



2024 IMPACT REPORT

SPECIAL NEEDS. GOOD DEEDS. LIFE-SAVING WORK.



THIS IS BOKEH. SHE'S A DEAF DOUBLE MERLE PUP WHO WAS RESCUED AND IS NOW THRIVING WITH HER FOREVER FAMILY.





OUR STORY SO FAR

EVERY PET DESERVES A VOICE— AND A CHANCE

At Speak! for the Unspoken, we rescue, rehabilitate, and rehome special needs dogs and cats—especially double merles born with hearing and vision impairments due to irresponsible breeding.

We believe that every animal, regardless of ability, deserves a life full of love, joy, and dignity. Through rescue, education, and advocacy, we challenge misconceptions about special needs pets and prove that these animals aren't broken—they're simply extraordinary.

Because at Speak!, we see **possibilities**—not disabilities.



EVERY YEAR ACROSS THE US

900 M+

DOGS AND CATS ARE
EUTHANIZED.

**THOSE WITH
DISABILITIES**

ARE PRIORITIZED FIRST.



THANK YOU FOR *SUPPORTING US*

Speak! Nation,

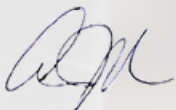
As I mark my eighth year as Executive Director of Speak! for the Unspoken, I'm filled with gratitude and awe. What began as a handful of passionate volunteers in Grove City making calls to shelters in search of double merle dogs has grown into a life-saving network spanning six states. Today, we field hundreds of calls each week from across the country—each one a plea for help for a dog or cat with special needs. And together, we've answered those calls—over **2,900 lives saved and counting**.

2024 has been a year of impact and resilience. This year alone, we saved 185 animals, ensuring they received the medical care, rehabilitation, and love they needed to thrive. Our total medical costs reached **\$250,000**, covering everything from routine vaccines to emergency surgeries. One of our most unforgettable success stories was Linus—a young husky abandoned in a livestock trailer. After being rescued, Linus developed a mysterious illness that required weeks of isolation, advanced diagnostics, and care from multiple vet hospitals. Thanks to your generosity, Linus made a full recovery and is now thriving in a loving home!

As we continue to grow, Speak! is at a pivotal moment. The need for our services has never been greater, and to keep expanding our reach, we must strengthen our foundation. In 2024, we took a major step forward by hiring our first-ever employee, Chelsea DeRosa, our Development Director. While Speak! remains **99% volunteer-run**, Chelsea has been instrumental in refining our internal processes, challenging us to think bigger, and leading our first-ever Giving Tuesday campaign, which raised over \$26,000. This milestone proved that when we take bold steps forward, our community rises to meet the challenge.

Speak! is powered by people—our fosters, volunteers, and donors. You make this mission possible. And as our motto says, Special Needs and Good Deeds go hand in paw. Here's to another year of saying "yes" to the animals who need us most.

With gratitude,



Andrea Kochensparger
Executive Director

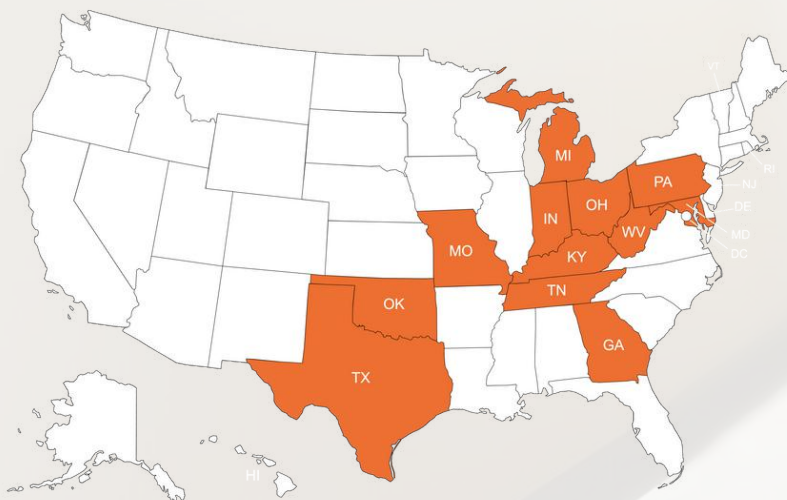


RESCUE HAS NO BORDERS

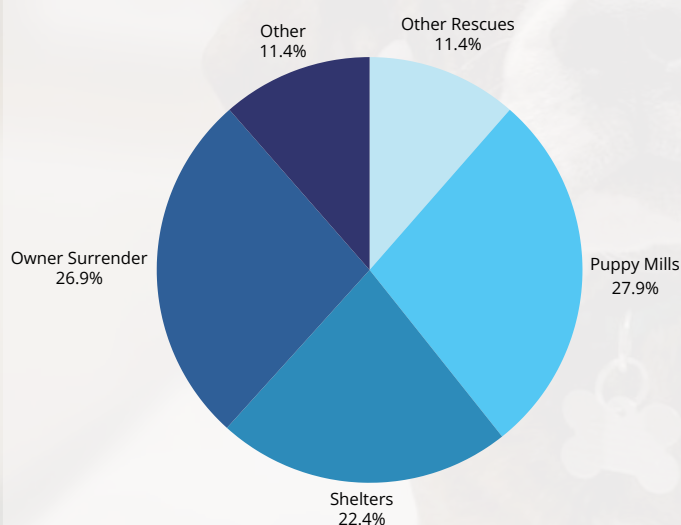
WHILE OTHERS SAY NO, WE FIND A WAY

WHERE WE FOSTER, LIVES CHANGE

In 2024, **105 foster families** gave dogs and cats the second chance they needed. What started in Ohio has now expanded across the Midwest, with rescues coming from **12 states**—each one with a different story and an urgent need.



WHERE OUR DOGS COME FROM



In 2024, most of our dogs came from puppy mills, owner surrenders, and shelters—each an extremely vulnerable situation where special needs pets are often out of options. **We couldn't say no.**



We rescued 185 animals and found homes for 204—185 from this year, plus 19 who had been waiting since last year. As foster homes decline and adoption rates shift, we're finding new ways to connect pets with the people who need them most.



IMPACT BY THE NUMBERS

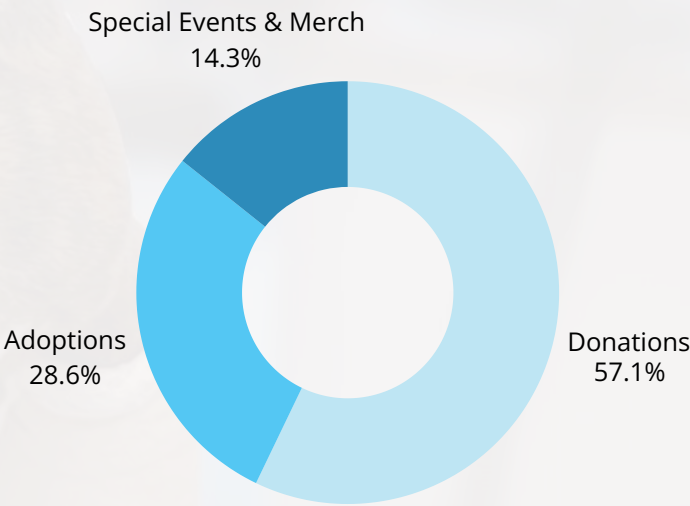
SPECIAL NEEDS & GOOD DEEDS

FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

OUR REVENUE

Every dollar helped save lives.

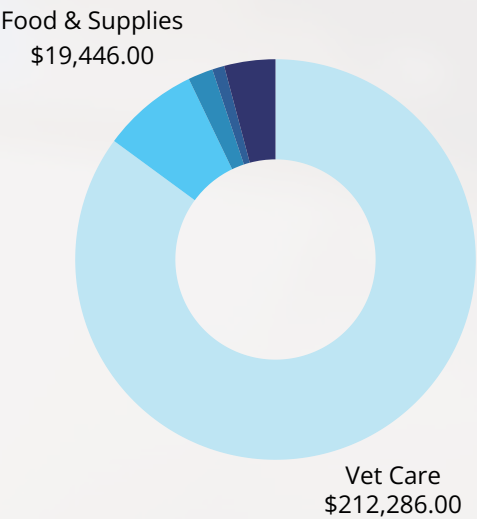
\$327,295



OUR EXPENSES

How your gifts made an impact.

\$249,507



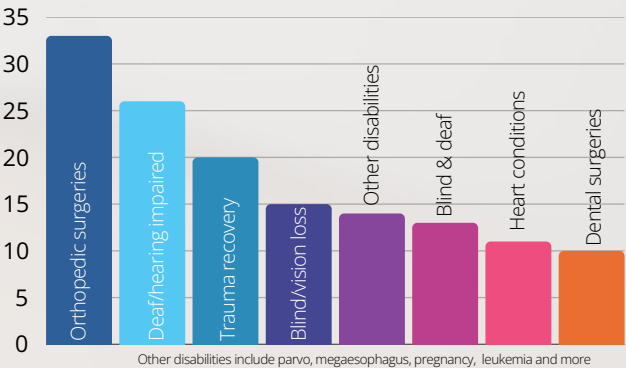
In 2024, you helped raise \$327,000—57% from donors like you. We spent \$249,000 on rescue care—including \$212,000 for lifesaving vet care.

WE SEE POSSIBILITIES, NOT DISABILITIES

While we specialize in special needs dogs, we never turn our backs on any animal who needs us most. Every day, we receive urgent calls from across the country. We answer as many as we can—with compassion, speed, and grit. Because where others see disabilities—we see potential.

66%
of our rescues
have special
needs.

WHAT TYPE OF SPECIAL NEEDS?





A PEEK AT WHAT'S NEXT

WE'VE COME SO FAR, WE'RE JUST GETTING STARTED.



KEEP SAYING YES TO MORE LIVES

In 2025, we're aiming even higher. We'll continue responding to urgent rescue calls across the Midwest, prioritizing those with medical needs, disabilities, and nowhere else to turn. Every foster home, every vet visit, every adoption is a chance to say "yes" to one more life in need.



BUILD A STRONGER FOUNDATION

We're streamlining how we operate so we can grow smarter. That includes refining our systems, building a strategic board, and strengthening support for the volunteers and fosters who make our mission possible. **Interested in joining our board?** Contact Andrea!



REACH MORE COMMUNITIES

From Grove City to Kalamazoo, we're expanding our footprint. New spaces will help us grow our foster network, store supplies, and connect with more local partners who share our vision.



MODERNIZE OUR MESSAGE

We're launching a new website with a .org domain to better reflect our mission. It'll be easier to navigate, easier to donate, and a clearer reflection of the heart behind our work.



SAVE THE DATE: SEPTEMBER 27, 2025

Our 9th annual Golf Scramble is going bigger than ever—with new ways to get involved, give back, and celebrate our lifesaving work. We're looking for **sponsors**, raffle donations, and event partners now! Contact Chelsea for more info!

Want to support one of these goals or join the fun? Reach out—we'd love to hear from you!



ANDREA KOCHENSPARGER
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
ANDREA@SPEAKFORTHEUNSPOKEN.COM



CHELSEA DEROSA
DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR
CHELSEA@SPEAKFORTHEUNSPOKEN.COM

EVERY DOLLAR MATTERS.



\$50 Donation

Covers flea, tick, and heartworm prevention for three months.

This is **Rory!** She has a heart murmur and has found a loving home!

\$100 Donation

Covers spay, neuter and microchipping for one dog.

Meet **Sherman!** He is in a custom highchair, a Bailey Chair, to help him eat due to his megaesophagus.



\$500 Donation

Covers appointments with specialty vets, surgeries, behavior assessments and sessions with trainers.

This is **Dawson!** He was saved from a puppy mill when it was discovered that he had a heart murmur. He received life saving heart surgery before being adopted to his fur-ever home!



\$200 Donation

Covers x-rays and orthopedic exams for adorable pups with limb disabilities.

Meet **Moot!** After beating parvo and pneumonia, she needed several surgeries for severe nerve damage in her leg. Now, she's a happy "tripod" in her fur-ever home!

Donate
Online



ON A DESKTOP? DONATE [HERE!](#)



I WANT TO SPEAK! UP FOR DOGS WITH DISABILITIES!

MONTHLY GIFT

- ☐ \$10/month
- ☐ \$25/month
- ☐ \$50/month
- ☐ \$75/month
- ☐ \$100/month
- ☐ \$ _____/month

Free 2025
calendar!

ONE-TIME GIFT

- ☐ \$100
- ☐ \$200
- ☐ \$500
- ☐ \$750
- ☐ \$1,000
- ☐ \$ _____

PAYMENT CHOICE

- ☐ Give using the QR code above for credit card
- ☐ A check payable to: **Speak! for the Unspoken**
PO Box 534, Grove City, OH 43123

Your name _____

Your email _____

*By providing your email address, you'll receive email updates and communications about the latest happenings with Speak!



**THANK YOU FOR
YOUR SUPPORT!**

WE CANNOT WAIT FOR 2025.

