

# WORLD VETS

INTERNATIONAL AID FOR ANIMALS



Annual Report **2013**

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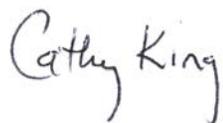
As I reflect back on 2013, I am very proud of our dedicated supporters and volunteers who have helped to make the world a better place for animals. Our Field Service Programs are reaching the far corners of the globe to help the animals that lack access to veterinary care and are often the most in need. These programs benefit dogs, cats, horses and livestock in some of the poorest nations of the world.

In the past year, we have also continued to have a strong emphasis on local capacity building. The World Vets Latin America Veterinary Training Center has continued to grow and expand services since the opening in 2011. Veterinarians from all over Latin America are taking part in our surgery-training program, which is provided to them at no cost while thousands of Nicaraguan animals benefit from free veterinary services. The Fondation Brigitte Bardot continues to be a strong supporter of this and other World Vets programs by providing funds for essential veterinary supplies and equipment.

World Vets also continues to work in collaboration with the US military as part of the annual civil-military humanitarian aid programs in which World Vets provides the civilian veterinary teams for the missions. Through this program we have not only been able to reach remote communities but also to transport vital veterinary supply donations to various countries each year. World Vets also provided disaster relief services that benefited thousands of animals in the past year.

Without the generous support of our dedicated donors, supporters and volunteers, our work would not be possible. World Vets not only helps animals, but also people and the communities in which they live. We are very grateful to all who share our mission. Thank you for your support again this year.

Sincerely,



**Cathy King DVM, MS, PhD**  
CEO and Founder





## VETERINARY FIELD SERVICE PROJECTS

World Vets veterinary field service projects are an all-encompassing field operative program where veterinary services are conducted on a mass scale in an efficient manner. In the case of our campaigns targeting small animals, surgical procedures such as spay/neuter as well as preventative health treatments and consultations are all performed in unison. To execute these campaigns, veterinary volunteers are recruited. Our field service projects as well as the veterinary services provided are coordinated with foreign veterinarians, local animal welfare groups and volunteers and/or local government bodies located in any given project location.



Our volunteer veterinary teams provide services that may otherwise not be available in the locations where we work. They are also able to restore hope and provide alternative answers as well as solutions to complicated health issues when everyone else has given up. Furthermore, our teams provide quality veterinary care at no cost. In some cases this has proven to not only to be life changing, but life saving.



### Making the Impossible, Possible

“Pecas”, a 13 year old female dog had had countless litters over her lifetime. For fear that she would become pregnant again her owner opted to have her spayed. Unfortunately she had recently been diagnosed heartworm positive and was also discovered to have a fast heart rate and murmur. Nevertheless, despite “Pecas” being a very high risk surgical patient the quality care provided by World Vets volunteers enabled her to pull through and recover exceptionally well. “Pecas” now has the opportunity to live a more improved life as result of World Vets team making the impossible, possible.

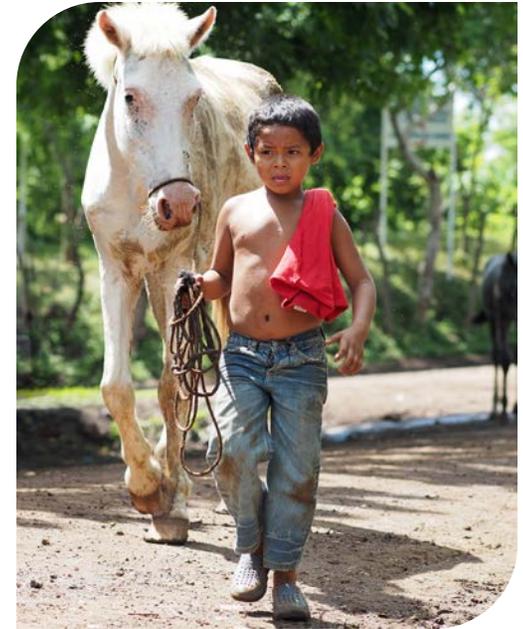


*Our free services benefited companion animals in 12 different countries; with 3186 spay/neuter surgeries performed and a total of 4666 small animals impacted from our veterinary services provided in 2013*



## VETERINARY FIELD SERVICE PROJECTS

Aside from direct veterinary care provided to companion animals, World Vets actively seeks to improve the quality of life for equines and donkeys on an international scale. For many years we have provided consistent veterinary services to carriage and cart horses in Nicaragua. As a result of our equine welfare project in Nicaragua, hundreds of horses receive regular preventative health treatments as well as safe castrations each year. We have also introduced an equine health passport, which aids horse owners to better care for their animals. This passport allows owners to record and keep track of all treatments and vaccinations their horses receive and when to follow up.



In 2013 we also worked to provide vital care for working donkeys in rural Tanzania. Our mobile clinics contributed to their overall wellbeing through direct treatment in addition to the implementation of alternate pack saddles. We were also briefly involved with population control efforts for roaming donkeys in the Caribbean.

### World Vets to the Water Rescue

During our mobile clinics operated in Tanzania, World Vets volunteers happened upon a herd of donkeys at a watering hole. While treating the donkeys, they were alerted to a young foal having trouble in the water. Our team quickly sprung into action and provided a water rescue, which prevented the foal from drowning.



*Our free services benefited working equines and donkeys in 3 countries with a total of 1200 animals being impacted by our field service activities*



## CIVIL – MILITARY HUMANITARIAN AID

World Vets has been a veterinary nongovernmental organization (NGO) represented on the civil military mission Pacific Partnership since 2009. Pacific Partnership is an annual U.S. Pacific Fleet humanitarian and civic assistance mission designed to work by, with and through host and partner nations, non-government organizations and international agencies to build partnerships and a collective ability to respond to natural disasters.



For the 2013 mission World Vets provided a team of skilled veterinary professionals representing many different nationalities which included Canada, Poland, and the United Kingdom, in addition to the United States.

Our team worked alongside US Army veterinary personnel as well as animal health care professionals in host nations. We provided direct veterinary aid services along with technical training, and instruction in small and large animal medicine. Our services subsequently benefited both human and animal inhabitants of Samoa, Tonga, Kiribati as well as the Marshall and Solomon Islands.

### Facilitating Veterinary Training & Animal Welfare Education in Remote Locations

World Vets not only contributes manpower, but veterinary specialties on civil – military missions that in turn enable a optional training and capacity building for local veterinary professionals. In the process, we also promote and facilitate animal welfare education to local children.



*Our contribution to the 2013 Pacific Partnership mission resulted in a total of 6144 animals being treated and 3000 hours provided in capacity building and training for veterinary and animal health care professionals in 5 countries*



## DISASTER RESPONSE

### *Typhoon Haiyan: Philippines*

In 2013 World Vets responded to Typhoon Haiyan with veterinary supplies, financial support and on the ground teams. Initial support was sent to our partners working to help animals in the destruction area as our disaster response team mobilized for deployment. Upon arrival, World Vets team traveled extensively throughout the devastated region to provide direct veterinary aid to hundreds of animals impacted by the disaster.

### *Distemper Outbreak: Thailand*

This year World Vets aided animal welfare professionals in Thailand in response to a massive distemper outbreak. World Vets sent a team who provided guidance as well as hands on training in relation to best practices and protocols for addressing the outbreak and preventing further canine casualties.



### **Helping USA Pet Owners Impacted by Midwest Tornadoes**

World Vets covered the story of 'Maggie', a dog that went missing and was then discovered, after a devastating tornado in the American Midwest. Upon hearing of the disaster World Vets contributed financial support to Teegarden Veterinary Clinic who helped pets like Maggie and pets belonging to owners who were in a hardship situation because of the disaster.



*We provided over \$24,400 worth of veterinary products and supplies to disaster relief efforts where animals were impacted worldwide including the United States*



## TRAINING PROGRAMS

World Vets Latin America Veterinary Training Center (LATC) is the cornerstone of our training program. Founded in 2011 in Granada, Nicaragua, this facility is equipped with modern equipment such as gas anesthesia, central oxygen, pulse oximeters, fluid pumps and an autoclave. It is also equipped with a conference room for holding educational lectures.

At this facility we employ three full time Nicaraguan veterinarians who provide high quality surgical instruction for Latin American veterinarians and veterinary students. This training is provided year round and free of charge. As a result of our work, World Vets received recognition from one of Nicaragua's veterinary schools for the invaluable support that we have provided to their students in helping to shape their futures as veterinarians.



Also based out of LATC is our International Veterinary Medicine (IVM) Program. This program provides hands on learning opportunities for international students while at the same time immerses them in the realities and challenges of practicing veterinary medicine in an international setting.



### Combining Educational Opportunities with Community Service

LATC is not only a training facility. It also provides much needed spay/neuter services, in addition to any additional medical treatments that may be needed for animal patients, completely free of charge to pet owners and for street animals. What's more, we provide a door to door service for rural animals; picking them up for surgery and returning them home following recovery.

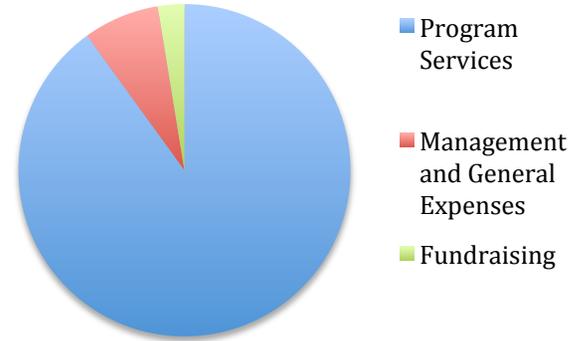


*3,400 animals benefited from free veterinary services offered through our training center and over 20,000 hours of training and instruction provided to veterinarians and veterinary students*

# FINANCIALS

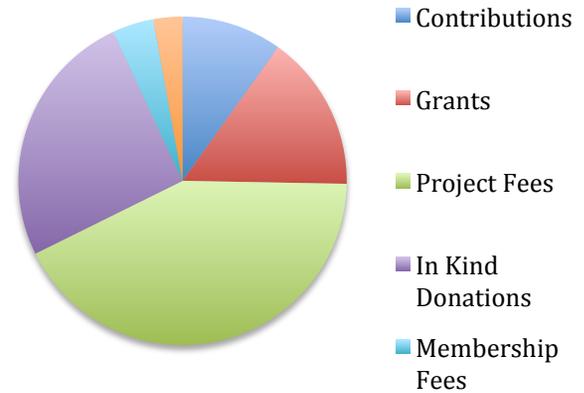
## Expenses

Program Services	\$ 902,932
Management and General Expenses	\$74,148
Fundraising	\$25,879
Total	\$1,002,959



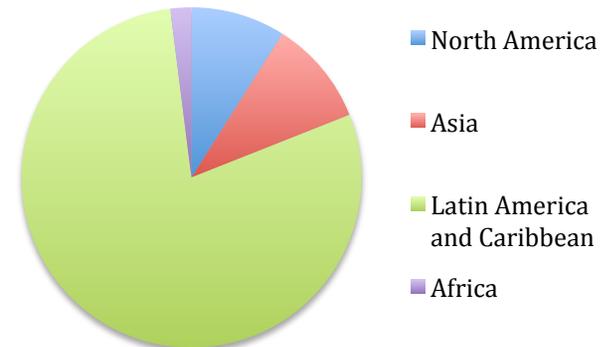
## Sources of Support

Contributions	\$98,100
Grants	\$152,621
Project Fees	\$420,358
In Kind Donations	\$251,452
Membership Fees	\$40,441
Misc Income	\$28,392
Total	\$991,364



## Worldwide Distribution of Program Services

North America	9%
Asia	10%
Latin America and Caribbean	79%
Africa	2%
Total	100%





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