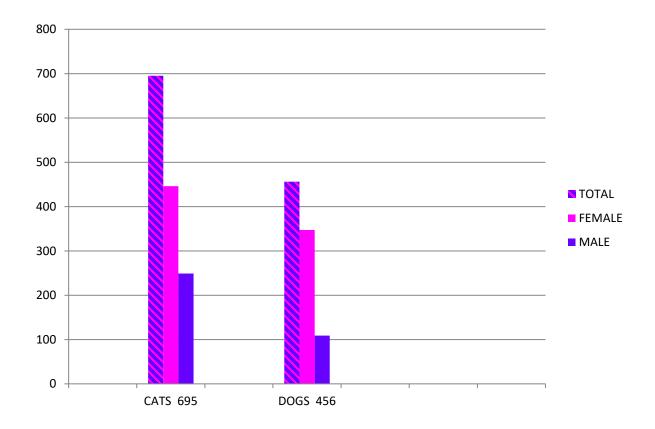
# 2018 REPORT FROM THE PRESIDENT

Another great year and a huge shout out to all of our volunteers and supporters for making it happen! It was another record year for Spay & Neuter, which we all know is the key to our mission. Pro Animal Melaque continues to enjoy very gratifying support and recognition from our community.

### **STERILIZATIONS**

We sterilized a record number of animals this year—a total of 695 cats and 456 dogs, for a grand total of 1151 animals spayed and neutered! We held two high-volume clinics this year (each clinic was for 3 days), and sponsored the state vets for a couple of weeks in Cihuatlán as well with the mobile unit. Our tireless vets and volunteers make it happen. And our local vets spay or neuter every rescued animal that passes through our system. No exceptions!!

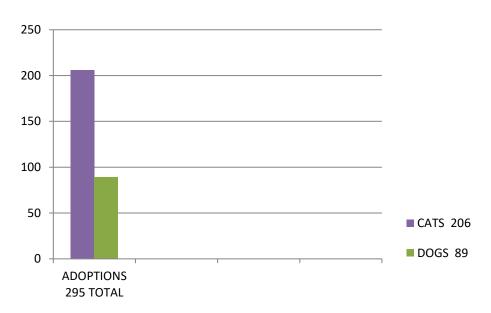
# **STERILIZATIONS 2018**



#### **ADOPTIONS**

We found homes for almost 300 rescued animals this year! People in the community now know to contact us when they are looking to adopt. They know that with Pro Animal Melaque they will be adopting a healthy, neutered, dewormed and vaccinated pet. We do not waste time and resources shipping our rescued animals out of the country. But if someone visiting our area wishes to adopt and travel back home with one of our animals, we can help them make that happen.

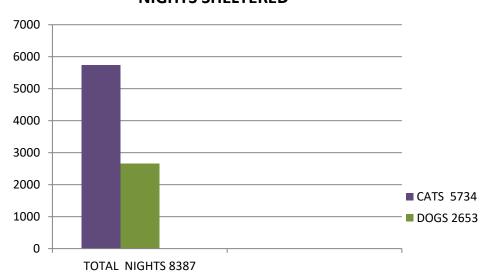
## **ADOPTIONS 2018**



# **FOSTERING**

In 2018 our foster families hosted animals for a total of 8387 nights. We have a great network of volunteers who lovingly care for our rescued animals. This would not work without them! We ALWAYS need more foster families, so let us know if you can help!

#### **NIGHTS SHELTERED**



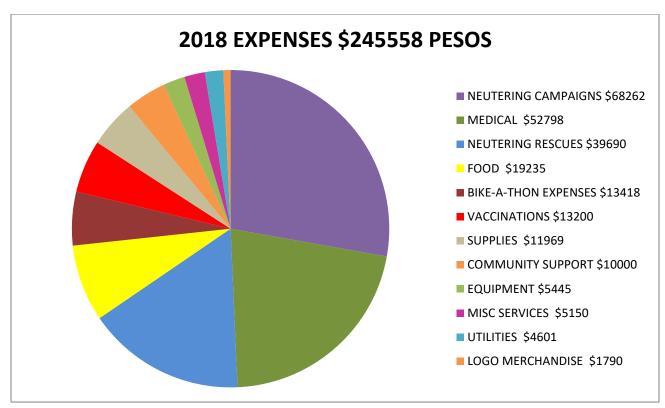
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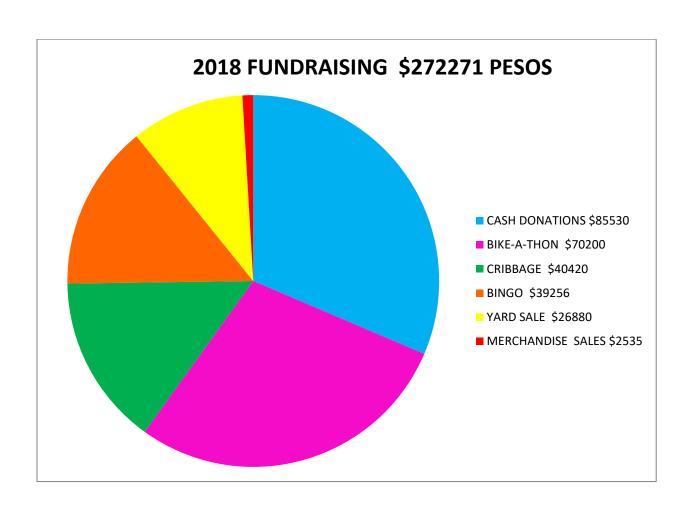
Our school outreach program continues to struggle to gain traction as our volunteers are spread thin with animal care and other parts of our mission. We still are looking for someone who is willing to coordinate this program! We only visited three classes this year, meeting with 87 fifth graders in total. We were welcomed into Primaria Álvaro Obregón in Villa Obregón, Primaria Rafael Ramírez in Jaluco, and Primaria Cuauhtémoc in Melague.

#### **FINANCIALS**

We saw just a slight increase in our overall expenditures from last year. We spent more for pet food, miscellaneous medical services, and bike-a-thon t-shirts, while our costs went down a bit for vaccinations and sterilization. Some of the increase in medical came from treatments for TVT (a canine transmissible cancer), and well as surgery for trauma related injuries. We also paid more for testing for some common diseases. Every year our largest outlay is for spay & neuter, and 2018 was no different. Our costs for the free clinics can vary a lot, depending on how much support we get from the Jalisco State Health Department. We have also added the category "Community Support" to reflect the outreach we have done to assist groups in Autlán and in la Manzanilla, sharing some of your generous donations.

Our fundraising in 2018 was the best ever. As usual, the Bike-a-thon was our most successful fundraising event, and it my opinion it was also our most fun!! Our end of year balance is a healthy \$129,519 pesos, which offers us a nice cushion going into 2019.





## **HEADING INTO 2019**

We see no reason to change our successful model of operation. We hope to continue to distinguish ourselves as the only stable, consistent and effective year-round Animal Rescue organization in our area. As such, we offer our spay & neuter services to other individuals who dabble in rescue activities, welcoming everyone to our Free Spay & Neuter Clinics.

We appreciate your continued support!

Muchisimas gracias,

Christine M. Hocker