



WINTER 2026 NEWSLETTER

2025: Year in Review Built by a Team, Driven by a Dream

In 2025, the Friends of the Animals Community Spay & Neuter Clinic proved what's possible when a community comes together around a shared mission.

Although we didn't officially open our doors to the public until March, our work began earlier. In February, we quietly started by supporting other nonprofit partners throughout the region, helping them meet an overwhelming need for spay & neuter services. In that first month alone, we completed 77 surgeries, laying the foundation for everything that followed.

From there, momentum grew quickly. By the end of 2025, we had provided spay & neuter surgeries for 1,949 pets — an extraordinary impact for a clinic in its very first year of operation.

- Opened to the public in March
- 1,949 pets fixed
- Community/feral cat program launched
- 111 cats in December
- 50 cats in one day
- 58 volunteers | 4,800+ hours



December: When the Impossible Became Reality

December marked a turning point. That month, we officially began accepting community & feral cats, expanding our reach to some of the most vulnerable animals in our valley.

In just one month:

- 111 community & feral cats were spayed or neutered
- 50 cats were safely fixed in a single day

What once felt impossible became reality through planning, trust, & an incredible team effort. These numbers represent fewer kittens born outdoors, healthier colonies, & meaningful relief for the shelters & caregivers working tirelessly behind the scenes.

The People Behind the Numbers

None of this happened by chance. In 2025, 12 veterinarians generously made time to operate at our clinic. Some donated entire surgery days, including Paws & Effect clinics, where qualifying community members receive \$25 spay or neuter services, ensuring access to care for those who need it most.

Our impact would not be possible without our volunteers. This year:

- 58 volunteers
- Over 4,800 donated hours

From intake & recovery to laundry, logistics, & surgical pack preparation, volunteers are the backbone of this clinic.



THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS!

Our feral cat program deserves special recognition. Wendy Lea Diamond has been the driving force behind this effort, coordinating three feral cat clinic days in December while also serving as our surgical pack queen. Her dedication to maintaining sterile, functional instruments — paired with her deep commitment to the feral cat community — made our ambitious goal of fixing over 100 cats in December achievable.

We also extend deep gratitude to Dr. Tim Groves, our Facility Veterinarian. With a long history in nonprofit spay & neuter medicine, Dr. Groves helped get this clinic off the ground — starting in a surgery trailer before transitioning to our current building. Without his leadership & guidance, this clinic would not be open today.

Behind every successful clinic day is a collective effort from:

- Our Board of Directors, for their vision & trust
- Donors, who believed in the mission
- Contributing veterinarians
- Nonprofit partners & trappers
- Volunteers & staff

No one person can take credit. This clinic was built by a team that believed in the dream — & showed up for it.



Looking Ahead to 2026

With a strong foundation now in place, we are hopeful & excited to expand even more programs in 2026. The need is clear, the momentum is strong, & with continued community support, the impact will only grow.

Programs That Need Your Support

As our reach grows, so does the need for funding.

Paws & Effect Fund

Supports qualifying community members with \$25 spay & neuter services, helping ensure financial barriers never stand in the way of responsible pet care.

Feral Fund

Supports nonprofit trappers & colony caregivers across the valley. Trappers donate countless hours transporting, monitoring, & caring for cats. Donations can support the fund directly or help cover additional expenses.

Join Us

Volunteers and donors make this work possible.

If you'd like to get involved or support these programs, please visit **FOTASCLINIC.ORG** to learn more and complete a volunteer form or make a donation. We'll be in touch.

Thank you for believing in this mission.

Thank you for supporting this clinic.

And thank you for being part of a year that proved what compassion, collaboration, and community can accomplish together.

🐾 Victoria Wade, Clinic Manager



Veterinarian Spotlight

Dr. Carolina Gerritsen Williams – Veterinarian

Dr. Carolina has been part of the FOTAS Community Spay & Neuter Clinic relief veterinary team since May 2025. She was drawn to spay/neuter and community medicine as a way to directly reduce pet overpopulation while providing high-quality, compassionate care to animals in need.

What Dr. Carolina loves most about FOTAS is the people. She values the positive, supportive atmosphere and the incredible volunteers who generously give their time every clinic day. “Every volunteer is so unique,” she shares, “and everyone truly cares about the animals.”

She also appreciates that FOTAS provides high-quality, affordable care, with strong pain-management protocols and hands-on recovery support for every patient. “The level of care here is exceptional,” Dr. Williams says, “and I’m proud to be part of this team.”

When she’s not in surgery, Dr. Carolina enjoys spending time outdoors hiking and camping with her family. Born and raised in Ecuador, she loves exploring all that Oregon has to offer.