

PROGRESSIVE ANIMAL WELFARE SERVICES (PAWS)

2021 IMPACT REPORT

Creating
a better life
for
companion
animals
and
those
who
love
them



WHO WE ARE

Progressive Animal Welfare Services (PAWS) is dedicated to supporting the welfare of humans and their animal companions by subsidizing and improving access to veterinary care. Animal companions fill many lives with love and bring proven physical and mental health benefits to children, adults, the vulnerable and the elderly.

Our programs support preventative measures such as vaccinations, spay/neuters, and veterinary-recommended essential medical care that will significantly reduce suffering for families and their companion animals.

We aim to prevent suffering, overpopulation, and unnecessary euthanasia or surrender to shelters.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Despite a tough pandemic year, we are enthusiastic about our potential and ready to make a real difference in the lives of animal companions and their humans.

Companion animals are so beneficial to humans. They are the constant unconditional love in many people's lives. Dogs get us outside to exercise. Cats beg for play time indoors. They snuggle and comfort us when we need it and distract us from loneliness, abuse and health issues. Despite COVID, PAWS has accomplished a lot this year in readiness for serving many people and their pets.

The best news? The long-awaited charitable registration number has just arrived!

WATCH WHAT WE CAN DO IN 2022 TO HELP MORE ANIMALS AND THEIR HUMANS!



Linda Armstrong
President, Progressive Animal Welfare Services



PAWS APPROACH

IT'S ALL ABOUT ANIMALS AND HUMANS.

Disadvantaged people feel the responsibility and want their animal companions to be safe and healthy but occasionally need a hand up. Why is help needed? Circumstances such as loss of income, homelessness, domestic violence, health problems and other issues can make caring for companion animals financially or logistically difficult, putting the most vulnerable in our community in an impossible position.



Progressive Animal Welfare Services (PAWS)
is an entirely volunteer-run
charitable organization
helping companion animals
and their people
stay safe, healthy
and together.

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For more information
or to apply, contact:
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Our programs offer solutions to help pets and their caregivers with:

- Collaboration with veterinarians and community agencies to offer services and treatment that might otherwise be denied.
- Subsidizing preventative and timely medical care for companion animals to prevent small issues from becoming life-threatening and more costly.
- Funds for emergency and life-saving veterinary care that reduces economic euthanasia or surrenders.
- Assistance for community agencies to offer their own pet-friendly solutions.



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DESPITE COVID-19 AND
ITS RESTRICTIONS,

WE MADE CHANGE.

14 DISADVANTAGED PEOPLE KEPT
THEIR PETS HEALTHY
AND AT HOME.

Pets received
medical treatment
and were saved
from suffering and
possible euthanasia

Reduced impact on rescues and animal control organizations
by reducing spread of illness, surrenders for economic reasons,
and growth in feral colonies

14
Cases of
disease spread
avoided by
vaccination

14
Unwanted births
avoided through
spay/neuter
procedures

COMMUNITY AGENCIES SUPPORTED THIS YEAR

ANOVA

**YOUTH OPPORTUNITIES
UNLIMITED**

OUR GOALS FOR 2022

Help 100 animals and their humans

We will continue expanding our impact by connecting with more veterinary clinics and community agencies to spread the word about our programs.

Most animals will need spay/neuter procedures and vaccinations. This intervention has the best outcome for pets and their guardians by reducing unwanted births and spread of disease.

Urgent medical care is the next most common need. This can be the costliest and can result in very distressing decisions for disadvantaged people including surrender or economic euthanasia. Examples of urgent care include dental work, surgery for growths, injuries and blockages.

OUR VOLUNTEERS AND INITIATIVES

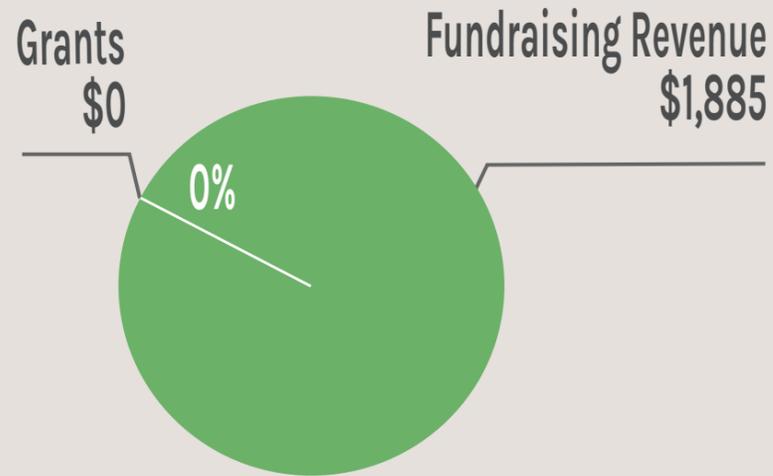
- Our volunteers are the heart of our organization. We've recruited a strong team who believe in the cause and just need some tools to get them going.
- Charitable status will open the door to more donors who believe in our mission and approach.
- We have invested in an industry leading and "Made in Canada" donor management system to make it easy to interface safely and securely with us.
- We are creating great educational materials and fun videos.
- We will host and attend as many events as COVID will allow.
- You'll see lots about us in social media as we spread the word about our programs.



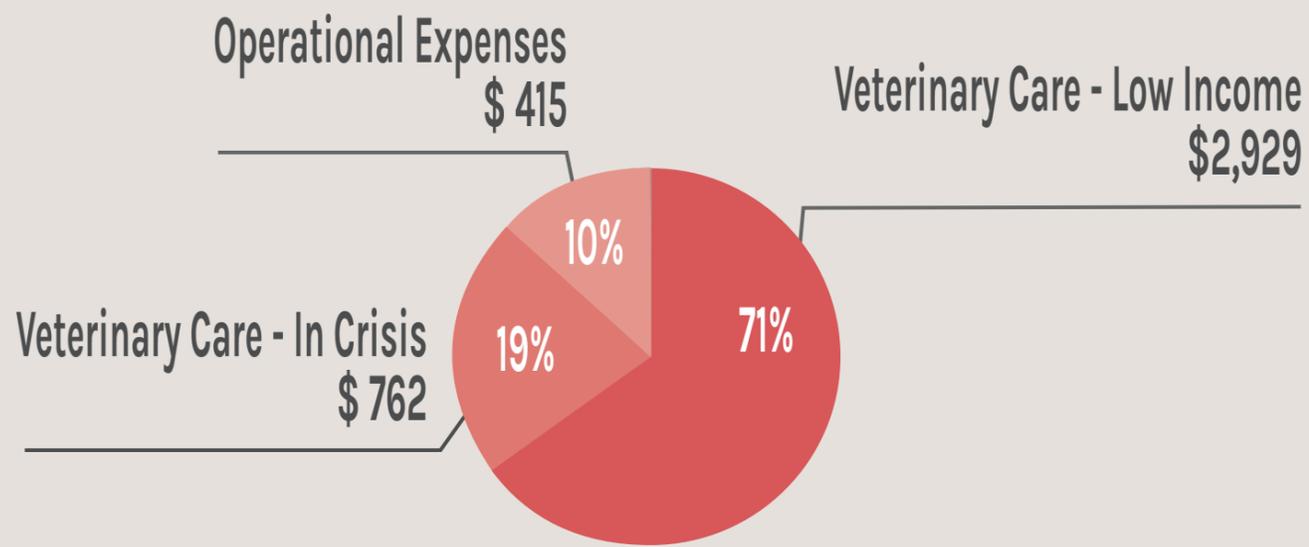
INCOME STATEMENT

Year ended December 31, 2021

TOTAL REVENUE - \$1,884.97



PROGRAM EXPENSES - \$4,106.47



WE DO MORE WITH EVERY DOLLAR DONATED!

ABOUT PAWS

In the beginning, PAWS was instrumental in making London, Ontario far more pet friendly. Progressive Animal Welfare Services (PAWS) was first formed in 2012 in collaboration with 7 London-area animal welfare groups in response to an urgent need for a more ethical animal control model for the City of London. Due in large part to our members' influence and advocacy, the City of London enacted numerous new animal welfare guidelines, partnerships with local rescues AND designated London as a "No Kill City". The focus shifted from euthanasia to collaboration, adoption and treatment programs.

PAWS understood well that animal lovers have serious needs of their own requiring support, thus the focus on helping both ... humans and their animal companions. PAWS then evolved into a non-profit organization aimed at improving the lives of companion animals and their owners by facilitating access to affordable veterinary care and other support services. PAWS has been running as a non-profit in this capacity ever since and has successfully supported dozens of vulnerable families and pets in London, Middlesex and Kitchener-Waterloo communities.

In 2019 PAWS set off to establish itself as a charity. After much paperwork and many COVID delays, we officially became a charity in 2022! We currently collaborate with clinics and agencies primarily in London, Middlesex County and Kitchener-Waterloo Region. PAWS's intention is to expand to serve all Southwestern Ontario communities.

PEOPLE NEED HELP TO ACCESS AFFORDABLE PET CARE

800,000
Approximate number of households in Ontario that both have an animal and live in poverty

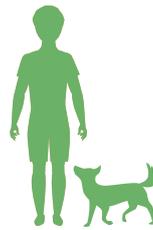
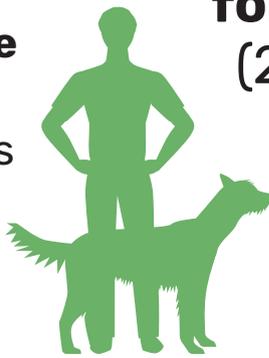
Women experiencing domestic violence delay leaving a dangerous home because of concern for their pets

Low-income families who surrender their pets do so because they lack the funds to pay for veterinary care

Progressive Animal Welfare Services (PAWS) by the Numbers



PAWS helped over **300 in-crisis and low-income families** via our programs or with assistance accessing other programs (2017 - 2021)



Directly funded veterinary care for 59 animals (2014 - 2021)

Partnered with **4 veterinary clinics** and **14 community agencies** (2017 - 2021)



Directly fostered or found safe temporary shelter for 36 animals (2017 - 2021)

Helped 1 community agency become fully pet-friendly

In 2020, PAWS helped Anova evolve their agency into one of the first pet-friendly facilities in London, forever making it easier for women in our region to flee violence.

Dozens of clients and families supported by Anova, found freedom from violence.

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Average Cost per Animal
\$198
(August 2019 - August 2020)



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