

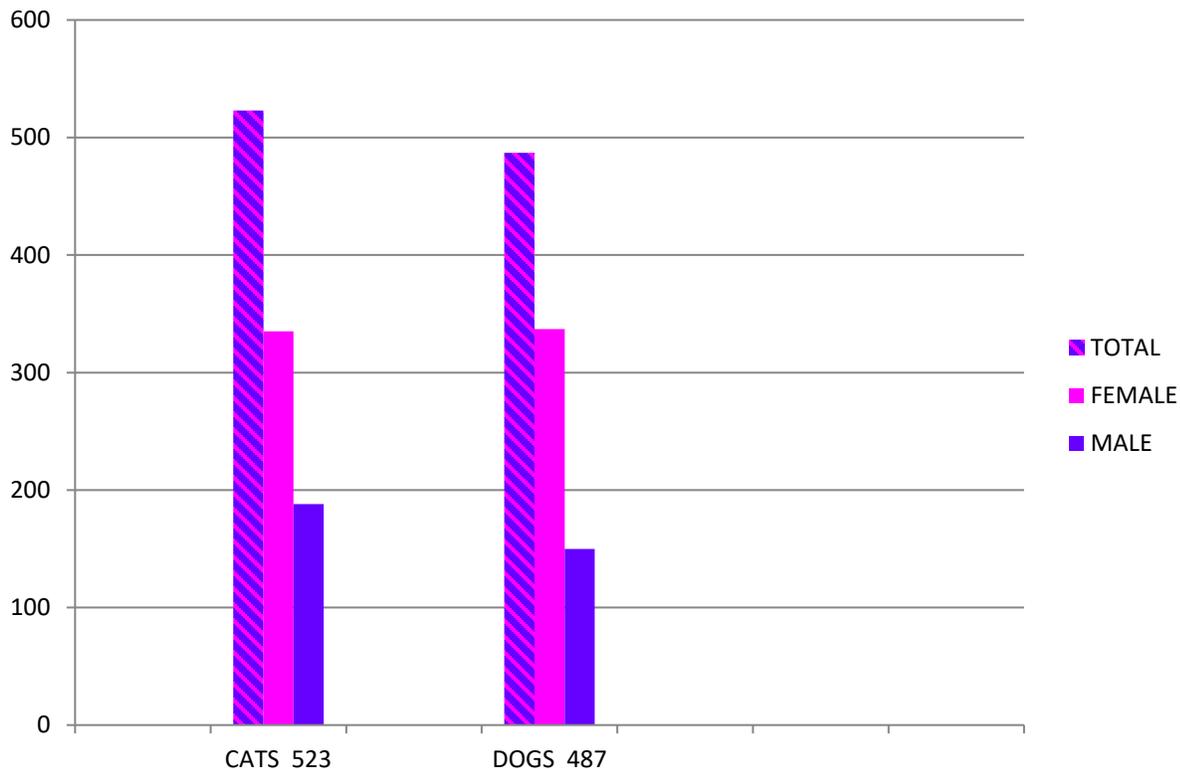
# 2017 REPORT FROM THE PRESIDENT

Once again we had a successful year doing what we do best in our communities. Pro Animal Melaque has gained quite a following, and people in our area have come to rely on the services we provide. We are gratified to be recognized as the leader in Animal Rescue in this part of Mexico.

## STERILIZATIONS

We sterilized a record number of animals this year—a total of 523 cats and 487 dogs, for a grand total of 1010 animals spayed and neutered! We held three high-volume clinics this year (each clinic was for 3 days), with a total of 732 animals sterilized for their owners. With only two vets, one technician and handful of volunteers, we managed to do 90 animals on several of those days! The rest of the animals were spayed or neutered by our wonderful local vets: Andrés Flores, Beto Vigil, and Roziel Martinez.

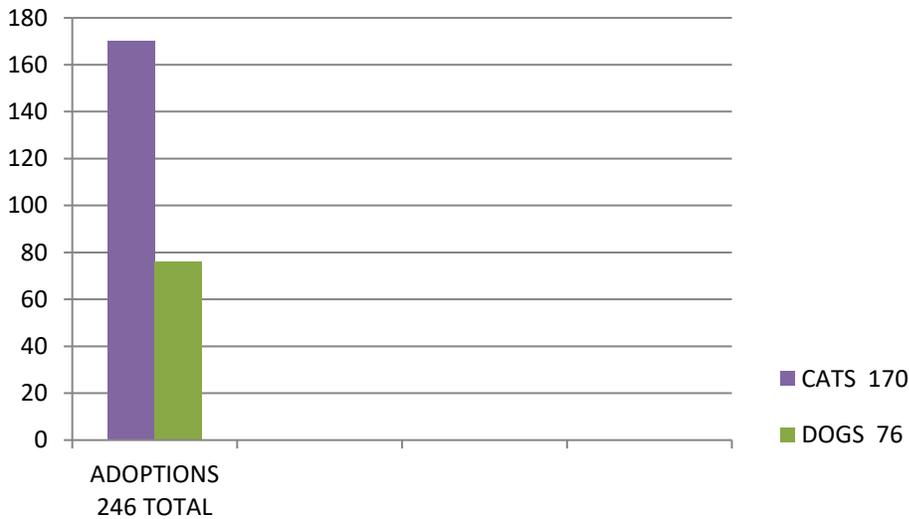
### STERILIZATIONS 2017



## ADOPTIONS

Our adoptions were up slightly this year. Finding suitable homes for animals is key to being an effective rescue organization. We emphasize placing animals with local families. While some groups focus on airlifting animals to other countries, we believe that the stress on the animal and expense involved is not a wise use of our resources.

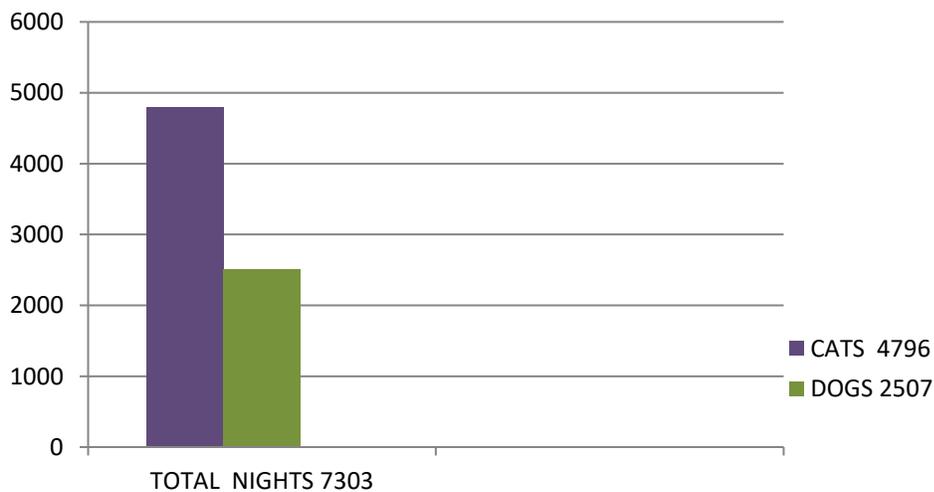
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## FOSTERING

In 2017 our network of foster families hosted animals for a total of 7303 nights. It seems that as soon as we find some new foster families, others leave our system, so it is a constant challenge! It is heart-breaking to turn away animals in need solely because we do not have people to help care for them. Once again we appeal to our supporters to consider helping us by fostering kittens or puppies for a short period of time!

### NIGHTS SHELTERED



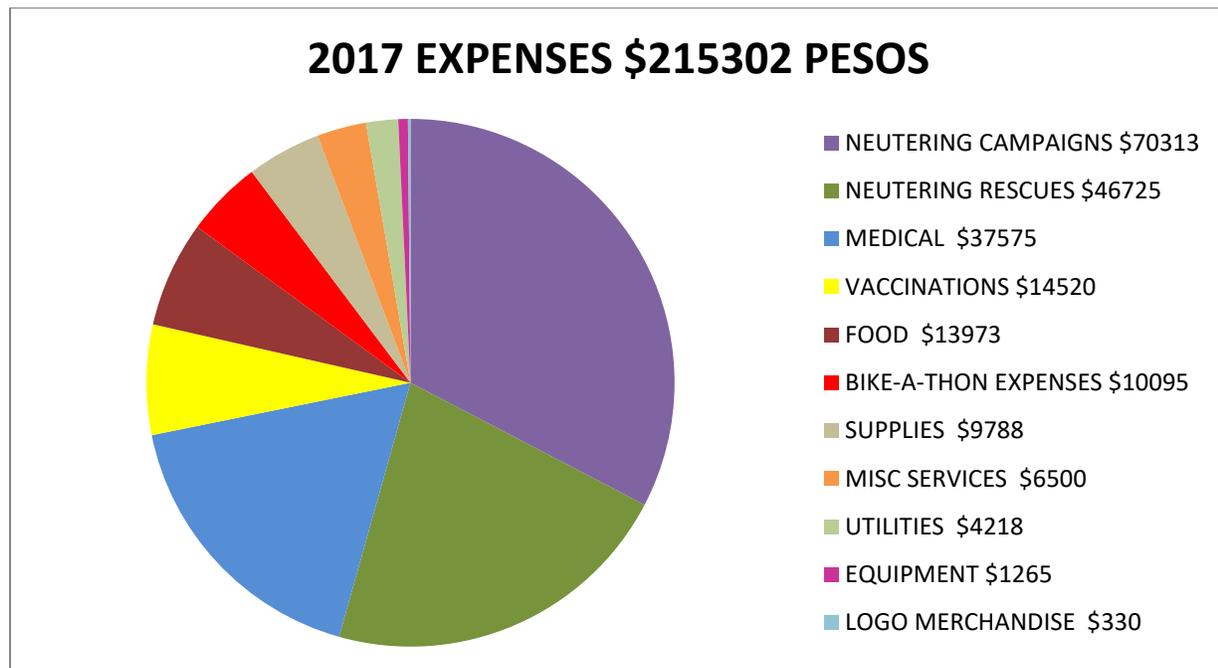
## OUTREACH

We made three school visits this year. We visited with two different classes of third-graders at Primaria López de Legazpi in Barra, for a total of 52 students. In Melaque we met with 33 third grade students at Primaria Virginia Torres.

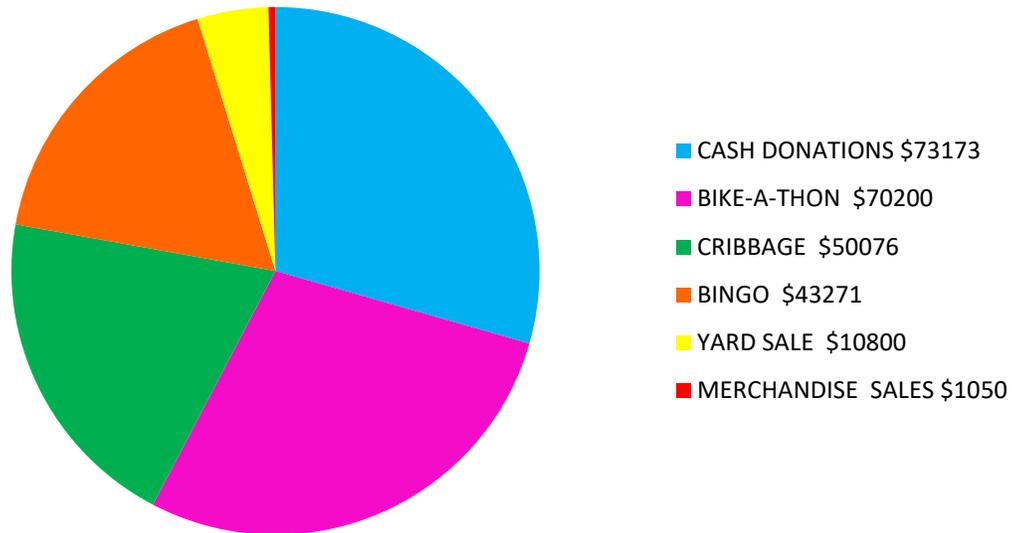
## FINANCIALS

We continue in a healthy financial state, and our bottom line has been fairly steady. We so appreciate the continued support of our generous donors, and the efforts of our Head of Fundraising, Sharon Fritz. There are many worthy causes operating in our towns, and we are grateful that you have confidence in what we are doing. Remember that we are an ALL VOLUNTEER organization, and many of our volunteers also pay many expenses out of their own pockets. Only our veterinarians are paid.

The largest part of our budget goes toward spay and neuter. Specifically for our free clinics open to the public, as well as sterilizing every single animal that enters our system, without exception. Our end of year balance is a healthy \$101,806 pesos. That is almost enough to cover our spay & neuter budget for 2018!



## 2017 FUNDRAISING \$248574 PESOS



### LOOKING FORWARD TO 2018

In March 2017 we celebrated our five year anniversary, and we believe we have fine-tuned our operating model to a point where we are running smoothly. As always, we hope in 2018 to recruit more foster people and other volunteers, maintain our fundraising level, grow our school outreach program, and continue to be a model for animal rescue in Mexico.

We appreciate your continued support!

Muchisimas gracias,

*Christine M. Hocker*