



*Celebrating 20 Years*  
**AniMeals**

**Holiday Giving Catalog 2023**

## SEASONS GREETINGS

The holidays are the time of year we look forward to with childlike anticipation. It's a magical time when families and friends gather together surrounded by the richness and splendor of the season. It's a time of giving, selflessness, love, and joy.

This holiday season, consider giving a gift that gives a second chance to a hungry or homeless animal. With your help, we can continue to give the gift of life to hundreds of animals in need.

**Alone we can do so little;  
together we can do so  
much. Please consider  
making a tax-deductible  
donation today. Every  
donation, large or small,  
makes a huge difference  
and is deeply  
appreciated.**



# The Shelter

Our mission is to save the hungry, the helpless, the lost, and the little ones just struggling to survive. To house and feed as many animals as possible and ease the suffering of the weak and unloved.

At AniMeals, we believe every life is precious. Our primary focus is to care for cats. We take the cats that no other shelter will accept; the old and infirm, the youngsters born to community cats that need socializing, cats that need medical assistance, and the cats who have been forgotten. We are a haven for those that have run out of options.

We are a medical and behavioral focused shelter. The cats in our care will remain with us until they find their forever homes. Our cats reside in 10x10x6 kennels with food, water, cat trees, toys, and litter boxes. We strive to create an environment for them that does not feel like a shelter. They get to run around, play, and lounge in their very own "studio" apartments!

January 2023 to September 2023

- 🐾 Cats & Kittens Taken In: 325
- 🐾 Cats & Kittens Adopted Out: 235

**\$1,621**  
 The cost of  
 shelter  
 operations for  
 one day!



Look for our red door Rankin Street



Our kitty kennels

## Veterinary Care

We take the health care of the kitties that come through our shelter very seriously. Every cat receives a nose-to-toes exam, vaccinations, spay/neuter, and a microchip.

A full stock of worming medicine, antibiotics, and vaccines are essential in saving the life of a sick kitty. Veterinary care is one of our highest expenses at the shelter. It is very important that the cats and kittens that come into our care leave healthy and happy.

We rely on veterinary clinics in our community for basic medical needs. AniMeals is especially grateful to Animal Blessings Pet Hospital for providing quality medical care to our felines. From January to September, Animal Blessings has donated \$80,475 in veterinary services to our shelter.



**Our ICU where new intakes are housed, exams are done, vaccinations are administered and cats are microchipped.**

**\$1,100**

**Exams &  
Surgeries for  
One Week**

**\$330**

**Medicine &  
Vaccines for  
One Week**

**\$750**

**Spays &  
Neuters for  
One Week**

**\$3,000**

**Spays &  
Neuters for  
One Month**



## Critical Care Program

Many of the homeless animals that come to us are in need of urgent care. Many suffer serious illnesses from neglect and harsh weather. Some have broken bones and/or life-threatening injuries. Most, if not all, critical care cases require immediate emergency veterinary services.

When these situations present themselves and speed is essential to saving a life, the cost is typically very high. No matter the time of day or night, it is very important to get these kitties stabilized as quickly as possible, as shock alone can kill them.

**These expenses are not your average every day medical expenses. They are almost always emergent situations requiring extraordinary measures.**



**\$1,500**

**Fund the Critical  
Care Program for  
One Month**

**January 2023 to September 2023**

 **\$36,795.96**

**Spent in Critical Care Cases**

 **15 Critical Care Cases**



## Critical Care Cases



**Scotty in critical condition at PEC.**



**Scotty in foster care.**



**Scotty camping indoors!**



**Scotty with his BFF, Patty!**

On June 17th, Scotty was found on the side of the road on the East Missoula off ramp. The community member who found Scotty immediately took him to Pet Emergency Center (PEC). He was in very poor condition when he arrived at PEC. He had an injury to his neck related to a bite wound and was almost completely unresponsive. He was put on intravenous fluids, antibiotics, and both bloodwork and x-rays were taken. It was discovered in the x-rays that Scotty had a wire in his stomach and the bloodwork indicated that he had sustained severe kidney damage.

Scotty went into foster care with an AniMeals employee for a few months. Our goal was to flush his kidneys in the hope that we could get him stable enough to have the wire removed. Luckily, Scotty was able to pass the wire on his own less than a week later!

Finally, Scotty's bloodwork indicated great improvement. After receiving fluids twice a week, we paused Scotty's fluid treatment to see if his body could sustain itself. Despite his great appetite, Scotty struggled to gain weight. The veterinarian determined that it is likely that he had an injury to his pituitary gland, which caused his stunted growth.

Currently, Scotty is still in foster care and will remain there until he is able to get fixed. He loves his life in foster care and has really started to show more of his amazing personality. He spends his days sunbathing, cuddling with his foster mama, hanging out with his BFF Patty, and chasing the laser pointer. We are hopeful that Scotty will live a full life.

Carmelita was brought to us at the beginning of February after she was believed to be pregnant. Not long after she arrived, it was discovered that her bloating was not caused by pregnancy, but fluid. She was diagnosed with Wet Feline Infectious Peritonitis or FIP.



Carmelita and her fluid-filled tummy when she first arrived in our care.

On average, we see FIP in cats 5-10 times a year. This year, we had 3 cats diagnosed in less than two months. FIP is a mutation of the feline corona virus that up until recently has been 100% fatal.



Carmelita's severe staph infection.

We have successfully treated cats diagnosed with FIP with a medication called Mutian. Mutian is an extremely expensive, yet effective, drug that has cured 8 AniMeals kitties diagnosed with FIP in the last 2 years. We immediately started Carmelita on the life-saving drug.



Carmelita after her full recovery.

On top of the Wet FIP, Carmelita also had a severe staph infection, upper respiratory infection, and we discovered she was FIV positive. Carmelita sailed through 84 days of Mutian treatment and observation! We have rarely seen a cat go through so much and show incredible resilience. It is truly inspiring. She made a full recovery in our care and stole our hearts along the way. Carmelita spends her days as an office foster waiting for her new companions to come along!



Carmelita with her favorite toy.

## The Gaia's Landing Program

Life in a shelter can be extremely difficult for senior cats and kitties with special needs. They are typically harder to place and their duration at the shelter can be much longer. In an effort to remove all the obstacles and increase their chances of adoption, we created the Gaia's Landing Program.

If a cat is over the age of 15, or if they have lifelong medical conditions, for example, FIV or FELV, they are a part of our Gaia's Landing Program. We cover the cost of their medical needs for the remainder of their lives. If a cat requires a special diet, due to their medical needs, we also cover the cost of their food. We provide 24/7 medical support, so all the cats on the Gaia's Landing Program are supported and cared for!

**Regardless of age, medical condition, or special dietary needs, they all long for the love of a family and a home!**



**Ziti ~ Adopted May 2023  
Requires a special diet!**



**Harriet ~ Adopted August 2023  
Over 15 years old!**



**Dynamite ~ Adopted March 2023  
Diabetic!**

**In Loving Memory of Gaia  
March 2000-April 2017**

## Kitten Foster Program

Our Foster Program saves an average of 200 kittens annually.



Kitten season is the time of year when our shelter is flooded with homeless litters. Typically starting in spring and ending late fall, the high volume of vulnerable kittens presents many challenges for our staff and the kittens we are caring for.

It is critical that these kittens are placed in temporary homes because of a condition known as “failure to thrive.” A kitten’s odds are greatly diminished when their first days are spent in a shelter. We pay for all the food and supplies that our foster families need to ensure the survival of their tiny charges!

**\$600**

**Medical Care  
for One Special  
Needs Kitten**

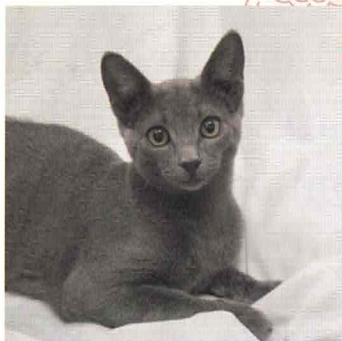
**\$100**

**Five Pounds of  
Kitten Replacer  
Milk**

**\$480**

**One Kitten  
From Birth to  
Adoption**

## 2023 Kitten Season Gallery



## Barn Cat Program

Our Barn Cat Program was created to place cats that are not suited as household companions, yet are an excellent addition to farms, stables, plant nurseries, feed stores and/or warehouses. These low maintenance, independent “working” cats are healthy, spayed/neutered, vaccinated for rabies, and ear tipped.

This program requires that cats are adopted in pairs, are provided a safe outdoor home, and are given fresh food and water daily. Our adoption program gives them what they need; forever homes where they can live happily with limited human interaction.

**We find homes where Barn Cats are wanted, cared for, and valued.**

# Trap-Neuter-Release

Our Trap, Neuter, Release Program (TNR) is designed to help reduce community cat (feral) populations. Homes are found for the young kittens, and adults are trapped, sterilized, and returned to their familiar habitats outdoors. Volunteer caregivers then feed and look after them for the remainder of their lives.

**We typically participate in one TNR project a year. This year's TNR took place in Florence for a colony of 20 cats!**



**Getting all the traps ready for placement!**



**Strategically placing traps in order to ensure success!**



**Ben, diagnosed with Canine Parvovirus, made a full recovery with the help of the Honey Fund, Friends of the Shelter, and private donations!**

## The Honey Fund

The Honey Fund was created to help members of our community who cannot afford veterinary expenses, whether basic or catastrophic. This program ensures that a pet stays healthy, gets the care it needs, and stays in the home of the people who love them.

  
**\$200**  
Fund the Honey Fund for One Month

**Through this fund we have helped: a puppy with a hole in her heart, a dog with a broken pelvis, a cat needing a full mouth extraction, a cat needing x-rays, and many more!**

# Animal Food Bank

## Food Distributions

February 2023 to September 2023

- 🐾 Families in Crisis ~ **835 Pounds**
- 🐾 Homebound Disabled ~ **5,030 Pounds**
- 🐾 Cat Colonies ~ **2,155 Pounds**
- 🐾 Shelters & Rescues ~ **2,703 Pounds**

**Total Food Distributed ~ 5.36 Tons**



We are so thankful for our generous community of donors.

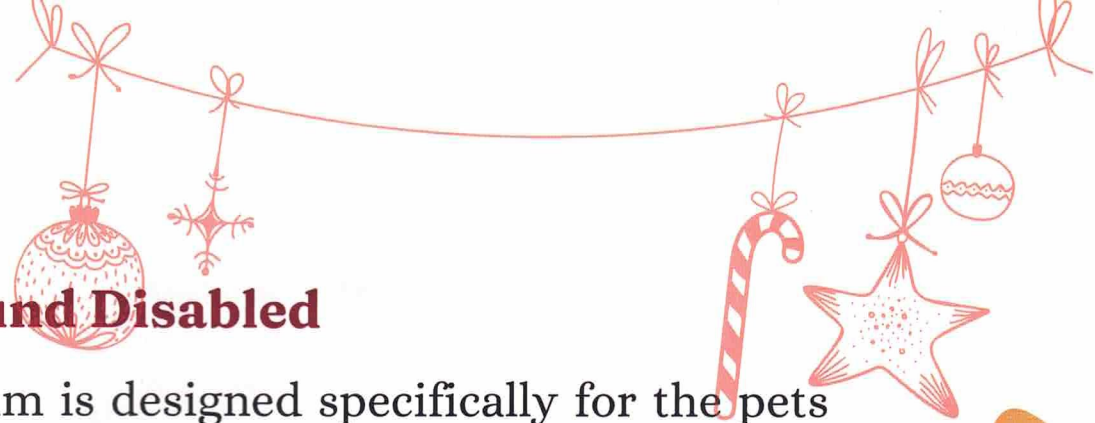


A big stack of donations after a pet food drive.

## Families in Crisis

Catastrophic circumstances can turn someone's world upside down in an instant. A fire, foreclosure on a home, loss of a job; yet our neighbors still have to function because life goes on. Our friends can rest assured knowing that their four-legged family members will eat until they can get back on their feet. Our crisis program was designed for individuals who temporarily need assistance with pet food! We will always make sure our four-legged community members are taken care of!

**\$266**  
**Fund the Crisis Program for One Month**



## Homebound Disabled

This program is designed specifically for the pets of the elderly, disabled, and homebound members of our community. At times, the cost of pet food can be an insurmountable obstacle for individuals on a fixed income. It can mean the difference between keeping their beloved family member and feeding them applesauce or surrendering them to an unknown future. Many seniors give up their food to feed their cats and dogs. Supplying pets with adequate daily meals makes it far more likely that everyone in the household is eating their own nutritious food.

**\$665**  
Fund the  
Homebound  
Disabled  
Program for One  
Month

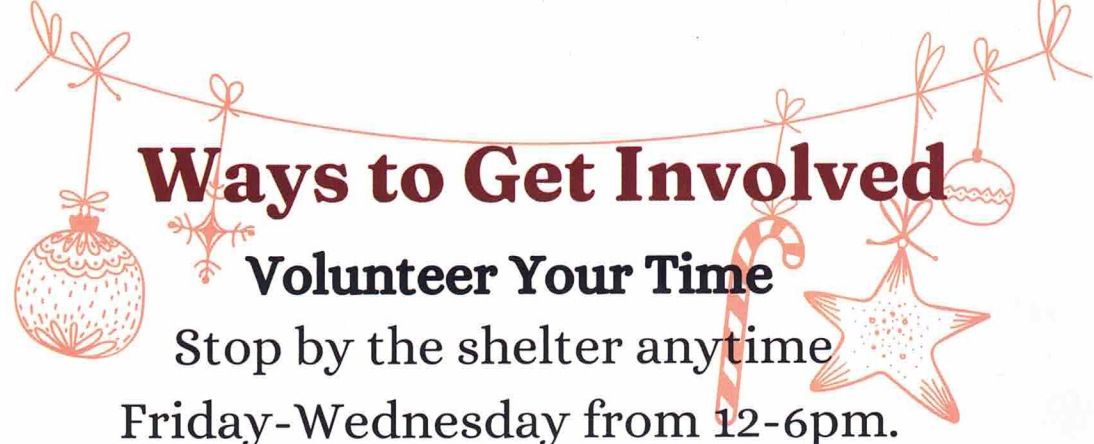
## Community Cat Colonies & Other Shelters/Rescues

We distribute cat and dog food to individuals with colonies and other shelters/rescues. We currently help feed over 20 colonies located in and around Missoula.



Over 900 tons of food has been distributed in the past 12 years.

**Your donations will help us to continue our mission of keeping pets and people together!**



# Ways to Get Involved

## Volunteer Your Time

Stop by the shelter anytime  
Friday-Wednesday from 12-6pm.

## Become a Shelter Buddy

Our Shelter Buddy program was created to help under socialized cats grow in trust. Shelter Buddies work to increase the confidence of timid cats in the hopes of making them even more adoptable.

## Host a Party for a Purpose

It's time to get social and save lives. Whether you invite 5 or 50 people to your Party for a Purpose, each donation helps an animal in need. We will provide all marketing materials.

## Donate

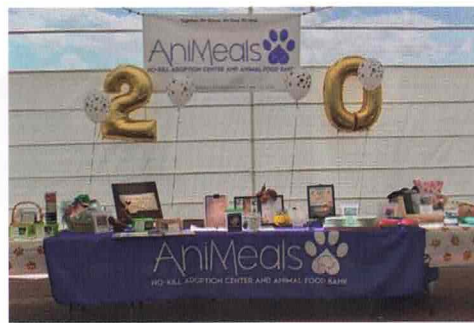
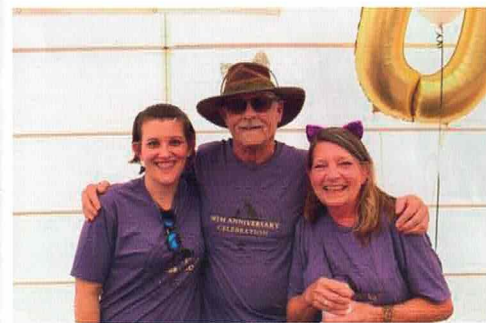
Donations can be made Monday-Sunday from 8-6pm. We accept towels, blankets, toys, beds, food, and much more!



# Celebrating 20 Years

AniMeals was founded by Karyn Moltzen in 2003 as an animal food bank. In 2006, due to overcrowding at Animal Control, AniMeals was founded as a shelter and adoption agency. This year, AniMeals celebrated our 20th Anniversary! For the past two decades, we have worked to rescue, feed, and heal the innocent lives in our community, all while helping the public in need through the Animal Food Bank program.

AniMeals is 100% funded by donations and grants. We do not receive any government funding. A large amount of our success has been because of the generous and compassionate members of our community. Community members, like YOU! We are so grateful for your generosity, support, and for helping us rescue, feed, and heal for the past 20 years!



**On Saturday, July 15th, AniMeals hosted a 20th Anniversary Celebration at Caras Park!**

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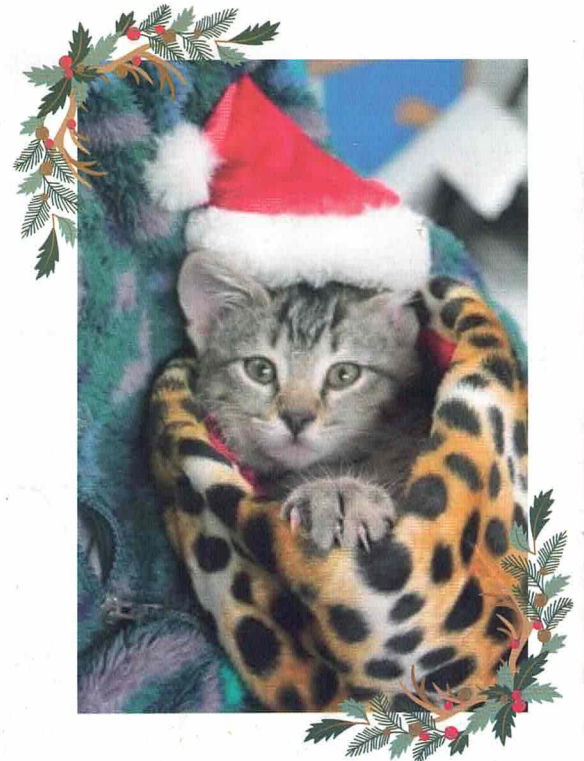
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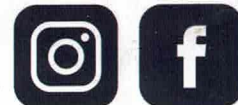


*Wishing you a happy holiday season & thanks for your support!*

## Sponsor a Kitty Kennel



To learn more about sponsoring a kitty kennel, visit our website  
[www.animeals.com](http://www.animeals.com).



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