

# PENINSULA FRIENDS OF ANIMALS

## ANNUAL REPORT 2017

### THE YEAR IN REVIEW



*Paisley our beloved "typhoid Mary" of the 2017 ringworm scare*

2017 presented many challenges to the board and staff of Peninsula Friends of Animals. In April we had an eight-year-old cat returned to us who after her initial quarantine period and subsequent relocation to one of the regular catteries, started showing symptoms of having a fungal infection commonly known as ringworm.

While not fatal, ringworm is easily spread and a major pain to deal with in a shelter environment such as ours with open shared catteries. Since we now had at least four cats in different locations in the shelter showing signs of having been exposed to ringworm, we made the difficult decision to close the shelter to the public and to the intake of new cats for a period of four months. We decided to not

intake any kittens for the remainder of the year since they are especially susceptible to this fungal infection. These actions unfortunately, also had the consequence of drastically reducing our number of adoptions for the year.

Meanwhile we were faced with the onerous tasks of weekly dipping the infected cats in a lime-sulfur preparation and having to gown up every time we needed to enter one of the affected catteries to attend to the needs of the cats therein. All the while, staff and volunteers worked diligently to disinfect the entire shelter multiple times and hauled away a myriad assortment of favorite cat trees, couches, beds and other items that could not be sufficiently disinfected, which virtually cleared the shelter of all upholstered furniture. This necessitated purchasing all new furniture, cat trees and beds to refurnish the shelter.

While we were able to pretty much resume normal operations by September, it wasn't until the first week of November that our first and



*Sadie & Sam*

final ringworm cat Paisley was given the all-clear and allowed to come back in to the shelter from her temporary residence in the outside kennel. Shortly thereafter she was adopted by a loving couple. The reduced number of cats in the shelter during the shutdown allowed a number of long term resident kitties, who had been mostly overlooked and considered adoption challenged, have their chance to shine and find the homes they deserved.



*Staff treats Spatzi to a dip at the "Ringworm Spa"*

Since reopening and resuming normal operation it has been, until quite recently, difficult to keep the shelter full, as most new cats are getting adopted directly out of quarantine.

Another challenge we faced in 2017, and one that we still face today, is finding a qualified person to hire as a new Shelter Manager. This position currently is primarily held by Nancy Campbell and shared with two others. Nancy deservedly would like to retire from this position, but her shoes are so large that despite having followed some promising leads, we have yet to come up with a candidate capable of fulfilling our needs.



## **2017 ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

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- 56 adoptions
- 31 adoption-challenged or special needs animals cared for, 15 of which were among those adopted for the year and three others were adopted in 2018.
- About 100 low income households were assisted with the cost of spaying or neutering over 150 dogs and cats.
- Around 150 low income households and the 270 dogs and 550 cats in those homes were helped through hard times by being provided with nearly 6,000 lbs. of food and 1,100 lbs. of litter from our emergency food bank.
- \$27,557 in potholder sales by the potholder team.

## **VOLUNTEER SUPPORT**

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PFOA was supported by many dedicated volunteers who provided over 12,250 hours of volunteer service.

The service of our volunteers allows us to both save money on our day to day operations and to make money to accomplish our mission.

Without their dedicated service, it would not be possible for us to provide all of the assistance we give to animals in need and the community at large.



## **LOOKING AHEAD TO 2018**

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In the coming year, in addition to providing the same fine care that we always have for the animals entrusted to us, we will continue our search for a qualified individual to be our new Shelter manager. We are also hoping to

complete a number of much needed building improvements around the shelter and have raised special funds towards that end.

We will, as always, strive to keep our costs down and we will be staying the course on our investments, relying on the sound financial advice provided by our broker which has served us so well in the past year. It is our hope that the excellent care we provide to our animals along with our wise management of organizational resources will continue to instill in you, our donors and members, the belief that we are worthy of your generosity and that we can count on your continued support to help the Board and Staff to meet our goals in the coming year.

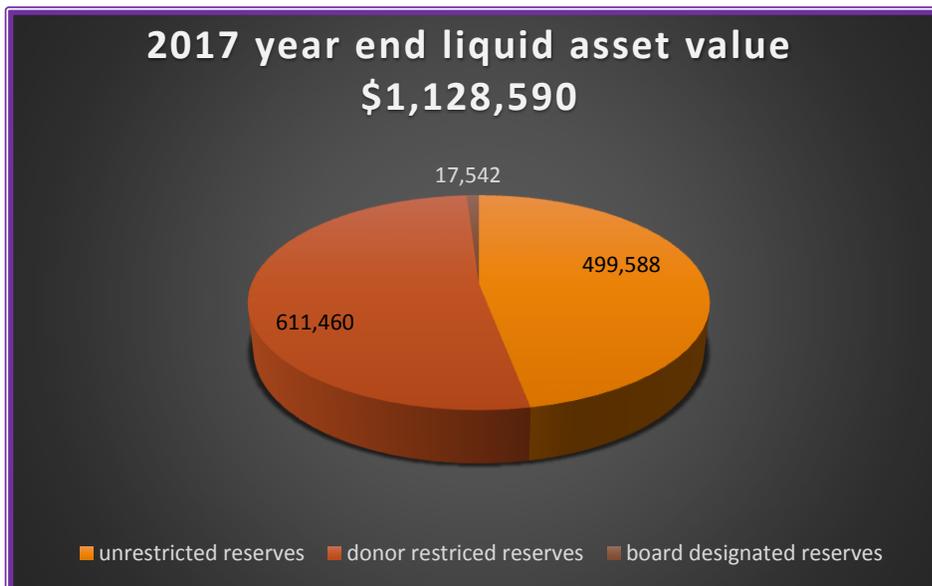
### **YEAR END LIQUID ASSET STATUS**

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In 2017 our major sources of funding were donations made by individuals, followed by revenue generated by way of interest, dividends and capital gains on our investments, robust potholder sales, funds raised by hosting a number of charitable events, adoption and spay/neuter fees and membership dues.

The breakdown on 2017 Revenues and Expenses is as follows. PFOA had revenues of \$379,060 and had expenses of \$286,444 which translates to an excess of \$92,616! Which, quite possibly is our best year ever in terms of revenue to expense ratio.

2017 has PFOA looking very good financially with over \$1,128,589 in total liquid assets with over 40% of that being in unrestricted reserves which can be used for any purpose to support shelter needs.



Notes:

**Unrestricted reserves:** are funds that can be used for any organizational purpose.

**Donor restricted reserves:** are funds that can only be used for programs or projects that the donor has specified.

**Board designated reserves:** are funds which the board of directors has designated for anticipated needs of

the organization.