



YOUR SUPPORT CHANGED LIVES

Your compassion for people and pets is making a difference

People in our communities are facing tough choices and your support helps when emergencies, accidents, medical crises, and job losses leave people in dire circumstances. For those with a much-loved pet in their household, vet care often becomes out of reach.

In the most difficult times of their lives, people need animal companions more than ever. Pets can make people happier and more active, encouraging them to overcome severe depression, isolation, loneliness, or even thoughts of suicide.

Thanks to donors like you

In 2023, PAWS brought relief to more than 100 pet owners by funding spay/neuter surgeries that prevented hundreds of unwanted births, administering vaccinations that prevented the spread of disease, and providing medical diagnostics and treatments that saved animals' lives.

We're in it for the long run

For over 13 years, donors have been critical in helping PAWS make a difference for animal welfare in Ontario. By collaborating with like-minded agencies, we make the best use of available resources. Our focus on prevention makes a lasting difference that reduces future vet costs. Our reach and influence have grown as we have made our services known to more than 100 veterinarians and dozens of community agencies across our territory. Our educational materials and response line have supported more than 300 requests for advice from across Canada.

Compassion in action: Supporting pets, uplifting people

Thank you for your part in making this critical difference for people struggling in our communities and for their pets, who would otherwise face surrender or euthanasia.

It is because of donors like you that PAWS can lend a helping hand during times of need. For this, we are grateful.

Linda Armstrong, Board Chair PAWS



2023 IMPACT REPORT

Creating a better life for animal companions and those who love them



About PAWS

Progressive Animal Welfare Services (PAWS) is a registered charity helping pet owners whose companion animals would not otherwise receive vet care. We subsidize urgent treatment and preventive care - especially spays, neuters and vaccinations. Our programs reduce the number of unwanted pets on the street, surrendered or euthanized.

What We Do

- **Guide** pet-friendly community agencies towards implementing pet-friendly solutions for their human programs and shelters.
- **Collaborate** with veterinary clinics and animal welfare groups to offer services and solutions that might otherwise be unavailable.
- **Educate** about preventative care aimed at improving animal welfare, decreasing the incidence and severity of issues, and reducing long term costs of pet ownership.
- **Subsidize** preventative and timely medical care for companion animals to allow people in crisis to keep their pets home and healthy.



2023 Achievements

110 Animals (and Families) Helped
168 Treatments Subsidized



2023 Fundraising

Raised \$51,055



\$14,720

Donations/Sales



\$1,250

Business Partners



\$17,000

Grants



\$14,000

Major Gifts



\$4,003

Third-Party Fundraisers



\$82

Miscellaneous

2023 ratios

Third Party Funds Raised
7.8%

Donations
27.1%

Major Gifts
27.4%

Grants
33.3%

Overhead
11%

Vet Care Costs
89%

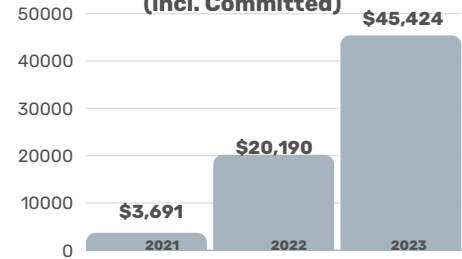


Making a difference ...but many applications are denied due to lack of funds

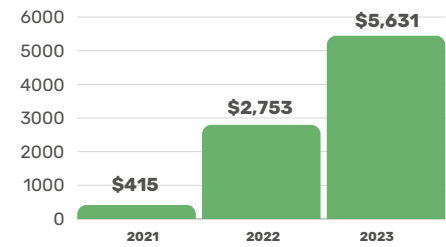


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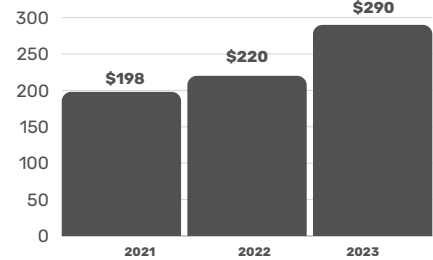
Amount Spent on Vet Care (incl. Committed)



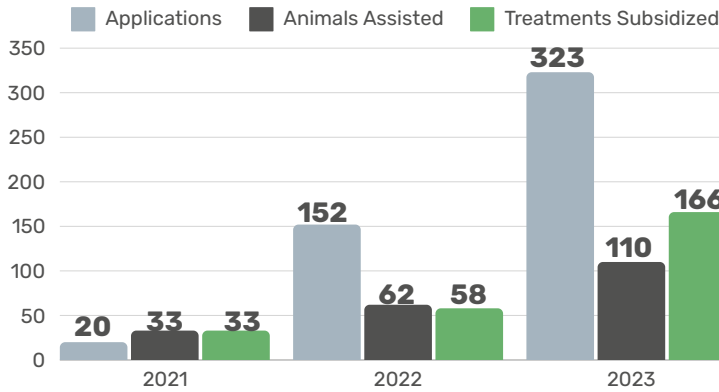
Amount Spent on Operational Expense



Average Cost of Care Per Animal

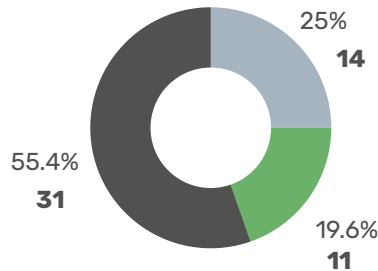


Year Over Year Growth

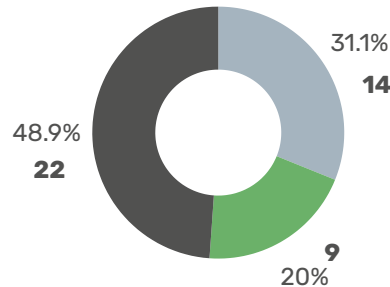


Care Type

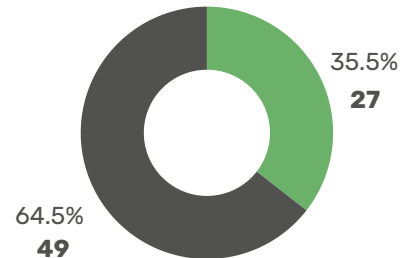
Spay/Neuter



Vaccinations



Infections



2021 2022 2023



Success Stories



Dice's human contacted us because he just wasn't himself and not eating. After a trip to the vet, some medications and lots of TLC from his human, Dice has made a full recovery and is now back to his old self. Both are much happier, thanks to PAWS!



"My husband was undergoing cancer treatment when we noticed a tumor growing on DB (our son who happens to be a black lab) that became badly infected. We managed to scrape together \$400 but it wasn't enough. PAWS was able to help us with the rest. Our whole family thanks PAWS!" - DB's family



"In a flash I lost everything in a house fire and was living in a shelter. My cat Daisy was injured in the fire, and I thought I would have to say goodbye to her forever. PAWS stepped up and helped me cover the cost of her medical bills. I can't thank them enough." - Danica



2024 Plans

Raise > \$58,000 and support 150+ pets.



We will do this by:

- Continuing to be a 100% volunteer organization to keep operational expenses low.
- Facilitating more ways for people to help: tributes, legacy gifts, third-party fundraisers.
- Partnering with non-profit veterinarians & those who accommodate low-income pricing.
- Collaborating with other animal welfare organizations to share resources and guide clients.
- Diversifying funding through business partnerships, grants, and enhanced donor outreach.
- Expanding outreach and awareness across Southwestern Ontario via events, ads, social media.
- Adjusting program levels to reflect increased cost of vet care.
- Investing in additional volunteer recruitment and tools to handle huge increase in applications.





How to Support

Business Partner:

Show your compassion and demonstrate your support for the community. Sponsor us, engage your employees, donate services or merchandise, and help us spread awareness. We're seeking partners at all levels.

Host a Fundraising Event:

Show your love and support for animal welfare by hosting a fundraiser and donating the proceeds. Many people do this as a way to engage children, friends and family in a fun event. It's a wonderful way to give to your community!

Volunteer:

Watch for roles posted on Pillar and Charity Village for opportunities to join the PAWS team of dynamic and enthusiastic volunteers. Most roles are virtual. Some opportunities include attendance at fun local pet events in Southwestern Ontario.



Call to Action



Get Involved

Donate

Volunteer

Host Event

Business Partner

