

RESCUE SPOTLIGHT

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A Reimagined Shelter



The center serves as a business model for the country intended to elevate and empower communities in saving homeless pets, while also serving as a lifesaving hub for Northwest Arkansas, supporting area shelters and providing long distance transport. The goal is to end the killing of cats and dogs

in U.S. shelters by 2025, and the Pet Resource Center plays an important part in this strategy.

The center offers pets for adoption, while also helping people struggling to keep their existing pets by connecting them with humane and social services, offering on-site resources including a pet food and supplies pantry, veterinary care and training classes, just to name a few.

The center's playful design features installations from local artists and pet fixtures evoking the Ozarks. With people and pets in mind, the center partnered with Third Space Coffee to create an onsite vegan café and coffee shop that provides free WiFi and lounge area seating, allowing people to work in the company of adoptable cats and dogs. A variety of comfortable spaces for guests throughout the facility lets potential adopters, fosters or volunteers engage with the animals in a relaxed atmosphere.

For more information, visit bestfriends.org/northwest-arkansas.

In March, Best Friends Animal Society introduced a new animal resource center in Bentonville, Arkansas, that changes the traditional sheltering model as we know it. The first-of-its-kind national destination for animal lovers, Best Friends Pet Resource Center showcases adoptable pets in a bright and airy facility that does not use cages or kennels, instead housing them in large, open rooms or utilizing their local foster network.



Potential adopters spend time in open spaces with the adoptable cats.

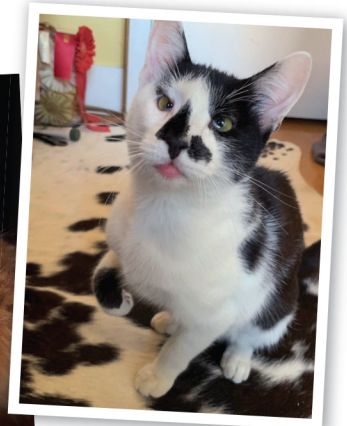
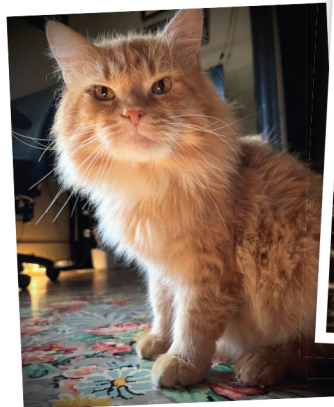
Rescue Fund Celebrates 10 Years

The Schwarzman Animal Medical Center in New York is the world's largest nonprofit animal hospital with a mission to provide the best in care, research and education. The Emma and Georgina Bloomberg AMC to the Rescue Fund plays an important role to the center. Established in 2013, it provides free or subsidized specialty care to rescue animals who are hard to adopt because of health issues.

The fund was named for Emma and Georgina Bloomberg in 2020 in recognition of their generous support, and over the last decade, the fund has helped more than 600 pets, partnered with more than 140 rescue groups and provided over \$1.6 million in donated care to help animals find their forever homes.

"It's an honor to support the Animal Medical Center, an organization that has changed the lives of so many animals

in New York City and beyond," says Georgina Bloomberg. "By helping the AMC to the Rescue Fund, my sister and I are addressing a major obstacle in animal adoption and ensuring that the homeless animals of this city will have a better chance of finding the forever homes they deserve. Thank you, AMC, for everything you do for the animals of this amazing city and for letting us be a small part of it."



Morpheus (left) and Inka are just two of the cats benefiting from the AMC To The Rescue Charitable Fund. Both now thrive in their forever homes.

AMC will highlight several heartwarming stories of rescue animals that have been helped by the fund throughout the year. **To learn more** about AMC to the Rescue's 10th anniversary, visit amcny.org/community-funds/amc-to-the-rescue. 🐾

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