

2024 – ANOTHER BUSY YEAR AT BCAR MAGGIE'S HOUSE

In 2021 Maggie's House placed 45 cats/kittens in wonderful adoptive homes. In 2022 we placed 46, in 2023 we placed 42, and so far in 2024 we have placed 22.



SHADOW, OTTER, BALEY – Landscapers loading pine straw on Lankford Drive discovered three kittens, Otter, Shadow, and Baley, in a bale destined for Big Canoe. Estimated at 2-3 weeks old and without their feral mother's return, a foster took on the task of bottle feeding and

socializing them. Otter and Shadow, both females, were adopted by a Big Canoe couple into a pet-friendly home. Bobtailed Baley was adopted by a volunteer and is living the high life in Big Canoe.

BINX – Binx was discovered in the RV storage yard off Hubbard Road near Big Canoe. A volunteer met the friendly, very hungry kitten sharing a candy bar with his finder. Constantly purring and not frightened at all, Binx was taken for a vet check-up and cared for by a wonderful foster before moving to Maggie's House. He was adopted in Big Canoe along with a friendly adult cat from another rescue, and they quickly bonded, happily playing together all day.



SAMMIE, STEVIE, SUNNY AND TATER – One June Sunday, we received an urgent message from a Big Canoe resident who found two kittens at the Cove Road roundabout. Her description and photos matched four kittens reported the previous day. Returning, she found two more kittens in a nearby box. Aged 3-4 weeks and suffering from hunger, thirst, and flea infestations, the resident cared for them until they were ready for a foster home. After medical clearance, they moved to Maggie's House, displaying their lively and friendly nature. Two were quickly adopted. We're profoundly grateful to the resident who rescued these abandoned kittens.



SUNNY



SAMMIE



TATER & STEVIE

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Featured on the front cover:

Bonnie – Spokesdog and Former BCAR Resident
It was mid-November 2023 when 2-year-old Bonnie was surrendered to a local shelter in Dawsonville. She was VERY pregnant, heartworm positive and appeared to have had a previous litter! The shelter needed a place that could care for her round the clock as she was close to full term. The call came into BCAR and we needed to help out. A long-time volunteer agreed to open her home to foster Bonnie. In early December, after a long labor, and with the help of many volunteers, Bonnie gave birth to 10 beautiful pups, 5 boys & 5 girls. Bonnie and her babies all found wonderful homes, some even in Big Canoe!

Shirley – Spokescat and Former BCAR Resident
Spokescat Shirley came to Maggie's House from a local community cat colony in March 2023. Determined not to be feral, she arrived two days after her three kittens were born and was very happy to have a safe and warm place to nurture her babies. Shirley was a stellar mom and her kittens were adopted quickly. Without her kittens in Maggie's House, she was independent and aloof, not welcoming to visitors. As happens so often, the right couple came along in June of 2024 and the connection was immediate. She is now a loving cat in the perfect forever home.

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BIG CANOE RESIDENT



2024 Spokesdog, Former BCAR Resident,

BONNIE



2024 Spokescat, Former BCAR Resident,

SHIRLEY

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BCAR ANNUAL FUNDRAISER 2024

2024 – ANOTHER FULFILLING YEAR FOR THE BCAR DOGS AND PUPPIES!

In 2022, BCAR found loving homes for 23 dogs. In 2023 we reached a new record of 51 adoptions and so far in 2024 we have placed 32 dogs/puppies in their forever homes. Here are a few of their stories:

EVA – This sweet girl’s adventure was nothing short of a miracle! Eva, an 18-month-old Boxer, wandered the streets of Jasper for over a month, capturing the hearts of the community and making headlines in local media. The efforts to rescue her were extensive, with multiple traps and leads popping up across social media. Finally, Jasper Animal Control managed to secure her. Due to the overcrowding in local shelters, they reached out to BCAR’s kennel manager Liz, who welcomed Eva. At BCAR, this sweet, skittish girl found solace, enjoying her first peaceful sleep out of harm’s way and settling into a loving home that feels like she’s always been a part of it.



MISSY – Sadly, Missy, a 4-year-old American Pit Bull, was surrendered to a county shelter by a family unable to cope with her medical needs. Missy suffers from hypothyroidism and alopecia, requiring constant medication to manage her condition. Her inability to receive consistent care at the shelter led to her rapid weight gain, reaching a miserable 90 lbs. BCAR intervened, setting up strict medication schedules and dietary plans. Under the care of BCAR’s medical team and volunteers, Missy has made remarkable progress, now weighing 55 lbs and regaining her mobility and happiness. She’s on her way to finding a forever home where she can continue to thrive.



BEA & MACK – Bea and Mack, not brother and sister, were two of several dogs suffering in a small, fenced outdoor area under poor conditions. Their plight caught the attention of a local rescue group, which reached out to BCAR for



help. After working with the family to improve the dogs’ living conditions, the family agreed to surrender Bea and Mack to the rescue. BCAR took them in, and now both dogs have found their happy endings: Bea travels between Big Canoe and New Jersey with her new family, and Mack enjoys the beach life in South Carolina, both cherished and loved.

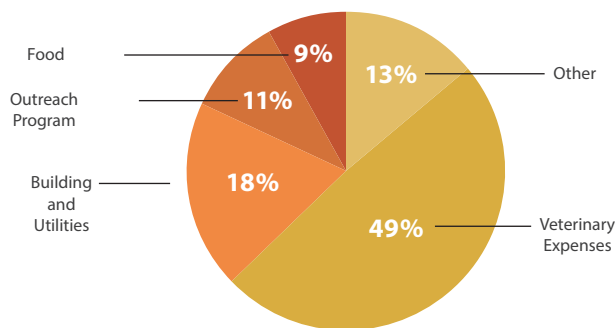
HOW IS MY DONATION USED?

This is a question we all consider when donating to our favorite charities. When you make a donation to Big Canoe Animal Rescue, 100% of your funds are used for the animals in our care, and when possible, for outreach needs in our community.

OUR OPERATING EXPENSES – 2023

As shown in the following chart, the majority of donated funds are utilized for veterinary expenses. Our many volunteers are available to help provide the necessary support with transportation which, along with your donations, allow us to meet the special medical needs of many of our rescues. We think this helps set BCAR apart from other rescues in our area.

BCAR EXPENSES



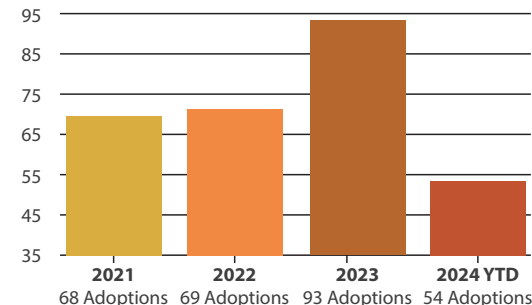
FOCUS ON COMMUNITY OUTREACH

For years BCAR has provided food to the owners of about 25 dogs in Pickens County in an effort to keep these dogs out of the shelter system and with their loving owners. During 2024 the increasing costs for food, rent, and medical care, combined with some employees returning to work, has resulted in many pets being surrendered to shelters, or just abandoned. Shelters, including BCAR, have stayed full for most of the year as the need for help has outpaced available resources. BCAR has worked closely with other community resources to help meet these needs. Your BCAR donation not only maintains our facility and cares for its residents, but enables BCAR to provide additional resources to other community rescue organizations. We have worked closely this year with the Dawson and Pickens County shelters, Partners for Pickens Pets, BePaws We Care, Trinity Church Food Bank, Georgia Dog Advocates, and other local non-profit organizations. We have also had help from various Big Canoe Residents willing to foster animals when our shelter is at capacity. As this need is likely to continue into 2025, we hope you will consider a bit extra this year to help with the ongoing needs for our Outreach Program.

BIG CANOE ANIMAL RESCUE MISSION STATEMENT

Our Mission is to be a no-kill shelter for homeless dogs and cats found in the Big Canoe community, providing them with a safe, healthy and positive environment until they are adopted into their forever loving new homes. We will evaluate the animals we take in, improve their health, physical appearances, and socialization skills, and provide suitable forums for their adoptions. We will also offer outreach support and educate the general public as to humane animal care.

ADOPTIONS



Thanks to your help, and the work of our many volunteers, we hope to continue to provide a safe and healthy respite for BCAR Rescues until they find their forever home.

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