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Keeping pets and their people together—even through a global pandemic

At the time of writing, the COVID-19 pandemic has been a part of our lives for 16 months. And while we still have a long road ahead of us, there is both cause for optimism and reason to look back at some of the amazing things we have accomplished together despite what the past year and a half has thrown at us.

Like so many social services, animal welfare and rescue organizations were instantly impacted by the pandemic. Our sector very quickly began to see a significant increase in all manner of requests for support. Veterinary services were reduced and our shelter colleagues cleared out their kennels and closed their doors to the public.

Fortunately for us, because Paws for Hope was already a virtual and remote-work organization, we were able to respond incredibly quickly to the needs of communities across the province and fill in some of those emerging gaps.



As a result of funding opportunities that were made available specifically to address the impact of the pandemic, we were also able to step up in a major way to help families, animals, and organizations in need. Through our veterinary funding and foster care program, we were able to help almost 900 animals and their loving families over the past year.

We are in unprecedented times of chaos and confusion and social upheaval, but keeping pets and people together remains more important than ever and our number one priority. And without a doubt, this past year has reinforced the significance that pets have in our lives and the importance of the work that we are doing.

For that reason, we are so very grateful to our volunteers, foster caregivers, board members, staff, and supporters who helped us rise to the challenges of the past year and enabled us to reach out and support more animals and their families than ever before. Thank you so very much.



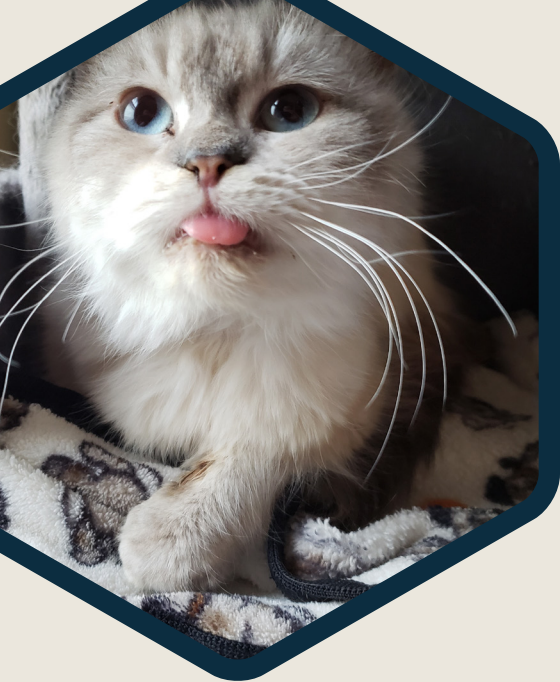
WENDY RILEY
PRESIDENT



KATHY POWELSON
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

SUPPORTING
PETS
AND
THEIR
PEOPLE





Responding with care

The significant role pets play in our mental, physical, and social health became very pronounced in 2020. We saw first-hand how much joy and support and comfort our furry family members brought to us during the challenging weeks of stay-at-home orders that quickly turned into months.

At the same time, thousands of people across the province found themselves unemployed and struggling to cover the bare necessities—reinforcing the urgent need to expand our social safety net to include pets.

Paws for Hope and BC's entire animal welfare sector saw a significant increase in requests for support due to the economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. However, public health orders also had a direct impact on our ability to deliver services, resulting in the cancellation of all of Paws for Hope's in-person animal health clinics. Spay and neuter services were put on hold for months.

Despite these challenges, we were able to pivot and quickly adjust and enhance our programs to ensure we could respond in appropriate and meaningful ways.

In addition to increasing our veterinary funding budget, we expanded our crisis foster care program to include anyone experiencing crisis and needing a temporary place for their pet(s). We enhanced and relaunched our veterinary care support program under a 'one welfare' approach to better align the resources of social service agencies, veterinary service providers, and community funding.

- We helped **405** pets access emergency veterinary care
- We provided **\$177,182** in veterinary funding support
- We provided **\$63,482** worth of veterinary care to foster animals in our No Pet Left Behind program
- We spayed/neutered **300** pets

We believe that in order to create meaningful and lasting change for pets, we must also recognize the needs of their people and you will see that belief in our approach to all of the work we do.





HELPING
PETS
SURVIVE
AND
THRIVE

Pets, people are Better Together

This year, we enhanced and re-launched our **BETTER TOGETHER** program. We hired a dedicated Human Support Coordinator to help improve access to veterinary care for under-served families and connect them with both social service and animal care professionals. **OVER 110 FAMILIES** have already enrolled in the new program since January 2021.

Our **NO PET LEFT BEHIND** program fostered **64 PETS** (dogs, cats, guinea pigs, and more) for people who were experiencing a crisis and needed a safe place for their animals to stay. From a few weeks to as long as 8 months, our volunteer foster homes ensured there was a safe place for their pets to go while individuals receive the help they need.

We also expanded our reach to support community cats. We worked with Dawson Creek/Fort St. John and Port McNeill/Sointula to take in and find new homes for 52 cats and kittens. We also funded the spay and neutering of 54 community cats in both locations.



SUPPORTING
POSITIVE
CHANGE IN
ANIMAL
WELFARE

The animal welfare sector in BC continues to play a vital role in the care and protection of animals across the province and internationally. With the diverse issues our communities experience, our sector must be able to respond to these diverse needs.

We support the professionalization of the sector and its important, lifesaving work through our Animal Welfare Advisory Network of BC and our Guardian Angel Grants, creating a more robust and sustainable animal welfare system.

VETERINARY CARE GRANTS \$7,670

- Warren Peace Bunny Sanctuary
- HugABull Advocacy & Rescue Society
- Surrey Community Cat Foundation
- Fraser Valley Humane Society
- Invermere Companion Animal Network
- BC Chihuahua Rescue
- Chilliwack Animal Safe Haven

ORGANIZATIONAL DEVELOPMENT GRANTS \$2,900

- Fraser Valley Humane Society
- Warren Peace Bunny Sanctuary
- Langley Animal Protection Society



In the absence of our annual in-person conference, we held three special online presentations on important animal welfare issues with subject matter experts from across North America.

KEEPING FAMILIES TOGETHER THROUGH ACCESS TO VETERINARY CARE

Dr. Michael Blackwell, AlignCare

WHY ACCESS TO VETERINARY CARE IS A SOCIAL JUSTICE ISSUE

Aleah Simpson, Human Society of the United States

PATHWAYS TO JUSTICE

Victoria Shroff, Shroff and Associates, UBC

We also sponsored a regional violence link conference in partnership with Humane Canada.



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IMPROVING
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Board of Directors

WENDY RILEY	President
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Team Members

KATHY POWELSON	Executive Director
CASSIE PRESTON	No Pet Left Behind Coordinator
EMILY AONO	Human Support Coordinator
MARSHALL WATSON	Communications Coordinator
MAXINE HABERL	SpayAid Coordinator

Community Partners

Raincity Housing
LookOut Housing & Health Society
Dr. Peter's Centre
McLaren Housing Society
BC Society of Transition Houses
Salvation Army Gateway of Hope
Archway Community Services
Portland Hotel Society
Pacific Community Resources
Directions Youth Services
Kettle Friendship Society
Ending Violence Association of BC
FREDA Centre
Surrey Animal Resource Centre
New Westminster Animal Services
Langley Animal Protection Society
Delta Community Animal Services
Federation of Community Social Services of BC



Thank You for Your Support

Al Roadburg Foundation

The River Foundation

City of Surrey

Burnaby Community Foundation

Victoria Foundation

R. Howard Webster Foundation

Port Moody Foundation

Canfel Foundation

Porte Industries

Mathisen Family Private Foundation

Province of BC

Vancouver Foundation

Government of Canada

Maple Ridge Community Foundation

United Way of Greater Victoria

The Hamber Foundation

Port Coquitlam Community Foundation

Vancouver Fraser Port Authority

Randall Foundation

VanTel/Safeway Legacy Fund

Coquitlam Foundation / Margaret Susan Price Fund

Abbotsford Community Foundation / Mary Wakefield Animal Welfare Fund

Compassion in Action Fund

We are grateful to the Government of Canada's Emergency Community Support Fund distributed through the Community Foundations of Canada, Port Coquitlam Community Foundation, Coquitlam Foundation, Port Moody Foundation, United Way of Greater Victoria (and/or Victoria Foundation), The Maple Ridge Community Foundation, and the Vancouver Foundation.

Financials

REVENUE

	2021	2020
DONATIONS	290,187	214,380
EVENTS	-	8,759
GENERAL	-	940
INTEREST	2,114	82
MEMBERSHIPS	50	100
MERCHANDISE	731	216
RESTRICTED GRANTS	373,060	125,214
UNRESTRICTED GRANTS	69,050	-
	735,192	349,691

EXPENSES

ADVERTISING AND PROMOTION	58,893	30,231
AMORTIZATION	1,475	339
CONFERENCES AND EVENTS	16,702	36,996
FUND DEVELOPMENT	11,175	32,981
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY	1,631	422
INSURANCE	7,955	5,100
INTEREST AND BANK CHARGES	3,624	3,120
LICENSES AND DUES	598	336
MEALS AND ENTERTAINMENT	446	5,043



EXPENSES BY PROGRAM

AWANBC GENERAL	15,799
BETTER TOGETHER	196,216
CLINIC	14,186
GUARDIAN ANGEL	23,825
NO PET LEFT BEHIND	151,958
UNDERSERVED COMMUNITIES	12,134
RESCUE STANDARDS	11,855
SPAYAID BC	51,389
ANIMAL INTAKE	27,663
PETS ARE NOT PRODUCTS	17,584
CONNECTIONS & COMPANIONSHIP	10,700
GENERAL	107,701
	641,010

EXPENSES (CONT'D)

	2021	2020
OFFICE	9,085	3,693
PET SUPPLIES	22,288	177
PROFESSIONAL FEES	23,145	28,485
RENT	1,249	600
RESEARCH	10,700	-
STRATEGIC PLANNING	-	2,252
TELEPHONE	3,970	2,553
TRAINING	636	-
TRAVEL	10,725	8,815
VETERINARY CARE	311,145	149,553
WAGES AND SALAIES	145,568	66,835
	641,010	377,531

	2021	2020
REVENUE	735,192	349,691
EXPENSES	641,010	377,531
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUE OVER EXPENSES	94,182	(27,840)

OTHER INCOME (LOSS)

GAIN (LOSS) ON DISPOSAL OF MARKETABLE SECURITIES	(9)	5,890
UNREALIZED MARKET VALUE INCREASE OF MARKETABLE SECURITIES	-	(6,426)
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUE OVER EXPENSES	94,173	(28,376)



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