# 2019/20 ANNUAL REPORT

# PAWS FOR HOPE
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# We are unstoppable optimists ensuring that no pet is left behind!

Protecting vulnerable pets is at the heart of everything we do. We are a small, but mighty team pioneering new ways of animal welfare and rescue work. We are challenging and collaborating with our colleagues in the sector to consider new models of practice. We are breaking the mould, and in doing so, we are constantly evaluating our approach.

It is so encouraging to see change happen and to be supported by our incredible donors and volunteers, who all believe in our mission. It is uplifting to know that so many understand the importance of keeping pets and people together, and to see the value of supporting pets in the community.

Inadequate access to veterinary care is our number one animal welfare issue. More animals suffer because of inadequate access to veterinary care than they do from intentional acts of cruelty and neglect. This year we have helped over 500 pets in need. Our clinics were busier than ever, and our access to veterinary care funding helped pets across the province with emergent health needs, low-cost spay and neutering. This means, not only did we end suffering, we also kept loved pets at home with their families and out of the shelter system.

And as we focus on providing direct services to animals in need we continue to advocate for a more professional animal welfare sector. Animal welfare organizations need to find ways to remain sustainable and we, as a sector, need to be transparent and accountable. Our AWANBC membership continues to grow and we continue to identify ways to support the sector in professionalization.

This year we saw growth in all of our programs and that is largely because our amazing donors trust us and believe in our mission. As we prepare this report, we are in the middle of a global pandemic that has significantly impacted our day to day lives. Paws for Hope and other community-based rescue organizations continue to step up to help animals in need during the COVID-19 pandemic. Thankfully, our work continues, as does our commitment to pioneering new approaches to animal welfare.

With gratitude,

**WENDY RILEY**
**PRESIDENT**

**KATHY POWELSON**
**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

SUPPORTING
PETS
AND
THEIR
PEOPLE

We understand that animal welfare work is social justice work. Behind every animal needing help, is a person who, more often than not, needs help too—a person who has been marginalized because of their race, gender, disability, sexuality, mental health, or history of abuse and neglect. These are people who face barriers simply because of circumstance or who they are. The way our society is structured means they will never know the various privileges that many of us have spent our lives taking for granted.

We cannot continue to focus only on the animal. Doing so is not only unjust; it is also ineffective. We cannot make a sustainable difference in the lives of animals if we are not also working towards a better life for their people. We must do a better job of seeing the people behind the animals we care so much about. We must check our own biases and prejudices and challenge ourselves to do better when people are reaching out for help.

Supporting pets and their people is our main priority, and we continue to identify ways we can ensure that our work supporting animals, has a positive impact on their people.

## ACCESS TO VETERINARY CARE

More animals suffer from inadequate access to veterinary care than they do from intentional acts of cruelty or neglect. Our supports reduce barriers to access to care for pets whose guardians are low income earners. Through our free animal health clinics, veterinary care fund and low cost spay and neuter programs, we are helping to ensure that pets across the province are getting the veterinary care they need.

- We held 7 free animal health clinics in Vancouver, New Westminster and Abbotsford
- We provided $141,205 in Veterinary Care Funds
- Spay and neutered 241 pets

## FLEEING VIOLENCE

Animal abuse exists in up to 89% of domestic violence situations, and vast majority of individuals experiencing abuse will not leave if they are not able to take their pet(s) with them. In order to ensure BC pets can survive and thrive, as the year ended, we launched our No Pet Left Behind program to provide temporary foster care for pets whose people are fleeing violence.

HELPING
PETS
SURVIVE
AND
THRIVE

While we focus on supporting pets in the community, we also recognize that animal rescue work is necessary for those pets who are homeless and/or victims of cruelty and neglect.  Thankfully, we have shelters and community based rescue organizations committed to protect those pets in need.

In order to support this very important work, we provide grants to qualified rescue organizations for their life saving work.

## VETERINARY CARE GRANTS: $6,801

- Spirit's Mission Rescue Society
- A Voice for Paws Canine Rescue Society
- Warren Peace Bunny Sanctuary
- Invermere Companion Animal Network
- Vancouver Orphan Kitten Rescue Association
- Spirit's Mission Rescue Society
- Whister Animals Galore Society

## TRANSPORTATION GRANTS: $1000

- Warren Peace Bunny Sanctuary

## ORGANIZATIONAL DEVELOPMENT GRANTS $2,000

- Warren Peace Bunny Sanctuary
- Revelstoke Humane Society

SUPPORTING
POSITIVE
CHANGE IN
ANIMAL
WELFARE

## RESCUE STANDARDS OF PRACTICE

The goal of the rescue standards project was to create standards of practice that are informed by science and acknowledged best practices. The standards are complete and available to the public.

**NEXT STEPS:** Develop accreditation program

**LOOKING AHEAD:** Create training/resource supports to build sector capacity.

## SUPPORTING REMOTE & UNDERSERVED COMMUNITIES

We convened a meeting with AWANBC members who work in / with remote and underserved communities to identify ways that we can support their animal welfare challenges. Due to the diversity of our communities and incredible geography, the issues are complex and cannot be addressed with a one size fits all approach.

**NEXT STEPS:** Develop a leadership program to support communities and rescue organizations response to animal welfare issues.

**LOOKING AHEAD:** Creating a human/animal support model remains a priority for us, and we will continue to work with our members to support shifts in practice that support this model.

# ANIMAL WELFARE ADVISORY NETWORK OF BC

The Animal Welfare Advisory Network of BC (AWANBC) enables organization to work together in support of specific projects and initiatives related to companion animal welfare.  The network is comprised of animal welfare and rescue organizations and shelters across the province.

# 2019 AWANBC CONFERENCE

*"The Changing Face of Animal Welfare"*

Our two day conference in Coquitlam brought together 100 animal welfare professionals to look at how animal welfare and rescue work is changing to address the social justice issues pet guardians face.

INSPIRING
PEOPLE
TO
TAKE
ACTION

# Advocacy & education remain a cornerstone of our work

## PETS ARE NOT PRODUCTS

Our Pets Are Not Products campaign aims to bring awareness to the inhumane business practice of animal breeding mills and backyard breeders. Many people are not aware that animals purchased online and in pets stores are not coming from reputable sources and are often bred in deplorable conditions.

Animals forced to breed often spend their lives in cramped stacked wire cages, where they are forced to eat amongst their, and other animal's urine and feces. They can spend their entire lives not having the medical needs attended to, and when they are no longer able to breed they are killed.

Because of these horrible conditions, animals sold from these operations are often sick and have behaviour issues. Unsuspecting individuals fall in love with the cute puppy in the window and may end up with heartache and a very expensive veterinary bill.

Since 2011, Paws for Hope have been lobbying municipal governments to ban the retail sale of cats, dogs and rabbits.

## CRUELTY FREE BC

The goals of Cruelty Free BC are to educate consumers on the inhumane and unnecessary testing for cosmetics and household products; to educate consumers on how to identify genuine cruelty free products; and to promote BC-based companies who are certified cruelty-free.

IMPROVING
THE LIVES
OF ANIMALS
ACROSS THE
PROVINCE

# Board of Directors

| | |
|---|---|
| **WENDY RILEY** | President |
| **BREANNA LAUBACH** | Vice President |
| **JEANETTE HILL** | Secretary |
| **RENATA HALE** | Treasurer |
| **SHAWN LLEWELLYN** | DVM Director |
| **TANYA VALOIS** | Director |

# Team Members

| | |
|---|---|
| **KATHY POWELSON** | Executive Director |
| **CASSIE PRESTON** | No Pet Left Behind Coordinator |
| **DAWNA FAULDS** | SpayAid BC Coordinator |
| **MARSHALL WATSON** | Communications Coordinator |

# Community Partners

Raincity Housing
Dr. Peter's Centre
BC Society of Transition Houses
Archway Community Services
Pacific Community Resources
Kettle Friendship Society
LookOut Housing & Health Society
McLaren Housing Society
Salvation Army Gateway of Hope
Portland Hotel Society
Directions Youth Services
Ending Violence Association of BC
FREDA Centre

# Thank you for Your Support

Al Roadburg Foundation
Province of BC
Dechra Veterinary Products
Summerlee Foundation
Pan American Sliver Corp
River Foundation
Reliant Music
Merk
Vancouver Foundation
City of Surrey
Animal Welfare Foundation of Canada
Chris Spencer Foundation
First West Founation
Don Cherry Foundation
RC Pets
Elanco
Zoetis

# Financials

| REVENUE | 2020 | 2019 |
|---|---|---|
| DONATIONS | 214,380 | 197,106 |
| EVENTS | 8,759 | 14,937 |
| GENERAL | 940 | 11,293 |
| INTEREST | 82 | 59 |
| MEMBERSHIPS | 100 | 150 |
| MERCHANDISE | 216 | 518 |
| RESTRICTED GRANTS | 125,214 | 127,790 |
| | 349,691 | 351,852 |

| EXPENSES | | |
|---|---|---|
| ADVERTISING AND PROMOTION | 22,895 | 6,643 |
| AMORTIZATION | 339 | 480 |
| CONFERENCES AND EVENTS | 9,967 | 2,845 |
| FUND DEVELOPMENT | 32,981 | 29,365 |
| INSURANCE | 5,100 | 4,650 |
| INTEREST AND BANK CHARGES | 3,119 | 2,883 |
| LICENSES AND DUES | 336 | 447 |
| MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION WAGES AND FEES | 63,498 | 40,384 |
| MEALS AND ENTERTAINMENT | 2,263 | 1,142 |

| EXPENSES (CONTINUED) | 2020 | 2019 |
|---|---|---|
| MERCHANDISE | - | 3,394 |
| OFFICE | **3,871** | 3,685 |
| PROFESSIONAL FEES | **14,494** | 7,674 |
| PROGRAM EXPENDITURES | **207,955** | 200,863 |
| RENT | **600** | - |
| STRATEGIC PLANNING | **2,252** | 5,457 |
| TELEPHONE | **2,553** | 1,792 |
| TRAVEL | **5,308** | 2,761 |
| | **377,531** | 314,465 |
| **REVENUE** | **349,691** | 351,852 |
| **EXPENSES** | **377,531** | 314,465 |
| EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUE OVER EXPENSES FROM OPERATIONS | **(27,840)** | 37,387 |
| **OTHER INCOME (LOSS)** | | |
| GAIN (LOSS) ON DISPOSAL OF MARKETABLE SECURITIES | **5,890** | 62 |
| UNREALIZED MARKET VALUE INCREASE OF MARKETABLE SECURITIES | **(6,426)** | 6,426 |
| | **(536)** | 6,488 |
| **EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUE OVER EXPENSES** | **(28,376)** | 43,875 |

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