



ANNUAL REPORT 2018/19

**Annual General Meeting
Monday September 16, 2019
Galiano Island, BC**

Introduction

The Rest.Q Animal Sanctuary Society is a small organization that focuses on animal welfare within our community of Galiano and Mayne Islands. Our hands-on animal caregivers are all volunteers who dedicate many hours a week to ensure that animals (domestic, feral, farm and wild) are treated humanely and lead healthful lives.

We also operate a small sanctuary for rabbits and cats who have otherwise been abandoned, abused, neglected or injured and are no longer wanted by their humans.

We receive no government funding for operations and rely 100% on donations and bequests to enable us to respond to animals in need. Rest.Q participates in a network with other animal welfare groups to ensure that each and every animal receives the best care possible. Without donations we would struggle to meet animal needs.

Board of Directors

2018 saw no change in our Board of Directors enabling a sharp focus on animal rescue and general care in response to emerging needs.

Board membership in 2018 was comprised of: Joanna Pollard, Jenelle Cooper, and Henry Lange.

Our Board members contribute to Rest.Q's work in a variety of ways according to individual interests, skills and capacity. We are all volunteers, giving our time and talents. The animal rescue and welfare work could not happen without the Board, nor could it occur without our community's support.

Spay Neuter Program

Our Spay Neuter Program functioned in reduced capacity during 2017/18 for two primary reasons. (1) we did not receive any grants to cover spay/neuter costs although we reallocated a portion of fundraised dollars to continue with surgeries; (2) we did not receive a high number of kittens and cats needing sterilization in comparison to previous years.

We are continuing to spay-neuter cats in 2019/2020 so if you have a colony of unsterilized cats residing on your property, please do let us know. We will endeavor to earmark funds for spay/neutering.

Financial Statements

Hard copies of our 2018 financial statements are available at this meeting and electronically by request:

- Income Statement
- Balance Sheet

This year 94% of our general revenue came from donations and fundraising. Grants contributed 5% with a small amount through memberships (< 1 %). This breakdown mirrors our 2017 Financial Statements.

Bingo was our major fundraiser for 2018 bringing in \$3,663 in total for the year. It is becoming a much anticipated community activity where everyone has a chance to win while concurrently having fun and supporting Rest.Q.

With respect to costs, direct Animal Care this year is 72% of total expenditures, with the cost of food consuming 49% of the animal care category. The spay/neuter expenditures were considerably less than 2017, but this is anticipated to increase and be offset for 2019/2020 due to a successful BCSPCA grant application. Fundraising costs were 16% of our total expenditures, up from 13% the previous year.

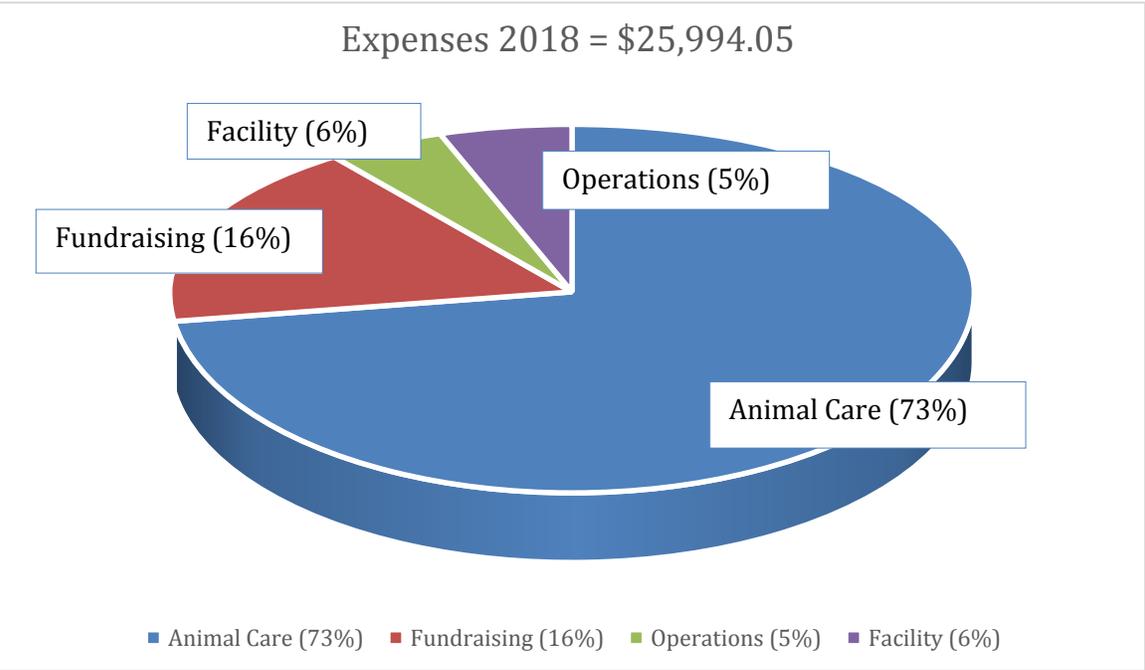
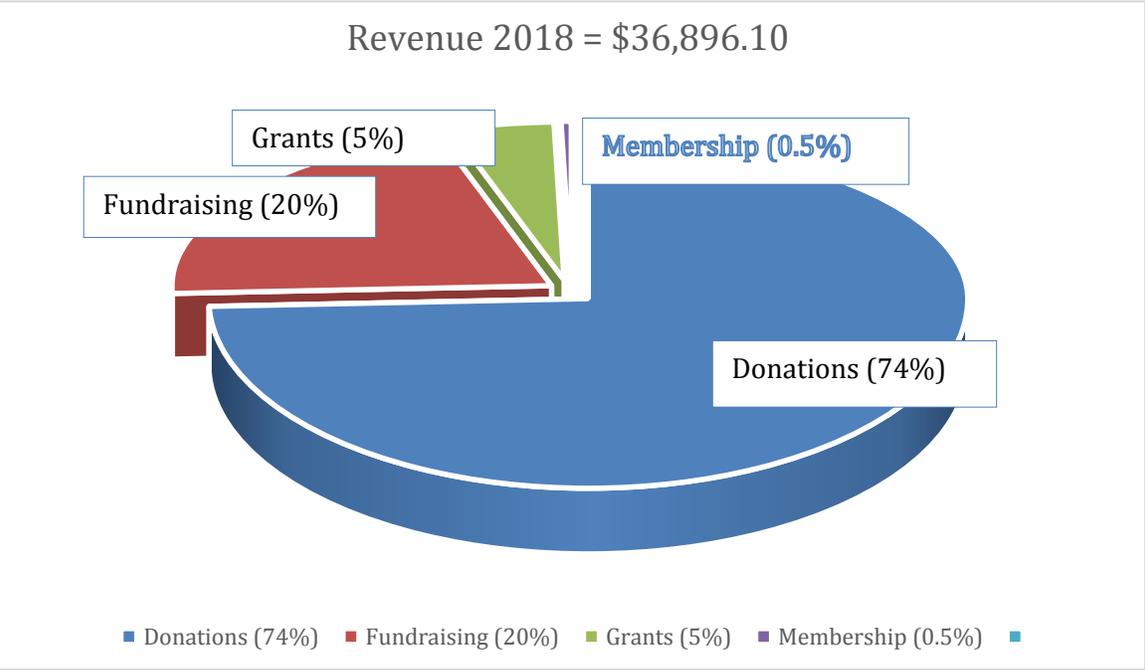
Animal Care costs (\$18,662 total):

Food	\$9,135
Medications	\$1,757
Spay/Neuter	\$887
Supplies	\$3,131
Veterinary	\$3,713

Facilities (6% of expenses) includes cleaning, garbage disposal, as well as repair and maintenance of structures/animal housing.

If you have any questions about our financial statements, please ask us.

We thank Zoe Port as our bookkeeper. Zoe has worked hard to ensure that all documentation related to financial management is clear and meets provincial and federal requirements.



Membership

Rest.Q is grateful for the people who have joined our Society membership over recent years. For 2020 we will be striving to build our member numbers. Membership offers more than just a right to vote at the Annual General Meeting. Your membership provides Rest.Q with a stronger voice on behalf of animals. Your membership helps to demonstrate to funders that Rest.Q is a healthy organization that does work that is valued within the community, and that our work provides much needed care to animals in need.

Please renew your membership for 2019/20. It's only \$10 per year and really does make a difference to Rest.Q's capacity to care for our feathered and furry island residents.

With Thanks

In addition to our core volunteers, and those who have made generous general donations and/or participated in our fundraising, the Rest.Q team would like to take this opportunity to express specific thanks to the following people who have contributed to Rest.Q's work in 2018:

Carmita Menyhart	Michelle Fox	Lorraine Moore
Bosley's (Sidney)	Katherine Barwick	Bonnie Robson
Missy Foundation (pet food donations)		Jan Fenby

Thank you also to Sylvie Beauregard, Joy Wilson, Jeannine Georgeson & Sydney Massie – our Bingo dream-team!

Thanks to our primary veterinarian from Mayne Island – Dr. Elisabeth Jahren. Her commitment and her compassion for our animals and their humans is much appreciated. We also thank Henry Lange for his support on clinic days and with maintenance and any other things that need to be done.

Finally, thank you to everyone who has supported Rest.Q over the past year through volunteering and financial donations. Some request anonymity, so here we thank you – you know who you are – for your time rescuing, feeding, transporting, cleaning and caring for animals in need. Thank you.

Upcoming events

Mark your calendar now for our upcoming fundraising events:

October 19, 2019: Bingo for the Animals. 7pm Lion's Hall. Cash prizes.

Date TBD: Lion's Christmas Craft Sale – visit the Rest.Q booth!