

Celebrating 22 Years of Furkids: A Journey of Compassion

Saturday, April 13, hundreds of Furkids supporters, volunteers, and beloved animal advocates gathered together at the one-of-a-kind Furkids Headquarters (5235, Union Hill Road, Cumming Georgia) to celebrate the milestone of 22 life saving years.

The annual Anniversary Celebration is a crucial fundraising event that raises money for the operations and programs of Furkids. It's also a time where likeminded animal lovers gather together and celebrate the impact Furkids made the year prior. Generous sponsors, staff, and selfless volunteers work hard to make it a night to remember. Guests enjoyed an open bar, gourmet food, live music, a carefully curated live and silent auction, and tours of their botanical gardens, Shiloh Gardens, and the newly opened Fort and Michele Felker Cat Shelter.

There were many reasons to celebrate. In 2023, Furkids cared for nearly 5,000 animals, administered 12,773 vaccinations to community pets through a monthly vaccine clinic, provided 4,112 spay/neuter surgeries, and adopted out 3,760 cats and dogs. Throughout the night, attendees reminisced on the stories that touched them most, and rallied together to continue this important work.

The 22nd Anniversary Celebration was a huge success, and over \$350,000 dollars were raised during the night through donations, and the live and silent auction. This revenue will provide them the opportunity to continue to save the most at risk lives in local communities. Making it possible for Furkids to give much needed medical care, food and shelter to hundreds of animals throughout the year. Furkids is grateful to the community for their continued support of this important work.

The live auction was nothing short of extraordinary. One highlight of the evening was when two participants showed their immense love for their pets by donating \$25,000 each to have their furry companions' images included in a custom wrap on a Furkids vehicle for a year. The silent auction featured vacation getaways, jewelry, and all sorts of gift cards and goods donated by people who love animals.

The celebration also brought in a new tradition to be carried on. The Furkids "founding cat" Tortie Shelton was honored with her very own VIP table, where special supporters will have a unique VIP experience with curated wines and spirits, special cocktail hour prior to the party, Furkids gift bag for each guest, and a beautiful VIP table to enjoy throughout the night.

As they celebrate on this momentous occasion, Furkids staff are filled with gratitude and reflection. They extend their deepest thanks to every individual that has played a part in Furkids' journey over the past 22 years. Without the unwavering dedication of their supporters - whose compassion and tireless efforts drive their mission forward, none of this would be

possible. Furkids also wishes to extend their thanks to the amazing sponsors who support their life saving programs.

Furkids invites animal lovers everywhere to join them next year for their 23rd Anniversary Celebration, April 19, 2025! Tickets can be found on Furkids.org/store.