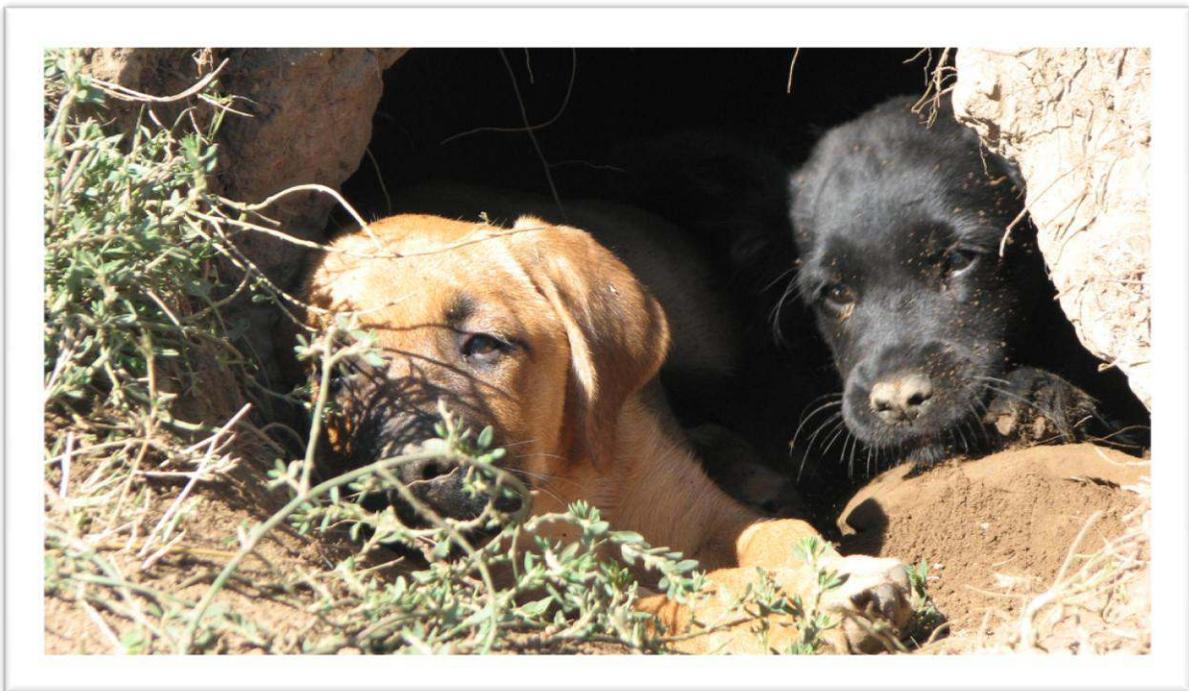




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## Message from Directors

Animals have always been, and will always be, an integral part of people's lives, yet the basic capacity, resources and knowledge required to maintain healthy human and animal relationships is lacking or absent in many parts of the world.

We all know that companion animals play an unprecedented role as members of the modern family, and livestock have become more vital for survival in the marginalized rural family in Latin America. Today, more than ever before, a diverse group of professionals are needed to protect the health of humans and animals.

Yet this past year, Veterinarians without Borders-Canada, the parent organization for our chapter in Latin America, closed their doors in Latin America.

Many challenges and rewards mark the passing of 2014. We received a strong message from many people in many countries that our work should continue in Latin America. With that encouragement and support, we successfully transitioned from Veterinarians Without Borders/Veterinarios Sin Fronteras-Latin America to the Global Alliance for Animals and People (GAAP).

Much of the year was spent reworking the mission, goals, objectives and vision for the GAAP. We identified an entirely new set of donors and funders for our organization, and even added some new projects.

For this reason, you will find that the report this year is short and sweet. We spent less time in the field, and put some project on temporary hold. Bear with us- as 2015 is now upon us, we have ramped up all our projects, hired new staff, secured new funds and off we go!!

Thanks for supporting our work and we can't wait to tell you about all the new developments coming up for next year!

Elena and Guillermo  
Co-Directors for the Global Alliance for Animals and People



## Vision and Mission

We envision a Latin America where people live in harmony with animals and their environment.

Our mission is to improve the health of animals, people, and the environment. We work in Latin American communities that are overwhelmed by the challenges and conflicts they face in their struggles to provide for their families and their animals.

Our Service Areas include:

- Veterinary services (Clinic and Field Services)
- Childhood education
- Animals in disasters
- Capacity building
- Research



## Our projects

### Veterinary Services, Todos Santos, Guatemala



Rabies is a serious disease with the highest case fatality rate of any disease known to man. There are still over 55,000 human deaths worldwide, most caused by domestic dogs. We have been involved in a rabies prevention and responsible dog ownership program in Todos Santos, Guatemala since 2008. Todos Santos is a small Mayan village about 7 hours from Guatemala City. Our ongoing work includes regular rabies vaccination campaigns of dogs and extensive education of adults and children about the risks of rabies, spay/neuter campaigns, and other veterinary services.

In March, 2014, we brought our regular program to Todos Santos. In ten days, we worked with over 1,000 community members and children in our education program. We vaccinated approximately 300 dogs and sterilized 75 dogs.

### GAAP Clinic, Valdivia, Chile

In 2014, we received funding from the Humane Society International to open the GAAP Veterinary Clinic in Valdivia, Chile. Renovations of the building lasted four months, and in November 2014, we successfully passed the Ministry of Health inspection and opened our doors for business. The mission of our clinic is to service marginalized and rural communities of the region by subsidizing the cost of veterinary care through international donations of supplies. We have already had a number of patients and new clients arrive every day. We look forward to new developments in the clinic in 2015.



## Humane Community Development, Puerto Natales, Chile



This free-roaming urban dog project in Puerto Natales, Chile received a lot of global attention in 2014. Based on the principle that the best solution to this serious issue is best developed by the community, we worked with the International Fund for Animal Welfare to guide the community through the steps of building a humane management plan. This pilot project is currently being

duplicated in Bosnia and received endorsement from the Clinton Global Initiative.

The completed management plan involves a series of phases aimed at reducing the number of owned dogs permitted to roam unattended in the streets (see Figure 1 below). Steps include data collection such as surveys to find out what people think about the dog problem at the onset of the project, a six month period of public outreach, an owned dog, mandatory microchip campaign, followed by enforcement and final evaluation of the project.

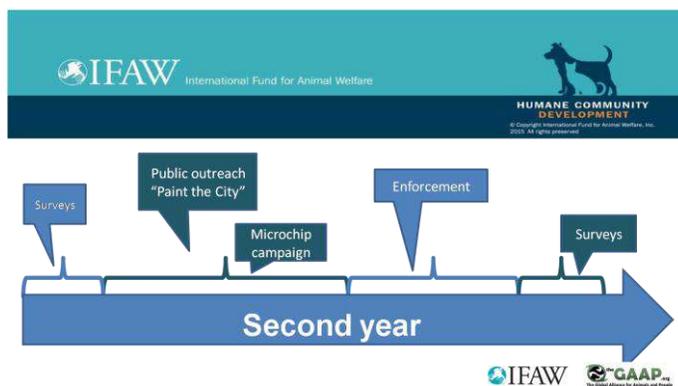


Figure 1. Timeline for Humane Community Development Project for free-roaming dog Project in Puerto Natales, Chile

## Animals in Disasters, Chile

Chile is a country with many natural disasters; including earthquakes, tsunamis, volcanic eruptions, floods and drought, to name a few. In recent years, Chile received some unfavorable international attention concerning its performance in dealing with companion animals following a volcanic eruption and an earthquake/tsunami.

In 2014, the International Fund for Animal Welfare approached the GAAP to work together identifying stakeholders and to develop working groups to provide input toward a National Plan for Animals in Disasters for Chile that would be scalable to other communities of Latin America.

## Resources and Financial Management

This year, we secured \$48.709.082 CLP of which half went to employee wages to maintain and start new project and to launch the new organization. Despite the major changes to our organizational structure, we finished out the year with a net worth of \$6.147.156. For 2015, we anticipate seeing a significant increase in restricted funds for the Disaster Project and the GAAP Clinic.

## Your Donation is More Important than ever Before

This year was all about paving the way for the future GAAP projects. We are excited to begin our first full fiscal year operating under the new organization and need your help to sustain our growth.

Please join us in our adventure in Latin America! Your donation supports the work that we are able to do in the communities of Latin America to improve the quality of life of animals and people!

Donations by mail may be visiting our website: <http://thegaap.org/donate-4/>

## Volunteer and Make a Difference.

We are looking for volunteers for some of our projects. Watch for our newsletters, and contact us if you would like to join one of our volunteer teams.

- Volunteer with our social media team
- Volunteer on one of our veterinary projects
- Be a fundraiser for the GAAP
- Collect supplies from our wishlist

Please visit our website at <http://thegaap.org> to learn more, call the office at 011 56 63 225-

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## Looking Forward

Here's what we are planning for 2015:

**Finances:** We expect to launch our monthly donor program and increase funding by 5% through online donations. We are also planning an online crowd-funding campaign and approach some larger veterinary-related corporations to contribute to the GAAP veterinary programs.

**Programs:** We expect to grow our GAAP Clinic clientele, expand services into marginalized areas and broaden the reach of our Animals in Disasters program. We've also just launched a Children's Sponsorship Program to keep kids in school in Guatemala.

**Notable Upcoming Events:** With our supporters in Canada and New York City, we are collectively planning two important fundraisers in 2015.

## Gracias!!!

Of course none of this would have been possible without our many supporters who made this journey with us. Without you, none of this would have been possible, and we are now very well positioned to begin the New Year!

Thanks to our private donors, sponsors, partners, friends and family who have helped create the Global Alliance for Animals and People!

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