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"The gaze I received back from Petmonee, this gentle giant in Thailand, is one I shall cherish forever, seeming to understand what I whispered in her ear, she reminds me to never give up hope."
- Dr. Scarlett Magda

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

2017 has been an incredible year for Veterinarians International. I am excited to share our year's accomplishments and the amazing work of our global partners, existing and new this year. We managed to quadruple our budget from last year's, while operating on less than 10 percent overhead—and achieved four of our five major goals for 2017. None of this could have been possible if it weren't for our generous donors and the in-kind support that we received.

In 2017, we greatly expanded our efforts to improve veterinary care and resources globally in cooperation with organizations across Southeast Asia and Latin America. Our partners are dedicated to Veterinarian International's core mission of empowering veterinarians and communities to combat global health threats to animals and humans through access to education, tools, and services.

Empowering Women in Northern Kenya

With Sauti Moja and veterinary professionals on the ground in northern Kenya, we trained 419 women from 14 community livestock banks in goat and camel husbandry. According to the UN Food and Agriculture Organization, women comprise two-thirds of the estimated 600 million people worldwide who care for livestock. Many of these women live in poverty and are unable to properly care for their animals or families. By providing them with the right education and tools for livestock care, we have made a direct and lasting impact on their livestock's wellbeing, as well as building stronger communities through food security and women's empowerment. Our local partners offered these women advice centering on disease prevalence, market availability, pricing, effectiveness, and treatment options.

Caring for Thailand's Endangered Elephants
After two years of planning and fundraising, we launched our

Asian Elephant Veterinary Care Program in Surin, Thailand, deploying two mobile elephant clinics (MEC) staffed by two veterinarians and a veterinary assistant. In partnership with the **Zoological Parks Organization** and the **Golden Triangle Asian Elephant Foundation**, we stockpiled medications and supplies for 200 elephants in the Surin Elephant Kingdom and delivered life-saving treatments to five baby elephants infected with the fatal EEHV disease. Our MEC units were also featured on Animal Planet's Bondi Vet, which airs in 2018!

Our 2017 accomplishments in Thailand included implementing a cloud-based veterinary database to ensure greater efficiency for MEC operations. Our team had been using a paper-based system, until we received a generous sponsorship from **Vetter Software** to migrate to the cloud. In May, we sent 10 philanthropists and National Geographic Explorer Asher Jay to visit our elephant program in Surin, which Jay covered in National Geographic's field stories. Accommodations were kindly provided by Anantara Resorts, Spas and Hotels. On November 18, I had the privilege of attending the fourth annual EEHV workshop in Hua Hin, and a meeting to discuss future plans to build an elephant hospital in Surin.

Growing Our Animal Care in Chile

In partnership with the **Global Alliance for Animals and People** (GAAP), our Healthy Pets Program in Chile received a truck and trailer to serve as both an emergency response vehicle for animals caught in natural disasters nationwide and a mobile vet clinic for our rural campaigns. We are also in the process of adding horses to the program. The GAAP Clinic has been well-received by the community in Valdivia, where Veterinarians International has helped to underwrite veterinary costs for low-income households. With a recent \$50,000 grant from **A Kinder World Foundation**, the GAAP Clinic will renovate their facilities to accommodate a live-in vet or nurse, enabling round-the-clock monitoring of patients and providing additional exam rooms.

Expanding Our Reach to Myanmar

In November, I visited Myanmar Timber Enterprise logging camps and a private camp, Green Hill Valley, to conduct an assessment on the elephant crisis there. I worked alongside Dr. Khyne U Mar, a local Burmese veterinarian also known as "The Elephant Lady of Myanmar." I was pleasantly surprised to see how well-cared for elephants are in Myanmar, where these gentle giants spend their evenings roaming free in the forest with their wild friends, before descending in the morning to work for a yummy breakfast! Unfortunately, these elephants are being poached for their skin,

and are often killed with poisons of unknown origin. As we expand our efforts in Myanmar, one of our 2018 goals is to fund forensics and post-mortem training for elephant veterinarians, so they can better understand the poisons being used and their origin, as well as what diseases the elephants may have. We also launched an elephant milk research program led by Dr. Mar, investigating the composition of milk over time, which will enable appropriate supplementation at various life stages for orphaned babies.

Our Outreach

In April 2017, I presented "One Health from a Veterinary Perspective" at Hofstra University for their Pubic Health Week, and later in May, "One Health and the Role of Veterinarians International," at the Thinking Animals United Conference, held at the NY Academy of Medicine. Our third annual Trunks of Love Gala on August 11 was a spectacular success. The Gala was held at Dopo La Spiaggia in East Hampton, NY and honored Dr. Jane Goodall, Cornelia Guest, and Penni Ludwig. We raised \$170,000 (net \$150,000) and received press coverage in The New York Times, Hamptons Magazine and various local press outlets.

In terms of organizational development, we received sponsorship from the NYU Public Relations and Corporate Communication graduate program of the NYU School of Professional Studies, and in-kind sponsorship from Yale University's Executive MBA program. We received grants from Lush Cosmetics and A Kinder World, as well as the Michele and Agnes Cestone, the Andrew Sabin Family and the Bruce Weber and Nan Bush Foundations. We also expanded our Board of Directors and hired a part-time assistant to help with administrative duties

I can't thank you all enough for making 2017 our young organization's best year yet. Your compassionate generosity has helped to improve the lives of thousands of animals – and humans, too.

With gratitude,

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MYANMAR We are researching the composition of elephant milk through time in order TODOS SANTOS, GUATEMALA to supplement milk replacer We work in this remote highland appropriately THAILAND community of traditional Mayan people to reduce canine rabies and We are building two teach children about responsible mobile elephant pet ownership. clinics to provide veterinary services to elephants in need living in remote areas. VALDIVIA, CHILE Through our GAAP partner clinic, we KENYA provide equal access to preventive veterinary We reduce extreme poverty in care and education to targeted pastoral communities by less privileged members of the community. providing access to sustainable livestock health services

Sauti Moja (www.sautimoja.org) is a Community Based Organization (CBO) working in Marsabit County, Kenya, dedicated to enhancing the livelihoods and food security of vulnerable women and children in pastoralist communities. Marsabit County lies in the arid region of Northern Kenya, where there is not enough water to grow crops, and where animals such as goats or camels survive by grazing the pastures and shrubs. Due to the loss of their livestock, many of the female-headed households (mostly led by widows) are unable to provide adequate food and other basic needs for their children.

OUR GOAL

To reduce extreme poverty in the targeted pastoral communities and promote access to health services for livestock.

This Sauti Moja project "loans" groups of these widows with goats, donkeys, or camels, in addition to providing animal health and management training and veterinary medicines. To repay her "loan," each woman passes on their livestock's first female offspring to the next neediest household, creating a direct impact on Marsabit County's most vulnerable households. These female offspring more than double the number of households that benefit from the program.

On top of learning how to keep their animals alive and productive, these widows learn crucial leadership skills that they can translate to other projects. Sauti Moja staff and local veterinary staff provide the livestock and training to the widow groups, while **Veterinarians International** has promised to provide them with necessary veterinary medicines and supplies for animal health, as well as the transportation costs to reach these remote communities.

Sauti Moja has also implemented a Family Health Education module, which further boosts these women's confidence and capacity to control their lives. Due to climate change and increasing drought in Marsabit County, many different ethnic groups are crowded together onto dwindling pastures. This has led to violent conflict over water and grazing rights. Most of the widows have lost their husbands to violence during livestock raids.

A key feature of Sauti Moja's work is encouraging women to work in "multiethnic groups" to foster friendships among former rivals. Whereas women have traditionally occupied a low position in this pastoralist culture, the Sauti Moja project brings critically needed self-sufficiency to these vulnerable



women, and helps them to gain the respect of the greater community. Because of their friendships with families in other tribes, they have been invited to participate in peace-building activities in their communities – all thanks to these Sauti Moja livestock projects.

OUR SUCCESSES

This Sauti Moja project has enabled 240 households to access critically needed veterinary drugs, vaccines, and improved livestock management practices to improve the health and productivity of livestock. The result has been increased food security and the ability to withstand shocks from climate change and violence. The project is also part of a wider existing Sauti Moja project of supporting pastoralist communities in Marsabit County through wildlife conflict advocacy, human health training, and related programs. Overall, our successes include:

- Healthier animals due to effective livestock management. Vaccines and medicine increases the survival rate of young animals, which contributes to a growing herd that can sustain the family
- Increased production of goat or camel milk improves child nutrition and health
- Increased use, trade and sale of animals and their products reduces future vulnerability to drought
- Improved animal management and advocacy in resolving wildlife/pastoralist conflicts





KENYA



OUR INPUTS

Veterinarians International provided Community Livestock Bank (CLB) supplies, including:

- Antibiotics Households were given antibiotics for goats, camels, donkeys, and the locals' cows
- External parasite control Medicines for the control of ticks and camel flies
- Wound sprays Some beneficiaries preferred wound sprays over other external parasite controls
- Dewormers Appropriate medicines for the control of worms (guided by the government veterinary department)

Equipment - Reusable syringes for each CLB where animal health training was provided

OUR ACTIVITIES

Animal Health Training

Fourteen trainings were conducted for a total of 523 participants (419 women and 104 men), covering:

- general animal husbandry;
- · veterinary practices; and
- the operation and functioning of the Kenyan Government's livestock health system.

The trainings took place in 14 clusters, or Community Livestock Banks (CLBs), in two sub-counties: Qachacha, Garqasa, Karatina, Kubi Qallo, Manyatta Jillo, Jaldesa, and Boru Haroin in Saku (the highlands), and Karare, Logologo, Ulauli, Badassa-Songa, Larapasi, Lokilelengi and Ndikir in Laisamis (the lowlands). CLB participants included the SMM beneficiaries and livestock herders, as they are actively involved in monitoring and reporting livestock disease. All SMM beneficiaries who participated in the trainings had received livestock from SMM and other partners in previous projects.

During veterinary medicine distribution, participants were trained in drug handling and storage procedures, and the need to involve the Kenyan Government's Veterinary Department during treatment and vaccination exercises. Community facilitators received training in all components of the project: responsibilities, community mobilization, animal health participatory monitoring, and reporting. These facilitators are now monitoring household animal health and collecting relevant data.





Donkey Harness -Tume preparing to take her donkey to the water point after mounting harness

HELPING NORTHERN KENYA'S DONKEYS

We received a generous grant from the Michele and Agnese Cestone Foundation to provide food and harnesses for donkeys living in challenging climates. A woman can carry on average 20 liters of water, but a donkey can carry 60 liters – these hardworking animals are essential lifelines for a family to cook, clean and survive. However, most donkeys in Northern Kenya lack properly fitted harnesses, often resulting in deep, debilitating wounds. VI managed to help 209 donkeys in nine Sauti Moja communities by distributing proper harnesses and supplemental feed during the driest periods of the year.



Grain arriving in Marsabit county.

LAIKEPIA RABIES VACCINATION CAMPAIGN

GOAL: TO ELIMINATE RABIES IN KENYA BY 2030

According to the World Health Organization, approximately 2,000 Kenyans die of rabies worldwide every year. Rabies kills nearly 100 percent of infected humans and 86 percent of infected dogs, causing severe inflammation of the brain and spinal cord and leading to respiratory failure in the majority of cases. Over 98 percent of human rabies cases are caused by bites from infected dogs. Children who interact closely with domestic animals are at highest risk. In 2015, the Laikepia Rabies Vaccination Campaign began with the ultimate goal to eradicate rabies from the domestic dog population in Laikepia, as part of the national effort in Kenya. This year, Dedan Ngatia from the Mpala Research Center coordinated the campaign, whose partners included the County Government of Laikepia, Kenya Zoonotic Disease Unit, International Livestock Research Institute, and the Smithsonian Institution, among several others. Veterinarians International donated \$1,000 towards the campaign and is preparing to help coordinate efforts for 2018.



HEALTHY PETS PROGRAM (CHILE)

THE ISSUE

Since 2014, Veterinarians International has partnered with the Chile-based Global Alliance for Animals and People (GAAP), supporting the GAAP Clinic in Valdivia. The GAAP Clinic provides equal access to preventive veterinary care for all sectors of the local communities, while offering innovative and creative education for dog owners to strengthen the human–animal bond. Our long-term objective is to model future programs off our GAAP Clinic success throughout Latin America.

OUR GOALS

Equal Access – All services are offered to the public on a scale according to household income. Our goal is to encourage all pet owners to see their pets' health care as an integral part of their family's overall health care needs.

Improving the Human – Animal Bond – Our public services include a special focus on engaging children. We offer

classes in dog training, responsible pet ownership, and how to groom and have fun with your pet dogs.

Capacity Building – The GAAP Clinic is also a center for knowledge exchange and learning, and serves students, veterinarians, and nurses from North America and Chile. Using local and foreign veterinarians' expertise, students, and professionals can experience working in a Chilean clinic and learn firsthand about the free-roaming dog issue.

OUR WORK

Emergency Response Vehicle

At the end of 2017, the GAAP purchased a 2013 Ford F-150 truck in Valdivia, Chile in excellent condition. The truck greatly improves our ability to serve local communities with much-needed veterinary services, by enabling us to safely pack up the clinic and take veterinary services to the rural communities that need them most.



But it's more than just a mobile clinic: The sharp, professional branding on the truck calls immediate attention to our two NGOs. We have received strong, positive feedback from people inquiring about VI and the GAAP, which gives us an opportunity to share our unique philosophy about animal welfare. The truck also transports kennels, clinic equipment, supplies, and staff for work and community events. Lastly, it is huge: the truck can easily haul a horse trailer carrying two full-size horses! This is a critical resource in case of natural disasters where animals need to be evacuated, or in the future, where we need to transport injured horses to an animal hospital and then to the GAAP farm for recovery.

GAAP Clinic Veterinary Services

The GAAP Clinic's funding model is designed so that clients who can afford to pay for services help subsidize the cost for clients who cannot. Our plan to strengthen this model is two-fold: to widen the range of products sold in the clinic, as well as our range of services through increasing the capacity of our veterinarians and the availability of clinical equipment. As the GAAP Clinic's net income grows over time, the surplus will support more community projects and assist more families that would otherwise lack access to veterinary services. In the meantime, VI is subsidizing the shortfall in funding until there are enough paying clients to sustain the clinic.

The GAAP Clinic's most unique feature, however, is its philosophy: spending sufficient time to address clients' needs properly and to educate them on issues affecting

their pets' health and welfare. The GAAP team allows appointments for up to an hour, to discuss pets' conditions and needs, appropriate care and management techniques, and other relevant information. We encourage the whole family to attend the appointment, and usually provide additional reading material to take home that concerns their pet's specific issue or life stage.

Most importantly, we do

not charge more for those longer appointments. This limits our veterinarians' ability to see more clients per day, which under ordinary circumstances would result in lower monthly income, as most veterinarians are paid a percentage of the service fees they charge each month. Additionally, all staff members are required to set aside time to participate in the non-clinic's projects and activities, such as kids' workshops,

rural campaigns, and night visits to care for the pets of homeless persons.



The Healthy Pets
Program funding plays
a critical role in keeping
our veterinarians and
support staff adequately
remunerated, which
significantly reduces
the turnover rate in
employment and enables

us to focus on providing quality client care, community service projects, and educational programs. Staff members are deeply passionate about what they do and the GAAP Clinic's full-time veterinarians have all been working since Day 1!

With the funds kindly provided by Aliece and Pete Dorsch, the GAAP also hired a computer software engineer to clean and update all nine of the clinic's computers – which are now working to their maximum capacity!



OUR SUCCESS STORIES: GAAP CLINICAL CASE STUDIES

JUANITO PÉREZ A COMMUNITY DOG

Juanito Pérez (the Spanish "John Doe") has been visiting the GAAP Clinic regularly for years.

Juanito was abandoned when his owner, an elderly woman, passed away, leaving Juanito to live on the street.

In 2015, a dog-loving neighbor, Don Fernando, found Juanito severely emaciated and suffering from sarcoptic mange – a debilitating skin condition caused by a tiny burrowing mite.

Don Fernando managed to coax Juanito to the GAAP Clinic

with food. Juanito was in a great deal of pain when he arrived at the clinic, but over time, he was successfully treated by our dedicated team of veterinarians.

While Juanito returned to the streets, his neighbors continue to feed him and bring him to GAAP Clinic when he needs care. Our team ensures that he is up-to-date on vaccinations and deworming. He was also castrated free of charge.

Juanito lives a hard and, at times, painful life, but he has survived through the generous compassion of his human neighbors.



SHIVA A MIRACLE KITTEN

One day, a neighbor brought a litter of four kittens to the GAAP Clinic. The kittens had been separated from their mother and left in a box – unfortunately, an all-too-common practice in Chile. The kittens were in very poor condition. They suffered from a viral respiratory infection, with thick mucus discharge from their noses and eyes, and were covered with fleas and intestinal parasites.

We immediately began to treat the kittens with anti-parasite medications for the fleas and intestinal parasites, and gave them ample nutrition to gain weight and strengthen their immune systems.

We were also fortunately able to find owners for all four

kittens. Shiva was in the worst state of health, almost at the point of death. She was adopted by a young professional woman who had never owned a pet, and who has taken excellent care of Shiva, giving her medications on time, feeding her well, and bringing her into the GAAP Clinic for regular check-ups.

Most importantly, she showers Shiva with ongoing love and affection! Without the constant, attentive care of her owner, Shiva would not have survived.

Shiva is a normal kitten now. To look at her today, you wouldn't believe her difficult beginnings! She is still a little underweight to be spayed, but her owner plans to bring Shiva in for surgery in the coming months.





A KINDER WORLD FOUNDATION (AKW) GRANT: GAAP CLINIC ADDITION

We were grateful to receive a \$50,000 grant from A Kinder World Foundation, to help renovate and expand the GAAP Clinic in Valdivia. The final plans will include a new waiting room, exam room, and procedure room. The existing clinic will then be remodeled into a larger surgery suite with separate dog and cat kennels. The building will have a roughed-in second floor, with future plans to include a meeting area for the GAAP team, extra office space, and a

small apartment (including a bathroom and kitchenette) to house visiting professionals.

Construction of the GAAP Clinic addition is expected to begin in June 2018 and finish, weather permitting, by September or October 2018.

A KINDER WORLD FOUNDATION (AKW): RECOVERY FUND

In January 2017, Chile's largest ever wildfire started to burn in the middle of the country. Despite many animals losing their lives or suffering critical burns, many lives were saved thanks to the dedicated efforts of thousands of compassionate volunteers.

One of the lucky ones was Dulce, a horse who was badly burned in the fires. Partnering with the International Fund for Animal Welfare, the GAAP team was able to rescue Dulce and bring him to the Andres Bello University Hospital in Santiago. Doctors estimated that it would take six months for Dulce to recover from his burns and damaged hooves.

Tragically, Dulce's owner had lost all his life's savings in the fire, and his only option was to sell Dulce for meat. Instead of subjecting Dulce to that fate, the GAAP offered to compensate Dulce's owner at market value so they could continue to care for Dulce during his recovery. Dulce's owner accepted gratefully.

A Kinder World Foundation has generously set up a recovery fund to help animals in emergency situations. From July to December 2017, A Kinder World contributed funds for Dulce's care and upkeep, including the purchase of hay and grain, his pasture and farrier fees, and veterinary costs.



Additionally, A Kinder World's funds have gone toward:

- the purchase of a storage area to protect the horse trailer from the weather
- new gravel in the GAAP Clinic parking lot to prevent mud from accumulating during the winter rains
- and medication used to treat animals affected by the 2017 fires, including fluids, drugs, bandages and halters, and other critically needed items



ANIMATION DEVELOPMENT: TEACHING KIDS EMPATHY AND RESPONSIBLE PET CARE

In collaboration with Sarah Clark and her colleagues at Image & Sound Group, our partners have begun development of a series of five short animations for children, which will explore the benefits of forming relationships with domesticated animals including dogs, cats and horses. The animations will be recorded in Spanish and present scenarios on topics based on a review of the scientific literature:

- 1. promotion of physical activity
- 2. alleviation of stress and depression
- 3. promotion of social interaction and formation of friendships
- 4. development of empathy towards animals and people
- 5. therapeutic applications of domesticated animals

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- sterilize 227 animals
- vaccinate 678 dogs and cats against rabies
- vaccinate another 100 puppies for parvo and distemper, in addition to five kittens for feline viral diseases

The GAAP conducted a training workshop for veterinarians and technicians at a veterinary clinic in Huehuetenango – including the first training course for para-veterinarians in Todos Santos. They also distributed a 202-page para-veterinary training manual at the workshop. Hundreds of families and children also participated in a community day learning, centered around responsible pet ownership and rabies prevention.

This type of capacity building is critically important to VI for

selecting our program partners. We couldn't be more proud of the GAAP in taking this big step forward, enabling the Todos Santos community to provide their own veterinary care and animal welfare leadership.

OUR SUCCESSES

Through interdisciplinary partnerships and collaboration with the GAAP, our Todos Santos Rabies campaign has led to considerable improvement in people's knowledge and understanding of rabies and how to prevent the disease. We have also seen a marked increase in the number of vaccinated dogs.

TODOS SANTOS RABIES PROJECT (GUATEMALA)

THE ISSUE

Guatemala is one of the poorest countries in Latin America, with 60 percent of the population living below the poverty line. Rabies is still a major concern, with no treatment available for its human victims. We are working with the GAAP and other interdisciplinary partnerships to provide necessary services and supplies to the Todos Santos region to eradicate rabies and improve the wellbeing of the local communities and their pets.

OUR GOALS

To provide adequate veterinary care and access to educational materials to enhance local communities' ability to care for their pets and eliminate the threat of rabies.

OUR WORK

In our annual Todos Rabies campaign, 38 volunteers from seven countries worked together to:



TODOS SANTOS, GUATEMALA



ASIAN ELEPHANT VETERINARY CARE PROGRAM

THE ISSUE

Asia's elephants continue to face an uphill battle against poaching and disease, in particular the deadly Elephant Endotheliotropic Herpesvirus (EEHV).

OUR GOALS

To improve the capacity of local elephant caretakers to care for and monitor their elephants for disease, as well as the quality of life for Thailand's endangered elephants.

OUR WORK

In 2017, we launched an Asian Elephant Veterinary Care Program at the Surin Elephant Kingdom, in partnership with the Thai Government's Zoological Parks Organization. Our program includes two mobile elephant clinics (MEC), which provide urgently needed services to 200 captive elephants living in this remote region. Our Asian Elephant program aims to be a model of excellence for the mahouts – the traditional elephant caretakers – while also promoting the humane treatment of elephants and appropriate husbandry standards.

We owe our deepest gratitude to Penni Ludwig and Lush Cosmetics for providing and outfitting the two MEC trucks. Our MECs are a major elephant health resource that can respond immediately to emergency cases in the region. Prior to our Asian Elephant program, mahouts had to wait for livestock vets to arrive from Surin – over 70 kilometers away. Now, the community has routine preventative care, including physical exams, deworming, vitamin supplementation, and disease surveillance for tuberculosis, brucellosis and EEHV for babies 1 – 8 years old.

OUR SUCCESSES

Our MEC teams have worked hard to build positive relationships with the local community, and to encourage improved elephant health and welfare activities that mahouts can pass along to their families.

Elephants are starting to interact more with other elephants and spend more time at the local river bathing together. They are increasingly being left unchained, although we still have some ways to go on this issue. While in the beginning, some mahouts rejected our offer of care, our program has become well-received in the community, thanks to a direct outreach campaign to overcome misunderstandings. Our teams consulted with a retired vet trained in traditional medicine, who reassured skeptical mahouts that they could trust our MECs with elephant care. When we had five more positive EEHV cases emerge, the mahouts accepted our services, fortunately saving all five babies.

Our strategy, as we have learned in practice, is to work closely with local communities and their values to build trust between our professionals and those they serve and to deepen our working relationships with the local mahouts.



THIRD ANNUAL TRUNKS OF LOVE GALA

On August 11, 175 guests joined us to celebrate Veterinarians International's third annual "Trunks of Love" Gala, hosted by Katie Cleary of World Animal News, Zara Beard, and award-winning actor Dwayne Hill.

Our Gala was held at Dopo La Spiaggia in East Hampton, NY and honored Dr. Jane Goodall, renowned primatologist, conservationist, and humanitarian; Cornelia Guest, actress, spokesperson for animal rights, founder of Artemis Farm Rescue, and the creator of a line of cruelty-free handbags; and Penni Ludwig, who has funded our mobile elephant clinics that administer critical veterinary care in Surin, Thailand.

The evening introduced two new programs to our attendees: Healthy Pets, which provides veterinary services to low-income families in Chile and Guatemala; and Women, Goats and Peace, offering veterinary care to the goats, camels, and donkeys of 265 families living in an arid and impoverished region of Northern Kenya.

The Gala also featured a stunning exhibit, Half Remembered Past, by National Geographic Explorer Asher Jay; live birds of prey from the **Evelyn Alexander Wildlife Rescue Center**; and interactive veterinary displays, including a surgical suite from the field.

Fine wines and spirits were kindly provided by **Palm Bay International**, and music by **Dan Bailey Tribe** and **Ralph Hafmeister** made for a lively atmosphere. Cuisine was prepared courtesy of Dopo La Spiagga's chef **Maurizio Marfoglia** (recognized as one of America's top chefs by Best Chefs America). An exquisite elephant cake by **Melissa Alt** wowed guests with its incredible detail.

A few of the evening's special guests included Bruce Weber and Nan Bush, Jane Gill, Nellie Sciutto, Stewart Shining, James Hammond, Pamela Lubell, Sam Shahid, Nicolas Dupart and Rebekah Caudwell, and National Geographic Explorer Asher Jay.

We are also thrilled to announce that our donations *tripled this year*: we are tremendously grateful to A Kinder World Foundation, Chef Maurizio Marfoglia and Dopo La Spiaggia, Don and Amanda Mullen, the Andrew Sabin Family Foundation, Lush Cosmetics, Penni Ludwig, Bruce Weber and Nan Bush, Nicolas Dupart and Rebekah Caudwell, and Christina and Howard Blaustein.

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OBJECTIVES FOR 2017

- To fully fund and operate our Asian Elephant Veterinary Care Program, comprising two mobile elephant clinics and a research project focused on Elephant Endotheliotropic Herpesvirus (EEHV)
- To set up a veterinary training and education program in partnership with GAAP
- To create a livestock health and food security program in Kenya
- To raise \$500,000 seed money for our programs
- To set up a monthly giving program and obtain ongoing sponsorships (Note: our monthly giving program will be executed in Fall 2018, when we have the proper support in place to manage this initiative.)

OBJECTIVES FOR 2018

- 1. To advance the health and welfare of Surin's captive elephant population by promoting and facilitating scientific knowledge and training of Mobile Elephant Clinic staff, in partnership with the Zoological Parks Organization and Golden Triangle Asian Elephant Foundation
- To create a world-class Elephant Health Task Force operating in Asia, and facilitate training workshops in Thailand and Myanmar on elephant handling, medicine, forensics, reproduction, post mortem analyses, and toxicology
- 3. To expand our Women's Empowerment Program to Haiti
- 4. To continue to scale up our Healthy Pets Program in Chile and Guatemala
- 5. To create a Rabies Task Force with the aim of eliminating rabies in Kenya by 2030
- 6. To expand our annual budget by 30 percent to \$650,000
- 7. To build partnerships with US veterinary schools, focusing on international student fellowships to support the education and leadership of foreign veterinarians
- 8. To expand to three corporate sponsorships
- 9. To build strong committees in communications and development

OUR TEAM

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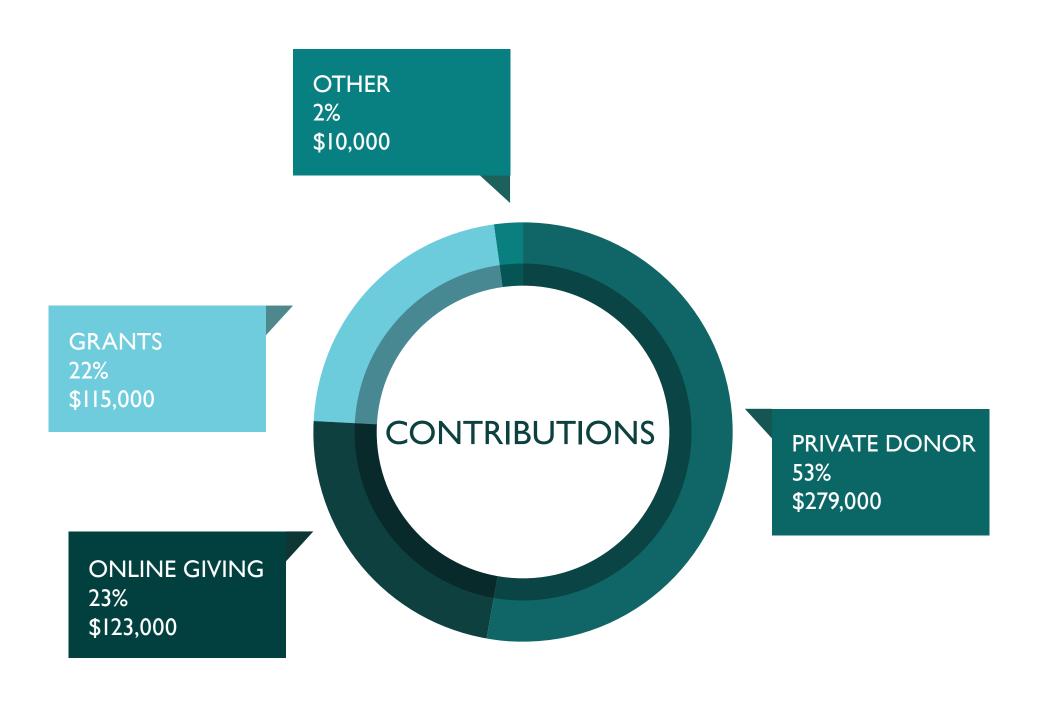
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Total Income \$528,000



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