



ANNUAL REPORT 2019/20

Annual General Meeting
Monday September 28, 2020
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

2019 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 2019 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 during 2018/19 received a matched-funding grant from the BCSPCA totalling \$2075 to spay/neuter 26 feral cats/kittens from Galiano and Mayne Islands. This grant was allocated for the Program planned to continue through into 2020.

From October – December 2019 the BCSPCA grant supported spay/neuter surgeries for 10 felines. Donations received from the public provided the matching funds required through the conditions of the BCSPCA grant to ensure that each animal who received surgery was also treated for fleas, parasites and received core immunizations. These additional interventions are designed to offer each cat/kitten protection from common diseases and infections when they re-enter their feral colony.

Follow-up care for each colony includes daily feeding by volunteers who not only serve food, but also monitor the cats attending each feeding station for injuries and illnesses. In the event that a cat is identified as injured or ill, such as lame limb, abscess or wound, the volunteers participate in trapping and/or treatment of the animal to ensure that it minimizes suffering. Ideally the cat

will recover, enabling it to live a reasonably healthy life expectancy within the colony. The core intents of the spay/neuter program are to ensure maximum health and quality of life, while preventing further growth of the colony size through unwanted births. Strategically this means that the colonies will naturally reduce in size over time through natural attrition/deaths due to age. On occasion ill or injured cats do also need to be trapped, evaluated by a veterinarian, and euthanized if it is the only humane action for the welfare of the animal

2nd Annual Animal Law Forum – August 4

On August 4, Rest.Q hosted our 2nd Annual Animal Law Forum with guest speaker Ms. Victoria Shroff. Ms. Shroff is one of the first and longest serving animal law practitioners in Canada. She is a trailblazer in animal law in Canada having been practicing in the unique area for nearly 20 years. www.shroffanimallaw.com

The forum, held at the Galiano Library Meeting Room, was well attended and provided an informal opportunity for participants to engage in conversation about legal issues related to animal welfare on a local, national and international basis.

Thank you for Ms. Shroff for generously giving of her time to meet with Rest.Q and our supporters for this annual event.

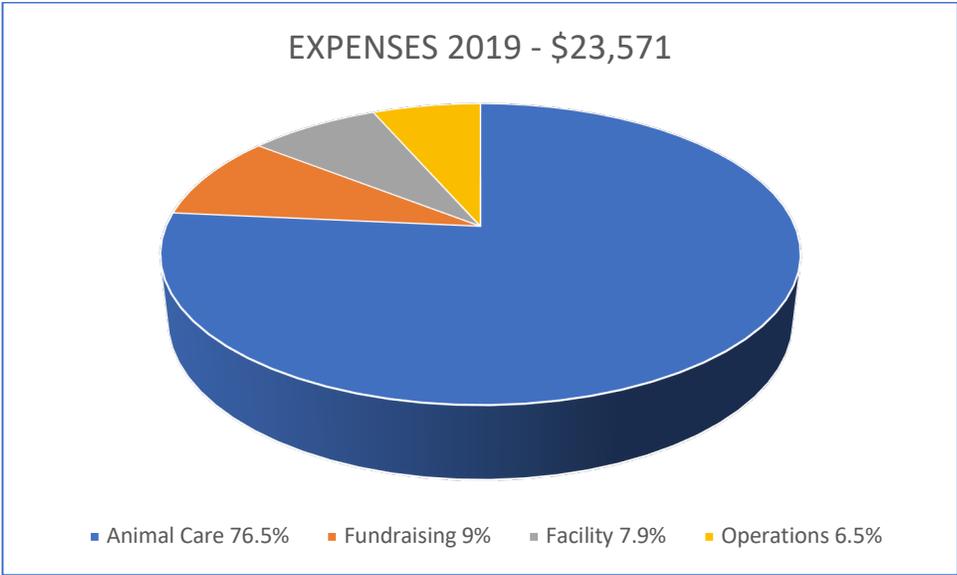
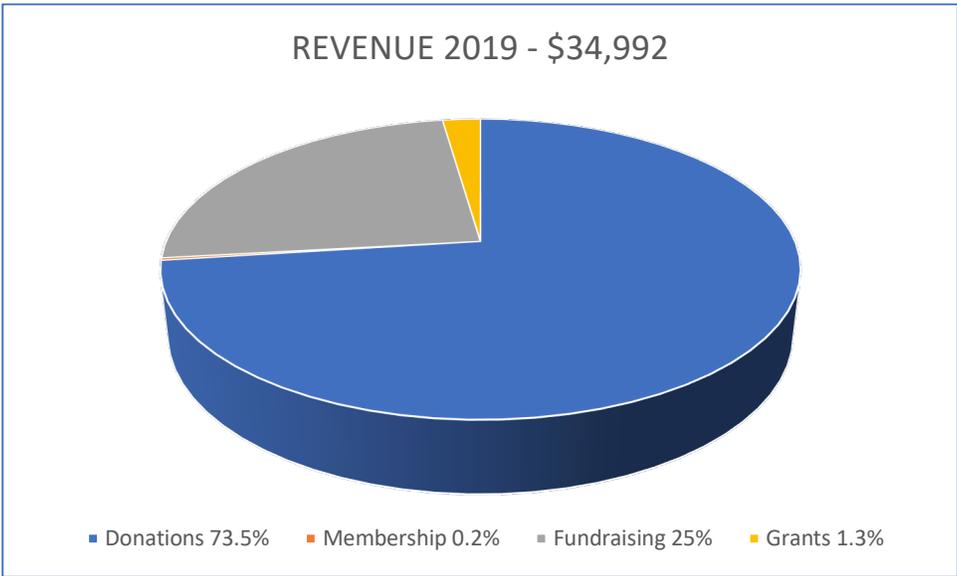
Generator Installation

Thanks to a generous donor, the Rest.Q Animal Sanctuary was able to purchase and install a large Generac generator on-site. This means that an interruption to BC Hydro – a common occurrence during winter months – will no longer leave the animals housed in our Safe Houses without heat, light and water. Our gratitude to the donor for the incredible donation that has enabled us to take this major item off our Sanctuary wish list. Animals in our care will now always be comfortable, safe and clean! (running water is essential to ongoing Sanctuary activities and sanitation).

Saturday Market booth

During the summer of 2019, Joanna hosted our Rest.Q Animal Sanctuary booth at the Galiano Saturday Market. Every Saturday from 10am-2pm we raised community awareness of our organization's activities to respond to animals in need on Mayne and Galiano Islands. Dr Lis Jahren's animal art cards were a popular item for sale. Our raffle was drawn on the final Market day in October – Maria Hulme created a wonderful handmade quilt as the raffle prize and we thank Maria for her efforts and generosity.

Financial Statements



Electronic copies of our 2019 financial statements were forwarded to those who confirmed attendance at our virtual AGM, and are also available electronically by request:

- Income Statement
- Balance Sheet

This year over 95% of our general revenue came from donations and fundraising. Grants contributed 1.3% with a small amount through memberships (< 1 %). This breakdown mirrors our 2018 Financial Statements.

Bingo was our major fundraiser for 2019 bringing in \$3,691 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. During 2019 we hosted bingo nights in January, April and October.

With respect to costs, direct Animal Care this year is 76.5% of total expenditures, with the cost of food consuming 56% of the animal care category – up from 46% in 2018. The spay/neuter expenditures were less than 2018, but this is anticipated to increase and be offset for 2019/2020 due to a successful BCSPCA grant application. Fundraising costs were 9% of our total expenditures, down from 16% the previous year.

Animal Care costs (\$18,029.90 total):

Food	\$10,130 (2018 \$9,135)
Medications	\$1,263
Spay/Neuter	\$687 (2018 \$887)
Supplies	\$4,121
Veterinary	\$1,828 (2018 \$3,713)

Facilities (8% 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 2020/21. 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 2019:

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

Thank you also to Sylvie Beauregard, Joy Wilson, Lee Stevens, Danny Basarab, Bill Shields, 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.

In memoriam: Ken Steen, long time Galiano resident and local volunteer, passed away in January 2020. Ken was our landlord for the Ark veterinary clinic on Porlier Pass. For many years Ken had generously supported Rest.Q's work and that of our veterinarians by renting out the small building on his property for our use on Vet Clinic days, and for all of those in-between nights and weeks when we needed to house animals overnight at the facility – including times when we'd have volunteers visiting 3-4 times a day for weeks to care for and tame feral kitten litters, or look after injured, ill or otherwise homeless animals that had no other place to stay during recovery. We are forever grateful for Ken's compassion, generosity and support. Of note, Ken's family have since committed to furthering Ken's connection with Rest.Q by facilitating our ongoing use of the property that we affectionately call 'The Ark'.