

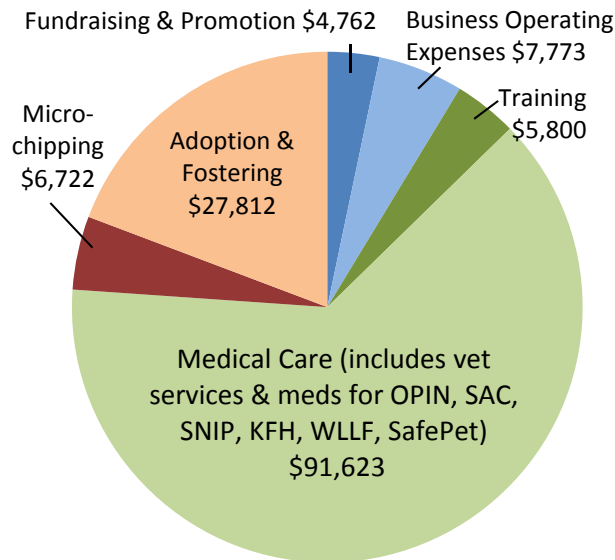
Who We Are

Formed in 2007, OPIN, Inc. is an all-volunteer, 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization whose mission is to put an end to pet homelessness in Connecticut by providing a suite of preventative programs such as training, education, adoption and medical care.

All of OPIN's adoptable pets are spayed or neutered, vaccinated, microchipped and receive ongoing medical care until adopted.

Our pets come from various sources and are cared for in foster homes. They may have been abandoned at a veterinarian facility due to finances or illness. Some come to us directly from a family in need (death in family, illness, moving) or they are from a Connecticut kill shelter. Regardless of circumstance, every pet becomes part of our OPIN family.

OPIN 2014 Expenses



What We Do

Reducing Pet Overpopulation (SNIP)

To help reduce the population of dogs entering animal shelters, SNIP offers low-cost spay/neuter surgeries, vaccinations and microchips to Stamford's owners of pit bulls and pit bull mixes, one of the most common breed sets in municipal shelters.

Returning Pets Home Safely (Microchipping)

OPIN offers low-cost microchipping to all community pets to prevent their stay at a shelter if lost. A chip is a permanent form of I.D. that quickly allows a shelter or vet to identify a found pet's owner. Project Chip'n is our community outreach initiative offering FREE periodic chip clinics. Watch for those!

Providing a Loving Environment (Foster Angels)

OPIN's foster program provides temporary homes to adoptable shelter or owner-surrendered pets. For the pets, fostering allows for special care and assistance to help them prepare for life in a forever home through socialization and training. For the shelter, it reduces the number of resources needed to care for pets, and relieves the overcrowded shelter.

Assisting Victims of Domestic Violence (SafePet)

OPIN has partnered with the Domestic Violence Crisis Center (DVCC), headquartered in Stamford, to provide temporary homes and care for pets of domestic violence victims. This allows victims access to safe homes without exposing their pets to repercussions of the abuser. We are always looking for people to join this emergency foster program.

Offering FREE Dog Training

OPIN finances a FREE weekly training class, that is open to the public, with the goal of preventing dog owners in the community from surrendering their pets to the shelter due to manageable behavioral issues. OPIN also finances post-adoption private training for any dog adopted from OPIN.

Meet Lucy!

Adoptable through OPIN



Pets for Patriots

OPIN is a longtime network partner of Pets for Patriots. Eligible military personnel (active, non-active or retired) can go to www.petsforpatriots.org to apply to become a "Member Patriot." Once a member, you will receive benefits from Pets for Patriots, vets and OPIN when adopting an adult, large and/or special needs pet from OPIN.

We Love Lucy Fund (Medical Care)

Named after a little dog who suffered burns to over 40% of her body and tragically lost her two pups in a fire, our special medical fund provides care for homeless pets suffering catastrophic medical conditions such as parvo.

Keep Fido & Fluffy Home (Assistance)

This program helps qualifying families that are experiencing extreme financial hardship so their pets can be medically treated rather than given up to a shelter or euthanized.

Love & Compassion (Volunteers)

Volunteers provide foster care and socialization, and contribute valuable services such as:

- Public education and awareness
- Assistance at adoption events
- Foster care
- Pet socialization, training and grooming
- Pet transportation
- Fundraising & social media help
- Promotion of adoptable pets
- Professional services



Yes! I'd like to support pets in need with a tax- deductible gift in the amount of:

\$30 \$60 \$100 \$200 \$_____

I would like to make my donation towards the:

General Fund We Love Lucy Fund

Enclosed is my check payable to "OPIN, Inc."

Charge my credit card:

Visa M/C Discover American Express

Name on card _____

Card Number _____

Exp. ___/___ Signature _____

3 or 4-digit (AMEX) security code _____ (to process)

My name and address:

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Donation is in: honor of memory of:

Name _____ Pet Human

Please send notification of donation to:

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

I'd like to receive OPIN's newsletter

I'd like a receipt sent to me

You can donate online at: www.OPINpets.org
 Mail to: OPIN Inc., PO Box 488, Riverside, CT 06878

A Home of Our Own!

What started as a few people giving back by volunteering at their local animal shelter exploded into a thriving 501(c)(3) non-profit all-volunteer organization named Outreach to Pets In Need (OPIN), Inc. Since 2007, OPIN has been committed to serving pets in need and the people who love them by offering solutions to address the root causes of pet homelessness, with a mission of preventing animals from entering shelters.

We continue to support Stamford Animal Control by rescuing some of the long-term or sick animals and placing them in foster care, where they are treated like family pets, before going home.

Our work currently reaches farther into the local community and surrounding communities, providing low-cost spaying/neutering, emergency financial assistance, free microchipping, education, free dog-training services, re-homing guidance and assistance, pet fostering for victims of domestic violence, and more.

As we enter our next phase, we envision so much for animals in need and the community. Plans are underway to build a private, compassionate care and education center, a sanctuary where every homeless animal will be treated with respect and dignity, no matter the breed, the illness or the age - a home of our own!

Where some see an ending for animals, OPIN has chosen to see a new beginning. This has always been our guiding principal and what has formed our past successes, and it is what will make our future stronger.



*How We Serve Pets In Need
 And People Who Love Them*



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"Putting an End to Pet Homelessness"