

"When we return wild animals to nature, we merely return them to what is already theirs. For man cannot give wild animals freedom, they can only take it away."

— JACQUES COUSTEAU

2019

Report to the Community

PAWS helps cats, dogs and wild animals go home and thrive.

Our vision

PAWS envisions a world where all people recognize the intrinsic value of animals and consistently make choices that demonstrate compassion and respect.

Our mission

PAWS helps cats, dogs and wild animals go home and thrive – whether home is the family room or the forest. We rehabilitate orphaned and injured wildlife, we shelter and adopt homeless cats and dogs, and we educate the community to inspire compassionate action for animals.

Our impact

PAWS has found homes for more than 130,000 cats and dogs and cared for more than 140,000 wild animals since 1967. We pledge to continue working for the next 50 years to give injured and orphaned wild animals a chance to return home, find loving homes for homeless cats and dogs, and educate people to take action to help animals.

Our values

- Recognition and respect for the intrinsic value of animal life.
- Freedom for animals to express their natural and innate behaviors.
- The right of animals to be free from cruelty, neglect and abuse.
- The importance of ending companion animal overpopulation.
- The caring guardianship of companion animals.
- The preservation of wild species and their habitats.

Please deliver to a friend of animals at this address.

Helping Animals Go Home and Thrive

The **PAWS Wildlife Center** continued to go above and beyond for patients large and small in 2019, including a life-saving surgery for a 260-pound American Black Bear. This adult female was hit by a vehicle on the Kitsap Peninsula and spent days suffering before being brought to PAWS. An exam and x-rays revealed multiple rib and pelvic fractures.

PAWS worked with surgical experts from the Woodland Park Zoo and Veterinary Specialty Center of Seattle, who offered their time, expertise, and a specialized surgical suite designed for a procedure of this magnitude. Inserting the large metal plate and multiple pins that would stabilize the pelvic fracture took three veterinarians, six veterinary technicians, and a team of three groups to monitor her anesthesia and vital signs.

Following this major surgery, staff closely monitored her nutrition and mobility. After 149 days of rehabilitation, the bear was released back into the wild under the watchful eye of PAWS staff, the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, and two Karelian Bear Dogs, Freyja and Colter, who barked repeatedly to ensure she headed quickly into the woods. She ran to her freedom with ease, thanks to the hard work of so many.



When spring arrives, thousands of cats and dogs—many of whom are pregnant or have newborn babies—arrive at PAWS in need of foster homes. In 2019, 1,675 animals spent time with foster families before being adopted from **PAWS Companion Animal Shelter** or **PAWS Cat City**.

One cat family in need was Kanga and her five kittens. Lovingly called the Kangaroo Kittens, these little ones were born with varying degrees of deformity in their front limbs, causing them to hop on their back legs using their extra toes for balance. They were in foster care for a month while they grew and were closely monitored by PAWS veterinarians to ensure they would be able to adapt to their differences.

PAWS was the safe place this family needed. It didn't take long for each one of the Kangaroo Kittens—as well as their mom—to be adopted into loving homes of their own.

Wildlife Highlights

- Animals admitted: **5,059**
- Number of species admitted: **157**
- Rehabilitation release rate: **49%***
- Veterinary externs and rehabilitation interns trained:
Veterinary **externs: 5** Rehabilitation interns: **15**
- Number of medical procedures performed: **2,922**

*This rate is calculated based on the number of animals who were released, died in care, or were humanely euthanized after failing to respond to treatment.

Companion Animal Highlights

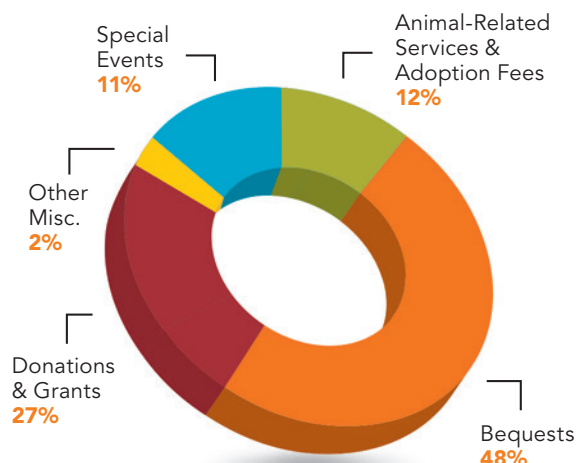
- Total animals in care: **4,511**
- Adoptions: **3,973**
Dog: **1,088** Puppy: **248** Cat: **1,241** Kitten: **1,396**
- Animals placed into foster homes: **1,675**
- Animals transferred from other shelters: **3,503**
Dog: **915** Puppy: **267** Cat: **953** Kitten: **1,368**
- Save rate: **97.84%**



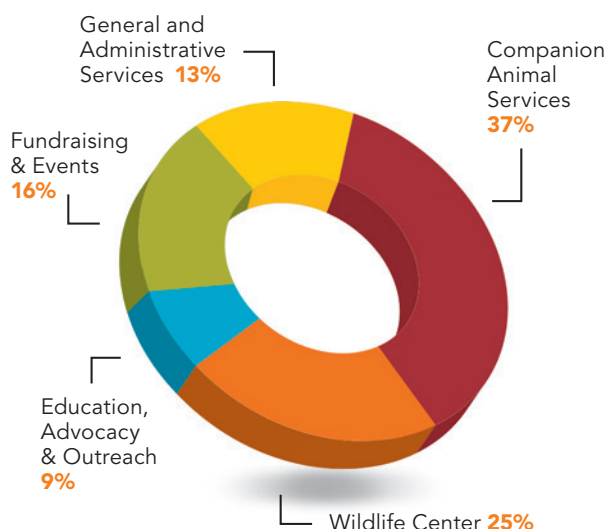
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2019 Financials

OPERATING REVENUE



OPERATING EXPENSES



Statement of Financial Position

ASSETS

Current assets

Cash and cash equivalents	4,199,207
Accounts receivable	29,456
Contributions receivable	115,689
Inventory	26,340
Prepaid expenses	174,272
Total current assets	4,544,965

Other assets

Cash and cash equivalents – restricted for capital campaign	3,292,724
Investments	8,073,135
Contributions receivable, net of current	855,849
Property and equipment, net	8,129,163
Beneficial interest held in trust	8,118,863
Other	2,680
Total other assets	28,472,415

TOTAL ASSETS **\$33,017,379**

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

Current liabilities

Accounts payable, accrued expenses	1,585,269
Total current liabilities	1,585,269

Net assets

Without donor restrictions	
Undesignated	2,487,171
Other board designated	12,488,645
Board designated endowment	1,898,408
	16,874,224
With donor restrictions	
Purpose and time	6,439,023
Perpetual in nature	8,118,863
	14,557,886

Total net assets **31,432,110**

TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS **\$33,017,379**

Statement of Activities

OPERATING REVENUE

Public support

Contributions	1,758,625
Bequests	3,121,242
Special events, net	797,493
Grants	133,589
Distributions from perpetual trusts	283,568

Other Revenue

Adoption fees, net of returns	550,663
Animal receiving fees	62,756
Animal-related services	113,562
Municipal contracts and pet licensing fees	92,050
Retail sales, net of returns and discounts	66,896
Miscellaneous	13,707
Investment return	33,399

TOTAL OPERATING REVENUE **\$7,027,551**

OPERATING EXPENSES

Program services

Companion Animal Services	2,051,553
Wildlife Center	1,401,869
Education, Advocacy and Outreach	520,388
Total program services	3,973,811

Supporting services

Fundraising and events	883,720
General and administrative	734,134
Total supporting services	1,617,854

TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES **\$5,591,665**

Note: The financial information included in this presentation is unaudited and subject to revision upon completion of the 2019 audit and subsequent reporting.

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Spay/Neuter Surgeries

The PAWS veterinary team performed **2,475** spay and neuter surgeries in 2019. Of those, **1,850** were cats and dogs in care at the PAWS Companion Animal Shelter and **625** were cats, dogs and rabbits owned by low-income community members. The PAWS Community Spay/Neuter Clinic offers this service in an effort to decrease animal overpopulation in Washington.

Sharing Ideas, Knowledge and Compassion

The **PAWS Education Team** is ensuring that future generations are receiving tools needed to protect and advocate for wildlife and companion animals. In 2019, our educators reached nearly 7,000 young people with lessons on how to take compassionate action for animals.

PAWS educators taught the proprietary Kids Who CareSM curriculum in 87 elementary school classrooms at 25 schools in 2019. In one lesson, students were challenged to improve the wildlife habitat in their schoolyard by performing a micro-trash cleanup. The Education Team also offered access to Kids Who CareSM program materials in Spanish.

Over 1,000 Cub Scouts and Girl Scouts visited PAWS, earning their badges while learning about animals, and 92 teens participated in PAWS Workshops.



PAWS is people helping animals and vice versa.

In 2019, **1,225 PAWS volunteers** helped by walking dogs, socializing cats, fostering companion animals, caring for wild animal patients, and assisting with administrative projects. These volunteers donated over 70,000 hours of their time. Without them, PAWS would not be able to help approximately 10,000 companion and wild animals who come through our doors each year.

Volunteer Highlights

- Number of volunteers: **1,225**
- Volunteer hours: **70,163**

Education Program Highlights

- **6,915** community members reached.
- **4,144** youth participated in Kids Who CareSM, Scout programs, teen workshops, service projects, and community outreach events.
- **2,771** adults participated in Safe Cats, Healthy Habitats, Catio Tour, and other community outreach events.
- **678** education programs, including:
 - **806** hours of instruction
 - **522** lessons in 87 classrooms at 25 schools
 - **110** Scout and teen programs



Event Highlights

Staff, volunteers, and community supporters and their dogs gathered at the 28th Annual **PAWSwalk 5k & Run** at Magnuson Park in Seattle on September 7, 2019.