

# ANNUAL REPORT

Fiscal Year Ended  
June 30, 2025

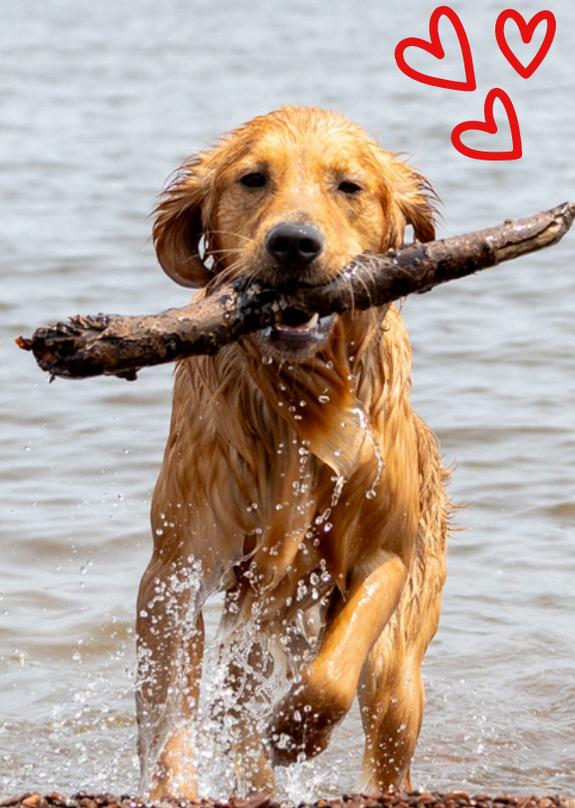


# Every Dog Deserves A Golden Life

## Mission

We provide Golden Retrievers and Golden Retriever mixes a second chance through education, advocacy, rescue, and community outreach.

RAGOM serves Minnesota, Iowa, North Dakota, South Dakota and Wisconsin.





# A year of rescue, advocacy, and community impact.

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**287**  
total incoming dogs

**111**  
dogs from  
commercial breeders

**13**  
puppies born in  
RAGOM care

**1,010**  
adoption applications

**74,527**  
total transport miles

**9** dogs  
supported  
through the  
Veterinary Services  
Outreach Program

**8** sanctuary  
dogs

Behind every number is a dog whose life was changed.

# Rescue

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We found loving homes for

**287 DOGS** ♥

Many of the dogs who came to us needed specialized medical care or behavioral support. With the right treatment, training, and compassion, we helped them heal and thrive.



# Meet Louie



When Louie was surrendered to us as a puppy, we immediately knew something was physically wrong. He had an unsteady gait, head shakes, and tremors. Although he played like a typical puppy, he often fell and bumped into things.

We brought Louie to a veterinary neurologist, who diagnosed him with Cerebellar Hypoplasia—a condition that affects the part of the brain responsible for movement and balance.

During an extended stay in his foster home, we learned that his condition was stable, though not curable. It was clear that Louie would need a very special adopter willing to embrace his unique medical needs.



24-273 LOUIE





At RAGOM, we often see what feels like a little bit of magic—the right person finds the right dog at just the right time.

For Louie, that perfect match turned out to be a neurologist who understood his needs in a truly special way.

Today, Louie is known as Cosmo, and he is thriving in his adoptive home. Cosmo now lives happily alongside another dog and two cats, and he adores them all. The feeling is mutual.

“ He is absolutely a joy and we are thankful for him   
Cosmo's adopter ”



# Rescue saves individual dogs. Advocacy changes the future for thousands more.

Our advocacy efforts help prevent suffering before it starts by improving oversight, transparency, and accountability in commercial breeding. We focus on changing legislation both statewide and nationally to improve the lives of dogs.

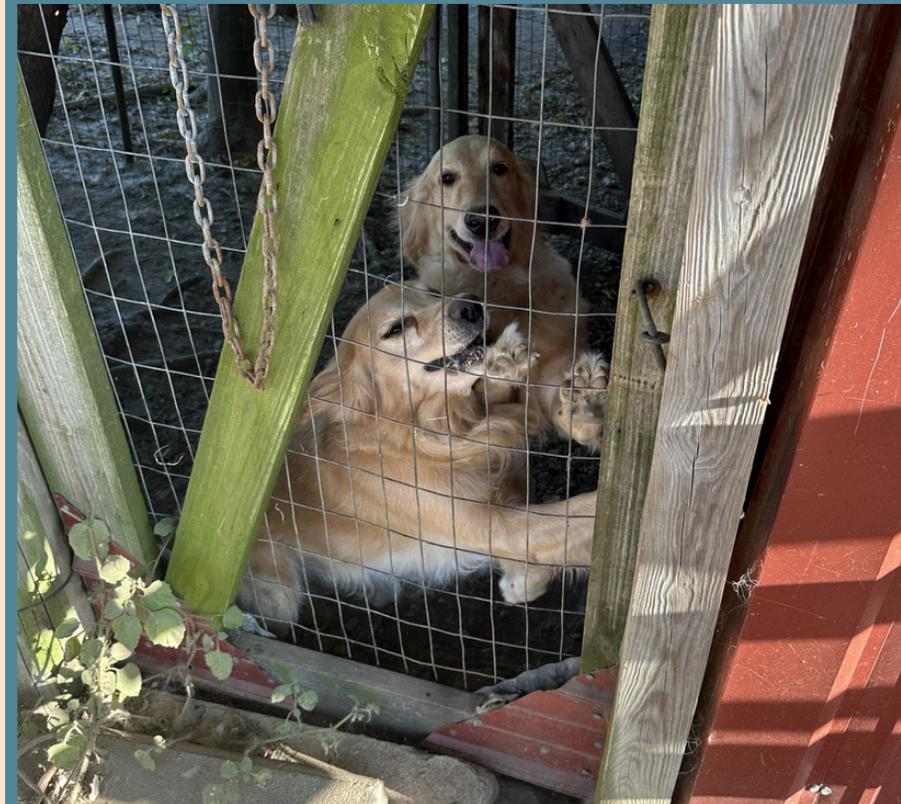


In partnership with other organizations, we moved the Dog and Cat Data Transparency Bill at the Minnesota legislature.

This bill requires the Board of Animal Health to make inspection records of commercial breeding facilities publicly available so consumers can make informed decisions.

We've also partnered with the ASPCA on Goldie's Act, federal legislation that would require the USDA to inspect commercial breeding facilities at least once a year, seize dogs who are visibly suffering, and impose monetary penalties for violations.

We presented at an animal cruelty conference about the importance of this legislation and exhibited at many community events to gain support for these bills.





“ 2025 was a year of challenges, growth, and extraordinary impact. Together, we rescued hundreds of dogs, strengthened our advocacy voice, and helped families stay together whenever possible. I’m incredibly proud of what our volunteers, adopters, and supporters made possible—and even more excited for all we will accomplish in the year ahead.

Mary McGowan, Executive Director ”



# Helping dogs stay with families

When families contact RAGOM about surrendering their dog, we are here to listen and help—always with compassion and without judgment. We work alongside families to provide guidance, resources, and a safe path forward for dogs who need new solutions.

Often, surrender isn't the only—or the best—solution. The families who reach out to us care deeply about their dogs. Sometimes they need reassurance that what they're experiencing is normal, or guidance to work through a training or behavior challenge. In other cases, unexpected medical bills create stress and uncertainty.

With the right support, many of these families can keep their beloved dogs at home.





When possible, RAGOM steps in with education, guidance, and targeted support to help dogs remain with the families who love them.

Even when direct assistance isn't available, we don't leave families without options. We connect them with practical resources such as financial assistance programs, low-cost veterinary care, respite care, and training or behavioral support.

By offering compassion, expertise, and community connections, we help keep dogs in stable, caring homes whenever possible—while preserving foster space for dogs who truly need to enter rescue. ❤️



# Dash's Story

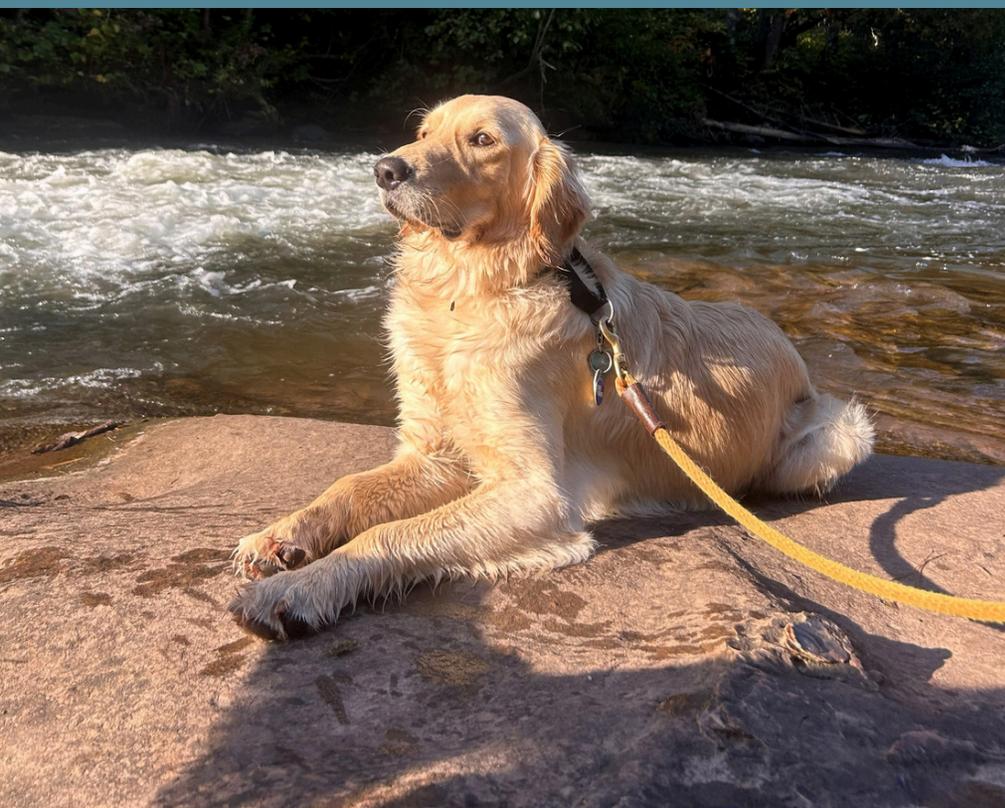
Dash came to RAGOM after being surrendered to a humane society with a serious medical condition—his jaw was nearly fused, leaving only a small gap on the left side of his mouth.

Eating was extremely difficult, and he faced significant medical risk because he could not be safely intubated for surgery.

At first, Dash had to eat in a Bailey Chair so he could breathe more easily while getting the nutrition he needed. True to his spirit, he adapted to the chair right away—smarty pants that he is.

Our talented veterinary partners later performed complex reconstructive surgery to restore partial jaw movement, and the transformation was incredible!





As he healed, Dash regained the ability to eat and breathe normally, discovered the joy of carrying toys, and opened his mouth wider than anyone had hoped.

Through it all, he remained the most loving, happy, resilient boy—as if he knew he was surrounded by care and compassion.

Today, Dash is healthy and able to be safely intubated if he ever needs surgery again - a powerful reminder of the second chances made possible through RAGOM.

Dash's journey shows what is possible when expert veterinary care meets the dedication of volunteers and donors.





# One Act of Kindness—Multiplied

Diesel's story began with a single act of compassion. A Good Samaritan rescued him from a bad situation—then realized they couldn't keep him and needed help immediately! Easier said than done.

But in rescue, one act of kindness has a way of multiplying. Within hours, RAGOM volunteers stepped up, coordinated care, and made sure Diesel was safe. What started as one person trying to help quickly became an entire network working together. Even the bumps along the way—like a surprise case of fleas—were handled with calm, coordinated care.

Diesel took it all in stride and soon began to blossom in his loving foster home. Fast forward a few weeks, and Diesel found a forever family and a brand-new name, Leo. Today, he's adored by his humans and animal siblings, excelling in training and enjoying every moment of his second chance.

Leo's happy ending is proof that when people come together, one saved dog can inspire an entire community. Stories like Leo's happen hundreds of times each year because of people who say 'yes' when a dog needs help.





“Saying goodbye to Diesel (now Leo) was bittersweet in the best way. He came to us as a curious, gentle pup with endless zoomies and a heart full of love and he left us as a confident, cuddly, toy-loving goofball. We couldn't be prouder of the sweet, loyal boy he's become - we know he fills his home with laughter, adventure, and so much joy.”

**Ari & Alyssa Rudolph,  
Foster moms**





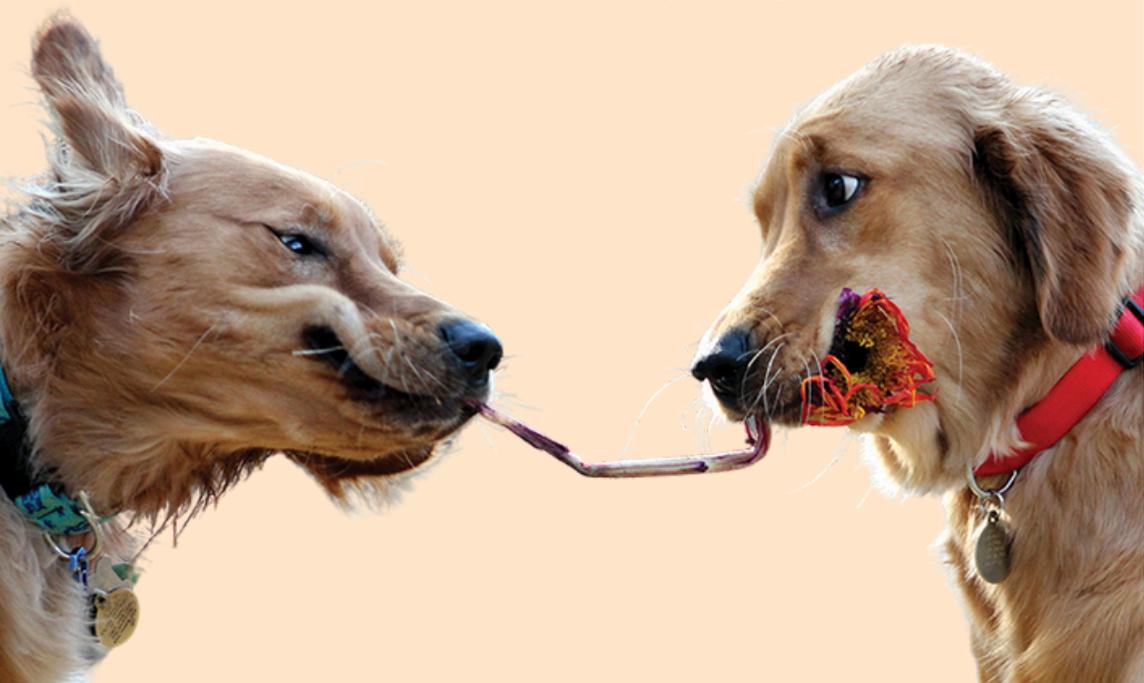
# Financials

We are committed to responsible stewardship of every donor dollar.

## Balance sheet

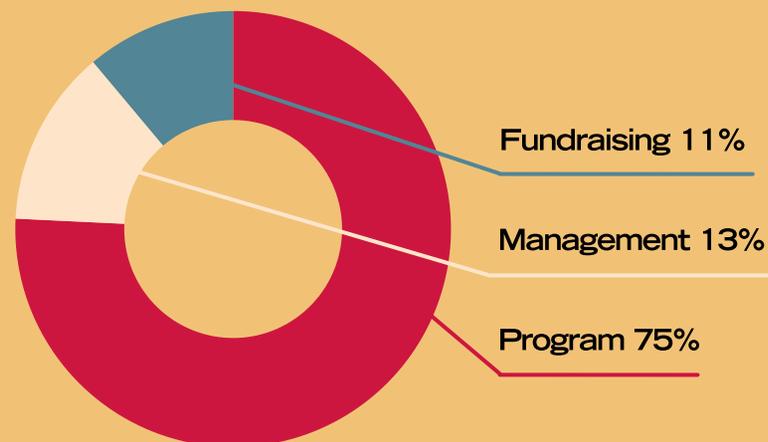
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Total Assets.....	\$1,235,871
Total Liabilities.....	\$126,236
Net Assets.....	\$1,109,635

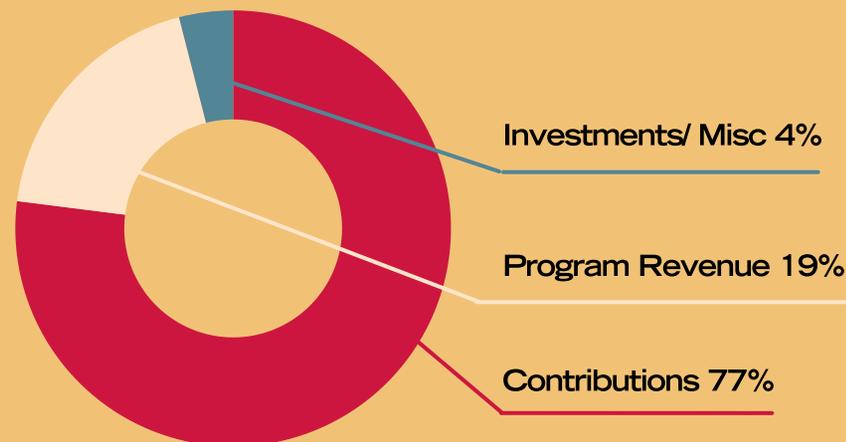


## Income statement

Total Expense: \$851,540



Revenue: \$962,361



Audited financial statements available upon request.

# Leadership

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Our work is powered by dedicated volunteers, professional staff, and a committed Board of Directors.

## Board of Directors

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# Thank you.

Your generosity makes every rescue, surgery, transport, and adoption possible. Thank you for being part of our mission!

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