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Annual Report 2009

PetFix

northeast ohio



13,000 surgeries and counting!

Congratulations...You made it happen!

3,970 surgeries in 2009 • 22% increase over 2008

3,970 is a big number— especially when you consider that, this year alone, those 3,970 surgeries probably prevented the births of as many as 32,500 unwanted cats and dogs who would likely have ended up in shelters or living as strays*.

But to the PetFix team, it's about much more than numbers. Every day, we look into the anxious eyes of owners and caregivers as they approach the registration table cradling dogs and clutching cat carriers. We never forget that they are entrusting us with the lives of their treasured pets and rescues. To them, and to us, each surgery number represents a precious life.

We salute our courageous clients for doing the right thing – not just for the animals in their care, but for all the cats and dogs who will have a much better chance at a loving home because they chose to act responsibly.

And we salute you, our generous donors, for enabling us to provide top-notch surgeries at rock-bottom prices to those who could not otherwise afford to take this life-saving action.

Together we are moving steadily toward a world in which every cat and dog is born wanted and loved.

*according to the ASPCA, cats on average produce 1–2 litters of 4–6 kittens each year while dogs produce one litter of 4–6 puppies a year.



photos: Amy Sancetta



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2009 Financial Report

Expenses

Program Services	\$240,994.00
Management	4,697.68
Fundraising	12,683.28

Total Expenses* \$258,374.96

*Excludes depreciation expense of \$36,245.30.

Revenue

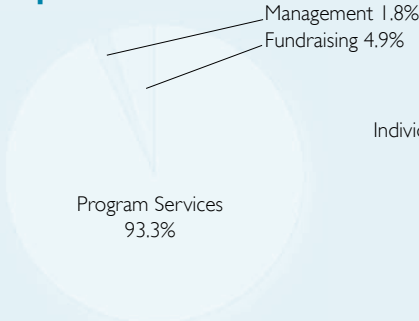
Fees	\$185,548.00
Grants	24,095.00
Individual Gifts	38,111.54
Events, net	36,080.80
Investment Income	111.15

Total Revenue \$283,846.49

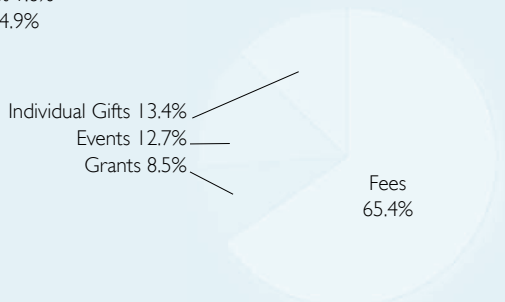


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Expenses



Revenue



When you make a gift to PetFix, you can be confident that your money is going straight to bridging the gap between our very low surgical fees and the high costs of providing top-quality surgeries to those who cannot afford full fees.

Last year 93 cents out of every dollar went to program services.

In 2009, surgery fees covered only 65.4% of the costs of keeping the PetFix clinic on the road. We raised the rest through your donations, foundation grants, and the very successful Fixations: His & Hers benefit. Without you, we could not do this important work.

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To save postage and printing costs, we will not be sending a separate spring appeal. Please make a gift today to keep the PetFix Clinic on the road for animals like Elliott and the good people who love and care for them.



Elliott photo: Amy Sancetta

Who Needs PetFix?

A volunteer from the South Euclid Humane Society brought Elliott to a recent PetFix clinic hosted by the Geauga County Dog Warden. A stray, originally picked up by South Euclid Dog Warden Brian Miller and transferred to the humane society, Elliott was so shaggy and matted that no-one noticed his missing eye until they gave him a good grooming. Now, thanks to the efforts of Miller, Humane Society volunteers and the PetFix team, this little dog is spiffed up, healthy, neutered, and living large in a home on the lake where his biggest concern is deciding whether to snuggle with his human sister or run and play with his brother. Just goes to show what we can do when we all work together.

Our Mission

To end pet overpopulation, with all its tragic consequences, by making spay/neuter surgeries affordable and accessible to qualified low-income owners, feral cat caregivers, and agencies offering animals for adoption.

Fixations: His & Hers

Last year's innovative take on the Fixations tradition netted over \$36,000 for PetFix operations thanks to the efforts of our ever-energetic volunteer fund-raising committee:

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PetFix Supporters Meet the Challenge

When Best Friends Animal Society set up a fund to match gifts to local organizations made through their new Best Friends Network site, PetFix supporters went right to their computers earning us the maximum \$3,000 in matching funds to any one organization. Thank you Best Friends— and thank you to all who rose to the challenge.

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Thank you



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2009 PetFix Partners

The PetFix program is built on collaboration. PetFix Partners (local humane societies, rescues, and dog wardens) bring the PetFix Clinic to their communities to help them reduce the number of homeless animals. Partner staff and volunteers register clients, collect fees and otherwise make it possible for our staff to concentrate on what they do best— providing top quality surgeries.

Ashtabula County

Ashtabula County Animal Protective League
Ashtabula Humane Society
Kitten Care & Rescue

Cuyahoga County

Cleveland Animal Protective League
Cleveland City Kennel
Cuyahoga County Kennel
South Euclid Humane Society

Geauga County

Geauga County Dog Warden
Geauga Humane Society

Lake County

Lake Humane Society

Summit County

Humane Society of Greater Akron

2009 PetFix Providers

Because the PetFix mobile clinic moves from place to place, we rely on the following local veterinary clinics in the areas we serve to provide care, at our expense, in the unlikely event of post-operative complications.

Ashtabula County

Animal Emergency Clinic
Austinburg Veterinary Clinic
The Country Doctor

Cuyahoga County

Gateway Animal Clinic
Lyndhurst Animal Clinic
Rainbow Veterinary Clinic
Veterinary Referral Service

Geauga County

Animal Clinic of Chardon
Silvercreek Veterinary Clinic
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Lake County

Animal Emergency Clinic
Animal Hospital Inc.

Summit County

Akron Veterinary Referral & Emergency Center

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2009 Clinic Report

Another record breaking year

	2009	2008	% Increase	Total 12/09
Surgery Days	184	172	7%	630
Surgeries	3,970	3,260	22%	12,221
Cat Neuters	1,104	968	14%	3,703
Cat Spays	1,412	1,329	6%	4,935
Dog Neuters	759	474	60%	1,803
Dog Spays	695	489	42%	1,780
Rabies Vaccinations*	3,250	2,593	25%	9,739

* In order to maintain the barrier between wild animals and humans, we vaccinate every age-appropriate cat and dog altered in our clinic unless the owner/caregiver can show proof of current immunization.

2009 Clinic Staff

We salute our amazing clinic staff, whose compassion and skill have earned the trust of our clients while enabling us to increase our surgical numbers each year:

Kate Theobald, *Program Coordinator*

Jo Byron, DVM

Joy Hudson, DVM

Alisa Taddeo, DVM

Kevin Roxbury, RVT

Chris Schnitzer, RVT

Ron Carlton, *Head Veterinary Assistant/Driver*

Susan Mickovic, *Veterinary Assistant/Driver*

Lorraine Podojil, *Veterinary Assistant/Driver*

All staff members are part-time.



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