



**ANNUAL REPORT**  
**2016/2017**

The 2016/2017 year was a productive year for us at Paws for Hope Animal Foundation. In addition to continuing to provide assistance to animal groups and directly helping animals and their guardians here in British Columbia, we embarked on two in-depth strategic planning and team building workshops. Paws for Hope was also recognized by a national award.

It has truly been an honour to continue to lead the Board of Directors and to work closely with Paws for Hope's Executive Director on many initiatives over this past year. We worked to develop a unified plan that will see us grow and expand our current services, along with formalizing the Animal Welfare Advisory Network of BC, a collaborative effort for the advancement of animal issues led by Paws for Hope through the work of our Executive Director, Kathy Powelson.

One of the biggest highlights for me has been working to strengthen our partnerships in the veterinary community and solidifying the support of the College of Veterinarians of BC for our animal health clinics. With this committed support and sponsorship we are now working to expand our direct veterinary outreach into communities outside of Vancouver. Look for us to announce clinics in New Westminster and Surrey later this autumn.

Paws for Hope was recognized last year by the Canadian Veterinary Medical Association who awarded me with the annual CVMA Humane Award. It was an honour to have been chosen in recognition of the work establishing our veterinary outreach clinics and because of the goals and ambitions of our Roxy's Relief Program. This program has continued to develop its reach over the years, but its main focus has always been to recognize the positive impact pets have on vulnerable populations, including those that are homeless.

A special thank you to our members and donors—without your belief in the work we do we would not be where we are today. Thank you to our Executive Director for her tireless efforts on behalf of companion animals and for those who need a voice, and thank you to all of our volunteers and directors who devote many hours of their time to advance the work of Paws for Hope.

**Shawn Llewelyn**  
PRESIDENT



Animals enrich our lives.

They keep us company, they make us laugh, they challenge us, they console us, and for some, they help us get out of bed in the morning. In a complex world that appears to be increasingly more divided, fighting for better animal protection can be a very lonely job. Our critics question, how we can focus on the suffering of dogs in puppy mills, when children are being killed by terrorists? Who cares if pit bulls are going to be banned from a province, when millions of people are displaced through war? Why are we vaccinating the pets of the homeless when people are dying from overdoses every day?

But, injustice and suffering is injustice and suffering—we do not need to advocate for one cause at the expense of another. How we treat all living creatures speaks to what kind of society we are. If we are a compassionate society, we cannot condone or turn away from the suffering of any living creature. In this fast-paced, technology-driven world perhaps our biggest challenge is to be compassionate, to feel an obligation to care for those more vulnerable than we are and to increase our capacity to love.

One of the greatest experiences in the work I do with Paws for Hope Animal Foundation is the opportunity to connect, work with and support an army of like-minded, caring individuals. Through our community partners, I witness the commitment to support and advocate for the most vulnerable people in our community. Our veterinary partners show such dedication to ensuring vulnerable pets receive the veterinary care they need. Our rescue partners and volunteers sacrifice so much of their time and resources to save the lives of animals. And our donors, who believe in the work we are doing, trust us to use their contributions in a way that will be most meaningful to animals. It is from these people that I draw inspiration and strength.

When I turn the news on at night and it feels that there is little hope, I remind myself of this compassionate army and how hard they work every day to make our world a better place—and I am profoundly grateful.

Kathy Powelson  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



We successfully  
**Expanded**

We accomplished significant  
**Program Growth**  
with increased funding  
for veterinary care.





# Our Reach

with new clinic partners and a meeting  
introducing new network initiative.

We increased

## Awareness & Engagement

through research, meetings, film  
debuts, social media campaigns  
and media coverage.





TINY  
hadn't seen a dentist  
in a long time and  
needed dental  
surgery for a very  
sore mouth.



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.

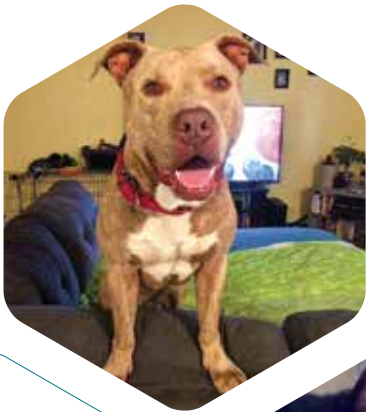
TONKA  
mistook a rope toy  
for a tasty treat  
and had to have  
emergency surgery  
to remove it.



# 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.



## GRANT PROGRAM

# \$2,652.50

### ORGANIZATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

CARES Shelter  
Lakes Animal Friendship Society  
Small Animal Rescue Society

# \$8,083.62

### VETERINARY CARE

Broken Promises Rescue Society  
Chilliwack Animal Safe Haven  
Dee's Orphan Kitten Fund  
Ferrets North  
Invermere Companion Animal Network (ICAN)  
R.A.S.T.A Sanctuary  
Small Animal Rescue Society  
Victoria Humane Society  
Whistler Animals Galore Society





THUNDERHEART  
was rescued just in  
time and needed  
immediate medical  
care to help him  
breathe.





# Guardian Angel

We connected people,  
knowledge and tools.

## WORKSHOPS

### GRANT WRITING

Grant writing can be one of the most challenging organizational skills to find. This workshop presented key concepts and strategies for successful grant writing..



### RESISTING BURNOUT DOING ANIMAL JUSTICE WORK

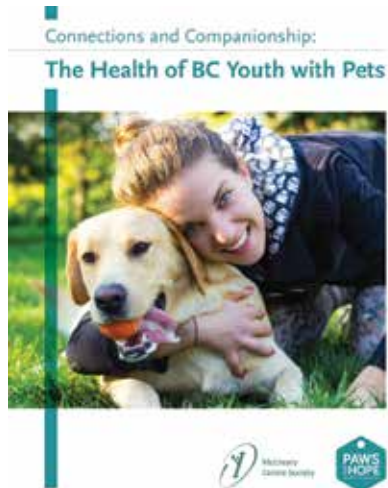
Compassion fatigue, burnout, PTSD—so many who work in animal welfare and rescue are exposed to some of the darkest and most violent aspects of the human condition and this often takes a devastating personal toll.

### INCREASING OUR IMPACT BY WORKING TOGETHER

Initial meeting with animal welfare community to explore forming a provincial network. Funded by Animal Welfare Foundation of Canada.



## REPORTS



### CONNECTIONS & COMPANIONSHIP: The health of BC youth with pets

Funded McCreary Centre Society Report.  
This report provides an important first step in understanding both the impact pets have on youth, along with the barriers and challenges pet guardianship can create.

*"The thing I like best  
about my life  
is my dog."*

Youth Quote:  
CONNECTIONS & COMPANIONSHIP



## SPECIAL EVENTS



### SCREENING OF THE CHAMPIONS

The Champions is the inspirational story about the pit bulls rescued from the brutal fighting NFL player Michael Vick. This uplifting documentary takes us on a journey about much more than just dogs—about prejudice, being misunderstood, the power of resilience, and the significance of the relationship we as humans have with animals.



# Roxy's Relief

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

Roxy's Relief is a shelter intervention program—helping people with their pets keeps the animals out of the shelter system.



## HEALTH CARE CLINICS

25 PETS

Portland Hotel Society

16 DOGS, 36 CATS & 1 RAT

The Kettle Friendship Society

12 DOGS, 9 CATS & 4 RATS

ONE HEALTH PILOT

In partnership with Community Veterinary Outreach, Vancouver Coastal Health, UBC School of Nursing and Directions Youth Services with a \$10,000 grant from Telus and a \$3500 grant from Merck

## SPAY/NEUTER CLINIC

17 SPAYS & 23 NEUTERS

SURREY CAT SPAT/NEUTER CLINIC

In partnership with Surrey Cat Coalition and Scottsdale Veterinary Hospital

# \$46,034

EMERGENCY VETERINARY CARE  
& SPAY/NEUTER FUNDING



SNOWFLAKE  
received much-  
needed dental surgery  
to keep her smiling.





# Roxy's Relief

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

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

Union Gospel Mission Alley Fair  
distributed pet food and supplies







www.pawsforhope.org

# 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.



Photo: Boaz Joseph  
Courtesy: Surrey Leader

## NEW SpayAid BC PARTNERS

Guildford Animal Hospital  
Burnaby Veterinary Hospital  
Burns Lake Veterinary Clinic



SpayAid BC

A Paws for Hope  
Animal Foundation  
Program







ACE & DIAMOND  
won't be bringing up  
any more kittens.



We asked people to keep  
their gifts heartbeat-free.



To support community members to mobilize for change at municipal and provincial level.

# TAKE OUR PLEDGE AND HELP US END THE RETAIL SALE OF ANIMALS

[petsarenotproducts.com](http://petsarenotproducts.com)

Breeding mills are notorious for their sub-standard and inhumane living conditions. Animals are forced to reproduce over and over.

It's no way to live. And it's no way to treat an animal.

The best way to stop breeding mills is to stop buying animals from the retailers that support them.

#PetsAreNotProducts

- Open the Pets Are Not Products app
- Join the movement
- Sign the petition
- Open the app



WHEN YOU BUY AN ANIMAL FROM A PET STORE YOU  
**SUPPORT BREEDING MILLS**



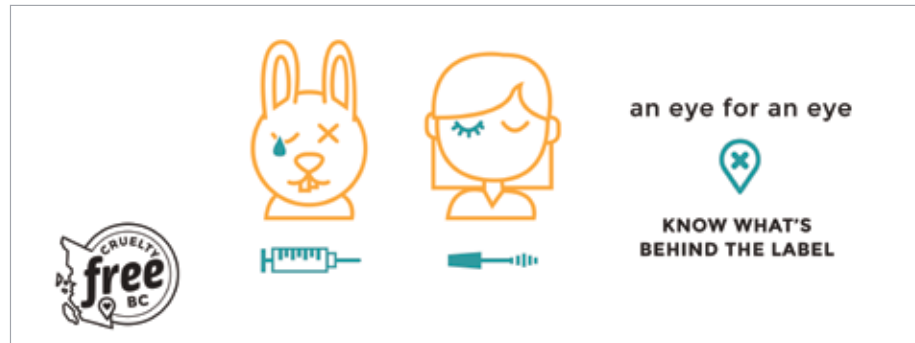
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# Cruelty Free BC

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





WHITEY  
needed major  
orthopedic surgery to  
mend an old injury that  
didn't heal properly.



# Financials

## Statement of Receipts and Disbursements Year Ended March 31, 2017 (Unaudited)

	2017	2016
<b>RECEIPTS</b>		
Donations	\$ 174,083	\$ 144,143
Events	2,207	1,295
General	125	1,560
Interest	39	41
Memberships	300	75
Merchandise	1,189	1,517
Restricted grant	45,475	3,833
	<u>223,418</u>	<u>152,464</u>
<b>RECEIPTS</b>		
Advertising and promotion	6,198	8,394
Amortization	429	31
Program expenditures	88,363	94,831
Conferences and events	17,158	7,348
Fund development	12,249	8,344
Insurance	1,650	1,650
Interest and bank charges	3,047	2,070
Licenses and dues	400	271
Management and administration wages and fees	23,320	13,151
Meals and entertainment	481	831
Merchandise	-	7,564
Office	2,363	5,564
Professional fees	6,499	3,517
Research	7,880	-
Strategic planning	7,739	-
Telephone	1,351	1,540
Travel	2,455	1,615
	<u>181,582</u>	<u>156,721</u>
<b>EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF RECEIPTS OVER DISBURSEMENTS</b>	<b>\$ 41,836</b>	<b>\$ (4,257)</b>



# Our Team

## 2016/2017 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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ANIMAL HEALTH CLINIC COORDINATOR

Chris Keane  
SpayAid BC COORDINATOR

Cheryl Bigelow  
VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR

# Community Partners

RainCity Housing

Portland Hotel Society

Look Out Society

Directions Youth Services

Dr. Peter's Centre

McLaren Housing

Kettle Friendship Society

Covenant House

Harvest Project

Senior Services Society

# Thank You for Your Support

Scottsdale Veterinary Hospital

Pan Am

Telus

Reliant Music

Merck

Zoetis

Purina

Elanco

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RC Pets

Dechra

We gratefully acknowledge the financial support of the Province of British Columbia for Roxy's Relief and Pets Are Not Products.

Thank you to Vancouver Foundation for financial support of our new animal welfare network initiative.

Thank you to River Foundation for their financial support for Roxy's Relief and SpayAid BC.

To the many individuals, companies and organizations that have donated to Paws for Hope Animal Foundation during 2016/2017 we offer our sincere thanks.







*Building sustainable animal welfare in BC*

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