Independent Animal Rescue



2025 Impact Report

Note from the President

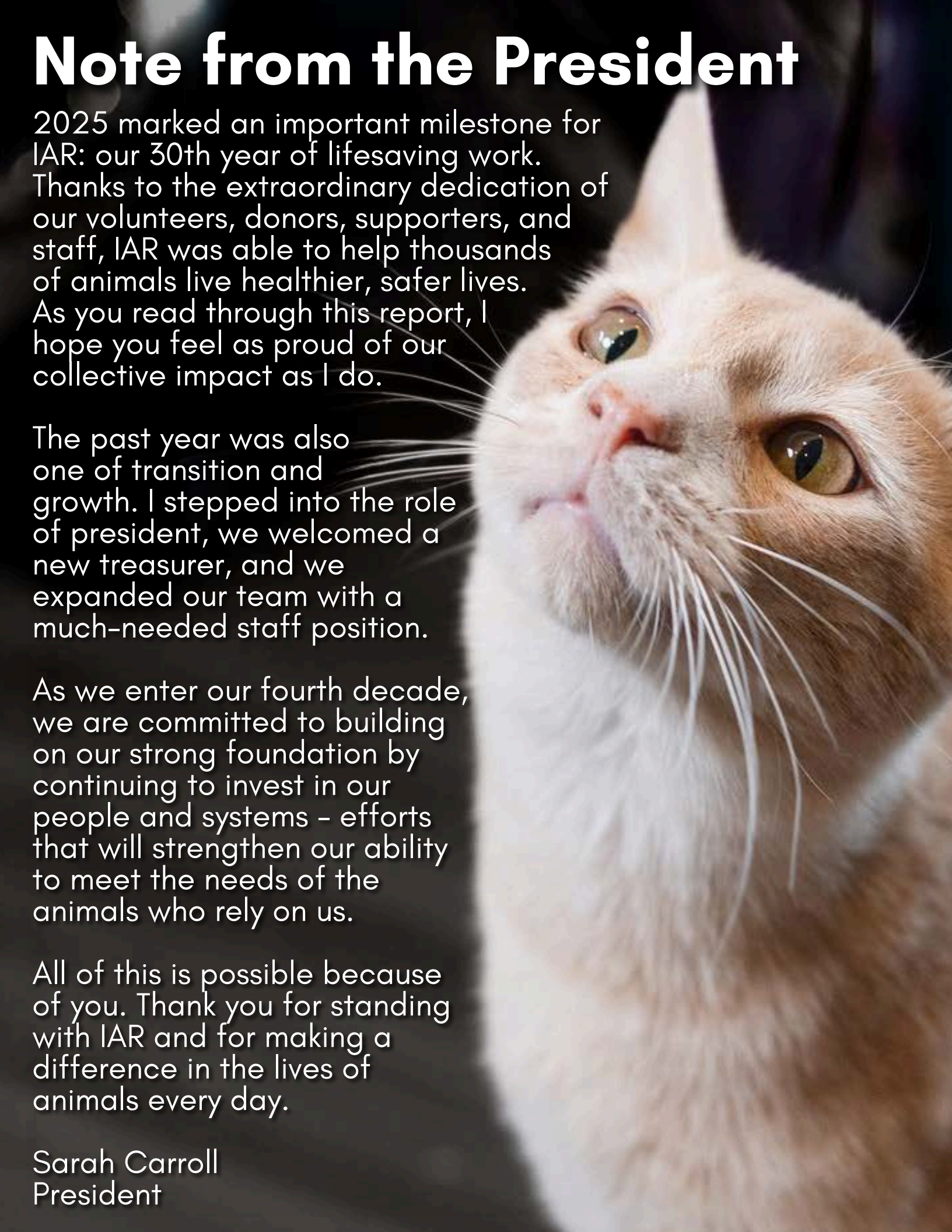
2025 marked an important milestone for IAR: our 30th year of lifesaving work. Thanks to the extraordinary dedication of our volunteers, donors, supporters, and staff, IAR was able to help thousands of animals live healthier, safer lives. As you read through this report, I hope you feel as proud of our collective impact as I do.

The past year was also one of transition and growth. I stepped into the role of president, we welcomed a new treasurer, and we expanded our team with a much-needed staff position.

As we enter our fourth decade, we are committed to building on our strong foundation by continuing to invest in our people and systems – efforts that will strengthen our ability to meet the needs of the animals who rely on us.

All of this is possible because of you. Thank you for standing with IAR and for making a difference in the lives of animals every day.

Sarah Carroll
President



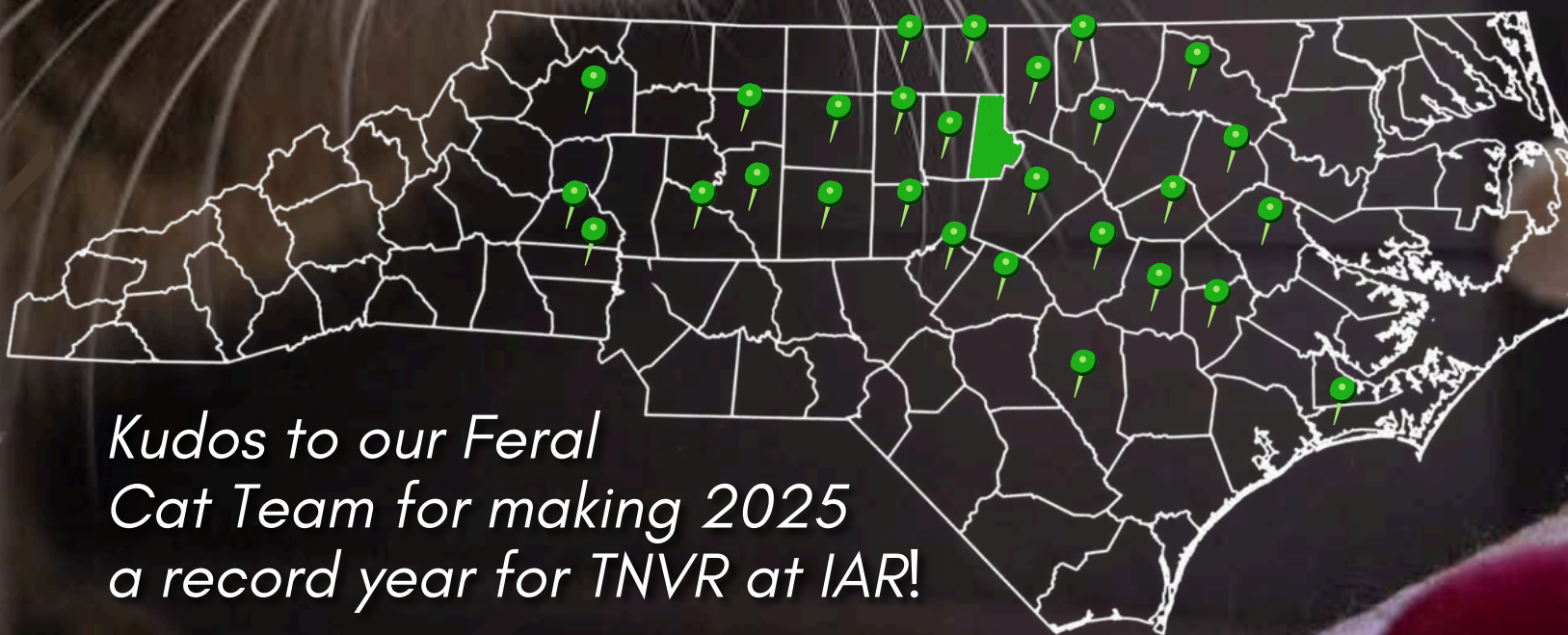

Adoptions
578
cats found
purrfect families
96
dogs found
furever homes

Feral Cat Program

2,205
spays/neuters

30
high-volume clinic days

29
counties impacted



Kudos to our Feral Cat Team for making 2025 a record year for TNVR at IAR!

Community Care

We sponsored vet care for

34

owned pets with our Owned Animal Program

35% dogs
65% cats
5 counties
16 vet partners

Community Spay/ Neuter Program

We worked hard this year to secure funding to support CSNP, an exciting step toward resuming the program for the first time since 2023. We look forward to relaunching CSNP in 2026 and are actively exploring new partnerships to ensure its long-term success.

Community Events

58
cat adoption events

28
dog adoption events

19
local business event hosts



Upcoming events of note:

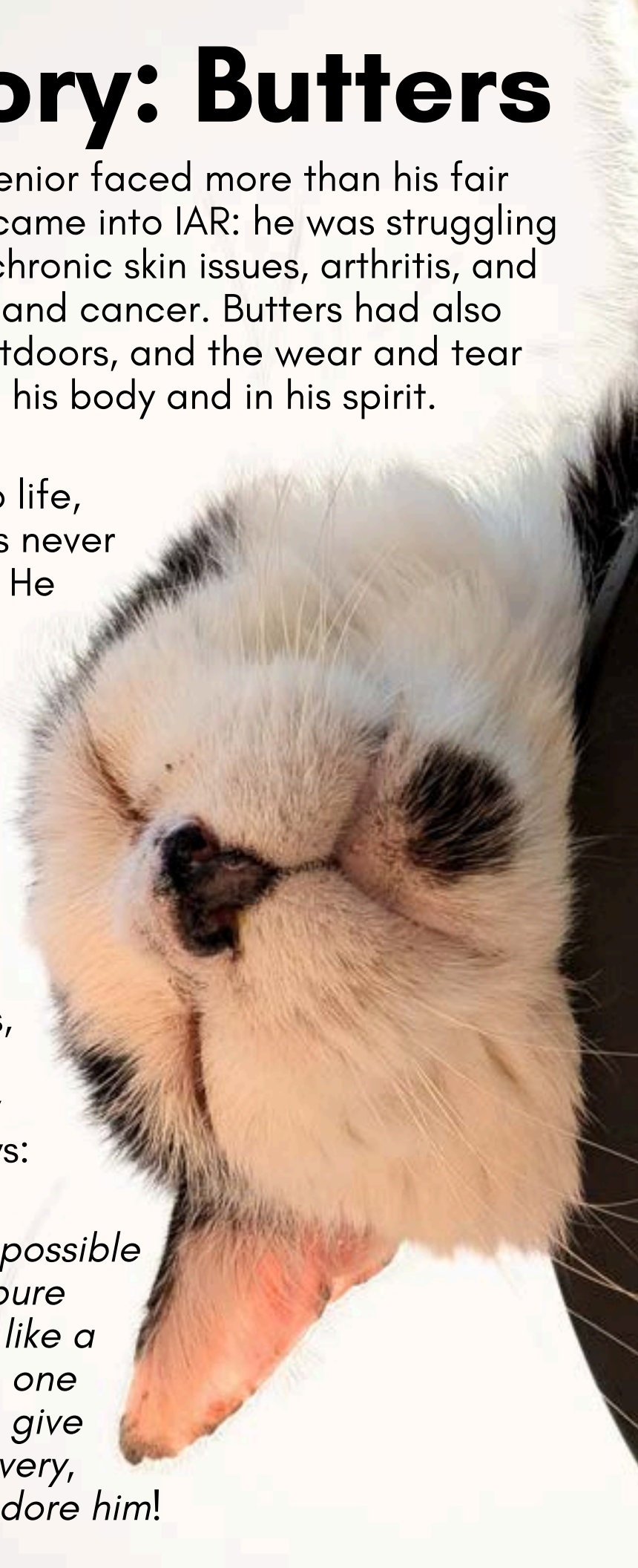
The Fast and the Furriest 5k – **Sunday, April 12, 2026**

Save the date!

23rd Annual Painted Chair Auction – Fall 2026

Rescue story: Butters

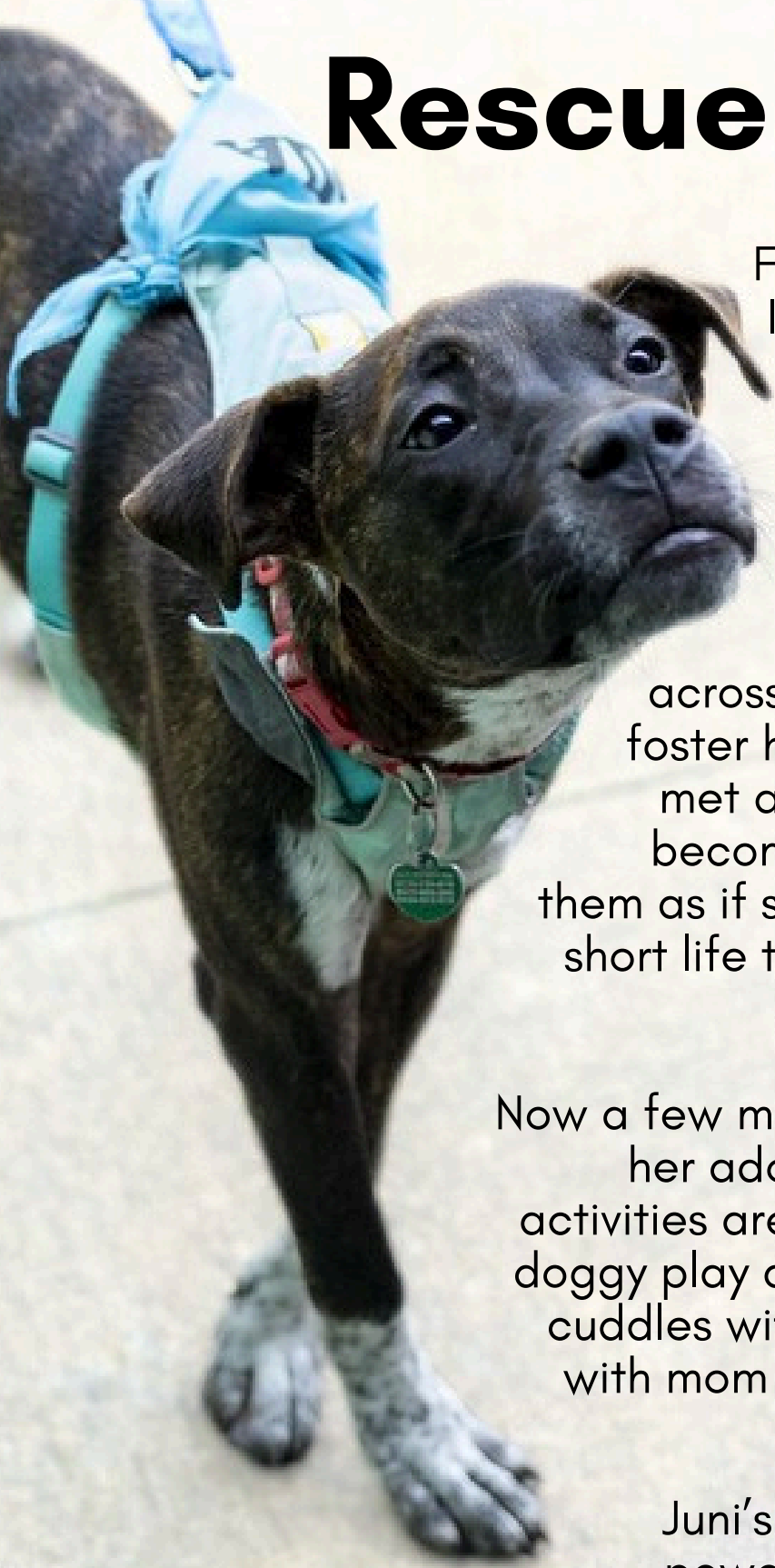
At nine years old, this sweet senior faced more than his fair share of challenges when he came into IAR: he was struggling with an old injury to his paw, chronic skin issues, arthritis, and had been diagnosed with FIV and cancer. Butters had also spent much of his early life outdoors, and the wear and tear of those years showed both in his body and in his spirit.



But even after a rough start to life, Butters' journey proves that it's never too late for a second chance. He spent 355 days in IAR foster care getting much-needed medical attention and rediscovering the safety and comforts of indoor life. Now cancer-free and thriving in his forever home, Butters is making up for lost time by playing with his adoptive siblings, snuggling up for naps, and showing off his goofy, affectionate personality every chance he gets. His family says:

Everyone loves Butters. It is impossible not to love Butters. Butters is pure love. His little head still smells like a kitten. He can fill your heart in one head boop, but he will always give you extra just in case. He is a very, very special cat and we just adore him!

Rescue story: Juni



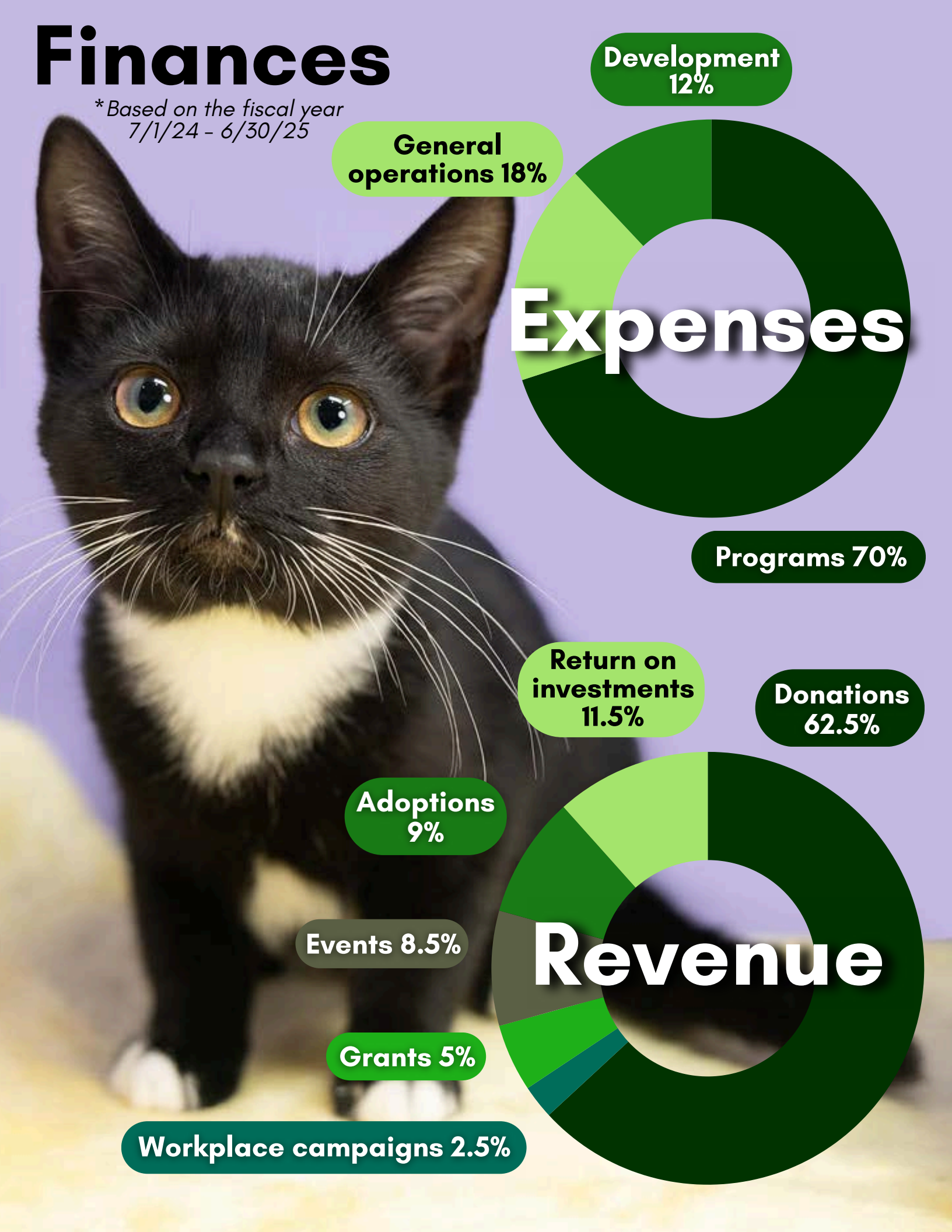
From the moment Juni arrived at IAR, she was gentle, sweet, and full of puppy charm. You would never have known that she'd spent the first three months of her life alone on the streets of Tarboro, or that she'd made a multi-day journey halfway across the state just to get to her IAR foster home. It wasn't long before Juni met a young couple who would soon become her new family. She greeted them as if she had been waiting her entire short life to go home with them, and they too, fell in love on the spot.

Now a few months into life in her new home, her adopters tell us that Juni's favorite activities are "weekend walks for pup cups, doggy play dates with her neighbor friends, cuddles with her two kiddos, and sleeping with mom and dad - head on the pillow!"

Juni's story is a true testament to the power of our community. Supporters from every corner of the Triangle (from Apex to Zebulon!) came together to transport and care for her until she found her family. Her story could have ended on the side of the road this summer, but instead, our community came together to ensure it ended with a forever home and a family who cherishes her.

Finances

*Based on the fiscal year 7/1/24 - 6/30/25



Thank you!



About Independent Animal Rescue: our mission is to rescue, care for, and rehome cats and dogs in need in the Triangle region through four core initiatives: Dog and Cat Foster Programs, Feral Cat TNVR Program, and Community-Owned Animal Programs.

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