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The meaning of life is to find your gift.
The purpose of life is to give it away. William Shakespeare



Dear friends and supporters of Friends of Culebra Animals,

We would like to share all that has happened since last year in the most positive manner possible, as there is always light after the dark.

Immediately following the hurricanes, FCA was bestowed with many animal food donations and we are deeply thankful to Greater Good Food Bank, Petsmart, Humane Society, the many people mailing us animal care packages and to Milka's for providing us with kibble at cost when the donations ran out. We have shared this food with the whole island community and are continuing to do so.

FCA participated in a very generous "air lift" sponsored by North Shore Animal League America (NSALA) of owned animals as well as immediately abandoned animals all of which were put up for adoption after hurricane Maria.

FCA was invited to apply for a grant to cover post hurricane losses and expenses, offered by the very popular television chef/host Rachael Ray under the auspices of NSALA. This grant was such a blessing and was instrumental in allowing FCA to carry on its mission as our annual and essential fundraisers could not take place.

Spring brought another invitation, this one from the Humane Society of the United States, in conjunction with "La Primera Dama de Puerto Rico" and "Veterinarians for Puerto Rico." This is a historic endeavor to spay, neuter and vaccinate more cats & dogs than has ever been attempted to help control population. It will be used as a model for communities that have animal overpopulations that are also lacking in veterinary resources. We are deeply honored to have this opportunity to participate in this massive, high quality, high volume Spay-A-Thon which will occur each quarter over the next 12 months. Our first session was held in June; the next being in November, then in 2019 February and May. This was extremely successful with the help of so many. Our given target was to spay and neuter 120 animals, both owned and feral, in 2 days. We hit 118!!! FCA is indebted to the Alcaldia for lending us the use of the Julian Ayala Esperanza cancha for the Spay-A-Thon location.

Grateful for all the worldly benevolence FCA has received and the new connections formed, FCA still had its usual call for help with injured, abandoned, surrendered, and freshly born animals on the island needing fostering, health care, travel planners/escorts, island & stateside fosters and ultimately forever homes. FCA has continued to host monthly Veterinary one-day clinics of consultations and treatments at Abbie's school without interruption. In addition, FCA held a half-priced Spay & Neuter clinic attracting 29 owned animals (19 cats/10 dogs) in January, 2 Trap Neuter & Returns totaling 27 feral cats in the spring, plus another 12 cats sent

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over to mainland vets for sterilization, in addition to presently maintaining 10 cat feeding stations island-wide.

What has become apparent is FCA's need for a location of its own and a paid director. FCA has had a long run of dedicated volunteers and generous donors (as an all-volunteer, donation-funded, love-driven organization), but the incredible amount of time and organization necessary for FCA to accomplish this year's major animal rescue and island-wide animal care has made it clear a change is needed. For this reason, FCA is now working towards securing a permanent site, with a full-time executive officer to handle day-to-day operations. This building will serve as a location to deal with immediate animal emergencies, a temporary shelter for animals needing medical attention or awaiting adoption, a place for FCA's monthly vet clinic, a place for voluntourism, a gift shop for FCA promotional items, a place to share humane education, and more. This is the next step as shown by FCA's increasingly widespread and dedicated place in the Culebra community, and to the intensification of its mission.

In the next couple of months, FCA will begin a capital campaign to raise the funds necessary to purchase its own building and strengthen its financial capacity to hire its first executive director.

In the meantime, the daily work continues to help Culebra's owned and homeless pets, and FCA hopes it can count on you to help make a difference in the lives of these animals.

We depend on your help so FCA can help the island's animal family. Donations may be sent to the address above, checks made payable to: Friends of Culebra Animals, or via PayPal at friendsofculebraanimals@gmail.com.

Thank you for your support and consideration,

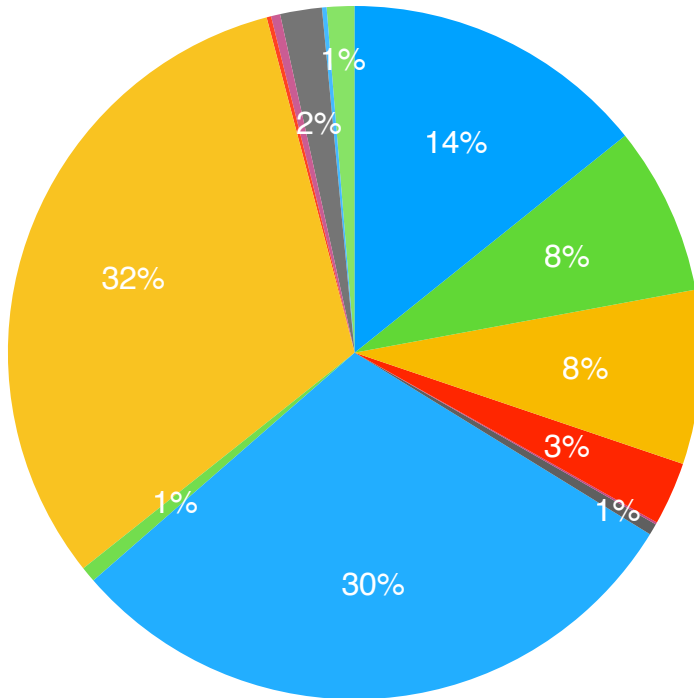
All of the FCA Volunteers



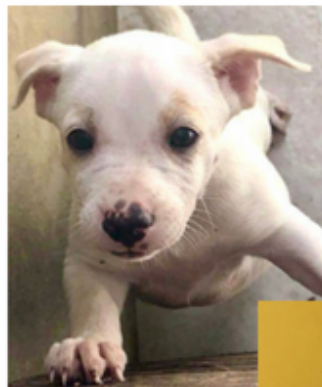
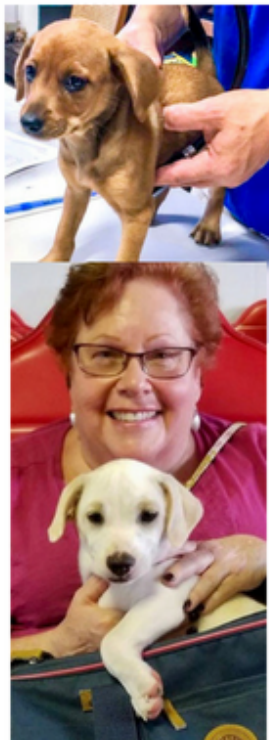
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- Animal Transport 14%
- Cat Food (Feral Stations) 8%
- Vet Clinic 8%
- Car Maintenance/Gas 3%
- Cell Phone >1%
- Office Supplies >1%
- Veterinary Services 30%
- Animal Supplies (carriers, collars, leashes) 1%
- Trap-Neuter-Release 32%
- Bank Fees >1%
- PayPal Fees >1%
- Merchandise 2%
- Crates >1%
- Hurricane Preparation Supplies >1%

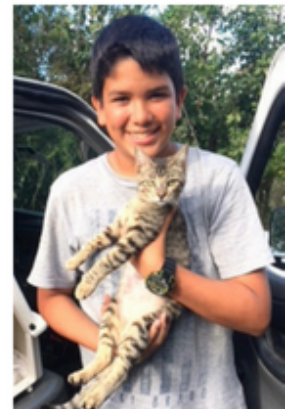
Income	\$75,646
Expenses	\$57,959
Assets	\$48,857



Thank you to Debbie and Lewis Newmark for printing our newsletter. The money we save helps to sterilize several Culebra animals.



When your chair doesn't matter ... it's all about getting the job done with a great crew!



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**A Kaleidoscope of Rescues, Volunteers,
Perseverance, Adoptions, and LOVE!**



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