



# FUNDACION SPAY/PANAMA

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## OUR MISSION

To put a stop to the misery of homeless animals by controlling the overpopulation of cats and dogs through an intensive sterilization program

Spay/Panama is neither a shelter nor a clinic. We sterilize and promote the adoption of homeless animals



**Dear friends,**

2009 was a rewarding but an extremely challenging year for Spay/Panama. We hope this document will help explain who we are, what we do and how we do it.

With the generosity of our benefactors and volunteers, we sterilized and treated 5,527 animals throughout the Republic of Panama. 299 once homeless animals were placed in loving homes. We significantly enhanced our website to better communicate our services and our needs.

We find ourselves today in an unavoidable deficit situation due to a steady increase of animals treated and sterilized, escalating operating costs and diminishing donations.

In response, Dr. Isis Johnson-Brown launched an intense public campaign to create awareness of our mission, our services and our funding needs.

The problems of animal overpopulation and increasing expenses are not going away.

Low-income segments are the fastest growing areas in Panama. These communities need the services of a professional, well-regarded animal welfare organization to provide affordable quality sterilization services.

Spay/Panama is that organization.

Our veterinarians have attended courses and training in the U.S. for their continued education, participating in overseas sterilization campaigns, keeping abreast with the latest advances in Veterinary Science. All new vets are trained following the Quick Spay Method (includes small incision, early sterilization and the use of stainless steel suture, which is strong and non-reactive).

Volunteers attend the annual WSPA (World Society for the Protection of Animals) seminar covering volunteering, project planning and fundraising. Our equipment is calibrated and given routine preventive maintenance. Spay packs are lubricated and sterilized after each use and any defective instrument is immediately discarded and replaced.

Spay/Panama's policy is to treat pets of low-income families and homeless animals with the same care and love as we would want our pampered pets to be treated.

This is a potholed and demanding time for everyone in Spay/Panama, but we are confident that a successful great future is ahead of us; a future in which the number of abused, abandoned and homeless animals is greatly reduced.

Thank you for your wholehearted support of animal welfare and the work we are doing at Spay/Panama.

Together we can make a difference.



**Patricia Chan  
Director**

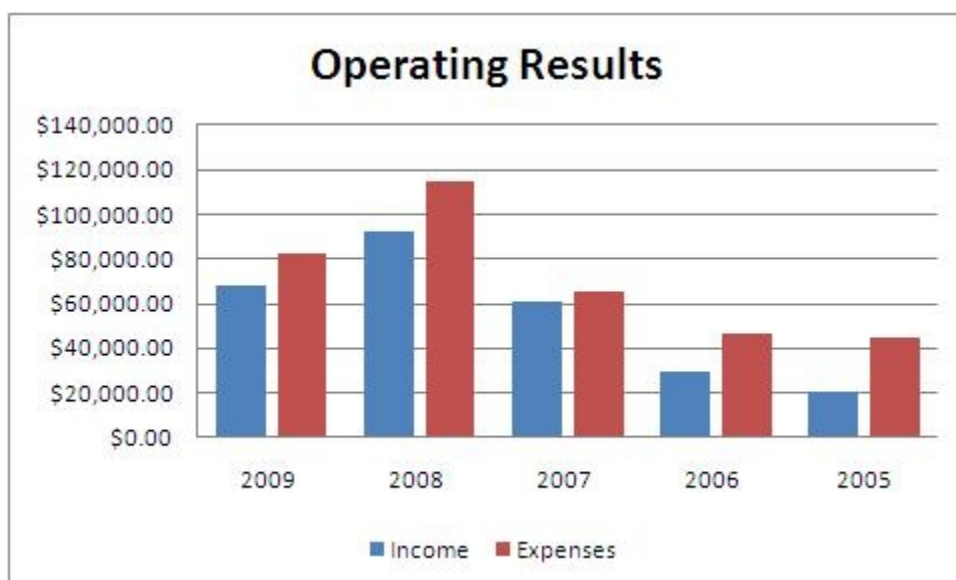
## HIGHLIGHTS

24,910 animals spayed/neutered to date

5.5% were adopted

0.7% were euthanized

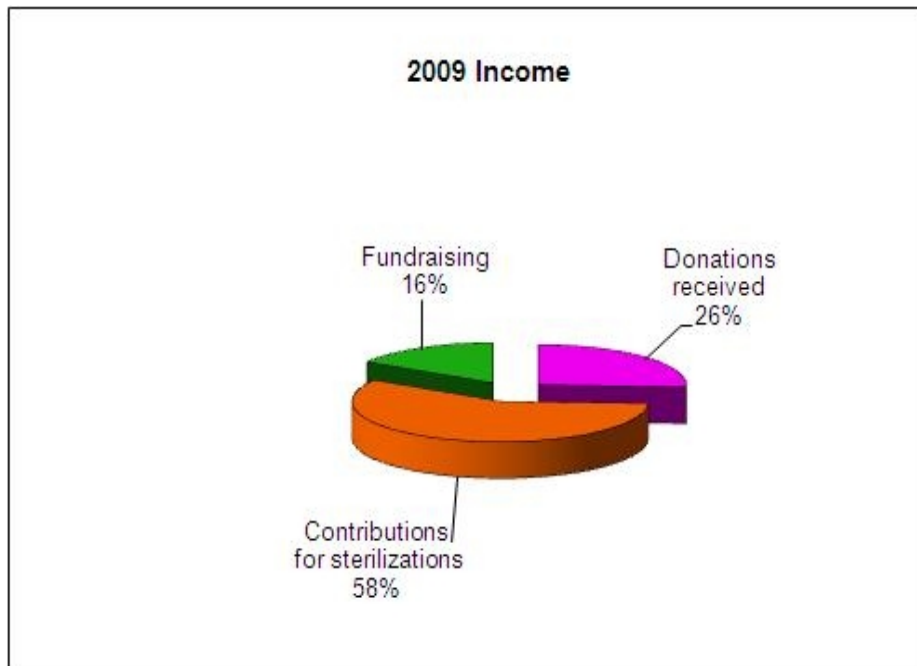
## FINANCIAL POSITION



Donations in 2009 were down 57%, or \$19 thousand as compared to \$44 thousand in 2008.

Fundraising income was down 15% or \$9 thousand compared to \$12 thousand in 2008 mainly because less calendars were printed.

A contribution of \$20 per dog and \$10 per cat is requested, however, no one is rejected if the guardian/rescuer/feeder cannot make the contribution. Contributions for sterilizations were up 8% or \$39 thousand compared to \$36 thousand in 2008. In 2009, 5,527 animals were sterilized and an average of \$7.10 was received per animal. In 2008, 6,127 animals were sterilized and an average of \$5.96 was received per animal.

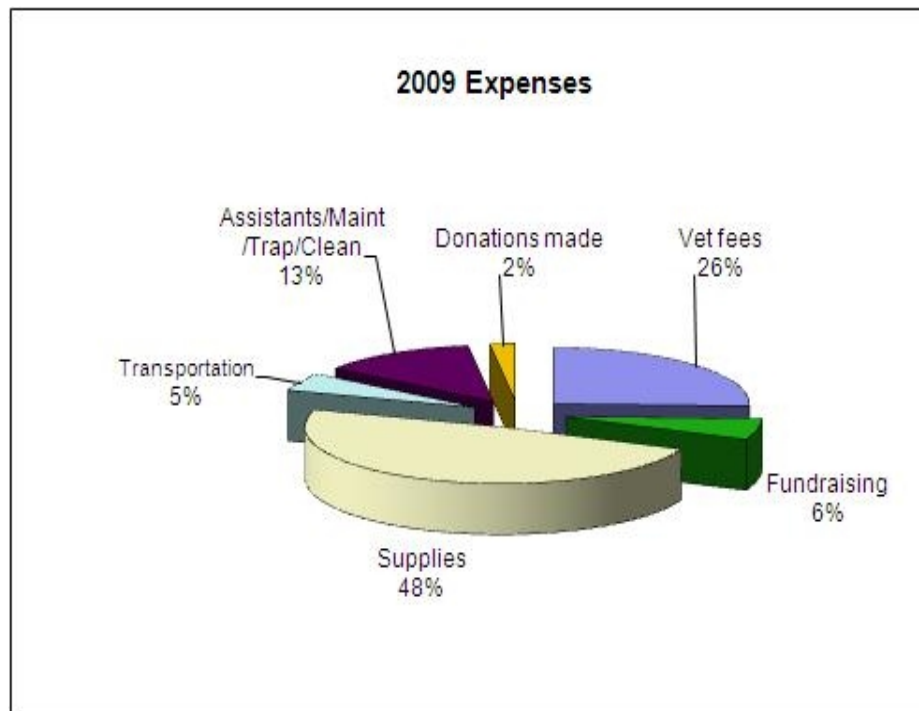


Vet fees were down 36% in 2009, or \$20 thousand compared to \$31 thousand in 2008. The average per animal was \$3.69 compared to \$5.14 per animal in 2008.

Transportation cost was down 48% in 2009, or \$4 thousand compared to \$8 thousand in 2008 because the donated pick-up was fixed and operational in 2009, allowing for a reduction in car rentals and hired transportation.

Surgical and medical supplies were up 12%, or \$41 thousand compared to \$37 thousand in 2008 because of an increase in price of supplies and donated supplies were down in 2009.

No major equipment was purchased in 2009 and the other expense items were in line with prior year.



## **FUTURE PLANS AND GOALS FOR 2010**

Increase the number of animals to be spayed/neutered

Invest more time and effort in educating the younger generation to be responsible pet guardians

Strengthen our partnership with the Health Ministry in order to work with the authorities within the communities

Encourage the business and local residents to share the costs of the blitzes to control the number of unwanted animals in their communities

Submit grant proposals for a mobile spay/neuter clinic

## **A SPECIAL THANKS TO**

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