, RMFR would struggle to take in vulnerable cats—especially kittens, under-socialized cats, and cats with medical and behavioral needs. Lori works closely with the medical and adoption teams, and helps to schedule vaccines, spay/neuter surgeries, and medical checkups to ensure all cats are happy and healthy. She also collects updates, photos, and personality notes from fosters to help match cats with permanent homes. *"While the role can be demanding, it is also deeply rewarding! I witnessed firsthand the transformation of frightened and fragile cats into healthy, adoptable companions."*

Brie joined RMFR in 2024 on the Adoptions Team, and in 2025 took over the role of Volunteer Coordinator. As the Volunteer Coordinator she recruits, supports, and empowers the incredible community of volunteers who make our lifesaving work possible. From onboarding and training to day-to-day coordination, her role is centered on ensuring volunteers feel informed, appreciated, and connected to our mission. RMFR relies entirely on community support, and our volunteers are the backbone of our organization, helping us care for cats and kittens from the Denver Metro Area and high-risk states until they find permanent, loving homes. *"It's an honor to work alongside such a compassionate and dedicated team that makes a difference for homeless cats every day."*



Brie (Volunteer Coordinator) and Lori (Foster Specialist)

STAFF

Our Medical Team consists of Kirsten, Dr.Alex, Ashley, and Sebastian. This team coordinates all of our cats' medical needs, including performing daily health checks, administering medications and vaccinations, assisting with medical treatments, and monitoring animals for signs of illness or injury. Their work is essential in promoting recovery, preventing disease, and preparing cats for adoption. The Medical Team has performed 569 spay/neuters since May 2025 in addition to many much-needed dental procedures and other surgeries for cats in need.

Kirsten became the Shelter Manager at the beginning of 2024, combining over ten years of experience as a Lead Veterinary Nurse (RVT) with a passion for animal welfare. Her extensive medical knowledge and leadership experience play a key role in overseeing shelter operations, supporting staff, and ensuring the highest level of care for the cats.

Dr. Alex joined RMFR in the Spring of 2024. She graduated from the University of College Dublin in Ireland in 2021, since working in mixed animal practices and affordable spay/neuter clinics. Her experience in high-volume spay/neuter, as well as dental care, has made RMFR more efficient, which shortens the timeline from intake to adoption.

An RMFR employee since 2022, Ashley started as a kennel technician before transitioning to veterinary assistant, and finally to her current position as Intake Coordinator and Animal Care Planner. In this role, she schedules and facilitates the intake of all the cats who enter RMFR's care; whether they are local strays, owner surrenders, or transfers from other rescue organizations around Colorado, other states, or even other countries. She also contributes to the Medical Team, assisting with surgeries, exams, and anything else our cats need before being cleared for adoption. Having learned the best way to handle a variety of the shelter's medical challenges throughout her time here, she uses that knowledge both to expedite each cat's path to health and set up incoming cats for success, ensuring the shortest length of stay and smoothest transition for them possible.

Sebastian started as a veterinary assistant in the Spring of 2025, and plays a vital role in the daily health and care of our cats. He also performs preparation duties to make sure each surgery day runs smoothly, keeping up with surgery packs and supplies. His future goal is to become a RVT!



Dr. Alex



Left to right: Sebastian (Vet Assistant), Kirsten (Shelter Mgr/RVT), and Ashley (Intake Coordinator/Animal Care Planner)

Grand Moments of 2025

Community Milestones

May

Community Service Organization of the Year
Englewood Chamber of Commerce

July

Featured shelter partner, The Amazing Acro-Cats
\$1,000 raised through ticket sales

November

Board & Shelter Manager strategy retreat
Setting priorities for 2026

King Soopers Community Rewards

489 participating households, \$2600 raised per quarter
Just 10% more households could generate \$1,000 every month!

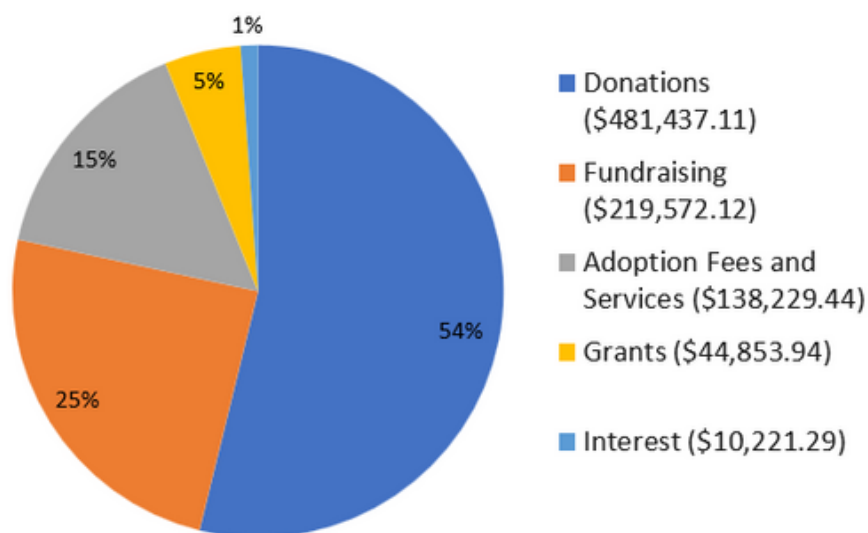
Tuesday Night Slammers Bingo

Up to 150 players each week with proceeds benefitting RMFR
More than \$100,000 raised!

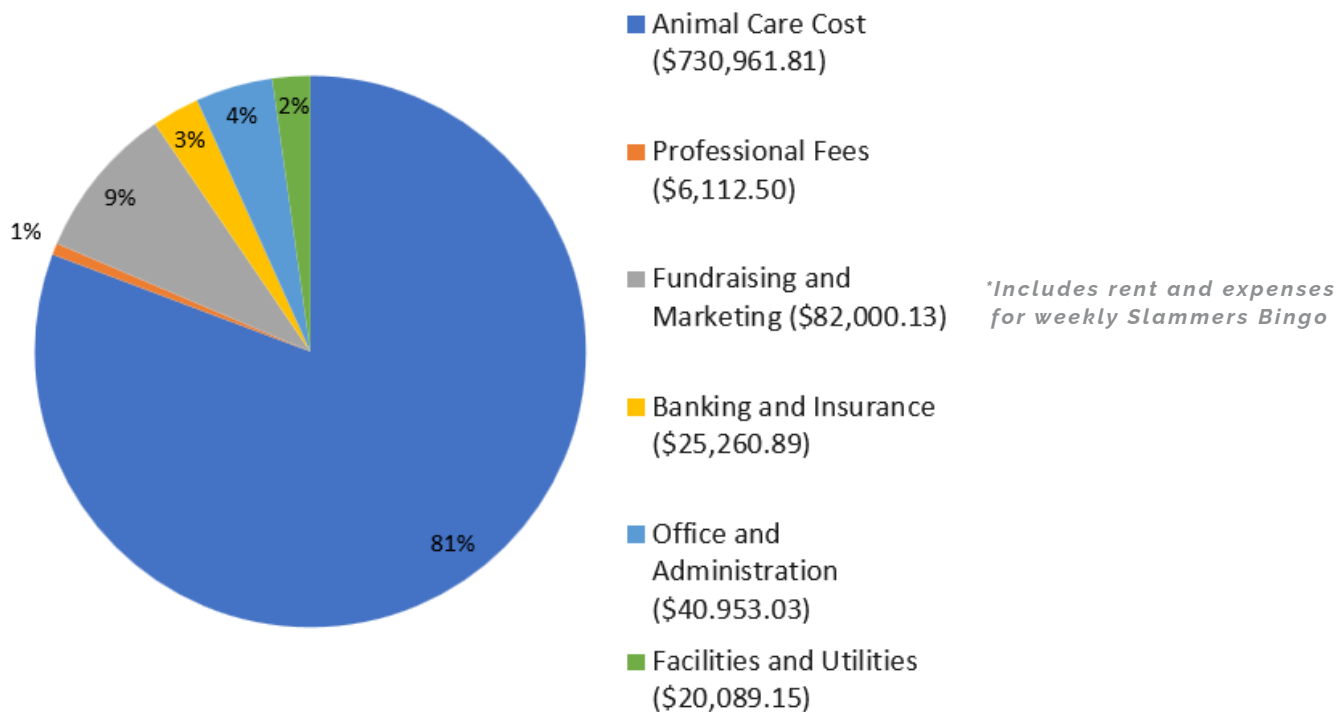


INCOME & EXPENSES

Source of Income - 2025



Shelter Expenses - 2025



Thank You.

Because of You...

Every volunteer hour.

Every foster home.

Every donation.

Together we make second chances possible.



RMFR Shelter Cuddle Puddle.