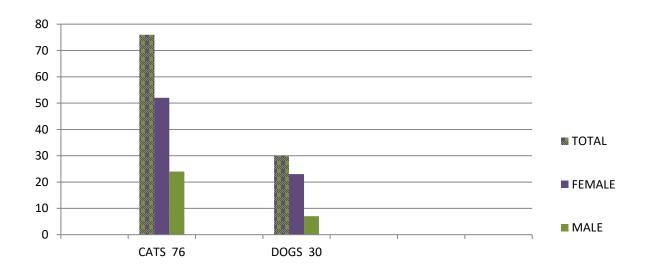
# 2012 REPORT FROM THE PRESIDENT

What an amazing first year we had at PRO ANIMAL MELAQUE! As we started up our operation in late March, we really didn't know what to expect. Our plan was to start up slowly and gradually expand our efforts, and that was a good decision and worked well for us. By limiting the scope of our mission & acknowledging that we can't do it all, we were able to help a lot of animals in need without overwhelming our volunteers and our resources. In 2012 we attended 47 dogs and 85 cats, most of which spent time in our shelter or foster homes.

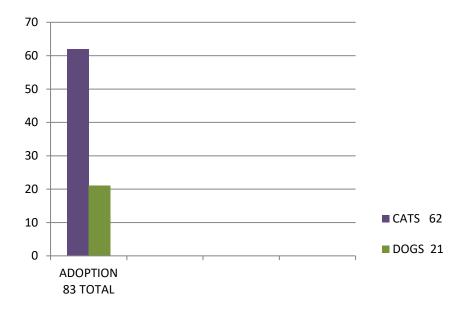
#### **STERILIZATIONS**

We set a goal of sterilizing ten animals per month, and this year we exceeded that goal during our months of operation. Of the 106 animals which were sterilized, 84 passed through our shelter & foster homes, while the remaining 22 already had owners who asked for our assistance in neutering their pets. We neutered a total of 76 cats and 30 dogs.



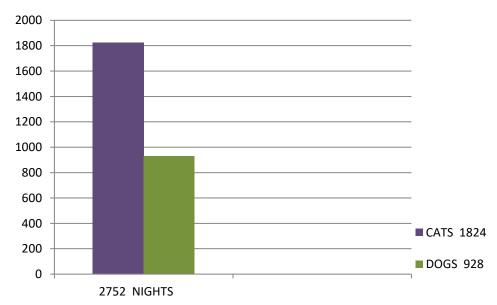
## **ADOPTIONS**

Most of our adoptions this year were kittens, as we kept receiving a lot of abandoned young animals. Each animal was sterilized prior to placement, and most were vaccinated. Some owners received their new pets along with a voucher to have the pet vaccinated by one of our vets. We placed a total of 83 animals, 62 cats and 21 dogs, in new forever homes.



### **HOUSING**

Many animals passed through our shelter or were fostered in the homes of volunteers. Most often these were animals in need of medical care, or else they were too small to fend for themselves on the street. Cats spent a total of 1824 nights with us, and dogs a total of 928 nights.



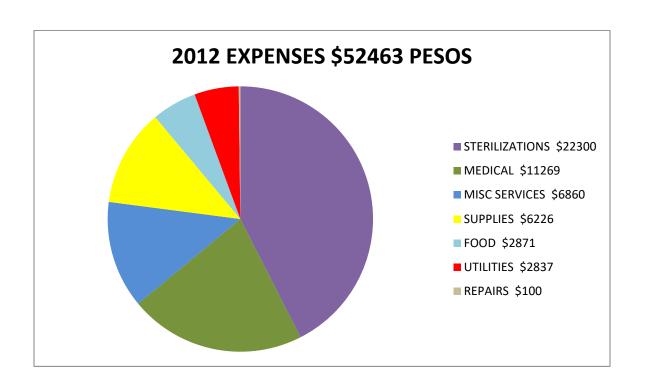
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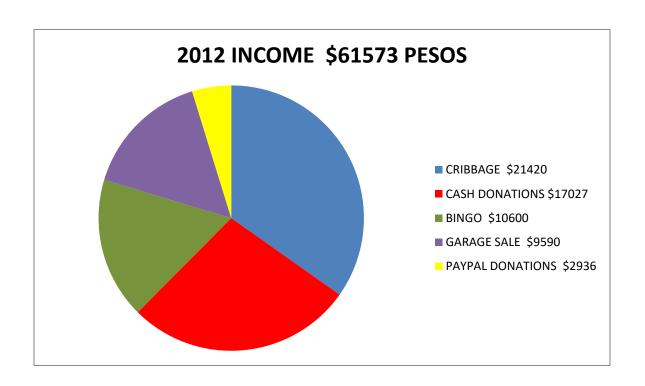
The success of Pro Animal Melaque is not possible without the financial support of our community and beyond. People have been generous with cash donations, donations via PayPal, as well as donations of food, medicines, toys, crates, etc.

Our expenses include veterinary care, utilities, supplies, equipment, and other services. The property we use for our shelter is provided to us at no charge, but we do pay the utilities & expenses for upkeep. Our caretaker lives rent-free in exchange for caring for the animals, and we pay an extra per diem for each dog at the shelter to cover the extra work of cage cleaning and walking the animals.

Our income this year included the cribbage tournament in February, a garage sale in March, the bingo fundraiser in December, and individual donations throughout the year in cash or through PayPal.

At the end of 2012, we have a cash reserve of \$9110 pesos. We were in operation for 9 months, and that is reflected in lower than anticipated annual expenditures. We expect our expenditures in 2013 to be at least 30 to 40% higher as we will have a full 12 months of operation, and will be attending more animals each month.





### **PLANS FOR 2013**

In this new year we will continue offering medical care & shelter to animals in need, and will find permanent homes for them. We maintain our goal of ten sterilizations per month, and as funding permits we hope to exceed that goal once again this year. We plan to start our school outreach program in one local elementary school, teaching young children the importance of animal welfare & proper pet care. We hope to receive some assistance from the State of Jalisco in the way of supplies & medicines for sterilizations, and are in the process of applying for that aid.

We would like to thank all of our supporters, sponsors, and volunteers for making our work possible. We look forward to working with you all in 2013!!

Muchisimas gracias,

Christine M. Hocker