

# FELINE ADVOCATES OF LEON COUNTY



## Mission

To advocate on behalf of the rights of animals in Leon County, specifically cats, but on occasion others.

To provide service and care to animals in an attempt to reduce suffering.

To re-home homeless animals.

ANNUAL REPORT 2021

# OUR TEAM

## Board of Directors

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# MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

We are entering our third year of operations and have had such an amazing experience.

I couldn't have asked for a better team of volunteers and dedicated animal lovers that have continued this dream.

The wish to work as a team with other local non profits has come true. We have an on-going line of communication with other local rescues and work together, communicating the needs of our communities stray animals. We meet periodically with the city animal control director to stay knowledgable of our city's laws and procedures. Through this we can end suffering in the animal population, on the streets of our community.

As we continue to work in our community with homeless animals, we look forward to working on our education program. So many topics regarding all animal welfare need to be shared with our community and we hope to play a prominent role along side other wonderful animal non profits in spreading animal welfare knowledge.

We appreciate your support and please continue to follow us through all of our endeavors!

Michelle Hartsfield  
Founder and Presdient



# THE FALC CATS

## INTAKES

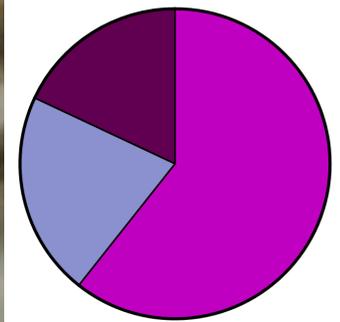
In 2019, our first year operating, our intakes were at 66 and for 2020 we managed to rescue 320 felines (and 2 canines). We kept a consistent and steady pace for 2021 with 333 intakes. What a great number!!

With the opening of our adult cat adoption center, Fat Cat Books, we continued to rescue the older kitties, bringing in multiple senior and adult cats.

We took in cats from Leon County, as well as surrounding rural shelters from Quincy, Thomasville, Bainbridge, Moultrie and Franklin Co.



**FALC Intakes 2021**



**Total = 333**

- Stray 202
- Transfer from shelters/rescues 71
- Owner Surrender 60

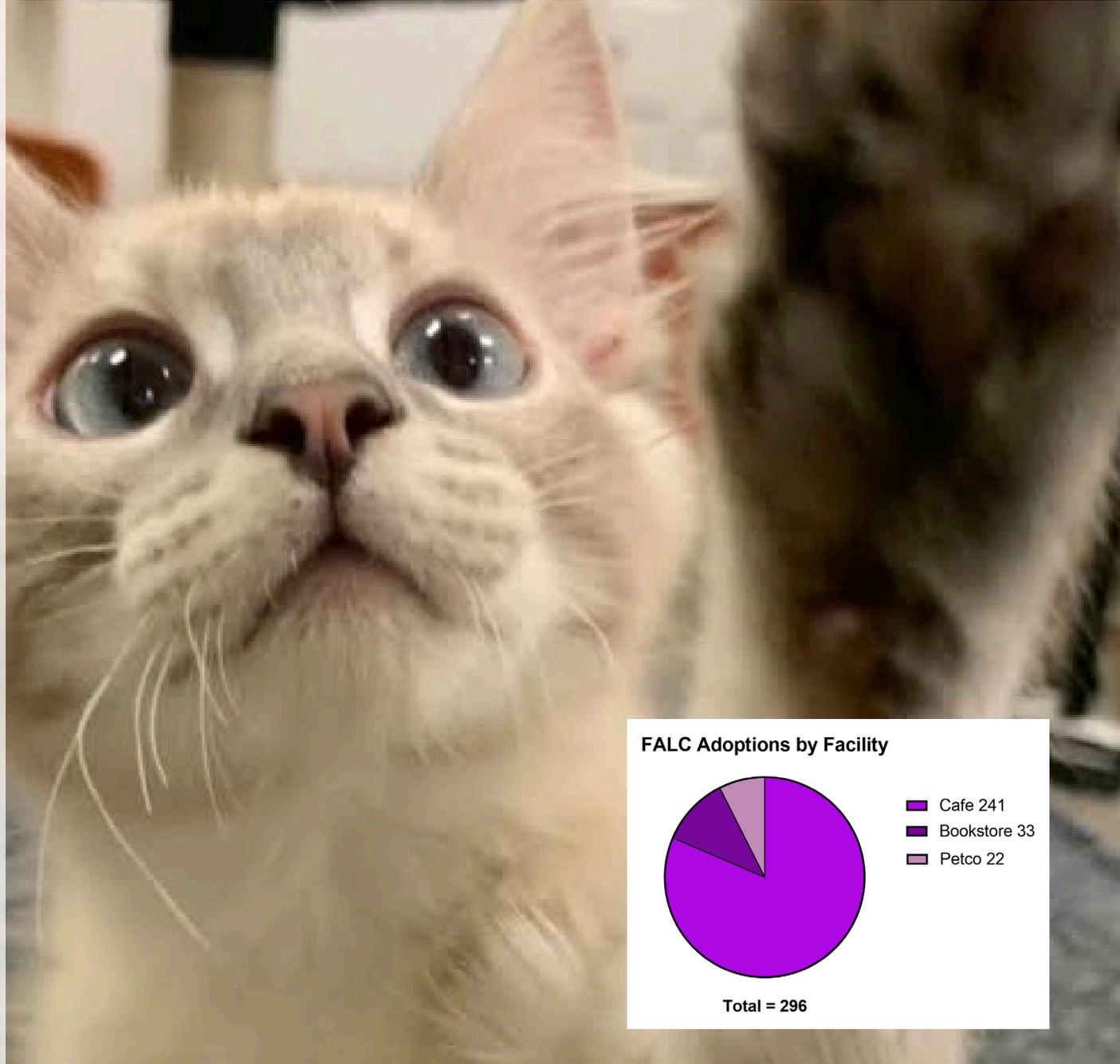
# THE FALC CATS

## ADOPTIONS 2021 296

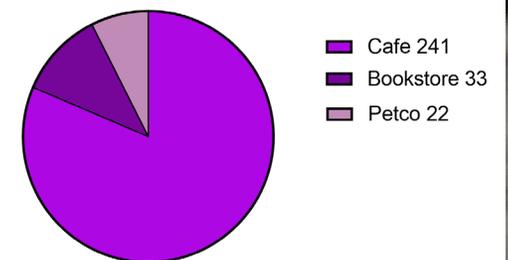
We are so blessed to have 3 outlets for adoptions.

Fat Cat Cafe showed only a small decrease in adoptions. Our young energetic kitties lived there while older calmer kitties resided at Fat Cat Books. And Petco was our short stay alternative to get our kitties extra exposure.

The kitties we take to Petco only stay for 7 days, based on a policy we set in place, and then they go back to either of the adoption facilities. But rarely do they ever make it that long before getting adopted. Petco has helped find so many furr-babies new homes, we could not be more thankful for the opportunity.



FALC Adoptions by Facility



Total = 296

# FAT CAT CAFE

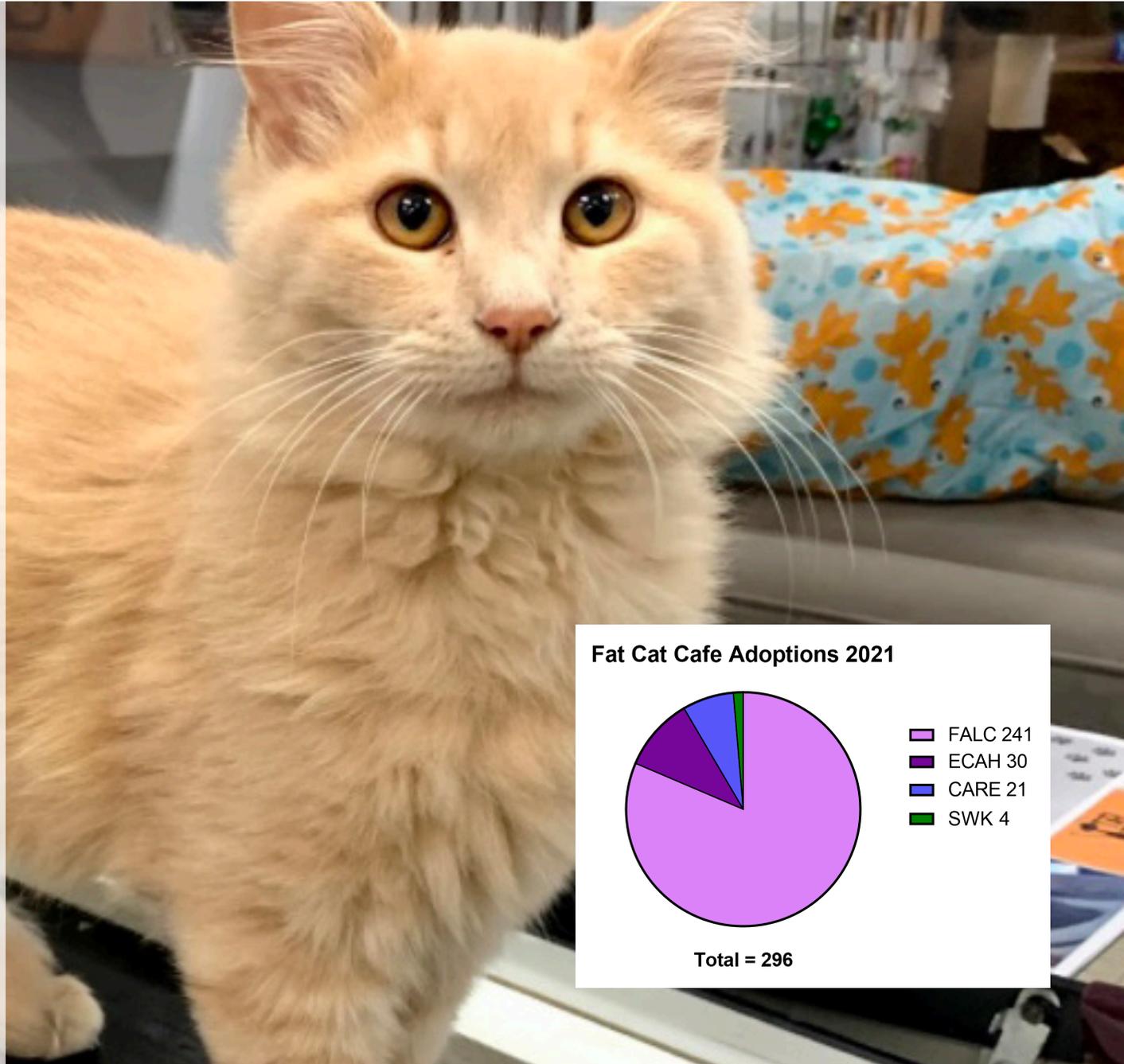


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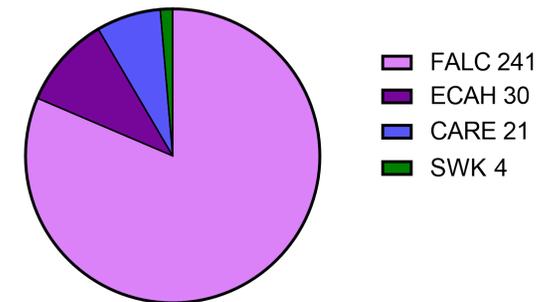
Fat Cat Cafe turned 4 on August 17th, and after having an amazing boost in adoptions from people wanting to quarantine with new pets during COVID, we feel like we have established our place in the community.

Even though events with kitties had to come to a halt due to COVID, thanks to one of our generous donors, we were able to offer Yoga with Kitties. We also kept our local artist boutique alive by taking it online and shipping products as far as Illinois. We couldn't keep "Gail's Cat Nip Bags" in stock!

Business is better than ever!!!



Fat Cat Cafe Adoptions 2021



Total = 296

# FAT CAT BOOKS



## ADOPTIONS 15

Fat Cat Books is a used book store and senior cat adoption center. We had the dream prior to COVID-19 taking over, so we had to wait. Then when the time seemed right, we took a chance. And what a great move that was!

The community has embraced and enjoyed the bookstore and its kitties so much and it has created a way for us to sustain our endeavours with donated books and book lovers.

At the book store, you will only find kitties over the age of 2. We have created a calm, safe environment for the older kitties to relax and wait for their furrever homes.

We look forward to many years of kitties and books.



# REVENUE

**TOTAL**  
\$145,029

**FAT CAT CAFE**  
\$55,658

**FAT CAT BOOKS**  
\$52,374

**GRANTS**  
See Grants Next Page

**DONATIONS**  
\$15,997

**FUNDRAISING**  
\$21,000



## 2021 FUNDRAISERS

FOR CAT'S SAKE ART AUCTION-OCTOBER • VALENTINE'S DAY LITTER BOX EVENT-FEBRUARY  
BLIND DATE WITH A BOOK-FEBRUARY • BOOK SALE-QUARTERLY • FACEBOOK FUNDRAISERS PERIODICALLY

# COMMUNITY PARTNERS

## IT TAKES A VILLAGE

We believe that in order to solve the homeless pet population, we must work together as a community, utilizing our resources to provide the best care for the cats and kittens in need. That is why we believe our partners and sponsors are one of the most important aspects of our organization.

We give our utmost thanks to those who walk with us in our journey!

***"Teamwork is the secret that makes common people achieve uncommon results." – Ifeanyi Onuoha***



# OUR VILLAGE

## OUR FOSTERS

The process of saving a feline begins with knowing you have a safe place to keep them. That is why we value our fosters so much. They follow our policies and are diligent about giving the care needed to keep them well and safe.

## OUR VOLUNTEERS

Outside of caring for the kitties, there are so many other moving parts. These parts don't move without our die-hard volunteers. Many of us would be burned out if it weren't for them picking up so many other tasks, from laundry to trips to vets, to helping at the facilities.

## OUR EMPLOYEES

We are lucky enough to be able to pay employees to oversee our adoption centers. And we only employ dedicated, cat-knowledgeable, reliable people who make running these facilities easier and safer while the rest of us can go to our "day jobs".



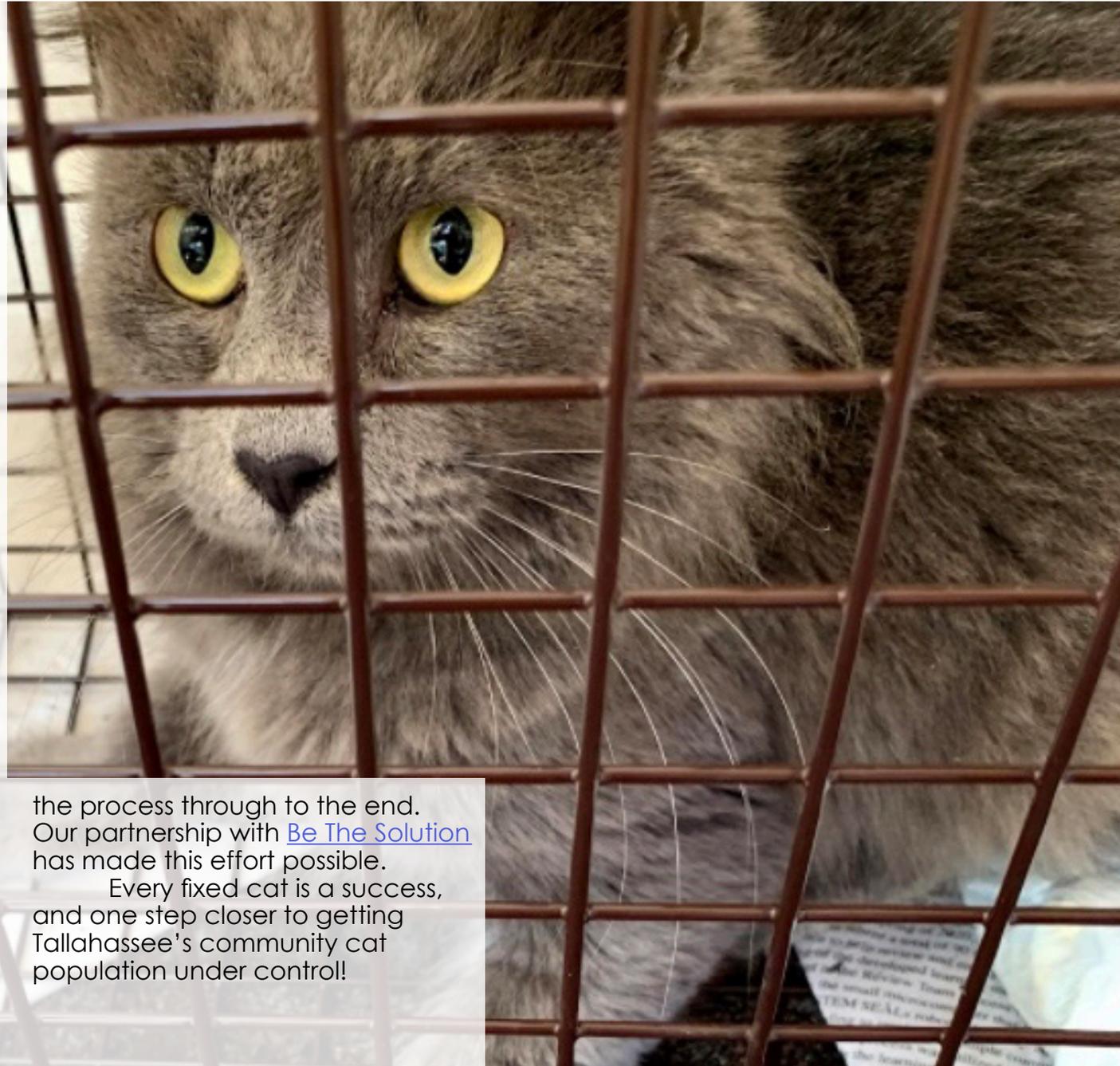
# TRAP NEUTER RETURN

## Community Cats Spayed or Neutered 143

Trap neuter return (TNR) is a humane and effective technique for managing populations of feral, unowned, free-roaming community cats. Cats are humanely trapped, sterilized, and receive a rabies vaccine before being returned to their outdoor home. It's estimated that over 70% of kittens are born outside, and TNR effectively reduces the number of stray kittens being brought into animal shelters, vet offices, and rescues like us!

For 2020 we had a final count 108. We increased that number for 2021 to 143! Many of them we consider "full circle" TNR. When we rescued kittens from an outdoor location, we revisited it to locate and sterilize any unaltered adult cats in the area, to break the reproductive cycle and prevent any more stray kitten rescues in that location.

We took on a new ideal of empowering the citizens. If we are not able to go out and help them directly, we would teach them and provide what they needed to see



the process through to the end. Our partnership with [Be The Solution](#) has made this effort possible.

Every fixed cat is a success, and one step closer to getting Tallahassee's community cat population under control!

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