

# Annual Report & Newsletter



## What a Year for Cats and Dogs!

2019 has been a great year for the cats and dogs. We rescued a record number this past year and hope to keep up the trend. Our main goal is to help the shelters that need us the most. We are currently taking most of our animals from the South Western shelters in Virginia and the surrounding states– W.VA., N.C., Ga. And N.Y. Many of the animals we see from these areas have been neglected and ignored. They have never had medical work of any kind and most of the time have been lacking in food. A lot of the dogs have never even had shelter much less an actual home.

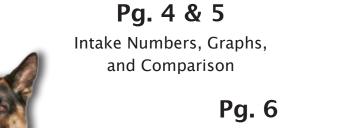
Our issues with intake are always the same. We always need the money to care for the animals and we need foster homes to house them. The dogs especially can be a challenge because a lot of times they are scared, sick or pregnant. Our desire to help as many as we can becomes a problem when we do not have a physical location to put them. Kittens and puppies always need more care than the adults. We need more people to open their home to these animals. Even if you foster just one time, I guarantee it will be worth it.

Our vet bills this year are in excess of 150 K. We need your help and ongoing support now more than ever. Sadly, we take in cases not knowing what their issues will be. Jade a pregnant dog we just took in was so severely malnourished that after feeding her puppies for 7 days she had to be hospitalized for 5 days costing over 5k. Her kidneys are permanently compromised from starvation and the foster is bottle feeding her babies. We must be prepared.

Please consider a recurring donation. Any amount will help. We have some wonderful donors out there. You are the reason we can help all the animals we do. Thank you for your support.

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## **Changes We Are Going Through**

We are up this year 33%! Adding a dog program has done 2 things. We have been able to help a lot of dogs and stay on top of expenses. Last year we adopted out 252 dogs! Our adoption income increased 30 %. Our fundraisers including Paradise Springs and our Spaghetti bingos brought in around 20k. A big increase over last year. We are always challenged with having people to organize and run the fundraisers. Our total contributions were up 10 % over last year.

Our expenses continue to rise with the increase in vet expense and food and medicines. We work with shelters, so we are always going to see sick animals. Surgeries is where we spend the most. Sterilizations top the list. In 2019 we performed 749 sterilizations and 72 other surgeries. Surgeries, lab tests and diagnostics account for about 90 percent of our vet expenses. We do any other necessary medical ourselves as well as sick animal care in our trained foster homes. Our quarantine area houses over half the cats coming into our system yearly. Our medicines and preventives were around 29k down 5.4% from last year. Our operational expenses which includes our vehicles financing & repairs, gas, training, printing, mailing came out at 23,300 – 7.8 % up since purchasing our cargo van for the dogs last year.

Our payroll expense was up around 21% as we did have to add a paid position in our quarantine area. Insurance and accounting around 11,500.

Our program fees were the most including our centers store supplies, quarantine, cat food & litter, utilities, microchips, etc. around 133 k. Our total profit was 33.5%.

## **Explantion of Intake and Outcome Numbers**

#### Explanation of intake numbers

Stray cats come from inquiries and requests for help from area residents. Shelters call or email FCDRT when they have cats they need to get out of the shelter. Owner surrenders are pleas for help from owners or in the case of an owner who is deceased the custodian of animal.

Born in foster are cats/dogs that we have taken in that are pregnant.

#### Explanation of outcome numbers

Adopted are cats/dogs adopted from FCDRT

Return to owner are cats/dogs that go back to an owner by their request or a stray where the owner has been located.

Transferred out are cats/dogs that are either going to a sanctuary or where FCDRT has helped another shelter take a specific animal from a shelter.

Died are the cats/dogs that have died in our care. This number is primarily kittens. Euthanized are the number that we have actually had to let go of. They were at the end of their life or were suffering.

## **Animal Numbers**

### <u>Cats 2019</u>

#### <u>intake</u>

Rec'd Va shelter 418
Rec'd Out Of State shelter 561
Stray Va 19
Stray out of state 34
Owner Surrender 146
Total 1178

#### <u>outcome</u>

Return to owner	7
adopted	996
transferred to va rescue	3
Died	. 17
euthanized	. 30
on hand 12/31/19	125
Total 1	178

### <u>Dogs 2019</u>

#### <u>intake</u>

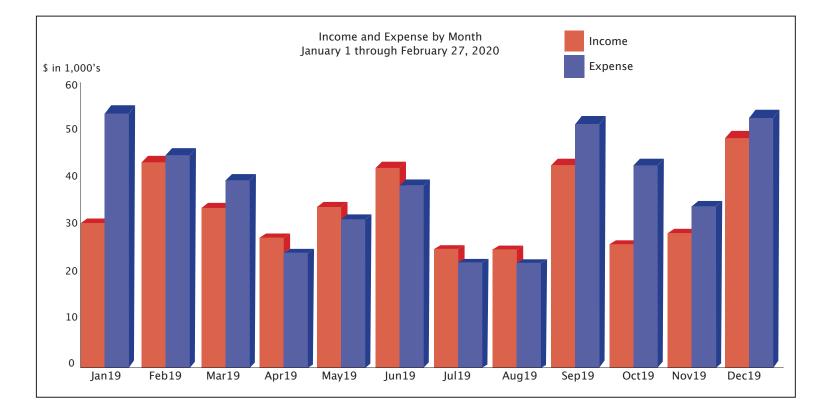
Rec'd Va shelter	72
Rec'd Out Of State shelter 1	.44
Stray Va	0
Stray out of state	9
Owner Surrender	14
on hand 1/1/19	15

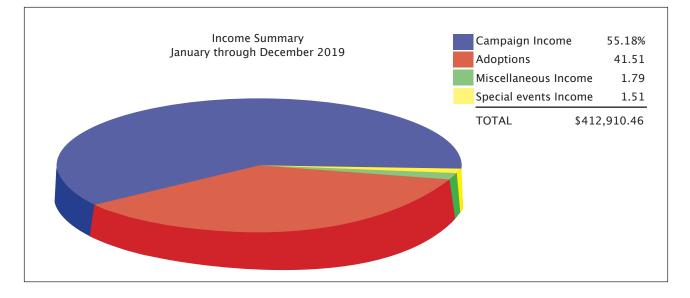
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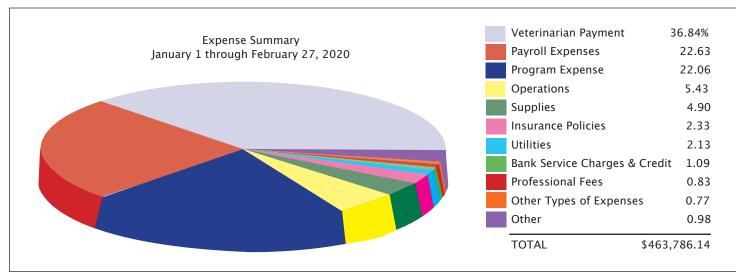
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#### Fancy Cats Rescue Team, Inc. **Profit & Loss Prev Year Comparison** January through December 2019

	Jan - Dec 19	Jan - Dec 18	\$ Change	% Change
Ordinary Income/Expense Income	418,910.46	378,616.13	40,294.33	10.6%
Gross Profit	418,910.46	378,616.13	40,294.33	10.6%
Expense Travel and Meetings	959.58	70.00	889.58	1,270.8%
Other Types of Expenses	3,572.81	2,420.31	1,152.50	47.6%
Operations	23,335.50	21,652.09	1,683.41	7.8%
Payroll Expenses	104,961.05	86,610.05	18,351.00	21.2%
Bank Service Charges & credit Interest Expense	1,597.28	1,832.18	-234.90	-12.8%
checking account supplies Overdrafts charge Returned Deposited Item Charge Bank Service Charges & credit - Other	200.00 1,114.80 665.27 702.98	0.00 842.09 88.03 808.08	200.00 272.71 577.24 -105.10	100.0% 32.4% 655.7% -13.0%
Total Bank Service Charges & credit	4,280.33	3,570.38	709.95	19.9%
Insurance Policies	8,197.28	7,085.18	1,112.10	15.7%
Medical Supplies	343.97	0.00	343.97	100.0%
Professional Fees	3,850.00	3,850.00	0.00	0.0%
Program Expense	98,060.22	109,236.31	-11,176.09	-10.2%
Repairs	3,529.68	3,892.46	-362.78	-9.3%
Supplies	21,238.15	15,126.61	6,111.54	40.4%
Utilities	9,881.98	10,016.51	-134.53	-1.3%
Veterinarian Payment	168,840.14	163,413.90	5,426.24	3.3%
Total Expense	451,050.69	426,943.80	24,106.89	5.7%
Net Ordinary Income	-32,140.23	-48,327.67	16,187.44	33.5%
Income	-32,140.23	-48,327.67	16,187.44	33.5%







## Virginia is Heading Towards "No Kill" Animal Shelters

I am very happy to report that Virginia is almost a no kill state for animals. In 2019 in Virginia 141,000 animals entered shelters. 112,000 animals were saved, 16,000 were killed. We are not there yet; but going in the right direction. The shelters where the animals were killed have not grasped working with other rescues and shelters to get their animals adopted. As these areas in the state are identified I expect things to work out. Fancy Cats & Dogs ends up taking a lot of surrenders and strays from Va. and other areas when shelters will not take in the animal. Right now, if you try to take a cat into a shelter in N. Va. unless the cat is sick or injured, the shelter will tell you to put in a report and leave

the cat where it is. There is a community cat law that free roaming cats are protected which is great. The issue is that if someone's cat has gone missing and someone finds it, they cannot bring it into a shelter without a lost report. Some people do not know how to look for their cats. Animal control will pick up stray dogs. I don't agree with not taking in strays, I do agree with a waiting list for surrenders. I also worry about people who will not wait to surrender their cat/dog and what ultimately happens to them.



### WE NEED VOLUNTEERS FOR OUR DOG ADOPTION PROGRAM



The dog program continues to grow! Last year, we more than doubled our adoption numbers from 2018. We need your help to advance our efforts though. We are in dire need of more foster homes. Fostering a dog is one of many ways you can help improve the lives of homeless pets. There are millions of dogs that wait and sadly die in shelters annually, awaiting the forever homes they truly deserve. We can only pull as many dogs as we have foster homes. We are also in need of Sunday coordinators and help with home checks. We would like to expand to Saturdays at different venues if we can get extra help. We could help a lot more dogs. Please email Meghan at meghangaucher@gmail.com if you can help!

### **ADOPTIONS**



Precious is a darling gal. She loves to be spoiled with pets and attention and is an inquisitive lady. Precious came to the shelter after her owner moved and could not keep her. She is ok with other cats, but is not going to be friends. She is great with kids. She has a very calm demeanor and likes being near you. She is a lap cat. She likes furry toy mice to play with. She loves being brushed. She will go for walks on a leash outside and loves to visit everyone. She is ok with certain dogs.

She sneezes. It is a chronic issue slightly better with allergy meds. She is a perfect cat otherwise. We are looking for a home for her with maybe a garden she can enjoy outside. We will pay for any medical needs though she does not really get sick. We have had her the longest of all cats -3 years! Please consider her.



Pounce was a 2011 kitten returned because he no longer got along with his brother. That was because he did not feel good. He had a heart murmur and now has congestive heart failure. He needs a calm environment where he can sit in a lap and be relaxed. A home without other animals or small kids would be best. He is currently on 3 medicines. He takes them easily. I am told he can live around 3 more years. So sad for him because he is a wonderful cat. Pounce is a cuddly, sweet lap cat. He may be shy at first, but he quickly warms to anyone. Wherever you sit you will soon find him lying against you, or on top of you, purring away. If he's not getting enough attention, he will gently nudge you with his paw, but he will never scratch or bite anyone. He doesn't love being held but will tolerate it and generally go limp in your arms to appease the occasional squeeze. Fancy Cats will pay all medical needs. He is URGENT!



Sophie is a pure -bred senior Bengal. She is a very sweet cat who loves to talk to you. She is elderly and has arthritis. We are going to be doing a dental on her. She is very good with her litter box and likes to stay warm so she would love to sleep under covers like she does in her cage. She would benefit from medicine for her arthritis. We are looking for a home for her and will provide whatever medical needed for the rest of her life. She loves people, does not mind cats, and loves being petted, catnip and wet food.

Lily is a senior tabby with some arthritis and kidney issues. She would benefit from a kidney diet. Lily has lots of opinions to share about a variety of topics. Her gravelly meow will make you smile, and you can't help but agree with her on every point. She craves attention but is not demanding about it. She is feisty and independent – so make sure there are places that are safe and senior-friendly that she can easily access because she wants to check everything out before settling in for her lap nap. Can you provide a lap, lots of love, and a sunny spot for napping? I'll be forever grateful and love you in return! Fancy Cats will cover all medical for life.

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Beaver has renal damage and would benefit from a renal diet as well as sub q fluids a couple times a week if possible. Fancy Cats is willing to provide all medical treatment for the remainder of his life. He is worth the extra effort!!

Leave it to Beaver! Beaver (aka Beavis) is just the NICEST cat. It has been an absolute joy to be his foster mom! He has loads of personality, loves to play, loves to snuggle up on the couch with foster Dad, and he gets along great with the 5 other kitties in our care. He adapts his behavior to theirs, because he is smart and sweet. He likes to drink out of the tap so whoever adopts this handsome devil will have to have a fountain or better yet, just run a little water for him. Beaver will be an awesome addition to any family, this is a quality kitty you need in your life!

### **Success Stories**

<u>Before</u>

When Camilla came to FCDRT back in May from Rocky Mount, NC she barely weighed 25 pounds, had severe atrophy in her rear legs and was heart worm positive. After a three month long treatment and lots of TLC by her amazing foster home, Camilla was ready for adoption. We are happy to report that she is in her forever home, weighs a healthy 57 pounds and is now heart worm negative!

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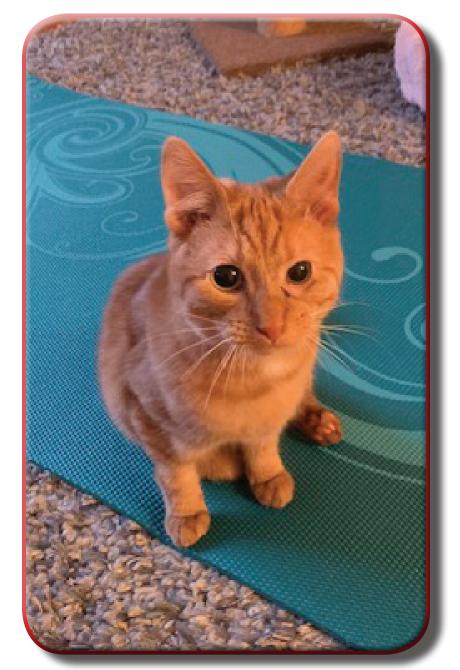
If your place of work participates in the Combined Federal Campaign (98772) or the United Way of the National Capital Area (8929), please consider Fancy Cats as the recipient of your donations!

After



RESCUE TEAM PO Box 182, Herndon, VA 20172 www.fancycats.org





Winnie now Flop came from a rural SW Va shelter. She was born with her feet twisted around on the wrong side. When we saw this kitten needed help we could not say no. Luckily, we have very generous donors who help in situations like this. We were able to raise all the funds needed –3k. The surgery was done by Dr. Pat Denney at Pender Veterinary Center. She was adopted by pet parents who love her and are helping her through her surgeries and recovery. She will grow up happy and healthy and be able to do all the things cats do now. Flop sends lot's of kitty kisses your way for helping her.