

ASOCIACION AMIGOS DE ANIMALES BOQUETE
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The mission of Asociacion 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.



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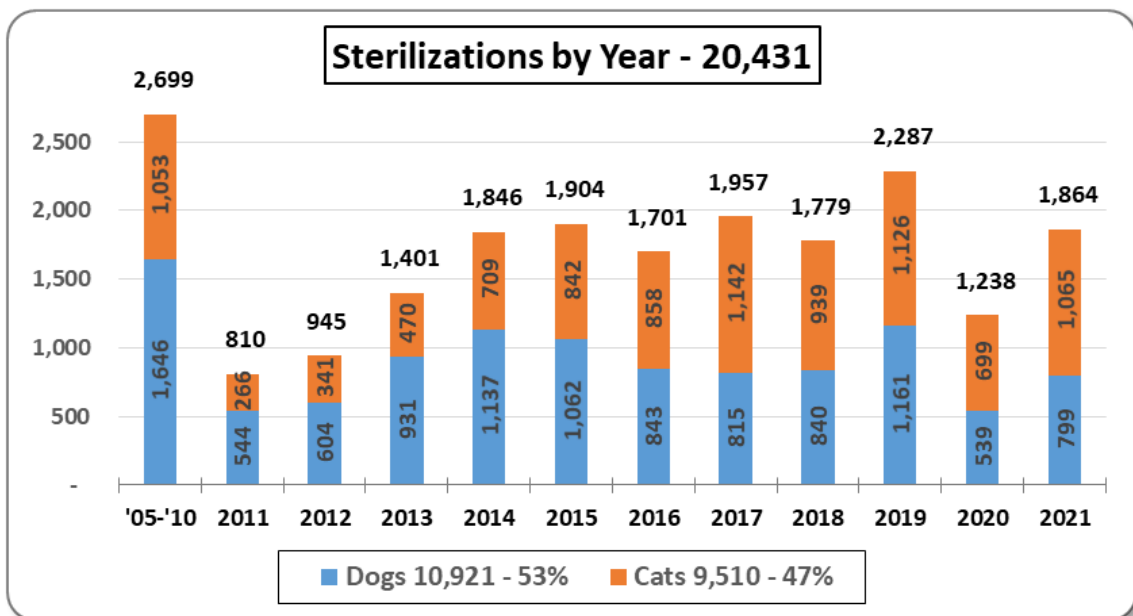
This report reflects AADAB activities from January 2021 through December 2021.

2021 CLINIC REPORT

Amigos de Animales usually holds monthly sterilization clinics the last Sunday of every month except November and December due to the holidays. Finally in 2021, we were able to start again with monthly clinics, starting slow but building our numbers again, though still not at 2019 levels.

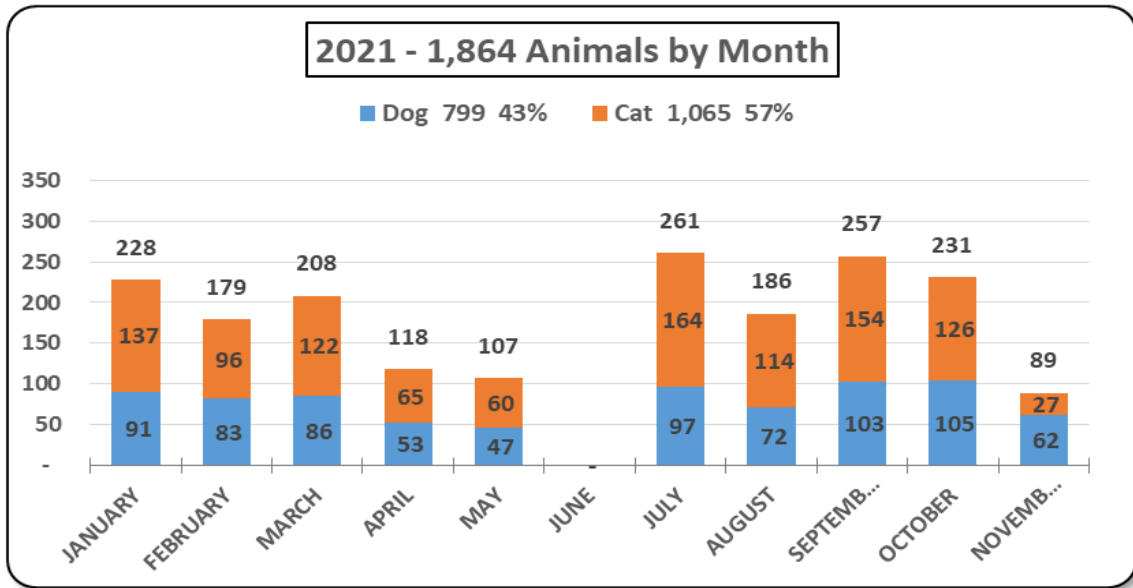
We have fully complied with the guidelines set out by MINSA (Health Department) for conducting our clinics.

In September, we celebrated our 20,000 animal to come through our clinic.



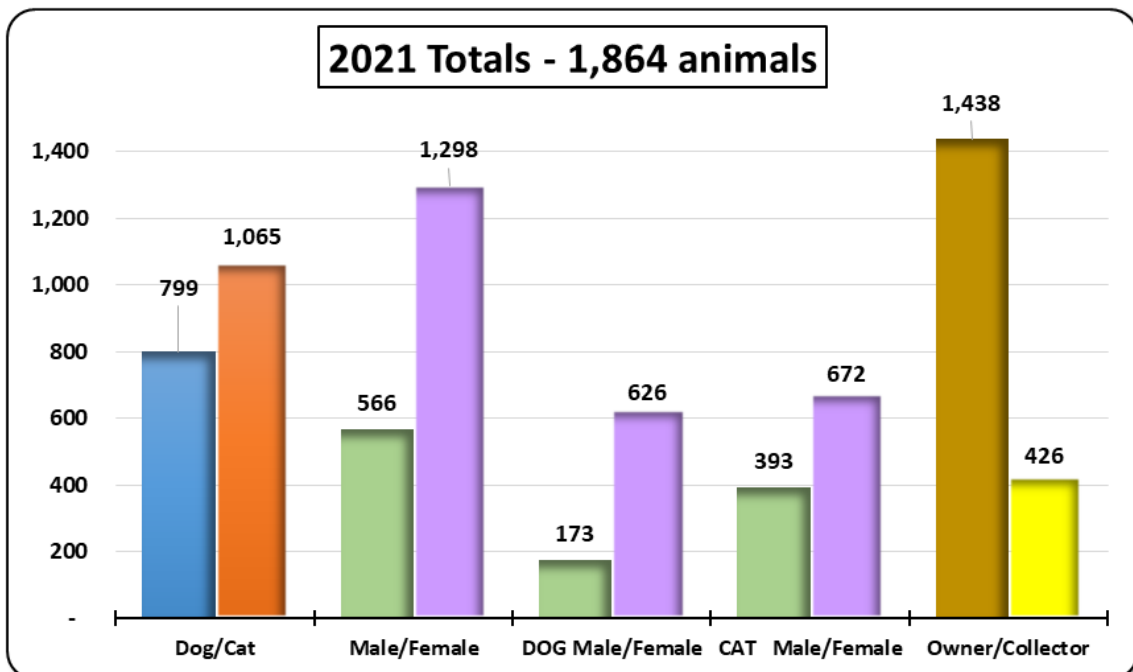
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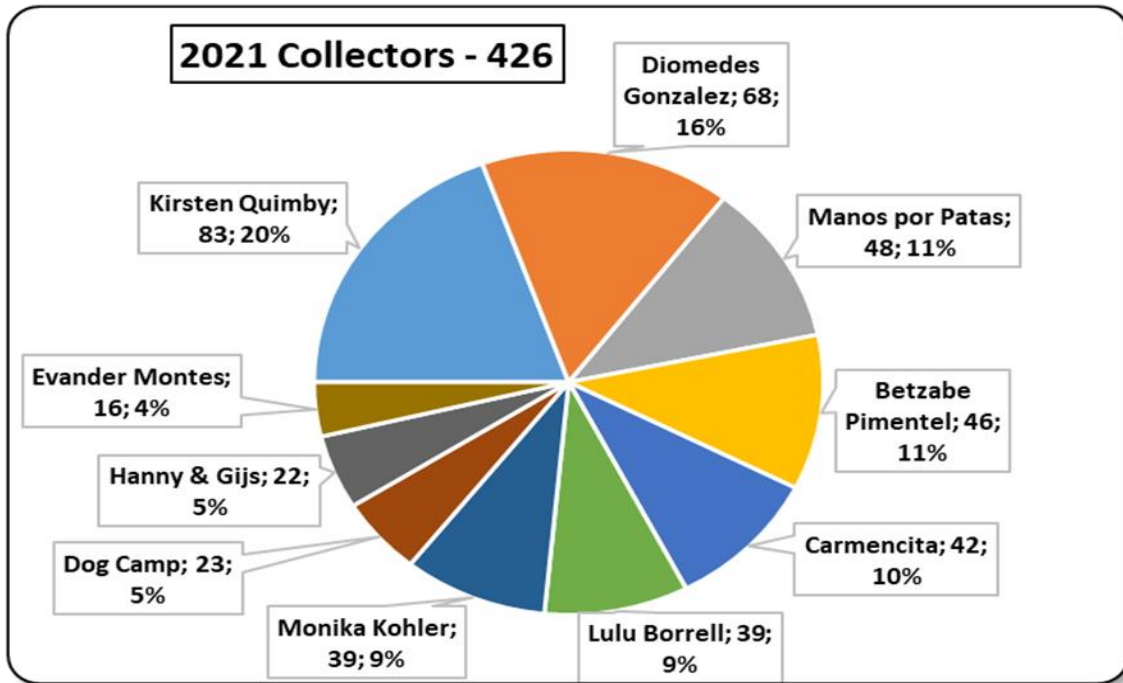


COLLECTORS

Collectors are the volunteers who go out into the neighborhoods and the fincas to gather up animals to be sterilized at our clinics. The role of collectors has grown over the years and is very important in our clinics and to the community. In 2021, Collectors represented 23% of animals brought into our clinics.



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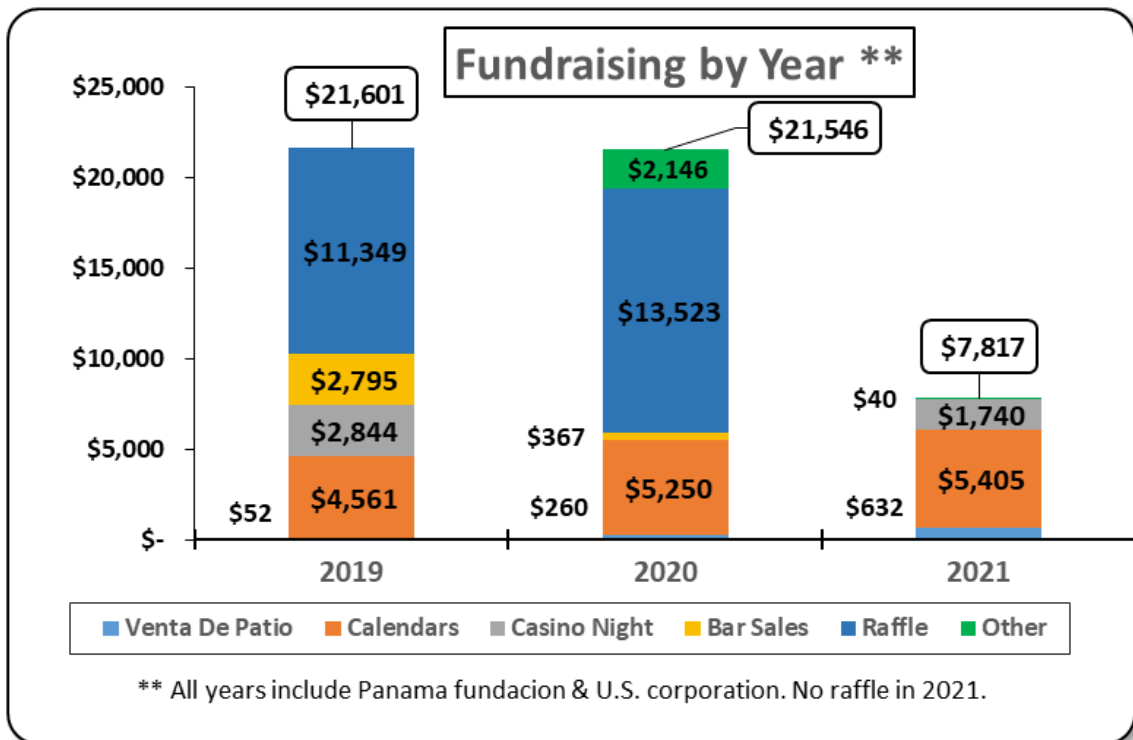
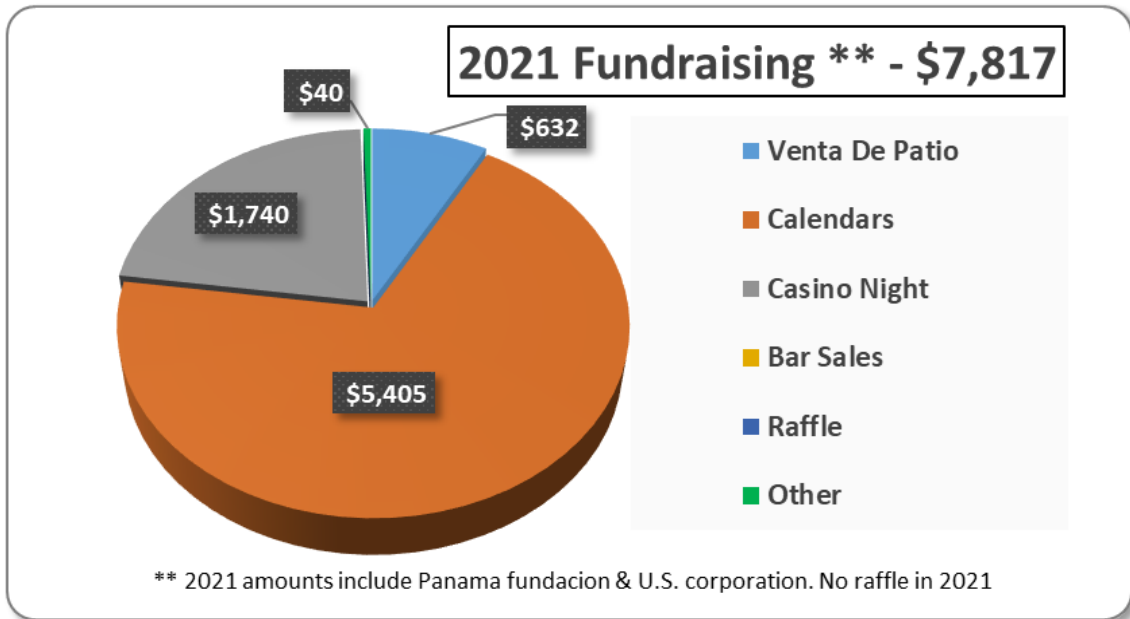


FUNDRAISING

In September 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. For this Report 2021, we have combined the money from both corporations.

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Our fundraising was down in 2021 because we were unable to hold our Raffle/Fundraiser.

Our calendar sales this year represented our largest Fundraising "Event" of the year. Sales were done online, in various businesses in Boquete, and at the Tuesday Market where we were given a free table

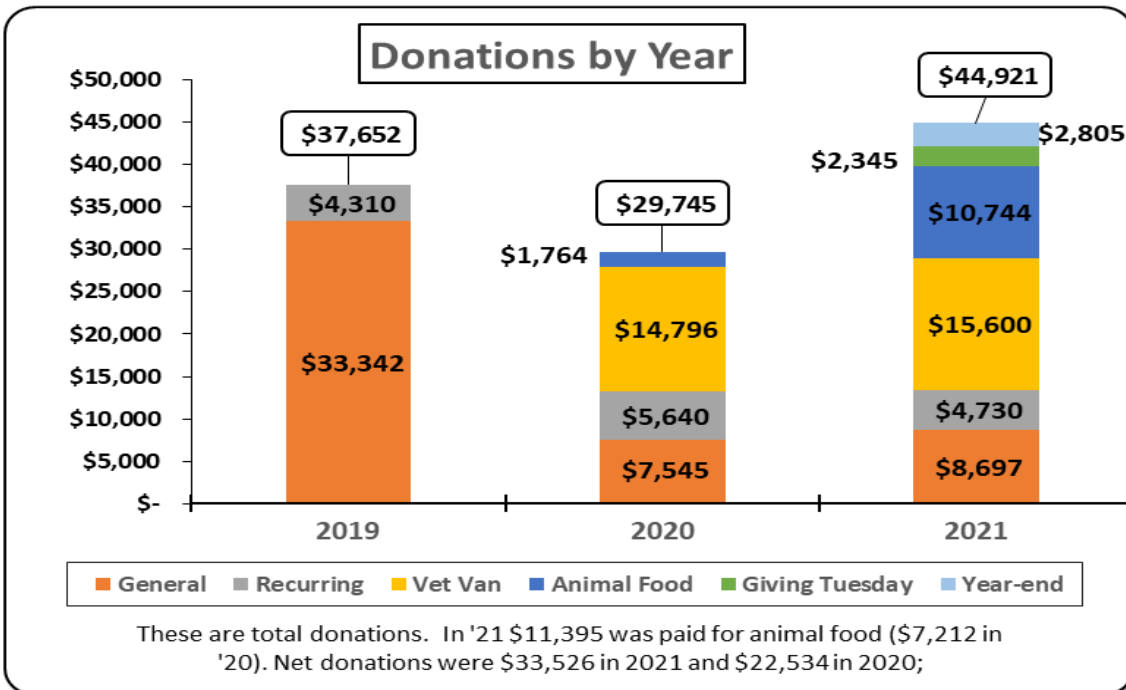
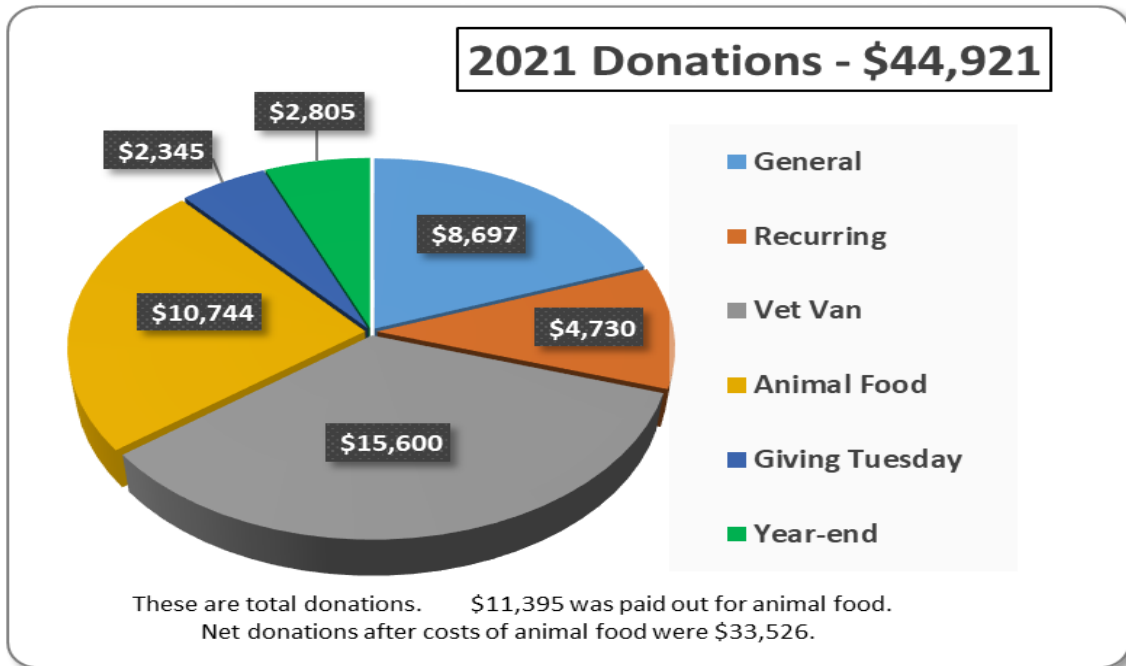
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from which to sell the calendars as well as acquaint newcomers to what Animales is about.

DONATIONS

This year, 2021, donations played a large part in our overall income.



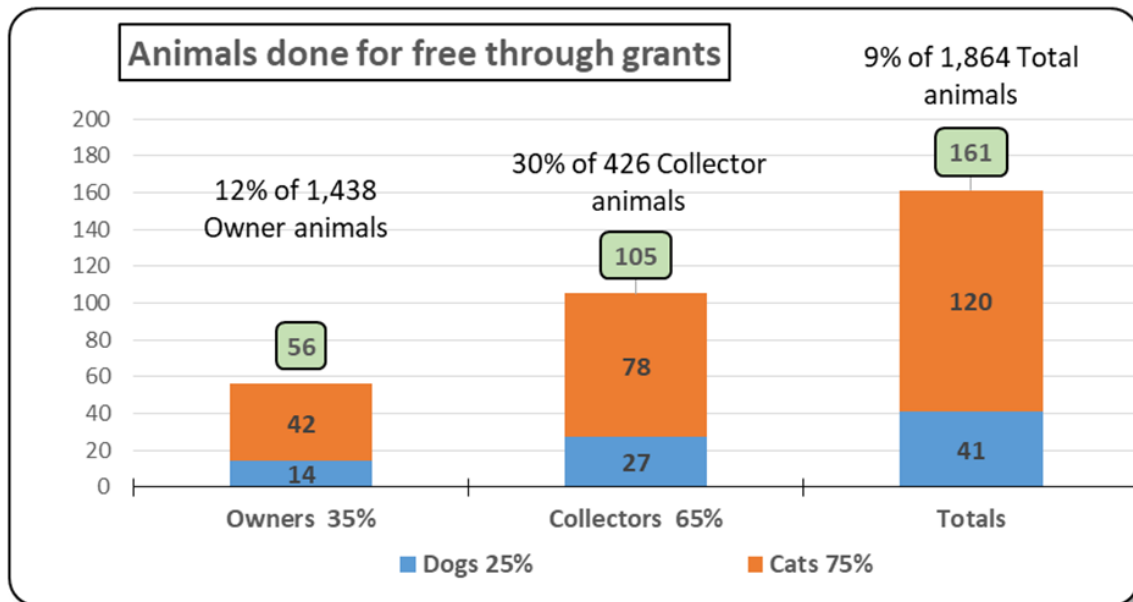
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Knowing that our ability to hold in person fundraisers was limited, Animales joined Network for Good, a software site that shows how to better communicate with and reach our donors through letter writing campaigns. It also provides coaching and mentoring services to help us better reach and exceed our fundraising goals and move our mission forward.

We have begun using more social media platforms such as Facebook and Instagram as a way of better communicating with our volunteers and potential donors. We have also done video thank yous to our donors and will continue to explore more and creative ways of interacting with our community.

GRANTS

Thanks to grants such as the one from the SPCAI, obtained by former Board member Judy Sacco, we were able to continue sponsoring animals whose owners or collectors were unable to pay our fee.

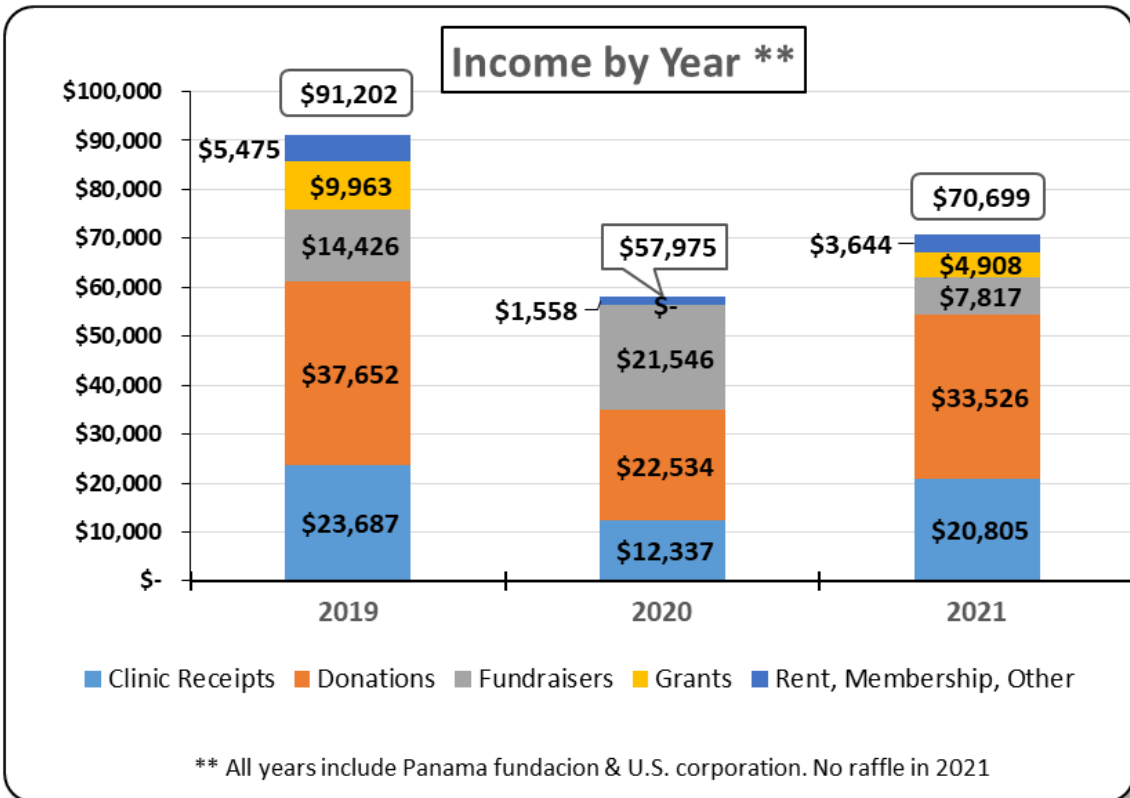
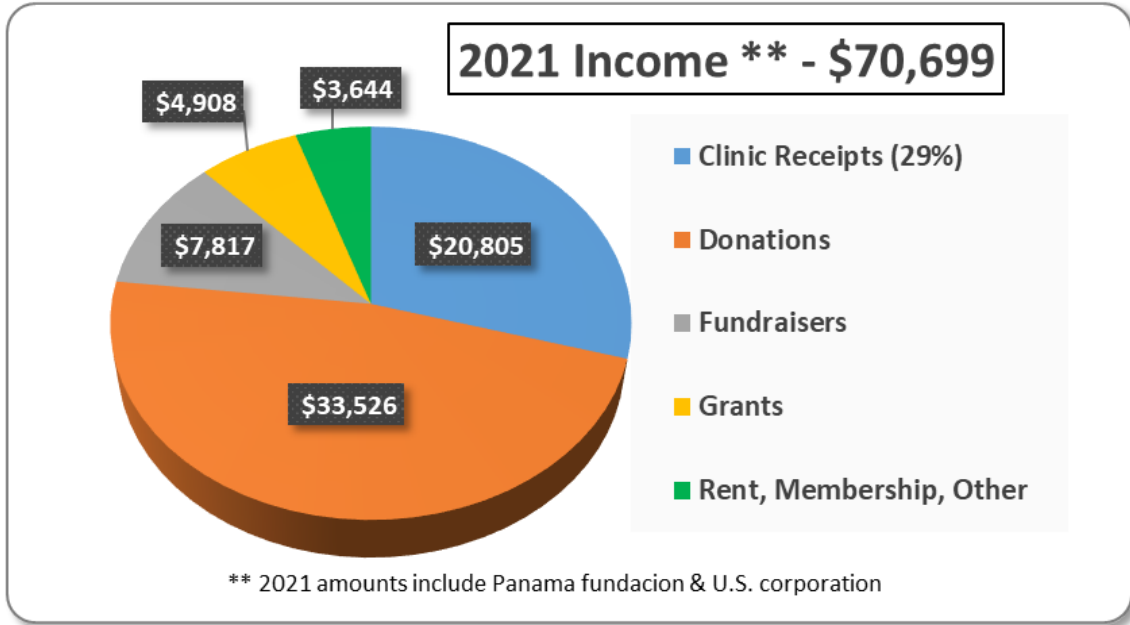


We have also begun to issue and sell "gift certificates" for people to purchase and more easily sponsor the pet(s) of friends or neighbors or workers.

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OVERALL INCOME



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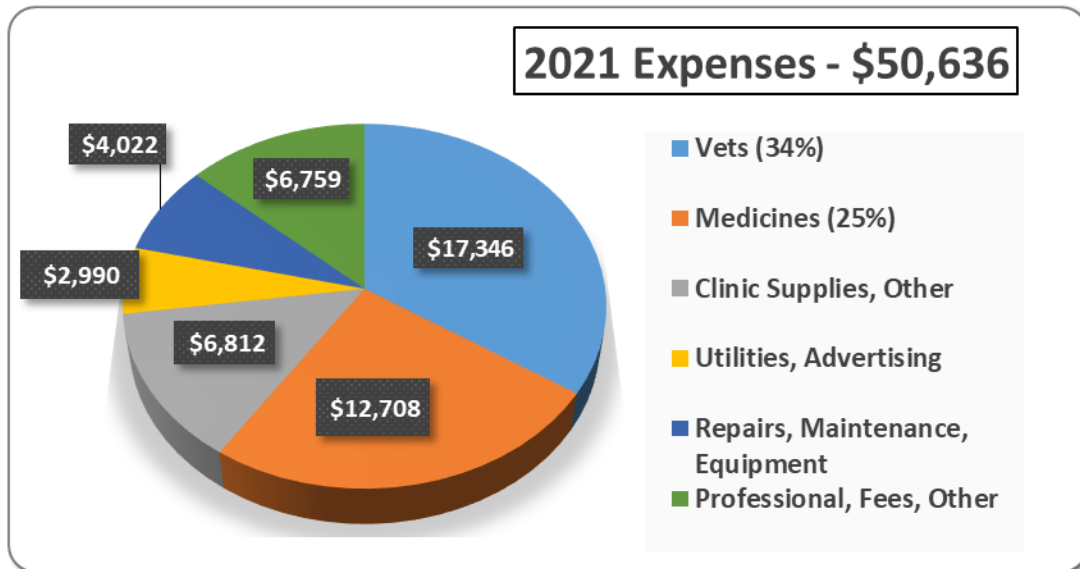
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EXPENSES

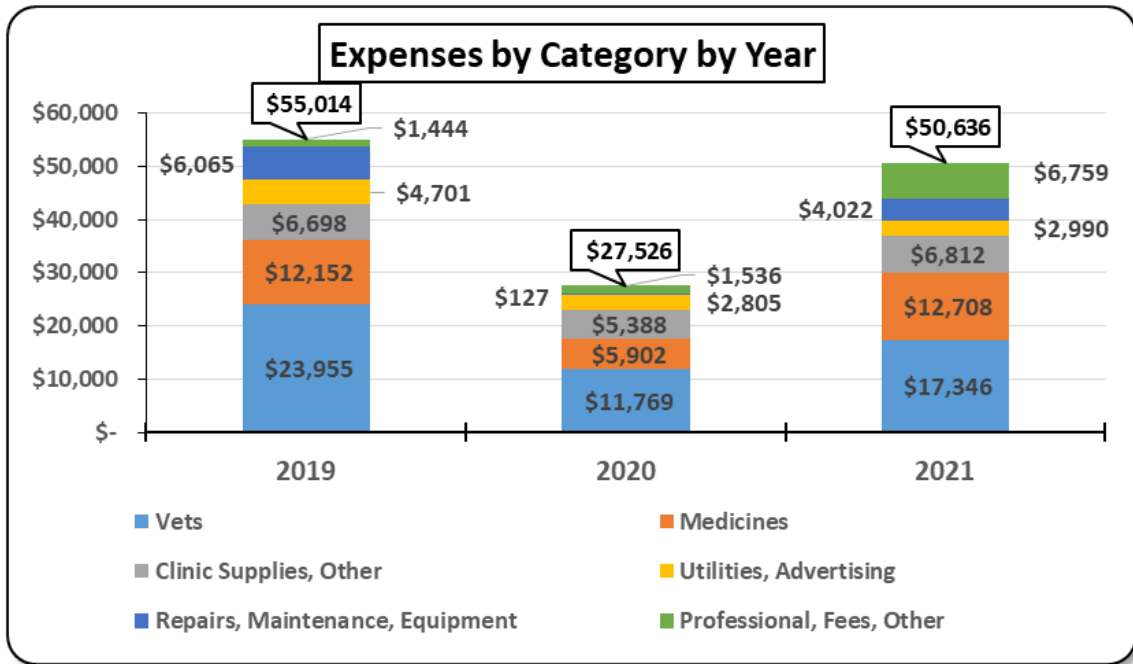
Our major expenses are as always, clinic related. We charge \$15 a dog and \$8 a cat-already the lowest in Panama-but we pay our vets \$12 a dog and \$6 a cat. Our medical bills are for the medications we use at every clinic, including anesthesia and pain medications. We continue to lose money at every 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, maintenance of the facility, legal services, office supplies, laundry, etc. The list of all expenses is itemized in the Financial Report.

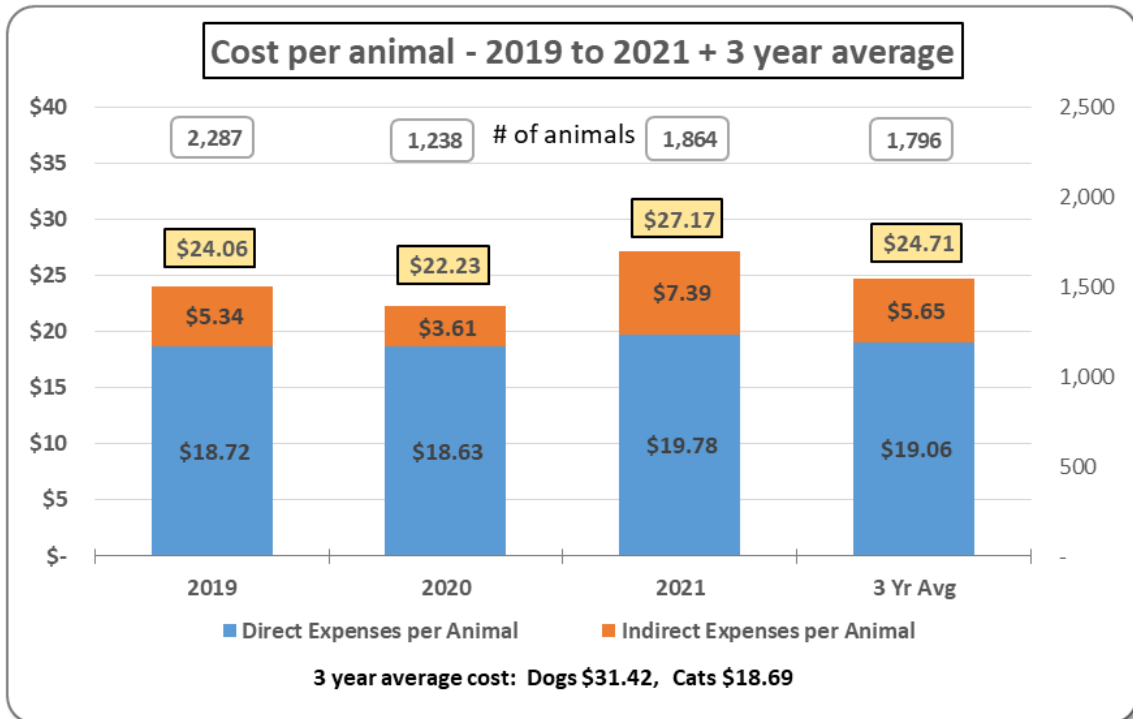
An added expense this year and last has been the MINSA-required cleaning service before and after any clinic or event as well as providing masks and other protective equipment.



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Doing a deep dive into our expenses, it has been determined that the average three year cost per animal per clinic is \$24.71, \$31.42 for dogs and \$18.69 for cats. We have deliberately kept our fees for animals down since so many of our owners and collectors cannot afford even our low rates.



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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 2021

The full Financial Statements for 2021 and Budget for 2022 will be available upon request and posted on our website.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

This year, continued to **work with the Mayor** and other local groups to provide dog and cat food to needy families who can barely feed themselves much less their domestic animals. In 2021, we paid \$11,395 (over 14,000 pounds), in dog and cat food to assist these families.

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 held a **Caring for Your Pet in Panama** talk at the library. We talked about how to deal with common emergency situations and then sold kits of supplies for a basic home first aid kit.

As noted above, on September 26, we celebrated sterilizing our **20,000th animal**. To honor that event, the Mayor issued a proclamation praising the efforts of Amigos de Animales and giving us a decree recognizing our service to the community.

It became apparent to us that many people face challenges getting to our clinics. Due to our fundraising efforts in 2019, we were able to purchase a **Mobile Clinic Van** that will allow us to visit communities

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that cannot come to us. The van will be fully outfitted in 2022 but it has already been in service at a clinic we sponsored in Caldera in November, sterilizing 89 animals.

Due to the schools still being closed, we were unable to visit the local schools for our **Education Programs**.

Initiatives for 2022

Continue our Education Programs in the schools once they re-open.

Continue to attract and encourage volunteers from the local community.

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

Increase our outreach to all the local communities and continue with the pet food donations to those in need.

Hold our Fundraiser/Raffle again.

Plan other community events and fund-raisers as COVID restrictions ease.

Outfit our Mobile Clinic Mobile Clinic Van to take our services to those who cannot come to us.

Expand and involve more volunteers in our fundraising and community outreach efforts.

Amigos de Animales Board of Directors for 2022

Chairman, Ruby McKenzie

President, Alicia McGuigan (pro tem)

Vice President, Carol Cardinale-Santana

Treasurer, Cary Trantham

Secretary, Leslie Sherling