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Keeping families together

Looking back on this year, we are struck by the multiple and significant challenges our communities have faced. The COVID-19 pandemic is still very much a part of our lives. We experienced a deadly heat dome and catastrophic wildfires and flooding. Supply chain breakdowns and rising inflation rates are making life even harder on charities across the country—including us. Despite a significant increase in requests for service (an average of 200 calls per month), we experienced a significant decrease in donations this year.

However, our small but mighty team stepped up to the challenge—as they always do. We continued to support families in need; we advocated on behalf of animals and caregivers; we strived to ensure pets and their people could stay together. Because the goal of keeping families together is at the core of everything we do. It informs our programs and advocacy and it is the mission that drives us to show up every day despite the many challenges we face.

Looking to the year ahead, we acknowledge that there is still much work to do to ensure we are advancing and addressing social justice issues in our organizations and communities. Improving the way animal welfare work is done in BC requires understanding and incorporating these principles and values.



This means that we cannot truly help animals unless we are helping their people too. Because these people aren't struggling by choice; they simply have been left out of the policies and practices that have favoured other people and groups—people like us. They have faced systemic barriers to opportunities and services due to discrimination or stigma. Taking away their animal won't address the racism, bureaucracy, colonialism, and stigma.

Doing animal welfare work is a call to action to create healthy, inclusive, and equitable communities. We must break down the silos we work within and identify ways to connect with our colleagues in community social services and public health because we are very often supporting the same families.

These are big goals and this is important work. And it wouldn't be possible without our supporters. We are so grateful to donors like you who believe in the work we are doing. You understand that animal welfare and animal rescue work is intricately related to social issues like inequality and domestic violence and lack of housing. Thanks to you, we are expanding our network and improving access to services so that families can stay together and provide the care animals deserve.

CYNTHIA BOULTER
PRESIDENT

KATHY POWELSON
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

**keeping families
together**





Shifting how we think about animal welfare

Keeping families together is Paws for Hope's number one priority. This understanding and approach to animal rescue—helping both animals and their people—is a shift away from the antiquated notion that our job is to save homeless, abused and neglected animals from the hands of evil and careless people.

While there are still animals who are abused, neglected, and homeless, the nature of animal welfare work is changing. That is because the biggest issues affecting companion animals today are inadequate access to veterinary care and the lack of a social safety net to support the people caring for them during a life crisis. In other words, 'animal rescue' is becoming a misnomer. The vast number of animals don't need to be rescued; the people who love and care for them simply need some support.

Behind every companion animal needing help, there is usually a person who needs help too—a person who has been marginalized because of their race, gender, disability, sexuality, mental health, or history of abuse and neglect.

There are people who face barriers simply because of circumstances or what they look like or who they are or where they live. 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.

At Paws for Hope, we believe that the animal welfare sector has an obligation to fight against these systems and address this inequality. These systemic barriers are inherently harmful to people and, as such, are inherently harmful to animals as well.

Our four programs embody this call to action and live into the mission of our organization: to keep pets and people together, ensure BC pets survive and thrive, and support positive change in animal welfare.

NO PET LEFT BEHIND

BETTER TOGETHER

NOBODY'S PETS

NETWORK PARTNERS

a one health approach



No Pet Left Behind

Our **NO PET LEFT BEHIND** program provides temporary foster care for pets whose people are in crisis. This past year, we helped **93 PETS ACCESS FOSTER CARE**, and **\$86,985** was spent on their veterinary care.

Better Together

BETTER TOGETHER is a “one health” program designed to increase access to veterinary care for the pets of low-income earners. This new system enrolls families in the program for the life of their pet(s) for as long as they qualify, and connects them to significantly subsidized veterinary care (they only pay 20% of invoiced costs).

We also work to ensure that the families of those pets are supported and have access to services they may need thanks to our social services partners.

This year, our **BETTER TOGETHER** program enrolled **177 FAMILIES** with a total of **269 PETS** and provided **\$162,379** in veterinary services.



Nobody's Pets

Unfortunately, cats are still being dumped and abandoned at alarming rates in communities across the province. And the burden falls on local community advocates to address the situation with what little resources they have.

NOBODY'S PETS helps to control the free roaming cat population in remote and under-served communities by funding spay and neutering efforts. This year, we primarily supported communities on north Vancouver Island (Port McNeill, Sointula, Alert Bay), **SPAYING AND NEUTERING 58 CATS AND KITTENS.**

In addition to preventing these cats from having more litters, and thereby significantly decreasing the number of free roaming (community) cats, the vast majority of these cats and kittens were also adopted into new forever families!

Network Partners

Our Network Partners are committed to creating a professional and transparent animal welfare sector. Through a strong collective voice, our Network Partners are helping Paws for Hope make a difference in the lives of animals—building a system that no longer just responds to crises but creates lasting solutions. The Network Partner initiative provides access to conferences, learning events, grants, data collection, and an important space to network.

Rescue Standards of Practice & Accreditation

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The Rescue Standards of Practice and accreditation program aim to establish a more professional and transparent animal welfare sector in BC. Currently, there are no criteria that organizations or individuals must meet to promote best practices, ensure the utmost care is being provided to animals, protect public health, or encourage financial transparency.

In the absence of government oversight, our **NETWORK PARTNERS** created the Rescue Standards of Practice and established an accreditation program for organizations who would also like to improve our sector and promote the fact that they are operating with the highest industry standards.

Network Partner Grants

Paws for Hope also provides grants to our charitable **NETWORK PARTNERS** to assist them with their important and lifesaving work. This year Paws for Hope provided a total of \$15,924 in grants to the following organizations.

VETERINARY CARE GRANTS \$8,000

A Voice 4 Paws Dog Rescue
Warren Peace Bunny Sanctuary
Fraser Valley Humane Society
Four Paws Food Bank

ORGANIZATIONAL DEVELOPMENT GRANTS \$7,924

P.E.A.C.E
HugABull Advocacy and Rescue Society
Lakes Animal Friendship Society

**our team &
our partners**



Board of Directors

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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

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

The Federation of Community Social Services of BC



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Vancouver Foundation

Randall Foundation

Compassion in Action Fund

PetSmart Charities

Eric S Margolis Family Foundation

Warm Hearts Charitable Foundation

Animal Welfare Foundation of Canada

SurreyCares Community Foundation

Surrey Fire Fighters Charitable Society

Greygates Foundation

Province of BC

First West Foundation

Hamber Foundation

UMC Charity

Athletes for Animals

Al Roadburg Foundation

The River Foundation

R. Howard Webster Foundation

Mathisen Family Private Foundation

Abbotsford Community Foundation/
Mary Wakefield Animal Welfare Fund

Financials

REVENUE

	2022	2021
DONATIONS	244,589	290,187
INTEREST	1,077	2,114
MEMBERSHIPS	186	50
MERCHANDISE	88	731
RESTRICTED GRANTS	317,380	373,060
UNRESTRICTED GRANTS	25,385	69,050
	588,705	735,192

EXPENSES

ADVERTISING AND PROMOTION	56,168	58,893
AMORTIZATION	4,146	1,475
CONFERENCES AND EVENTS	9,466	16,702
FUND DEVELOPMENT	48,737	11,175
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY	7,136	1,631
INSURANCE	7,500	7,955
INTEREST AND BANK CHARGES	3,526	3,624
LICENSES AND DUES	534	598
MEALS AND ENTERTAINMENT	1,534	446

EXPENSES BY PROGRAM	2022	2021
AWANBC GENERAL	17,136	15,799
ANIMAL INTAKE	-	27,663
BETTER TOGETHER	230,589	196,216
CLINIC	16,086	14,186
CONNECTIONS & COMPANIONSHIP	-	10,700
FUND RELIEF	2,762	-
GAMING (LOTTERY & RAFFLE)	7,653	-
GUARDIAN ANGEL	27,060	23,825
NO PET LEFT BEHIND	181,028	151,958
NOBODY'S PETS	44,122	-
PETS ARE NOT PRODUCTS	-	17,584
UNDER-SERVED COMMUNITIES	16,086	12,134
RESCUE STANDARDS	18,029	11,855
SPAYAID BC	9,435	51,389
GENERAL	133,581	107,701
	703,567	641,010

EXPENSES (CONT'D)	2022	2021
OFFICE	5,919	9,085
PET SUPPLIES	16,611	22,288
PROFESSIONAL FEES	31,286	23,145
RENT	1,725	1,249
RESEARCH	-	10,700
STRATEGIC PLANNING	5,280	-
TELEPHONE	4,925	3,970
TRAINING	6,360	636
TRAVEL	14,025	10,725
VETERINARY CARE	295,452	311,145
WAGES AND SALARIES	183,237	145,568
	703,567	641,010
	2022	2021
REVENUE	588,705	735,192
EXPENSES	703,567	641,010
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) REVENUE OVER EXPENSES	(114,862)	94,182



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