



2024-2025 Impact Report

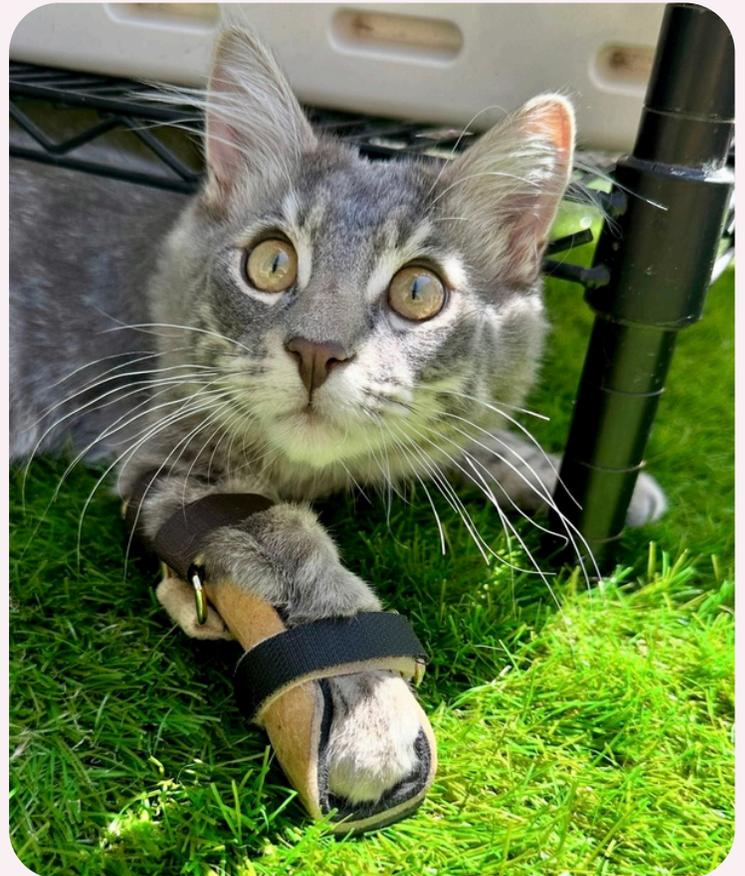


Our Mission



Baby Kitten Rescue specializes in caring for neonatal, critical care, and special needs kittens. We believe that these kittens' lives matter, and that they are worth the extra time, energy, and expense it takes to help them survive and thrive.

By fighting for the most vulnerable kittens, we advocate for a world rooted in compassion and inclusivity, showing that kittens with special needs can live full, vibrant, and joyful lives.



2024-2025 *in review*

Returning to our mission

In 2024, Baby Kitten Rescue returned to the core of our mission: serving as a specialized lifeline for neonates, complex medical cases, and kittens with special needs.

While our growth once allowed us to rescue hundreds of healthy kittens, we recognized that our unique expertise was needed most by those with the fewest options. By focusing our resources and cultivating an elite network of medically trained fosters, we ensure that the most vulnerable kittens—those others might turn away—have a fighting chance at life.

Baby Kitten Rescue remains a dedicated lifeline for the kittens who have nowhere else to turn.

62

Total Kittens & Cats

24

Medical

18

Special Needs

15

Neonatal



Our Programs

Rescue & Stabilize

We intervene in the most at-risk cases, providing the critical care and specialized medical support required to save the most fragile kittens.

Heal & Rehabilitate

In partnership with veterinarians, specialists, and therapists, we lead our kittens through intensive rehabilitation—including surgeries and physical therapy—to restore their mobility and health to the greatest extent possible.

Match & Mentor

We facilitate intentional adoptions with families dedicated to providing the care needed. By providing education and support to our adopters, we ensure our graduates receive the care they need for life.



Lifetime Care Program

Sometimes, the trauma a kitten has endured or the complexity of their condition means they need a very specific kind of environment—one we are uniquely equipped to provide. In 2024, we launched our Lifetime Care Program for kittens with profound medical or special needs. To us, these cats aren't "unadoptable"; they are family. This program is our promise that they will always have access to expert veterinary care, daily rehabilitation, and a safe haven where they are celebrated exactly as they are, for as long as they live.

Spotlight Story:

Henry

Henry was just 5 weeks old when he was found alone, struggling with a severely swollen and useless front leg. Henry was placed on the euthanasia list at the shelter, but Baby Kitten Rescue immediately stepped in to provide the specialized medical intervention he deserved. Our veterinary team did everything possible to save his injured limb, but the initial trauma had caused significant blood loss, leading to a dangerous and painful condition known as degloving. To prevent systemic infection and end his suffering, Henry underwent emergency amputation surgery.

Despite the intensity of his medical journey, Henry's spirit remained unbreakable. He was the most vivacious, happy kitten in the nursery, purring through his recovery with incredible resilience. We are thrilled to share that Henry has since fully healed, adapted perfectly to life on three legs, and been adopted into a loving forever home where he is cherished for the tiny warrior he is.



Spotlight Story:

Lucy

At five weeks old, Lucy weighed only as much as a one-week-old neonate. She arrived at Baby Kitten Rescue in critical condition—battling pneumonia and struggling to breathe due to a misshapen rib cage known as Flat Chested Kitten Syndrome (FCKS). Our team immediately placed her on oxygen and antibiotics, and fitted her tiny body with a custom splint to correct her ribcage. For a while, the plan worked beautifully; Lucy began to thrive, gaining strength and capturing our hearts with her warrior spirit.

But in a devastating turn of events, Lucy suddenly went into severe respiratory distress. Gasping for breath, she was rushed to the ER, where the veterinary team did everything in their power to stabilize her. Unfortunately, her tiny, broken body could not recover, and she passed away. The vet explained that her sudden decline was likely the result of heart failure. Though her time with us was far too short, Lucy knew she was safe, loved, and fought for until the very end.

And although losing Lucy broke our hearts. We would do it all over again to give her the chance, care, and love she deserved. She was worth it.



Spotlight Story:

The Wonky Kittens

Baby Kitten Rescue took in a baffling case affectionately dubbed "The Wonky Kittens"—a litter of five siblings all suffering from mysterious hind leg abnormalities. The intake videos were heartbreaking; the kittens struggled to move, dragging their legs in a way that baffled specialists and wasn't immediately identifiable as Swimmer's Syndrome or twisted legs. When x-rays surprisingly revealed no bone abnormalities, the treatment plan shifted from surgery to intense rehabilitation for connective tissue dysfunction.

Our team committed to months of daily physical therapy—massaging, stretching, and correcting their alignment—and the hard work paid off. After countless sessions and specialty appointments, the transformation was incredible: all of the Wonky Kittens were walking easily, using the litter box independently, and thriving! The best news of all: Willy, Tilly, Aurora, Moonbeam, and Hubble were all adopted into loving forever homes!



Spotlight Story:

Glinda

At just four weeks old, Glinda suddenly became paralyzed, unable to walk or even stand. Surrendered to Baby Kitten Rescue by an owner who could no longer provide the care she needed, Glinda's journey has been fraught with challenges. By three months old, she had not only lost mobility but also suffered a severe tail injury. Neurological scans revealed the heartbreaking extent of her trauma: a fractured vertebra and broken ribs.

Despite these devastating injuries, Glinda's spirit remains unbroken. She has already regained a small amount of mobility, but she relies heavily on a specialized—and expensive—treatment plan to progress including physical therapy, acupuncture, and acuscope treatments. Glinda requires daily specialized care in addition to her rehabilitation services. She is incontinent due to her spinal injury and requires manual expression of her bladder and bowels multiple times a day. But she is so patient and accepting of the help and is a happy, healthy, and thriving kitten! We hope to be able to start searching for her forever home soon!



Spotlight Story:

Cocoa & Butternut

Rescued from the outdoors, Cocoa and Butternut had obvious medical concerns. Cocoa presented with a severe head tilt, while Butternut couldn't walk due to Swimmer's Syndrome, which caused his hind legs to splay out helplessly. Our team jumped into action: a neurologist diagnosed Cocoa's inner ear infection, while Butternut underwent weeks of daily physical therapy to correct his alignment.

After weeks of specialized care and therapy, Cocoa's head tilt disappeared, and Butternut's hind legs were completely fixed. They both could now walk, run, jump, and play with no issues! After conquering their medical battles side-by-side, Cocoa & Butternut were adopted together!



Lifetime Care Cats



Disabled does not mean disposable.

Some cats require lifelong specialized care that others are not willing or able to provide. This program is our promise that these cats will always have access to expert veterinary care, daily rehabilitation, and a safe haven where they are celebrated exactly as they are, for as long as they live.

Rufus

Rufus is paralyzed and incontinent due to a traumatic spinal injury that occurred before he arrived into our care. He has been with Baby Kitten Rescue since he was 5 weeks old, and he is now 2.5 years old. He requires daily specialized care and is the happiest, most social, most loving kitty. He has a new baby human who he's in love with and is such a sweet and special cat.



Elphaba

Elphaba is paralyzed & incontinent due to a traumatic spinal injury that occurred before she came into our care. Additionally, she has 2 small heart defects and is battling recurring urinary tract infections. She requires daily specialized care and regular speciality vet visits to manage her health conditions. But she is 3 years old, happy and thriving despite all of her needs! She travels all over with her foster mom and lives a truly remarkable life.



Milly

Milly came to us as a 2 month old kitten with congenital hydrocephalus. In a truly extraordinary event, Milly had brain surgery to place a ventriculoperitoneal shunt to continuously drain the excess fluid from her brain. Although most kittens with hydrocephalus never see their first birthday, Milly is now 3 years old and thriving, thanks to her shunt! She requires annual specialty appointments with her neurologist to monitor her shunt and careful observation to monitor for any signs of shunt malfunction. But she is healthy, happy and thriving!



We'd like to thank all our donors for their generous support

We could not do this without you!



Thank you to everyone who has been a part of Baby Kitten Rescue over the past 4 years! We have gone through so many transformations and have helped so many kittens in need. I'm so incredibly proud of the work we have done and I'm so excited for all the special little lives we will touch in 2026!

Here's to another amazing year filled with magic, miracles, snuggles and purrs!

With Gratitude,

Caroline Grace
Founder/Director

