



# Annual Impact Report 2024





# from the **SAIN Board**

Dear Friends and Supporters,

As Chairperson of Skagit Animals in Need, I am honored to present our 2024 Annual Impact Report. This year has been one of growth, challenges, and meaningful impact in our mission to prevent and respond to animal cruelty and neglect in Skagit County.

Through your generous support, we've been able to provide for 141 animals, find forever homes for 9 rescued animals, and provide critical assistance to pet owners facing temporary economic hardship. Our all-volunteer organization contributed over 3,448 hours of service, demonstrating the incredible dedication of our community to animal welfare.

In 2024, our core Rescue, Rehabilitation and Rehoming program continued to provide pathways to permanent, loving homes for animals in our care. Our Animal Assistance Program and Skagit Pet Pantries expanded our support of animal owners struggling economically to care for their animals.

As we look toward 2025, we remain committed to our vision that every animal is properly cared for in a manner that meets or exceeds Washington State law. The stories and accomplishments shared in this report are only possible because of supporters like you.

With gratitude,

*Ragina Gray*

Chairperson, Skagit Animals in Need



# Fulfilling our *mission & vision*

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141

SAIN's work directly touched  
the lives of 141 animals in 2024

Our mission is to *prevent* and  
*respond* to animal cruelty and  
neglect primarily in support of  
law enforcement.

Our vision is that every animal  
is properly cared for in a  
manner that meets or exceeds  
Washington State law.

3448

Hours of volunteer service  
supported SAIN's work: 1914 from  
our Board | 1534 from our ad hoc  
volunteers

9

Animals adopted into  
forever homes



## About Skagit Animals in Need

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SAIN is an all-volunteer 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to rescuing, rehabilitating, and rehoming animals who have been victims of cruelty or neglect. We work closely with local law enforcement to respond to animal welfare cases and provide comprehensive care for animals in need.

When animals have been denied basic care and comfort and are removed from their situations, they come to SAIN where they receive the nourishment, medical and farrier care, and love they've been deprived of. When they recover, we help them find homes of kindness. We also help owners afford necessary care for their animals when they are facing temporary economic struggles.

Our volunteer-driven approach allows us to maximize the impact of every dollar donated, with 82% of expenses going directly to animal care.



# SAIN 2024

## by the numbers

### ANIMALS HELPED IN RESCUE & REHABILITATION IN 2024

19



14 HORSES



2 COWS



1 DOG



1 SHEEP



1 GOAT

### ANIMALS PLACED IN FOREVER HOMES IN 2024

9



4 HORSES



2 COWS



1 DOG



1 SHEEP



1 GOAT

OUR ANIMAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM HELPED 122 SKAGITONIANS WITH NANO-GRANTS TO HELP WITH VETERINARY AND OTHER URGENT ANIMAL CARE EXPENSES IN 2024

122



12

We provided 12 pallets of pet food to 12 local food banks to help neighbors feed their beloved companions.



79%



of our funding in 2024 came from INDIVIDUAL DONORS and our annual TACK SALE & RAFFLE

76%

of our expenses in 2024 went directly to caring for the animals & helping them find safe and loving new homes.





# Adopted in 2024



Diego & Manny



Thor



Dallas



Hopper



Maisey



Jonny



Silvie & Valentine

# Making Every Dollar Count

In 2024, SAIN raised just over \$110,000 through individual and business donations, grants, and our annual Tack Sale & Raffle. As a small, all-volunteer organization, we achieve remarkable impacts despite our modest revenue stream.

## Our funding comes from multiple sources:

- Individual & Business Donations (cash & in-kind): 68%
- Tack Sale & Raffle: 15%
- Grants: 11%
- Adoption & Intake Fees: 3%

76% of what we spend goes directly to caring for the animals & helping them find safe and loving new homes. Our efficiency means that every dollar donated creates significant change in the lives of animals and their owners throughout Skagit County.

Without the overhead of a physical facility or paid staff, we maximize the impact of each donation. Our volunteers donate their time, expertise, and often their own resources to ensure that funding primarily supports animal care, veterinary services, feed, and direct assistance to pet owners in need.

## The Impact of Your Support

In addition to our core Rescue, Rehabilitation & Rehoming work, two of our programs have far-reaching impact in our community.

## Skagit Pet Pantries: Filling Food Bowls Across the County

We purchased 6 pallets of dog food and 6 pallets of cat food for distribution to local food banks. Our partners at Community Action of Skagit County, who help us distribute the pet food, tell us just how important this program is:

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*This has been a tremendous benefit to those who rely on the network of food banks to meet their nutrition needs. Because of [this program], the people are no longer diverting a portion of their food to sustain their cherished pets...Even with [this program], the supply is quickly outstripped by the demand. There is no other program like SAIN's Skagit Pet Pantries in Skagit County...*



# A Life-Changing Difference: Animal Assistance Program

The Animal Assistance Program provides nano-grants to help people care for their beloved animals during times of financial hardship. One community member shares her story:



*I am at a loss for words when it comes to describe how grateful I am to the SAIN program. My husband and I worked hard to be able to have horses...I unfortunately experienced a traumatic brain injury, which left me out of work while in and out of doctors appointments. My partner, unfortunately had to quit his job in Seattle to be able to drive me to appointments. He did end up finding something closer, but it's not covering the bills.*

*With our loss of income, we have had to cut back on our expenses and our biggest expense has been our horses. The amount of loss we have experienced was tremendous this year--I did not want to lose them, too. With the help of SAIN I have received enough help to be able to feed my horses during this time. This is been such a life-changing situation and you have made such a difference in such a short time.*

*I hope in the future I'm able to give back to the program to help fellow community members during tough times. The generosity of this program has alleviated some stress and has helped my mental health. I hope this program continues to help the community and their horses.*



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## Thank you to our generous supporters

Skagit Animals in Need is an all-volunteer organization. We do this work together with your support and we are incredibly grateful to all of you who have a hand in helping improve the lives of animals in Skagit County.

Whether you volunteer, donate, advise, shop at our annual Tack Sale, buy raffle tickets, follow us on social media, subscribe to our newsletter, buy a calendar, or simply cheer us on, it takes a village to do this work.

Learn more about volunteer opportunities:  
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