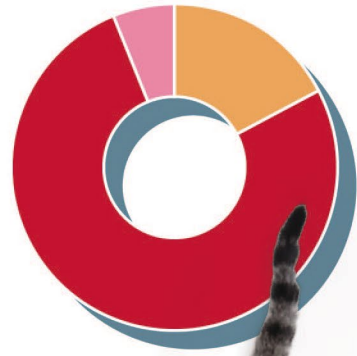


Revenue

Gifts & Bequests
76.7%

Endowment Income
17.4%

Education, Outreach & Services
5.9%



Financials

Expenses

Research Funding
46.7%

Education, Outreach, Programs
13.5%

College & University Support Services
7.8%

Administration
13.8%

Development & Communications
18.2%



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50 years of Innovation & Dedication by the Numbers

Our grants program has awarded over **\$6 million** in support of **106 feline-focused research projects** at Cornell since FY 2000.

Over **4 million visitors** choose the Cornell Feline Health Center (CFHC) website as their trusted source for feline health information each year.

36 annual professional continuing education symposia have been offered to veterinarians, licensed veterinary technicians, students and researchers.

CFHC has appeared in over **1,100 media mentions** across publications, news, and other top media outlets, **reaching over 4 billion readers** in 2024 alone.

Over \$400K of Rapid Response funding has supported vital early investigation of new and emerging feline diseases in the past 10 years.

745 current active CFHC members enjoy access to quarterly webinars presented by Cornell University Hospital for Animals residents in their areas of expertise.

The results of over **80 CFHC-funded studies** have been published in peer reviewed journals in the last twenty years.

Over **130 feline health topics** covering a wide range of feline health issues are available on our website.

We provide direct, **one-on-one consultation** to over 250 cat owners, veterinary professionals, and breeders each year.

Over **30,000 subscribers** receive **CatWatch**, our monthly printed informational newsletter.

At **50 years and counting**, the CFHC is the oldest institution dedicated to improving the lives of cats through the support of feline-focused research, outreach and education.

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50 YEARS OF *Innovation and Dedication*

Success is defined as the accomplishment of an aim or purpose, and an organization's purpose is described by its mission, defined as a specific task or duty that is either assigned, allotted, or self-imposed.

Our mission here at the Cornell Feline Health Center (CFHC) has always been to improve the well-being of all cats and those who love and care for them. As we pause to celebrate our 50th Anniversary, we look back upon decades of success and forward to a future for cats that will be made brighter by virtue of the continued dedication of our team, our generous donors, the many researchers and clinicians we support, and the passion of those who love cats worldwide.

The CFHC is the world's oldest institution dedicated to improving the well-being of cats, and we strive to achieve this mission through the support of cutting edge research carried out here at Cornell, the provision of education to veterinary professionals and cat lovers, and a variety of outreach activities that support and empower the cat-loving public and the scientific community to help us achieve our noble mission.

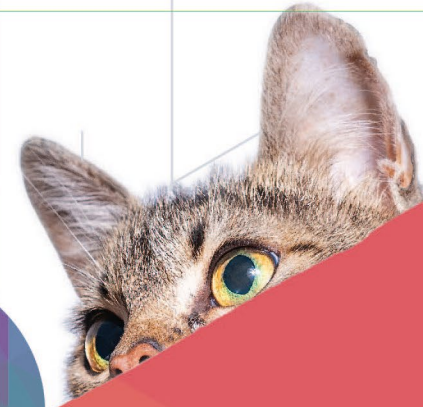
Over the past 50 years, countless domestic and wild cats have benefitted from the knowledge that has been generated by the research we support, the information we provide to both individuals and institutions, and by our one-on-one engagement with those seeking support in their own journeys to help both individual cats and larger feline populations.

Some great examples of the knowledge that has been afforded by these studies are an improved understanding of a variety of feline viral diseases, including, most recently, the coronavirus that causes feline infectious peritonitis (FIP), the optimization of captive cheetah breeding programs through the development and application of novel hormone tests, establishment of the first MRI-based atlas of the white matter of the brain of the domestic cat, and the demonstration that the temporary blindness that may occur in cats anesthetized for dental procedures is due to the blockage of blood supply to the brain caused by a commonly used device designed to keep their mouths open.

Our educational offerings are world-renowned as trusted, current resources that are provided across a variety of media, including our highly visited website (which hosted over 4 million unique visits over the past year), unique in-person and virtual conferences/seminars, social media platforms, printed informational brochures, and monthly e-newsletters.

Perhaps the most unique aspect of our operations, though, is our one-on-one outreach to veterinary professionals, cat lovers, and other important stakeholders through direct phone and email correspondence, our Camuti Consultation Service, and the development of programs (including citizen science and conservation initiatives) that assist and engage cat lovers wherever they are. We are routinely told by those with whom we communicate and engage in this way that they are thankful for these unique opportunities, and that the CFHC is the only place they can find such reliable and compassionate guidance and opportunity for involvement in addressing important feline health issues that they and others face throughout the world.

The pride that we feel in considering the successes of our past is surpassed only by the motivation that we all share to continue and expand our work, and we look forward with great anticipation to all that we will achieve on behalf of our feline friends by working together with our cherished partners over the next 50 years.



Cornell Feline Health Center team members Ashley McLean, Jackie Wright, and Junelle King enjoy the photo booth at the 50th Anniversary event. Photo: John Enright/CFHC



Beth Licitra D.V.M., Ph.D. presented an update on the treatment of FIP and shared information on her ongoing research projects focused on understanding how FIP is transmitted and causes disease at the 50th Anniversary event. Photo: John Enright/CFHC



Founding director Dr. Fred Scott addresses attendees at the 50th Anniversary celebration held on November 1, 2024 at the Cornell University College of Veterinary Medicine. Photo: John Enright/CFHC

A letter of welcome

Greetings from Ithaca,

As we approach the end of our 50th productive and impactful year, we pause to appreciate where we have been, where we are going, and the many dedicated people (like you!) who have made our amazing journey possible.

From our humble beginnings as a visionary idea in the mind of Dr. Fred Scott in 1973 to an operation that has supported over \$6 million in feline-focused research, assisted millions of cat lovers and veterinary professionals in their stewardship of their beloved feline friends and patients across the world, and laid the groundwork for improvements in feline well-being for the next 50 years and beyond, we are sincerely thankful for and motivated by the passion of our team and supporters across the globe.

This passion drives us to continue and expand our work to make the world a better place for all cats and those who love and care for them; and although we cannot predict the challenges to feline well-being that lie ahead, we are confident that we can meet them by working collaboratively with our internal and external stakeholders, as we have done for the past five decades.



Cats enrich our lives in so many ways, and as we rededicate ourselves to the pursuit of our mission over the next half-century, we feel deep gratitude for our supporters and a sense of commitment that drives us to think broadly, act purposefully, and to be sensitive to the needs of cats, those who care for them, and of the environment that we and other species share with them.

Of course, none of the amazing things that we have achieved and will achieve would be possible without the dedicated support of our donors. Their kindness and generosity provide not only vital financial support to our team, but also a deep sense of motivation to carry out the work we do every day. We are so very thankful for their passion, and as we embark upon the next phase of our storied history, we look back with pride and forward with anticipation of the wonderful ways that we will improve the health and well-being of cats everywhere.

Please take a few moments to review this brief synopsis of our history and the more in-depth information regarding our 50th Anniversary on our website. As you do, I hope that you experience the same sense of accomplishment, excitement, and hopefulness for the future of all cats that we do, a future that we can and will make happen together.

I trust that this note finds you and your feline friends doing well, and best regards from all of us here at the Center.

Best,

Bruce Kornreich D.V.M. '92, Ph.D. '05, DACVIM
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