

Dear PBJ Friends and Family,

It's my pleasure to once again share news of our successes for the year, and we have much to celebrate ... thanks to support from wonderful people like you!

This past March marked our 8th anniversary as a non-profit animal rescue ... as of November 2021, we've:

- **Saved the lives of over 2,800 animals, rescuing from high-risk shelters and taking in community cats to spare them from living harsh lives outdoors**
- **Touched the lives of THOUSANDS of people by bringing them joy through adoption, fostering, and volunteering**
- **Reestablished in-person adoption events in Covid-safe fashion at PetMAC in DC and PetSmart in East Fairfax VA**
- **Built a team of 50+ foster homes and over 100 volunteers dedicated to our rescue mission**
- **Implemented an owner assistance program to provide help and hope to families struggling with decisions on giving up their pets**
- **Successfully piloted a cage-free adoption and community center, Catnip Haven** (visit [catniphaven.org](http://catniphaven.org))
- **Remained passionate about mentoring youth to inspire their love of animals and community service**
- **Launched PBJ Pet Care Service to offer the highest quality of in-home pet care to pet parents throughout our community** (visit [pbjpetcare.org](http://pbjpetcare.org))

Spectacular results such as these don't come without a significant investment of time and money\*; **our wonderful team of volunteers collectively donate over 7,000 hours of their time annually to PBJ**, and we've spent \$175K year to date on rescuing and placing 482 cats and kittens – an average of \$363 per cat. Over that same period, we brought in \$64K in adoption fees, and so we must make up the difference -- \$111K or a “gap” of \$231 per cat – through donations and grants.

\* *To view our financial statements, please visit [petsbringjoy.org/reports.html](http://petsbringjoy.org/reports.html).*

**We greatly appreciate -- and RELY ON -- support from kind and generous folks like you to make up the difference**, and we're hoping that you'll be able to assist us again this year as part of our 2021 Friends and Family fundraising campaign. For your convenience, we invite you to donate online via debit/credit card at [pbj.org/FF2021.html](http://pbj.org/FF2021.html) or by check using the enclosed envelope and return card – and **we hope that you'll consider becoming a sustaining monthly donor when donating online**. As always, we remain most appreciative of your support!

Cheers,



Jacquie Barker  
Founder and Executive Director  
Pets Bring Joy

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## Success Stories

**Seeing double?** Dewey, the lovely orange boy on the left, was rescued by PBJ off the streets in Fredericksburg VA five years ago; **Barley**, the



equally wonderful orange boy on the right, was rescued off the same streets one month ago. Both required cardiac care prior to adoption. Dewey is 12 years old, Barley is only 4, and so they aren't twins by birth, but they are enjoying their new-found brotherhood in the same loving adoptive home.

When **"The Colonel"** was first rescued as a stray by a PBJ volunteer, he was a little timid but also incredibly sweet. Rescued from Lake Anna the day after Christmas, he was suffering from an upper respiratory infection, severe/painful dental issues, and a skin infection. Now healthy and happy in an adoptive home, his family writes: "He is loving life, usually curled up on our laps ... he is one of the most gentle and affectionate cats we've ever known!"



**Peaches and Pumpkin** were rescued by PBJ as young kittens; we discovered that Peaches had a badly malformed heart, and after consulting with a cardiologist, she was only given a year or so to live. Thanks to the wonderful and loving care given her first by her foster dad, then by her wonderful adoptive family, Peaches lived joyously with her sister until her little heart gave out this summer. The family was of course devastated, but wanted to heal Pumpkin's broken heart, and so welcomed a new "sister," Bellatrix, into their hearts and homes.



*Sweet little Peaches with Pumpkin*



*Pumpkin and her new sister Bellatrix*

**We couldn't save lives without your support – thank you!**