



Asparagus (founding/inspiration rat)

first and foremost... let's celebrate!

As many of you know, we're a small-scale, foster-run + volunteer-based non-profit working to better the lives of rats + those who love them. We opened in summer of 2021 - it's been a year!

Not only have we made it, but we're doing quite well! We've done great work, and it's thanks to our supporters we continue into our second year with high hopes + solid ambitions for the future.

We're grateful for all who've helped along the way! Our hearts have been warmed by community, and of course - the tender-hearted rats themselves. We're happy to be sharing our journey with you.



Knuckles (adopted)

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featuring adopted rats
..... + 1 adoptable

“ ***be ratical. love the misunderstood.*** ”

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year in review: the deets

Here we are, a year in! From adoption agreements + intake policies, to effective prevention, to financial statements, and nonprofit operations in general - we are grateful for everyone who's guided us and for the terrain of our first year! We're getting the hang of this!

We've accomplished many things already. We've saved and improved the lives of many rats, launched our website, and grown our social media presence. We've had two yard sales, and an adoption event. We've had many humane societies and shelters reach out for our support. We're proud of every step, and every person who got us here.

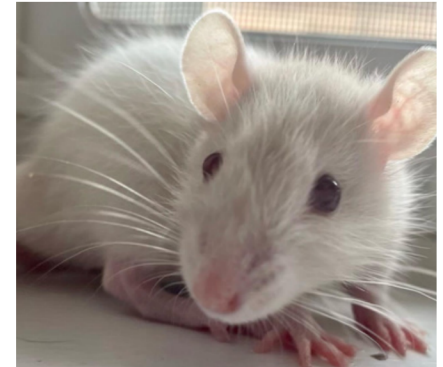


96 rats given refuge!

We've made connections in the community and in addition to supporting humane societies + shelters, we've responded to 3 urgent crises. We've provided preventative consultation + a free cage lending service to families facing difficulties caring for rats. We've educated people on rat misconceptions, care, and the impacts of breeding.

We've gained a small, and solid volunteer base; business and community support; a sense of belonging; and last, but certainly not least, we've been given the chance to witness many bruxes + boggings! Thanks to everyone, we've done considerably more than we thought we would! See the next page for what's happening this year!

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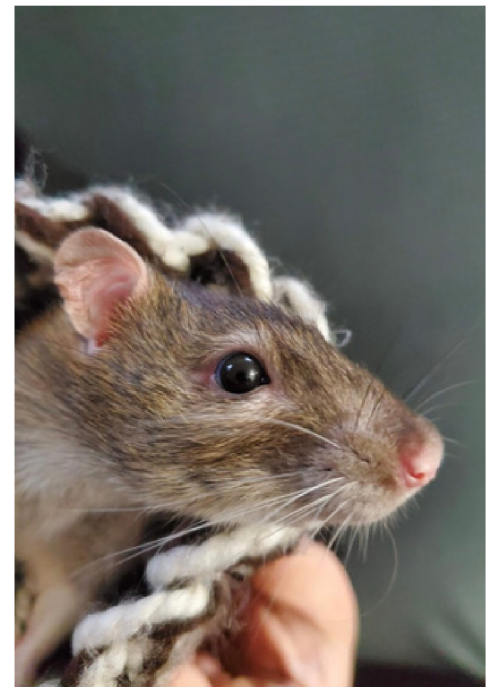


Milo (adopted)

quick beams

In just our first year, we had:

- ♥ 21 Foster Families
(each fostered 1-3 times)
- ♥ 26 Adoptive Families
(each homed 2-5 rats)
- ♥ 0 rats returned!



Ratrick Stewart (adoptable)



Carambole (adopted)

what's next?

Now that our feet are on the ground, we want to work on planting them firmly + furthering our reach. We plan to stay small-scale for now. We are focusing on ensuring sustainability of our programming, and taking a more preventative + community-based approach. Here's a peek at what that could look like:

- Continuation of our 3 Foster Programs (emergency/crisis response, temporary/regular, + permanent/sanctuary)
- Increased organization in onboarding, + tracking, including impact goals, + a Rat Care Guide
- Maintenance of our online store for sustainability of our programs, with sliding scale options to stay community-centered and focused on prevention
- A program for people who are marginalized + under-resourced, including cage + supply sharing; and support navigating other relevant services

volunteer with us

There's lots to do! Here's some areas we could still use some help with:

- Storage for our cages
- Events assistance (bake sales, adoption events)
- Driving rats + care supplies to and from their foster homes
- DIY/crafting rat enrichment items for our fosters + sale
- Donation Jar Collection in your city!

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Bramble (adopted)

before you go... advice from a rat

Life is short. It's not about the length of time we have with someone, it's about what we do with it. Hold the present moment and those in it with you.

Another lesson is to trust. Bite that person, sure, maybe... but then pull yourself together. They might have snacks.

Explore the details of the room. There's a lot to see and do in even one, small space. Small actions too, there's much in them, and they add up.

Still more, cuddle your brothers. Most people are safe. Give the world a good chance, + stash the best for later.

thank you all!

To those who share our posts, to dedicated foster families, to our generous veterinary care teams: we can't do this without you and are more grateful than you know!

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a gift for you

To show our appreciation, we've attached some rat colouring pages to this newsletter for you! The printable PDFs can also be found on our website.

Take a look - they're pretty cute! Have fun colouring and adoring our foster rats! We're looking forward to doing more alongside you.!



Oreo (adopted)

Rainbow Rat

Coloring



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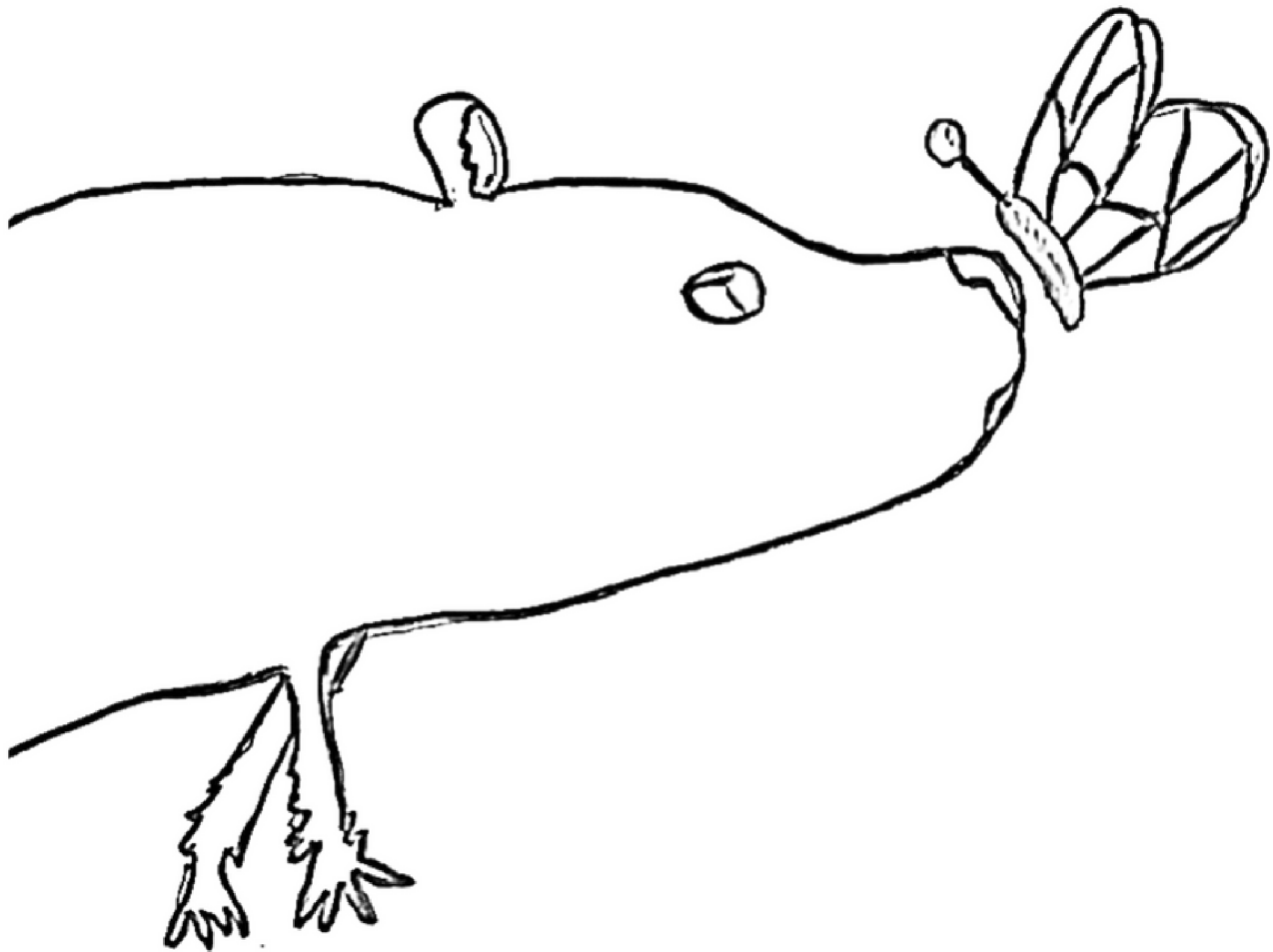
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