

2024 Impact Report



ZIGGY'S
REFUGE

Foreword



**Kristin Hartness, Executive
Director**

"Ziggy's Refuge is more than a sanctuary—it's a lifeline for animals others would deem "too far gone." We specialize in rescuing the most fragile souls, from blind pigs like Ethel to animals with severe disabilities like Hannah, Finn, OG Buddy, and our beautiful babies Moko and Journey."

As we take this in-depth look at the heart and mission of Ziggy's Refuge, we invite you to pause and reflect on the collective power of compassion. This report isn't just a record of our achievements; it's a testament to what happens when a community refuses to turn away from the most vulnerable.

Every statistic you'll read, every story of triumph over adversity, and every dream for the future represents lives transformed—made possible by a shared commitment to creating a world where every life matters.

You'll discover the reach of our mission, stretching beyond our sanctuary walls to hurricane-stricken states and the streets of Mexico. You'll see how your support has built stronger shelters, funded life-saving medical care, and expanded outreach programs that educate and inspire compassion in others.

This report delves deeper than the numbers, offering a closer look at the intricate work of rescuing, rehabilitating, and advocating for those who might otherwise be forgotten. It highlights the challenges we face and the innovative solutions that define our unique approach to sanctuary work.

As we look toward 2025, we remain filled with hope, knowing that together we can do even more. We're planning ambitious projects like the River Center for Compassionate Care, forging global partnerships to extend our reach, and continuing to push boundaries in animal rescue and advocacy.

Thank you for standing with us. Whether you're a first-time reader or a steadfast supporter, you are part of this extraordinary journey. Ziggy's Refuge is more than a sanctuary—it's a movement fueled by kindness and the belief that every being, no matter how fragile, deserves a chance at life and love.

With this forward, we extend our deepest gratitude and invite you to immerse yourself in the stories, accomplishments, and vision that make Ziggy's Refuge a beacon of hope.

Together, we are creating change—one life at a time.

Kristin, Jay, and the Ziggy's Refuge Family



By The Numbers



- **Animals Rescued:** This year, we rescued over 225 animals from neglect, abuse, and life-threatening situations, giving them a second chance.
- **Lifetime Residents:** Our family now includes 100 permanent residents, with 25% living with disabilities.
- **Adoptions:** We found loving, forever homes for over 200 animals, each carefully matched to a family that values and cherishes them.
- **Disaster Relief:** We provided critical aid to 47 sanctuaries across 5 states impacted by Hurricane Helene, distributing over \$115k in grants, supplies, gas, and generators. Our efforts aren't finished, yet!

Your Impact

Every blanket, every dollar, every word of encouragement helps us give these animals a chance to live the lives they deserve. This year, thanks to your support, we:

- Built stronger facilities to ensure the comfort and safety of our residents.
- Expanded our education and outreach programs, inspiring more people to embrace compassion and adopt cruelty-free lifestyles.
- Honored the legacies of beloved animals like River and Jumbie, who remind us why we fight so hard.
- Expanded Our Global Reach: Partnering with ADAC (Alianza por los Derechos de los Animales en Coahuila), we've worked to address the staggering crisis of 23 million dogs dying on the streets of Mexico. Together, we've helped foster, transport, and find forever homes for these vulnerable dogs, proving that compassion knows no borders.



Your Impact



As we move into 2025, we are dreaming bigger than ever:

- **The River Center for Compassionate Care:** We're raising funds to create a state-of-the-art facility named in memory of our sweet boy, River. This hospital will allow us to diagnose and treat animals on-site, saving lives and reducing stress for animals in need.
- **Global Partnerships:** We aim to deepen our work with ADAC and other organizations worldwide to save lives and promote compassionate care for all animals.
- **Rescuing More Lives:** With your help, we'll continue to rescue the most neglected, abused, and disabled animals while advocating for systemic change.

A Message From Jay & Kristin

To every supporter, adopter, and friend: thank you from the bottom of our hearts. Your belief in our mission fuels everything we do. When we look into the eyes of an animal we've saved, we see not just their hope but also the love and compassion of every person who made their rescue possible.

You are part of this family, and we couldn't do this without you. Together, we are proving that compassion has no limits and that every life—no matter how small or broken—is worth fighting for.



Join Us

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With endless gratitude,

Kristin, Jay, Ziggy, and all the animals of Ziggy's Refuge

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