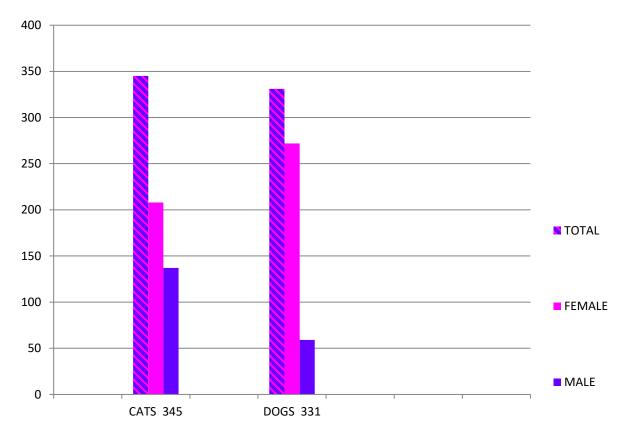
# 2014 REPORT FROM THE PRESIDENT

At Pro Animal Melaque, we are very encouraged by our steady growth and our success in sticking to our stated mission. We are fine tuning our operational model with minor modifications. Support from the community continues to grow and we have been successful in our effort to maintain our focus and not overextend ourselves.

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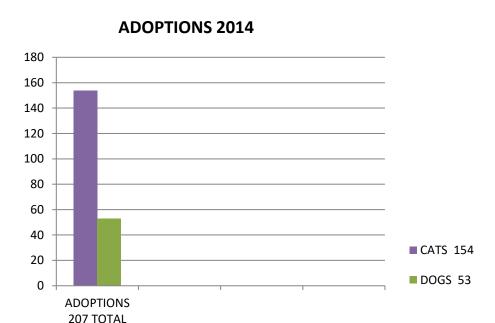
Our Spay & Neuter program really took off this year. We were contacted by a liaison for the State of Jalisco, connecting us with the state-run sterilization program. Thus, we hosted our first ever public spay & neuter campaign! Our connection with this resource has made our spay & neuter numbers soar. We sponsored a 5-day clinic in April (receiving 163 animals), a 2-day clinic in July (attending 81 animals), and another 5-day clinic in October (an additional 229 animals). Our average cost per animals for those clinics was 70 pesos! We continue to work closely with our veterinarians in Barra de Navidad and Melaque, who sterilize animals for us year-round.

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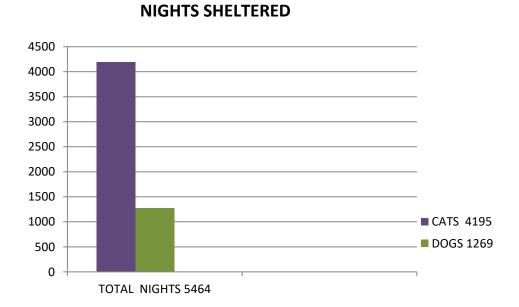
## **ADOPTIONS**

Adoptions were fairly steady between last year and this year. And as is our pattern, most of the adoptions were kittens. People are now learning to contact us when they wish to adopt healthy, neutered animals.



## **FOSTERING**

We added new volunteers willing to foster animals in their homes. We know that animals do best in foster homes, and prefer to use our limited intake shelter only in emergency cases. We also find the shelter is good when we receive pregnant cats and dogs that need a safe place to have their babies. Cats spent a total of 4195 nights within our system, and dogs a total of 1269 nights during 2014.



#### **OUTREACH**

Our outreach program continues to develop slowly, primarily because our limited volunteers are so busy with other things. This year we visited two different classrooms. We engaged with 33 students at Primaria Aquiles Serdan, and 28 youngsters at Primaria Virginia Torres. Both schools are in Melaque. We continue to look for fluent Spanish speakers who can help us to reach more students.

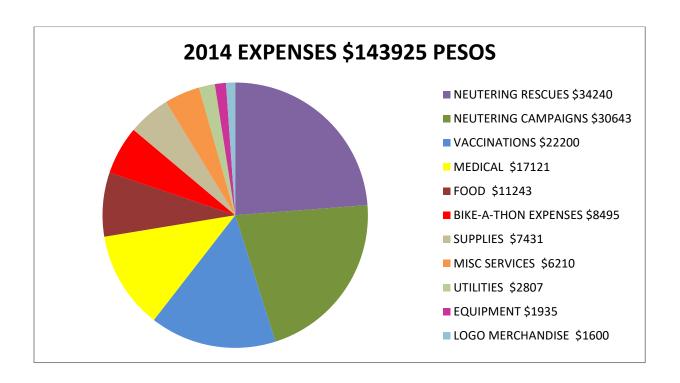
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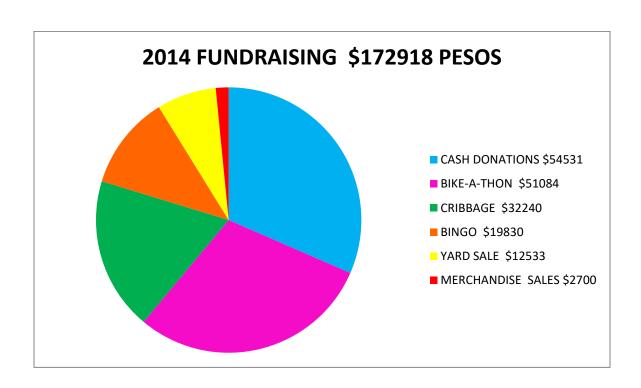
Again, we thank everyone who has supported our fund-raising efforts. Everything we do is made possible by your generosity. We had three major fundraisers this year: Bike-a-thon in January, Cribbage Tournament in February, and Bingo in December.

We take this opportunity to remind you that we have no paid employees, with the exception of our Veterinarians, and small payment to the caretaker of our shelter for extra work when there are a lot of animals there.

This year, with the expansion of our spay & neuter efforts, most of our budget went towards sterilizing animals. We also vaccinated all animals that we placed in adoption. And we had other medical expenses for treatment of TVT, broken limbs, x-rays, and lots of skin issues. We continue to receive great support from our vets who discount their services to help our cause.

At the end of 2014, we had a balance of \$51504 pesos.





## **MOVING FORWARD IN 2015**

In 2015 we hope to continue our service to our community. We are proud of the support we are receiving from so many people. The spay & neuter campaigns have been enthusiastically received.

We hope to schedule two or three sterilization campaigns this coming year, as time & resources permit. We will continue to grow our network of foster families in order to help more animals in need. We are still looking for a benefactor whose support will enable us to focus less on fundraising!

Once again, we thank all of our supporters, sponsors, vets and volunteers for making our work possible.

Muchisimas gracias,

Christine M. Hocker