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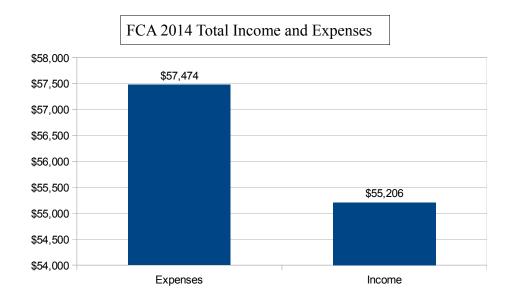
Dear FCA Community,

Friends of Culebra Animals has been keeping busy & we want to share with you what has been going on. FCA pays homage to the memory of Jane Rowley, a longtime Culebra animal advocate and retired veterinarian who shared her expertise with all who founded Animal Welfare of Culebra (AWC). We legally changed our name from AWC and the reception has been well received. Besides a new name, we have a new Facebook page, working on a new website, and changes to our mission which is to devote resources to sterilization by sponsoring monthly mobile veterinary clinics in Culebra, humane education and sharing animal care information with the community. We are recognized by the PR Department of State and the IRS as a non-profit organization.

Lori Novis is transitioning to grant writing, the current Board members include: Patty Pulliam, John Ernst, Sheila Ortiz, and happy to welcome Scott Schlosser and Sue Klumb. We are in the process of putting together an Advisory Board to work on new initiatives, such as: coordinating existing humane education curriculum, merchandising, establishing relationships with stateside no-kill shelters, mobile vet clinic help, and fundraising. We welcome you all to lend your voice and give a hand.

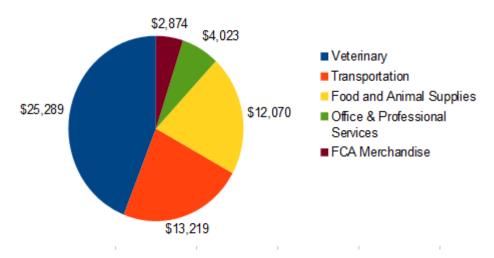
Finances

In addition to all of these exciting changes, we are working on becoming fully compliant and up-to-date with our tax obligations to Hacienda and the IRS. We are working with a PR-based accounting firm to rectify this. The accounting costs are projected to be \$6,800.

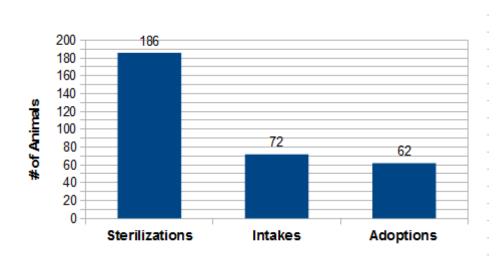


Total Assets: \$7,580

FCA 2014 Categorized Expenses



FCA 2014 Metrics for Dogs and Cats



New Initiatives

Last fall Mayor Ivan Solis gave us use of a building at the Campamento which we hoped that we could use as a Vet Clinic, the community came together to clean & install new windows, a cistern was hooked up, it was all looking very promising. When we looked into grant funding to outfit the building we learned that since we have a verbal agreement with the administration and they have a quitclaim deed from the U.S. Government, which contains no title covenant and therefore offers no warranty as to the status of the property title, we learned that applying for grants cannot proceed at this location. The building is secure and all of the FCA materials are being housed there. We are always keeping our eyes & ears open to other locations to purchase that might be a better fit for a vet clinic location.

We are also seeking funding to sustain the viability of FCA, we feel it is important to hire a full-time Acting Director to ensure that the organization continues to flourish.

Accomplishments

Our annual February auction had 90 donors, 140 items and we earned \$12,000, best ever! The Sangria Tapas Evening showcased 15 competitors, live music by Amy Jo, and delicious tapas. Join us again this year on Saturday, November 14.

We are extremely fortunate to be working with some of Puerto Rico's best veterinarians, Dr. Jorge Delgado, Dr. Osmar Rivera, Dr. Lemuel DeJesus, and Dr. Jose Cruz.

Dr. Jose Cruz has been awarded the ASPCA Presidential Service Award, an honor given to one person each year for their extraordinary work and commitment to animal welfare. The ASPCA will visit Culebra on August 26 & 27 to see Dr. Cruz and his team in action, and to interview FCA. This is an exciting time for FCA and the Culebra community!

Dr. Osmar Rivera, Culebra's first mobile vet, is presently serving as President of the PR Veterinary Association where he has been occupied with large animal welfare initiatives on the mainland, and has been unable to travel to Culebra. We have been fortunate to engage in a relationship with Dr. Jose Cruz and his vet crew, who have been coming over monthly for a two day clinic consisting of one day of consults & vaccines and one day for sterilizations. In the last 5 months 180 animals have been seen for consults, and 80 sterilizations performed. FCA underwrites the housing, meals, transportation for the vet team & mobile lab (monthly cost of \$1200), as well as offering discounted veterinary rates to those that need it. They are a super team to have & Teresa Tallevast does an amazing job scheduling and arranging their services for the community. We are very grateful to Drs. Delgado, Rivera and DeJesus for seeing our emergency animals on the mainland and in between clinics.

We have begun a Trap and Return of feral cats coinciding with these vet clinics and to date have been able to sterilize 32. We also have retro fitted the 6 cat feeding stations at Flamenco & Melones beaches to keep the chickens out. FCA supplies cat food to many islanders who feed their neighborhood colonies.

All preschools, grades K-8, and Abbie's School have participated in humane education sponsored by PR Alliance for Companion Animals, our other partners include: All Sato Rescue, Animal Care Center of St. John (USVI), Island Dog, and Eagle Valley Humane Society of Colorado. We have also initiated stateside fosters in Ohio and Massachusetts.

FCA received its first grant that included a new Canon DSLR camera funded by greatergood.org and The Animal Rescue Site. FCA and Culebra youth attended a 1-day workshop with famed photographer, Seth Casteel, whose book, <u>Underwater Dogs</u>, is now a national bestseller. Seth taught us how to take better photos of our cat and dog intakes to improve our adoption rates. We are grateful to Abbie's School and Michelle Cintron of PR Alliance for Companion Animals for making this connection with FCA.

FCA is an all-volunteer based organization, to date all of our revenue is private donations and fundraising. Because of your past support and contributions, we have been able to achieve all of this work. We depend on you to continue the essential animal care and rescue work here in Culebra. Your donation is tax-deductible to the full extent of the law, and can be mailed to Friends of Culebra Animals, PO Box 527, Culebra, PR 00775, or you may send a PayPal payment to culebrasatos@gmail.com.

We are looking to you to help us help the animals of Culebra, Friends of Culebra Animals



Shake and Bake, 9 weeks old, were found under a recycling dumpster far from town. It took 6 adults to capture them! They are now in Florida where they will find homes they deserve. Thank you to Suzy & George Caldwell and their family for rescuing, fostering, and finding homes for them.



Tito, Nube and Taina are from a litter of 8 pups that Janina Soto and her family are fostering. 4 have been adopted, and Bruno may be next! All 3 pups are up for adoption, great with kids and other dogs, very friendly and socialized. 4.5 months old, fully vaccinated, about 15 lbs., we call them Culebradors!



This is a community cat cared for by Sue & Tuck Ventura and Ann Hamrick. FCA ensures community cats are vaccinated, sterilized, and have fresh food and water daily.

Tax exempt # 66-0760257

In accordance with IRS regulations, we acknowledge that no goods or services were provided to you in consideration of your gift.

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