Dear Friends,

Seventeen years ago, a small group of individuals came together with two goals in mind: to alleviate the suffering of animals living in poverty and to help dismantle the root causes of that suffering through access to care.

Today, thanks to your support, that small group of individuals has grown into an international network of passionate advocates that directly saves thousands of animal lives each year.

What we do is simple. We focus our efforts where the need is the greatest—underfunded, over-populated communities on both sides of the border. We bring access to veterinary care along with spay and neuter services to these areas to help prevent animal homelessness and over-population and to give low-income families a chance to give their animals the care they need.

We also do direct lifesaving rescue of homeless animals living in these communities... animals who otherwise would simply not be able to survive.

The impact of this work is profound. Last year, you helped us make a lifesaving difference for 1,549 animals. In Mexico, we finally were able to open a desperately needed orphanage for homeless puppies and abandoned mother dogs with their litters. We also launched a local adoption program.

On both sides of the border, our rescue centers were constantly filled to the brim, saving the lives of 584 dogs, while our free and low-cost clinics in low-income communities provided services to an additional 6,324 animals and their families.

As we look back on what we have accomplished together, what is most inspiring is the community we have built and the enormous impact we have had as a dedicated, grassroots group.

Looking for work, with your continued support, our impact in the coming year will be bigger than ever. The power of our relentless compassion for the animals who must need our help more than ever, the geographic and economic barriers that perpetuate their suffering, enabling us to make real change and to give them the lives they deserve.

I hope you enjoy reading over this report and relishing in all the successes you have helped to make possible. Thank you for being part of our community of compassion and enabling us to make a difference for so many.

In gratitude,
Christi Cambrin, DVM
Co-founder and Executive Director

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Our Approach: Radical Compassion

Our approach is to address the root causes of animal homelessness while also rescuing those in most dire need.

Prevention

An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure.
Our goal is to prevent animal homelessness through access to low-cost and free veterinary care, spay and neuter, and education in underserved communities.

Rescue

Where it is needed the most; for those with the greatest need.
Our lifesaving rescue focus is targeted to reach the animals with the greatest needs in areas hardest hit with poverty and animal homelessness.
Access to Care: Stemming the Tide of Animal Homelessness

An estimated 53 million animals live in poverty in the U.S. On average 80% of these animals have never seen a veterinarian and 91% are not spayed or neutered. This number is easily tripled that south of the border, where more than 65% of the total population lives below the national poverty line.

Bringing access to care and spay/neuter to this vulnerable group of animals is a care part of our mission.

How does access to care save lives?

Animals living in poverty often don’t have access to even the most basic veterinary care. As a result, they aren’t spayed or neutered and can suffer from a host of illnesses and painful conditions that could easily be prevented or addressed with even the most basic treatment and medical attention.

To create needless suffering and homelessness by increasing unwanted litters, allowing animals to languish with chronic and acute illness, and by forcing loving families to surrender their animals to local shelters in order to get the care they need.

By providing access to free and low-cost care and spay/neuter in underserved communities for the past 27 years, CWOB has pioneered efforts to stem the tide of animal homelessness, keeping animals healthy and in their homes with the families who love them.

Last year alone we provided free and low-cost sterilization surgeries and veterinary care to 6,624 animals in low income neighborhoods on both sides of the border, preventing untold animal homelessness and suffering.

NOW SPAY AND NEUTER IS TRUST THE SOLUTION

Spaying and neutering your pet addresses the root causes of animal homelessness by preventing the birth of unwanted litters, and it also has tremendous health benefits for animals. By decreasing the risk of certain cancers, spaying and neutering also increases their lifespan.

It is immoral that millions of animals across the country continue to suffer from a lack of access to spaying and neutering. CWOB is working to end this suffering.

CHLOE’S STORY: ALL ANIMALS DESERVE CARE

“I rescued Chloe from a terrible situation where she was forced to live in a garage for several years. She was thin and had bad skin and horrible ear infections. I wanted to give Chloe all she needed but didn’t have the thousands of dollars it care would take. Thank goodness for CWOB helping me with my vet. It took care of her skin and ear infections, and took care of all of her medical needs. I am so glad I didn’t have to bring her to a shelter where she just be another pit bull without a home, she has a home with me and I love her.”

-Jane Frazee

SADIE’S STORY: ACCESS TO LIFE-SAVING SURGERY IN HER HOUR OF NEED

“If not for Compassion Without Borders, Sadie would not be alive. My girl was super sick for about a week and I was told it would cost over $3,000-$5,000 just to figure out what was wrong. By CWOB realized it was an infection in her uterus right away and Compassion Without Borders did emergency surgery on her and saved my life. I am saying everyone I know that they need to make sure their dogs are fixed because they can get this horrible infection and I am forever grateful to Compassion Without Borders for not letting Sadie die just because I didn’t have that kind of money.”

-John Dutra
RESCUE: To Save a Life is to Save a World

We rescue the most vulnerable animals from impoverished areas on both sides of the border. We take on the hardest medical cases and specialize in rehabilitating animals with extensive backgrounds of neglect, injury, and abuse. These are the animals that would otherwise truly have no hope.

Mexico Rescue

CHIRQ now operates two rescue centers in Mexico. Our primary shelter is home to over 600 animals each year.

With your support, we just opened a brand new puppy and dog rescue south of the border. This space provides the safe haven needed for the enormous volume of homeless puppies and young adult dogs and their pups we encounter each year.

California Rescue

The Central Valley of California has one of the highest euthanasia rates in the country, which is why we have focused our efforts on working with the Valley’s most dedicated shelters to save their most at-risk animals.

In Fresno every year, we rescue hundreds of Chihuahuas, one of the most severely overrepresented breeds in the region, through our interstate transport program. In addition, we work with our partners to take on the hard medical cases they don’t have the resources to treat and get to safety.

Last year we were able to help save 613 animals through this lifesaving partnership, providing a much-needed safety net to some of the most at-risk dogs in the U.S.

Spotlight On a Rescue

Topaz: Topaz was rescued out of a shelter on Sunday, just two days before she gave birth to nine puppies. We were able to rescue her and get her into a foster home where she gave birth and was able to raise her pups. Topaz and all of her puppies have been adopted into loving homes.

Each year CHIRQ rescues dozens of dogs from the local and her place in the world for most people is truly a happy place.

Gru: Gru came into us from a partner shelter in Salinas, CA. As a FIV+ male with extensive wounds and medical needs, his chances were slim to meet in the Valley. We were his only option and we agreed to do whatever we could.

Gru was smitten, revered in wounds, minorities, and required months of care and medical treatment. He went from a 27-pound shut-down to a thriving 25-pound dog. He proved himself to be a happy, gentle boy and went on to find a loving home where he will never be mistreated again.

Saving the world, one life at a time
Financials 2017

Statement of Financial Position

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We are proud to say that 81 cents out of every dollar donated went directly to help animals in need through rescue, homelessness prevention, and access to care in impoverished communities on both sides of the border.

Total Animals Helped 7,508

Thanks to YOUR Support!

Lives Saved: 884 Animals Rescued
US Rescue: 412 - International Rescue: 472

Community Clinics: 6,624 Animals Helped
Animals Given Access to Spay/Neuter and Veterinary Care
US: 1,561 - Mexico: 5,063

Advanced Medical Care: 426 Animals Saved
387 shelter animals with medical needs
39 charity medical cases and surgeries for low-income families

Foster Care: 109 Animals Helped
109 Shelter animals provided with in-home foster care
Join our Community of Compassion

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MEXICO POPPY ORPHANAGE OPEN
We opened our second orphanage in Mexico in 2015. We work with local shelters to provide supplies and healthcare to hundreds of dogs and their litters.

LOCAL ADOPTION PROGRAM IN MEXICO
We have an adoption program in Mexico. We have increased the number of local foster homes for dogs and encourage local veterinary hospitals to adopt these dogs and reduce the number of dogs in shelters.

MEXICO RAW FEED MOVIL MATERNITY HOME
Our free clinic in Mexico provides medical care for thousands of animals.

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Looking Forward: Compassion in the Future

As we look toward the future, our focus remains steady: strengthening the safety net needed to save the most vulnerable animals living on both sides of the border through increased access to care and the creation of innovative programs that will expand our lifesaving rescue and rehabilitation capacity.

Compassion IS the Answer

Volunteer Power

Volunteers make our work for the animals possible, contributing over 6,000 hours this past year alone. Volunteers help us in virtually all areas: from social media, to dog walking, to veterinary professionals at surgical clinics, to stuffing envelopes to rearing animals in need; by picking weeds and lifting this — they do it all and we couldn’t do what we do and save who we save without their help.

“Thank you for all your hard work. It is truly appreciated — you are our extended family physically that transform animals lives. Keep it up and we’ll always need volunteers! — Stephanie unbeall, Volunteer Coordinator”
Thank you for your generosity and shared commitment to the animals.

$750,849.00

St. Louis Zoo and Southern Illinois Zoological Park Community Foundation

$350,760.00

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Saint Louis Zoo Foundation

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