

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

New Year.....same issues

2012 turned out to be another very busy and very successful year for VDACS. Along with the usual things we do, we also went through a significant change when our Founder and President Heather Pettit resigned, retired and relocated. Naturally, that resulted in a bit of realignment of the Board whereby I moved from Recording Secretary to President, and Carole Wheeler took over as Recording Secretary. As you all know, Heather made VDACS her more than full time, unpaid job....it was a passion she had, driven by her love for the animals.

I would like to especially thank all the Board members for facing these changes and challenges with extra efforts and team work to keep us forging ahead and continuing the objectives of VDACS....reducing the pet overpopulation and suffering. I would also like to thank our volunteers outside the Board who dedicate their time to help with our fundraisers. Last but certainly not least, I would like to thank the local veterinary clinics who work so very hard to support us. Without them we would not be able to do what we do and help so many animals.

Speaking of helping animals, I went back over the last three years and looked at the numbers of spays, neuters and ferals we have done, and the numbers are staggering. Excluding our own adoptables, we have fixed approximately 1700 cats and dogs...almost 800 of those were feral cats. Our 2012 numbers were up approximately 50% over 2011. 2013 so far has been keeping up that crazy pace so we certainly have our work cut out for us.

Reid Harvey, VDACS President

FERAL CATS...

Feral cats are the offspring of domestic pets who have been abandoned by their owners. They live and survive in colonies of anywhere from a few, to a few dozen, to over one hundred cats. They are WILD animals and cannot be domesticated. Unless their kittens are trapped and socialized at a very young age, they too become wild animals. Our spay/neuter assistance program for low income owners is designed to prevent abandonment.

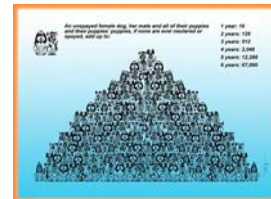
We also operate a "Trap, Neuter, Release" (TNR) program for feral cats. We have an inventory of humane traps which are constantly on loan to businesses or individuals. The trapped cat is taken to a local veterinary clinic, "fixed" and tattooed, and then returned to its territory. It is important that they go back to their "colony" as they could not survive in strange surroundings. The fixed cats do a good job of keeping rodent and other pest populations in check. TNR is the only practical and humane solution to the ever increasing feral cat problem and is actually less expensive than mass extermination.

Fundraisers

Every Penny Counts....
is an on going
Penny Drive.

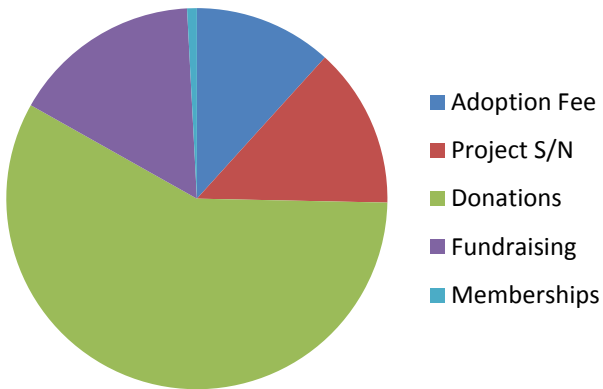
VDACS goal is to
Collect 2,072,514 Pennies
WHY?

Because that is how many
kittens are born to just
ONE FEMALE
AND
HER OFFSPRING IN
8 YEARS

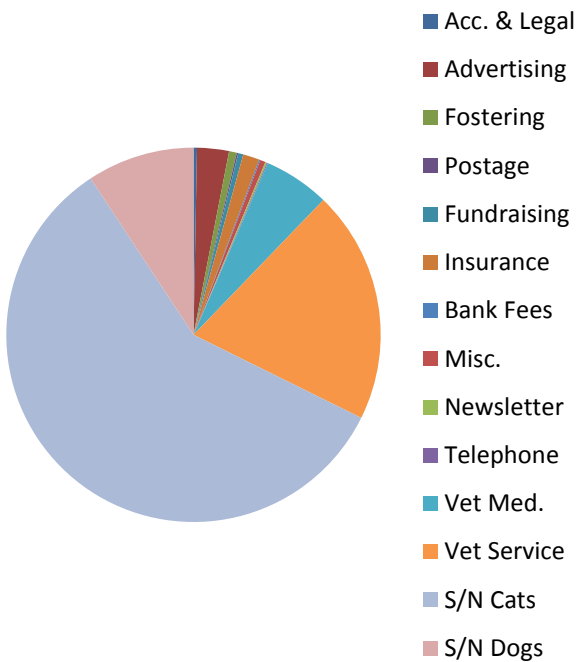


Pennies can be dropped off
at
Hunter's Store
Paws & Claws
or Call
250-545-6044

Revenue



Expense

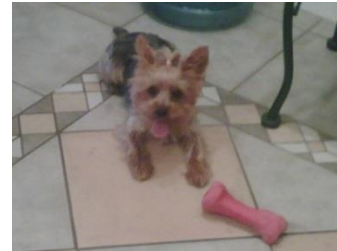


THIS IS WHY WE VOLUNTEER FOR VDACS

“Hello just sending a quick email to say thank you for helping our little Tima dog get her teeth fixed. She is a very happy girl now and is pain free!!

We are so appreciative of the help your society has provided us with
 Thank you again!”

Sincerely
 Tima’s Family



VDACS Gives
 Paws & Claws Vernon the
 Thumbs up award for adopting
 out a 1 year old spayed female
 cat within 6 hours of receiving
 her from VDACS!!

Paws & ClawsYOU ROCK!!

Due to the cost of stamps and VDACS desire to spend donated money on the animals; (like Tima pictured above) future newsletters can be found on our website or at fundraising events.



Paw Prints Spring 2013 Newsletter

IN MEMORIAM

VDACS has received generous donations in memory of the following animal lovers

<i>In memory of:</i>	<i>From</i>
<u>Val Van- ness</u>	<u>V. Hornell</u>
<u>Val Van- ness</u>	<u>L. Johnson</u>
<u>N. Corner</u>	<u>S. Hernet</u>
<u>N. Corner</u>	<u>P. Kirschner</u>
<u>N. Corner</u>	<u>B. Tulloch</u>
<u>N. Corner</u>	<u>K. McCaffey</u>
<u>B. Secord</u>	<u>W. Secord</u>
<u>G. Swanson</u>	<u>E. Rourke</u>
<u>C. Kelly</u>	<u>E. Rourke</u>
<u>M. Fraser</u>	<u>Y. Adams</u>
<u>W. Berger</u>	<u>P. Neden</u>
<u>L & A Goebel</u>	<u>W. Litzenberger</u>

And animals

<i>In memory of:</i>	<i>From</i>
<u>Sookie</u>	<u>R. Gagnon</u>
<u>Roberts</u>	<u>R. Gagnon</u>
<u>Sophie</u>	<u>A. Kitcher</u>
<u>Tax</u>	<u>A. Kitcher</u>
<u>Mojo</u>	<u>A. Kitcher</u>

The 2013/2014 Board.....Reid Harvey, President; Pat Kirschner, Vice President; Jean Boysen, Treasurer; Carole Wheeler, Recording Secretary; Ginny Makarewich; Corresponding Secretary, and DIRECTORS: Ken Barker; Sue Bru; Barb Harvey; Laurie Johnson; Joan Salt.

VERNON AND DISTRICT ANIMAL CARE SOCIETY

I would like to renew my annual membership @ \$25 _____

I would like to make a tax deductible donation of _____

Total _____

Name _____

Address _____

Phone# _____ email _____

Please make cheques payable to Vernon and District Animal Care Society and mail to:

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