

FUNDACION AMIGOS DE ANIMALES BOQUETE

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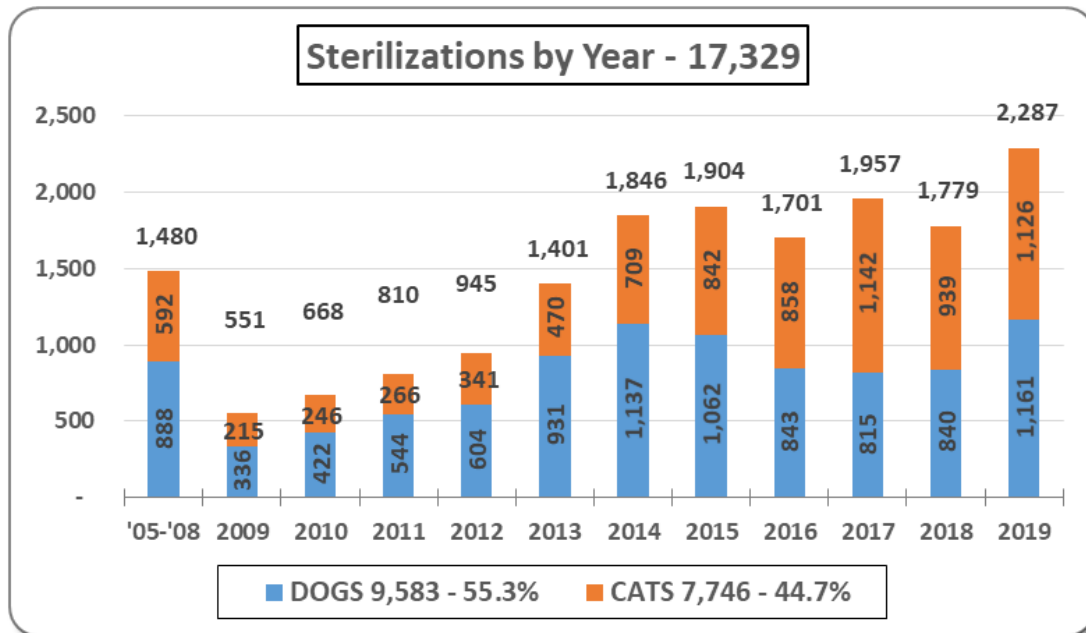
The mission of Fundacion Amigos de Animales Boquete is to provide low cost spaying and neutering of dogs and cats and to promote the general welfare of animals in the Boquete community and surrounding areas.

This year, Fundacion Amigos de Animales Boquete became Asociacion Amigos de Animales Boquete. This new status is great recognition of our work in the local community and the Republic of Panama as a whole.

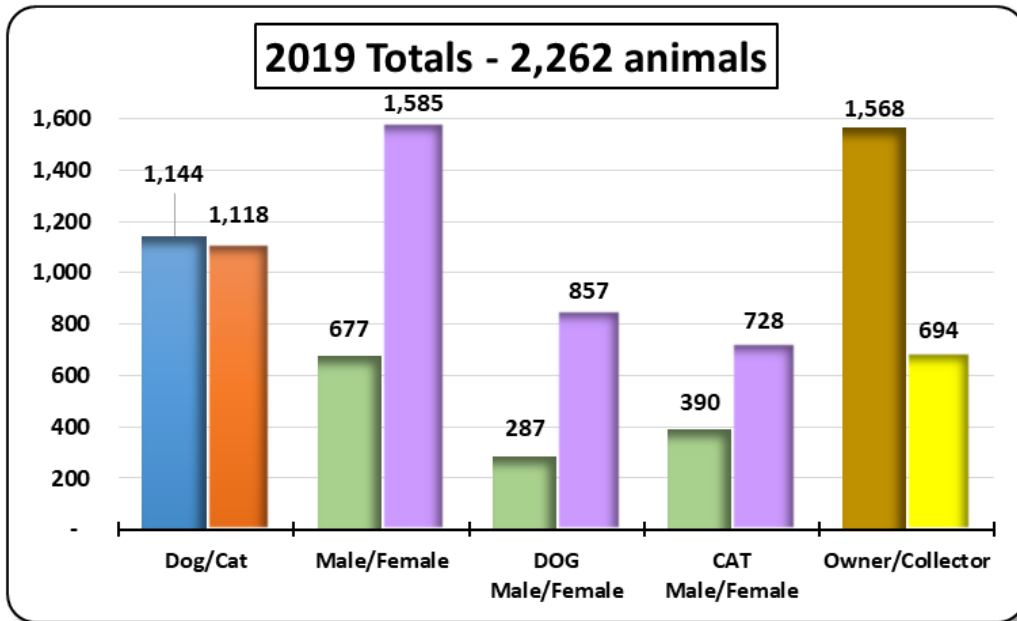
This report reflects AADAB activities from January 2019 through December 2019.

2019 CLINIC REPORT

Amigos de Animales holds monthly sterilization clinics the last Sunday of every month except November and December due to the holidays.



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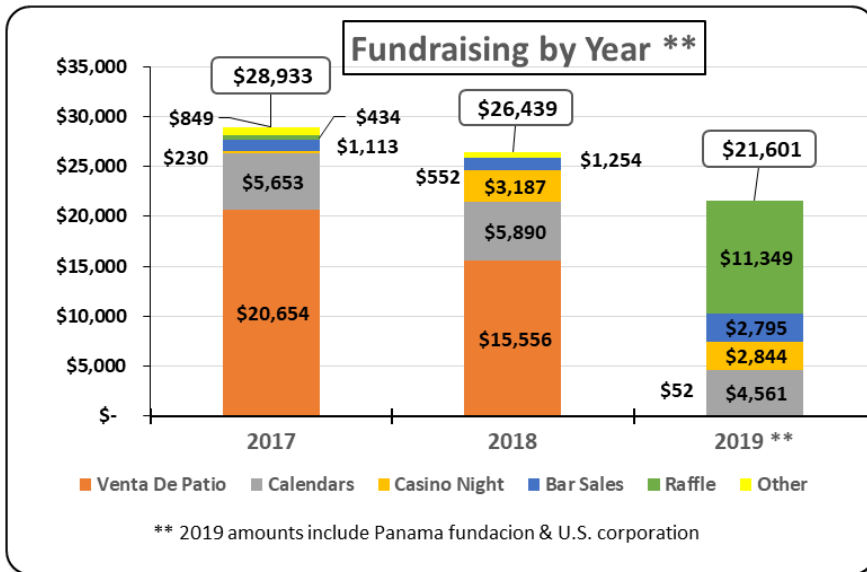
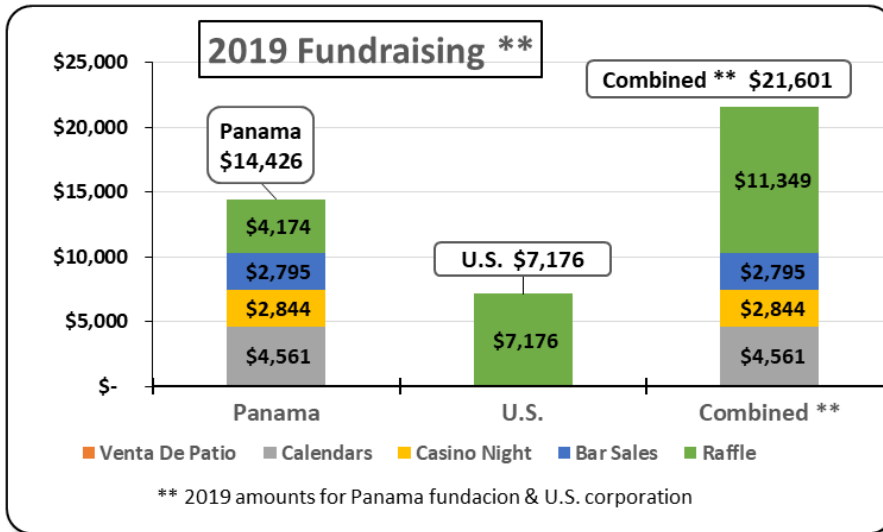
Our numbers at the clinics continue to grow due in large part to our Collectors, who bring in animals from remote areas as well as other animal welfare organizations in Boquete and the surrounding areas.

FUNDRAISING

On September 20, 2018, Cary Trantham, our Treasurer, completed our quest to become a US not-for-profit entity. This allows us to raise funds in the US and our donors are entitled to get a tax deduction from the IRS.

We started a corporation in 2019 called Amigos de Animales, Inc. to allow people in the US to make a donation to Animales through the Wells Fargo Bank in the US bank and receive tax credit. The charts below show money raised in Panama plus the US corporation. Combined you will get a total picture of our fundraising efforts for 2019.

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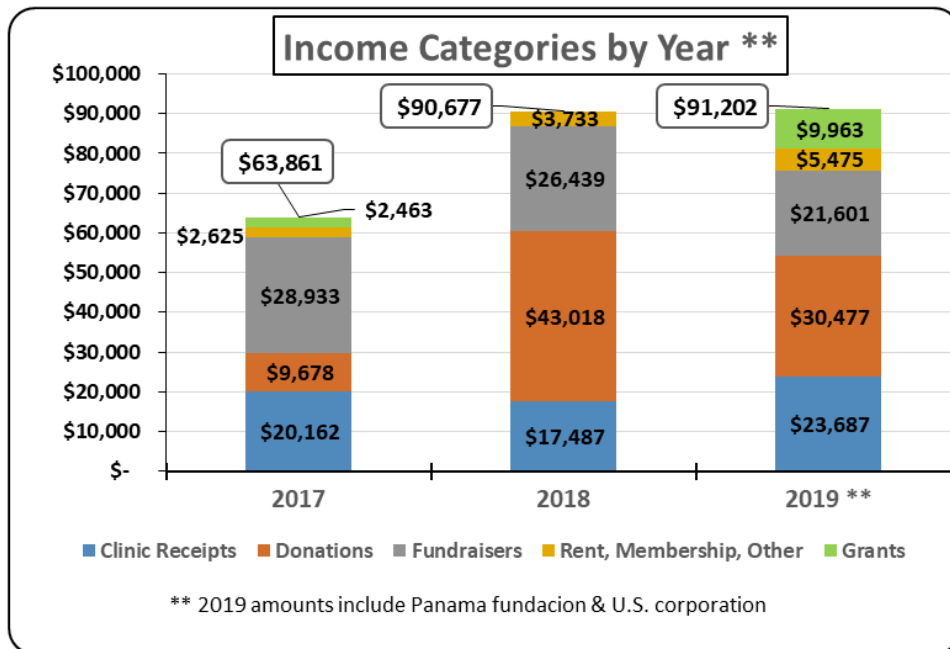
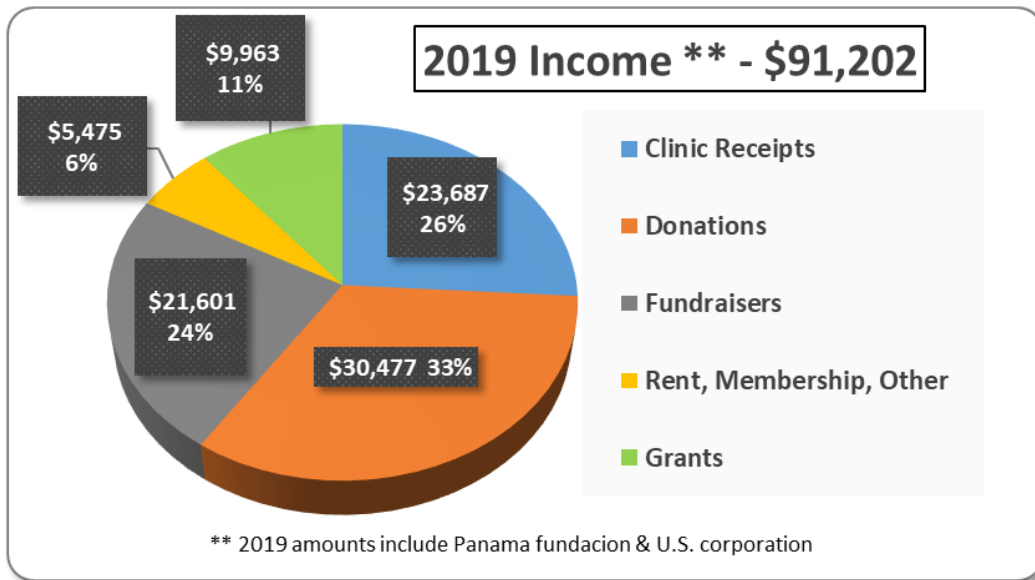


We are increasingly finding that donations are harder to come by, due in part to other charitable organizations going after the same donor

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money. Consequently, we are trying to be more creative in our fundraising efforts with less events but bigger payoffs.

INCOME



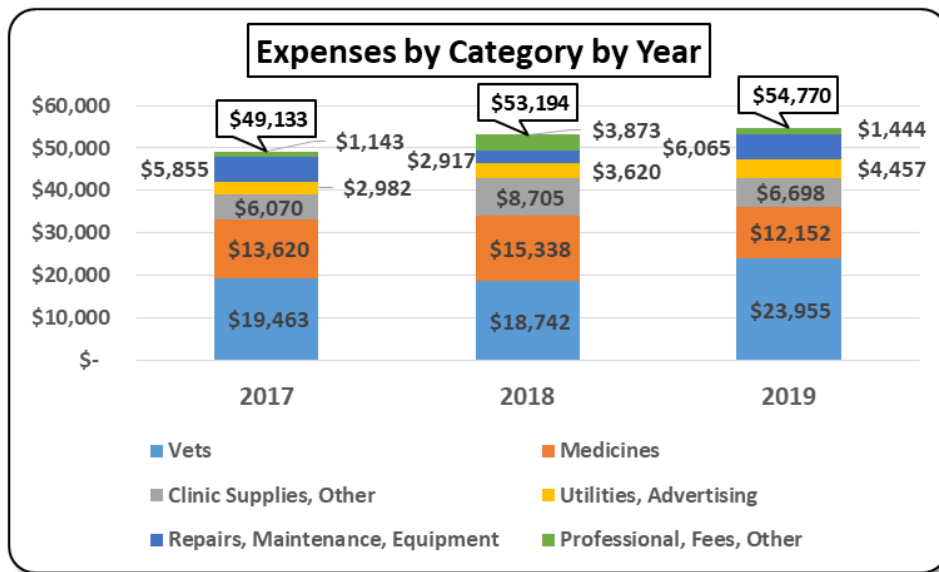
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GRANTS

One of our former Board members has applied for and received grants to help us fund our clinics. These are from the Summerlee Foundation and the SPCAI. We have used these grants to help subsidize those owners and collectors who cannot afford to pay for our services.

EXPENSES



Our major expenses are as always clinic related. The vet fees are what we pay at the end of each clinic - \$12 a dog and \$6 a cat. Our medical bills are for the medicines we use at every clinic, including anesthesia and pain medications. We continue to lose money at every clinic and strive to make up that difference through our fundraising efforts.

Other expenses include paying our Appointment Secretary (our only paid employee), all our kitchen food and supplies, legal services, office supplies, laundry, etc. The list of all expenses is itemized in the Financial Report.

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A Not-for-profit Business

As you see from the highlights of our Income and Expenses, we are running a good sized business that is staffed entirely by volunteers with the exception of our Appointment Secretary. The numbers you see are large but commensurate with our service to the community. Thanks to our clinics, started in 2005, the community of Boquete and the surrounding areas do not have the packs of starving and sad cats and dogs roaming the streets. The community is cleaner and safer thanks to our clinics.

FINANCIALS FOR 2019

The full Financial Statements for 2019 and Budget for 2020 will be available upon request or on our website.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Animales participates in many activities sponsored by the Mayor of Boquete and the community and our services have been recognized to be of great value.

We have done **mini-clinics** in the months in which the big clinics are not held to accommodate the immediate needs of some of the local animals.

Thanks to some of our volunteers, **feeding stations** have been set up at various places in town to feed street dogs and feral cats. If needed, they are trapped and brought to our clinics to be sterilized.

We recognize that **education** of the young people of Boquete is the best way to teach the care and feeding of their domestic pets. We

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believe that cultural change comes from the younger generations and we want to be on the forefront of teaching students how to care for and respect the lives of their companion animals.

We began a new initiative in earnest for the balance of the 2018 and beginning of the 2019 school years to devise new programs in Spanish for students in the local schools. Through 2019, we reached over 200 students at 7 schools in the 4, 5, and 6 grades.

We have worked at other communities **teaching** them how to set up and hold their own sterilization clinics.

Initiatives for 2020

Devise a manual/handbook detailing the various jobs and tasks performed at the clinic for our reference as well as a possible teaching tool for new volunteers and other groups. Cross-train our volunteers so they can step in to other positions when needed.

Continue our Education programs in the school.

Continue and broaden our fund-raising efforts to include Panamanian corporations.

Increase our outreach to all the local communities.

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Amigos de Animales Board of Directors for 2019

Chairman, Ruby McKenzie

President, Alicia McGuigan

Vice Presidents, Carol Cardinale-Santana, Sheila Strunk, and Sherry Sherritt

Secretary, Leslie Sherling

Treasurer, Cary Trantham

Because of the restrictions imposed by MINSA due to the 2020 Covid-19 virus, an Annual Meeting was not held. This report is being posted on our web site and can be accessed by all those interested.