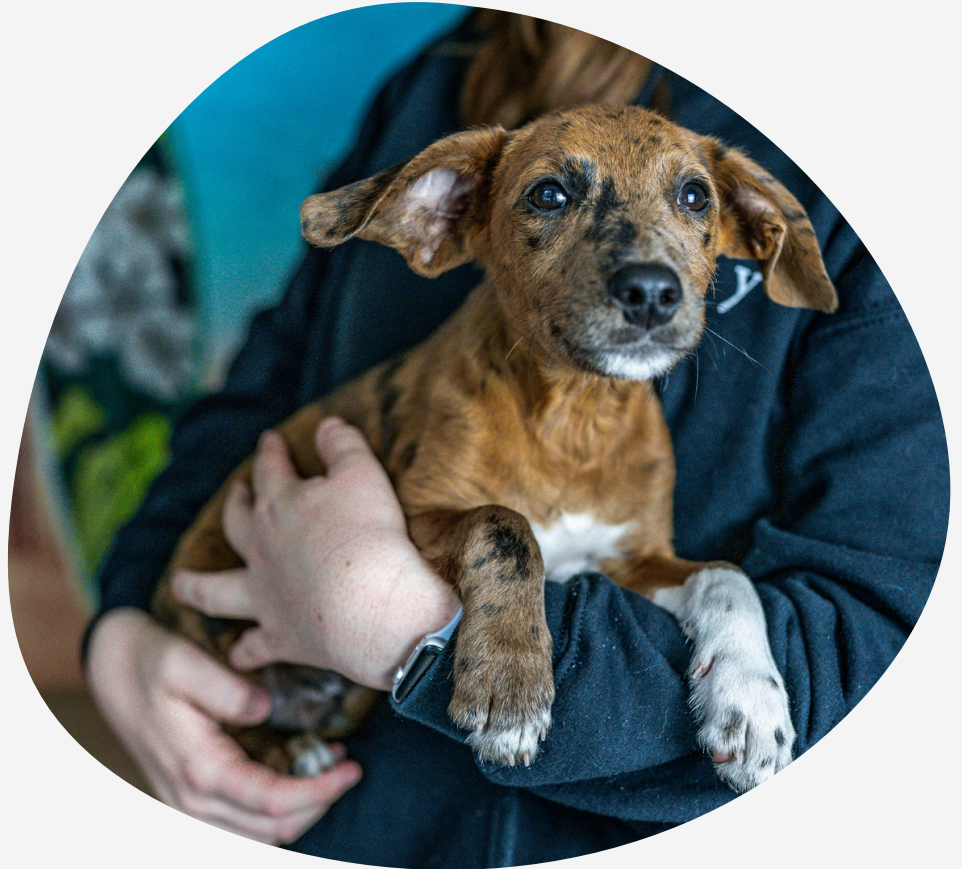


**NEW ENGLAND  
PUPPY RESCUE**

**2025 Impact  
Report**

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# 01 Message From Our Founder

**Dear NEPR Community,**

As this year comes to a close, I've found myself reflecting a lot — on the puppies, the people, the long nights, the hard decisions, and the moments that reminded me exactly why New England Puppy Rescue exists.

This year has been full in every sense of the word.

We said yes to puppies who had no safety net. To orphans who needed round-the-clock care. To litters left behind, overlooked, or running out of time. We welcomed them into our program knowing it would be hard, knowing it would stretch us — and believing, every time, that they were worth it.

We also took on something big this year: **building a permanent home for our mission.**

Watching the NEPR facility come to life has been emotional in ways I didn't expect. Every wall, every room, every decision has been made with the same question in mind: How does this better serve the puppies and this community?

This space represents years of dreaming, planning, and believing that we could create something truly special — and we're not done yet.

What continues to amaze me most, though, is this community.

**Our fosters who open their homes  
again and again.**

**Our volunteers who show up without  
needing recognition.**

**Our adopters who choose commitment  
over convenience.**

**Our donors and supporters who trust us to do this work with  
integrity.**

You are the reason we are able to say “yes” when it matters most. As we look ahead, there is still so much to do. More puppies to save. More programs to grow. More education to share. More community to build. We are entering the next chapter of NEPR with clarity, knowledge, and a deeper commitment than ever to doing rescue responsibly, transparently, and with heart.

From the bottom of mine — thank you for believing in this mission, for standing behind us, and for being part of every life changed along the way.

Here’s to the puppies we saved, the ones still waiting, and the future we’re building together.

*With gratitude*

Marissa Squires  
Founder & Director  
New England Puppy Rescue



# 02 Who We Are

## Our Mission

New England Puppy Rescue is committed to saving the lives of neglected and unwanted puppies, regardless of zip code, abandoned in high-kill shelters or surrendered by owners. Our mission is clear: provide these innocent beings with the love and veterinary care they need and deserve, and secure them loving, forever homes.

At the heart of our dedication lies a focus on under-aged and orphaned puppies, where we employ our comprehensive young puppy protocol to ensure their health, well-being, and socialization for a successful start in new homes. In a world where some puppies lack a voice, a chance, or even a happy memory, NEPR stands as a beacon of hope to a more promising tomorrow.

## The Model

New England Puppy Rescue is a 501 (c) (3), no-kill, all-volunteer nonprofit organization. Our foster-based approach distinguishes us, as NEPR dogs eat, sleep, and live in Connecticut foster homes until they find their forever families. This model allows us to understand each puppy, fostering balanced socialization in a home setting to make optimal matches with loving homes, ensuring a lifetime of mutual affection.

# 03 Year Overview

APPLICATIONS RECEIVED

**974**

TOTAL SAVED

**193**

# OF LITTERS

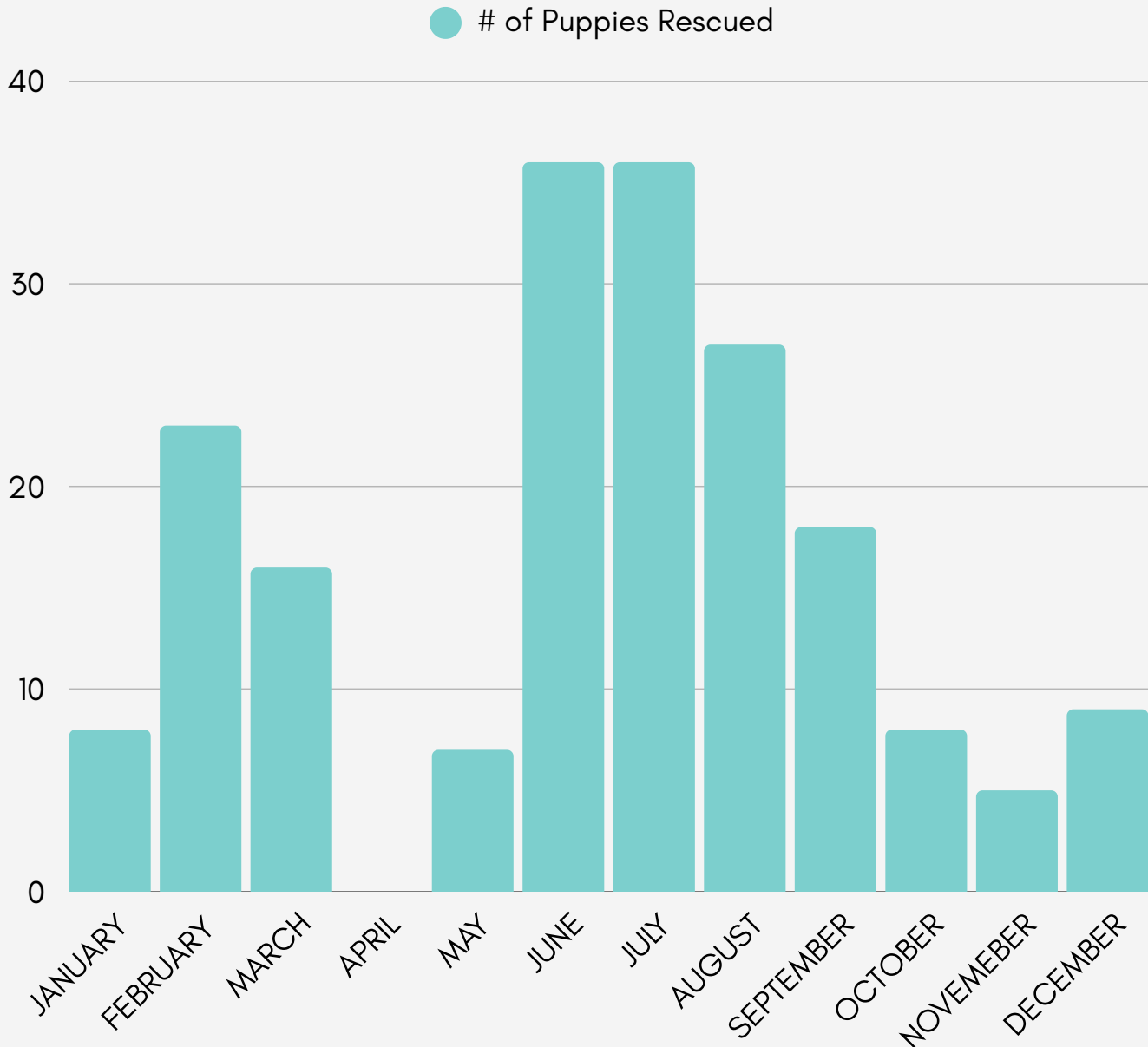
**33**

# OF SINGLETONS

**7**

LOCAL RESCUES

**18%**



# 04 Orphan Care Program



## What is an Orphan Puppy?

An orphan puppy is a puppy between 2-6 weeks old who arrives without a mother due to abandonment or rejection/death of the mother.

## Orphan Puppy Protocol

When puppies are too young to be separated from their littermates, we use our comprehensive orphan puppy protocol to support their health and early development. The litter remains together at our facility or in a specialized foster home, where they receive specialized nutrition, medical care if needed, uninterrupted rest, and age-appropriate socialization to ensure a positive start in new homes.

# OF ORPHANS

**47**

# OF LITTERS

**8**

# OF ORPHAN CARE SHIFTS

**186**

HOURS OF ORPHAN CARE

**279**

\*Not inclusive of medical or 24-hour continuous care.\*

# 05 Foster Homes

**Foster homes are the most critical aspect of rescue!**

FOSTER-TO-ADOPT

7

FOSTER OPEN HOUSE

1

FOSTER HOME APPLICATIONS

129

While we are able to provide all necessary supplies for our puppies, we depend on our dedicated, approved foster homes to offer a safe, warm, and nurturing environment where each puppy can begin adjusting to life in a home.

Seven puppies found their forever homes through our approved foster families this year. Our **foster-to-adopt program** allows families to welcome a puppy into their home on a trial basis, ensuring the right fit for both the family and the dog. Even when an adoption isn't the final outcome, participating families play a critical role in saving lives by providing temporary care.



This year, we experienced an incredible surge in foster home applications and were truly humbled by the outpouring of support from people eager to help.

Applications arrived from as far away as New Hampshire and Rhode Island. As a result of this growth, we implemented a new policy requiring foster homes to be within a 45-minute commute of our facility in Canton, Connecticut, allowing us to better support both our fosters and the puppies in our care.

# 06 Puppy Fix Events

FUNDRAISING  
EVENTS

12

DOLLARS RAISED  
FROM EVENTS

\$13,471.38

**A Puppy Fix: Get puppy love while making a meaningful impact on a puppy's life.**

Many people know us for our popular Puppy Fix events—and for good reason. These experiences are truly a win-win-win: attendees enjoy plenty of puppy love, our puppies benefit from valuable socialization and exposure, and the funds raised allow us to rescue and care for even more animals in need.

This year, we hosted multiple rounds of Puppy Yoga at Kosha Yoga, Puppy & Prosecco, and Puppy Kissing Booths at Two Roads Brewing Company, Bear's Smokehouse Barbecue, the Farmington Polo Club, and Valhalla Fitness. Each event created unique opportunities for our puppies and our organization to connect with new supporters who share a deep commitment to animal welfare.

These events are made possible by our generous partners and dedicated volunteers.



# 07 Give Hope A Home

TOTAL RAISED

**\$56,335**

# OF DONORS

**308**

This year, we began the renovation of our new dedicated rescue facility in Canton, Connecticut.

The project transformed the former Dogology location into a haven for the most vulnerable puppies. The project began, funded primarily through grants, fundraising events, and determination. This got us with an in-house veterinary clinic, dedicated puppy intake facilities, in-house laundry, and a safe outdoor socialization area to start.

In August, we officially shared our progress and aspirations with the community through our Give Hope a Home: New England Puppy Rescue's Renovation Campaign to help support our final phases: meet-and-greet rooms, new flooring, event & education space, and a veterinary treatment room.



# 07 Give Hope A Home

As always, our community—the heart and driving force of this organization—was the first to rise in support of this campaign. The dedicated individuals who foster, volunteer, transport, and love our animals once again led the way.

Our volunteers formed fundraising teams and took personal ownership of the effort, leveraging a peer-to-peer model to share their individual rescue “why” with their networks and communities.

An extraordinary 67.7% of total funds raised came directly from volunteer-led teams. This powerful demonstration of community support made it possible to complete our flooring, build a fully functional veterinary room, and install essential fencing—critical improvements that will directly impact the puppies in our care.

PEER-TO-PEER

**\$38,134**

CAMPAIGN  
TEAMS

**19**

