



2025 IMPACT REPORT

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ABOUT

United Spay Alliance (USA) is a national 501(c)3 nonprofit uniting veterinarians, shelters, rescues, grassroots advocates, and communities around a single goal:
making spay/neuter affordable, accessible, and timely everywhere.

We believe prevention is the solution to cat and dog homelessness, and we build the tools, training, and connections to make it possible.





MORE THAN A NUMBER

8,200 is the number we can count. It's not the whole story.

USA doesn't run spay/neuter clinics or perform surgeries ourselves — we build the infrastructure that makes them possible. We train the veterinarians. We fund the grassroots groups. We maintain a national directory that connected people to care tens of thousands of times over in 2025. All backed by our networks and task forces, comprised of dedicated and passionate advocates throughout animal welfare and veterinary care.

Every one of those touches multiplies. A vet we train performs surgeries for years, not once. A directory search leads to a call, a clinic, a healthier community — most of it never reflected in a number we can count.

So yes: 8,200 surgeries made possible. And underneath that, a much bigger network doing work we can't full count, every single day.

A LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

2025 was a year of tremendous progress, partnership, and purpose for United Spay Alliance, and I couldn't be prouder of all we've accomplished together.

Across the country, our volunteers remain the heart of our work. From State Leaders and grassroots organizations to our Board, task forces, and those who maintain our national spay/neuter directory, this collective effort shows the power of prevention when communities unite around a shared goal.

Our Veterinary Shortage Task Force continued its work tackling one of today's most urgent challenges: there simply aren't enough veterinarians to meet spay/neuter demand. Its conversations directly shaped our programs this year — our high quality, high volume spay/neuter (HQHVSN) wet labs exist because of VSTF's thinking on building surgical capacity. Alongside it, our Keeper of the Flame Task Force worked to keep prevention in the spotlight, developing strategies to remind communities, media, and funders why upstream, prevention-focused work is the solution to cat and dog homelessness.

This year, we also renewed a partnership that's older than it looks. Decades ago, public health was one of animal welfare's strongest allies in the fight against rabies — spay/neuter and vaccination access were part of the same conversation. Our No Babies, No Rabies campaign is our effort to dust off that old playbook and reestablish the relationships we once had. In 2025, we took that case directly to public health professionals at the APHA Annual Meeting, generating over 700 new connections — a partnership we're carrying forward into 2026 and beyond.

Our reach grew more than ever:

- Our State Leader Network expanded to active leaders in **44 states — plus designated leaders for NYC & Long Island and Washington, D.C.** — nearly complete national coverage.
- Through HQHVSN wet labs, **39 veterinarians were trained** across 9 labs in 6 states, completing 315 surgeries.

- Through the Community Cats Grants program, we awarded **\$137,400 to 69 grassroots groups, supporting 4,911 surgeries** — with every dollar matched by grantees' own fundraising.
- Our new Summerlee Sustainable Solutions Grants program funded **39 organizations across 22 states and the USVI**, helping sterilize almost 3,000 cats in its first year.
- The United We Spay podcast completed its second full year, with 12 episodes and **2,039 downloads**.
- Our Online Conference drew **388 registrants** — our largest audience yet.
- The Spay/Neuter Referral Directory landing page alone reached **56,535 views**, making it the most-visited page on our website.

Altogether, USA-supported programs made more than 8,200 spay/neuter surgeries possible in 2025 — not by performing them ourselves, but by training the veterinarians, funding the grassroots groups, and building the infrastructure that made them happen.

With **97.7 cents of every dollar going directly to programs**, every contribution created real, measurable change for animals.

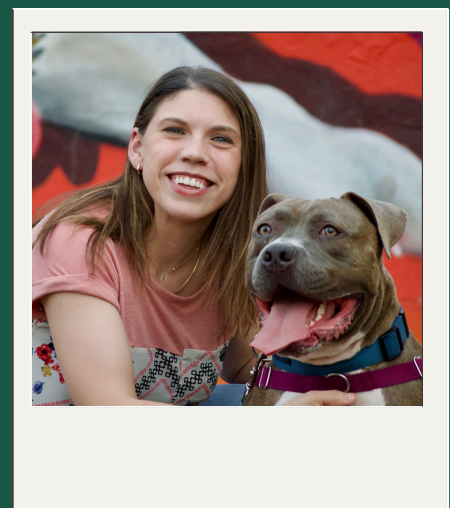
As we look ahead to 2026 — including the 10th anniversary of Feline Fix by Five — United Spay Alliance will continue connecting veterinarians, shelters, rescuers, funders, and advocates under one shared vision: a future where prevention is possible in every community.

Together, we're creating lasting change through compassion, collaboration, and commitment.

With gratitude,

Brianna Lovell Myers

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Executive Director
United Spay Alliance



OUR GOALS



Inspire and empower anyone with a passion for spay/neuter to take action in their own communities.



Provide collaboration and networking opportunities for leaders within the spay/neuter movement, including individual advocates, animal welfare organizations, and veterinary professionals.



Increase access to affordable spay/neuter services.



Promote best practices for spay/neuter, including the optimal age to spay/neuter cats and eliminate "kitten season" once and for all.

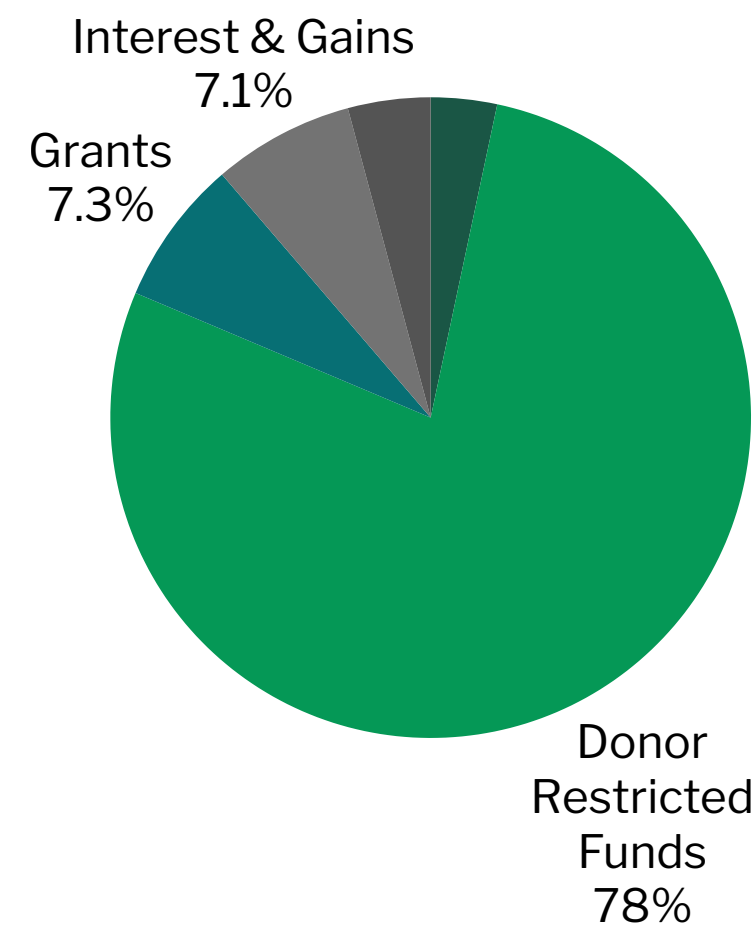
FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

Nearly **98 cents of every dollar** went directly to program services.

Income

- Individuals Contributions: \$12,485
- Donor Restricted Funds: \$292,000
- Grants: \$27,500
- Program Services: \$15,589
- Interest & Gains: \$26,670

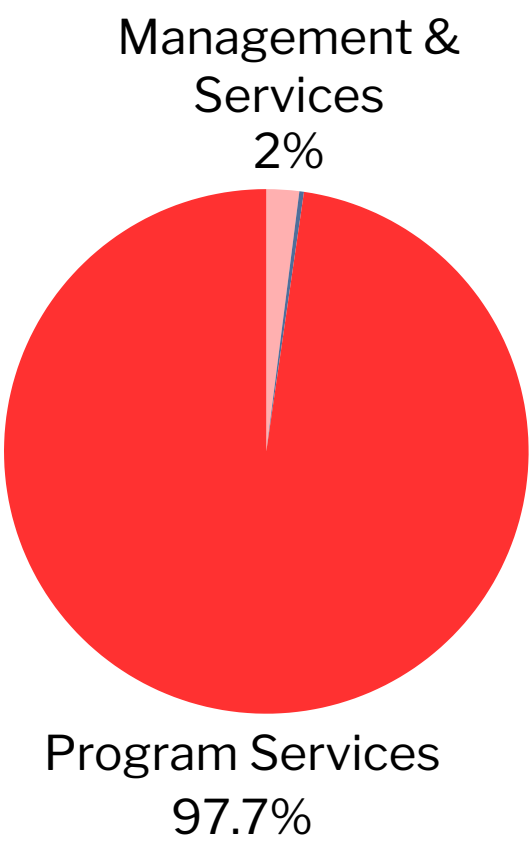
Total Income: \$374,244



Expenses

- Program Services: \$518,516
 - Payout of Restricted Grants: \$305,400
 - Other Program Services: \$213,116
- Management & General: \$10,688
- Fundraising: \$1,495

Total Expenses: \$530,699



Figures reflect operating activity; does not include the market value of long-term investment holdings.

OUR FUNDERS & PARTNERS

None of this work happens alone. USA is deeply grateful to the foundations who invested in our mission throughout 2025:

- **The Elmina B. Sewall Foundation**
- **The John J. & Frank Sparacio Foundation**
- **The John T. and Jane A. Wiederhold Foundation**, a supporting organization of the Northwest CT Community Foundation
- **Marian's Dream**
- **Perry LeBaron Fund**
- **The Summelee Foundation**
- **Two Mauds**

We're equally grateful to every individual donor who gave what they could. Your support, at every level, is what makes prevention possible in communities nationwide.

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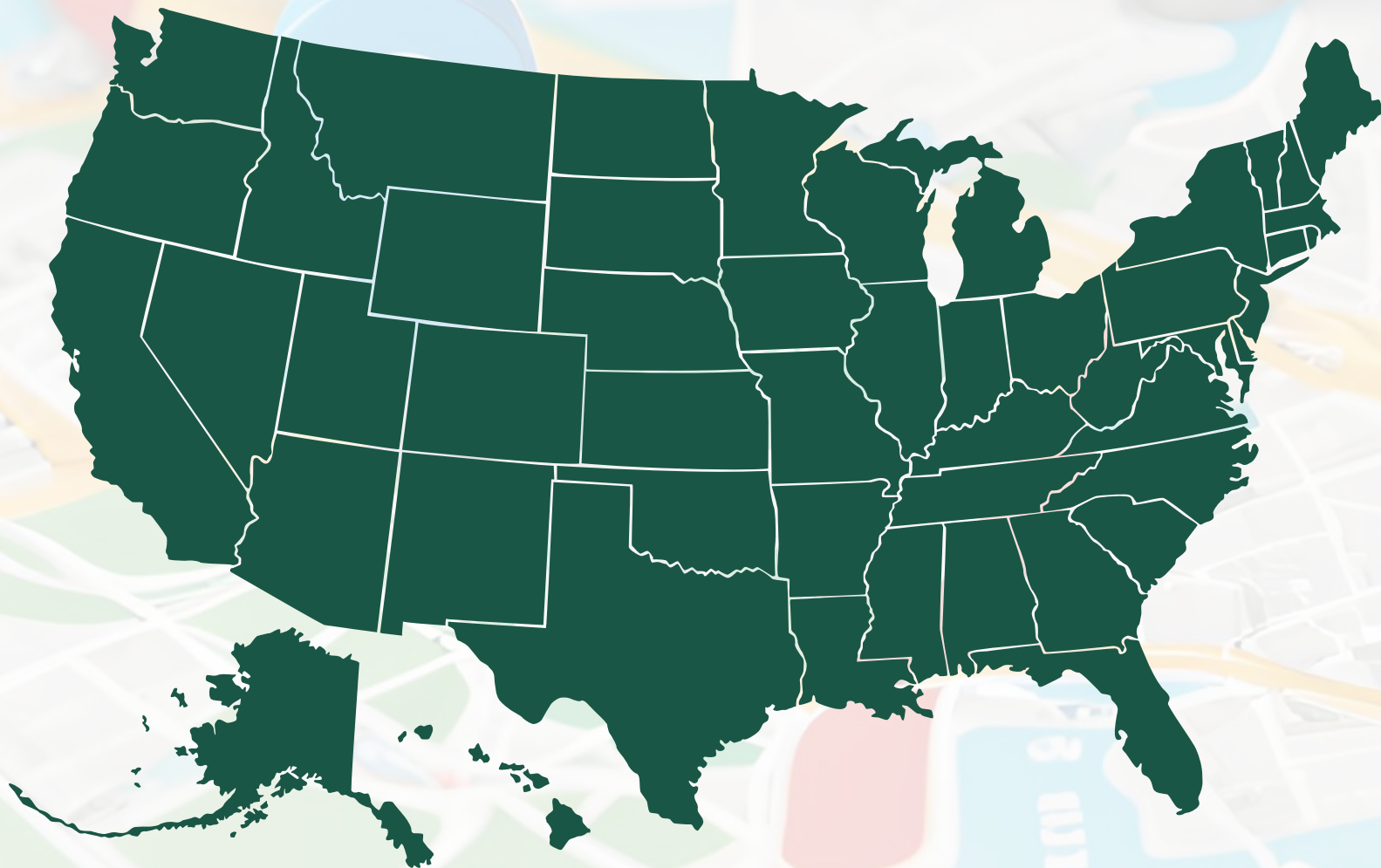


SPAY/NEUTER REFERRAL DIRECTORY

Finding affordable spay/neuter services shouldn't be hard, but for many pet owners and rescuers, it is. USA maintains a national directory connecting anyone, anywhere, to low-cost spay/neuter providers near them.

In 2025, the directory's main landing page alone received **56,353 views**, making it the most-visited page on our website — and that's before counting the traffic that flows directly to our individual state pages. Every one of those visits represents someone looking for help.

Find spay/neuter in your community at **unitedspayalliance.org/directory** or scan the QR code.





STATE LEADER NETWORK

Prevention starts with people on the ground. USA's State Leader Network is the backbone of that local reach: grassroots advocates ready to connect families with affordable spay/neuter services close to home, and – just as importantly – connect with each other.

Advocacy work can be challenging, but State Leaders lean on one another to share strategies and keep the momentum going nationwide.

By the end of 2025, that network reached active State Leaders in **44 states**, plus designated leaders for **NYC & Long Island and Washington, DC** – nearly complete national coverage, with recruitment ongoing to fill the remaining states.

Learn more about the State Leader Network at [**unitedspayalliance.org/state-leader-network**](https://unitedspayalliance.org/state-leader-network)



UNITED WE SPAY

A PODCAST FROM UNITED SPAY ALLIANCE

Not everyone doing this work has someone to talk to. United We Spay was built to change that — a monthly podcast connecting listeners to real voices from across the spay/neuter movement, from grassroots wins to lessons learned the hard way.

In 2025, its second full year, USA released 12 episodes and reached **2,039 downloads** — proof that advocates nationwide are hungry for shared knowledge.

Catch up on the latest episodes at unitedspayalliance.org/podcast or scan the QR code.





FELINE FIX by FIVE MONTHS

Kittens can go into heat as early as 4 months old. Every month a kitten isn't sterilized is a month she could get pregnant, and the outdated advice to "wait until six months" is part of why shelter and rescues stay overwhelmed.

USA champions Feline Fix by Five, a research-backed, veterinary-endorsed campaign to move that standard earlier, by five months of age. It's **endorsed by the AVMA, AAHA, FelineVMA, and ASV, plus 16 individual state veterinary medical associations** — this isn't a fringe idea, it's where the profession is heading.

By the end of 2025, 363 veterinarians and clinics had joined as participating providers, each one helping rewrite the standard of care for cats in their community.

Throughout 2025, we've been preparing for a major milestone; celebrating 10 years of Feline Fix by Five in 2026. That's a decade of moving the needle on when spay/neuter happens, nationwide. Learn more at **felinefixbyfive.org**



HIGH QUALITY, HIGH VOLUME SPAY/NEUTER TRAINING

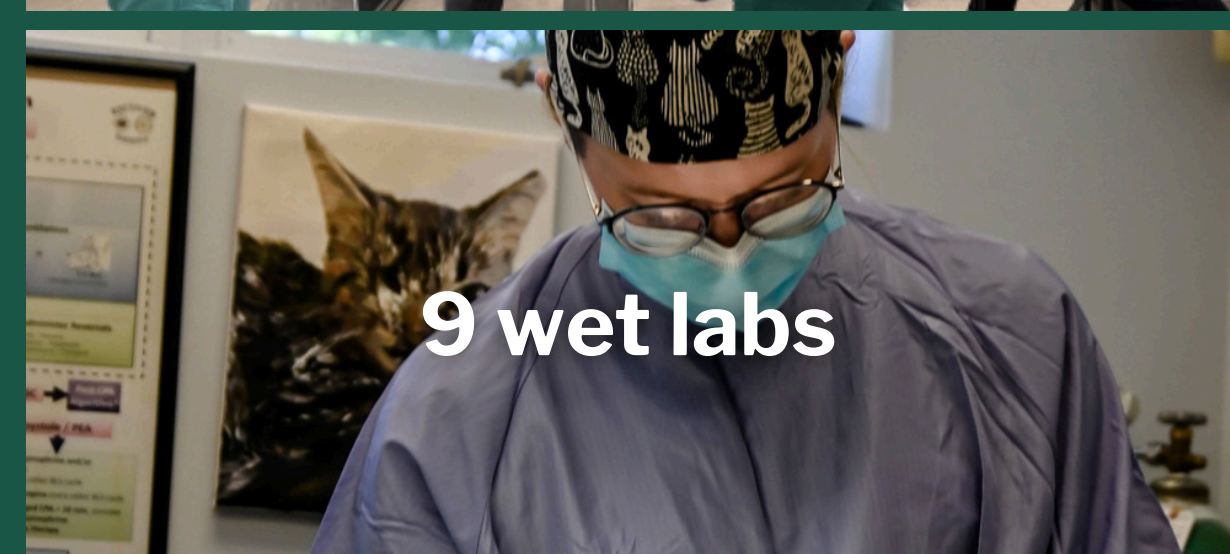
USA wet labs teach safe, efficient surgical techniques and build the confidence to use them. For many veterinarians, it's their first real introduction to high quality, high volume spay/neuter (HQHVSN): why it matters, and how they can be part of it.

USA doesn't run these trainings alone. We connect with local host organizations and experienced HQHVSN surgeons and teams, then step back so grassroots leaders can own the work in their own communities. Each training is co-developed with local partners who bring community-specific knowledge, and small groups of 4–6 veterinarians per lab ensure real, hands-on mentorship rather than passive observation.

In 2025, that model produced **7 feline-focused wet labs** across California, Georgia, Indiana, Maine, and Oregon, plus **2 canine-focused labs** — training 39 veterinarians and completing 315 surgeries. Each lab costs about \$5,000 to produce, and we're actively seeking sponsors to grow the program.

Every veterinarian who leaves a wet lab performing procedures more safely and efficiently is a win for their whole community. And every host organization we train alongside becomes a new center of expertise, ready to lead HQHVSN training, whether or not USA is needed to facilitate.

Learn more at unitedspayalliance.org/hqhvsn-wet-labs.



HQHVSN WET LABS: WHAT PARTICIPANTS SAY

Consistently rated among the best CE they've attended, the majority of 2025 wet lab evaluations scored the training **5 out of 5**.



"The staff was supportive and amazing! Teachers were patient and supportive. I have done HQHV for several years and still learned new techniques."

***Dr. V
Georgia
February 2025***



"The whole team was very kind and contributed to a smooth learning experience. I would definitely recommend this learning environment to future veterinarians."

***Anonymous
Maine
July 2025***



"Absolutely amazing vets to learn with. I feel more confident bringing these new techniques back to the shelter I work with. Thank you all so much for the opportunity."

***Dr. B
Indiana
November 2025***

NO BABIES NO RABIES

PUBLIC HEALTH FOR PETS

Dog-mediated rabies has been virtually eliminated in the United States. Thanks to the combined work of public health & animal welfare professionals, countless dogs and cats receive their rabies vaccination at the time of their spay/neuter surgery.

In 2025, USA launched *No Babies. No Rabies.* a campaign making the public health case for animal welfare: **fewer unwanted litters means fewer stray and unvaccinated animals, which means fewer vectors for rabies transmission.** We took that message directly to the public health community at the 2025 APHA Annual Meeting in Washington DC, connecting with professionals who'd never considered spay/neuter part of their toolkit, and collected over 700 leads for ongoing partnership.

This is just the beginning. No Babies. No Rabies. is a priority we're carrying forward into 2026 and beyond, as we build new bridges between animal welfare and public health.

Learn more at unitedspayalliance.org/public-health.





COMMUNITY CATS GRANTS PROGRAM

The Community Cats Grants program offers a matching grant of \$2,000 to grassroots organizations. But the match means every grantee must first raise funds of their own to unlock it.

That's by design: the program doesn't just pay for surgeries, it builds small, grassroots groups into stronger, more sustainable organizations, one matched dollar at a time.

Originally launched in 2017 by our sister organization, the Community Cats Podcast, the program transitioned to USA at the start of 2024.

In 2025 alone, that model turned **\$137,400 in USA grants** into **support for 69 organizations and 4,911 cats**. And the multiplier effect compounds over time: since 2017, \$549,601 in grants has driven \$857,006 in grantee fundraising — a combined \$1,406,607 that's spayed/neutered over 26,111 community cats nationwide.

Learn more at unitedspayalliance.org/community-cat-grants.



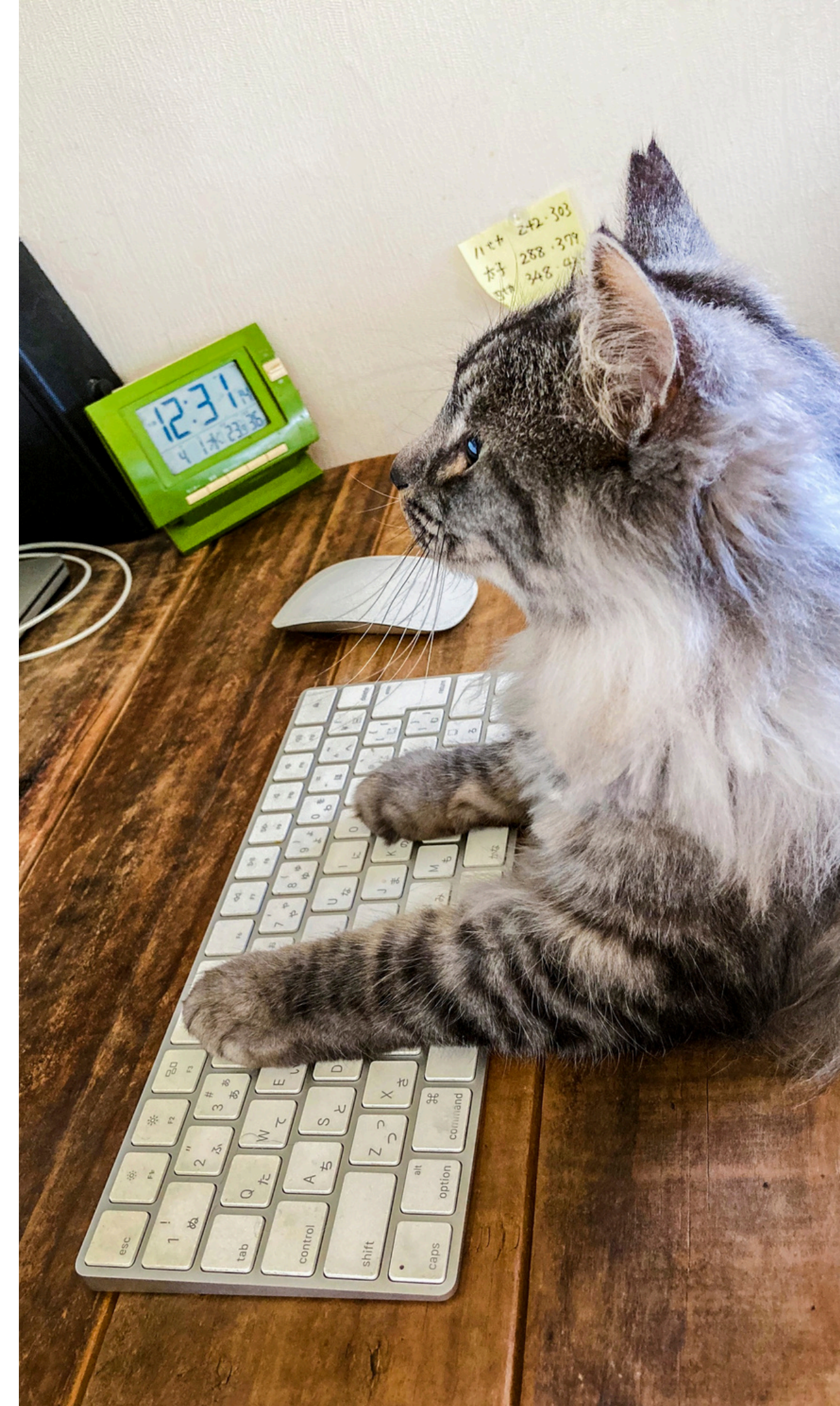
SUMMERLEE SUSTAINABLE SOLUTIONS GRANTS

Launched in 2025 with support from the Summerlee Foundation and the John J. Sparacio Foundation, this program takes a different approach: instead of just funding surgeries, it builds organizations. Every grantee completes an 8-week Community Cat Program Management certification through Benerd College at the University of the Pacific before receiving funds — ensuring lasting capacity, not just a one-time surgery count.

In its first cohort, the program funded **39 organizations** across 22 states and the US Virgin Islands, awarding **\$246,000 in targeted grants**. At the end of 2025, grantees had already sterilized almost 3,000 cats — with the certification model producing shared tools and innovations, like a Community Cat Calculator built by one grantee and adopted across the entire cohort.

"We are truly grateful... I've learned so much from the Community Cat Program Management course, and our board is very interested in the modules and concepts that we were taught."

— Cory Piland, Operation Catnip of Richmond





Advocacy work can feel like a solo mission, until you realize how many other people are fighting the same fight. Each year, USA co-hosts the United Spay Alliance Online Conference alongside our sister organization, the Community Cats Podcast, bringing the whole movement into one (virtual) room to share strategies, success stories, and hard-won lessons.

Since launching in 2020, the conference has welcomed over 1,100 registrants from across the country and around the world. 2025 was our biggest year yet, with **388 people registered** — proof that this movement is only growing.

Learn more at
unitedspayalliance.org/conference



TASK FORCES: THE STRATEGIC WORK BEHIND THE SCENES

Not every solution to the spay/neuter crisis happens in a surgical suite. Some of USA's most important work happens in the rooms where veterinarians, shelter directors, policy advocates, and grassroots leaders sit down together to solve hard problems — and make sure the world keeps paying attention.

Veterinary Shortage Task Force (VSTF)

Formed in response to a 2022 report estimating a national backlog of 2.7 million spay/neuter surgeries, the VSTF brings together veterinarians, shelter directors, policy advocates, and other animal welfare leaders to tackle one root problem: there simply aren't enough veterinarians to meet demand. The task force's conversations directly shape USA's programs — our high quality, high volume spay/neuter (HQHVSN) wet labs exist because of VSTF discussions on building surgical capacity — and continue to inform initiatives like Feline Fix by Five and Spay Vet Net. The VSTF met regularly throughout 2025 and remains central to USA's work expanding real, meaningful spay/neuter capacity nationwide.

Learn more at [**unitedspayalliance.org/vet-shortage**](https://unitedspayalliance.org/vet-shortage).

Keeper of the Flame Task Force (KFTF)

Launched in 2024, KFTF exists to keep spay/neuter in the spotlight. Prevention-focused work is only as strong as the public and philanthropic will behind it — and this task force develops strategies to keep communities and funders alike focused on why prevention remains the solution to cat and dog homelessness, even as other priorities compete for attention. KFTF continued its work throughout 2025, ensuring the case for prevention stays loud, current, and impossible to ignore.



TASK FORCES: THE STRATEGIC WORK BEHIND THE SCENES





LOOKING AHEAD TO 2026

This year's momentum is just the beginning. In 2026, USA is focused on:

- **Making our national directory the go-to resource** for anyone, anywhere, seeking affordable spay/neuter services.
- **Celebrating 10 years of Feline Fix by Five**, and marking a decade of moving the standard of care earlier, and building on the momentum of 363 participating providers nationwide.
- **Deepening our public health partnerships** through *No Babies. No Rabies.* and turning the 700+ connections made at APHA in 2025 into lasting collaboration between animal welfare and public health.
- **Standing as a national voice for prevention**, making the case, loudly and consistently, that upstream, prevention-focused work is the solution to cat and dog homelessness.

Together, we're building toward a future where prevention is possible in every community.



HELP US KEEP BUILDING

Every gift to United Spay Alliance goes further than you might think. In 2025, **97.7% of every dollar** went directly to programs — training veterinarians, funding grassroots organizations, and building the infrastructure that made more than 8,200 surgeries possible.

Your support doesn't just fund a single surgery. It builds capacity that lasts; training that stays with a veterinarian for their whole career, and grassroots organizations that grow stronger with every matched grant.

Give today at
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