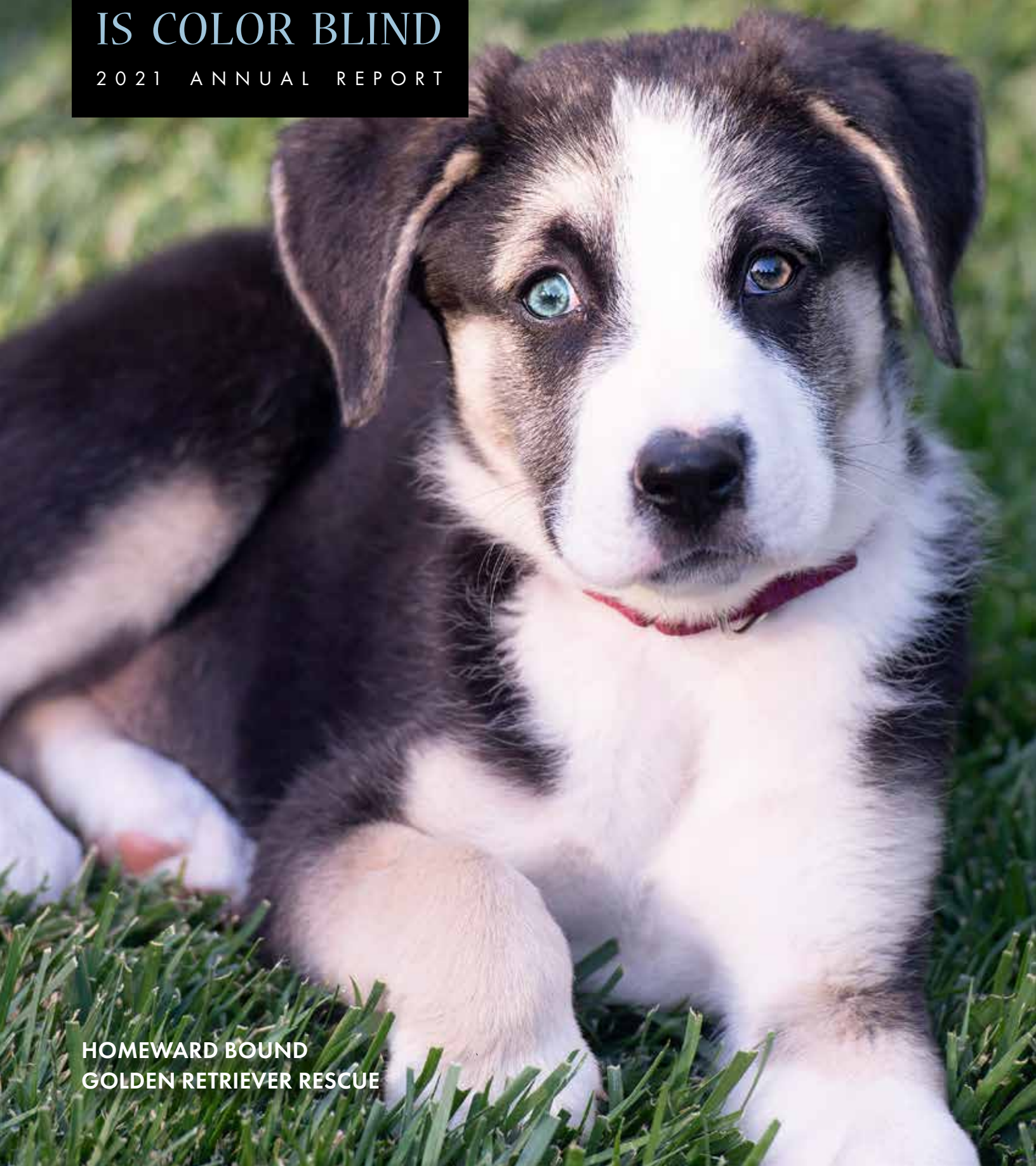


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2021 ANNUAL REPORT



HOMeward BOUND
GOLDEN RETRIEVER RESCUE



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To love dogs is to love their intelligence, affection, loyalty, and their ability to adapt and move forward no matter their past. While rescuing, healing, and finding loving homes for Golden Retrievers and Golden mixes has always been our mission, our passion extends to many others in need. True love of dogs is color blind. In 2021, that was especially important.

For dogs, the pandemic came home to roost in the worst ways. Dogs purchased or adopted in record numbers in 2020 were surrendered or abandoned in 2021. Puppies that had grown into rebellious teens without guidance or attention; dogs that found themselves as homeless as their people when the rent finally came due; dogs with long-overlooked health issues too burdensome to now bear; seniors displaced by their longtime companions' disability or death. And all too often, people exhausted with the pandemic just wanted to get on with their lives and saw these pets who had been their COVID companions as burdens tying them down.

In our world, dogs are not disposable. They are loved members of the family. Our doors were open to them all – as many as we could welcome to relieve overrun shelters. They were yellow, brown, black, white, red, gold, and spotted but all of golden heart. While Goldens will always be our priority, 'rescued' is our favorite breed. Those in need are welcome here.

In 2021 Homeward Bound took in 420 dogs – a 29% increase over 2020 and a total number not seen since 2013. Our expenses grew too, investing heavily to return them to health and happiness. Our team rose to the challenge – with you by our side.

A dog's heart is as color blind as our love for them all.



To Old and New Friends of Homeward Bound

I have been at this thing called rescue for 20 years now. Sometimes, the days, months, and years seem to melt together. But there is no better place than our Memorial Garden to witness the seasons, and just like the turning leaves and blooming flowers, the seasons of dogs who come through our doors: spring, summer, fall, and winter.

In 2021, we saw them all – but young and old in abundance. Puppies, adolescents, and youngsters who had been loyal pandemic companions to their humans who didn't understand the commitment required. And dogs in the winter of their lives – their humans departed or, themselves, long-neglected. With love and good care, many will see summers again.

When I look into a dog's eyes, I don't see Golden Retriever or any other breed. I see a living being...a soul. Some happy, some sad, some scared, some timid. The dogs don't need to speak their need; their eyes say everything.

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In 2021, we looked into the eyes of 420 dogs who asked for your help, guidance, care, and comfort on their journeys home. We didn't ask their pedigree. With your support – we said 'yes.'

We have seen our own season change – from the leadership of our founders to forging our own path. A few storms were to be expected along the way, but we had been well-prepared. There are voices from the past to guide us and the fresh perspectives of new team members to challenge us as we reinvent. They are our future. They are our spring.

"Find a group of people who challenge and inspire you, spend a lot of time with them, and it will change your life." – Amy Poehler

As I write, 2022 appears to be every bit as challenging as 2021. The need is great everywhere we turn. But rescue is our calling. Together, we make it possible. From the bottom of my heart, I thank you.

Judy Kent, *President*



Our Mission

Homeward Bound Golden Retriever Rescue and Sanctuary, Inc. is an all-volunteer organization which rescues and heals displaced, abandoned, and homeless Golden Retrievers and Golden mixes, regardless of their age or health. Homeward Bound secures safe, loving homes through a comprehensive adoption program, and also provides lifetime sanctuary for Goldens that cannot be adopted.

Homeward Bound also provides education on proper animal care and on the benefits of, and need for, rescue and sanctuary. In the event of a disaster, Homeward Bound will provide assistance to other rescue groups and the families of dogs impacted by the disaster.

Homeward Bound will continue to serve as a model rescue organization, addressing animal welfare needs throughout California and neighboring states, and strives to be a national leader in rescue, sanctuary, and education.

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Our History

Homeward Bound was founded in the year 2000 by Jody and Mike Jones. Already immersed in rescue, the journey to save more than 10,000 dog lives began with a promise to their critically injured Golden girl named Chelsea. The bargain: her survival and recovery for a life devoted to rescue. She lived and thrived; they kept their promise.

Initially operating out of their home, the need quickly outgrew the Jones' capacity. They moved to an eight-acre property in the country and began what has become a nationally-recognized rescue organization out of a single house, unfinished barn, and weed-filled land.

Vision, countless hours of volunteer labor, and the generous donations of friends and supporters have transformed the barren farmland into a welcoming sanctuary. Today, Homeward Bound's facilities include a modern kennel and office, senior sanctuary, fully outfitted vet clinic, puppy palace, training pavilion, and 14 grassy yards where the dogs can run, play, learn and meet their potential adopters. A walking path surrounds the property, and for those with mobility or weight issues, a donated heated swimming pool provides on-site water therapy as well as cooling relief for all on hot summer days. Finally, our Memorial Garden offers a refuge for volunteers and dogs to spend quiet time together. It is the perfect place to celebrate going-homes with photos shared with family and friends over social media extending our network and visibility.

Homeward Bound's volunteer-built facility is the envy of many rescue organizations. But, most importantly, our ability to provide housing allows us to say "yes" when dogs are in immediate need while most rescues must wait for foster capacity.

Chelsea went on to live a good, long life. Her story was the inspiration for saving thousands more. A promise made: a promise kept thanks to the vision of Jody and Mike – and good friends like you.

How We Help

Emergency Transport

Homeward Bound and its transport team traveled more than 75,000 miles to bring dogs to safety, including trips in and out of state and internationally.

Shelter

Homeward Bound remained open and safe despite the pandemic, welcoming 420 dogs into our program and providing temporary housing while supporting another 85 dogs in permanent foster care or sanctuary.

Short-Term Foster

Day, weekend, or week-long outings or stays help us learn about a dog in a home and public environment, leading to better matches.

Permanent Foster

Homeward Bound ensures the lifelong medical and special dietary needs of the dogs with ongoing needs overcoming obstacles to their selection so they can be home.

Sanctuary

Dogs that are unlikely or unable to be adopted due to extraordinary medical or emotional needs are offered sanctuary in Sugar Shack Acres – their own dedicated housing and large shady yard where they can enjoy the company of other dogs and the humans who dote on them.

Golden Touch

Making a senior-to-senior, no-fee adoption connection for humans and dogs of a certain age and limited income.



Medical Care

Our devoted Dr. Codde, DVM, has dedicated 16 years to our effort, seeing each dog personally on her only day off each week and performing a wide range of services at a significant discount. In addition, she may enlist any number of veterinarian specialists to ensure that every dog receives the best hope for a healthy future.

Veterinary expenses exceeded \$355,000 – a 33% increase in keeping with the higher intake and the dogs' extraordinary needs.

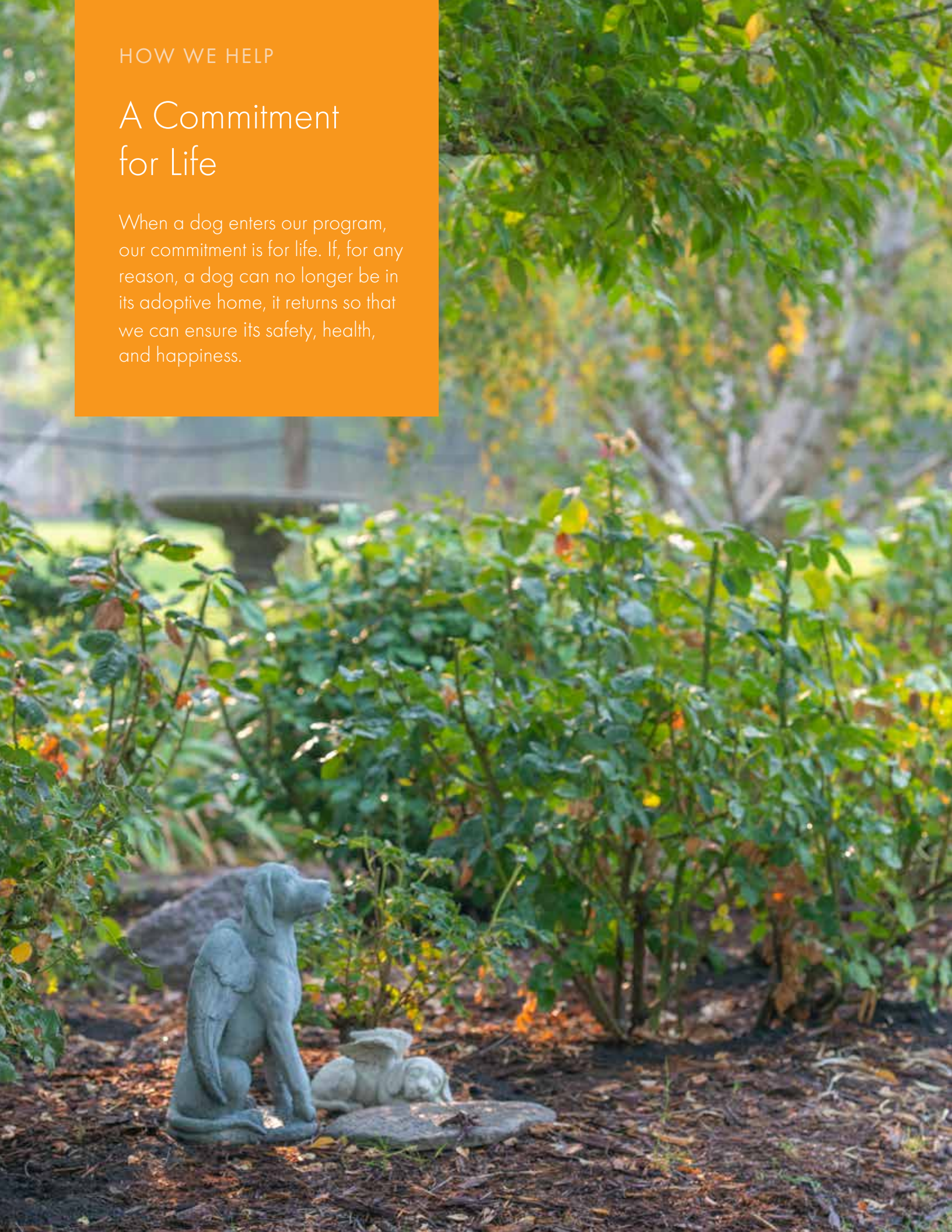
Because we welcome dogs regardless of their age or health, our medical costs are our single largest expense representing 49% of all costs in 2021. Every dog receives primary medical care, including blood work, vaccinations, dentals when needed, and spay and neuter. Others require much more, including orthopedic, neurological, hearing, vision, diabetic, and cancer challenges.

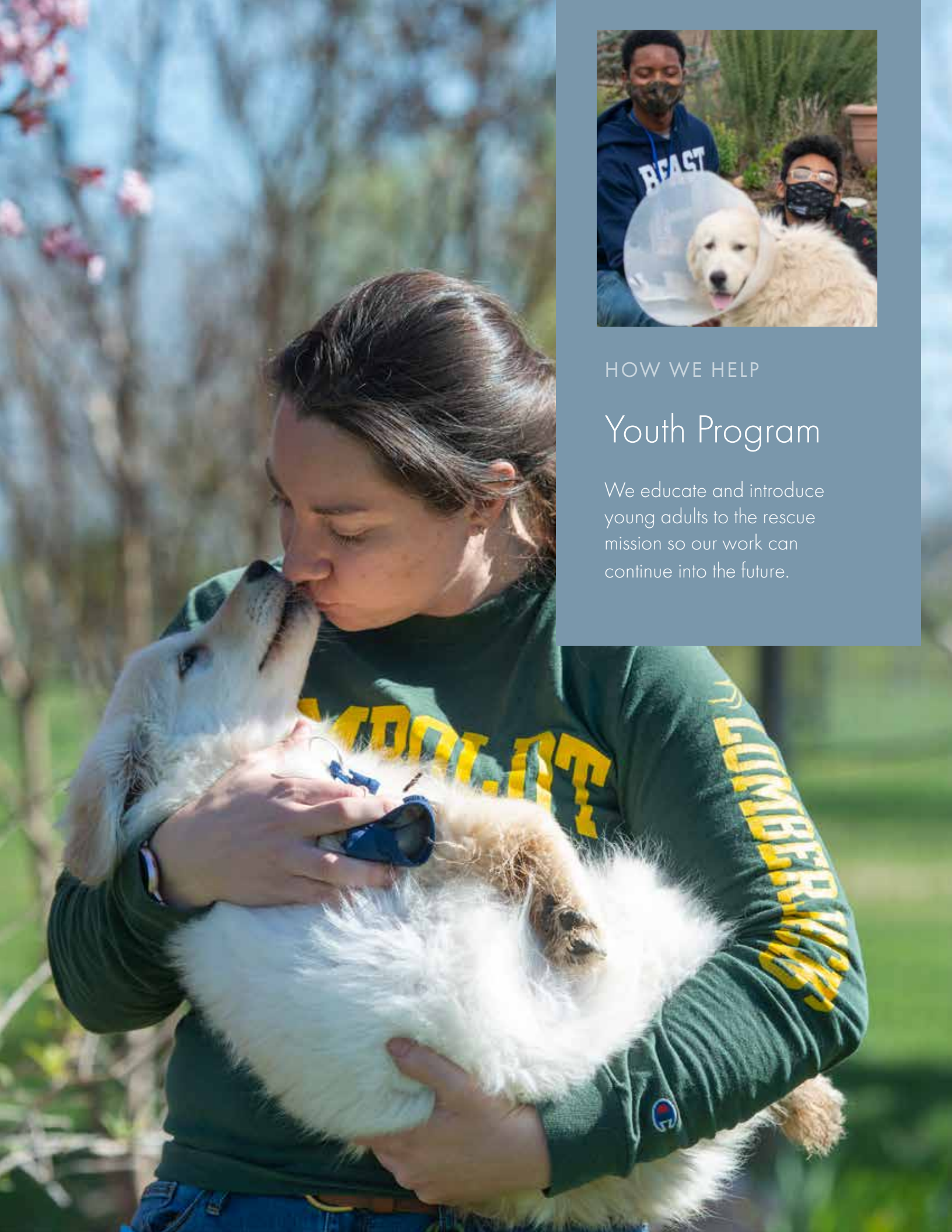
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HOW WE HELP

A Commitment for Life

When a dog enters our program, our commitment is for life. If, for any reason, a dog can no longer be in its adoptive home, it returns so that we can ensure its safety, health, and happiness.





HOW WE HELP

Youth Program

We educate and introduce young adults to the rescue mission so our work can continue into the future.



How We Helped Cali

Cali, a beautiful purebred Labrador Retriever, was hit by a car. Instead of being euthanized at the young age of two as her family requested, her vet recommended Homeward Bound knowing that we would do whatever it took to restore her health and happiness. Reattaching her broken pelvis to her spine required a difficult surgery and months-long recovery that began with full immobilization. The bill for her surgery and medications alone exceeded \$4,500. It was a long road to recovery, but we weren't the only ones there for her. A family that met Cali while she was in our care fell madly in love. They visited her weekly until they could finally bring her home. That we had the ability to give Cali back her future is only because of people like you.



A Role for Everyone

92%

The percentage of funds directly benefiting the dogs thanks to our all-volunteer status.

Dogs' lives aren't the only ones changed by our effort. Human lives are enhanced through the act of rescue, adoption, fostering, and healing.

Homeward Bound is an all-volunteer organization. Nearly 300 active volunteers from near and far contribute their talents, time, and passion. People from all walks of life come together, bonded by a shared love of dogs and a desire to help.

It takes many heads, hands, and skills to sustain our operation, but most importantly, it takes hearts. And through the process of helping those who cannot help themselves, we all find purpose. Rescue is a way of life.



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A Lasting Legacy

Chelsea's Chapel

In September 2021, we held a special event to dedicate Chelsea's Chapel on Goldens' Pond. Named for our founders' beloved Golden girl who inspired their vision, the chapel was built as Jody Jones wished to house the ashes of the dogs returned to Homeward Bound. Jody kept their ashes all her years and long coveted this special chapel for them – built by her siblings – and located by her peaceful pond. We could think of no more fitting tribute to her legacy than to see her dream to completion.

Planned Giving

Bequests played a major role in our 2021 fundraising success, leaving a legacy of support and care for our mission. These gifts ensure that the joy our benefactors experienced from the love of a dog is shared with others – and that more lives will be saved.

In 2018, we announced that the Jones' generously put the property in trust to Homeward Bound. Bequests not only support our day-to-day operations, but they have also helped us create a reserve for the eventual purchase and capital improvements of the property.

A planned gift is one of the most impactful ways to support Homeward Bound's work, ensuring rescue resources and quality care for generations to come. Legacy planning is essential for everyone to ensure that our wishes are fulfilled as intended. So is planning for our pets' future should the unexpected happen. We encourage all families to prepare for their fur-family members. Homeward Bound stands ready to help. By sharing your wishes with your family members and with us in advance, we can ease the transition for your beloved four-legged companion if the need arises.

Etched in Our Hearts

Every dog that comes through our doors is special to us. But some stand out for their exceptional needs and the care they required. In 2021, many of them were the very young.



PEARL



Pearl came to us from a shelter – a five-month-old mixed-breed stray puppy with a terrible left eye injury. Unfortunately, the trauma inflicted also took her right eye vision. Terrified by the ordeal and her abrupt blindness, this young girl needed help trusting and navigating a suddenly sightless world. Immediately after surgery, we sent her to a quiet foster home where her true personality quickly emerged.

A woman with a big heart for special needs dogs adopted her. Pearl joined a family of tripods...one canine, one feline, where she lives happily and confidently.



MABEL

Mabel was a breeder surrender with ectopic ureters – simply put, she leaked pee. The journey to restore a dog's health with this condition is long. At three months of age, she was almost a year away from potential surgery. She was too small for her age. She had a bacterial and yeast infection already. She went to a loving foster who dutifully washed and dried her bum four times daily and transformed her home and floors while waiting for the results of an ultrasound. The results were devastating. Mabel had only one kidney, and it was rapidly failing. There was nothing to do but take her home and love her. Someone said she was not meant to be. But she was. She was meant to be loved by us during her short time on earth.



SKYE

The police confiscated Skye as a very young puppy in China. Rescuers there were tipped off and able to get him to safety before he faced certain death. A vet check revealed severe hip dysplasia at his young age - undoubtedly the result of puppy mill breeding. He remained in foster care until he was old enough to fly. Once in our care, he underwent bilateral femoral head ostectomy (FHO) surgery in which the head of the femur is removed, and the surrounding muscles gradually create a false joint. His orthopedist found that his femur head was in shards... every step of his young life had been spent in excruciating pain, but his spirit was not dampened. After six months of recovery, Skye was adopted by his Homeward Bound foster and now pays his good fortune forward by fostering other puppies in need.



ZIGGY

Ziggy was found hobbled and stray in the Central Valley. He was emaciated and limping painfully on his right leg. X-rays revealed the reason: he had been shot. Dr. Codde was able to remove all the shrapnel but assumed he would have a limp for life. Ziggy had other ideas. His foster adopted him, and today, he runs with exuberance as if nothing had ever happened. Never underestimate the healing power of love.





Maizie was our 10,000th dog;
another puppy surrendered for being a puppy.
We found a loving home that was well matched to guide her
through puppy zoomies and adolescence.



ANNIE AND HER PUPS

Annie was found stray and very pregnant at one year of age. She was pulled from a Central Valley shelter by a German Shepherd rescue group, but they had no foster capacity and no experience in whelping puppies. She was transferred to our care: another reason why our facility is such a blessing. Shortly after her arrival, Annie gave birth to six healthy babies in our Puppy Palace under the watchful eye of our president. We ensured that each got a good start in their first three critical weeks and then sent mom and the pups to foster where they could be weaned in peace. Mom dogs are very protective! Annie and the pups each found loving homes. A recent reunion revealed well-socialized and well-trained adolescents with their mom's stunning good looks. Golden? No. But definitely gold-hearted.





GORDY

At five months of age, Gordy was found abandoned in a Central Valley orchard. This Great Pyrenees looked more like a rat – naked and pink with no coat and red lesions all over his body. His hair began to grow with TLC, but even before he looked like a dog again, his family fell in love and brought him home. Their loving care restored him to what appeared to be full health until a persistent limp turned out to be OCD – in dogs, an inflammatory condition that occurs when diseased cartilage separates from the underlying bone, likely due to genetics and malnutrition. Although adopted, we committed to his implant surgery to try to save his leg. Unfortunately, several months later, we learned the implant, too, had failed. A second surgery would not take hold despite a heroic effort as his bones and cartilage were so severely compromised. Ultimately, the leg was lost – but not the love of his family or his spirit.



DUKE

Duke was surrendered at age eight. His human had developed dementia, and he had been woefully neglected. Caring family members intervened. He arrived covered in mats the size of small animals from his neck to his tail. The weight of them, and his curled toenails, made it nearly impossible for him to walk. The pain of them tugging at him must have been terrible. Freed of them, he ran with joy and became part of our permanent foster program. That was 2019. By 2021, despite all the TLC his people could provide, the hardship of those neglectful years was evident in his painful gait. We supported Duke through double FHO surgery similar to Skye's but sadly lost him to cancer in July 2021. Our commitment to dogs is for their life.



ASHLEY

Ashley was surrendered at the age of three months. One leg appeared shorter than the other and an undeveloped femur was suspected, but test results revealed something more sinister lurking. Her leg was amputated to prevent Osteochondroma, a benign lesion that eventually converts to abnormally rapidly growing tumors that can be malignant. Her amputation removed the threat, and she cruises through life as a happy tripod, not knowing any difference.



Witness Protection

Some of our most special stories cannot be told. Working with animal control and law enforcement, dogs come to us from hoarding situations, puppy mills, and abuse. Within our sanctuary, they find safety, shelter, and love. Many have never touched grass or been free to run. To see them move from terrified to joyful is a sight to behold – one shared only with our tight family and their adopters to ensure their protection forever.



International Rescue



Our efforts to rescue dogs from overseas never interferes with our work to save dogs here at home.

In June 2021, the CDC put a temporary ban in place for dogs imported from high-risk countries for dog rabies. The genesis of the ban was the illegal importation of puppies for sale in the U.S. – many too young to leave their mothers and all too young for valid rabies vaccinations. Unfortunately, legitimate rescue efforts were caught up in this attempt to stop illegal trafficking. While well-intended, the ban is overreaching and puts millions of dogs that might be saved at risk.

For many years, Homeward Bound has worked with rescuers in China and Taiwan to save dogs from the horrors of the meat markets there. We agree that implementing all safeguards necessary to protect humans and dogs from rabies is paramount. All dogs rescued by our trusted partners are fully vaccinated for rabies and DHPPI-L. In addition, tests are conducted for brucellosis, canine distemper, and canine parvovirus, with complete blood counts and biochemical profiles on the dogs. In keeping with USDA requirements, the paperwork documenting all of this accompanies the dogs to the U.S. Once at Homeward Bound, the dogs remain in quarantine for another two weeks as an additional safety precaution.

In April 2021, our last group of international rescues arrived. For the many more waiting, we worked with our rescue partners to eventually get them to countries that welcomed them. Sadly, this ban has significantly impacted the number of dogs saved.

Our efforts to rescue dogs from overseas never interferes with our work to save dogs here at home. But our mission is Golden Retriever rescue, and when a life is at stake, we provide safe haven and loving homes while those on the ground work to change a culture of inhuman treatment from within.

We join in supporting other rescue groups in working to achieve the CDC's public protection goals while leaving the door open for lawful and genuine rescue efforts.

How You Can Help

Homeward Bound relies almost solely on generous contributions from individuals and corporate donors. Whether financial, material – or gifts of time and talent – there are many ways to contribute to our effort.

Financial Support

Homeward Bound conducts three major annual fundraising events. Additional drives happen throughout the year to address extraordinary needs. You may also choose to donate in-honor or in-memory of your special someone at any time. Follow us on Facebook and Instagram, sign-up for our newsletters, check our website for upcoming events – or just click “Donate” anytime. Your gifts are always welcome and appreciated.

Planned Gifts

A bequest is a special gift, a wonderful opportunity to ensure that your passion for rescue and Homeward Bound’s mission lives on into the future. Leave a lasting legacy that may also offer benefits to you or your heirs. You will find information on our website under “How to Help.” Your tax or financial advisor can advise you on the best approach for your unique situation.

AmazonSmile

When you make Homeward Bound your designated charity and do your Amazon shopping through AmazonSmile, Amazon donates 0.5% of the price of your eligible purchases to Homeward Bound.



Volunteer

Our work is not possible without the volunteer contributions of hundreds of people just like you. There is a role for everyone no matter your particular skill. Complete an application on our website, and we’ll find the perfect spot for your talents.

Reach Out

Everyone everywhere can play a role in supporting our work. Here are just a few ways that you can help:

- Spread the word about the importance of spay and neuter.
- Educate others about puppy mills and responsible breeders. Share the information on our website under “Resources.”
- Train and socialize your dog from the very beginning; educate others about the importance of a well-socialized dog.
- Learn how to report neglect or abuse in your community (each community is different).
- Help an elderly or ill neighbor to keep their pet in their home by lending a hand.

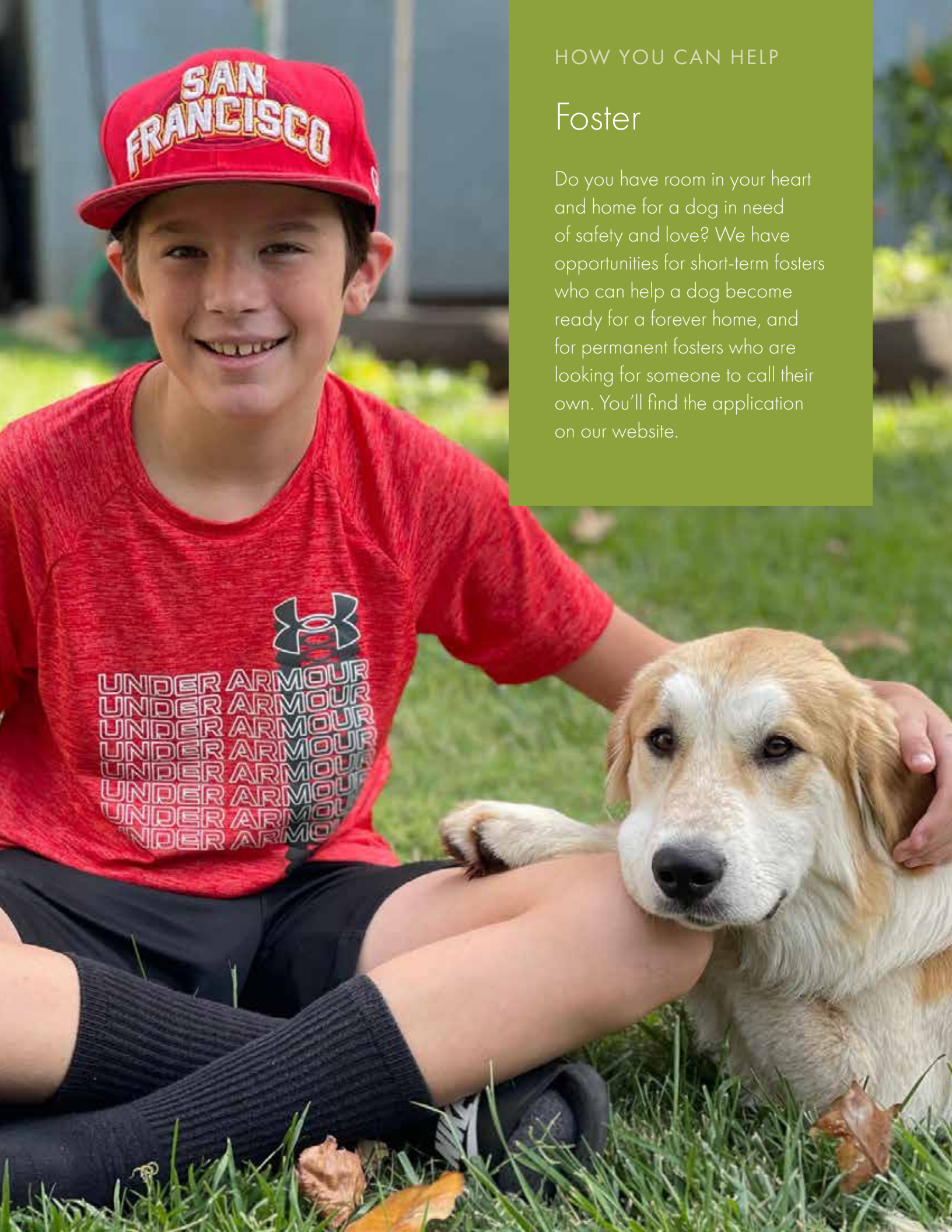
Donate – in whatever way works best for you.



HOW YOU CAN HELP

In-Kind Support

Big dogs have big needs – from toys and treats, to food, bedding, grooming, and more. Everyday items add up quickly. On our website, you will find our Amazon Charity List and Chewy Wish List under “How to Help.”



HOW YOU CAN HELP

Foster

Do you have room in your heart and home for a dog in need of safety and love? We have opportunities for short-term fosters who can help a dog become ready for a forever home, and for permanent fosters who are looking for someone to call their own. You'll find the application on our website.

2021 Financials

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REVENUES, GAINS, AND OTHER SUPPORT

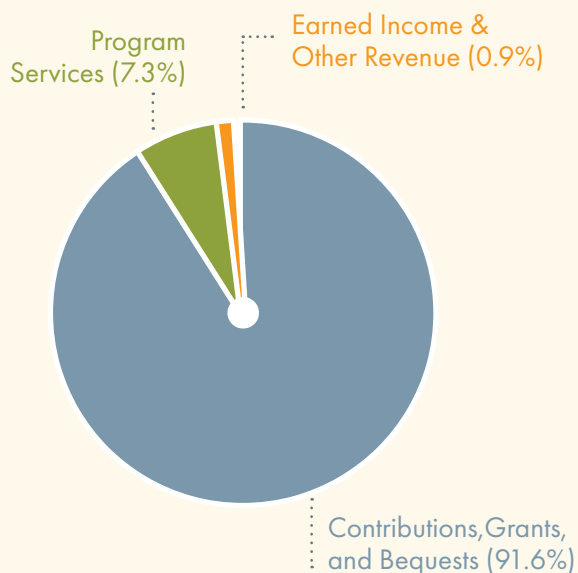
Contributions, Grants, and Bequests	\$ 1,540,211
Program Services	123,418
Earned Income and Other Revenue*	15,518
Cost of Goods Sold	<u>3,126</u>
Total Revenues, Gains, and Other Support	\$ 1,682,273

EXPENSES

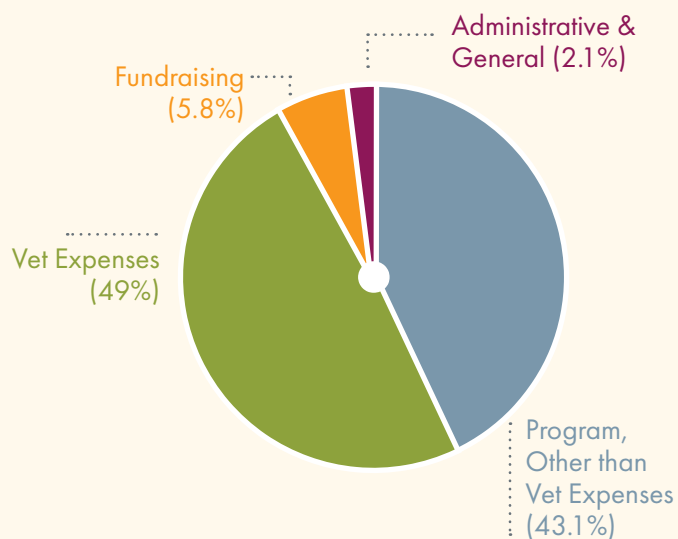
Program	\$ <u>669,114</u>
Fundraising	14,902
Administrative and General	41,915
Total Expenses	<u>725,931</u>
Net Ordinary Income	<u>951,585</u>
Net Income	\$ <u>951,585</u>

*Stock Sale/Interest Income/Sanctuary Sales

2021 Revenue



2021 Expenses





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