What's Goin On At Father John's!

Spring 2025 Edition

From a Year of Hope to a Year of Growth

As we reflect on 2024, we're filled with gratitude and joy for all that we've accomplished together. Thanks to your unwavering support, this year was filled with life-saving surgeries, happy tails, and heartwarming success stories.

Our dedicated team worked tirelessly to provide care for animals in need, and we're thrilled to share that many made smooth recoveries and found their forever homes. These milestones wouldn't have been possible without you. It was truly a Year of Hope at Father John's Animal House, where together, we gave **444 cats** and **256 dogs** loving homes and brighter futures. Thank you for being part of these incredible moments!

Pet Lover's Fest!

We're excited to announce that Team Cat and Team Dog are already gearing up for Pet Lovers Fest! We're using this newsletter as an opportunity to start raising funds for both teams! You can register to join us at this exciting event by visiting our website, where you'll find all the details and sign-up information.
In addition to the fun and festivities, we'll be selling exclusive Pet Lovers Fest t-shirts available for purchase on our website. Expect an exciting lineup of activities including music, a K9 competition, delicious food, and many more surprises! Don't miss out on the fun! Join us and support Team Cat or Team Dog!

Join Us For Our 4th Annual Pet Lover's Fest!

Lean on Leon

One of the programs we're especially proud of is *Lean on Leon.* Started in 2023, this program was created to help individuals struggling to afford food and supplies for their pets. In 2024, we worked closely with Leon, our caretaker, to expand this program and get the word out. The response has been amazing! We've been able to help even more families keep their pets, and that's something we'll continue to focus on in 2025.

A particularly special moment for us was when Lean on Leon was featured in Sparta Living magazine. This recognition meant so much to us, especially because it highlighted Leon's hard work and dedication. We're incredibly grateful for the opportunity to share our mission with a wider audience and are thrilled that Leon received the credit he truly deserves.

Our Low-Cost Spay/Neuter Clinic: Helping Make a Difference

We're excited about how well our Low-Cost Spay/Neuter Clinic has been doing. In 2024, **we helped 2,139 dogs and cats** through this service! It's been so rewarding to see pets in our community get the care they need in a way that's affordable and accessible.

Since August 2022, we've been offering high-quality spay and neuter procedures often at a fraction of the cost. All surgeries are performed by a licensed veterinarian who specialises in these procedures. This service helps prevent the overpopulation of pets and ensures fewer animals end up homeless or in shelters.

Thanks to a TNR (Trap-Neuter-Return) grant, we've been able to perform surgeries on feral cats in our community, further addressing the issue of pet overpopulation. Our goal is to make it as easy as possible for you to care for your pet responsibly, and we're thrilled to see so many people taking advantage of it!

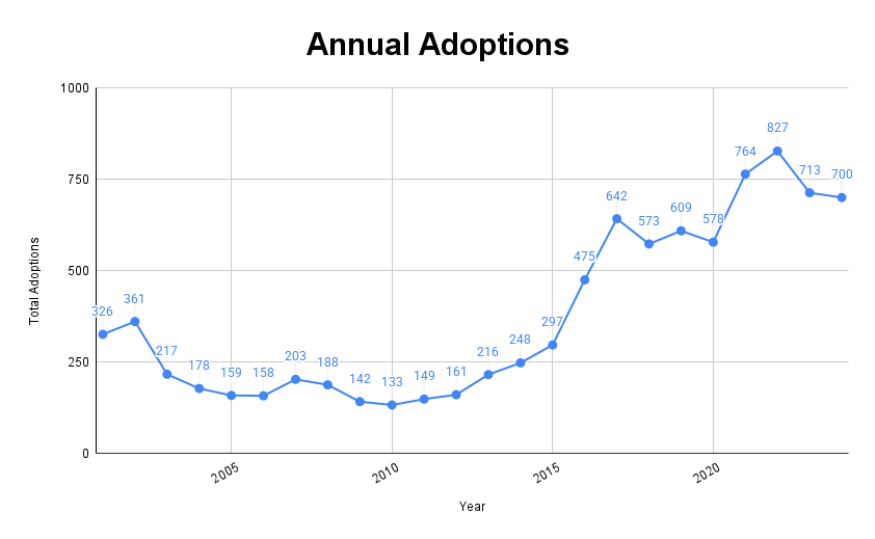
Asher Update!

Remember Asher?! This handsome 4-year-old boy came to us from a local family who was unable to afford his care. When he first arrived, Asher was in desperate need of a life-saving surgery. Thanks to the overwhelming generosity of our supporters, he received the medical attention he desperately needed, and today, he is thriving!

We are beyond grateful for your donations that gave Asher a second chance at life.

Asher is now living in his forever home, where he is so loved. His journey from recovery to adoption is a beautiful reminder of the impact your support has on the lives of animals in need.

Thank you to everyone who donated and helped make this happy ending possible!



2025: The Year of Growth

We're excited to keep the momentum going. This year is all about growth. We're working to expand our reach, increase our services, and create more opportunities to help pets and people in need.

We'll continue growing programs like Lean on Leon, our spay/neuter clinic, and so much more. Our goal is to be a bigger resource for our community, helping more animals, more families, and even more pet owners who need a little help.

See the graph included to see just how much our adoptions have increased over the last 20 years! We are just getting started.

How You Can Help Us Grow

We're aiming to raise $30,000 in 2025 to get a life-saving blood machine for our shelter. This important piece of equipment will help us provide urgent care to animals in need.

Not only will the blood machine improve the care we offer, but ***it will also save us $75 each time we send out blood-work for a shelter pet.*** Over the course of a year, this will amount to thousands in savings. Furthermore, by having this machine on-site, we will be able to offer blood-work services for pets in our spay and neuter clinic.

As veterinary care costs continue to rise, we are thinking outside the box and into the future. We never want to jeopardise the high-quality care Father John's has been providing to homeless pets for over 25 years.

We're reaching out for your support to help us hit our goal and make a real difference in their lives. Every little bit helps! Thank you for any donation you can give!

Donate Today!

Building bridges,

changing lives!

Thanks to the incredible support of our sponsor, Thor Labs, we were able to afford a life-changing surgery for our beloved dog, Dreyfuss. This has made an immense difference in his life, and we are deeply grateful.

Additionally, we had the wonderful opportunity to visit Sparta Athletic Campus with some of our pups, who have now become part of our growing list of supporters. Their partnership has been an incredible boost to our cause, and we look forward to continuing this collaboration.

We're excited to offer annual sponsorship opportunities for businesses looking to make a lasting impact in our community. Choose from three flexible sponsorship tiers, each with exclusive promotional benefits designed to showcase your support for our mission.

It is more important than ever before to show your local community and your employees that you are a business that cares.

Sponsorship Information

The Best Part: Seeing Happy Endings

What's the best part of it all? Watching our shelter pets get adopted and find their happy endings. Every adoption is a reminder that all the hard work, the long hours, and the tough days are worth it. Seeing these animals go from frightened and alone to being loved and cherished in their forever homes makes everything we do rewarding. It's what keeps us going, even on the most challenging days.

In fact, it's why we live by the quote on our t-shirts: ***"We're their house, you're their home."*** We're so proud to provide shelter, care, and love for these animals until they find the perfect family to call their own.

A Heartfelt Thank You From

our Director!

"As we reflect on the incredible progress we've made together, I want to extend our deepest gratitude to all of our supporters. Your kindness, generosity, and dedication make our work at Father John's Animal House possible. Because of you, countless animals have found their forever homes and experienced the love and care they truly deserve. We couldn't do it without you!

However, there is much more to be done. Growth at Father John's is necessary to meet the increasing needs of the animals and the community around us. With you behind us, we stand steady to meet every challenge. Whether it be an ill puppy at our door step or discarded kittens in a box, we are here.

Thank you for making their second chances possible!"

- Garret Barcheski

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