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Our Mission:

**TO BRING BRIGHTER FUTURES TO ANIMALS
IN NEED ON BOTH SIDES OF THE BORDER**

Our Vision:

**A WORLD IN WHICH ALL ANIMALS, WHEREVER
THEY ARE, HAVE ACCESS TO CARE,
PROTECTION, SAFETY AND COMPASSION**



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Dear Friends,

Seventeen years ago, a small group of individuals came together with two goals – to alleviate the suffering of animals living in poverty and to help dismantle the root causes of that suffering through access to care.

Today, thanks to your support, that small group of individuals has grown into an international network of passionate advocates that directly saves thousands of animal lives each year.

What we do is simple. We focus our efforts where the need is the greatest: underserved, impoverished communities on both sides of the border. We bring access to veterinary care along with spay and neuter services to those areas to help prevent animal homelessness and over-population and to give low-income families a chance to give their animals the care they need.

We also do direct lifesaving rescues of homeless animals living in these communities... animals who otherwise would simply not be able to survive.

The impact of this work is profound. Last year, you helped us make a lifesaving difference for 7,508 animals. In Mexico, we finally were able to open a desperately needed orphanage for homeless puppies and abandoned mother dogs with their litters. We also launched a local adoption program!

On both sides of the border, our rescue centers were constantly filled to the brim, saving the lives of 884 dogs, while our free and low-cost clinics in low-income communities provided services to an additional 6,624 animals and their families.

As we look back on what we have accomplished together, what is most inspiring is the community we have built and the enormous impact we have had as a dedicated, grassroots group.

Looking forward, with your continued support, our impact in the coming year will be bigger than ever. The power of our relentless compassion for the animals who most need our help will continue to break down the geographic and economic barriers that perpetuate their suffering, enabling us to make real change and to give them the lives they deserve.

I hope you enjoy reading over this report and rejoicing in all the successes you have helped to make possible. Thank you for being part of our community of compassion and enabling us to make a difference for so many.

In gratitude,

Christi Cambor, DVM
Co-founder and Executive Director



CWOB CoFounder
Dr. Christi Cambor

Our Approach: Radical Compassion

OUR APPROACH IS TO ADDRESS THE ROOT CAUSES OF ANIMAL HOMELESSNESS WHILE ALSO RESCUING THOSE IN MOST DIRE NEED.

PREVENTION

AN OUNCE OF PREVENTION IS WORTH A POUND OF CURE

Our goal is to prevent animal homelessness through access to low-cost and free veterinary care, spay and neuter, and education in underserved communities.

RESCUE

WHERE IT IS NEEDED THE MOST; FOR THOSE WITH THE GREATEST NEED

Our lifesaving rescue focus is targeted to reach the animals with the greatest needs in areas hardest hit with poverty and animal homelessness.



Access to Care: Stemming the Tide of Animal Homelessness

An estimated 23 million animals live in poverty in the U.S. On average 80% of those animals have never seen a veterinarian and 91% are not spayed and neutered. This number is easily triple that south of the border, where more than 42% of the total population lives below the national poverty line.

Bringing access to care and spay/neuter to this vulnerable group of animals is a core part of our mission.

How does access to care save lives?

Animals living in poverty often don't have access to even the most basic veterinary care. As a result, they aren't spayed or neutered and can suffer from a host of illnesses and painful conditions that could easily be prevented or addressed with even the most basic treatment and medical attention.

This creates needless suffering and homelessness by increasing unwanted litters, allowing animals to languish with chronic and acute illness, and by forcing loving families to surrender their animals to local shelters in order to get the care they need.

By providing access to free and low-cost care and spay/neuter in underserved communities for the past 17 years, CWOB has pioneered efforts to stem the tide of animal homelessness, keeping animals healthy and in their homes with the families who love them.

Last year alone we provided free and low-cost sterilization surgeries and veterinary care to 6,624 animals in low-income neighborhoods on both sides of the border, preventing untold animal homelessness and suffering.

WHY SPAY AND NEUTER IS TRULY THE SOLUTION

Spaying and neutering not only addresses the root causes of animal homelessness by preventing unwanted litters, the surgery also has tremendous health benefits for animals by decreasing and eliminating the risk of certain cancers and life-threatening infections. In addition, it spares female dogs the physically taxing burden of having litter after litter, which is often dire for animals living in poverty without adequate resources and support.



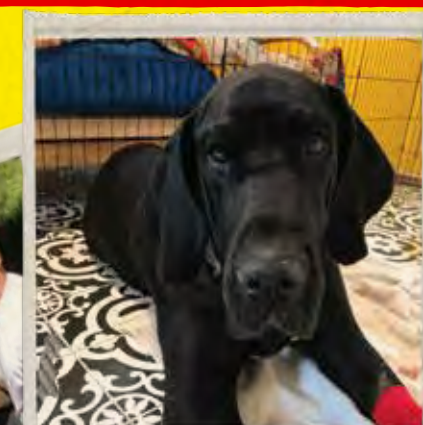
Chloe waiting to receive care at a free clinic



CHLOE'S STORY: ALL ANIMALS DESERVE CARE

"I rescued Chloe from a terrible situation where she was forced to live in a garage for several years. She was thin and had bad skin and horrible ear infections. I wanted to give Chloe all she needed, but didn't have the thousands of dollars in vet care it would take. Thank goodness for CWOB for helping me with my sweet girl. They fixed her skin, got her back to health, and took care of all of her medical needs. I am so glad I didn't have to bring her to a shelter where she'd just be another pit bull without a home, she has a home with me and I love her."

-Jane Frazee



Sadie after surgery



Sadie and Family

SADIE'S STORY: ACCESS TO LIFESAVING SURGERY IN HER HOUR OF NEED

"If not for Compassion Without Borders, Sadie would not be alive. My girl was super sick for about a week and I was told it would cost over \$3,000-\$5,000 just to figure out what was wrong. Dr. Christi realized it was an infection in her uterus right away and Compassion Without Borders did emergency surgery on her and saved her life. I am telling everyone I know

now that they need to make sure their dogs are fixed because they can get this horrible infection and I am forever grateful to Compassion Without Borders for not letting Sadie die just because I didn't have that kind of money."

-John Dutra

RESCUE: To Save a Life is to Save a World

We rescue the most vulnerable animals from impoverished areas on both sides of the border. We take on the hardest medical cases and specialize in rehabilitating animals with extensive backgrounds of neglect, injury, and abuse. These are the animals that would otherwise truly have no hope.

Mexico Rescue

CWOB now operates two rescue centers in Mexico. Our primary shelter is home to over 600 animals each year.

With your support, we just opened a brand new puppy orphanage south of the border. This space provides the safe haven needed for the enormous volume of homeless puppies and nursing mother dogs and their pups we encounter each year.

California Rescue

The Central Valley of California has one of the highest euthanasia rates in the country, which is why we have focused our efforts on working with the Valley's most dedicated shelters to save their most at-risk animals.

In Fresno every year, we rescue hundreds of Chihuahuas, one of the most severely overrepresented breeds in the region, through our interstate transport program. In addition, we work with our partners to take on the hard medical cases they don't have the resources to treat and get to safety.

Last year we were able to help save 412 animals through this lifesaving partnership, providing a much-needed safety net to some of the most at-risk dogs in the U.S.



Spotlight On a Rescue

Topaz: Topaz was rescued out of a Mexican landfill just two days before she gave birth to nine puppies. We were able to rescue her and get her into a foster home where she gave birth and was able to raise her pups. Topaz and all of her puppies have been adopted into loving homes.

Each year CWOB rescues dozens of dogs from the landfill and has plans in the works for next year to step up efforts for this particularly vulnerable group of homeless animals.

Spotlight On a Rescue

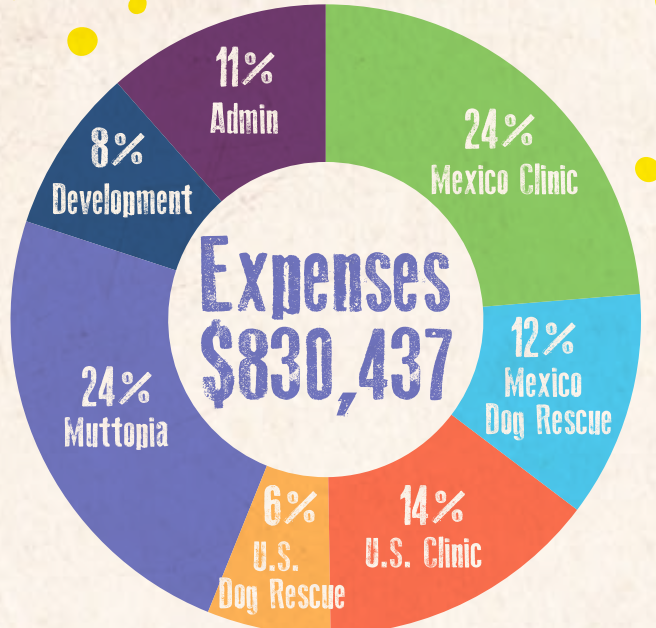
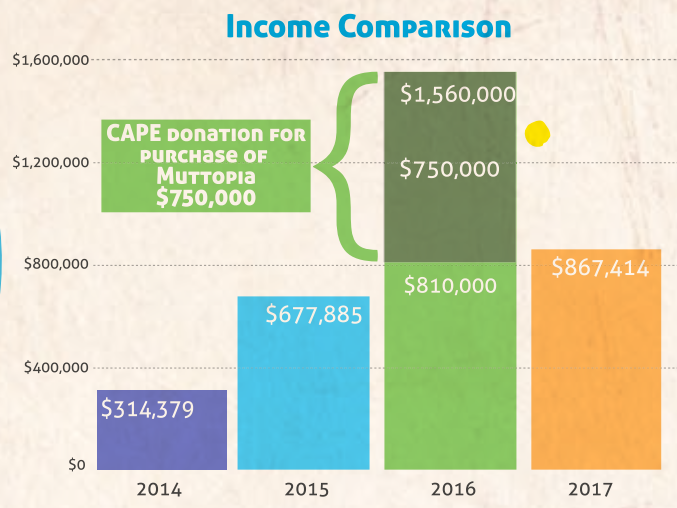
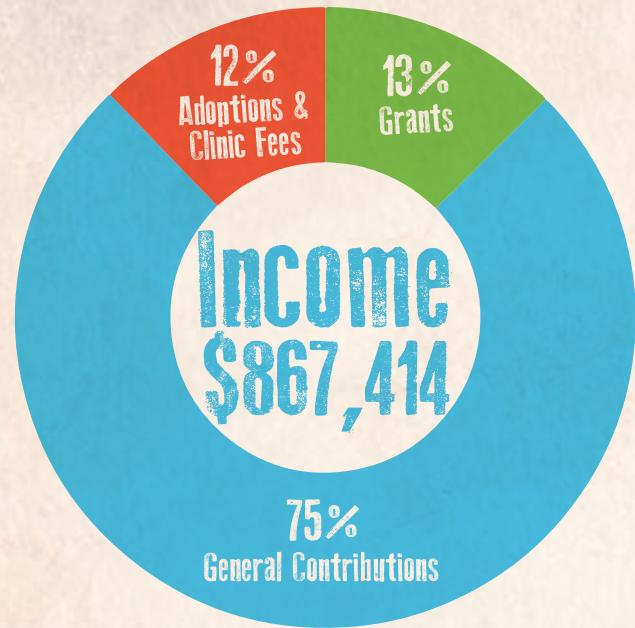
Gru: Gru came to us from a partner shelter in Selma, CA. As a Pit Bull with extensive wounds and medical needs, his chances were slim to none in the Valley. We were his only option and we agreed to do whatever we could.

Gru was emaciated, covered in wounds, missing an ear, and required months of care and several surgeries to fully recover. He went from a 37-pound shut-down skeleton to a strapping 75-pound dog. He proved himself to be a goofy, gentle boy and went on to find a loving home where he will never be mistreated again.



Saving the world, one life at a time

Financials 2017



Statement of Financial Position		
	2016	2017
ASSETS		
Total Current Assets	436,675.00	485,175.00
Total Fixed Assets	827,870.00	819,201.00
TOTAL ASSETS	1,264,545.00	1,304,376.00
LIABILITIES & EQUITY		
Equity		
Unrestricted Net Assets	1,068,004.00	1,261,500.00
Net Income	193,496.00	36,977.00
Total Equity	1,261,500.00	1,298,477.00
Total Liabilities	4,908.00	6,085.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	1,266,408.00	1,304,562.00

We are proud to say that 81 cents out of every dollar donated went directly to help animals in need through rescue, homelessness prevention, and access to care in impoverished communities on both sides of the border.

Total Animals Helped

7,508

Thanks to YOUR Support!



Lives Saved: 884 Animals Rescued
US Rescue: 412 - International Rescue: 472



Community Clinics: 6,624 Animals Helped
Animals Given Access to Spay/Neuter and Veterinary Care
US: 1581 - Mexico: 5043



Advanced Medical Care: 426 Animals Saved
387 shelter animals with medical needs
39 charity medical cases and surgeries for low-income families



Foster Care: 109 Animals Helped
109 Shelter animals provided with in-home foster care



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Looking Back: Highlights of the past year



MEXICO PUPPY ORPHANAGE OPENS

We opened our second rescue center in Mexico, specifically aimed at providing specialized care for orphaned puppies and homeless mother dogs and their litters.



LOCAL ADOPTION PROGRAM LAUNCHES IN MEXICO

We launched a new adoption program in Mexico helping to increase the number of lives saved, promote responsible pet ownership, and foster a culture of adoption and rescue south of the border.



MUTTOPIA CELEBRATES FIRST WHOLE YEAR OF OPERATIONS

Our shelter in California operated for its first full fiscal year, providing safe haven, medical care, and adoptions to hundreds of animals.



MEXICO SPAY/NEUTER CLINIC HITS THE 10,000 MARK

Our free clinic in Mexico celebrated its third year of operations and hit the 10,000 mark for spay/neuter surgeries.

Looking Forward: Compassion in the Future

As we look toward the future, our focus remains steady: strengthening the safety net needed to save the most vulnerable animals living in poverty on both sides of the border through increased access to care and the creation of innovative programs that will expand our lifesaving rescue and rehabilitation capacity.

Compassion IS the Answer

Volunteer Power

Volunteers make our work for the animals possible, contributing over 8,000 hours this past year alone. Volunteers help out in virtually all areas: from social media, to dog walking, to veterinary professionals at surgical clinics, to stuffing envelopes, to reassuring animals in need, to picking weeds and laying tile – they do it all and we couldn't do what we do and save who we save without their help.

"This group really puts the passion in compassion. Every day I get to witness miracles happen - dogs who are so wounded emotionally or physically that transform under their care. This and CWOB's relentless promise to give animals a better life inspires me to do more."

-Jerri Meacham, Volunteer



Join our Community of Compassion

PUT YOUR PASSION IN COMPASSION! TOGETHER, WE CAN DO SO MUCH MORE.

-  **VISIT:** Give us a call and schedule a visit to our shelter in Santa Rosa.
-  **VOLUNTEER:** Donate your time and expertise to the animals.
-  **CIRCLE OF HOPE:** Join our monthly giving program and help provide the sustainable support we need to make our work possible.
-  **LEGACY OF HOPE:** Include CWOB in your trust or estate and create a legacy of hope that will help for years to come.

For more information email us at info@cwob.org or call us at (707)474-3345

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For your generosity and shared commitment to the animals.

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