

# A YEAR OF RESCUE: 2025 IMPACT REPORT



## ▶ Part 1: The Heart



### *Our Mission & Impact*

At the core of Niagara Dog Rescue is a simple promise: to find every dog the love and safety they deserve. This section highlights the lives changed this year and the dedicated programs that bring our mission to life.



## ▶ Part 2: The Hustle

### *Logistics & Growth*

Rescue doesn't happen by accident. It is driven by the tireless grit of our transport teams, foster networks, and global partnerships who work behind the scenes to move dogs from danger to the doorsteps of their forever homes.

## ▶ Part 3: The Home Base

### *Our Foundation & Future*

A strong mission requires a steady foundation. In 2025, we focused on the infrastructure—from data management to financial stewardship—that allows us to stand strong despite the increasing pressure on the rescue community.



# A Message from the Board of Directors

There are moments in this work that stay with you.

A dog arriving frightened and shut down, unsure of human touch.

A foster family offering patience, safety, and love.

The quiet, powerful moment when that same dog leans in for the first time—trust restored.

This is why Niagara Dog Rescue exists.

This past year, the need has been greater than ever. More dogs abandoned, more families facing hardship, and more urgent calls for help than we could have imagined. And yet, because of this community, we were able to say yes—again and again.

Together, we:

- Rescued **1294 dogs** from neglect, abandonment, and high-risk situations
- Placed **989 dogs** into safe, loving forever homes
- Supported **152 foster families** who opened their hearts and homes
- Provided medical care, rehabilitation, and second chances to dogs who had none

Behind every number is a story. A life that could have been lost—but wasn't.

This work is not easy. It is emotional. It is exhausting. And at times, it is heartbreaking. But it is also filled with moments of extraordinary compassion, resilience, and hope.

We have watched our volunteers go above and beyond, our fosters show incredible patience, and our supporters rally when it mattered most. You are the reason this organization continues to stand strong in the face of growing demand.

As a Board, we carry a deep responsibility—not only to ensure the sustainability of Niagara Dog Rescue, but to honour the trust placed in us by every supporter, every volunteer, and every life that depends on this work. We are committed to strengthening our foundation, expanding our impact, and building a future where more dogs can find safety, dignity, and love.

But more than anything, we are committed to continuing to say yes—as often as we possibly can.

Because every dog deserves that chance.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, thank you for standing with us, believing in this mission, and making this life-saving work possible.

Together, we are not just rescuing dogs—we are saying yes to their future.

**With heartfelt gratitude,**  
*Board of Directors*  
Niagara Dog Rescue



# PART 1: THE HEART

## ADOPTIONS



Despite the unprecedented economic challenges of 2025, our mission to save rescue dogs thrived because of our rescue community's unwavering support. We successfully navigated a difficult climate and, together, matched 988 dogs with their forever homes. This incredible outcome is a testament to the power of our community and the dedication of our adoptions team to adapt and focus on the unique needs of every single dog and applicant. You are the true heroes in this story, proving that even in a tough year, your open hearts create lasting change and a community of hope for these deserving animals.

## COMPANIONSHIP INITIATIVE



In 2025, our Companionship Initiative program processed 93 applications to help match rescue dogs with veterans, police officers, firefighters and emergency medical services personnel. The continued growth of this program ensures that those who do so much to serve our country can enjoy the comfort and increased mental and physical well-being that dog companionship can bring.

## HOPE FOR PAWZ



Last year was the first full year of the Hope for Pawz program and the team went full force to advocate relentlessly for dogs who are too often overlooked and to break the cycle of long-term kennel living. During the past year, 10 kennel dogs found their forever homes, 2 found loving foster homes and countless lives were changed (including our Hope for Pawz team volunteers). Our goal for Hope for Pawz is simple but powerful - fewer dogs in kennels, more dogs on couches and more second chances.

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## HOPE FOR PAWZ: SUCCESS STORY

### ROCKY

#### *A Spirit That Wouldn't Break*

Rocky is a survivor in every sense of the word. After being rescued from a situation of severe neglect by Animal Control, he arrived at NDR with a surprisingly gentle spirit. Even though his heartbreaking start could have left him wary of the world, he showed an immediate and joyful eagerness to trust. It was clear that while Rocky was sensitive to his surroundings, his heart was incredibly resilient.

His journey to a forever home included a significant detour. When his initial adoption proved to be the wrong environment for his needs, Rocky returned to our care at just a year and a half old. He spent the next six months waiting for a family to see his potential, but his spirit never wavered. Throughout that time, our volunteers were always greeted with a full-body wiggle and a little stub tail that never stopped moving. He remained a beacon of joy while he waited for the match that would finally stick.

That patience eventually led him to everything we hoped for him. Today, Rocky has the space to run, people to love, and the constant companionship he thrives on. He has traded his long waiting period for a life of structure and endless snuggles. Rocky's story is a beautiful reminder that no matter where a dog starts, the right match and a little resilience can change everything.

Welcome home, Rocky



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## HOPE FOR PAWZ: SUCCESS STORY

### MISTER JUNIOR *The Perfect Match*

Mister Junior's story began on a porch in rural Kentucky, where he appeared as a stray simply looking for a friend. He was so friendly that the family who found him hoped to keep him, but because their own dog wasn't welcoming to a newcomer, they made sure he reached our partners. This eventually brought Junior to NDR, where he became known as a dog who truly loved every person he met.

Finding his forever home wasn't a straight line. After an initial placement wasn't the right fit, Junior returned to our care and spent five months waiting in a kennel. He was often overlooked during those months, but we were committed to waiting for the specific, stable environment he needed to be successful. We knew the right match was out there. We just had to find it.

That patience paid off when Junior finally found a home that provided the quiet, focused setting he thrives in. Today, the dog who once sought shelter on a stranger's porch is a cherished companion. His story is a great reminder that even when the wait is long, the right match is always worth it.

Welcome home,  
Mister Junior



# PART 1: THE HEART

## REHOMING & SURRENDERS



While NDR celebrated nearly 1,000 successful adoptions in 2025, our Rehoming team provided a vital safety net for the small percentage of dogs that required a second chance at a match. Our rehoming numbers held steady this year, reflecting the trends we saw in 2024. Throughout the calendar year, we managed 24 rehomes, successfully readopting all but four of those dogs into new, loving environments. We also navigated 24 dogs returned during the 30-day adjustment period built into most adoptions. Our team is dedicated to finding the right fit for every dog, and we are proud that 8 of these dogs have already been successfully readopted or returned to their original foster network for stability, while we continue to advocate for the remaining dogs as they move toward their true forever homes.

Beyond our internal network, NDR continues to be a lifeline for the community. We took approximately 15 owner surrenders into our care—dogs that were not originally from NDR, but whose families reached out to us through our website in times of crisis. As we move into 2026, we are implementing a more formal intake process for owner surrenders to better track these cases and provide even more streamlined support for dogs in transition.



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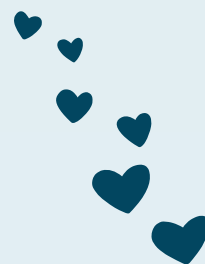
## SONYA

### *The Face of a Second Chance*

Sonya is the ultimate example of why our rehoming process is so vital. Rescued from a Korean slaughterhouse in Cheonan by our rescue partners, she arrived at NDR in a state of constant flight, watching every new face from a distance. Her first placement wasn't the right fit to help her decompress and learn to feel safe. She was returned to our care, beginning a 687-day journey of rehabilitation and patience.

Her transformation was built on months of hard-won victories. It started with small steps, like taking a treat from a hand or accepting a gentle touch. These moments led to the breakthrough we all waited for: her very first tail wag. That spark changed everything. Sonya finally let her guard down, blossoming from a frightened rescue into a total social butterfly among her pals at the kennel.

After nearly two years, Sonya finally found her true forever home. Today, she is a "shadow" to her family, following them from room to room and lounging in the sun with her new dog sibling. Her story is a reminder that at Niagara Dog Rescue, a return isn't a failure—it's just the beginning of the right journey.



# PART 2: THE HUSTLE



## EXPANDING OUR REACH: CANADA



In 2025, NDR experienced a record-breaking year, welcoming more than 300 Canadian-born dogs into our care. Throughout the year, we strengthened existing partnerships and developed new collaborations with frontline rescuers, shelters, and SPCAs across Saskatchewan, Ontario, and Alberta.

We established new rescue partnerships in Moosonee and Manitoulin Island, while continuing our ongoing support for communities in Flin Flon, The Pas, and several First Nations communities throughout Northern Manitoba. These partnerships remain essential in helping provide safe pathways and resources for dogs in underserved regions.



This year also marked a significant increase in support for families and pregnant dogs, with more than 15 families and expecting mothers assisted. As a result, our team gained valuable experience supporting whelping mothers and raising young puppies. Most puppies successfully found homes within an average of three months from birth.

NDR also implemented an enhanced veterinary support system to improve care for newborn puppies, nursing mothers, and intact animals. This contributed to a record number of spay and neuter procedures completed for dogs in our care during 2025.



Looking ahead to 2026, NDR aims to further expand spay and neuter initiatives and increase intake and community support across Ontario, Manitoba, and Quebec.

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## EXPANDING OUR REACH: USA

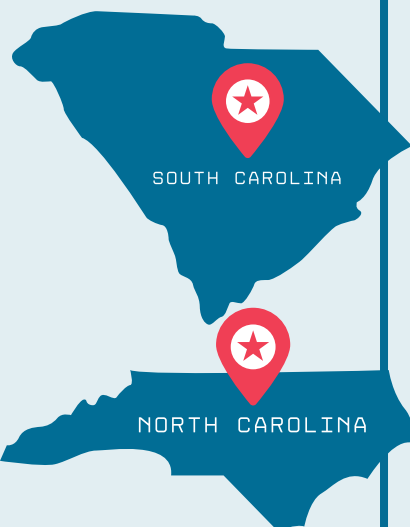
### Alabama

Our dog rescue prides itself on working closely with two dedicated independent rescuers in Alabama, helping them find loving homes for dogs in need. These incredible rescuers take in strays and owner surrenders, opening their homes to foster them and providing the TLC, stability, and care they deserve. While they focus on rehabilitation and daily nurturing, we work hard to match each pup with a safe, suitable forever family. In 2025 alone, we had the pleasure of finding homes for 25 of their wonderful dogs, and we are so proud of what this partnership continues to accomplish.



### North & South Carolina

We have proudly partnered with Labor of Love Rescue in South Carolina for the past 8 years, helping save hundreds of dogs. Their team goes above and beyond for every dog in their care, keeping them as long as needed to ensure they find the right forever homes. In addition, we've expanded our efforts by working with select private individuals to help rescue even more dogs while still making sure each one receives the attention and care they deserve. We have also partnered with Mayberry 4 Paws in North Carolina for 8 years. They specialize in more complex cases, including neglect, medical needs, and senior dogs. Their focus on quality over quantity ensures every dog gets the dedicated care they need. Across all of our partnerships, one thing remains constant: every dog is placed in a loving foster home where they receive the care, support, and socialization needed to set them up for a happy, successful future.



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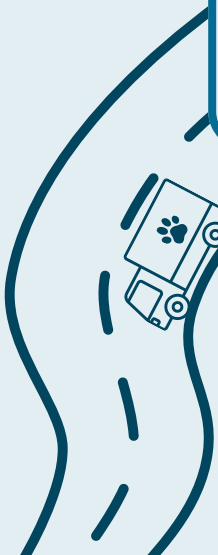
## EXPANDING OUR REACH: USA

### Georgia

We've been working with our partners in Georgia for nearly two years, and in that time, we've helped save over 100 dogs—with many more to come. Our primary partners, Valdosta Humane Society and Simply Grace Rescue, are incredible to work with and always ensure we have the information needed to find the best possible homes for each dog. Many of our dogs also benefit from the Hamilton Hounds Prison Program, where they receive basic training and valuable socialization to help them transition smoothly into family life.

At the end of 2025, our dog rescue proudly began a new partnership with the Forsyth County Animal Shelter, a wonderful shelter dedicated to giving dogs a second chance. Since launching this collaboration, we have already found loving homes for 10 of their deserving dogs. We are incredibly grateful for the opportunity to work together and are excited to expand this partnership, continuing to help even more of their dogs find the safe, happy futures they deserve.

To set every dog up for success, our partners will often move them between foster homes to better match them with interested adopters and ensure the right fit. Through these strong partnerships, we're able to give each dog the best chance at a happy, lasting future.



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## EXPANDING OUR REACH: USA

### Kentucky

Kentucky is where NDR's rescue journey first began, and we are so proud of the incredible partnerships we have built and continue to grow across the state. Over the years, we've had the pleasure of expanding our reach and helping more and more dedicated animal advocates — from passionate independent rescuers to established shelters. Today, we work alongside three amazing shelters and three devoted independent rescuers who take in abandoned dogs and pull at-risk pups from their local shelters, giving them a second chance at life. Together, we have helped dogs of all ages, breeds, and sizes, and last year alone we were honored to find loving homes for over 100 Kentucky dogs. We are beyond grateful for these partnerships and the lives we're able to change together.



### Texas

In 2025, our rescue efforts in Texas reached an important milestone, with 147 dogs adopted into loving forever homes. This achievement reflects the tireless work of our foster families, volunteers, transport partners, and supporters who stepped up to give these dogs a second chance at life. Each adoption represents a journey from uncertainty to safety, comfort, and love, and reinforces our commitment to addressing the urgent need for rescue and rehoming in high-intake regions like Texas. We are incredibly grateful to everyone who helped make 2025 a year filled with hope, compassion, and countless happy endings.



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## EXPANDING OUR REACH: OVERSEAS

### Bahamas

In 2025, Niagara Dog Rescue proudly launched a new partnership with the Bahamas Humane Society, marking the beginning of an exciting and impactful collaboration. The shelter, currently caring for nearly 400 dogs and close to 200 cats, faces significant overcrowding challenges. Beginning in the latter half of 2025, our partnership began to make a difference: we successfully adopted 8 dogs from the Bahamas Humane Society, and have already adopted out or secured foster homes for 6 more so far in 2026. This is just the start of what promises to be a very positive and meaningful partnership, united in our commitment to finding loving homes for the many deserving dogs living at this overcrowded shelter.



### Antigua

In 2025, Niagara Dog Rescue proudly deepened our commitment to helping dogs in need through our growing partnership with our rescue partner, Dogs and Cats of Antigua. Thanks to this strengthened collaboration, we successfully flew nearly 30 dogs from Antigua to Canada, where they were welcomed into loving foster or adoptive homes. The majority have already found their forever families- a testament to the compassion of our community and the dedication of our volunteers. By continuing to build and nurture our overseas partnership with Dogs and Cats of Antigua, we've created a reliable pathway to safety for these deserving dogs, and we remain committed to working together throughout this year to save even more lives.



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## EXPANDING OUR REACH: OVERSEAS



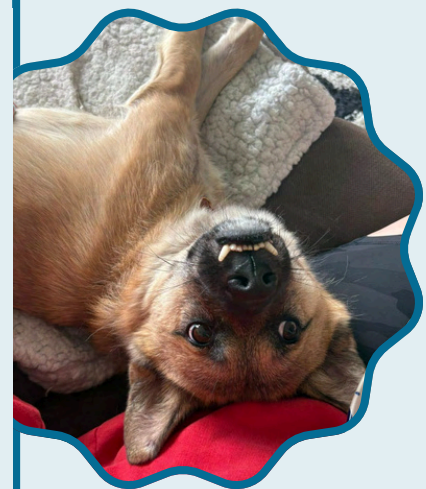
### Mexico

We work with 4 amazing rescue partners in Mexico who save stray dogs directly off the streets, where the stray population is overwhelming. In 2021, Mexico was cited as having one of the highest stray dog populations in the world and is often ranked among the most challenging countries globally for animal welfare, which makes these partnerships even more vital. We are so grateful to stand alongside these rescuers and be part of meaningful change.



### Korea

We have worked with Korean rescues for many years and continue to expand, now partnering with over 10 incredible organizations who work tirelessly on the frontlines—rescuing dogs from dog meat farms and puppy mills and giving them a second chance at life. Their stunning, well-run facilities ensure each dog receives proper assessments, veterinary care, and plenty of TLC while they await loving forever homes. In 2025, we were especially honored to assist in rescue efforts during the devastating wildfires that struck Korea, helping to save and find homes for several brave burn-survivor dogs.



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## TRANSPORT

2025 was a landmark year for our transport team as we officially moved our truck across the border from the USA into Canada. This move allows us to continue to rescue dogs from the USA, as well as now Northern Ontario and Manitoba. This year, operating our own transport vehicle has come with its share of hurdles; we faced several mechanical challenges that required significant repairs, and a full set of new tires to ensure the safety of our volunteers and the dogs in our care. Despite these obstacles, every 2025 transport ended in the successful arrival of a truck full of lives saved.



Looking toward 2026, we have set an ambitious goal to increase our capacity to **100 rescues per month**. This growth will depend heavily on our ability to recruit and retain a dedicated team of drivers, which will be a major focus for us in the coming months. We are also planning for the continued upkeep of our current truck—including essential rust repairs—and a phased replacement of our transport crates as they reach the end of their lifespan.



To help fund these efforts, we are excited to open up sponsorship opportunities for companies to feature their logos on the truck. Ultimately, our long-term vision is to begin a dedicated savings fund for a new vehicle, ensuring that NDR can continue hitting the road for years to come.

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In 2025, the Foster Team undertook a significant organizational clean-up by reaching out to all fosters on record to confirm their availability and current status. As a result, nearly 200 inactive foster profiles were archived, while the Foster Interview Team successfully onboarded over 100 new fosters and maintained accurate records and data for both current and incoming volunteers.

## T H E F O S T E R T E A M



We also welcomed several new liaisons and established a more structured and rigorous training program to better support our growing foster network. One of our biggest accomplishments was supporting up to 12 transports throughout the year by securing foster placements for dogs arriving without adopters. In total, more than 300 dogs from transport were placed into foster homes. Fosters received ongoing support through training resources, coaching for new volunteers, and veterinary coordination and support, particularly for puppies requiring additional care.

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## EVENTS AND FUNDRAISING *OUR COMMUNITY IN ACTION*

Fundraising and events are the lifeblood of Niagara Dog Rescue. Beyond raising the critical funds needed to save lives, these gatherings provide our dogs with much-needed visibility, allowing potential adopters to meet their future companions in person. Driven by a dedicated team of over **80 volunteers**, our events program ensures that the NDR mission remains front and center across our communities.

### THE POWER OF PRESENCE *ADOPTION EVENTS*

Our presence in local pet stores is a cornerstone of our outreach. These events are about more than just adoptions; they are about education, awareness, and building our "village."



**Massive Operational Scale:** On our busiest weekends, our team has successfully managed as many as seven simultaneous events.



**A Province-Wide Network:** We are proud to partner with PetSmart, Pet Valu, and independent retailers in over 20 communities, including Niagara Falls, Burlington, Hamilton, Whitby, London, and beyond.



**Beyond the Pups:** While the focus is on finding homes, these events generate steady streams of essential dog food and supply donations from generous local shoppers.

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## COMMUNITY HIGHLIGHTS *FROM FESTIVALS TO FUNDRAISERS*

We believe that rescue is a true community effort. Throughout the year, we collaborate with businesses that share our passion for animal welfare. These partners support us through raffles, proceeds from sales, and hosting dedicated "NDR Days."

### Distinctive Local Partners:

Our 2025 calendar was filled with successful collaborations, including events with **Marynissen Winery, Blackburn Brewery, The Irish Harp Restaurant, and Clare's Harley-Davidson**, just to name a few.

### National Recognition:

Our partnership with **Royale** for their "Gotcha Day" campaign saw NDR dogs featured on a national stage, earning a significant cash prize for our medical fund.

### Networking at Pawsitively Elgin:

Our team travels to St. Thomas for this premier dog festival to showcase our dogs and connect with fellow rescues, trainers, and vendors to stay at the forefront of the dog welfare community.

### Grassroots Giving:

From the **Thorold Pasta Dinner** and our **Halloween Dinner & Dance to Zehrs BBQ and Bake Sales**, these events prove that great food and a great cause go hand-in-hand. We have even been the grateful recipients of raffle sales from private events like local golf tournaments.



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## FUNDRAISING PARTNERSHIPS

### PRODUCTS & SALES

We are proud to offer creative, mutually beneficial partnerships for businesses looking to support rescue through product sales. These initiatives allow our supporters to shop for high-quality goods while directly contributing to the care of our dogs.

#### Seasonal & Speciality Sales:

Our dedicated volunteer network and social media teams provide the "engine" for these sales, handling the promotion and even the delivery to ensure success.

- **Purdy's Chocolates:** A staple of our Christmas and Easter seasons, these sales have become a favorite for our supporters, providing a delicious way to give back.
- **Konzelman Estate Winery:** Through our wine partnership, a portion of every bottle sold is donated directly to NDR. This model allows our friends and family to enjoy world-class local wine while supporting a local cause.

## BECOME A PARTNER



We are always looking to expand our network of business partners. Whether it's a dedicated "Proceeds Day," a branded product, or a seasonal sale, we provide the volunteer support and social media reach to make every partnership a success.



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## OUR ANCHOR EVENTS *LOOKING AHEAD TO 2026*

Each year, NDR hosts two flagship events that represent the pinnacle of our fundraising efforts. These major productions require months of meticulous planning and a "village" of support to execute. We are incredibly grateful to the volunteers, corporate sponsors, and participants who make these events possible, each consistently raising over **\$10,000** for our dogs.

### **PUTT 4 PAWS GOLF TOURNAMENT**

*AUGUST 8, 2026*

Our annual golf tournament in Niagara has become a premier date on the NDR calendar. Hosting a full field of 144 golfers, the day includes 18 holes of play followed by a community lunch and dinner. Between the raffles, silent auctions, and 50/50 draws, the energy is high—but the true highlight is always the appearance of a few of our adoptable dogs to help kick off the day and remind everyone why we're on the green.

### **RIDE 4 PAWS POKER RUN**

*SEPTEMBER 12, 2026*

The motorcycle community shows up in a big way for our dogs with this unique, high-energy event. Over 100 riders travel a scenic route through the Niagara area, visiting several of our community partners along the way to build their poker hands. The day concludes with a large community BBQ featuring auctions and activities that bring our riders and their canine "co-pilots" together for one common goal: giving rescue dogs a second chance.

**JOIN US!** 

Registration and tickets for both major events will be available soon on our website. We look forward to seeing the NDR family come out to make 2026 our biggest year yet!

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FACEBOOK



INSTAGRAM



TIKTOK



## SOCIAL MEDIA

In 2025, Niagara Dog Rescue's Social Media team evolved to better support our growing rescue and to more effectively promote our adoptable dogs and our work. The team was restructured with clearly defined roles, allowing individuals to focus on specific areas such as new campaign development, our TikTok presence, and other key platforms.

This new structure led to the successful launch of several campaigns, including our "Couch Potato" series, which highlights top dogs in rotating biweekly categories such as athletic families, homes with cats, and more. We also introduced our "Success Story" campaign, celebrating happy adoption outcomes by sharing adopters' experiences and life with their new dogs. In conjunction with success stories, we have also been working on creating testimonial videos where partners who work with us can discuss their experiences with Niagara Dog Rescue. These include veterinary clinics, other rescue partners, and more.

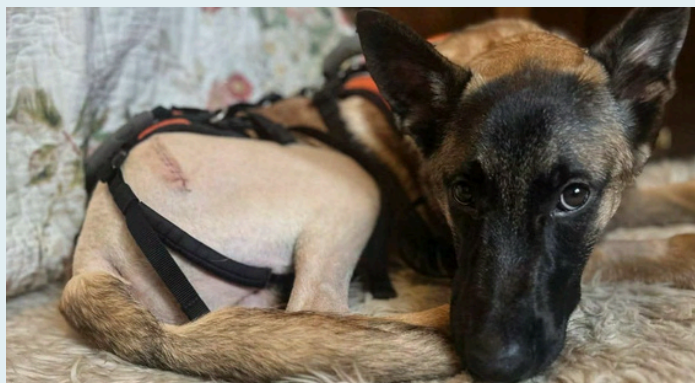
As Niagara Dog Rescue continues to grow, we look forward to expanding our social media presence through engaging campaigns, creative storytelling, and innovative ways to showcase our adoptable dogs and the dedicated work behind the scenes.



# PART 3: THE HOME BASE

## OUR CARE NETWORK *A COMMUNITY OF HEALING*

At the heart of every successful adoption is a network of dedicated veterinary professionals who go above and beyond for our dogs. Providing medical care for rescue animals is a complex task, and we are incredibly fortunate to have partners who prioritize the well-being of our pups at every stage of their journey.



We want to extend our deepest gratitude to the veterinary partners and clinic staff in Ontario and beyond who work tirelessly alongside us. These professionals do more than just provide medical check-ups; they offer their expertise, their compassion, and vital rescue rates that allow our donor dollars to reach as many dogs as possible.

Whether it's life-saving surgery or the routine vetting that ensures a healthy transition to a new life, these professionals provide the foundation for everything we do. To our veterinary partners near and far: thank you for being a vital part of the NDR family and for helping us give these dogs the healthy future they deserve.



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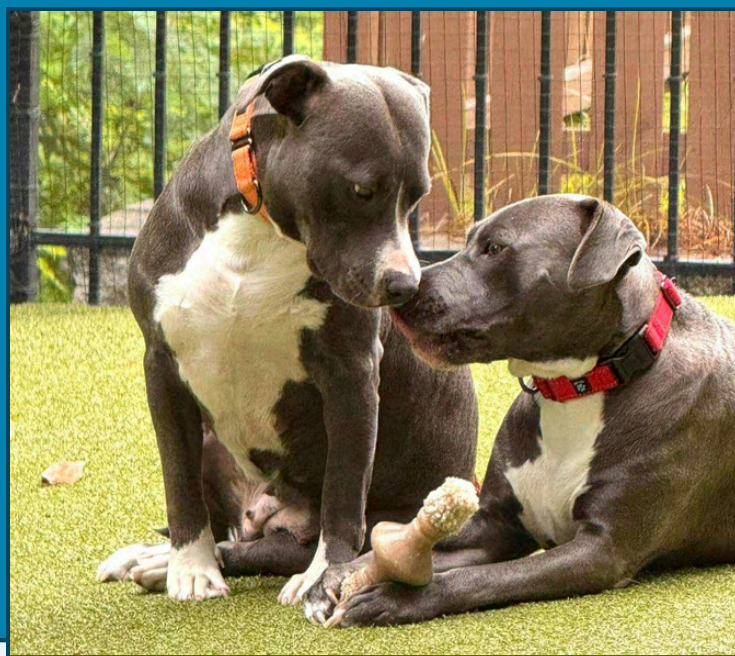
## IT & DATA MANAGEMENT

### 2025: Keeping Our Mission Steady

This past year, we focused on making sure NDR has a reliable digital home. For a rescue to stay strong, our information needs to be organized and accessible, regardless of how our team grows or changes. By centralizing our records and moving our "how-to" knowledge into shared, backed-up systems, we've ensured that the rescue's daily operations stay consistent. This behind-the-scenes work means that the focus always stays where it belongs: on the dogs.

### 2026: A Simpler Way to Save Lives

The most exciting thing on our horizon is the launch of **Buzz to the Rescues**, our new all-in-one rescue management software. We know that rescue work can be overwhelming, and our goal is to make the administrative side of things as simple as possible. By bringing animal records and adoption steps into one single home, we're moving away from messy spreadsheets and into a system that saves time. We want to spend less time clicking and more time helping our dogs find their families.



### Growing Our Technical Team

We are incredibly grateful to everyone in the NDR community—whether you donate, volunteer, or share our stories to help our dogs find their voices. As we move into this new digital chapter, we are looking for supporters with IT admin or web design experience who want to lend their skills to our mission. If you'd like to help us strengthen our infrastructure, please reach out to [IT.volunteers@niagaradogrescue.org](mailto:IT.volunteers@niagaradogrescue.org). Your expertise would help us keep the rescue running smoothly so we can focus on saving lives.

# PART 3: THE HOME BASE

## HR & OPERATIONS

The work happening behind the scenes ensures that our frontline teams can stay focused on the dogs. This year, our operations and HR teams have focused on tightening our internal processes and recruiting for the specialized roles that keep our network moving. Every administrative task and every volunteer interview is done with one goal in mind: ensuring that when a dog needs us, our foundation is strong enough to support them.

### OPERATIONS & SUPPORT



Our primary focus for 2025 has been a comprehensive review and audit of our vetting documentation. We are currently bringing all medical records up to date to ensure better accuracy for our dogs and their new families. We believe that clear, reliable data is a vital part of the care we provide.

To better support our community, we have implemented a system to consistently handle post-adoption inquiries regarding vetting and medical care. This ensures that every family feels supported and receives a direct, timely response as they transition their new dog home. Over the next several months, we are also focused on increasing the collaboration between our Dog Events, General Fundraising, and Vetting teams to ensure our public presence is as effective and unified as possible.



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## CURRENT VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES



Every volunteer journey at NDR begins with a personalized interview and screening process managed by our volunteer coordinator. This first step helps our community remain safe, professional, and compassionate.

*We are currently seeking dedicated volunteers for the following roles:*



**Long Haul Transport Drivers:** This is our most critical and challenging role to fill. We need dedicated drivers for our cross-border transport team. These weekend-long trips involve driving into the U.S. to collect a truckload of dogs and bringing them back to Ontario. Without these drivers, these dogs simply would not be able to get to the families waiting for them.



**Adopter References:** Help us ensure our dogs are going to the best possible homes by conducting reference checks for potential adopters.



**Meet and Greet Facilitators:** Play a hands-on role in the adoption process by coordinating and attending sessions where dogs and potential families meet to find their perfect match.



**Vetting Documentation:** Assist our operations team in bringing medical records up to date, and into our new tracking system, to ensure every dog has a complete and accurate history.



**Events Team:** Bring our mission to life in the community by helping plan and execute our dog-focused fundraisers and events.



**IT Support:** Use your technical skills to maintain the data systems and tools that keep our entire team connected and moving forward.

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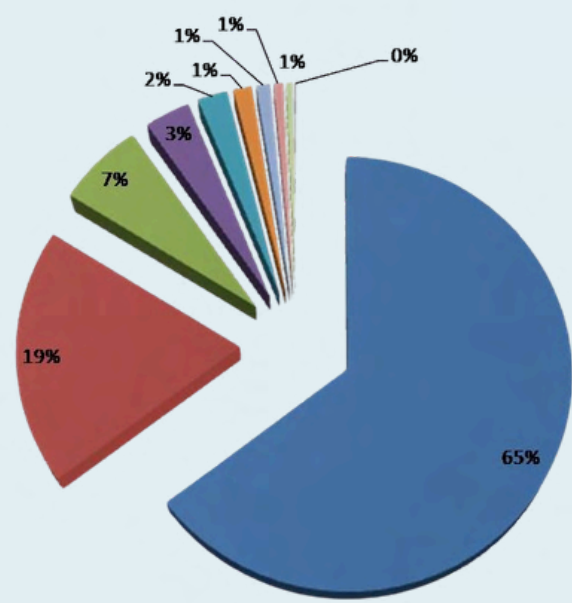
## FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

At Niagara Dog Rescue, we are committed to transparency and ensuring that every dollar raised is used to maximize our impact. In 2025, our community's generosity allowed us to navigate a challenging year while keeping our promise to the dogs in our care.

### 2025 FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

#### *Where Your Support Goes*

The vast majority of our expenses are dedicated directly to the health and well-being of our rescues. With over \$656,000 spent on Veterinary Services, we were able to provide life-saving surgeries, routine vaccinations, and emergency care for dogs who had nowhere else to turn. Combined with our boarding and transportation costs, over 90% of our total spending goes directly to the care of our dogs.

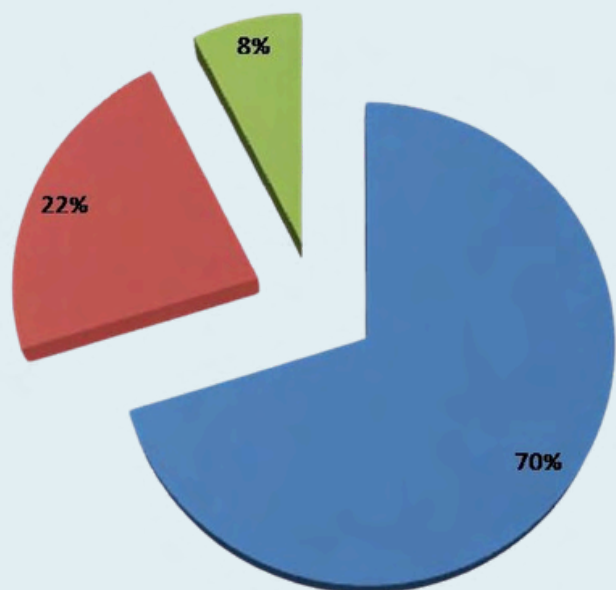


Operating Expenses	Actual 2025
Veterinary Services (Dogs in care)	\$656,500.00
Boarding Fees	\$195,000.00
Transportation of Animals	\$66,245.00
Office & Supplies	\$35,000.00
Advertising & Promotion	\$23,000.00
Vehicle Insurance	\$14,068.00
Administration Costs	\$10,800.00
Interest & Bank Charges	\$7,500.00
Professional & Consulting Fees	\$5,500.00
Insurance (General Liability)	\$1,600.00
<b>Total Operating Budget</b>	<b>\$1,015,213.00</b>

# PART 3: THE HOME BASE

## REVENUE & FUNDING

Our work is made possible through the incredible support of our community.



Operating Revenue	Actual 2025
Adoption Fees	\$745,811.25
Donations Recieved	\$237,573.09
Fundraising (approx.)	\$79,256.88
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$1,062,641.22</b>



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