



SAFE Rehoming 2024 Annual Report



About SAFE Rehoming

In 2017, when the largest animal shelter in Northern Sydney closed its doors suddenly, a small but dedicated group of animal advocates aimed high to set up an animal welfare charity to fill the gap that was left.

In the 7 years since, SAFE has strived to help and rehome as many animals as possible. While not without challenges, the work continues.



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President's Report

SAFE continues to tick along. We do what we do best - take in needy pets and provide them with the best possible chance of living a happy life.

The day-to-day management of the Rehoming Centre and the organisation as a whole takes a lot of time and it's easy to lose sight of the reason that pushes us all to keep working so hard. Witnessing the changes that we are able to make in the lives of those we save makes it all worthwhile - watching that hungry kitten fresh off the street eating ravenously and sleeping it off with a full tummy; seeing a shy cat who arrived completely shut down come around to accepting our pats and purring with pleasure is priceless. But the best feeling, although bittersweet, is when we say goodbye to a cat we have come to know over many months, leave for their **forever home**. These are just a few of the reasons we keep going through the endless day to day routines.

Volunteers make SAFE what it is, and without them we could not continue. Thank you to everyone who has put time into the organisation this year! From cleaning litter trays, answering the phone, processing one of the **295 adoptions** through to attending committee meetings, your hard work and dedication does not go unnoticed.

Big special thanks to some folks who have the most incredible work ethic, **Sue Barber** for her various and never ending tasks; **Katie Geeves** for all her work over the past few years; **Irene McLardy** for foster carer support and organisation as well as other bits and pieces; **Anne McLean** for her efforts in fundraising; **Bee Jones** for her help inside and outside the shelter for cats in need; all the **Assistant Day Mangers**, particularly **Jackson Cowper** who seemed to be here so often, he was part of the furniture; **Prue Hill** for her dedication to helping the cats; **Emily Gruzin** for taking on the challenge of managing the volunteer roster; **Lisa Milham**, our go to champion for help with tiny kittens; and our star foster carers, **Sheridan Femia** and **Kym Low**, always up for any challenge, small kittens with big personalities included!

The final thanks go to you, whether you are a volunteer, member, adopter, boarder, donor or supporter, SAFE wouldn't be the same without the support it receives.

I look forward to another year of helping the helpless and working with champions to do so.

Tim Crossman
President and General
Manager



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Treasurer's Report

SAFE has produced a surplus this year of \$33,534.74 compared to \$125,842.43 in 2022-2023. The income in 2022-23 was skewed due to a one off grant of \$99,000 from NSW Government

SAFE's fixed ongoing costs are cookie cut from year 2023 to year 2024, with the cost associated with running *SAFE Haven* (e.g. rent, strata, services, etc.) being exceedingly high. Although vet fees still make up the majority of animal related costs, through careful planning for basic vet work and comparing fees between vets for high cost surgeries, we managed to reduce vet costs overall. Supporters generously donated cat food in response to food appeals and the deal struck with Royal Canin, a pet food company have culminated in reduced spending for SAFE.

SAFE is now registered for GST with periodic benefits of refunds coming our way quarterly the effects of which show in our finances.

In formulating this report, I note that Anne McLean raised funds by organising raffles & the annual theatre event with Pymble Players. Also Bee Jones contributed by identifying and following up on the deal with Royal Canin and selling donated items and merchandise online.

The committee continues to balance present demands with future needs and develops strategies to help guide the organisation. We are always looking at how to use money and resources for the betterment of the animals in our care.

Sustained fundraising to bolster revenue is becoming increasingly vital and monthly deficits are becoming increasingly common. There will likely be a reduced amount of funds and/or loss rather than a surplus in coming year but we will continue to push forward to help as many animals as we can.

Our Volunteers are SAFE's heroes, you all make it happen. Many thanks to each and everyone of you for your care, time, compassion & contribution.

Corinne Curvey
Treasurer & Committee Member

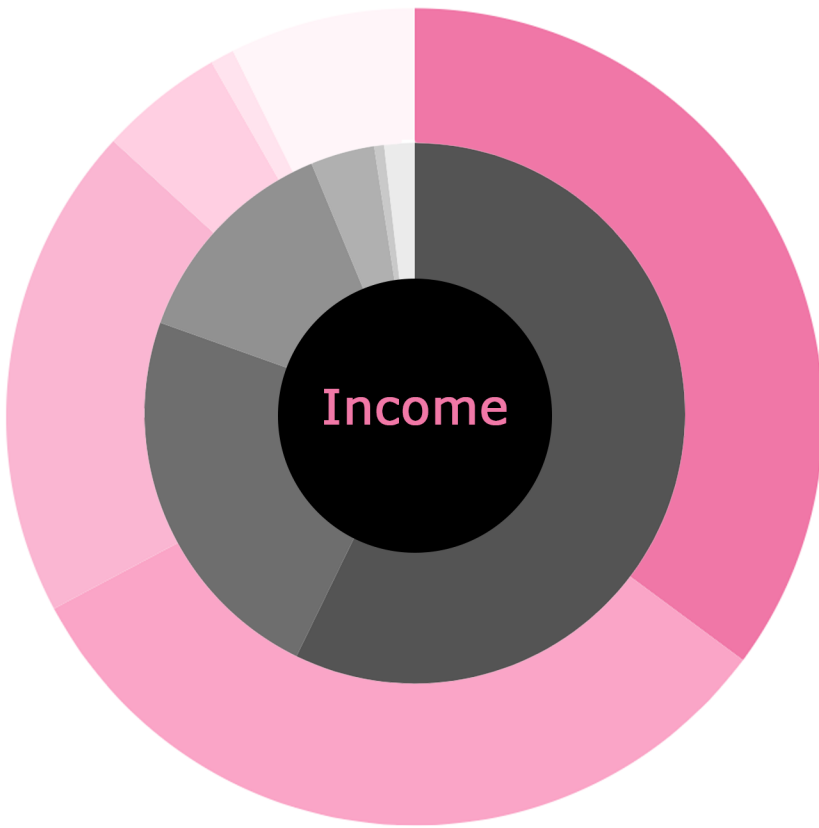


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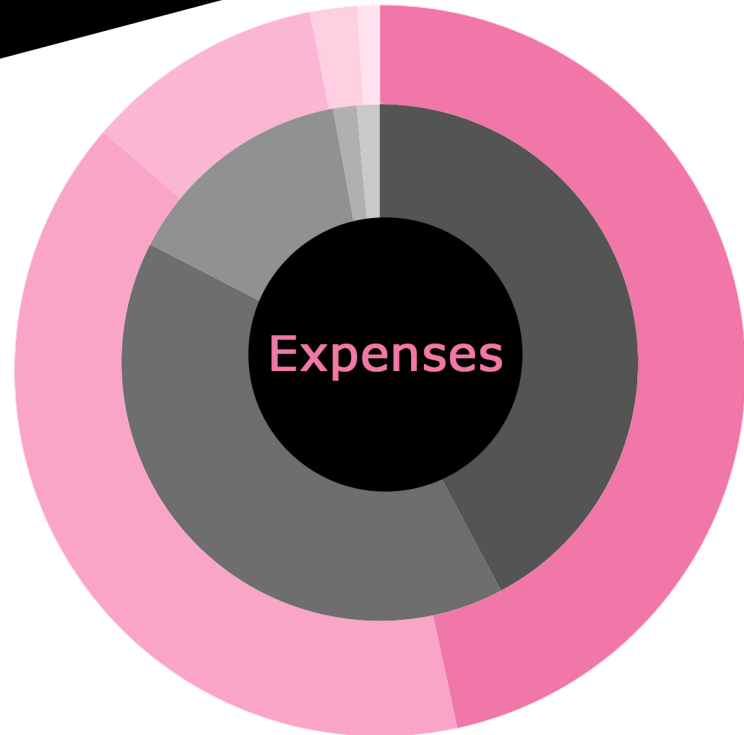
Year End Figures 2024

For a detailed report on finances, please see the SAFE website

2024 Income Total:
\$283,376.28



2024 Figures	2023 Figures
Donations (\$99598.16)	Donations (\$229042.62)
Adoption Donations (\$90910.9)	Adoption Donations (\$92995.00)
Boarding (\$55460.9)	Boarding (\$53304.95)
Merch (\$13949.48)	Merch (\$15344.76)
Memberships (\$2663.69)	Memberships (\$2365.49)
Other (\$20793.15)	Other (\$7281.92)



2024 Figures	2023 Figures
Fixed Costs (\$116,456.54)	Fixed Costs (\$115,911.14)
Vet Bills (\$99,237.21)	Vet Bills (\$110,698.26)
Animal Costs (\$26,464.85)	Animal Costs (\$39,893.78)
Merch (\$5,180.58)	Merch (\$4,051.72)
Other (\$2,502.36)	Other (\$3,937.41)

2024 Expenses Total:
\$249,841.54

2024 Surplus:
\$33,534.74

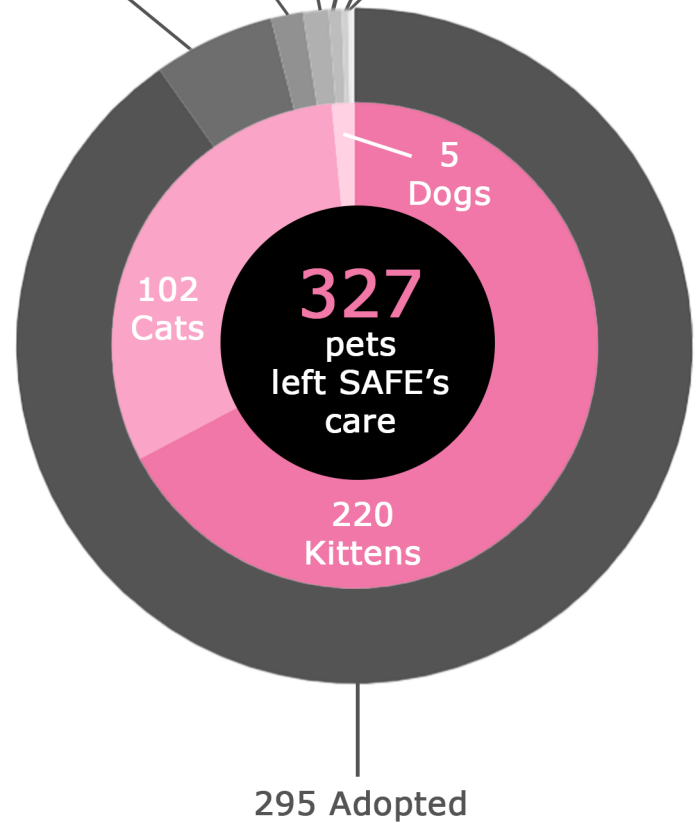
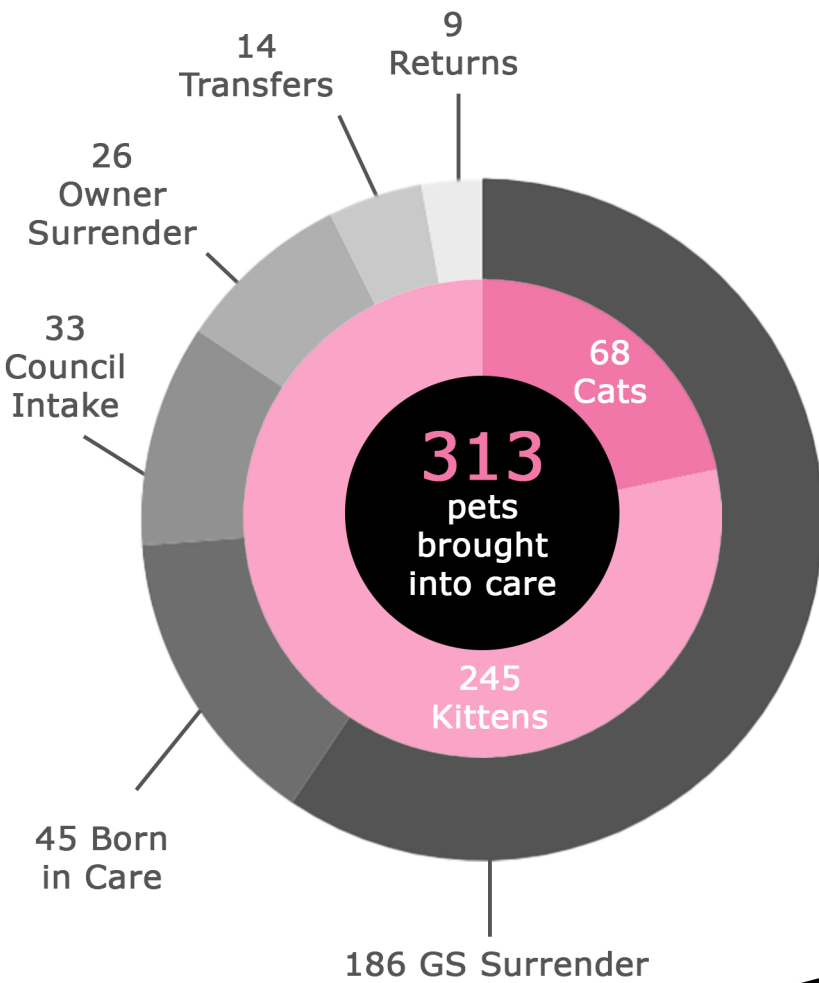
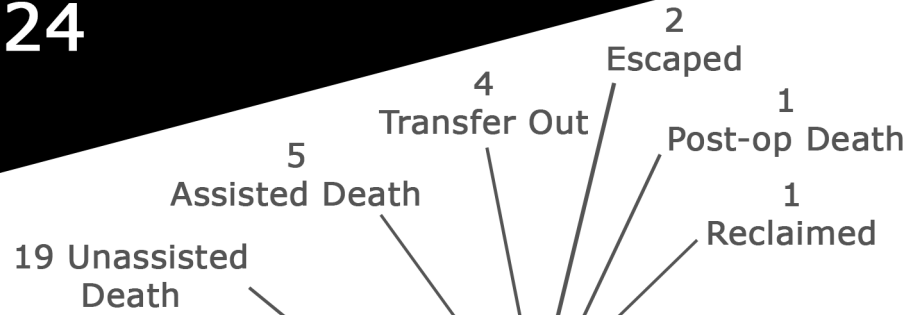


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Animal Numbers

462

pets **cared** for
in 2024



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