



**PAWS  
FOR HOPE**  
animal foundation

**ANNUAL REPORT  
2017/2018**

It is with mixed feelings that I start my final year as Board President for Paws for Hope Animal Foundation, a position I have now served for four years. These past years have been memorable and challenging. We have worked hard to build community and organizational partnerships, expand our veterinary outreach beyond Vancouver, bring about meaningful change to better the lives of animals and their people, and formalize the board and its governance. I feel confident we as an organization are on the right track with our Executive Director leading the way and with a committed and talented group of individuals on our board.

This past year has seen the banning of the sale of dogs, cats and rabbits in pet stores spread further across the province of British Columbia and elsewhere. From Delta and Surrey, to Vancouver and Victoria, municipalities are taking heed.

Our veterinary outreach has brought us to new communities in the lower mainland. We held clinics in New Westminster and Surrey, and are in the process of planning our first clinic in Langley. We continue to partner with Community Veterinary Outreach and Direction's Youth Services to provide a one health oriented clinic to street-involved youth and their pets in the fall each year, and have expanded our network of partner veterinary clinics to provide discounted or no-cost spay and neuters to low-income families across the province.



The second annual Connection and Collaboration conference will be held in October. I am excited to be able to attend this year and am looking forward to the keynote by Lori Weise, the founder of Downtown Dog Rescue. Our inaugural conference was a huge success and this year's will be filled with informative and inspiring talks and discussions with attendees representing the animal welfare and rescue community from across the province and beyond.

This next year will be spent working closely with our incoming President who will be taking over after the 2019 Annual General Meeting. I am looking forward to working with her and on refocusing my efforts on veterinary outreach for the homeless and low-income. There is still so much work to be done and Paws for Hope will continue to play an important role in the advancement of animal welfare issues and in the development of support systems for the rescue community and for vulnerable populations and their pets.

A very special thank you to our donors and supporters. Without your involvement and commitment to Paws for Hope we would not have reached the heights we have, and will not continue to grow to the organization we envision. We are an organization with ambitious plans and exciting hopes for the future.

**Shawn Llewelyn**  
PRESIDENT

The suffering that is caused when animals are bred for profit is something that keeps me up at night. This past year we saw many victories that put us one step closer to ending this suffering.

When we got word that a pet store in Burnaby, that was notorious for selling puppies from puppy mills across the US, closed down due to public pressure and was moving to Vancouver we instantly took action. We set up a coordinated letter campaign, demonstrated outside of their new location and persisted until we were able to meet with Vancouver City Councillor, Andrea Reimer. Our goal was for Vancouver to implement a bylaw that would ban the retail sale of cats, dogs and rabbits—and we were successful!

Our Pets Are Not Products campaign is not new. We have been advocating on behalf of animals bred for profit since 2012 and each year, we launch an awareness campaign, usually around Christmas time, reminding people that pets do not make good gifts. Until this year, however, we had only successfully lobbied the City of New Westminster to implement a ban. Our victory in Vancouver was a major game-changer and was the beginning of a movement across B.C. for cities to follow Vancouver's lead and implement similar bans. Since Vancouver, bans have been implemented in Surrey, Delta, Victoria and yes, finally Burnaby.

The significance of what we have accomplished is not lost on me, and serves as an important reminder of what can happen when people come together to fight injustice and suffering. It serves as proof that we have the power to change law and policies that cause harm. It is testimony that together we can improve the lives of animals and it signals a call to action.

Animals play a significant role in our lives. We understand their sentient nature more than ever and their companionship enriches our lives in ways that are sometimes difficult to articulate. It is our duty to be their voice. It is our duty to fight against cruelty. It is our duty to put an end to inhumane business practices. And it is our duty not to give up. If not us, then who?

**Kathy Powelson**  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



**Paws for Hope Animal Foundation provides care, support and education through programs and services, including financial support, to individuals and groups to enhance companion animal welfare in B.C.**

A man with short brown hair, wearing a red, white, and blue striped t-shirt and blue jeans, is smiling warmly while holding a ginger cat. The background is a solid light green color.

# Helping People & Their Pets

Paws for Hope and our supporters understand the meaningful bond people have with their pets. Studies have shown “...the human-animal bond is a mutually beneficial and dynamic relationship between people and animals that is influenced by behaviours that are essential to the health and well-being of both.”



When pets are a primary, sometimes only, source of comfort and companionship, ensuring that a pet is able to receive veterinary care helps their people too.

We all want the best for our pets—low-income, homeless and vulnerable pet guardians dependent on social services or living in under-served communities do too.

When we think about how to deliver our services with the best possible outcomes for pets, we know their people must also be considered.



# Roxy's Relief

We recognize the positive impact pets have on vulnerable populations—including those who are homeless.

Roxy's Relief is a program helping people and their pets—the goal is to keep the animals healthy, together with their guardians, and out of the shelter system.



## HEALTH CARE CLINICS

McLaren Housing Society, Vancouver  
St. Barnabas, New Westminster  
The Kettle Friendship Society, Vancouver  
Portland Hotel Society, Vancouver  
Pacific Community Resource Society, Surrey

## ONE HEALTH CLINIC

In partnership with Community Veterinary Outreach  
and Directions Youth Services, Vancouver

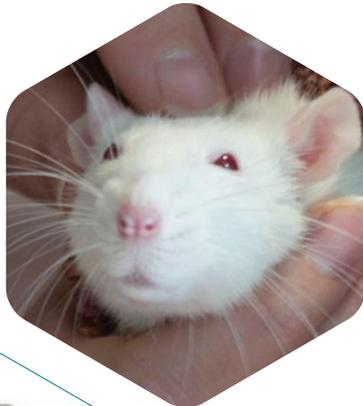
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EMERGENCY VETERINARY CARE  
& SPAY/NEUTER FUNDING



# Roxy's Relief

We helped low income people care for their much-loved pets.





# Guardian Angel

We provided grants to animal welfare organizations to help them improve their service delivery and the outcomes for pets.

The Guardian Angel program offers services, initiatives and funding opportunities to under-supported, volunteer-run animal welfare and rescue organizations.



## WORKSHOP

### SUCCESSION PLANNING

The goal of the facilitated workshop was to help rescue organizations with the steps required to create and maintain succession planning within their organizations.

## GRANT PROGRAM

# \$12,128

### VETERINARY CARE

CDART South West  
Greater Victoria Animal Crusaders  
Pet Safe Coalition  
Prince George Humane Society  
Rest Q Sanctuary Society  
Spirit's Mission  
Warren Peace Bunny Sanctuary  
Victoria Humane Society  
Whistler Animals Galore Society

# \$5,000

### ORGANIZATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Broken Promises Rescue Society  
Coastal Animal Welfare & Education Society  
HugABull Advocacy & Rescue Society  
Lakes Animal Friendship Society  
Small Animal Rescue Society

# SpayAid BC

We partnered with veterinary hospitals to eliminate pet over-population in BC by providing a spay/neuter assistance program for low income earners.

**\$19,387.59**

194 SPAY/NEUTERS

NEW SpayAid BC CLINIC PARTNERS:

Dewdney Animal Hospital

Vet to Pet Mobile

Sechelt Animal Hospital



SpayAid BC

A Paws for Hope  
Animal Foundation  
Program



# Animal Welfare Advisory Network of BC

The Animal Welfare Advisory Network of British Columbia (AWANBC) enables organizations to work together to support strategies around specific projects and initiatives associated with companion animal welfare. The network is comprised of a volunteer membership and steering committee.

## PROJECTS

### COMMUNITY MAPPING OF REMOTE AND UNDERSERVED COMMUNITIES

Many small and remote communities are challenged with dealing with animal welfare issues because of lack of access to veterinary hospitals, animal control and shelter services. The goal of the mapping project is to get a more accurate picture of the challenges communities face to help inform future projects that will serve to support and enhance animal welfare services in remote communities.

### RESCUE STANDARDS OF PRACTICE

The call for rescue standards of practice for community-based animal rescue organizations follows rising concern about the increased number of animal rescues, the mass importing of dogs from the US and other countries, and the spread of disease. The goal of the rescue standards project will be to create standards of practice that are informed by science and acknowledged best practices with an accreditation process to confirm organizational compliance.



OCTOBER 21, 2017  
Connection & Collaboration  
Transforming companion animal welfare in BC

# ANIMAL WELFARE OF BC ADVISORY NETWORK

Coming together is a beginning.

Keeping together is progress.

Working together is success.

Henry Ford

ANIMAL WELFARE OF BC  
ADVISORY NETWORK

## AWANBC MEMBERS

A Voice 4 Paws Animal Rescue Society

BC Chihuahua Rescue

BC SPCA

BC Spay and Neuter Outreach Society

Canadian Animal Assistance Team

Canadian Disaster Animal Response Team

Coastal Animal Rescue & Education Network

Crooked Leg Ranch

Cross Our Paws Rescue

Dee's Orphan Kitten Fund

Dewdney Animal Hospital

HugAbull Advocacy and Rescue Society

In Memory of Maggie May

Invermere Companion Animal Network Society

Lakes Animal Friendship Society

Langley Animal Protection Society

Northern Animal Rescue Alliance

Pet Safe Society of BC

Pets-Matter Foster Care Society

Rabbitats Rescue Society

Rest.Q Animal Sanctuary

Spirit's Mission

Surrey Animal Resources Centre

Surrey Community Cat Coalition

TinyKittens Society

Vancouver Orphan Kitten Rescue

Association (VOKRA)

Vet to Pet Mobile Service

Victoria Humane Society

West Coast Rottweiler Rescue

Whistler Animals Galore Society

## 2017 AWANBC CONFERENCE

Connection & Collaboration:

Transforming companion animal welfare

One hundred animal welfare professionals and volunteers attended our inaugural conference and spent the day connecting, learning and collaborating on issues related to companion animal welfare in BC.

# Pets Are Not Products

We asked people to not buy pets in retail stores. We offered Christmas Adoption Gift Certificates for people to give in place of buying a pet as a gift.



## DEMONSTRATIONS

Demonstrations outside Granville Pet & Garden

## NEW BYLAW BANS

Bylaw success in Vancouver, Delta & Surrey



## IN MEMORY OF HILARY MILES

Hilary was a strong advocate for animals and, in particular, was very passionate about ending puppy mills. Hilary demonstrated with us despite not being well and we are grateful that she was able to see Vancouver's ban before her passing.

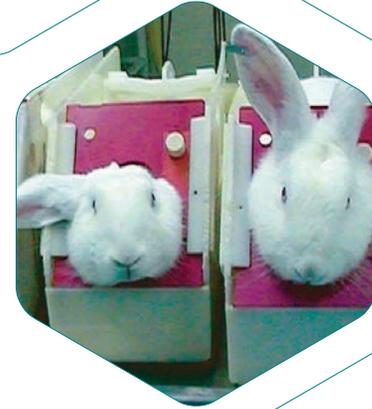
Rest in Peace Hilary—we will continue to be inspired by your passionate commitment to ending the cruelty of pet breeding mills.



# Cruelty Free BC

We asked people to not purchase products that are tested on animals.

The majority of Canadians support making testing cosmetics on animals illegal in Canada. Bill S-214, the Cruelty-Free Cosmetics Act, recently passed through committee and is before the Senate. We are optimistic the bill will pass and become law in the coming months.



A composite image featuring three elements. On the left is the Cruelty Free BC logo, which includes a map of British Columbia and the text 'CRUELTY free BC'. In the center is a decorative frame containing the text 'Pledge to Shop Cruelty Free to Win WITH THE Animals'. On the right is a photograph of four bottles of 'HAMPO DOGS' products (Ear Wash, Shampoo, and two other bottles) displayed in a basket of wood shavings.



# Financials



## Statement of Receipts and Disbursements Year Ended March 31, 2018 (Unaudited)

	2018	2017
<b>RECEIPTS</b>		
Donations	\$ 132,241	\$ 174,083
Events	4,990	2,207
General	200	125
Interest	821	39
Memberships	129	300
Merchandise	-	1,189
Restricted grants	80,745	45,475
	<u>219,126</u>	<u>223,418</u>
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
Advertising and promotion	12,304	6,198
Amortization	679	429
Conferences and events	3,414	17,158
Fund development	8,229	12,249
Insurance	4,650	1,650
Interest and bank charges	2,268	3,047
Licenses and dues	436	400
Management and administration wages and fees	42,932	23,320
Meals and entertainment	49	481
Merchandise	1,853	-
Office	3,013	2,363
Professional fees	7,924	6,499
Program expenditures	136,934	88,363
Research	-	7,880
Strategic planning	1,838	7,739
Telephone	1,166	1,351
Travel	2,126	2,455
	<u>229,815</u>	<u>181,582</u>
<b>EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF RECEIPTS OVER DISBURSEMENTS</b>	\$ (10,689)	41,836
<b>OTHER INCOME (LOSS)</b>	(6,506)	-
<b>EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUE OVER EXPENSES</b>	<u>\$ (17,195)</u>	<u>\$ 41,836</u>



# Our Team

## 2017/2018 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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DIRECTOR

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Kathy Powelson  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Chris Keane  
SpayAid BC COORDINATOR

# Community Partners

RainCity Housing  
Portland Hotel Society  
Look Out Society  
Directions Youth Services  
Dr. Peter's Centre  
St. Barnabas Church

McLaren Housing  
Kettle Friendship Society  
Covenant House  
Harvest Project  
Senior Services Society  
Pacific Community Resource Society

# Thank You for Your Support

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Royal Canin  
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To the many individuals, companies and organizations that have donated to Paws for Hope Animal Foundation we offer our sincere thanks.





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