



Annual Review (2023)

Cat-CHING Sheffield

Registered charity: 1192603

A message from the trustees

We'd like to wish you a very happy new year and take this opportunity to thank you for your support over the past year.

We hope you'll enjoy reading this short summary of what we've been doing in 2023 and that you'll consider supporting us again in 2024.

Thank you.

Lauren & Jasmine x



Organisation overview

We're a small, home-based charity and we run entirely with volunteers. Not one person at Cat-CHING is paid a penny; we are all here because we love cats and want to help them.

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| Trustees: | Lauren | Jasmine | | | |
| Admin: | Anna | Leeann | Danielle | Katie | Pearl Jasmine |
| Fundraising: | Kelly | Sue | Caroline | Tracey | Demi |

What we do

Foster & rehome relinquished cats

Foster & rehome homeless cats

Rehome cats from their current home

Microchip owned cats

Support other cat rescues when we are able

Offer advice & signposting where we cannot help ourselves

Offer free neutering for owned cats whose owners cannot afford it

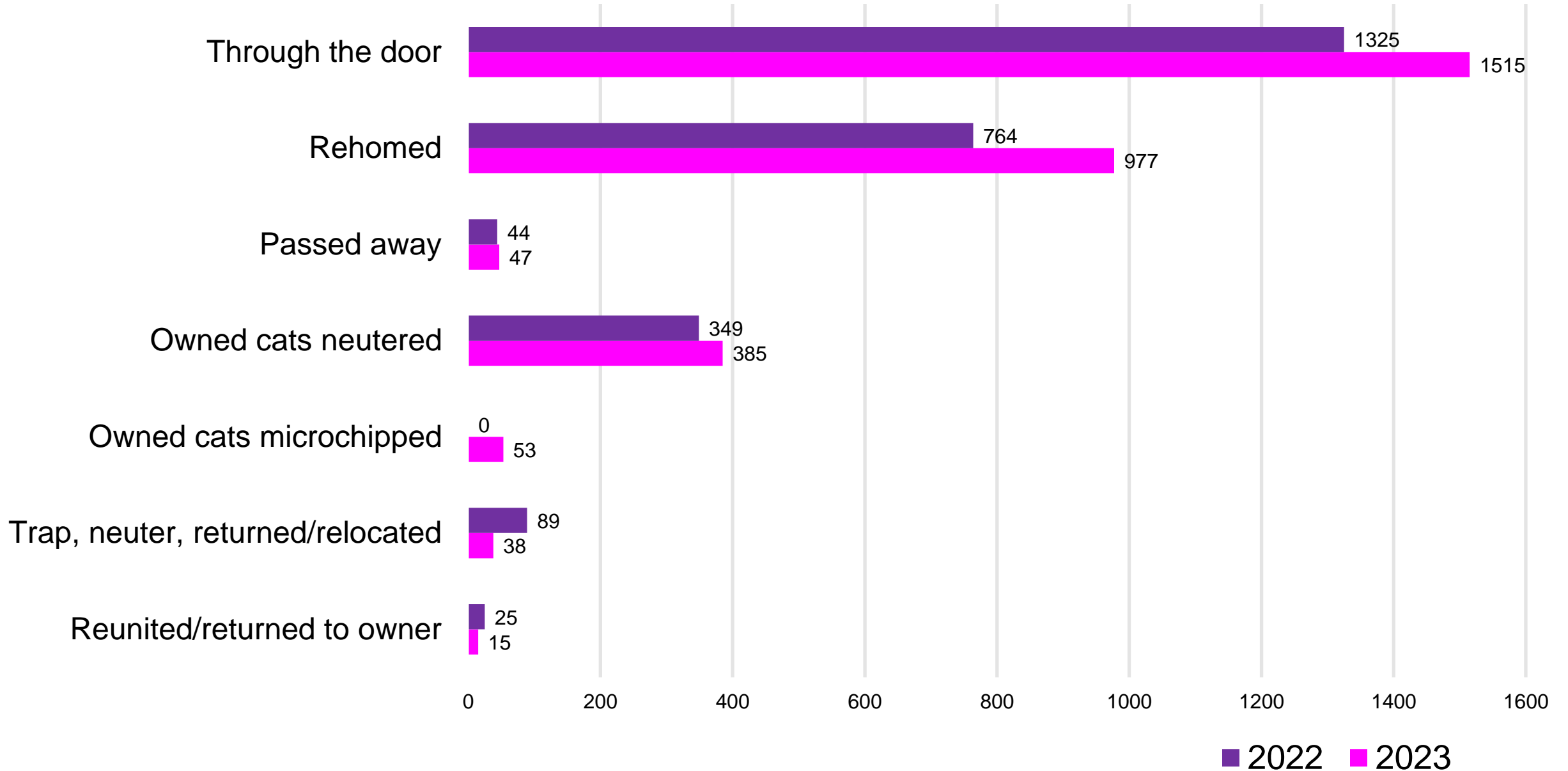
Trap, neuter, return/relocate feral cats

Our achievements

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- We`ve achieved so much this year! We have helped so many cats turn their lives around and achieve good health, a safe home and the stability they need for a bright (and well fed) future.
- We continued our focus on the prevention space and paid for owned cats to be neutered, hoping to tackle the problem at its core.
- We trained as microchip implanters so we can now save money by chipping both the cats in our care as well as supporting the community by chipping owned cats.
- We`ve grown our volunteer teams and have some amazing, dedicated people to help with admin, fundraising and fostering.


How it compares in numbers



...in words

More cats
through the
doors!

More cats
rehomed!


More cats have
passed away

Possibly due to us taking on more
complex cases.

Fewer feral cats
trapped, neutered and
returned/relocated

Possibly due to more being suitable for
domestic homes

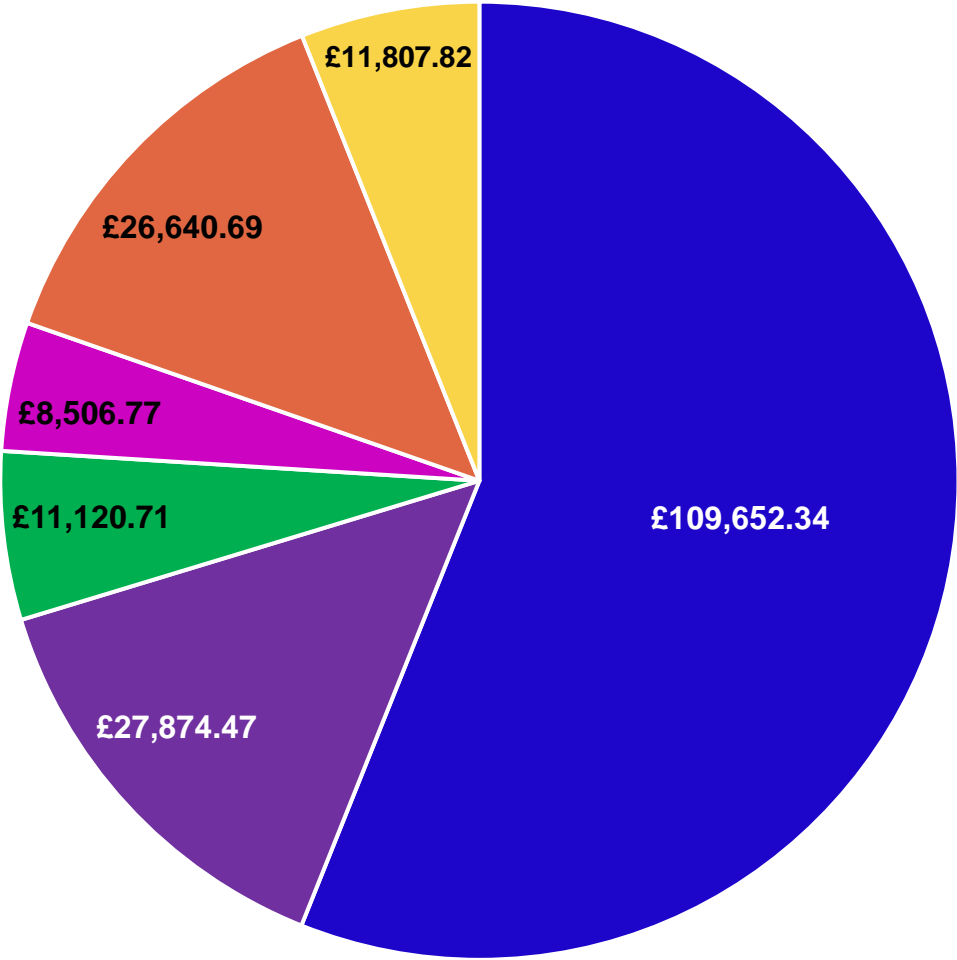
Fewer lost cats reunited

Possibly due to 'Lost and Found' Facebook page
volunteers intervening so we don't have to.

More owned
cats neutered!

Where your donations go

Breakdown of spend for
01/01/23 to 31/12/23



■ Vet treatment

■ Food

■ Litter

■ Equipment

■ Free neutering

■ Other (includes insurance, training, venue hire etc)

Case study: Cuddles & Dimples

In February 2023, I received a phone call asking for urgent help with a cat who had given birth and was trying to kill her kittens. I rushed to the address, where I found the owner in floods of tears. She recounted how she'd purchased her male cat, Tom from Gumtree and how she'd returned from a day out in Cleethorpes to find Tom had given birth on her bed!

I took the kittens home and began warming them up ready to hand rear them; there were two little boys and two tiny little girls. Over the coming days, I fed and saw to the kittens every couple of hours, even through the night...I was absolutely shattered as I work full time in addition to running the charity and fostering complex cats. Luckily, I managed to convince one of our lovely foster ladies Janice into co-parenting the babies with me! So, I became their daytime mum and Janice became their nighttime mum!

The boys thrived, but the girls were up and down all the time. At times they struggled to gain weight and suffered from infections, but we didn't give up and after countless sleepless nights and numerous trips to our vets, the babies made it to 8 weeks of age!

Enough time had now passed for Tom's body to recover from the ordeal, so we arranged for her to be neutered and blood tested. Sadly Tom tested positive for feline leukaemia, leaving a high risk that the virus could have passed to the kittens. Kittens cannot be accurately tested for this virus until they reach 16 weeks of age, as antibodies can cause false results, so they needed to stay in our care for another 8 weeks.

Their 16 week birthday came around and we were absolutely thrilled that they all tested negative for leukaemia. In July, they were finally able to leave our care. Of course, after all they'd been through, they needed to stay together.

You may recognise Cuddles and Dimples as Frida and Bea from Tabby Teas cat café ☺

Thank you for supporting us and making these haPURRly ever afters possible.



Lauren x

Case study: Mama Lisa

Mama Lisa entered our care in April 2023. She was around two years old and she'd had a litter of kittens in January 2023. Sadly, whilst nursing her litter of kittens, she had been allowed outside and so she became pregnant again.

She was very heavily pregnant on arrival; her poor, fragile little body had been given next to no time to recover from birth, before she was preparing to go through the ordeal again.

In the hands of our amazing foster carers, she gave birth to six kittens on 24th April 2023. Sadly, one of her kittens was stillborn, but the sadness didn't end there...

Mama Lisa continued to push after the last kitten had been born, and as her foster carer rushed to seek urgent veterinary attention, Mama Lisa pushed out her uterus.

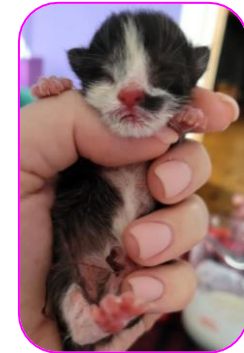
Mama Lisa was rushed to the vets and immediately prepared for emergency surgery – the vets had never seen anything like this case and they were extremely clear that Mama Lisa's chances of survival were slim.

The procedure was devastatingly high risk and came at a huge financial cost, but we knew we needed to give her the chance to fight, survive and live the happy life that she so deserved but had not yet had the opportunity to live.

When we returned to the vets that evening, we were told that Mama Lisa had made it through surgery! They alarmingly explained that not only had she pushed out her uterus, but her liver too.

She received around-the-clock care and monitoring and amazingly, Mama Lisa's recovery went exceptionally well and so, she was reunited with her five kittens and looked after them wonderfully.

A few months later, Mama Lisa and the babies were rehomed to 5-star forever homes.



2024 goals



- We recognise that the issue of homeless cats in Sheffield is bigger than we can deal with and that in order to secure adequate support, we need to provide evidence to highlight the scale of the problem.
 - We want to continue offering free neutering to those who cannot afford to meet the cost themselves; this cuts down on so many unwanted litters of kittens.
 - Most of all, we want to continue help as many cats as we possibly can.



Thank you!

Thank you for your generosity and support in 2023.

We wish you all the best for the new year and hope you'll consider supporting us again in 2024.

