



# 2024-2025 Annual Appeal



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Everyone has seen the TV ads with cats and dogs in desperate conditions suffering untimely fates. ROAR saw those ads too and we've responded by bringing animals like those to Ridgefield. We funded, built and opened our shelter in 2005 and since then, have rescued almost 6000 cats and dogs placing them in forever homes in Fairfield and Westchester Counties.

At ROAR we pride ourselves on our "above and beyond" reputation.....

- the cat who needed a nasal stent so it could breathe normally
- the puppies with parvo who required hospitalization, medication and extended care
- the dogs with heartworm who received testing, medication and low activity foster homes while their hearts mended.

These are the extraordinary, but most homeless pets that come to ROAR are generally well. They are simply seeking loving families and homes.

ROAR works its magic at both ends of the spectrum – performing some miracles while working just as hard to facilitate day-to-day matchmaking between pets and their adopters. While at ROAR awaiting adoption, our dogs and cats are treated with the love, care and respect they deserve. Every day of the year for all pets, ROAR provides housing, nutrition, play, socialization and freedom to be themselves.

Our mission does not end at our shelter door. ROAR is committed to enhancing the remarkable bond between people and pets through education and outreach programs, sharing information about the rewards of pet adoption, responsibilities of pet ownership, and working with student groups in developing ways to "give back" to animals in need. Our Therapy Dog Program trains dogs so that they can bring comfort to infirmed seniors, students stressed by exam seasons and young, insecure readers – they can even do yoga!

Making a gift to ROAR will support our efforts to save more cats and dogs, and continue our programs. To donate today, please go to [www.roar-ridgefield.org/donate](http://www.roar-ridgefield.org/donate) or mail a check to ROAR, 45 South Street, Ridgefield CT 06877.

Thank you!

P.S. These photos reflect ROAR cats and dogs who were saved and are living happily ever after!

