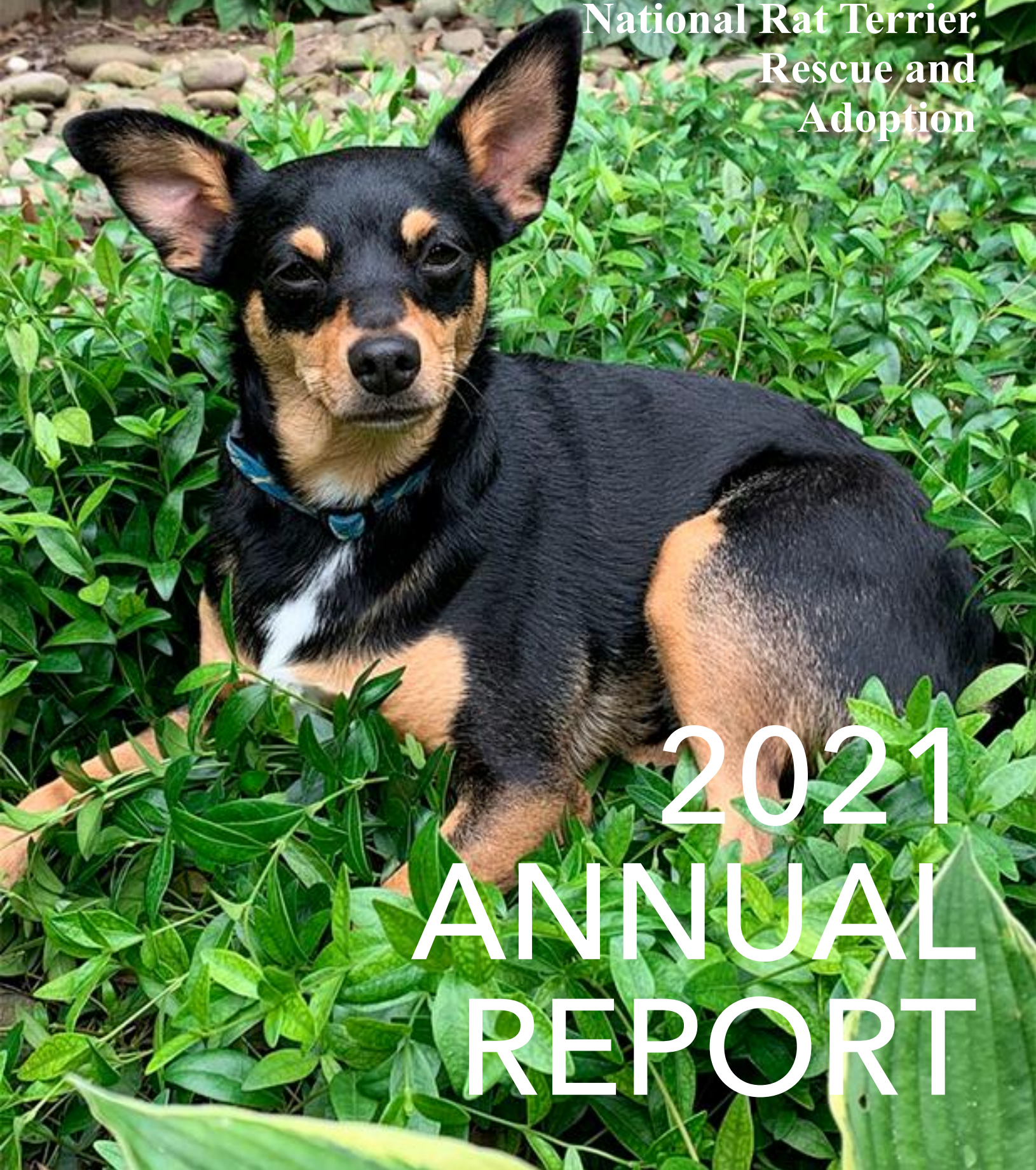


New Rattitude, Inc.

National Rat Terrier
Rescue and
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**Front Cover: Teddy (VA)
Adopted March 2021**

**Inside Cover: Tippy (NC)
Adopted December 2021**

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Mission



NEW RATTITUDE, Inc., a non-profit charitable corporation incorporated in 2008, is a 100% volunteer-operated, nationwide group dedicated to the rescue and adoption of abused, abandoned, neglected, sick, or unwanted Rat Terriers and Rat Terrier mixes.

In private foster homes, the dogs are nurtured, socialized, trained, supported medically, and provided with professional veterinary care while we work diligently to find them new and permanent adoptive homes where they will be safe, loved, and properly and humanely cared for the rest of their lives.

Each dog brought into our network receives a veterinary check, all required vaccinations, heartworm test and monthly preventative, and spay or neuter. Other medical care is sometimes necessary, such as treatment for dental disease, heartworm disease, infection, gastrointestinal worms, allergies, broken bones, or surgery to correct a variety of ailments. Each dog is wormed, microchipped, and given a martingale collar, along with a collar tag printed with a unique ID number and our toll-free Lost Dog Hotline.

New Rattitude is licensed by the Georgia Department of Agriculture, registered with the Georgia Secretary of State as a charitable organization, and recognized by the Internal Revenue Service as an approved 501(c)3 non-profit organization.

2021 BOARD OF DIRECTORS



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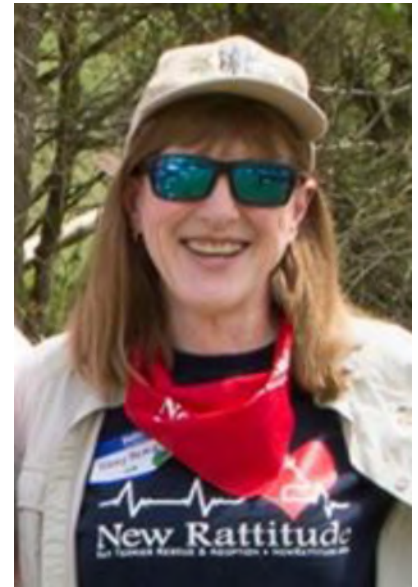
Letter From The President

It has been a wearying past couple of years, hasn't it?

Covid restrictions have impeded our ability to transport dogs needing to get from here to there. Economic challenges faced by so many American families have compelled an increasing number to forsake their dogs. Staffing shortages have lengthened wait times for veterinary care. And so many pulls on people's time makes it harder than ever to recruit and retain enough volunteers to accomplish all we know we could do.

And yet... When things start to seem bleak, I'm reminded of all the positives we have going on:

- Our dedicated foster parents who step up time and time again to take in yet another needy dog.
- Our successful holiday fund drive, which exceeded all expectations, due to the generosity of our supporters.
- Rat Terrier Jamboree, which was well attended, despite its having been postponed twice and then moved to off season.
- Our rock solid members who so faithfully do the boring but necessary day-in, day-out admin work behind the scenes with little public recognition.
- The experience and dedication of the Behavior Modification and Adoption Support teams, who work diligently to assist both foster parents and adopters.
- The willingness of so many volunteers to drive two or more hours round trip to help us transport rescued dogs to their foster homes or adoptive homes.



Truly, it all comes down to people. I am so grateful that New Rattitude has some of the very best folks in the rescue world. But we do need more. At our current membership level, we just don't have enough staffing to do all we want to do—and all we COULD do—with the excellent resources we have worked so hard and carefully to build over the years. All new members are welcome and needed, of course, but right now more than ever we particularly need foster homes. With more foster homes, New Rattitude's impact in the rescue community could be so much stronger. As you gaze at the faces of the dogs throughout this annual report, imagine the faces of all the others whose lives we could not save simply because we had no place for them to go. If you have ever thought about fostering, there's no time like the present! Please visit <https://NewRattitude.org/foster> to learn more.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Terry Beale'.

Terry Beale, President

2021 Accomplishments

Our labor of love begins and ends with the heart and soul of New Rattitude—our volunteers. New Rattitude is a national organization, completely run by volunteers. Our network of foster homes is supported by a “staff” of other members who manage a variety of necessary tasks, including administration, application screening, fundraising, transportation coordination, publicity, technology, and so on.

Outside of New Rattitude’s membership, we have another amazing support network of volunteers who help us drive dogs from shelters to foster homes, between foster homes, or from foster homes to adoptive homes, or assist with home visits to ensure our foster Rat Terriers are placed in safe and suitable environments.

Our volunteers are not paid, but they are priceless. We couldn’t carry out our mission without them.



Roxie (VA)
Adopted Nov. 2021

So, what did we collectively accomplish in 2021 through this network of dedicated volunteers and supporters?

- 91 Rat Terriers were rescued.
- 96 Rat Terriers were placed into adoptive homes.
- Cumulative rescues and adoptions since New Rattitude’s 2008 incorporation total 2,527 and 2,568 respectively!
- 17 new volunteers were approved for membership.
- 732 adoption applications were processed—an average of 61 per month.
- New Rattitude’s Transport Team coordinated 16 transports, carrying 20 dogs. *Note: Since March 2020, due to the COVID-19 pandemic for the safety and well-being of our membership and other volunteers, potential adopters, and the public at large, New Rattitude put a hold on ground transports arranged by New Rattitude’s Transport Team for transports from foster homes to adoptive homes. These totals reflect transports to and between foster homes.*
- We paid for 104 vaccinations, 54 heartworm tests, 45 spays and neuters, 10 other surgical procedures, 13 dental cleanings and extractions, 9 heartworm treatments, numerous x-rays, blood panels, and other diagnostic and laboratory tests.

These achievements and more were made possible by all of you! Thank you for believing in our mission and for trusting in New Rattitude to carry it out.

New Rattitude's 2021 Canine Clinic

Some of the dogs rescued by New Rattitude have severe illnesses or other serious medical issues that are much more costly than the money brought in by adoption fees. To help nurse these dogs through their medical needs so that they can eventually become healthy and adoptable, we find sponsors to help with the costs. In 2021, sponsors helped with the supplemental vetting costs for the following dogs featured in [New Rattitude's Canine Clinic](#).

Emilio - Tumors and UTI

Emilio was rescued from a Georgia county animal shelter. At about 12-13 years old, his body was in excellent condition other than what appeared to be several fatty tumors. Emilio had surgery to have the tumors removed and although one looked "suspicious," the results came back benign!

However, Emilio also had an apparent reaction to an antibiotic he was on for a urinary tract infection. He spent several days in the animal clinic getting fluids and anti-nausea medications. Emilio is a great dog—affectionate with people and good with other dogs. We are so happy we could rescue him and help him through his health issues!



Emilio was adopted in March 2021 and resides in Colorado. He'll live out the rest of his days with lots of love, walks, backyard sniffing, naps in the sun, trips, good-boy treats, and snuggles. What else could a dog hope for?

Robin - Luxating Patella, Heartworm Disease

Robin was turned in to the shelter by his previous owners. His funny sitting posture was the first indication that something was wrong. It turned out that Robin had a luxating patella (kneecap) and an out-of-socket hip in addition to a pellet embedded under his skin. As if that weren't enough, he was also found to be heartworm positive.

While in foster care with New Rattitude, Robin spent six months going through heartworm treatment and multiple surgeries.

Robin was adopted in June 2021 and resides in Virginia. His new mom plans to continue his treatment with a vet orthopedist and will see that he gets the best care. Finally, Robin has the home that he always deserved!





Dolly – Hip Surgery and Dental Cleaning

Eight-year-old Dolly was rescued from a Georgia shelter. The notes that accompanied her indicated she was non weight-bearing on her right hip and had major dental disease. After coming into foster care with New Rattitude, Dolly had a dental cleaning with extractions and hip surgery.

New Rattitude loves to rescue medically needy dogs like Dolly who are unlikely to be adopted from shelters. We are blessed to be able to provide needed supplementary vetting due to the generosity of our supporters!

Dolly was adopted in March 2021 and lives in Virginia. Her new dad updates us periodically and calls Dolly, “the love of my life.”



Hazel - Hip Surgery

This adorable little 10-month-old muffin is Hazel. Her story was too harsh to share, but her joyful, loving spirit was unbroken. What was broken though, was her hip. Surgery was successfully performed in February 2021, and soon after Hazel was ready to share her love, happy energy, and unbreakable spirit with a lucky, forever family.

Hazel was adopted in July 2021 and resides in Wisconsin.



Sparky - Fractured Femur

When Sparky came to New Rattitude, he didn't have a lot of "spark" for a young pup. He had a lame left rear leg caused by a broken femur which had healed over without proper medical attention. In November 2020 Sparky had surgery to repair the old injury. After Sparky got his spark back, he was ready and rarin' to occupy a cozy corner on someone's couch and more importantly a special spot in their heart!

Sparky was adopted in March 2021 and resides in Georgia.



Lulu - Torn ACL

LuLu left the shelter with a torn ligament, multiple benign but unsightly tumors, and a few too many pounds. New Rattitude literally came to the rescue to get her the surgeries she needed to repair the ligament and remove the tumors, and also to give her some TLC and healthy living to shed the extra pounds.

Lulu was adopted in July 2021 and resides in Maryland.



Sweetpea, Polly, and Klondike - Heartworm Disease

Shelter dogs with heartworm disease are often overlooked because of the cost to treat them, not to mention the burden on their guardians to supervise them closely for the 2-3 month period it takes to rid their bodies of the parasitic worm infection inside their hearts. But without treatment, infected dogs will die a horrific death.

Fortunately, New Rattitude was able to rescue these three and find loving foster homes to care for, supervise, and help them on their way to recovery. Sweetpea, Polly, and Klondike successfully completed heartworm treatment and are now going on to live long, healthy lives!

Sweetpea was adopted in September 2021 and resides in North Carolina.

Polly was adopted in December 2021 and resides in North Carolina.

Klondike is being fostered in Tennessee and is still waiting for his 'furever home' to find him.

Hank - Inflammatory Bowel Disease

Hank was rescued from a Georgia shelter in May 2021. He was extremely underweight and eventually diagnosed with inflammatory bowel disease. We had hope that the right combination of medication and diet could be found to help Hank recover.

Hank's foster parents spent countless hours at the ER vet and with internal medicine specialists. They lovingly looked after him, cooking special meals to meet his dietary needs, cleaning up after him, and worrying about him.

Sadly, Hank crossed the Rainbow Bridge on December 24, 2021.

In remembrance of Hank.



Financials

New Rattitude, Inc. 2021 Annual Financial Statement

Overview of New Rattitude's income and expenses for the calendar year ending December 31, 2021

New Rattitude, Inc. is tax-exempt under section 501(c)3 of the Internal Revenue Code.

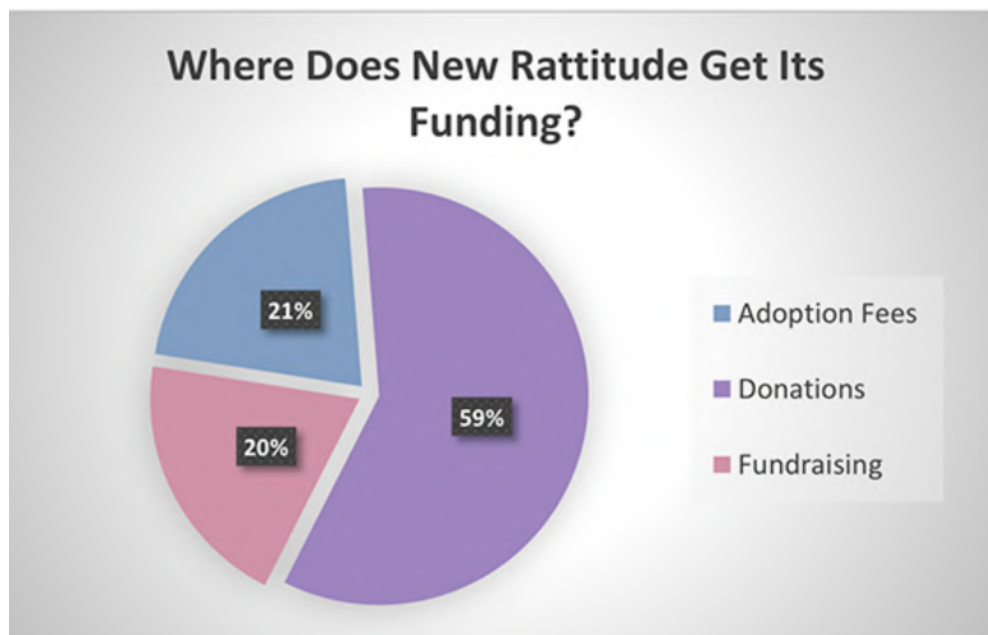
Donations are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law.

Our Form 990 submissions to the IRS can be found at

www.guidestar.org.

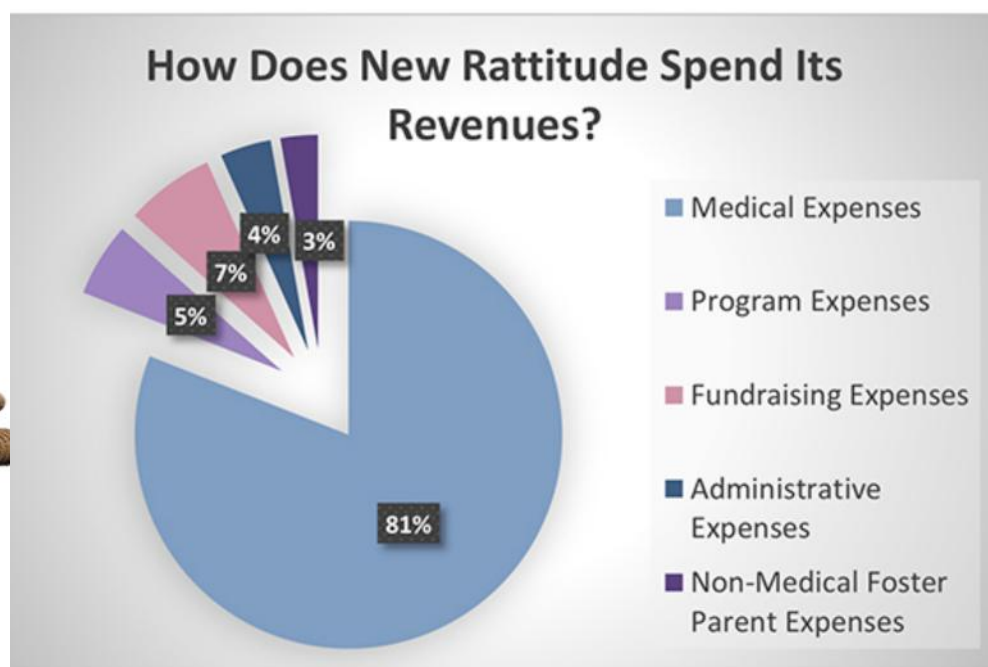
Beginning Balance as of January 1, 2021	\$	165,953.20
Revenues:		
Adoption Fees	\$	18,600.00
Donations	\$	51,478.61
Fundraising	\$	17,551.24
Miscellaneous	\$	133.23
Total Revenues	\$	87,763.08
Expenses:		
Medical Expenses	\$	61,619.62
Non-Medical Foster Parent Expenses	\$	2,145.60
Fundraising Expenses	\$	5,131.75
Program Expenses	\$	1,967.16
Liability Insurance	\$	2,103.00
Marketing and Promotional Expenses	\$	176.67
Administrative expenses	\$	1,357.36
PayPal fees and bank service charges	\$	1,586.59
Total Expenses	\$	76,087.75
Revenues minus Expenses	\$	11,675.33
Ending Balance, December 31, 2021	\$	177,628.53





Our low adoption fees covered less than one quarter of New Rattitude's expenses. We are dependent on public support through charitable tax-deductible donations and fundraising.

Over 80% of New Rattitude's expenses go toward medical care for our foster dogs. Adding in the cost of dog food, dog transportation, boarding, microchips, ID tags, and collars, 84% of our spending is directly related to the rescue and care of needy Rat Terriers.



Donations

New Rattitude received **\$51,478** in donations in 2021, representing 59% of our revenues. We are grateful to the following supporters who made monetary contributions to New Rattitude from January 1 through December 31, 2021.

Faithful Friends (Gifts from \$1 to \$249)

Erin and Andres Abreu	Vickie Dunagan	Barbara Hutson	Gabriella Nanci
Carla Abshire	Angela Dyer	Patti and Jim Jeffries	Lori Nebling
Linda Adkins	Stephanie Eastwood	Lauri Johnson-Rafalski	Skip Nichols
Carolyn Alexander	Carolyn Ellis	Akiko Jones	Pamela Olszewski
Kathleen Andrews	Mimi English-Koch	Wendy Jones	Dana Page
Judy Applegate and Linda Wagner	Denise Esslinger	Carol Jorgensen	Kristen Parkinson
Marzio Apolloni	Leticia Estrada	Jen Kahler	Jitesh Parmar
Kristen Asci	Steven Farley	Sue Kangas	Partners for Pets, Inc.
Kate Ashmore	Amy Farmer	Vickie Kauffman	Marge Pasch
Mrs. Don Baker	David Fellers	Madalin Keeble	Doris Penn
Laura and Grant Baldwin	Kim Ferman	Alyce Keener	Pauline Penn
Sharon Barchuk	Susan Fidler	Timothy Kendall	Loretta Perez
Sandra Bartolin	Elizabeth Fishbaugh	Pamela and John Kosic	Kim Perry
BASF Corporation	David and Elaine Fleming	Margaret Kosten	Petfinder Foundation
Beth and Kevin Beal	Andrew and Patricia Flynn	Greg Krapf	David Pickett
Nita Bharti	Chris Ford	Tricia Simo Kush	Jessie Polk
Nancy Biscontini	Virginia Forrest	Laura Kyer	Carrie Price
Christina Blackwood	Kelly Fox	Petra Laforest	Heather and Lance Price
Cheryl and Derek Booton	Ariela Freedman	Patty Landry	Mary Lou Rabon
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Cortney Brown	Nancy and Martin Galardi	Dan Langworthy	Maria Rasul
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Denise and Ken Burki	Melanie Garmon	Penny Linke	Pamela Reinhard
Celeste Burr	Nicole Garrett	Leslie Lombard	Janice Riccio
Haley Burris	Stephanie Gawlik	Tara Lutley	Phyllis Roberts
Janice Caldwell	Lynne Giglio	Kimberley Lynch	Elizabeth Rodriguez
Linda Capen and Jim Mabe	Eileen Gilfrich	LeeAnna Matelli	Michelle Rogers
Gretchen Chambers	Joe and Corin Gomes	Stephanie Mathson	Christina Rosario
Angelique Concepcion	Sophia Gourley	Jacklyn Matray	Kathy Rose
Lauren Conley and Hildebrando Escudero	Barbara Gray	Bretta Matthews	Stephanie Samuels
Hildreth Cooper	Darlene Griffin	David Matthews and Ellen Marlow	Susan Sanders
Costco United Way Campaign	Amy Grimm	Gary McCollum	Dawn Satterwhite
Brian and Debbie Costlow	Beth Groubert	Don and Eileen McConnell	Jo Ellyn and Roger Scheuers
P. Sommer Crain	Mary Gryder	Douglas McDonald	Debra Schreiber
Bruce Croissant	Eve Gunther	Alicyn McLeod	Dawn Schuetz
Mary Cussatt	Doreen Habben	Janiece Meek	Phyllis Shapiro
Karen Davis	Lynda Hamilton	James Melton	Ernest Sidwell
Christopher and Buffy Dekmar	Kathy Harrington	Chris Merchiere	Janet Skinner
Laura DeLaNoy	Judy Hartgerink	Patience Miller	Jane Skrovan
Jessica DeTrio	Sharon Heimbegner	Richard Miller	Susan Snow
John and Sue Diveley	Rose Hein	Rose Mintern	Matt and Janet Snyder
Donald and Hazel Dixon	Laura Hernandez	Claudia Miquelon	Donna Sohan
Kenneth Dixon	Gregg Hillier	Joe Molines and Dawn Emling	Scott Solomon
James Dodd	Sondra Hodges	Betty Law Morgan	Catherine Spannagel
Zareen Dossey	Jamie and Jeffrey Holewinski	Laura Moss	David and Dana Sparrow
Larry Downing	Carolyn Homer and Bradley Jones	Kama Mountz	Karen Stewart
	Barry Huggins	Susan Murkland	Beau Stinnette
			Leslie Stone

Grace Strauss	Raymond and Kiyomi Vampran
Cassandra and Rick Stutesman	Heidee Vansant
Lisa and Gary Tashjian	Jesse Vogel
Karen Teal	Ed Wait
Sabrina Terenzi and	Ava Currin Watkins
Kate Opalewski	Kathy Wells
Anggie and Gary Thompson	Sandra Patrona Weot and
Deborah Thorne and	Vincent Spavale
Hector Lerma	Wanda Williams
Donna Timberman	Jessie Wilson
Jane and Paul Touchet	Paul Wilson
Stu Tyler	Wisco Home Goods
Melissa Valentine	William Yanusaite
Taylor Vall	

Loyal Companions (Gifts from \$250 to \$499)

Lennie Avera	Jeff and Jennifer Garner
Hannah Bachelder	David and Kim Grier
Paula Barber	Melody Hassell
Lori Bisch	Susan Lee
Jayna Bundy	Sarah Loeffler
Krystal Chapman	Pat Malone
Laura Collins	The Seattle Barkery
Rebecca Coltrane	Monica Vallin
Karen Elliott and	Debbie Zenan
Lucinda Fleckenstein	Rebecca Zoric
Jenny Ferguson	

Blue Ribbon Buddies (Gifts from \$500 to \$999)

The Burke Cousin Crew	Kathy Puckett
Rita and Steve Deimler	Bruce Rylander
Jason and Pat DeVries	Rahul Sangal
Ronald Egan	Candace Seal
Grace and Javier Fosado	Kim Vickery
Michael Hodges	Emily Wackler
Joseph and Molly Miller	

Best of Show Award (Gifts of \$1,000 to \$2,999)

Teresa Bassett	Walter Mathews
Matt and Debbie Conigliaro	Allie Stone and Peter Bouyoucos
Laurie Dempsey	Ellen and Kevon Watson
Kate Holloway	Rebecca White
Melanie Houlihan	

Grand Champion (Gifts of \$3,000 or greater)

Karen Moore and Joanne Knapp
Jan and Ray Pezzi

thank
♡YOU



Doug(TX), Adopted July 2021

Fundraising

20% of our 2021 revenue came from fundraising.
Primary fundraisers included:



- ❖ **Annual Calendar Photo Contest and Calendar Sales**
September - December 2021.
- ❖ **New Rattitude 2021 T-Shirt Sales**
October - December 2021
- ❖ **16th Annual Rat Terrier Jamboree**
October 15-16, 2021
- ❖ **Online ReTail Shop Sales**
throughout the year.
- ❖ **Shop/Give Charity Donation Programs** (AmazonSmile, Goodshop, Chewy.com), throughout the year.



SAVE THE DATE! New Rattitude invites YOU and your rat terriers to join us this spring for the **2022 Rat Terrier Jamboree, April 22-23**, in Sweetwater, Tennessee. Registration is open now. Please visit our [Jamboree web page](#) to register and find everything you need to know. Then watch the [New Rattitude Facebook page](#) for updates, photos, and more information. *Come play with us!*



After the COVID-19 pandemic so rudely prevented us from hosting this popular spring event two years in a row, we were thrilled to finally hold the 16th annual **RAT TERRIER JAMBOREE** in Sweetwater, TN on October 15-16, 2021. Traditionally held on a weekend in April at the Sweetwater KOA Kampground, “Jam” is a gathering of rat terriers and rat terrier lovers where everyone can participate in fun activities, give the dogs two full days of off-leash play in a large fenced-in field, enjoy delicious food, win great prizes, and make lasting friendships.

Although we deviated from tradition with the season of the year and made a few modifications for safety precautions, the 2021 Jam was as fun and successful as ever! Close to 80 people and 90+ dogs representing 16 states attended. We socialized, the dogs played, we held various contests, and crowned the King and Queen of the Jamboree—King Checkers and Queen Fuzz!

This is New Rattitude’s largest annual fundraiser—one that allows us to carry out our mission of rescuing, rehabilitating, and rehoming needy rat terriers. We have been doing this for almost two decades and look forward to each one. We want all of you to join us in 2022 (see the "SAVE THE DATE" message on the left), so request your time off work, make your lodging reservations, and visit the [Jamboree web page](#) to register and learn more about the event! We hope to see you there!

Furever Home

NEW RATTITUDE DOGS ADOPTED IN 2021

These former New Rattitude foster Rat Terriers have found their “furever” homes.

DOG	FOSTERED BY	ADOPTED BY	DOG	FOSTERED BY	ADOPTED BY
Ace	Laurie Dempsey	Beth and Kevin Beal	Grom	Denise Merricks	Donald Gaylord and Alison Bell
Agnes	Mindy Shapiro	Derek and Cheryl Booton	Grommet	Laurie Dempsey	Jennifer Starr
Alice	Kimberly Auxier	Sarah Thompson	Hazel	Kelly Fox	Kelly Fox and Russ Fabritz
Andy	Kelly Fox	Kelly Fox and Russ Fabritz	Hobbs	Frank Bennett	Frank and Denise Bennett
Ari	Molly Miller	Molly and Joe Miller	Ivy	Amy Robertson	Laura and Grant Baldwin
Bailey	Samantha Twyman	Pamela and John Kosic	Jack	Sarah Noland	Tami Shearer and Ted Rowe
Basil	Vickie Kauffman	Scott and Wendy Newby	Jake	Frank Bennett	Erin and Andres Abreu
Beans	Amy Heitshusen	Anthony Mendoza	Jimmy	Amy Heitshusen	Julia Donovan and Shawn Pennell
Beatrice	Sarah Noland	Arthur Ed Karabela	Jitters	Frank Bennett	Lawana and John Jones
Bella	Pat Graham	Madalin Keeble	Kim	ReHome Program	Linda and Nicki Reiter
Benny	Kelly Fox	Claudia Miquelon	Kit Kat	Amy Heitshusen	Linda and John Rack
Bentley	Elizabeth Rohn	Heather and Lance Price	Knox	Frank Bennett	Louise and Sergio Abreu
Berri	Karen Stewart	Ted and Karen Stewart	Leo	Melody Hassell	Susan Hollenbeck and Greg Kraft
Brindle	Frank Bennett	Kim Lynch	Lexi	Frank Bennett	Jen Kahler
Buddy Hackett	Kelly Fox	Becky Nelson	Loki	Pat Graham	Tanya and Stephen Keefer
Bunny	Mindy Shapiro	Jenny Ferguson	Lucy	Frank Bennett	Louise Strang
Buster Brown	Sarah Noland	Amy Grimm	LuLu	Sarah Noland	Petra LaForest
Cadence	Terri Banner	Terri Banner	Macy	Amy Heitshusen	Elaine and David Fleming
Chewy	Valerie Wong	Christina Costello	Martha	Laurie Dempsey	Christy Collins
Chico	Amy Robertson	Amy and Will Robertson	Mia	Bethany Adams	Nanette Long
Cloud	Sue Diveley	Dana and David Sparrow	Midge	Amy Heitshusen	Lynda Hamilton
Daisy May	Elizabeth Rohn	Elizabeth Rodriguez	Molly	Amy Robertson	Kay Ulmer
Dixie	Nicole Dossey	Nikita Chrystephan and Alice Ma	Molly	Laurie Dempsey	Tina and Frank Cardascia
Dolly	Laurie Dempsey	Gene Stewart Tyler	Oscar	Lorie Dunn	Lorie and Thomas Dunn
Domino	Hildebrando Escudero	Debbie Fountain	Paisley	Vickie Kauffman	Jason Raley
Doug	Kimberly Auxier	Kimberly and David Auxier	Penny Lane	Wanda Pezant	Lisa & Gary Tashjian
Eddie Murphy	Kelly Fox	Madalin Keeble	Peter	Ashley Geer	Kerry and Joseph Mattie
Elly Mae	Vickie Kauffman	Vickie Kauffman	Petey	Ashley Geer	Janice Benjamin
Emilio	Nanci Withrow	Sharon Heimbegner	Piper	Nicole Dossey	Zareen and Sarah Dossey
Felix	Kelly Fox	Kelly Fox and Russ Fabritz	Polly	Sarah Noland	David Matthews and Ellen Marlow
Gilbert	Kelly Fox	Jamie and Jeffrey Holewinski	Pungo	Sarah Noland	Delia Kennedy-Wilcox and Clinton Wilcox
Godiva	Mindy Shapiro	Kim Perry			
Grace	Amy Felkins	Nancy and Martin Galardi			

CongRATulations to the new adopters and WELCOME to the New Rattitude family!

DOG	FOSTERED BY	ADOPTED BY
Quinault	Terry Beale	Priscila D. Rodriguez and Eduardo P. Shriner
Robin	Terry Beale	Virginia Forrest
Rocky	Dan Frisbie	Christopher and Buffy Dekmar
Roco	Frank Bennett	Lisa and Gary Tashjian
Ronald	Nicole Dossey	Nicole Dossey
Roxie	Molly Miller	Linda Kay Foster and Jim McCullough
Sadie	Denise Gilroy	Gregg Hillier
Serenity	ReHome Program	Barbara Hutson
Shadow	Denise Merricks	Deborah Thorne and Hector Lerma
Shadow	Laura Hernandez	Donald and Hazel Dixon
Sparky	Valerie Wong	Alyce Keener
Spud	Ashley Geer	Kim and Bob Whitlock
Stephen	Kelly Fox	Sharon and Darrin McGee
Stewart	Kelly Fox	Jo Ellyn and Roger Scheuers
Sweetpea	Ashley Geer	Ashley and Aaron Geer
Teddy	ReHome Program	Steven Farley
Tippy	Mindy Shapiro	Sandra Patrona Weot
Tippy	Frank Bennett	Lisa and Gary Tashjian
Tracy	Melody Hassell	Chris Milensky and Carla Dove
Trixy	Jessica Neff	Alicia Williams and Melissa Pack
Twinkie	Mindy Shapiro	Karen Zeliznak Teal
Twix	Denise Merricks	Sabrina Terenzi
Vespa	Denise Merricks	Cheryl and Elton Oliver
Vesper	ReHome Program	Juliet Purl
Willet	Terry Beale	Bruce Croissant
Ziggy Bop	ReHome Program	Malcolm and Pat Thiel
Zipper	Bethany Adams	Bethany Adams



Daisy May (VA), Adopted March 2021

SOMETHING TO TALK ABOUT!

What Folks Are Saying About New Rattitude!



"This was an A+ adoption experience. [The foster mom] did an excellent job of representing Snickers, including what could be downsides for some adopters, which I appreciate...the fostering experience was obviously extremely positive for Snickers. She arrived to us in great shape, with all health needs taken care of, all paperwork and records in great shape, clean, tidy, spayed, crate trained, housebroken, dog- and people- friendly, some basic commands, name recognition, and accurately described... The volunteers were all clearly well-trained and had the dog's best interest in mind. The adoption policies are well thought out and make sense. Volunteers for New Rattitude should feel good that they are part of a team that is doing good work well, creating great matches between dogs and people."

Jeanne F. - VA



"Hazel and I can't put into words what this little bundle of canine joy has brought into our lives. We kept the name Shadow, he is what the name signifies. He adapted to our home and us right away as we did him.... We adore Shadow and can't thank New Rattitude enough for bringing him into our world." Donald D. - FL



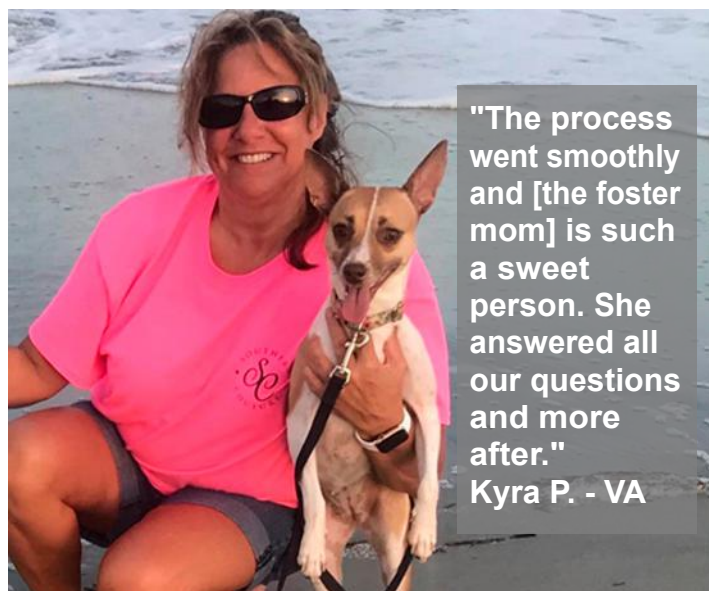
Shadow

"The adoption experience was very comprehensive and thorough. We appreciated the thoughtfulness that New Rattitude puts into the process to ensure the dogs are going to good homes." Laura B. - GA

It was another great experience with New Rattitude in connecting us with another rattie to adopt & love. [The foster parents] provided care notes and transition items to make things smooth for all of us as we got to know one another. Thanks again for a great adoption experience and for this wonderful girl! We love her!" Rita D. - NC



"We love our sweet Eddie Spaghetti, and we tell everyone about New Rattitude Rescue and how the whole adoption was so smooth! We appreciate all that New Rattitude does!" Dawn W. - NC



**"The process went smoothly and [the foster mom] is such a sweet person. She answered all our questions and more after."
Kyra P. - VA**

We Are New Rattitude!

Foster Homes

In 2021, 45 individuals in 16 states opened their hearts and their homes to a lost or abandoned Rat Terrier whose only ticket out of the shelter was rescue. Safe in their foster homes, these dogs were nurtured and loved, and taught the basic skills that every good dog needs to know. They learned to trust; their self-confidence grew; and when they were healed and ready, carefully selected homes were found where these precious reclaimed souls would be cherished "forever."

Bethany Adams (MI)	Hil Escudero (MD)	Patti Jeffries (GA)	Wanda Pezant (LA)
Kimberly Auxier (TX)	Amy Felkins (NC)	Sue Kangas (MI)	Kathy Puckett (MD)
Terri Banner (NC)	Dan Frisbie (SC)	Vickie Kauffman (GA)	Amy Robertson (GA)
Terry Beale (TN)	Kelly Fox (WI)	Karen Marfurt (MI)	Lisa Rohn (VA)
Frank Bennett (VA)	Ashley Geer (NC)	Jan McNabb (TX)	Mindy Shapiro (NC)
Susanna Bramlett (GA)	Denise Gilroy (ID)	Denise Merricks (VA)	Karen Stewart (GA)
Laurie Dempsey (VA)	Pat Graham (GA)	Molly Miller (VA)	Cassandra Stutesman (IL)
Lisa DeSoto (FL)	Melody Hassell (LA)	Kate Moore (FL)	Samantha Twyman (SC)
Sue Diveley (VA)	Amy Heitshusen (GA)	Jessica Neff (PA)	Aimee Walrath (NY)
Nicole Dossey (WA)	Laura Hernandez (FL)	Sarah Noland (NC)	Amber Williamson (FL)
Lorie Dunn (GA)	Lexi Hoffman (MI)	Diana Perez (GA)	Nanci Withrow (IL)
			Valerie Wong (TN)

Administration and Adoption Program Support

Many hands are needed to complete the myriad of tasks necessary to keep an organization such as New Rattitude running smoothly.

In 2021, these dedicated volunteers filled one or more positions (some in addition to fostering) in various administrative roles, application screening, adopter support, problem dog assistance for foster parents and adopters, transport coordination, record keeping, marketing, correspondence, social media, fundraising, website management, and more.

Bethany Adams (MI)	Lucia Florido (TN)	Lillie Kaplan (GA)	Jaime Restorff (TN)
Valerie Alloy (OH)	Genie Folsom (WA)	Vickie Kauffman (GA)	Lisa Rohn (VA)
Terry Beale (TN)	Kelly Fox (WI)	Jen Kahler (CA)	Dawn Schuetz (IL)
Susan Beard (NC)	Jena Gammon (LA)	Penny Linke (SC)	Candace Seal (AZ)
Debbie Collins (AL)	Elissa Germain (MI)	Jessica Phillips (IN)	Cindy Simmonds (VA)
Rebecca Coltrane (WA)	Carol Giberson (WA)	Natalie Ma (CA)	Catherine Spannagel (IL)
Candy Conrady (GA)	Carly Gill (GA)	Kim Markham (GA)	Michele Sutherland (IL)
Cara DeFelice (AZ)	Denise Gilroy (ID)	Stephanie Mathson (MI)	Anggie Thompson (NC)
Laurie Dempsey (VA)	Patricia Graham (GA)	Wendy Petkus-Mazeika (PA)	Beth Van Slyke (WA)
Nicole Dossey (WA)	Doreen Habben (IN)	Borbula Debora Milner (FL)	Emily Wackler (OH)
Martha Dowling (SC)	Patti Jeffries (GA)	Tiffany Pinciario (MA)	Amber Williamson (FL)
Amy Farmer (WA)	Sue Kangas (MI)	Kathy Puckett (MD)	Jessie Willson (OR)

Fostering brings rewards, challenges

NR is a national, foster based rescue organization. There is no building somewhere with a sign that says New Rattitude—the brick and mortar of this organization is our all-volunteer membership and a multi-state network of foster homes, without which not one dog could be saved. Probably our greatest challenge as a rescue lies in securing enough foster homes to stem the constant flow of homeless ratties that show up on our radar every week.

We currently have a critical shortage of foster homes. Daily we face the heartbreaking reality of turning away dogs that need us because we have no available foster space. So yes, on behalf of all the ratties we have to leave behind, this is a shameless appeal—if you have ever considered fostering, please make 2022 the year. And if fostering is something you haven't considered before, here are some of the reasons why you should:

- **The rewards of fostering are unlimited, and your whole family will benefit.** You will all grow in knowledge and experience in all things canine. Children that grow up in rescue foster families learn kindness and empathy, and the value of helping those less fortunate. Even your personal dog will enjoy (or learn to enjoy) having another dog around to play and snuggle with. Many become experts at showing each new foster dog the ropes and helping them to adjust.
- **Within our parameters of size and breed type, you get to choose which dogs you foster.** Pick the ones most likely to be suitable for your home situation in personality, behavior, age, and health. Got a soft spot for seniors? Or do you prefer younger, more active dogs? Do you enjoy working with dogs who have behavioral challenges? Ever wanted to raise a litter of puppies? Homeless ratties come in all flavors but you'll never be forced to take one that is an obvious mismatch for your family.
- **We've got your back!** NR support includes one-on-one foster training to start, and a dedicated mentor to guide you through the process of fostering your first dog from intake all the way through adoption. All policies plus a wealth of fostering resources are available in our online "Ratabase," plus our members-only Facebook group, the "Den," is a great place to

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"Rescue can be the most rewarding, frustrating, heartbreaking and happy experience of your life. And this is exactly why I stay involved. The politics of working with some of the shelters can be so stressful—seeing the condition of most of the dogs I've fostered when they first arrive is heartbreaking, but I have always loved the moment they first go out in the backyard. Every single one of them acts like it's the first time they have seen grass. They stand and look around and then they always flop down and start rolling. It's like they are trying to roll off all the bad stuff that's attached to them and know they have a fresh start. When people have asked me how I let them go when it's time for them to be adopted, I always tell them to go walk around in your local shelter for five minutes—that's why I can let them go when it's time. Because when they get adopted, I make a spot for the next one to come out of that environment into a safe home. I only have the ability to foster one at a time but for that one dog, their life matters and they are changed forever."

~Vickie Kauffman - foster parent, Adoption Department Co-Manager

"Fostering and volunteering in other roles at NR has been incredibly rewarding. Watching the dogs bloom after they leave the shelter and seeing their personalities emerge, experiencing the joy of adopters after they get their new dog, finding the next dog who needs rescue... these have all given me a sense of purpose. But I have also met so many wonderful people and made dear friends since joining New Rattitude, whether through driving dogs or processing adoption applications or doing home visits for adoption applicants."

~Laurie Dempsey (VA), foster parent, Adoption Department Co-Manager



"There is nothing like the feeling of stepping into a shelter and leaving with a dog in need, nurturing that dog until it's ready for a forever home. Is it easy to let go? No, it's never easy—you let go because there is always another dog waiting to be saved. But being part of New Rattitude isn't just about the dogs, it's also about the people. Working with other volunteers that feel your passion, who become friends, and like an extended family. Volunteering is so rewarding—it has changed my life and given me a purpose. We can all make a difference if we just get our feet wet."

~Mindy Shapiro (NC), foster parent, SC



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"I began volunteering in 2013 after our first NR adoption in 2010. I was so impressed with the way the organization was run—the thoroughness of each adoption to make sure that the right dog was matched with the right family, the responsiveness each step of the way, the care given by those involved in our adoption. I knew immediately that I would volunteer when I had the time available. I love that NR offers multiple ways that people can volunteer. Not everyone can make a difference by fostering, but they can help in so many other ways. I do feel like I make a difference in the lives of the dogs and the families.

The other volunteers have become close friends (family). We have a kinship like no other and strive to make a better life for the dogs that we rescue." ~Anggie Thompson (NC), Adoption Coordinator, Adoption Support, Jam Planner

"Some people I have spoken to think that doing rescue involves ONLY fostering. Some think that "rescuing" is adopting a pet. I tell them to read about our organization. New Rattitude is one of the best organized rescues, has a license, and is a 501(c)3. It can actually pay for vet bills for the foster parents. We need computer personnel, people that enjoy people, people (more like me) that enjoy dogs, and we have a need all the time for transporters. We have different departments too. I do rescue for the dogs. I always have. Thank you everyone that works to help the dogs!"

Patti Jeffries (GA), foster parent, new dog entry and status tracker, new dog packet assembly and distribution



"I found New Rattitude after my first rattie passed away. Never realized the back room on rescue and what all was involved. I am now retired fully and this gives me something I think is worthwhile and rewarding to do. I feel a sense of satisfaction when I know a rescue has finally gone to a great home. Some of my local friends think a big day is to go shopping or out to eat, but I would rather spend my time helping an animal. I definitely feel I am making

a difference by finding these pups a home that will take care of them the way they deserve.

I have found such good friends here, even though some of them are just by email, and also with adopters. I would foster myself but I can't at this time. I would tell anyone they will not find anything more rewarding than when a pup finds a home. Make an impact not only for the dog, but on what you have contributed to your history of what you've done." ~Emily Wackler (OH), Adoption and HV Coordinator, Ohio SC, foster dog transport, Jam Planner

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ask questions and share experiences. Our BMod team is always available to help with training or behavioral issues.

•**New Rattitude is a solid organization, both in policy and financial solvency.** We will promptly reimburse your fostering expenses including core vetting and approved surgeries or other medical procedures. We also offer annual stipends, subsidies, and/or other allotments for training, boarding, dog food, puppy expenses, and more.

Some of you are out there still shaking your heads thinking, "but I will never be able to let my foster dog go." Yes you will. For one thing, New Rattitude does not allow you to adopt your first foster. Because if we did, you might never get to experience the very best thing of all—the joy of seeing the happiness on your adopters' faces and knowing that the dog you saved will be living the good life with a family all his own. YOU made all that happiness happen! The next time will be easier.

Non-fostering jobs also essential

As we grow our network of foster homes, we will need more support for administration and the adoption program. If you are unable to foster but would still like to help the ratties, please consider volunteering for one of our many non-fostering positions. We are currently short staffed in several departments and have jobs available requiring as few as a couple hours a week or less. Or more! We also have leadership positions open. We have jobs that involve teamwork and jobs where you could work independently. Tell us your skill set and hours available and let us find you a job!

"Volunteering with New Rattitude has taught me to be more generous and to realize that time to volunteer is something we make, not something we necessarily have. I suffer from clinical depression and anxiety. Making calls on behalf of NR really helps getting me out of my head. I think I make a difference, not only for the Ratties, but for the people whose lives will be made better by the addition a new family member.

I enjoy working with the other members of the rescue. Everything is organized, there is a real sense of community. The Adoption Managers are of great help, answering questions, addressing difficult situations and taking the pressure off the Adoption Coordinators. NR's foster parents are simply amazing. Their patience, dedication and generosity are at the heart of the organization."

~Lucia Florido, Adoption Coordinator, Progress Reports

Are You Ready?

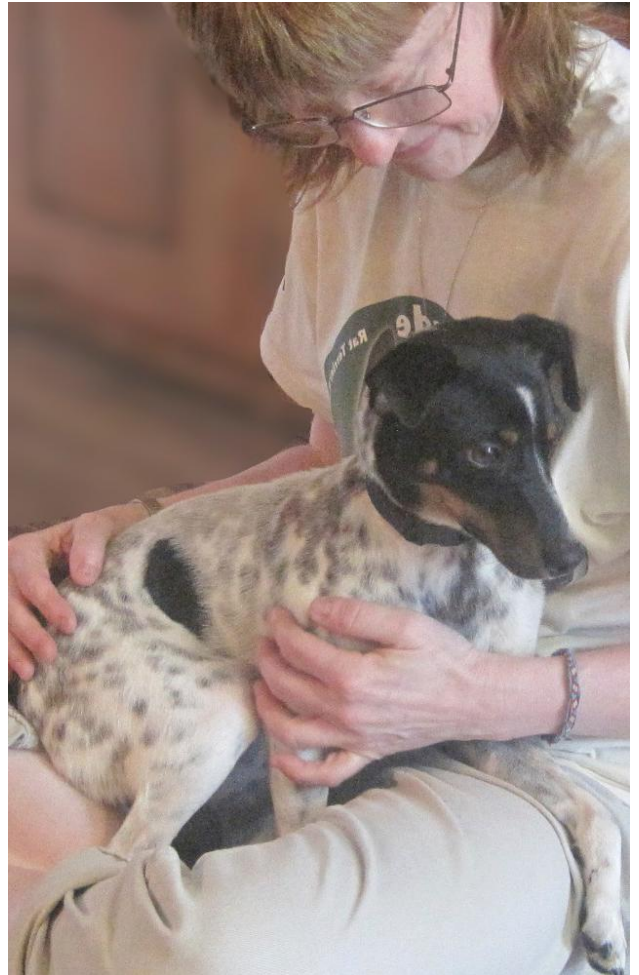
Share your love for Rat Terriers by opening your home and heart to a homeless shelter dog. New Rattitude Rat Terrier Rescue and Adoption is looking for foster homes where a rescue dog can live in a real home environment until a forever home can be found

Fostering for New Rattitude is a lifesaving opportunity.

Foster home families provide care for their rescued dog, socialization, training, and lots of love and affection.

New Rattitude provides the rest, including:

- Foster parent training and ongoing support
- Prompt reimbursement for vetting expenses and dog food
- Wormers and flea/tick preventative
- Microchip, collar, leash, and ID tag
- Nationwide exposure to promote your foster and an experienced and diligent adoption team to ensure your foster finds the perfect adoptive home
- A wealth of tools, resources, and in many cases, funding available for education, training, assistance with behavioral challenges, and other foster home needs.



Other Volunteer Opportunities

New Rattitude also has many non-fostering volunteer positions available, including adoption application processing, fundraising, publicity, website development and support, various administrative roles, and more.

For more info, visit <https://newrattitude.org/support/foster/faq>

To fill out a membership application, go to

<https://newrattitude.org/support/volunteer/membership-application>



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