2011

World Vets in Action

Annual Review
Disaster Response – World Vets provides veterinary disaster relief where animals are affected.

Direct Veterinary Aid – World Vets deploys specialized veterinary teams every month to provide free medical and surgical care to animals in need of treatment and to alleviate their suffering.

Veterinary Product Donations – World Vets donates over $1 million per year worth of veterinary products and supplies to international animal welfare efforts and in disaster situations.

Civil – Military Missions – World Vets participates on US Navy humanitarian aid missions where we provide both direct veterinary aid as well as training and capacity building in host nations.

Training – World Vets provides surgical training and additional education related to veterinary medicine for veterinarians and students.
Within the first 72 hours, World Vets reached out to the veterinary community in Japan and had a first responder team en route. In 2006, World Vets got started from a donation jar and the idea that veterinarians would volunteer their time to help animals in developing countries. Now, World Vets provides veterinary aid in 36 countries on 6 continents including everything from disaster relief to community-wide spay/neuter programs to livestock development programs and assistance to working horses in developing countries. In addition, we have an ongoing partnership with the US Navy in which World Vets provides teams of civilian veterinarians for civil-military humanitarian aid missions around the globe. 2011 also brought about massive disasters that devastated both people and animals. World Vets was one of the first animal aid organizations on the ground following the Japan tsunami and earthquake, proving much needed assistance for animals impacted by the tragedy. Our commitment to help the animals in Japan lasted throughout the year and beyond. Massive flooding in Thailand also jeopardized the lives of thousands of street dogs who were helped by World Vets disaster response teams. Additionally, the year also brought the grand-opening of the World Vets Latin America Veterinary Training Center in Nicaragua, which will provide surgery training for hundreds of Latin American veterinarians while also benefiting the local community through free veterinary services. We are very proud of our accomplishments this year that would not have been possible without the ongoing and generous support of our donors and volunteers. We take very seriously the trust that is placed in us and we are grateful for the support of so many who have generously supported our efforts to help animals around the globe.

Cathy King DVM, PhD  CEO and Founder

World Vets mission is to provide veterinary aid in developing countries and veterinary disaster relief worldwide.
We worked with a large coalition of Japanese animal welfare groups and veterinary professionals to identify their needs and respond appropriately.

World Vets facilitated the collection, purchase and coordination of multiple large shipments of pet food, collapsible cages and kennels, as well as, veterinary and shelter supplies from North America to Japan.

These shipments directly benefited the efforts of several groups including Animal Friends Niigata, Heart Tokashima, Japan Cat Network, as well as veterinarians dedicated to helping animals during the disaster. Countless individual pet owners also benefited.

Shane (pictured right) was one of the lucky dogs. He was able to reunite with his family.

Thought to be washed away in the tsunami, Shane found his way to the evacuation center where his family was staying. Scared, covered in mud with only minor injuries, he was treated by one of our veterinary disaster response teams and then was happily reunited with his owner.

World Vets donated and shipped more than 36,000 lbs of veterinary and pet supplies to Japan.
World Vets sent first responders and veterinary relief teams to assess the situation and provide direct veterinary care. Our teams were on the ground in the hardest hit areas helping pets at evacuation centers, animal shelters and even people living in cars with their pets to address their immediate needs.

A serious threat our relief team dealt with was that of radiation. Our veterinarians worked quickly to establish decontamination protocols, intake procedures to be used when animals are admitted into a shelter and procedures for preventing the spread of disease.

World Vets also provided and donated additional supplies such as radiation monitors, Tyvek suits, Geiger counters and veterinary medicines along with direct financial support to veterinarians in Japan.

We continue to support Japanese veterinary efforts to provide free and/or low cost spay/neuter programs, in addition to ongoing care for the animals affected by the disaster. We greatly appreciate the support of our donors who helped make this work possible.
World Vets responded to the animal suffering that took place during the severe flooding in Thailand in 2011.

World Vets responders aided with the water rescues of stranded and abandoned dogs in and around Bangkok. They traveled in rescue boats in search of animals needing assistance and transferred them to designated safe zones. Thousands of animals were impacted by the severe flooding.

World Vets personnel provided emergency veterinary care and transported food and supplies to established dog shelters and pet owners. The shelters and subsequent food deliveries made the survival of many dogs possible.

Our veterinarians visited shelters and safe zones to address the health issues impacting the rescued dogs. In addition, our veterinarians were part of a team that spayed and neutered nearly 1000 street dogs during the Thailand relief efforts.

Additionally, our veterinarians provided direct veterinary aid to all animal types. During the relief effort we sent 8 veterinarians and technicians.

More than $20,000 worth of veterinary supplies was donated as part of the World Vets disaster relief efforts in Thailand.
World Vets operated multiple, ongoing international veterinary aid campaigns in eight different countries providing thousands of free surgeries and medical consultations. These campaigns took place in Belize, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, Peru and Tanzania.

Our veterinary teams work in collaboration with foreign veterinarians, local animal welfare groups and volunteers, in addition to local governmental bodies.

On small animal projects we regularly see animals in conditions that warrant emergency procedures, like Princesa (pictured right). As a puppy she had a piece of twine placed around her neck as a makeshift collar. Over time the twine grew into neck severing her trachea. With outstanding veterinarians such as Dr. Tom Parker (pictured top right), Princesa’s trachea has been repaired and she can finally breathe out of her mouth.

17,470 free medical treatments & surgeries provided
World Vets has an ongoing effort to provide large-scale international veterinary aid campaigns targeting working horses and donkeys, which are the primary means of transporting people and/or materials. Our teams provide essential veterinary services to the cart and carriage horses of Nicaragua and much needed care to donkeys in 3 regions of rural Tanzania.

In addition to helping companion animals and working equines throughout the world, World Vets has several programs focused on agricultural development and improving the welfare of livestock, particularly those belonging to small-scale farmers in some of the poorest areas of the world. One such program was based in a remote desert region of Mongolia to provide herdsman training and veterinary services to goats, sheep, camels and yaks of nomadic herdsman. Another program focused on providing technical assistance, hands-on training to local farm cooperatives in Haiti.

11,404 treatments provided for horses & donkeys

Helping small-scale farmers provide better care for their livestock
World Vets was the veterinary non-governmental organization (NGO) represented on two humanitarian aid missions operated by the U.S. Navy. We have been a contributing member of the Pacific Partnership mission since 2009 and Continuing Promise since 2010.

In 2011, we provided skilled veterinary teams for each mission. Our teams worked alongside US military veterinary personnel, veterinarians from host nations, in addition to personnel from local health and agricultural departments. We provided direct veterinary aid, training, and instruction in small and large animal medicine.

Additionally, we shipped a total of five pallets loaded with donated supplies and equipment worth $125,000 for Nicaragua and Timor Leste.

Our shipment to Timor Leste facilitated a wheelchair for a dog named Toha after she lost her legs escaping from a dog meat restaurant.
World Vets established a Latin America Surgical Training Center in Nicaragua. At this center, we provide free training and instruction in sterilization surgery for Latin American veterinarians, veterinary students and technicians. The program is open to any Latin American veterinarian and/or upper level veterinary student.

The center is outfitted with modern equipment including gas anesthesia, central oxygen, pulse oximeters and fluid pumps. It is our primary objective that strict attention is paid to patient safety, comfort and appropriate pain management.

In 2011, we held six training sessions. These sessions provided free training and instruction to over forty participants. During these sessions, the instructors and attendees provided free veterinary services to more than one hundred community owned animals in need of the operation and/or veterinary attention.

We thank the Fondation Brigitte Bardot for their generous support of this and many other programs. We also thank the Summerlee Foundation for supporting the development of the curriculum and teaching materials.

“Para mí fue una buena experiencia. Me enseñaron mucho. Fue un placer.”

Carlos Molina

“For me it was a great experience. They taught me a lot. It was a pleasure”

Carlos Molina
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Expenses
- Program Services $1,298,569.00
- Management & General Expenses $85,381.00
- Fundraising $25,770.00

TOTAL $1,405,252

Sources of Support
- Public Support – Contributions $500,412.00
- Public Support – Grants $290,192.00
- Project Fees $334,589.00
- In Kind (mostly vet products) $824,402.00
- Membership Fees $48,840.00
- Miscellaneous $2,373.00

TOTAL REVENUE $2,000,808.00

Worldwide Distribution of Program Service
- North America 1%
- Asia 35%
- Latin America & Caribbean 49%
- Europe 1%
- South Pacific 2%
- Africa 12%

TOTAL 100%
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