



ANNUAL REPORT 2018



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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

2018 was an exciting year, yet presented some growth opportunities for us. While we reached our funding goals for our global programs, we fell short of our more ambitious development goals, preventing VI's further growth organizationally. Nevertheless, we have learned valuable lessons and remain confident in building VI into a premier global animal health organization. As always, we are grateful for all our supporters, who have enabled us to help countless animals and communities worldwide.

Our Successes

Expanding Animal Care Access in Latin America
- Our **Healthy Pets Program in Valdivia**, Chile has been flourishing. In partnership with

the **Global Alliance for Animals and People (GAAP)**, VI has helped to fund veterinary costs for low-income households for the past four years at the GAAP Clinic. With last year's grant of \$50,000 from **A Kinder World Foundation**, the GAAP Clinic's renovations and expansion are now complete. Animals can be seen by clinicians in proper rooms and recover safely after surgery. In 2019, the GAAP will explore expanding our Healthy Pets Program into neighboring Peru, where they hope to assist with eliminating a rabies outbreak.

Our Guatemala Project Now Provides Year-Round Veterinary Services

A key part of VI's mission is to create autonomous, sustainable models of animal

health and welfare services that we can replicate in vulnerable communities worldwide. I am ecstatic to report that **our annual vaccination and sterilization campaign in Todos Santos, Guatemala** is now being implemented on the ground by local staff year-round, and serves as a successful model for other similar communities. The GAAP's telemedicine program and leadership have been instrumental in training community leader Andres Carillo to become a paraveterinary assistant to local veterinarians. VI's last mission to Todos Santos in April 2018 provided veterinary care and rabies vaccinations to over 600 dogs and cats, canine distemper vaccinations to 100 dogs, FVRCP vaccinations to 50 cats, and sterilizations for approximately 250 dogs and cats.

Strategic Growth in Our Southeast Asia Elephant Programs

VI has continued to partner with Thailand's Zoological Parks Organization and the Golden Triangle Asian Elephant Foundation to provide full-time veterinary care through our Mobile Elephant Clinic Program to 200 elephants in the Surin Elephant Kingdom. We are excited to announce new strategic alliances with the Smithsonian Institute and Think Elephants International to build an elephant health and welfare program in 2019.

In September 2018, VI also sponsored two veterinarians to attend the ElephantCARE ASIA Workshop in Myanmar. The week-long program provided detailed information on positive reinforcement training (PRT) techniques and hands-on practice to improve compassionate, non-stressful elephant care.

Empowering Women & Food Security through our Livestock Programs

Invest in women and reap the rewards in significantly higher productivity and quality of life for the whole community. This simple and proven formula motivates VI's work in Kenya and Haiti, where we focus on delivering veterinary skills, medicines and treatments, in partnership with organizations improving livestock

management techniques.

With **Sauti Moja** in Kenya, VI has delivered comfortable saddle pads and harnesses to 20 donkeys. Donkeys are a lifeline for many rural families and can carry up to four times more water than humans, freeing the community's women to focus on other urgent family and community needs. We have replicated this strategic partnership model with Herd Heroes in L'Azile, Haiti, where we have trained the community's first-ever female animal healthcare worker—in a community that has never seen a veterinarian. We look forward to seeing these programs continue to blossom.

Our Outreach

In April, I attended the International Union for Conservation of Nature's Asian Elephant Specialist Group meeting in Bangkok. We discussed critical issues facing the endangered Asian Elephant, from poaching to human encroachment into elephants' habitats and elephant welfare needs.

On August 3, we held our Wild at Heart Annual Gala at the Bridgehampton Tennis and Surf Club in Bridgehampton, NY. We honored legendary conservationist Dr. Carl Safina, with famed oceanographer Dr. Sylvia Earle presenting his award. The evening was a huge success and raised more than \$200,000, funding most of our program needs.

As I said earlier, 2018 has been a year of valuable lessons in strategic planning and building our organization for future growth. I am excited for what lies ahead and can't thank enough our dedicated volunteers, donors, veterinarians, nurses, and partners. We couldn't have achieved our already impressive successes without all of you.

With deepest gratitude,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Scarlett Moja'.



KENYA

Empowering and investing in rural women has, over the years, resulted in significant improvements in productivity and rural livelihoods. In most developing countries, women are responsible for nutrition and food security at household level. – UN Food and Agriculture Organization

THE ISSUE

The women of Kenya's arid northern region of Marsabit County are especially vulnerable to water and food security. They rely greatly on donkeys to undertake daily chores of fetching water and collecting firewood. Drought has severely impacted these donkeys' health and the women's ability to provide for their families and communities.

OUR PARTNER

Sauti Moja (www.sautimoja.org) is a Community Based Organization working in Marsabit County to enhance pastoralist communities' livelihoods through its livestock management program. Sauti Moja has provided donkeys to female heads of households to assist with their work.

OUR SUCCESSES

VI has provided veterinary training and medical supplies, treating for common medical conditions, including deworming and wounds caused by ill-fitted harnesses. Our educational outreach has emphasized the importance of maintaining animal health and the role it plays in improving the community's overall quality of life.

In 2018, VI procured 20 donkey harnesses and packsaddle pads. The women employed to produce the packsaddle pads from locally sourced materials were paid 500 Kenyan shillings per pad.

BENEFICIARY TESTIMONY

Jilo Godana is a SMM beneficiary from Dirib Gombo. Jilo received a pair of metal donkey harnesses and a packsaddle pad.

She had been trying in vain to acquire a proper donkey harness, and had previously used a locally made harness that was not very reliable and broke easily. Jilo explained that it is expensive to procure a donkey harness at the market, as fabricators charge a higher price when approached by an individual buyer.

Before receiving the harness kit, Jilo's donkey carried only 20 liters of water during her daily water fetching routine. Now with her new harness, her donkey should be able to carry up to 80 liters of water with ease. This means that Jilo will have enough water for her children and her goats' kids as well – and her donkey can rest for a day or two after delivering the water. The harness should also enable Jilo's donkey to handle other merchandise that she transports to the market during the dry season.



*Donkey Harness –
Jilo and her family happy with her new donkey harness.*

HAITI

THE ISSUE

Haiti's rural women make the same sacrifices that many women make worldwide, spending valuable time and sparse resources on caring for their families. Compounding the matter and due to Haiti's mountainous terrain, many Haitians rely on livestock to feed their families and serve as a viable source of income. Access to quality veterinary care is therefore crucial to improving both human and animal wellbeing. In a country with an estimated 70 veterinarians and no graduate school of veterinary medicine, VI fulfills a unique and urgent need in building bottom-up veterinary care.

OUR PARTNER

Herd Heroes focuses on building sustainable livestock management for rural communities and manages an animal health field station at L'Azile, a community of around 200 families about two hours southwest of the nation's capital, Port-au-Prince.

OUR SUCCESSES

VI is funding the training of female Community Agricultural Health Workers (CAHW) at the L'Azile station. These CAHWs specialize in treating animals for injuries and preventable diseases, and help manage a sustainable, intensive breeding management program. Additionally, and more importantly, each CAHW trainee serves as a role model and mentor to other young women in the community.



Herd Heroes Field Station Constructed in 2018

LAIKIPIA RABIES VACCINATION CAMPAIGN

Eliminating Rabies In Kenya By 2030



THE ISSUE

Rabies is a preventable disease, yet it kills at least 55,000 people worldwide (and approximately 2,000 Kenyans) each year. A simple, low-cost vaccine for dogs can easily prevent the disease's spread. But without access to proper veterinary care and the vaccine, this simple solution remains out of reach for millions.

OUR PARTNER

The Laikipia Wildlife Forum works to bring sound technical solutions to common land use and conservation challenges in the central Kenyan region.

OUR SUCCESSES

In 2018, VI facilitated the vaccination of over 14,000 dogs, with a goal of vaccinating 70 percent of Laikipia's dog population over three years to eliminate the threat of rabies. Dr. Marta LaColla and Allflex USA donated 8,700 microchips and 10 microchip readers to help identify and track dogs that have received the rabies vaccine.

OUR 2019 GOALS

The Kenyan Government is tracking our program's success closely, in the hopes of expanding the model to eliminate rabies throughout Kenya by 2030. In 2019, VI will be accepting veterinarian volunteers to participate in our rabies vaccination program.

CHILE

HEALTHY PETS PROGRAM

Providing Animal Care to Rural Communities

THE ISSUE

Access to low-cost, quality veterinary care improves animal and human health. Successfully modelling this holistic approach will help thousands of remote communities across the world, bringing the necessary skills and resources to the animals and people in need of them most.

OUR PARTNER

VI has partnered with **The Global Alliance for Animals and People (GAAP)** since 2014, supporting the GAAP’s health clinic in Valdivia, Chile and its mobile health clinics. Together, we provide veterinary services and community educational programs across this region of southern Chile.



Service Category	2017 (# of units)	2018 (# of units)
Professional consults, medical and surgical procedures	553	878
Drug sales (with and without prescription)	511	645
Vaccinations: includes all types	443	564
Anti-parasiticides (eg: dewormers, mange, flea & tick treatments etc.)	242	333
Pet food sales	30	179
Laboratory diagnostics (eg: CBC, chemistries & urinalysis)	64	163
Grooming and bathing	143	162
Sales of pet supplies (eg: collars, leashes, shampoos, bandage supplies, liz collars etc.)	36	114
Anesthesia for short procedures	52	103
Administrative fees: health certificates, travel certificates, prescriptions etc.	47	89
Hospitalization: number of patients	12	24
Boarding	47	21
Euthanasia	8	20

CHILE

OUR SUCCESSES

In 2018, VI supported the wages of two full-time veterinarians, a technician and two program managers. We also hired a new graduate so the GAAP Clinic can devote VI's more experienced veterinarian to our community social projects.

Through our veterinary support, the GAAP Clinic provided services to more than 800 families and almost 1,000 dogs and cats with a variety of health concerns, including disease and wound treatment, emergency surgeries, and vaccinations. Moreover, our Emergency Fund assisted 129 vulnerable families pay for urgent medical needs.

OUR 2019 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' healthcare as an integral part of their family's overall health care needs. Now with its sustainable income, the GAAP clinic looks to expand in the coming years to increase revenue through the pet store and fund further social programming.

Increasing 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 dogs. In 2019, the GAAP plans to deliver participatory workshops to more than 3,500 school children in Valdivia.

Capacity Building – The GAAP Clinic is also a center for knowledge exchange and learning, and serves students, veterinarians and nurses from throughout North America and Chile. In 2019, the Healthy Pets Program is exploring an expansion into Arequipa, Peru, to build capacity at a local veterinarian clinic and enable it to provide surgery and other key health services.



In addition to responding to animal emergencies, the GAAP uses the truck we provided them with last year on a daily basis for purchases, going to project sites, and moving animals in kennels from owners homes to the clinic and back, or transporting horses or hay.

ANIMATION DEVELOPMENT

TEACHING KIDS EMPATHY AND RESPONSIBLE PET CARE

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



The animation titles and key messages (translated from Spanish) are as follows:

Theme	Title	Key Message
Therapeutic uses of companion animals	“Sarah Realizes Her Dream of Riding a Horse”	Animals help us with physical and emotional therapy!
Promotion of physical activity	“Guillermo and His Dog Cometa Go Out to Play”	Playing outside with your pet is good for your health!
Promotion of social interaction	“Elena and Her Dog Lucero Make New Friends”	With a pet it’s easier to make friends!
Psychological and emotional comfort	“The Kitty Tomasa Comforts Angélica”	A pet can make you feel better!
Formation of empathy	“José learns to take care of his little friends, Leo and Dante”	When you take care of a pet, you learn how to love and respect others!



A KINDER WORLD FOUNDATION (AKW): GAAP CLINIC ADDITION

Haiti's rural women make the same sacrifices that many women make worldwide, The expansion of the GAAP Clinic in Valdivia is nearing completion, thanks to a generous grant from A Kinder World Foundation. The building is finished and the GAAP has been installing the new equipment purchased earlier in 2018. The expanded clinic should be fully operational by March 2019. The new clinic will feature a larger reception area and a store for pets' needs. Behind the store, there are rooms for storage, examinations, and treatments, with custom-made tub tables as none exist in Chile. The clinic's addition adjoins the older structure, which will be transformed into a surgery suite and recovery rooms for cats and dogs.

OUR PARTNER

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OUR SUCCESSES

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GUATEMALA

TODOS SANTOS RABIES ELIMINATION PROGRAM

Building a Sustainable Campaign Model

THE ISSUE

Sixty percent of Guatemala's population live below the international poverty line, resulting in a lack of access to basic veterinary care and disease prevention against common threats like rabies.

OUR PARTNER

VI has partnered with the GAAP and other interdisciplinary partnerships to provide needed veterinary services and medical supplies to the Todos Santos region of Guatemala.

OUR SUCCESSES

After 10 years of annual campaigns, VI is proud to announce that the Todos Santos community animal healthcare program is running with less hands-on training and a telemedicine service to offer support and guidance as needed.

In collaboration with Dogs Trust Worldwide, VI has trained a local community animal health worker, Andres Carillo. Andres has successfully implemented the area's first small-scale sterilization campaign in conjunction with Dr. Adriana Contreras and the Santa Rita Veterinary Clinic in Huehuetenango, Guatemala. The team sterilized 30 dogs during three one-day campaigns. Andres continues to work closely with Dr. Contreras' team to further develop his skillsets.

In 2018, VI led its final annual campaign with 25 volunteers working to provide veterinary care to over 600 dogs and cats. The campaign vaccinated over 600 dogs and cats for rabies, 100 dogs for canine distemper, and 50 cats for their basic FVRCP booster. Additionally, we sterilized around 250 dogs and cats and provided educational outreach programs for approximately 300 children and their families.

VI continues to support the Todos Santos program through its telemedicine project and helping the GAAP meet the costs of supervising and managing project staff. We hope to replicate this successful case model for future campaigns.

An elder brings her cat to our community clinic.



THAILAND

ASIAN ELEPHANT VETERINARY CARE PROGRAM

Improving Elephant Care in Southeast Asia

THE ISSUE

Asian Elephants are endangered today, with an estimated 35,000 – 40,000 existing in the wild throughout Southeast Asia. These beautiful animals face a range of human-caused issues, including encroachment on their habitats, poaching and captive care.

OUR PARTNER

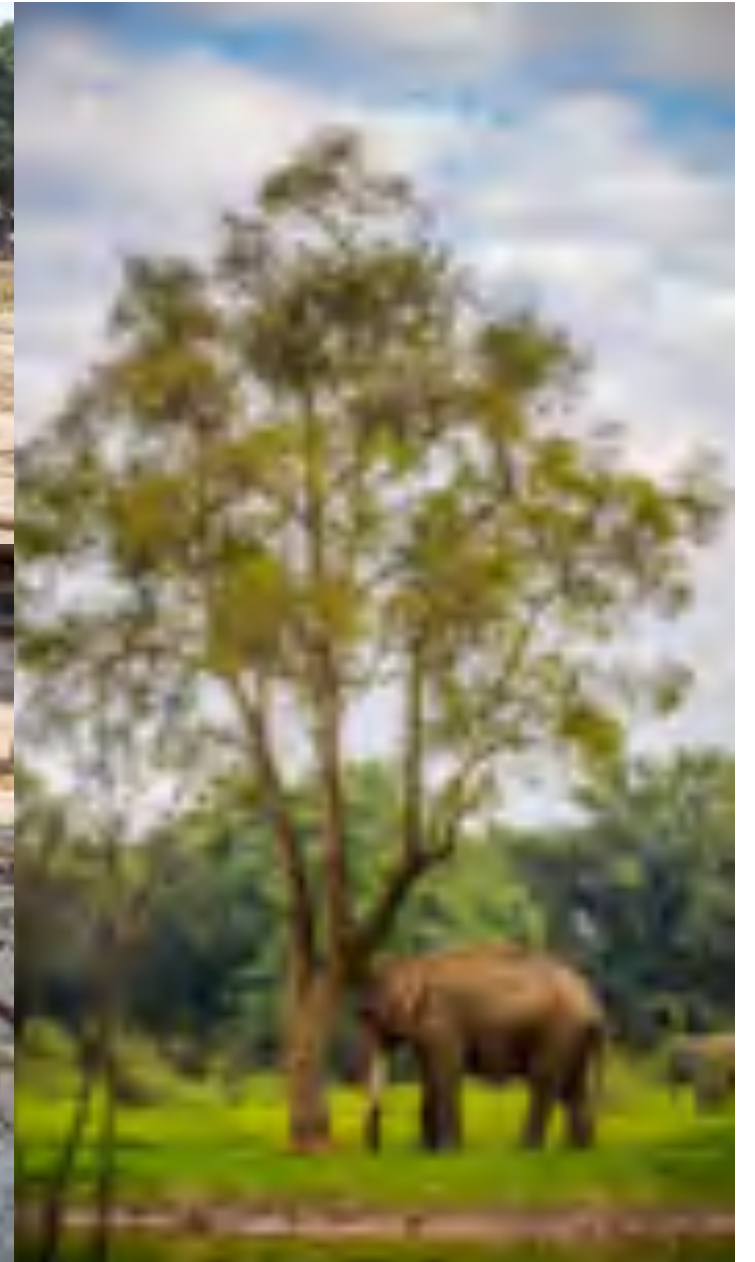
Since 2017, VI has partnered with the Thai Government's **Zoological Parks Organization** and non-profit **Golden Triangle Asian Elephant Foundation** to improve the care of 200 captive elephants in the Surin Elephant Kingdom. Our goal is to improve the capacity of local elephant caretakers (mahouts) to care for and monitor elephants for disease and their general wellbeing.

OUR SUCCESSES

Our Asian Elephant Veterinary Care Program has provided two Mobile Elephant Clinics (MECs), made possibly by donations from **Penni Ludwig** and **Lush Cosmetics**. Our MECs provide urgently needed services across this remote region of northern Thailand. Now, veterinary care comes to the field, giving access to routine preventative care, deworming, vitamin supplements and disease monitoring.

We aim for this program to serve as a model of excellence for the mahouts, while also educating local communities in humane treatment of elephants and proper husbandry techniques.

In 2019, VI is expanding our program in conjunction with Think Elephants International, to teach empathy, compassion and basic elephant needs to Surin's children.



LIBERIA

CHIMPANZEE VETERINARY CARE PROGRAM

Rehabilitating Liberia's Endangered Chimps

THE ISSUE

Chimpanzees are nearing extinction in many regions of Africa and have already disappeared from four African countries. Chimpanzees in Liberia have not only been victims of bushmeat, live pet trades, and illegal trafficking. There is also a large population of chimpanzees living on islands off the coast of Liberia abandoned by the New York Blood Center, an organization that had used them as research subjects for over three decades.

OUR PARTNER

Liberia Chimpanzee Rescue and Protection (LCRP) is a locally based NGO working to create a sanctuary for rescued chimpanzees and coordinating the country's protection and conservation efforts for these endangered animals. LCRP has committed to building this first-of-its-kind sanctuary in the Marshall Wetlands ecosystem on Liberia's northwest coast.

OUR SUCCESSES

VI has funded veterinary care and nutritional needs for over 35 chimpanzees.



FOURTH ANNUAL GALA

WILD AT HEART

This year's VI fundraising gala **Wild at Heart** welcomed over 220 luminaries and philanthropists and was a record year for the organization – nearly doubling the amount raised last year. The annual gala raises awareness about VI's programs and the crucial connection between animal and human health.

“International animal care is vital right now given the impact humans are having on the planet. Over 60% of human disease comes from animals. Raising society's consciousness to prioritize animal health and welfare is integral to our survival,” said VI Founding President Dr. Scarlett Magda.

Christie Brinkley hosted the oceanfront cocktail reception where guests enjoyed Bellissima organic sparkling wines and spirits followed by a sustainably produced, locally-sourced meal with wines provided by Vias Importers. DJ Alexandra Richards, and Jay Schneiderman and Friends wowed the crowd during a luxe beach bonfire and dance party featuring top-rated whiskey and cigars, courtesy of Davidoff of Geneva. The Collective You brought glamour to the night treating guests to custom portraits.



Angela Casale,
Christie Brinkley,
Sabrina Casale,
Christina Casale,
Delaney Ehrhart
(Photo courtesy of
Rob Rich/
Society Allure)

Toy Story creator Alec Sokolow donated a one of a kind mise-en-scène experience at his Sagaponack home. Fine artists Paul Gerben, Paul Christopher, the Sophisticated Psychos and Steve Miller donated highly sought-after works. The prized auction item of the evening, garnering \$20,000, was a trip to visit VI's Thailand elephant project with Founder Dr. Scarlett Magda. Individual attendees also passionately bid to fund VI's program needs including orphaned chimpanzee veterinary care in Liberia, elephant care in Surin, Thailand, goat breeding programs empowering impoverished women in Haiti and Kenya as well as rabies prevention in Kenya. Core sponsors were Paramount Network and Paul Hastings.



Andy Arons, Jane Gill, Hope Sandrow and Dr. William Karesh
(Photo courtesy of Rob Rich/Society Allure)



Alexandra Richards and Christine Evangelista
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Dr. Sylvia Earle with Honoree Dr. Carl Safina.
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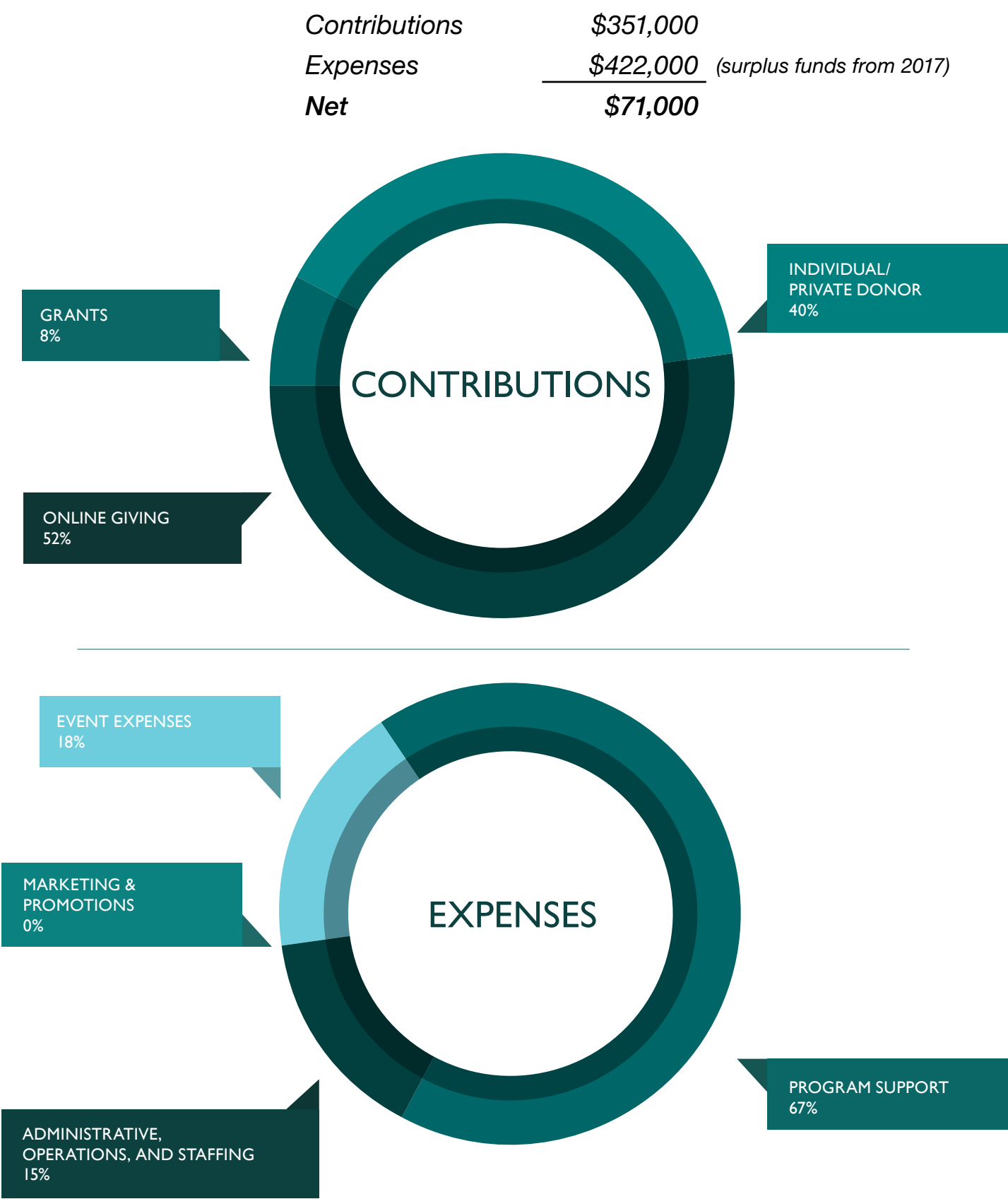
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OBJECTIVES FOR 2018

- ✓ 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
- ✗ 2. To fund and facilitate a nationwide EEHV epidemiology study in Thailand, and work with the Asian EEHV Task Force to collect standardized data on EEHV throughout Asia
- ✓ 3. 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
- ✓ 4. To expand our Women’s Empowerment Program to Haiti
- ✓ 5. To expand our Healthy Pets Program in Latin America, including Peru
- ✓ 6. To continue to scale up our Healthy Pets Program in Chile and Guatemala
- ✓ 7. To create a Rabies Task Force with the aim of eliminating rabies in Kenya by 2030
- ✗ 8. To expand our annual budget by 30 percent to \$650,000
- ✓ 9. To build partnerships with US veterinary schools, focusing on international student fellowships to support the education and leadership of foreign veterinarians
- ✗ 10. To expand to three corporate sponsorships
- ✓ 11. To build strong committees in communications and development

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