

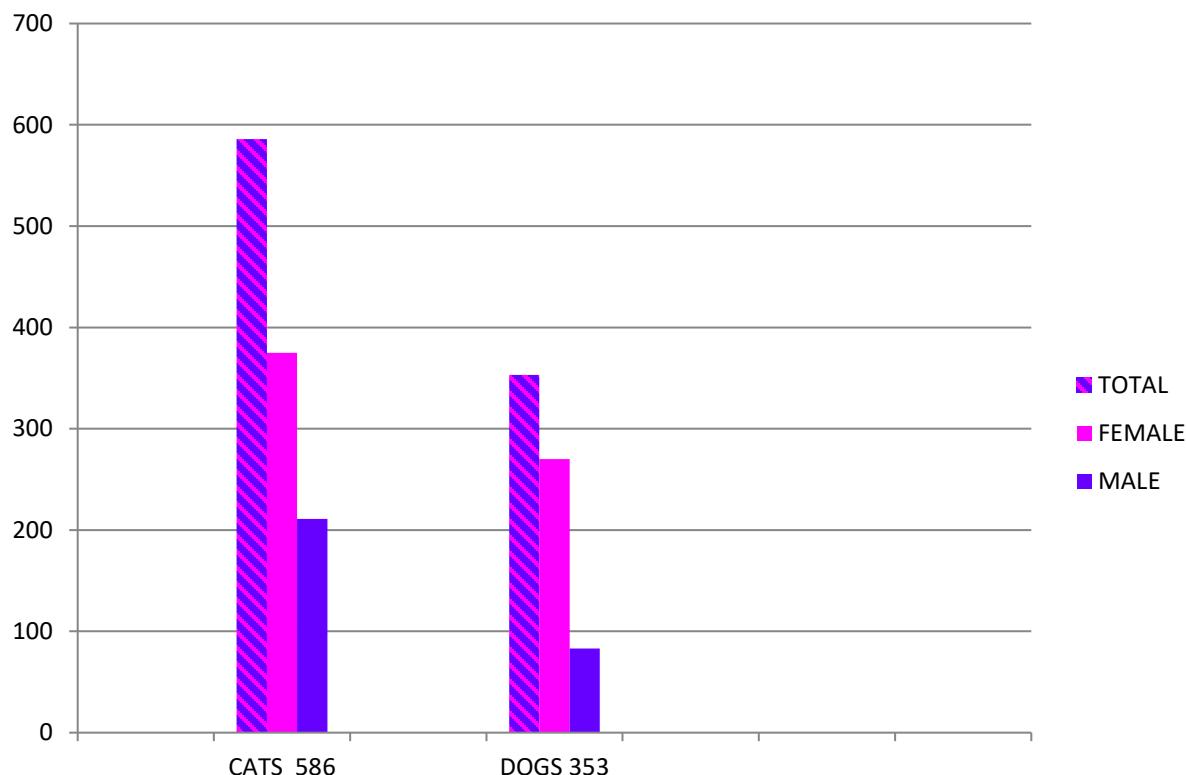
2019 REPORT FROM THE PRESIDENT

I'm tired! It is hard to avoid burnout in this line of volunteer work, and we have lost some great volunteers for a variety of reasons. Our core group remains strong, but we really need an injection of new energy to keep things going. The need for our services continues to grow, and we are continually reminded that we CANNOT do it all! Our numbers are down this year (sterilizations, adoptions, nights in foster care) because we do not have enough people helping.

STERILIZATIONS

Our emphasis on sterilization of animals continues to be the strong foundation of our group. By controlling pet overpopulation, all other issues (tick-borne diseases, TBT, injuries, neglect, etc.) are lessened. We sterilized close to 950 animals this year—a total of 586 cats and 353 dogs, for a total of 939 animals spayed and neutered! We held two high-volume clinics this year in Melaque, and set a new daily record of 97 animals in one day during the October clinic! We also sponsored a couple of mini clinics with our friends Adóptame Aulán as part of our outreach program. Our mantra is “Spay & Neuter” and we make it happen!

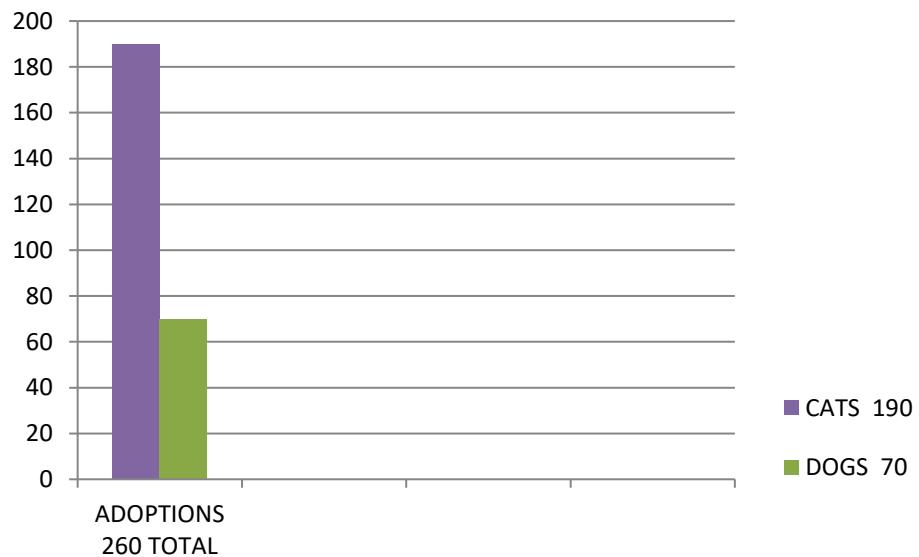
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ADOPTIONS

We found homes for almost 260 rescued animals this year! People look for us when they want to adopt new pets, and we love making those connections! Each animal is dewormed, spayed or neutered, and vaccinated before going to its new home. Some of them have been treated for injuries and diseases and completely rehabilitated as well. Most of our adoptions are young kittens, as there is a never ending supply of those. We distinguish ourselves from some other animal welfare groups by placing most animals locally. We see no need to ship them out of the country to areas where there are already plenty of unwanted animals!

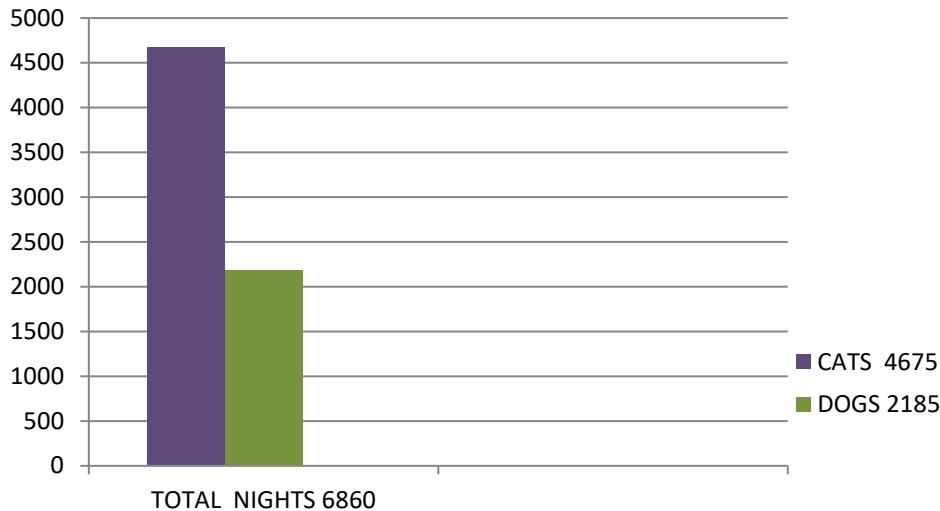
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FOSTERING

In 2019 our foster families hosted animals for a total of 6860 nights. This is markedly down from last year because we lost some of our best foster people and have not found people willing to help out. Unfortunately that means that we sometimes have to say “no” to an animal in need.

NIGHTS SHELTERED



OUTREACH

Our school outreach was suspended this year as we do not have the volunteers to keep it going. We hope that we will come up with someone who can get it going again, as it is such an important part of our overall mission.

We have started helping two other worthy groups, so our outreach extends into other communities. We support Valentin's Second Chance Dog Rescue in La Manzanilla, as well as Lupita with Adóptame Autlán in Autlán de Navarro. Lupita does mini spay and neuter clinics and we are happy to help fund those.

LOST/FOUND ANIMALS

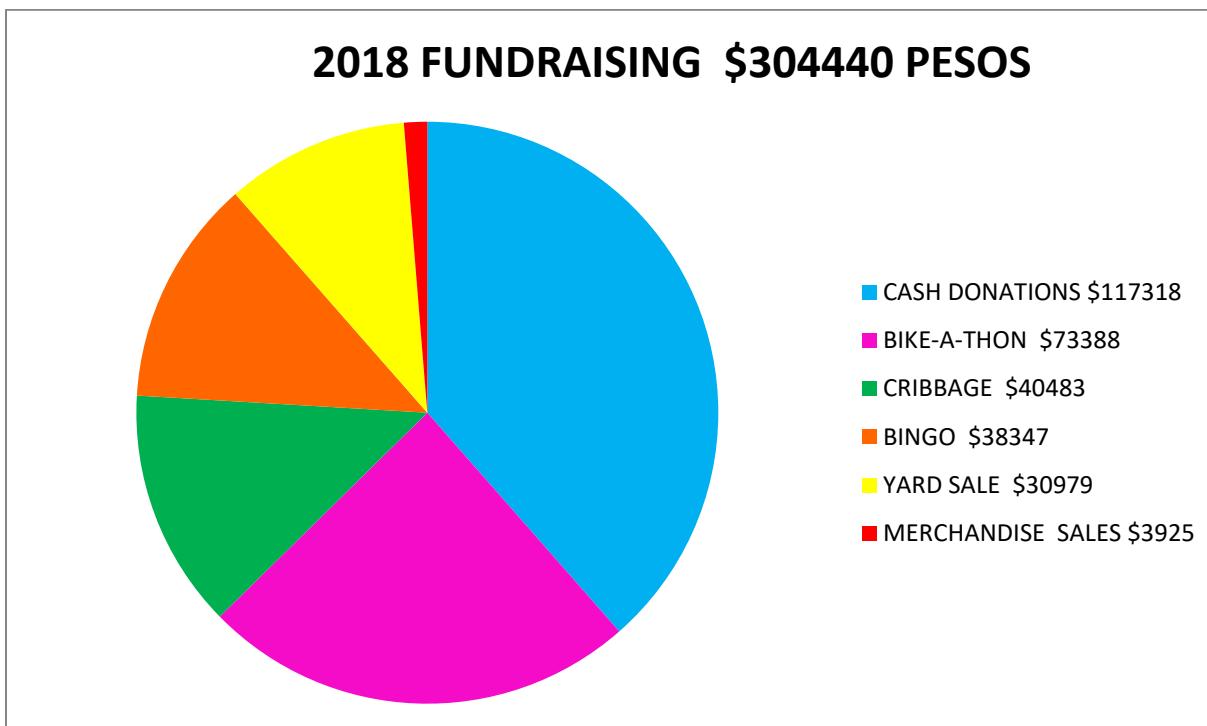
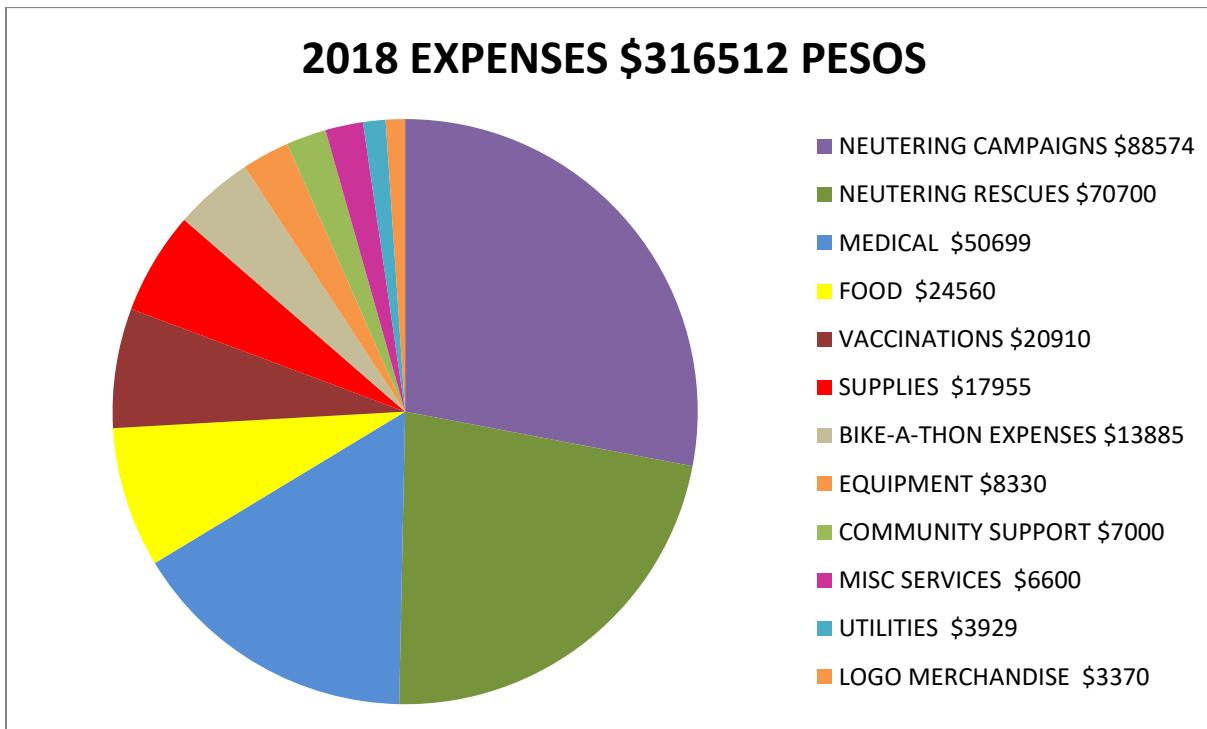
We are now recognized as a resource for people who have lost or found animals, so we have started tracking those numbers as well. In 2019 we were contacted about 16 lost or found animals, and managed to reunite 11 of them with their families!

RABIES

We are now working with a doctor from State Health in Cihuatlán to provide rabies vaccines during our campaigns. This year we vaccinated 265 animals with vaccine provided by the State of Jalisco.

FINANCIALS

Our financial health is good, thanks to the generosity of our supporters. None of what we do could happen without your contributions!! We had our most successful fundraising year ever in 2019. Our overall expenses were up by 25% for this year as well, with a steep increase of the cost of Spay and Neuter campaigns as the State of Jalisco has been short on supplies (anesthetics, sutures, etc.) which we now need to buy. We also saw an increase in vaccination expense. Fortunately we have the funds to cover that! Our cash on hand at the end of 2019 is \$116726 pesos.



AN UNCERTAIN 2020

We remain passionate about the work that we do, and hope to continue rescuing animals in need and offering spay & neuter to our community. But we must acknowledge that our key people are getting tired and need some relief. Our mission cannot be fulfilled without people willing to walk the walk, not just talk the talk. Our urgent need in 2020 is to recruit solid volunteers ready to shoulder a little more of the work.

We appreciate your continued support!

Muchisimas gracias,

Christine M. Hocker