



# A YEAR OF **IMPACT**

2022 Annual Report

**Aniçira**



## Mission

Anicira is committed to serving animals and our community through veterinary services, education, outreach, care, and protection programs to help animals live healthy lives in a safe environment.

## Vision

A community free of homeless and neglected pets; an end to unnecessary euthanasia.

## Core Values

Believe in the inherent dignity of each animal.  
Lead with compassion.  
Partner with people.

## Dear Friends,

One of the most essential values we learn from pets is resilience. We help pets recover from severe injuries and illnesses to rejoin their families weekly. Their ability to heal inspires hope and keeps us focused on the future.

These past few years have been difficult. We have witnessed rising inflation, and the COVID-19 pandemic affects all members of our community - with the most vulnerable community members feeling the most substantial impact.

Helping pets heal is a way we can help heal our whole community. Despite the challenges of the last several years, we remained steadfast in our commitment to ending animal suffering and supporting pet families.

This year, we have helped more pets than ever receive high-quality, affordable veterinary care. Our three veterinary hospitals helped over 30,000 patients last year, providing a wide range of care from routine wellness visits to orthopedic surgeries.

There were many bright moments this year. For the first time in two years, we celebrated with friends at the Walk for the Animals. More than 300 community members joined us for a fun day of human and pet activities. Our San Diego veterinary flourished and added new team members.

Through our community support programs, we worked with pet families to make sure all pets had universal access to veterinary care. Our pet food pantry served more than 390,000 nutritious meals to ensure no pet in our area faced hunger.

This report provides highlights of the most important lifesaving achievements that our donors and supporters have contributed to over the past year. As we continue to work towards a future without animal suffering, we are glad to have this community of supporters and clients.



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Cate Lemmond".

**Cate Lemmond**  
*President/CEO*

# Veterinary Centers

Providing excellent patient care and superlative service to pet parents is our top priority. Each pet that walked into our hospitals was treated with the highest level of individual care and attention.



Anicira Veterinary Center offers clients:

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|  Sick + Well Care      |  Dentistry + Oral Surgery |  General Surgery                                       |
|  Spay + Neuter Surgery |  End of Life Care         |  Orthopedic Surgery<br><i>(Manassas and San Diego)</i> |



# Veterinary Center Statistics



**29,907**

Vaccines Administered



**7,849**

Dogs Spayed/Neutered



**22,646**

Soft-Tissue Surgeries Performed



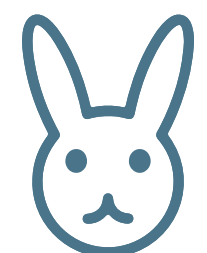
**2,299**

Dentistry Procedures Performed



**10,328**

Cats Spayed/Neutered



**44**

Rabbits Spayed Neutered



Bobtail had been laboring for over 24 hours. She gave birth to one live kitten but was struggling to deliver the remaining babies. Her dad rushed her to an emergency vet, but the cost of care there was prohibitively high. That's when Bobtail's dad reached out to Anicira.

When Bobtail arrived, the veterinary team found that the kittens within her womb were nonresponsive. However, during the emergency C-section, our incredible surgical team was able to revive three kittens. Both Mama Bobtail and her four babies are back home and doing great.



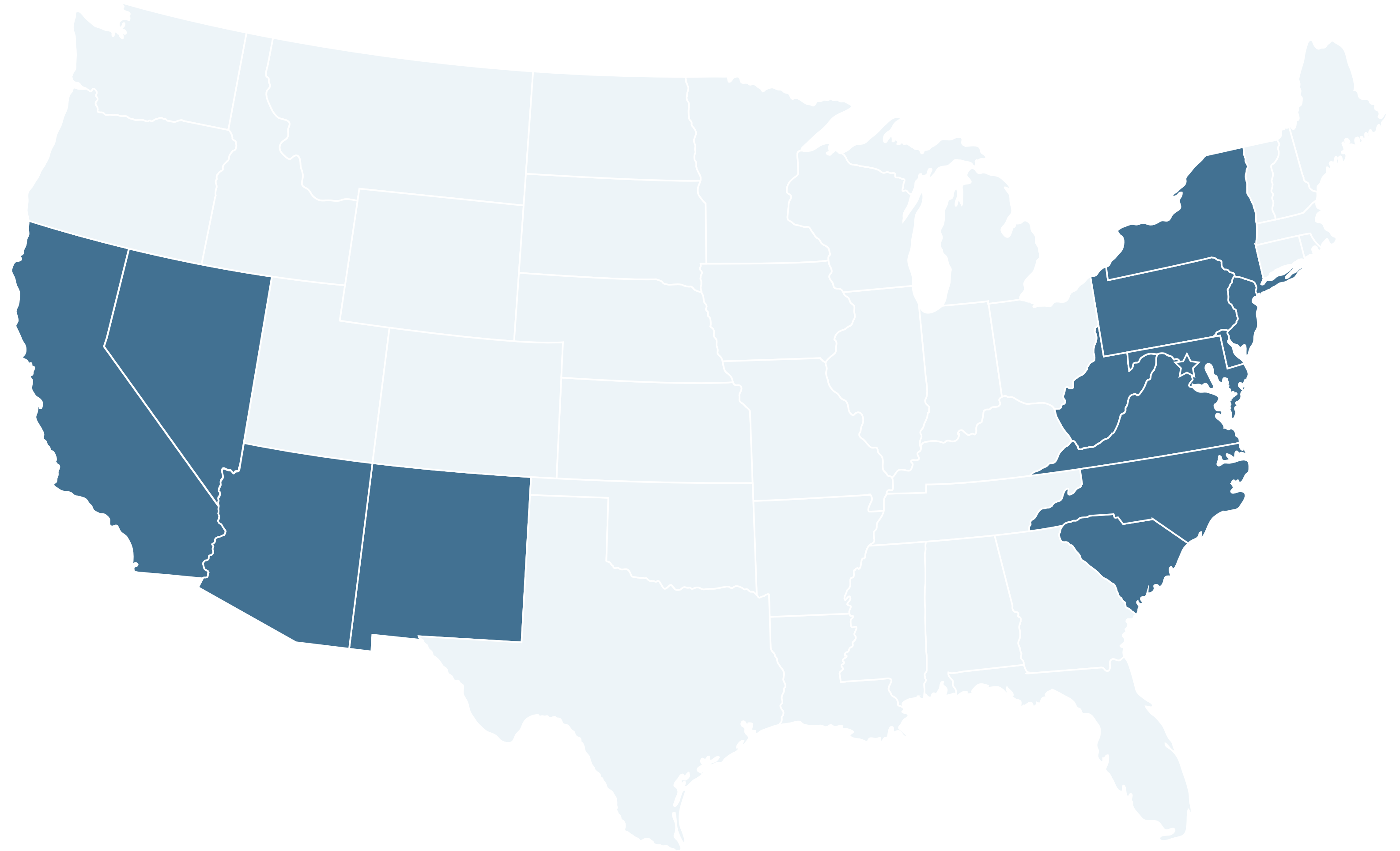
A Good Samaritan found this mother cat and her 6 kittens abandoned in a cat carrier while she was fishing. Others in the area had turned a blind eye, but she took it upon herself to help this family. The kittens were treated for upper respiratory infections, eye infections, and fleas. Once they had recovered, they were spayed/neutered and found new loving homes.



# Pet parents visited from near and far

Lack of access to affordable veterinary care is a major concern for many pet families. To obtain medical and surgical care for their pets, families drove many hours to bring their pets to Anicira.

Pets visited Anicira from Arizona, California, DC, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Mexico, Nevada, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, West Virginia, and Virginia.







## Keely's Story

Keeley was shot through the back with an arrow while in her backyard. She was rushed to Anicira Veterinary Center where she underwent emergency surgery. The arrow fractured a vertebra in her spine and caused significant bleeding. Throughout the entire process, Keeley remained gentle and kind to every person she met. After surgery, she happily walked around and made friends with the team that just saved her life. Keeley fully recovered from her injuries and is back home with her loving family. Her care was subsidized through Anicira's Operation Free Pet Healthcare program.



*Keeley immediately after surgery*



*Keeley's family describe her as a very friendly dog who has never met a stranger*



# Increasing Access to Veterinary Care

As a nonprofit veterinary hospital, it is Anicira's mission to increase access to veterinary care and keep pets with their families. In 2022, Anicira helped 2,435 families by providing free veterinary care through our financial assistance programs. The services we provided ranged from critical care that saved lives to providing vaccines that prevent deadly diseases.



**2,435**

Pets Provided  
Free Care



**1,719**

Families Assisted



**\$386,953.12**

in Free Care  
Provided



Ruth

## Pit Fix

Provides \$40 spay/neuter surgeries to Pit Bull Terrier mixes in Harrisonburg, Rockingham County, Manassas Park, and Prince William County.



Jewels

## Sashi's Fund

Helps underserved pets in Northern Virginia receive veterinary care. This fund is named in honor of Sashi, a dog who was rescued from a life of severe neglect.



Peaches

## Feline Fund

Feline Fund helps Harrisonburg and Rockingham County families with veterinary care for their cats.



Rebel

## Aidan's Fund

Aidan, a miniature poodle mix, was rescued from life on a chain in 2005 and began a happy life with his new mom. Shortly after, his mom started Aidan's Fund to help Harrisonburg and Rockingham County low-income families afford care.





# Operation Free Pet Healthcare

Operation Free Pet Healthcare provides patient-centered care to address every aspect of a pet's health. The veterinary services offered help prevent, diagnose and manage common acute and chronic diseases and conditions. Pets are eligible to receive assistance with any care that is medically necessary, including sick and well care, dental and oral surgery, spay/neuter surgery, and general surgery.

Clients currently enrolled in Medicaid or whose income is at or below 138% of the federal poverty level are eligible to receive assistance through the program. Clients who meet the income requirement for Medicaid but do not qualify for other reasons, such as citizenship status or people experiencing homelessness, are eligible. The program serves members of the Rockingham County and City of Harrisonburg communities.



**623**

Patients Served



**381**

Families Assisted



**\$135,773.42**

in Free Care Provided



# Pet Food Pantry

Anicira’s pet food pantry has seen a significant increase in demand. Last year, we distributed 147,151 pounds of food and served 390,286 nutritious meals to pets in need. That is an additional 97,220 meals than the year prior! With inflation and recent economic hardship, our community needs more help than ever.



**147,151**

Pounds of Food Distributed



**390,286**

Nutritious Meals Provided



**23**

Distribution Events





# Partner Support

Support from partner organizations helps us increase access to veterinary care and provide free care to pets in need. We are grateful to these organizations for supporting our mission and for their dedication to helping pets.



**\$10,000**

Supported Anicira’s Operation Free Pet Healthcare program by covering the cost of vital veterinary care.

**Hildred Neff  
Memorial Fund**

**\$4,411.50**

Supports the Operation Free Pet Healthcare program.



**\$6,700**

Helping sick and injured cats from Augusta County.



**\$67,843**

Provides free combo and distemper vaccines to prevent pets from deadly diseases.



Team members Liz & Liliana



Anicira

## Events

Anicira participated in and hosted several events last year that supported our mission of ending animal suffering.



### Happy Neuter Year - January 18th

Cat overpopulation is a major concern in the Harrisonburg and Rockingham County communities. To help reduce the number of unwanted pets entering the local shelter, Anicira hosted a Happy Neuter Year event. 132 cats each received free neuter surgeries, vaccines, and microchips in one busy day. 89 cats received free neuter surgeries, vaccines, and microchips in one busy day.



### Free Vaccine Clinics - March 26th & October 29th

Anicira hosted two free vaccine and microchip clinic that helped 408 pets. Petco Love donated the parvo and combo vaccines. Anicira provided free rabies vaccines.



### Great Community Give - April 20th

For the fourth year in a row, Anicira participated in the Great Community Give. Coordinated by The Community Foundation of Harrisonburg and Rockingham County, the event was a single day of fundraising to promote charitable giving in our community. Anicira successfully raised \$13,260. Donations supported promoting pets' health and happiness through our various programs and services.





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## Brother's Craft Brewery May Music Festival - May 21st

Brother's Craft Brewery hosted a music festival that benefited Anicira and Cat's Cradle. The festival featured many musical acts, food, games, and ice-cold craft beer.



## Walk for the Animals - September 17th

Hundreds of people gathered at Shenandoah Valley Farm in McGaheysville for Anicira's Walk for the Animals. Attendees and their dogs enjoyed games, live music, walking trails, and food trucks.



# Sponsors

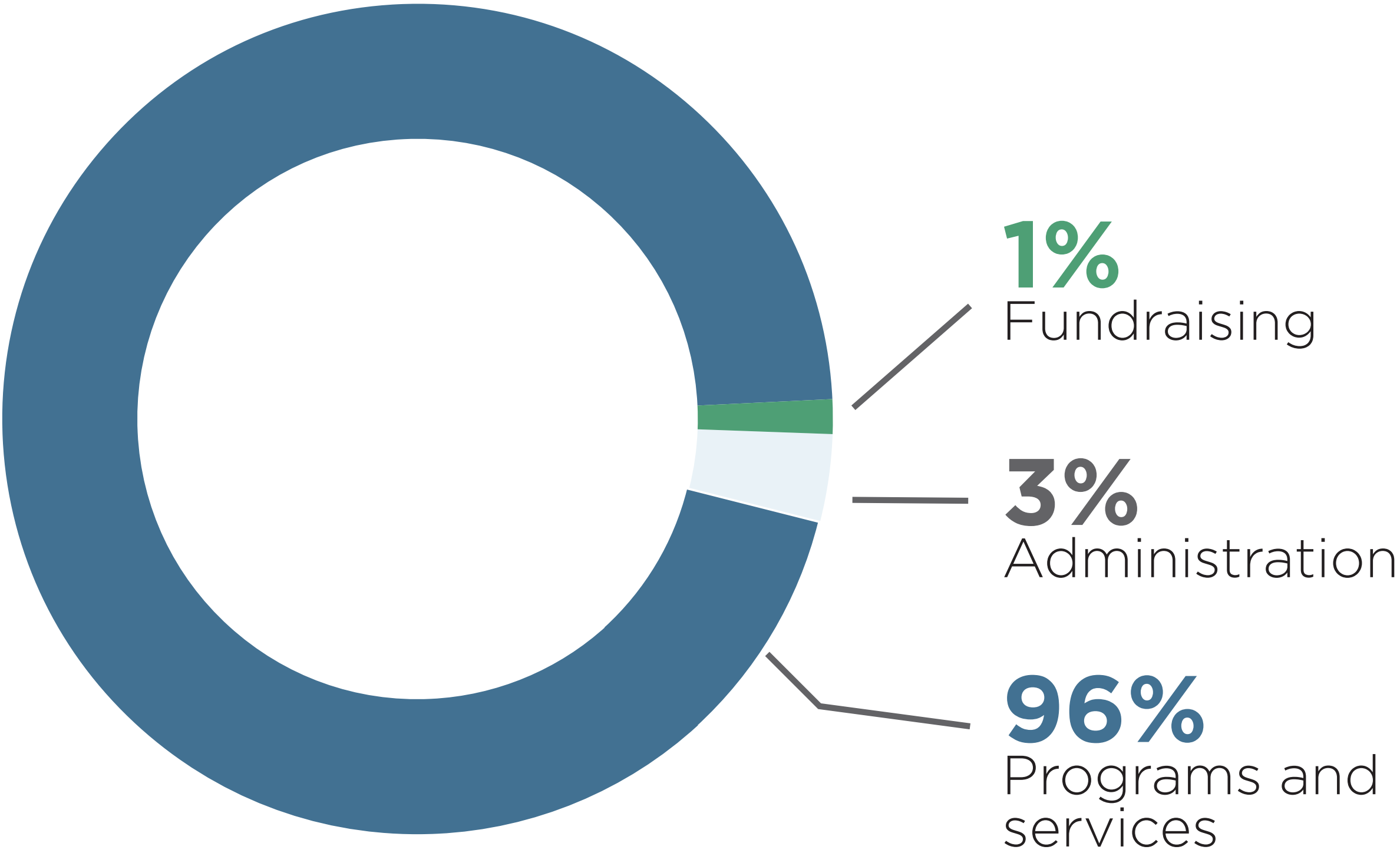
Thank you to our generous sponsors!





# Financial Information

Anicira is funded through veterinary services, grants, fundraising events, and individual and corporate donations.



Tom





Sven



Kittens who visited with their mother during her spay



Artemis

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