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As with every year, the time we spend creating the Annual Report is a time for deep reflection for all of us at the GAAP as we not only relive the year's adventures, but also critically evaluate whether we have reached our goals. Our projects and activities are always aimed at connecting, re-connecting or improving the relationship between animals and people and although there is no "formula" for getting there, we collectively feel that this year we came up with some unique and creative ideas to bring our mission to fruition in the communities in which we work.

In January 2017 we hit the ground running. As we were right in the middle of our preparations for our annual trip to Guatemala, the biggest wildfire ever in the history of Chile started burning up the entire central region of the country. We dropped everything and went to rescue horses in need. It was an emotionally and physically draining experience, not only because of the geographical extension of the damage, but also due to the intensity of the severe injuries, burns and suffering we saw. Although many animal lives were lost, thanks to the tremendous empathy and effort of thousands of volunteers, many were also rescued and have gone on to lead normal and healthy lives. Just like many of you have rescued an animal in need at some point in your lives, the GAAP adopted one of the survivors of the fire: the gentle-spirited horse named Dulce. It seems that Dulce's destiny is to be a therapy horse who will help us improve relationships between animals and people. The relationship between companion animals and their owners continues to be our main focus and with this in mind, we enjoy playing with new ideas to

accomplish this- like our Homeless People and Pets and our Rural Trade projects- we are always willing to try something new to see what really triggers a change in the people we work with.

As the years go by, we put a greater emphasis on incorporating family and community values, as well as the environment, into what we do, and placing our mission within a more holistic framework. We are very excited about 2018. We are hoping you are as excited as we are about the future of improving the relationship between animals, people and the environment. We only hope that you feel how important YOU ARE to this success. Thank you!



The Global Alliance for Animals and People (the GAAP) is formed by individuals and partners across the globe that recognize the importance of maintaining support and aid to people and their animals in the Americas.

Our vision

We envision a world where people live in harmony with animals and the environment.



THE GLOBAL GOALS
For Sustainable Development



Children and families sponsorship to keep children healthy and in school



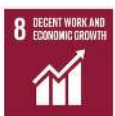
Veterinary services and mitigation of zoonotic diseases.



Equal support and opportunity for girls and women through all our programs



Equal access for communities to veterinary care



Capacity building to create jobs



Education about environmental stewardship and conservation



International and local multidisciplinary partners

Our mission

To improve the health, well-being and quality of relationship between animals, people and the environment in the Americas through animal health care, education, research and social programs.



The Global Goals are a call to action for all organizations to unite in a collective effort toward ending poverty and initiating a positive change for people and the planet- for us, that means animals too! We highlight which of the goals we are contributing to in each of our projects.



As part of our mission to strengthen the relationship between animals and people, we realize the importance of including wild animals and their environments in our programs. Although the Valdivian forest is a global biodiversity hotspot, it is increasingly threatened by logging and development projects. In order to support long-term conservation efforts, we are offering innovative environmental education programs for children at the GAAP Nature Discovery Center just outside of Valdivia, Chile. Our goal is for children to become life-long stewards of the earth and its resources.

“In the forest you feel a lot different than when you’re in the city. Because in the forest you feel nature, you can touch different textures, smell, listen, and you can do all these things but in other places you cant. In the forest it’s very nice.” – Gwen, Age 8

HOW WE DO IT

- Outdoor education
- Hands-on science activities
- Art and music activities in the forest

Please visit the GAAP website, www.thegaap.org, to learn more about each of these program areas.

2017 Accomplishments

- ✓ Began construction of 700 meters of ecological trails for the new Nature Discovery Center in the Valdivian rainforest
- ✓ Created Nature discovery center with indoor and outdoor work and play areas, learning resources (posters, books, microscope, and museum of insect and plant specimens) kitchen and bathroom.
- ✓ Created an 8-module environmental education curriculum, which centers on awakening kid’s curiosity for nature by using the senses.

“It’s important to protect the forest because the trees give oxygen to the world and without oxygen we couldn’t exist. Also, here there is a lot of water and a lot of life, so you have to care for it so that there keeps being forest like this... Also here there are many native species that aren’t in other places and we also have to care for them.” - Martina, Age 11

Our work supports the following Global Goals:





Basic education is a critical component of a community's development. The potential of the entire community is significantly reduced when a large majority of residents are not educated to a basic level regarding human and animal health. As we recognize that knowledge is power, we work with marginalized, remote, and often indigenous communities to support project-related education for both children and adults. We work with children and families to help them understand the importance of responsible animal ownership such as animal welfare, preventive care, regular vaccinations, and deworming of their animals to protect their own health and local environments.

HOW WE DO IT

- School & Community Days
- Children's Workshops
- Educational Materials

Please visit the GAAP website, www.thegaap.org, to learn more about each of these program areas.

2017 Accomplishments

- ✓ Created children's coloring book with information about caring for your pet, "Coloreando el cuidado de mi mascota"
- ✓ Hundreds of children and families participated in fun educational opportunities during the annual "School Day" and "Community Day" in Todos Santos, Guatemala
- ✓ Offered fun activities to kids in Valdivia, which focused on bite prevention, animal behavior, and basic animal care.

Cover of children's coloring book.



Our work supports the following Global Goals:





Healthy families make for healthy animals and communities and this goal is impossible to attain in communities where extreme poverty persists. In Guatemala, zoonotic diseases (diseases transmitted from animals to people) are common and animal welfare remains a low priority in families that are struggling to meet their basic needs. Children are often pulled from school to work at a young age to help support family expenses. With the understanding of this larger context, we sponsor families in Guatemala to break the cycle of poverty by keeping their children in school and provide them with year-round tutoring to ensure their success. It is only when families are secure economically and their children's futures are bright, that animals and environment will become a priority

HOW WE DO IT

- Teacher and Family visits
- Weekly meeting and discussion group with children
- Financial Support

Please visit the GAAP website, www.thegaap.org, to learn more about each of these program areas.

2017 Accomplishments

- ✓ Sponsored 5 children (3 boys and 2 girls) by providing the equivalent of a child's monthly wage to the mothers, plus the cost of school supplies to allow each child to stay in school rather than work.
- ✓ Bought two laptop computers so keep up with homework needs
- ✓ Provided English classes, tutoring and weekly meetings for the children about social, cultural, responsible citizen and career discussions through our local supervisor
- ✓ One of our sponsored children was selected to represent his community in an indigenous conference in Washington, DC!

“Talía is paying attention in class and handing all her homework in on time. One of the results of Talía's good achievements in school is that her mom has developed an interest in Talía's performance in school.” -
Andrés Carrillo, Project Supervisor.

Our work supports the following Global Goals:





Offering veterinary services in communities is our main entry point for identifying local animal issues, building trust with the people and developing site-specific programs that fall within our mission. Enhancing the bond between owners and their pets is critical for long-term health and well-being of their pets. In addition to providing high standards of veterinary care at our GAAP Clinic and through our rural veterinary campaigns, we invest in client education so that all pet owners understand that veterinary health care is just as much a part of a family's health care needs as the family members themselves. We also provide veterinary workshops and training programs for local community partners to increase their knowledge and practical skills when working with owners and their pets.

HOW WE DO IT

- The GAAP clinic
- Rural veterinary services
- Client education
- Professional training
- Homeless people & pets services
- First nations veterinary campaign
- Telemedicine for remote communities

Please visit the GAAP website, www.thegaap.org, to learn more about each of these program areas.

2017 Accomplishments

- ✓ Launched a new project to provide veterinary services to homeless people's pets in Valdivia, Chile
- ✓ Completed two-year training of a Guatemalan para-veterinarian for our rural telemedicine pilot project
- ✓ Sterilized 310 dogs and 187 cats across all program sites (Chile, Guatemala and Northern Canada)
- ✓ Vaccinated 1,147 dogs and cats across all program sites (Chile, Guatemala and Canada)
- ✓ Attended 893 Chilean families at the GAAP clinic and during rural veterinary campaigns
- ✓ Hosted 4 volunteers who assisted the GAAP at the clinic and during rural veterinary services.

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"I've been working on this for almost 10 years, helping every year during the vet campaigns. In surveys people are always asking about a professional to come work with animals but until now there hasn't been anyone"
 Andrés Carrillo, Todos Santos' first para-veterinarian.

This program supports the following Global Goals:





In Chile, earthquakes, tsunamis and volcanic eruptions are expected. Now with climate change, extreme weather events and forest fires are increasing in frequency which presents a critical need to implement a coordinated and multi-disciplinary animal response when an emergency occurs. To that end, we work with other like-minded, national and international organizations and government agencies to develop appropriate plans for animal response and to create a network of trained response professionals. We also support public education efforts about what to do when disaster strikes.

HOW WE DO IT

- Disaster relief for animals
- Preparedness planning for communities
- Public outreach
- Disaster management (which includes volunteer and donation management, transport, logisticst, finances, vet services, etc)

Please visit the GAAP website, www.thegaap.org, to learn more about each of these program areas.

2017 Accomplishments

- ✓ Together with the International Fund for Animal Welfare (IFAW), rescued, sheltered, triaged, and transported horses to equine hospitals in response to the worst wildfires in Chilean history
- ✓ Provided long-term care to one severely burned horse, Dulce, who is still in the process of rehabilitation

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For me, one of the main accomplishments of that response was to be able to work cohesively with other groups in an organized manner, using a modified disaster management system - Guillermo Perez, Program Coordinator.

Our work supports the following Global Goals:





Scientific evidence to support our work is often unavailable. We therefore collect quantitative and qualitative data and conduct original scientific research as an integral part of developing and implementing evidence-based programs. We work with research partners and community-based organizations that are invested in finding creative, long-term solutions to animal-related issues faced by communities in the Americas.

HOW WE DO IT

- Identifying questions worthy of studying scientifically
- Designing and carrying out research projects using sound scientific practices
- Dissemination of our findings at conferences and in peer-reviewed journals

Please visit the GAAP website, www.thegaap.org, to learn more about each of these program areas.

2017 Accomplishments

- ✓ Submitted a manuscript about free-roaming dog home range in Patagonia
- ✓ Started new research project on social attitudes about street dogs in Valdivia
- ✓ Obtained a national bird capturing and banding permit to evaluate bird molting (the annual replacement of feathers) in wild birds.



Our work supports the following Global Goals:





WHY GUATEMALA?

Guatemala is one of the most impoverished countries in Latin America and a country where canine rabies is still present. Dogs play an important role in the transmission of this deadly and untreatable disease to people. Through annual education, vaccination and sterilization campaigns, the GAAP has seen considerable change over the years in terms of people's understanding of how to prevent transmission as well as a significant increase in vaccine coverage of dogs and cats.



The GAAP has been working in the remote, indigenous community of Todos Santos, Guatemala since 2010. With a primary focus on veterinary services, the project currently includes an education program developed specifically for the children of Todos Santos, a sponsorship program to help vulnerable families keep their children in school and, as of 2017, an unprecedented Para-Veterinarian project.

As the years go by, the impact of the almost decade-long project is clear: cases of canine rabies have radically decreased, relationships between owners and pets have greatly improved, the community is educated about their pet's needs, and now, through our Para-Veterinarian project, the people and pets of Todos Santos have their own permanent source of basic veterinary care.

GUATEMALA HIGHLIGHTS



Training workshop at a veterinary clinic in Huehuetenango for veterinarians and technicians

Created 202-page para-veterinary training manual

Completed first full training course of para-veterinarian in Todos Santos



Annual veterinary campaign in Todos Santos with 38 volunteers from 7 countries:

Sterilized 227 animals

Rabies vaccinations for 678 dogs and cats

Vaccinations for 100 puppies (parvovirus and distemper) and 5 kittens (feline viral diseases)



Hundreds of children and families participated in fun educational opportunities during the annual "School Day" and "Community Day" in Todos Santos, Guatemala



Sponsored 5 children and their families so the children could go to school.

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“My life has changed because continuing my education is what’s best for me and my future. Besides, if you hadn’t supported me and helped me go to school, I would be working right now.” - **Cristino, Sponsorship Program.**



SPONSORED CHILDREN - Mario and Cristino help with the animals during our 2017 veterinary campaign in Todos Santos.



VET CAMPAIGN - An international team of veterinarians from Chile, USA, Canada and Guatemala provide veterinary services to the community.

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“It was an amazing and enriching experience. It was incredibly well organized and the impact was directly evident. You could see the difference that is being made in the lives of these people and their pets. And you could see where the donations and funds are going. The people involved are so passionate and dedicated! I cannot say enough good things about this project.” -

Volunteer at the 2017 Todos Santos campaign.



SCHOOL DAY - During our annual campaigns in Todos Santos, we provide education about responsible pet care through fun materials and activities for the children of the community.

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“One of the highlights was getting the opportunity to meet and work with other like-minded and passionate individuals towards a common goal. And getting to see the positive impact of the project reflected in the people (particularly the children) of Todos Santos.” - **Volunteer at the 2017 Todos Santos campaign.**



The GAAP Clinic and headquarters is located in Valdivia, Chile – a small city tucked away in a temperate rainforest, surrounded by rivers, and close to the Pacific Ocean’s rugged and wild coastline. In Chile we provide accessible veterinary services to all community members through the GAAP Clinic and our Homeless People & Pets program, as well as implement Education and Environment Stewardship programs for children and families. We also provide disaster response to assist companion animals (horses, dogs and cats) and their families through evacuation, sheltering, and the provision of veterinary care, food and medical supplies when needed.

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Valdivia
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WHY CHILE?

Chile is struggling to become a “developed country”, but development is not limited only to economics. There is a huge cultural shift that needs to occur as well, and part of that struggle is dealing with the massive issue of street dogs. Through our work, the GAAP is constantly looking for ways to solve some of these socio-political and environmental problems affecting the health of animals, people and the environment.

CHILE HIGHLIGHTS



Began construction of 700 meters of ecological trails for the new Nature Discovery Center in the Valdivian rainforest



Responded to Chile wildfires rescuing, sheltering, triaging and transporting horses to equine hospitals with the International Fund for Animal Welfare (IFAW)



20 dogs and 1 cat belonging to homeless owners received veterinary care during night visits to the streets in Valdivia



741 animals received veterinary care



Provided veterinary services to 893 families
595 urban families (67% of total)
298 rural families (28% of total)



Welcomed professionals and students from a variety of countries including Canada, United States, Puerto Rico and Chile.

Chile



"I never knew how important it was to monitor the hoof's temperature on a horse"

- Guillermo Pérez, GAAP co-director



RESCUING AND RELOCATING INJUURED HORSES - The GAAP, partnered with IFAW, assisting horses injured during the wildfires that affected the central region of Chile in early 2017.



HOMELESS PEOPLE & PETS PROJECTS - Through the project, Chapulín was able to receive the veterinary care he desperately needed.



"I have heard the argument many, many times that owning a pet is not a right, but a privilege, and not everyone deserves to have one. In my most righteous moments, tired of seeing clients unwilling to care properly for their pets, I have agreed. Yet seeing these relationships firsthand gives the human animal bond a whole new meaning."

- Dr. Elena Garde, about the homeless people & pets program.



"I keep coming back to the GAAP because of the quality of their services and because of how nice they are to the clients. I like that they know my pet and they do a good follow-up for every treatment"

- Client at the GAAP clinic



EDUCATING OWNERS AT THE GAAP - Dr. Angélica Romero and Para-Veterinarian student Andrés Carrillo teach Tommy's owners how to recognize external parasites.

Chile

“I am very excited to see where this project [Homeless People & Pets] goes and I am so glad that I got to be a part of the beginning and have the experience of working with the amazing volunteers.” -
 Siobhan Rickert, volunteer from USA.



VOLUNTEERING AT THE GAAP- Volunteer Siobhan Rickert helping Dr. Elena Garde during an appointment.



ECOLOGICAL TRAILS - In 2017 we began the construction of our Nature Discovery Center, located in the Valdivian rainforest.

“Since the first time we took our dog Jake to the clinic, they have shown interest in our pet. We’ve developed a close relationship and they’re always willing to answer our questions” -
 Client at the GAAP clinic

“You really built something special here” -
 Sarah Clark, GAAP’s Organizational Development and M&E Manager



REACHING THE FORGOTTEN ONES - During June of last year, we visited Chaihún, a rural community near Valdivia where we provided veterinary services.



GAAP-Canada is a registered non-for-profit society in partnership with Allandale Veterinary Hospital in Barrie, Ontario, Canada. Through our GAAP-Canada international branch, we provide veterinary services and education about appropriate pet care to families in the isolated First Nations communities of northern Ontario. Most of the dogs and cats in these communities have never seen a veterinarian because veterinary services are unavailable in such remote regions of the country where many of the towns are only accessible by small plane.



WHY CANADA?

Veterinary services seldom reach (if ever) remote, fly-in indigenous communities of Canada, and non-humane population control methods are now considered unacceptable. The GAAP is there to offer essential and humane veterinary services to remote families and communities.

CANADA HIGHLIGHTS



Provided veterinary services in 2 First Nations communities during veterinary campaign:

Sterilized 87 dogs and 32 cats
 78 dogs and 30 cats in Sachigo Lake First Nation
 9 dogs and 2 cats in Gull Bay First Nation

De-wormed/vaccinated 113 dogs
 102 rabies vaccinations
 12 annual canine DAPP vaccinations
 96 parasite treatments

De-wormed/vaccinated 32 cats
 30 rabies vaccinations
 32 annual FRCP vaccines

Other treatments included wound suture (1 dog) and dental extraction (2 dogs)

92% of the owned dogs sterilized were free-roaming

Canada

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“There have been big changes since last year and positive changes in general for the community people and the dogs.”

Kenneth King, Gull Bay First Nation Band Councillor



WORKING IN ISOLATED COMMUNITIES - The GAAP-Canada team and partners Northern Spay & Neuter Program board the plane to Sachigo Lake.



OWNERS WAIT FOR THEIR APPOINTMENTS - For most of these families, their only access to veterinary health comes from the GAAP's vet campaigns.

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“We need to take care of our pets the best we can even though it's hard for some families to take care of their pets... I know a lot of people have brought in their pets [to the clinic] because they can't afford to keep having babies year after year and we can't afford to fly our pets out for the vaccinations, to get fixed or anything like that. So the vets coming into the community has helped a lot of people look after their pets.”

Pauline Greene, Sachigo Lake Band Councillor

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“It's made a big difference in the community. People can't afford pet care. I don't have income to feed him [her dog Rufus] so this is a big help.”

Stephanie Penagin, community member.



VETERINARY CAMPAIGN - The team prepares a feline patient for surgery.



From Todos Santos to Washington DC

Roberto Mendoza is a brilliant young man from Todos Santos, Guatemala. We met him in 2014 during our annual veterinary campaign. At the time, he was working at the same hotel we were staying in and, like many other children in Guatemala, he had been pulled from school so he could work and help support his family.

Through the GAAP's Family Sponsorship Program, Roberto was able to stay in school instead of working to support his family and not only that, but he also became the best student in his class. Roberto has shown to be an impressive young man; he's smart, responsible and thoughtful, which is why earlier this year he was one of 5 teens chosen to represent Guatemala in an international 2-week exchange program that took him to several cities in the United States to share his experiences as a Mayan teen.

Now, Roberto is back in Guatemala and he told us all about his experience in the States.

"I liked everything about the trip! It was unforgettable," he says. "I learned new things about leadership and being an entrepreneur. I got to see the most important places in these cities and learn how American families live. The experience left me feeling motivated and with new knowledge that has opened my mind and will surely help me a lot in my future".

When asked about the contrasts between Todos Santos and EEUU, Roberto says: "The cleanliness of the cities, the education that families provide for their children, the personal hygiene, the way they care for their pets and the respect they have for important places. Those were the biggest differences".

Roberto says some of those things are needed in his hometown. "I would like to see Todos Santos putting into practice that sort of neatness, the way Americans value their culture and are able to educate their children and care for their pets".

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For Roberto, education is a particularly relevant topic as he comes from a place where many children and adults do not have access to an education due to issues like economic disparity and lack of opportunities for Guatemala's indigenous communities.

Roberto is an example of a young man who is actively working towards a better future for him, his family and his community. But things aren't easy in Todos Santos. Roberto says he says he would like to stay in Todos Santos, but there are serious issues affecting his community that make him think twice about it. "Seeing how there are problems with the maras (violent gangs) in Todos Santos, I'd have to see how the situation is in a few years. If it continues, I would say it's best to look for a safer place; a place where I can give my [future] children the best I can, a good education, but also help people in need".



Out in the streets

For a long time now, I've wanted to get out into the streets and see how many animals are living with the homeless of our city. This year, I was finally able to do it after getting in touch with a group that brings food to the homeless.

A few weeks later, at 9:30 pm at night, we took to the streets for the first time to meet up with the group "Caminos de la Vida".

It was a really cold night, with a hint of rain, and Victor was sitting on the sidewalk, completely incoherent, empty bottle at his side. The director of "Caminos de la Vida"- Ricardo, tried to talk to him, but he did not respond. The only warmth Victor had with him, were his four dogs. The next stop was along a busy street, at an abandoned building covered in graffiti. Here we found a queen size bed with four full grown men sleeping in it. Ricardo called out to them, and they awoke, fear replaced with big grins once they realized who it was. While eating, Bernardo, one of the men, talked about the violence in the streets- a life that few of us can imagine - and the importance of their many dogs. He pulled back the covers and a terrier lifted its head to see what was going on, then curled up and went back to sleep, pressing itself against Bernardo. He said that his little dog slept there with him every night. The others stayed around the bed, protecting them. One of our stops was along the riverfront in the city centre where long rows of stalls used by vendors to sell their wares during the day, apparently serve a whole other purpose by night. There were people merrily drinking and playing cards, telling us that this was the life, they wouldn't have it any other way. One man sat up in bed to receive his meal. He had two little dogs in bed with him, and he seemed to suffer from some kind of mental disability. Truthfully, I barely understood a thing he said. But his body language told the whole story. He

wrapped his arms around his little dog and pulled her to him in a tight embrace. His hands were HUGE and dirty, but he held her gently and smiled while rocking her back and forth.

We carried on through the night, stopping again and again, serving food and hot coffee and asking them about their dogs. At about 1am, one of our last stops, we visited a woman who had Down 's syndrome and had been beaten up by her partner. It was terrible. She was so alone and I thought about some of the other people we had seen that night and how much comfort they found in the company of their four-legged pets; it just broke my heart that of all the people we saw that night she was the only one with a human partner, and she was the most alone of all. I got home around 2am, and I couldn't stop thinking about these people, how much the dogs meant to them, and what an important role they played in the lives and emotional health of the homeless. I know that none of these dogs have ever been vaccinated or dewormed, but I understand a whole lot better now, the importance of having them close by, snuggled in their beds, always available to listen, a warm body to comfort them in their loneliness.

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“of all the people we saw that night, she was the only one with a human partner, and she was the most alone of all.”

The GAAP will continue to go out and visit these people and treat their pets for some of the more common problems we saw- fleas, mange and other simple things we can do to make all of their lives a tiny bit more comfortable. Later, once they trust us a bit more, we can talk about vaccines and even spay or neuter. But for now, we will take it one step at a time.



The rescue horse

Dulce lived his first two years of life largely as a wild horse, but the fires that swept through Chile in early 2017 changed everything for him and for the GAAP. Dulce was one of about 70 animals belonging to this Chilean farmer and most did not survive the tragedy. Those that did survive were seriously injured and many had to be euthanized.

As the fires gained momentum, the GAAP team suspended the day to day duties at the office and deployed to one of the worst affected zones to help out alongside the International Fund for Animal Welfare. Dulce was one of the seriously injured horses and was one of the first to be transported to Santiago. There, he would undergo the extensive rehabilitation necessary to treat his injuries. Dulce sustained 2nd and 3rd degree burns to 20% percentage of his body and severe damage to his hooves.

Despite Dulce's history of having extremely limited contact with people, he was unusually calm when the IFAW/GAAP team approached him in preparation for loading. Most horses with his background would be highly unpredictable around people. Even a horse that has spent its entire life around people can be extremely difficult to load into a trailer for the first time. But not Dulce. Dulce calmly accepted our touch, lowered his head as we put on the halter, hesitantly followed us, and observed the opening of the trailer then quietly climbed onboard!

Upon arrival in Santiago, Dulce was treated by Dr. Felipe Lara and his team at the Andres Bello University hospital. While the prognosis was good, the veterinarians estimated that Dulce would need to undergo at least 6 months of treatment for his burns and damaged hooves. Each month saw a slight improvement in his physical injuries

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his burns slowly turned to scars and his damaged hooves started to grow out. After 6 months of treatment, Dulce was finally ready to go home to the south of Chile. However, Dulce's owner had lost his entire living. Sixty of his horses had died and he was left with only 10. He had no money to feed them and no pasture. The sad truth was that Dulce's owner was in no position to pay for the shipping of the horse back home, and even if he could get the horse there, he couldn't afford to feed it. The only consolation for him was that Dulce could be sold for meat. Although this news came as an enormous shock to the GAAP and all of the team who had worked so hard to rehabilitate Dulce, the hardship these people had suffered gave them no other choice. We had to understand their situation. Yet, no-one could quite reconcile the fact that lovely Dulce, after all the courage he had shown in the face of immense suffering, would only be sold for meat. There was one alternative. The GAAP team quickly decided that they would compensate the owners with an amount equivalent to Dulce's market value so that they could continue to care for this sweet horse they had come to love. The owner happily agreed, and a virtual handshake sealed the deal. "Dulce", which means "sweet" in Spanish, was saved from a fate that his caregivers simply could not imagine for him. In turn, he lives at the GAAP farm as part of their animal family: adored, wanted and cared for.



Volunteers

We pride ourselves on having a multidisciplinary, bilingual and international team that collectively brings a formidable skill set to the table. We work collaboratively on projects and the general operations of the organization. We recognize that we must work as a unit; each person contributes something unique to every project.

Elena Garde – Co-Director, Senior Veterinarian

Guillermo Pérez – Co-Director, Biologist

Angélica Romero – Associate Veterinarian

Marina Muñoz – Veterinary Assistant

Nicole Grandjean – Communications Manager

Sarah Clark – Organizational Development and M&E Manager

Ivan Miroshnichenko – Website & IT Manager

Patricia Lechten – Founder GAAP Canada

Natalie Flammia – Board Member GAAP Canada

Melissa Payne – Fundraising Manager GAAP Canada

Thyren Garde – Secretary GAAP Canada

Nancy Holling – Board Member GAAP Canada

Our volunteers are critical to our success as an organization. Without their help, our progress would have been impossible! In 2017 we had more than 50 volunteers across all our programs as well as 1 student intern.

We wish to provide a special thanks to the following volunteers who went above and beyond in 2017!

Dr. Michelle Oblak **Irina Miroshnichenko**

Suzette Miller

Marcela Vallejos

Siobhan Rickert

Miranda Barros

Natalia Ruiz

Daniela Merino

Advisors

In 2017 we brought together a group of trusted, long-term partners and volunteers to serve as our Advisory Board across multiple GAAP program areas.

Aliece and Pete Dorsch

Bonnie Cavanagh

Patty Lechten

Scarlett Magda



Partners & Supporters

Thank you to all of our amazing partners and supporters who make implementation of the GAAP projects possible:



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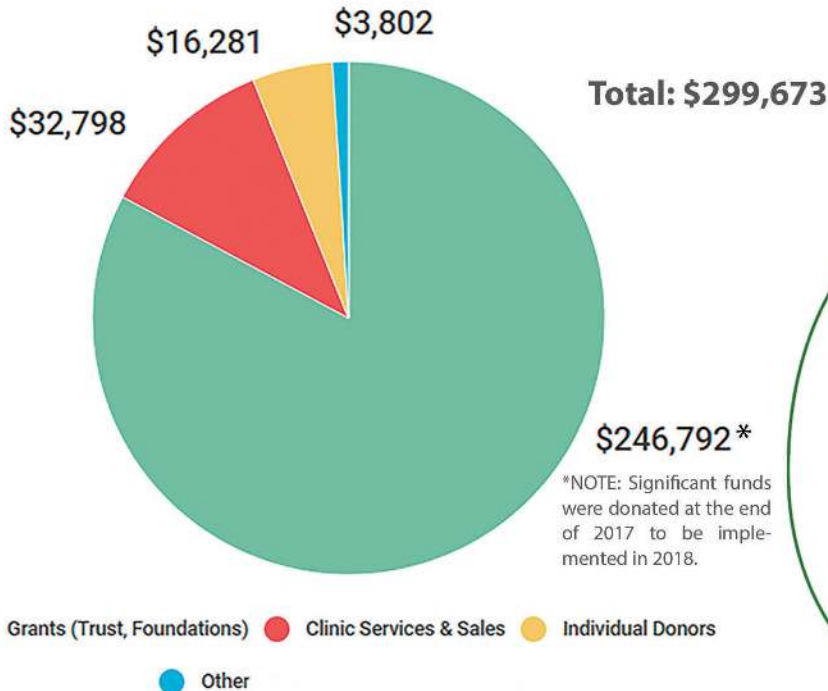


The GAAP's new truck, purchased thanks to a generous donation made by Veterinarians International

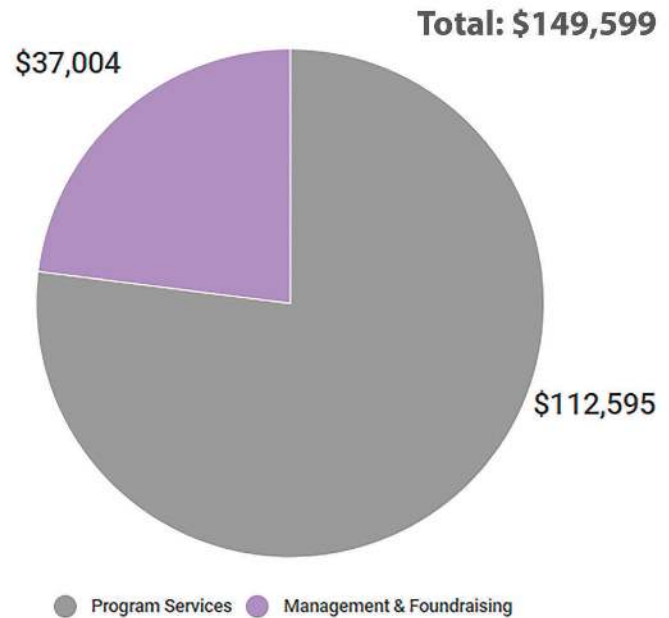
Our goal for 2017 was to obtain strategic funding in order to grow our pilot projects into the implementation phase by (1) reaching more families through education and community development opportunities, (2) showing children and adults why it is important to respect nature, (3) providing veterinary services to more animals, and (4) seeking more partnerships with international and local organizations.

We also continued to expand our GAAP Family network of supporters and monthly donors, through online campaigns, Giving Tuesday and word of mouth!

2017 INCOME



2017 EXPENSES



OUR GOALS FOR 2018

As we expand and deepen the impact of ALL our projects, we will place special attention on:

- ✓ Renovating and building an addition to the GAAP Clinic
- ✓ Increasing the reach of our environmental stewardship and conservation programs with children and families in Chile
- ✓ Strengthening partnerships with indigenous communities of Canada



“Today more than ever before, life must be characterized by a sense of Universal Responsibility, not only nation to nation and human to human, but also human to all other forms of life.”

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The Dalai Lama