



MARLEE'S MISFITS

2025 Annual Report

Letter from the Board

Dear Friends,

Marlee's Misfits was created to address an ongoing need in the cat rescue community – senior and special needs cats who are overlooked in shelters. Many shelters don't have the resources to house and care for cats who are older or need specialty medical care. Cat rescues are full of younger, healthier cats, which are the first to be adopted. Older or special needs cats tend to have more expenses and stay in shelters for much longer.

If you have ever walked through a PetSmart and seen a senior cat in a cage, you can understand our mission. No senior cat should spend the end of their life unhoused or in a cage. Through our partner Mount Purrnon Cat Cafe, we're able to house cats in a safe and loving environment until they find their homes. We also have some amazing foster homes to take care of cats who do not thrive in the cat cafe environment.

2025 was a defining year for Marlee's. With the generosity and support of our amazing community, we were able to rescue **136 cats**; 44 of those were cats over 8 years old and 36 had special needs.

In 2026, we look forward to expanding our network of foster families to help super-seniors experience a peaceful and loving environment for however long they have left.

With gratitude,

Kristin, Adam, Curt, Kathy, and Amber

Marlee's Misfits provides care for senior cats,
those with special needs, and medical emergencies.

2025 at a Glance

Overview

Intake	Cats
Available for adoption January 1, 2025	0
Received (out-of-state)	100
Received (in-state)	17
Owner surrender (includes returns)	19
<i>Total</i>	<i>136</i>
Outcome	
Adopted	108
Euthanized (Medical)	4
Transferred (out-of-state)	1
<i>Available for adoption December 31, 2025</i>	<i>23</i>

Revenue

Source	Amount
Direct Public Support – Individual Contributions	\$43,345.15
Adoption Fees	17,827.35
Direct Public Support – Business Contributions	3,370.66
Investments – Interest	32.81
<i>Total</i>	<i>64,575.97</i>

Expenses

Category	Amount
Cat Medical	\$39,416.47
Cat Supplies	3,780.99
Donations to other nonprofits	1,014.35
Insurance	971.62
Office Supplies	453.70
Licenses, Permits	55.00
Fees	46.00
Travel Expense	23.03
Accounting Fees	2.94
<i>Total</i>	<i>45,764.10</i>

*They said Misha was **unwanted** and **unadoptable**.
They were wrong.*



After Misha’s owner passed away, the family reached out to us. The owner had left behind multiple senior cats. While most of the other cats were placed in rescues or homes, Misha was labeled “difficult” and “unadoptable” by other rescues.

At age 11, Misha was unsocialized, often hiding and growling at people. She had untreated injuries to her tail and leg, so she had a crooked tail and a deformed, unusable leg that she dragged behind her. Her skin was covered in scabs, and she had an enlarged heart.

Misha came to us, a brand-new rescue, in a last desperate attempt to find her a home. When Misha arrived, she wasn’t aggressive or hissy—the sweet girl was just confused. After a few days of hiding, she decided to be brave and sit next to Kristin on the office couch. Her transformation was already beginning.

In a matter of weeks, with proper medical care, Misha’s skin had cleared up and supplements were helping her joints. Despite all she’d been through, she was no longer afraid of strangers--she was tentatively seeking pets and even cuddling. Then, after four months, Misha found her forever home. She was dearly loved for the rest of her days.

**“Saving one cat does not change the world,
but for that one cat, the world is changed forever.”**
--Unknown

From a shelter cage to a TV studio—our gentle Baba.



We received a plea from one of our shelter partners to pull some senior cats as the shelter was becoming crowded. One of the cats that came to us was Baba, a 12-year-old sweetheart with severe vision impairment and kidney disease.

When she arrived at Mount Purrrnon, we noticed she could get around ok but couldn't see much and had corneal scarring on one eye. She was full of life, a tiny little chatterbox who would follow people around for pets.

Although she was managing just fine, we wondered if we could do anything more to help her. We took Baba to Vet Vision, a cat eye specialist, to determine the cause of her vision impairment. What had been determined to be old age turned out to be retinal detachment due to high blood pressure!

After just a few weeks on blood pressure medication, Baba regained some vision. After a month, her retinas were reattached, bringing so much back into her life. Something so "simple" as getting the right care was transformative.

Baba even made an appearance on the local news, charming the locals. She lived the rest of her life in cage-free comfort, experiencing love and bringing joy to Mount Purrrnon.

Rest in peace, sweet girl.

**"If love could have saved you, you would have lived forever."
--Unknown**

Fosters, Volunteers, & Community Partners



Thank you to the fosters, volunteers, and businesses that help us help cats. We couldn't save so many cats without the generosity of the incredible humans who open their hearts and homes to foster cats who need more space or a quiet environment due to special needs or a medical condition. Do you have a spare bedroom or bathroom? Apply [here](#) to change a cat's life.

We'd also like to thank our incredible volunteers who help us with so many things, from doing laundry to scooping poop. It truly takes a team to save cats—we couldn't do this without you!

Special Thank You to Our Featured Partners

	We are so thankful for our partnership with Mount Purrnon Cat Café and Wine Bar in Alexandria. With their help we are able to house a large number of cats with our rescue and get them exposure to people who visit Mount Purrnon. They provide a safe and loving environment for kitties to live until they find their forever homes. https://www.mtpurrnoncatcafe.com
	Livewell is our go-to vet, providing our cats with friendly and attentive care at reasonable prices. All adopters receive a free exam coupon to visit Livewell! https://www.livewellanimal.com/our-locations/alexandria-va/alexandria/
	We extend our sincere gratitude to The Happy Cat Hotel & Spa for their ongoing partnership and commitment to feline welfare. By sponsoring adoption fees for two cats each month, their generous financial support helps lower barriers to adoption and ensures more rescue cats find forever homes. Beyond their financial sponsorship, their advocacy helps us provide essential services to cats in need, and we look forward to continuing our impactful collaboration. https://happycathotel.com/alexandria-va/



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More Happy Tails!



“What greater gift than the love of a cat.”
--Charles Dickens