



**KARMA**  
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**KARMA Rescue 2022  
ANNUAL REPORT**



# What An Amazing Year at KARMA Rescue

**We are preventing pets from entering the sheltering system in the first place.** It was a bold move when we pivoted from rehoming pets out of area shelters to preventing pets from entering the sheltering system in the first place by focusing on pet retention.

**Today, we have helped more pets and their families in one year than at any other time in our 20-year history: 1,797!**

We have a dedicated team literally answering the cries for help for the parvo pup, the bestie hit by a car, and the senior kitty with a mouth so painful she can no longer eat. **Our Get Fixed program has provided free spay/neuter to so many pets, 1,480!** There's now a comma in our yearly number. And this is being accomplished despite the scarcity of veterinarians to keep up with the demand.

A handwritten thank you note. An email filled with emojis. A testimonial that will bring tears to your eyes. KARMA Rescue has been a beacon of hope during times of uncertainty. And we have found hope in the ongoing commitment from our dedicated supporters. And in the newly-formed partnerships with other organizations to positively impact the most lives. As a community.

We have learned so much in the past year – about our organization, the dedication of our supporters, the willingness of communities to lean in, and of course, the pets and their people and how this bond emphasizes our immense capacity for compassion and hope.

And then we rinse and repeat.

The following pages highlight the accomplishments from 2022, an incredible year for KARMA Rescue as well as for pets and the people who love them.

  
Monica Wylie

Platinum  
Transparency  
2023

**Candid.**



# 2021 Goal Recapped

2021 was a busy year. COVID was still impacting our communities and the need for pet support had reached epic proportions. With the help of our incredible supporters, we created a better future for pets and their families who love them. We proudly reached all our 2021 goals.

## KARMA'S 2021 PROMISE WAS:

- Doubling the number of spay/neuter clinics.
- Expanding our spay/neuter services outside of our monthly clinics.
- Going into more under-resourced communities.
- Expanding our reach for medical assistance to pet families.
- Increase our veterinarian partnerships.
- Offering training assistance and education and building our relationships with community animal shelters and other non-profits in our targeted areas.

## PROGRAM UPDATES 2021

*Get Fixed:* We helped, 344 families get their beloved pets spayed or neutered.

*Project Coco:* We succeeded in keeping 206 pets and their families together. Services included dog training, veterinary assistance, and microchipping.



*"Most people truly love their pets and are desperate when they bring them to a shelter. They believe the shelter will help their animal find a new home, but sadly, that is not always possible. We must do everything in our power to keep pets with their people and stop them from getting to the shelter door." -Rande Levine, Founder*



## HOW DO WE CARRY OUT OUR MISSION?

**Knowledge** – acquiring, sustaining, growing, sharing, and applying the information through experience and education to achieve a community impact

**Aid** – helping families and their pets

**Resources** – enhancing the quality of life by creating a sustainable, humane system/community

**Movement** – developing a vision of a humane world, one community at a time

**Advocacy** – building support for the human-nonhuman animal bond



### MISSION

Our mission is to end economic euthanasia and elevate the human-nonhuman-animal bond by building healthy, humane communities.

### PROMISE

Do everything in our power to keep families and their pets together.

### VISION

A healthy, humane world, one community at a time.

## WHY DOES KARMA RESCUE EXIST?

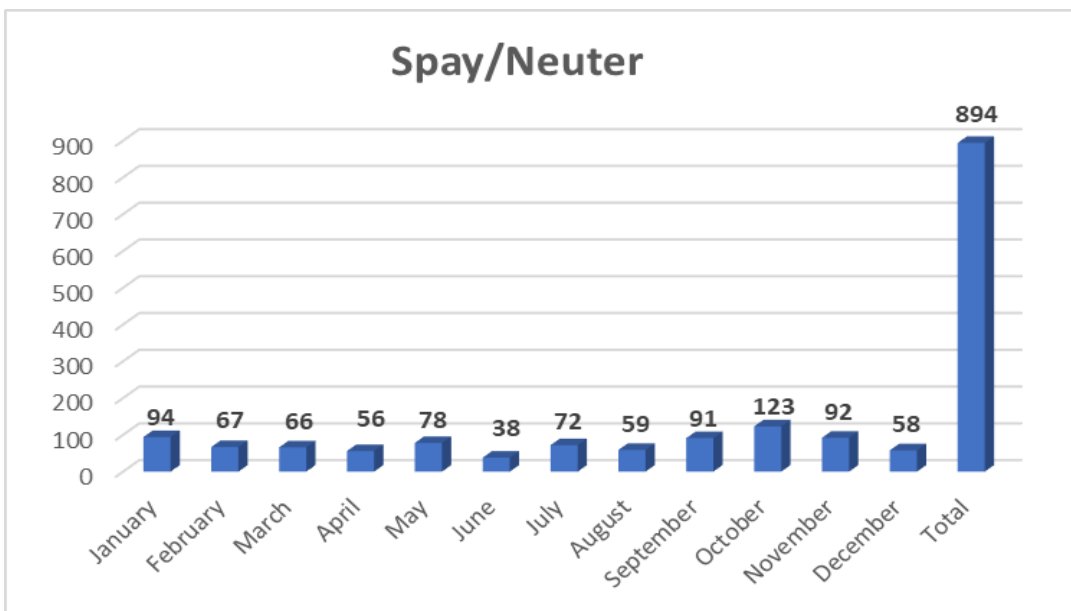
KARMA exists to catalyze a movement whereby healthy, humane communities become the norm: social change through promoting collective welfare for all.





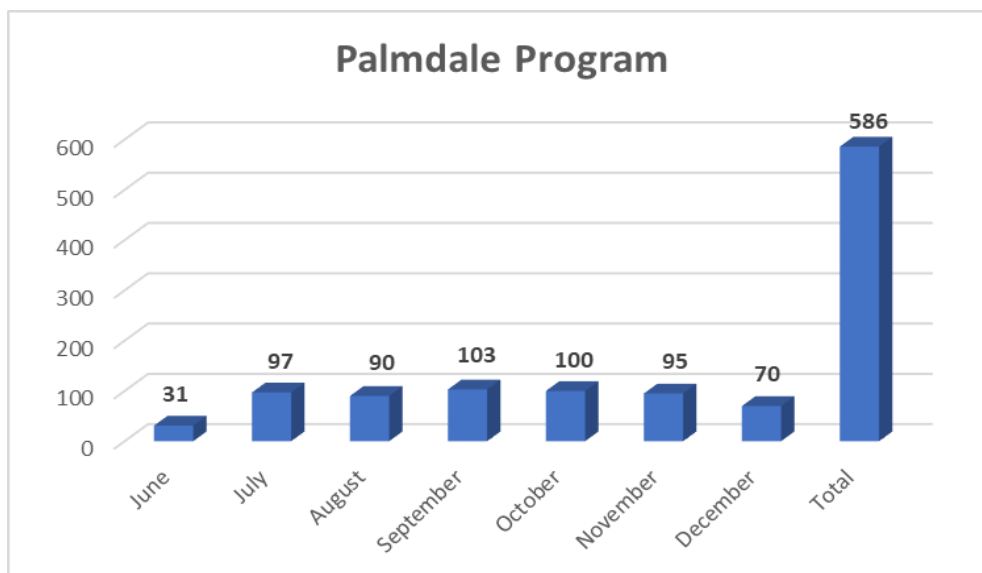
# GET FIXED PROGRAM

Our Get Fixed program offers low/no-cost spay/neuter services to families within targeted, low-income geographic areas of Los Angeles County. We work with a network of veterinary partners to provide low/no-cost spay/neuter surgeries. "Too Many" continues to be one of the top reasons for surrendering a pet to a shelter.



KARMA Rescue has partnered with the City of Palmdale's spay/neuter program.

Residents served by the incorporated City of Palmdale in zip codes 93550, 93551, 93552 and those assisting the community cats (TNR) in these areas can apply and receive low-cost spay/neuter services.





# GET FIXED TRIBUTES

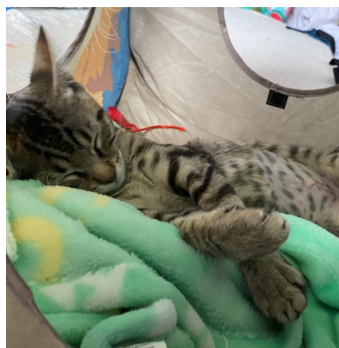


About a year ago, I had a colostomy surgery and was going through a lot of depression and mixed emotions. One day, my partner surprised me with one of the puppies that his dog Luna gave birth to. My health is much better, and she is attentive to me. That's why I want to do the same and get her fixed because she will live a longer, healthier life.

- Jonathan T



Thank you and your organization KARMA Rescue. It took me 8 months to finally find KARMA Rescue, but I was able to get my pets spayed. THANK YOU 🙏 so much. I don't have to worry that my cat will have kittens or if my dog will take off when she's in heat. Thank you again 🙏❤️🐕🐕

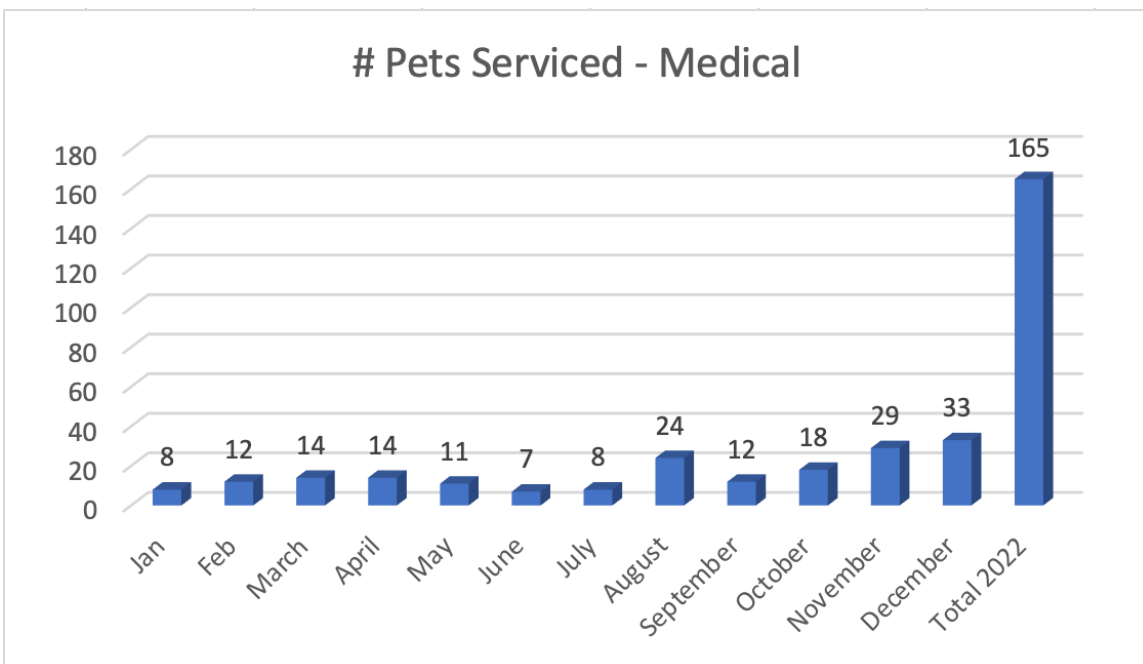
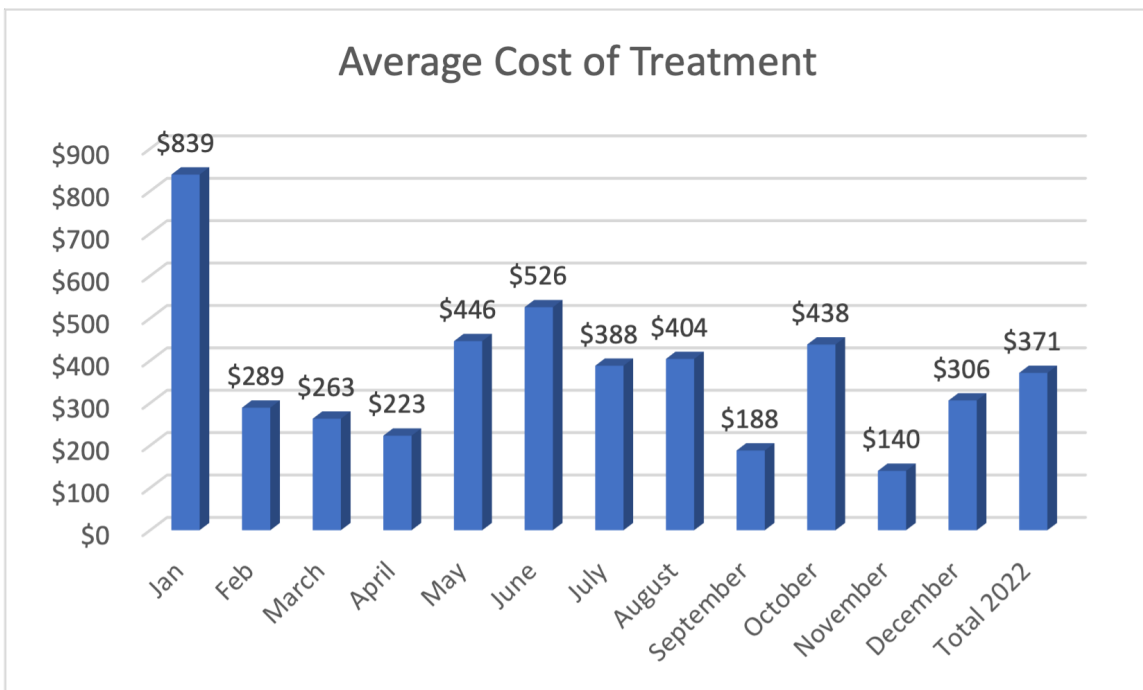


I want to express my deepest and sincerest thanks to you, the KARMA team, the spay4la team, and all the wonderful volunteers. So, thank you, and please know you helped immensely lessen the burden for a first-time cat mom! Wishing you all an abundance of happiness as you carry on helping many animals and increasing their chances at a happier and safer life. - Jocelyn L-A



# KARMA CARE PROGRAM

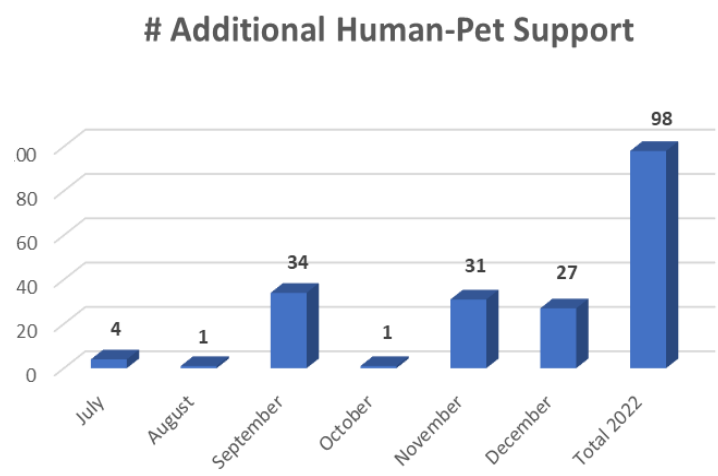
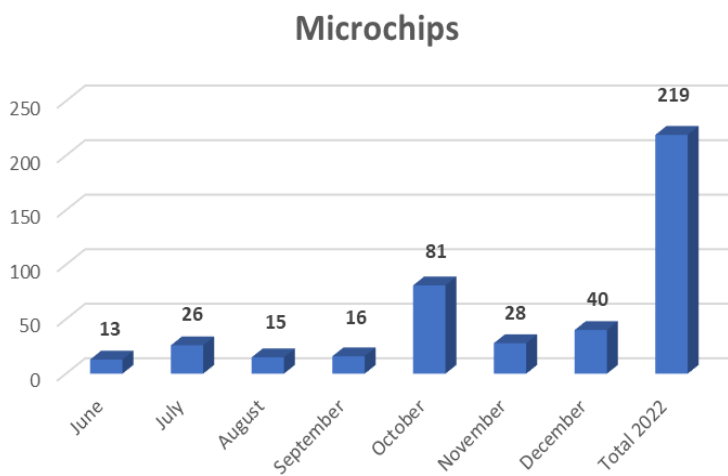
KARMA Rescue provides financial assistance for pets and their people to keep families together. KARMA Care, an outreach program, offers support to Los Angeles pet parents who need financial assistance for veterinary expenses, dog training support, or even basic supplies – to keep pets out of shelters and in their homes.



# KARMA CARE CONT.



KARMA Rescue provides wrap-around support to pet families, doing everything in our power to keep families and pets together. From dog training to microchipping, providing food, supplies, and supporting families with our special concierge service.







# KARMA CARE TRIBUTES

Our daughter's hamster was diagnosed with Cancer. We were given a choice to treat him by amputating Hammy's right hand or euthanizing him. I had my daughter Bella decide; she didn't want to put him through more pain. We were given time to say goodbye to Hammy. Bella knew how to calm him and caressed his head while she said goodbye. KARMA was involved throughout the whole process. I'm thankful for KARMA Rescue. - *Bella Hammy's mom*

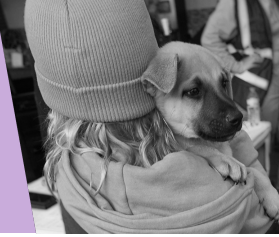


A lifelong friend passed away suddenly 3 months ago. As she was dying, she asked me to take care of her dog Hairy. I am doing my best to keep him healthy and happy, but I'm a senior on a fixed income & vet bills are expensive. I could use assistance in fixing his teeth. POST CARE NOTE: "Thank you very much for helping with the cost of Hairy's tooth extractions. I honestly could not afford this essential procedure without it. - *Judy M & Hairy*



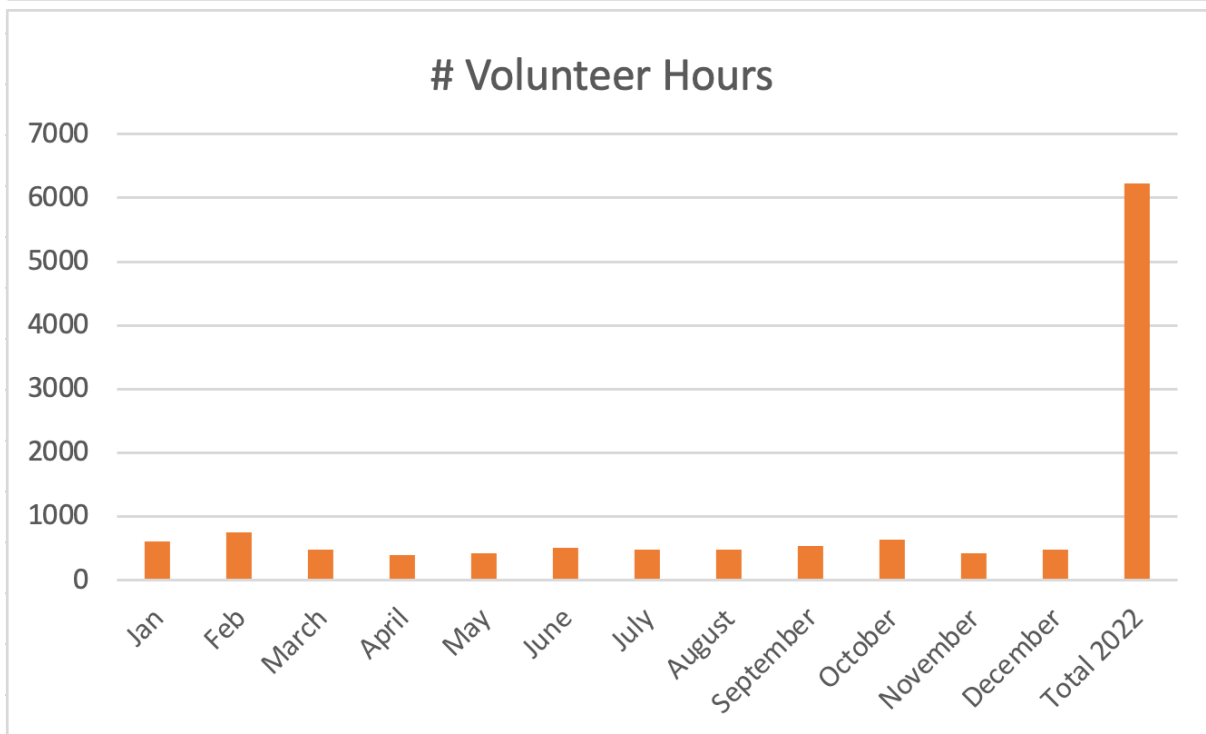
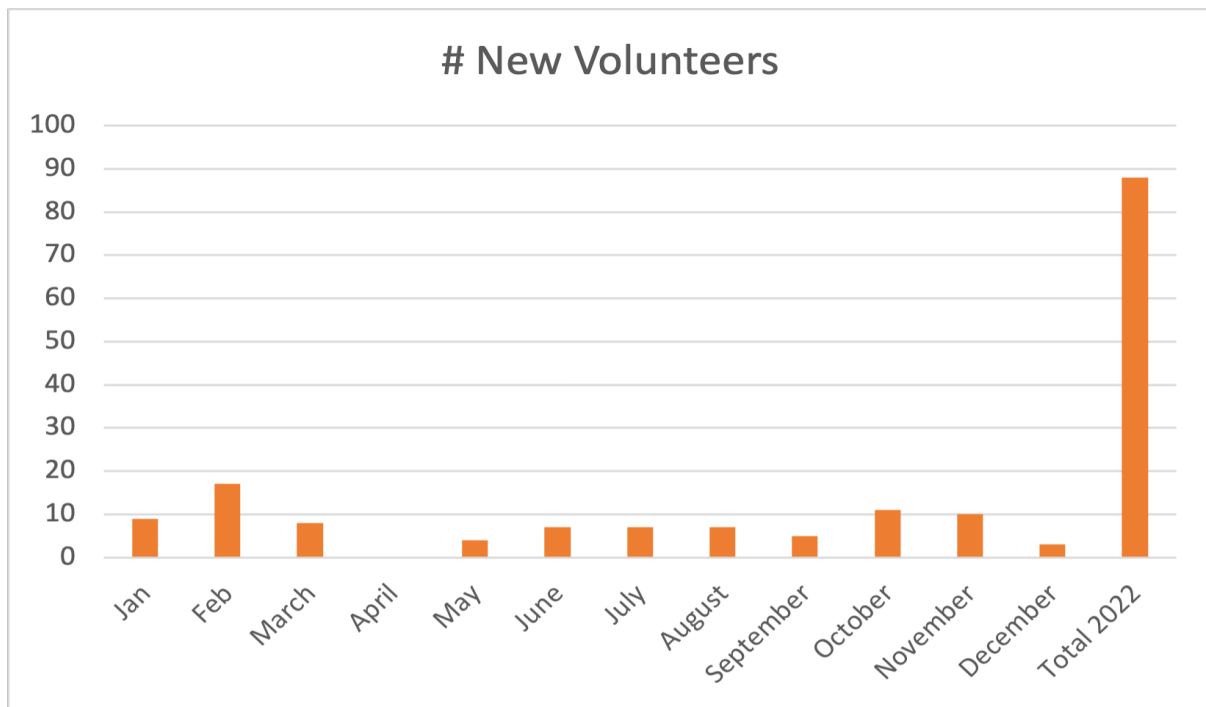
Sweet Blankita was abandoned near a park. I have been feeding her and the rest of the colony for months. I saw her and her two kittens walking our dogs at the park. With the help of KARMA Rescue, I got her and another cat fixed. Then beautiful Blankita disappeared for several weeks. When I finally saw her again, her leg was badly injured. KARMA was there again to help. We love her so much she has a home with us now. Thank you for helping our sweet Blankita! - *Jessika Blankita's mom*





# VOLUNTEERS

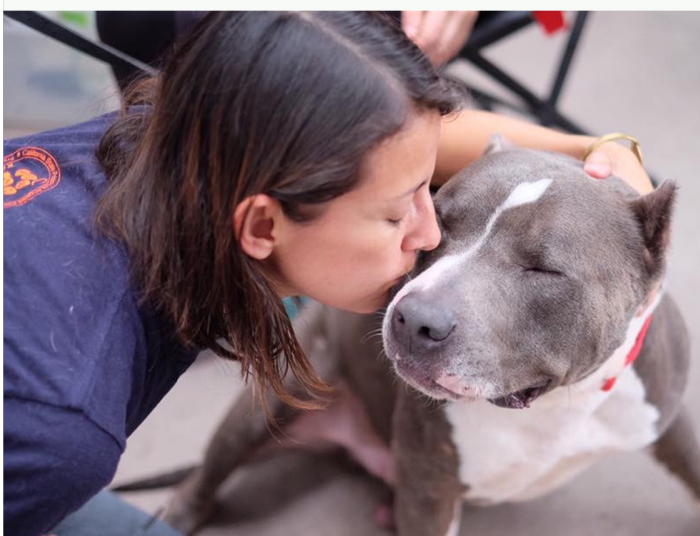
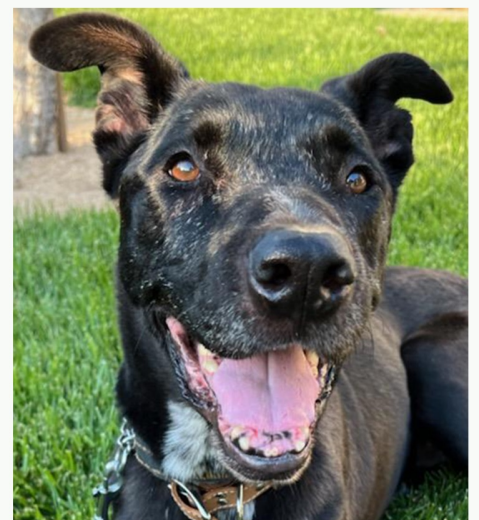
Volunteering with KARMA will transform the world around you: for pets, their parents, our team, our community, and for you. If you love animals, volunteering with us is a meaningful way to contribute to a cause you care about. **Our volunteers racked up 6,228 hours of service, equating to \$186,528.60!**







# HAPPY FACES



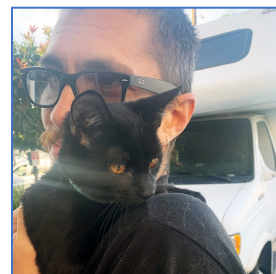




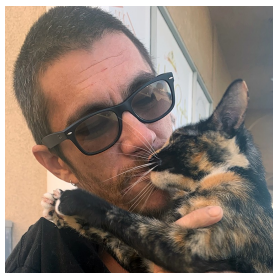
# THEY NEEDED HELP

**At KARMA, our promise is to do everything in our power to keep families and pets together.**

Nathan was living in his small RV with 16 cats and kittens and a dog. They were more than pets; they were his family. And they needed help. Several of the cats and kittens were suffering from diarrhea and other symptoms of a potentially life-threatening illness. Nathan was scared, overwhelmed and desperate. That's when he called KARMA to come to the rescue.



Thankfully, we were able to provide the necessary treatment. The cats responded well, but the two tiniest kittens, Angel and Bubbie, were still in critical condition, teetering on the brink of death.



Through our KARMA Care Program, Angel and Bubbie were admitted to a veterinary emergency clinic. Subcutaneous fluids were given, as well as critical antibiotics. Soon, they were back to their playful selves.

In the process of working with Nathan, we realized that his kittens and dog were never fixed. Through KARMA's Get Fixed program, we remedied the situation by scheduling and paying for all the procedures.

Then the unexpected happened. Nathan's RV was totaled in a hit-and-run accident. Now he had to worry about where to live with his pet family. He knew he needed to make some changes. If not for him, at least for his pets.

With ongoing KARMA support, Nathan has been able to re-home all but nine of his cats. Spikey, the dog, will remain by his side. Even Nathan got re-homed! Happily, situated, he has his own apartment. He is reclaiming his life and surrounding himself with a new tribe. **Hopefully, he won't need our services again. But if he does, KARMA will be there to help.**







# LOVE & NEEDED CARE

**TO MANY, CAPTAIN is "just a dog." But not to Gina and not to KARMA.**

This three-year-old boy had suffered through some hard times. His tail was broken. He was growing thinner by the day and battling digestive issues. Rumor has it he had been abused in his previous life. Enough was enough. Gina and her husband couldn't stand by and watch Captain decline any longer.

This compassionate duo was able to assume guardianship of Captain. They knew he deserved better. Captain deserved to live a healthy, happy life. Although they faced their own challenges, they had plenty of love to give!



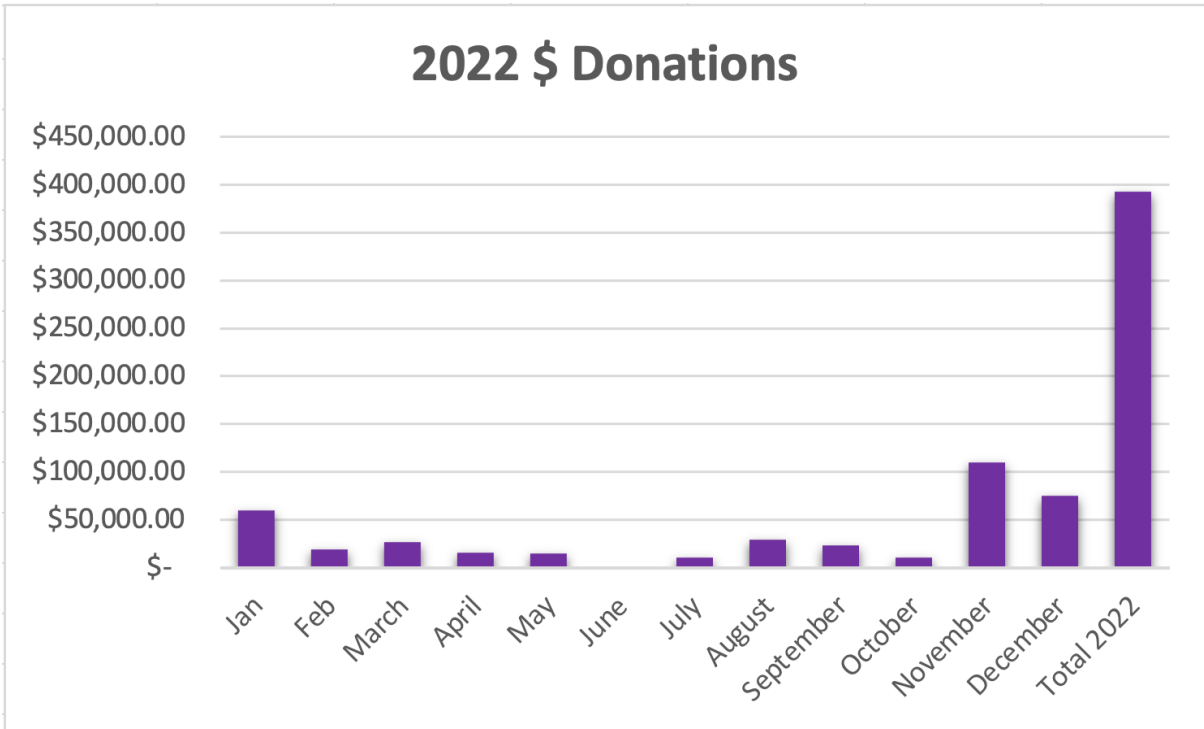
As Captain settled in with his new family, it was evident he wasn't digesting his meals properly. And he continued to lose weight. Gina knew they needed to take Captain to the vet. Then she found KARMA. We got Captain his full exam, including bloodwork and x-rays. His tail might need to be amputated at some point if it continues to cause him problems. But for now, he is on a special diet and can maintain his weight. He thinks he is a lap dog—all 75+ pounds of him. He loves his doggie sibling. And, of course, he loves his new parents.



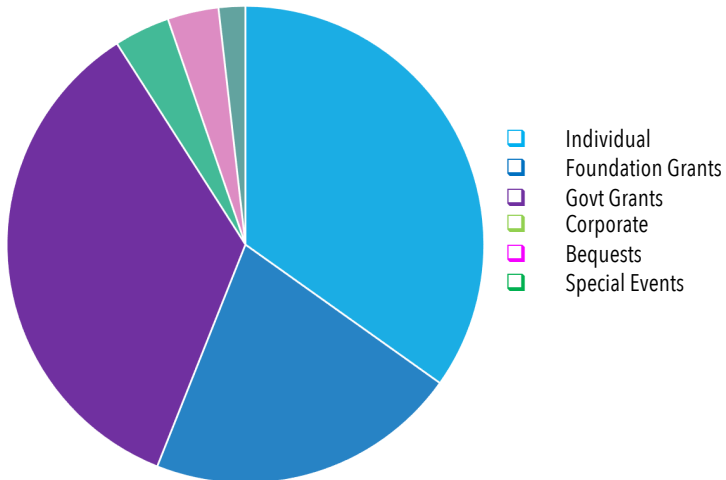
**At KARMA, we understand that providing even "standard" veterinary care makes a big difference in the lives of pets in need and their families.**



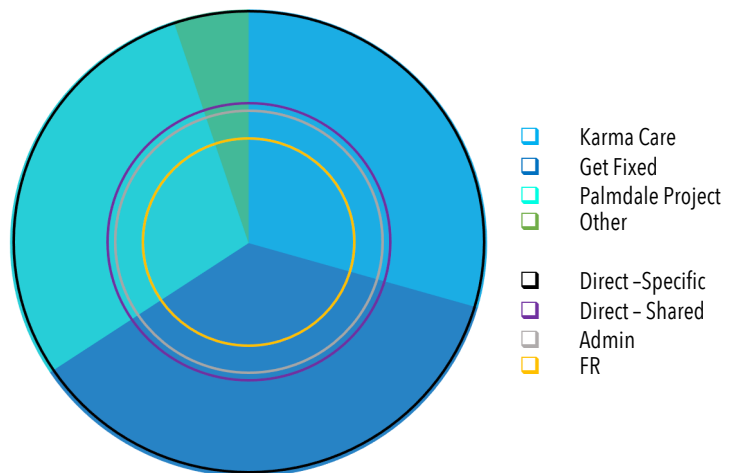
# 2022 FINANCIALS



2022 Revenue



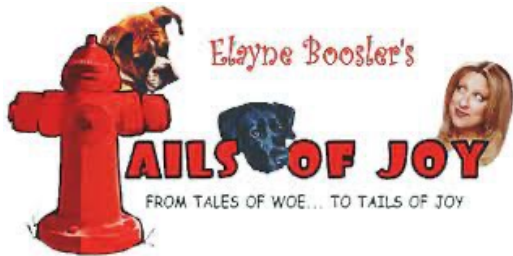
True Program Costs - Core Mission Support





# KARMA 2022 GRANTS

We are honored to be the recipients of grants from these organizations and Los Angeles Districts.



## Michelson Found Animals



CHRISSIE'S FUND  
*Helping dogs in need*

## HOLLY J. MITCHELL

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# WHY I SUPPORT KARMA



"I am extremely proud to be part of the KARMA organization and serve as Board Chair because KARMA is an organization clearly focused on its mission, a mission I completely support.

There will likely always be a need for shelters and adoption services. Still, KARMA strives to reduce the reliance on these services by providing comprehensive support, ultimately ending economic euthanasia.

The relationship I have had with my rescue pets over the years has been nothing but unconditional love, both ways. KARMA's efforts are to support these relationships, so they are preserved and do not end due to financial circumstances.

The human-nonhuman relationship is so rewarding, supportive, and unique; KARMA strives to preserve that for everyone, regardless of the economic situation." - *Jack Gannon Chairperson*

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## Board of Directors

Rande Levine: Founding Board Member

Jack Gannon: Chairperson

Everett Gotfredson: Secretary

Diane Hubka: Treasurer

Mitch Engel

Jordan Cole, DVM

Jasmine Rassekh

Matt Marowitz

## Honorary Board Members

David Eagle

Carole Ellis

Samantha Tate

Dan Shapiro





# WAYS TO SUPPORT KARMA

## Become a KARMA Fur-ever Friend

Join our community of monthly donors bringing life-saving services to pets and their families in need. Your monthly donation is our backbone so we can continue to provide life-saving veterinary care and spaying/neutering for beloved pets.

<https://www.karmarescue.org/donate>

## Memorial Wall

KARMA's Memorial Wall is a great way to honor or memorialize your pet! Each tribute to your pet(s) will help save another family and their pet.

<https://www.karmarescue.org/memorial-wall>

## Sponsor a KARMA Care pet

Right now, there are dogs and cats who need a hero. Many families cannot afford the necessary veterinary care that is needed for their beloved pets.

If you are interested in helping out a pet in immediate need, please contact

[Annie@karmarescue.org](mailto:Annie@karmarescue.org).

## Host an Event

Are you interested in hosting an event? Please reach out to Annie at [Annie@karmarescue.org](mailto:Annie@karmarescue.org) for special opportunities.

## Sponsor a GET FIXED Clinic

Are you interested in sponsoring a spay/neuter clinic? KARMA hosts monthly spay/neuter clinics throughout SoCal. Please reach out to

[Shannon@Karmarescue.org](mailto:Shannon@Karmarescue.org) for sponsorship opportunities.

## Coin Up

Sign-up to support KARMA Rescue. Select either a "round up" or a "fixed monthly" amount to donate each month up to your chosen limit. Seamlessly connect your credit or debit card to automate your round-up or fixed monthly donations.

<https://www.coinupapp.com/searched-charities>

## Shop at our KARMA store

Did you know that KARMA has its very own online store? When you shop at the KARMA store, all proceeds will go right back to work to save more lives and keep families and their pets together. <https://www.bonfire.com/results/karma%20rescue%20/>



# TEAM KARMA



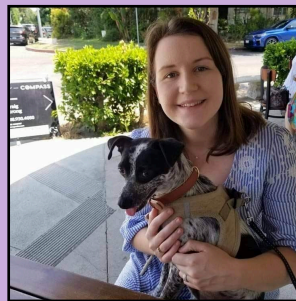
Monica Wylie  
Executive Director



Shannon Montoya  
Director Get Fixed



Debbie Brunner  
Director of Marketing



Annie Ward  
Program Coordinator



Jessica McGregor  
Administrative Services Coordinator

## LOOKING TO 2023

As we look forward, we're excited to be once again doing in-person events, expanding our educational program and adding new partners and communities to serve.

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All donations are 100% tax deductible to the fullest extent of the law.  
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