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OUR MISSION

STOP is an Alaska-based charitable nonprofit corporation dedicated to:

- Reducing the number of pets killed at Alaska's animal control centers by providing a spay/neuter financial assistance program.
- Educating the public on pet overpopulation and pet care topics.



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FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Dear STOP Supporters:

STOP the Overpopulation of Pets, Inc. is pleased to provide you with our Annual Report for 2003.

Our spay/neuter program was very successful, and requests for assistance grew rapidly in 2003. In only 9 months, we had achieved our 2-year goal of sending out 500 vouchers. Before long, we had doubled that number. By November, we had sent out 1,230 spay/neuter vouchers to Alaska pet owners in need of financial assistance.

Because the need for help exceeded our donations, we stopped issuing new vouchers on November 18, 2003, until we could determine how many would actually be used and how much money we had left. Recently, we began issuing vouchers again but at a reduced rate of \$10 instead of 50% of the Alaska SPCA's spay/neuter charges (which ranged from \$30 to \$65 in 2003, depending on species and sex). We hope to receive additional funding soon and return to paying 50% of all spay/neuter requests.

We could not have had the great success in our spay/neuter program without the help of the following:

- **Our volunteers** who worked so hard in so many ways to help save the lives of Alaska's pets.
- **Our supporters**, including individuals and grant foundations, who provided us with the funds to pay spaying and neutering costs and publishing educational materials.
- **Our veterinarian partners**, who, by accepting our vouchers and billing us for them monthly, allowed us to expand statewide into very needy areas of Alaska.

Thank you for your help and encouragement! Together, we can STOP the overpopulation of pets and end the killing of healthy dogs and cats at Alaska's animal control centers. From all the voucher requests we are receiving, we truly believe we will make a difference, and it is thanks to supporters like you that this is possible.

We look forward to the rewards of the next year, knowing we are saving thousands of lives through spaying and neutering companion pets. We welcome your help. A membership application is included on the last page of this report. Please send in your 2004 membership today and help STOP end Alaska's pet overpopulation!

Sincerely,
Lori Jo Oswald, Ph.D.



OVERVIEW

STOP the Overpopulation of Pets is a 501(c)(3) charitable nonprofit corporation founded in 1999 and dedicated to reducing pet overpopulation in Alaska.

In 2003, STOP's efforts were focused on reducing the killing of healthy, adoptable dogs and cats in Alaska by offering financial assistance for spaying and neutering companion pets and by providing educational programs regarding pet overpopulation.

Mission Statement

As defined by our Articles of Incorporation, STOP's primary mission is to decrease—and, we hope, eventually eliminate—pet overpopulation in Alaska by providing financial assistance to cover spaying and neutering costs to pet owners. Our second mission, our pet-related educational program, assists in fulfilling this mission. A third mission, which we plan to put in action as soon as our spay/neuter program and educational program are fully funded, is to provide pet food for indigent pet owners in times of financial need so that their pets are not



abandoned, turned over to animal controls, starved, or killed.

History

From December 1999-2001, we completed the state and federal nonprofit paperwork and received 501(c)(3) status from the IRS; wrote our bylaws, articles of incorporation, and mission statement; began spaying and neutering pets (12 total); and writing and distributing educational materials.

In 2002, we wrote grant proposals to obtain funding for our spay-neuter and educational programs. In July 2002, we received our first grant, from the DJ&T Foundation, for spay-neuter costs. The grant required us to request a certain percentage of the spay-neuter costs from pet owners, so we changed our original intention of paying 100% to 50% (and 100%



only when the pet owner requested it based on need) of spay-neuter costs.

We established a relationship with the Alaska SPCA so that STOP vouchers could be used in its Anchorage clinic and mobile spay-neuter clinic in the Mat-Su Borough.

A \$5,000 grant in early fall of 2002 from PETsMART Charities allowed us to get a phone line and to copy and print our educational materials and spay-neuter applications and vouchers. Just from the two grants received in late 2002, we were able to send out 56 spay/neuter vouchers to pet owners in the Matanuska-Susitna Borough, our first target area.

2003 Highlights

In 2003, our spay/neuter program increased dramatically: we issued 2,096% more vouchers than we did in 2002 because of the funding we received (79% increase over 2002), as well as the substantial increase in volunteer hours (58% increase over 2002). Grants from 5 foundations—the Bernice Barbour Foundation, DJ&T Foundation, Edith J. Goode Residuary Trust, Luster

Family Foundation, and PETsMART Charities—and donations from 40 individual members allowed us to send out 1,230 spay/neuter vouchers worth over \$32,000; publish educational materials; set up a Web site (www.alaskastop.org), and expand our spay/neuter program statewide.

Our volunteers donated 1,799 hours to STOP programs in 2003, including 1,282 hours from the board of directors. Our members donated \$2,376 while foundations contributed \$26,000 to help us meet our goals. In addition, STOP raised \$250 at craft shows and a garage sale and received \$14,548 in in-kind donations (goods and services).

STOP is helping to save the lives of Alaska's dogs and cats by preventing births. Our goal is to ensure that no more healthy, adoptable pets are killed in Alaska's animal control centers because there are too many pets for homes. In just one year, we have shown that with funding, we can make tremendous accomplishments toward meeting this goal. We hope in 2004 to receive the funding to continue this success.



2003 PROGRAM ACHIEVEMENTS

In 2003, STOP focused on two of our program goals:

1. To provide a spay/neuter assistance program to pet owners in order to reduce the number of pets killed in Alaska's animal control centers.
2. To provide an educational program focusing on pet overpopulation, particularly in Alaska.

We made outstanding progress in achieving these goals due to the support of our members, the work of our volunteers, and the donations from major grant foundations.

Spay/Neuter Program

STOP's spay/neuter program showed a remarkable increase in 2003, and this is the area where we are most proud.

Vouchers Issued in 2003: 1,230

Percent Increase Compared to 2002: 2,096%

In 2003, STOP issued 1,230 spay/neuter vouchers compared to 56 in 2002, an incredible increase of over 2,000% (see Table 1).

Figure 1 shows the 2003 used vouchers by species and sex. Figure 2 shows the used vouchers by location.



Figure 3 shows 2002 statistics for comparative purposes

Due to the sharp increase in spay/neuter voucher requests and use throughout 2003 and STOP's limited funds, the STOP Board of Directors decided to stop issuing new vouchers on November 18, 2003, in order to:

1. focus on raising additional funds,
2. determine how many vouchers would actually be used of those issued, and
3. ensure that we had enough fund to pay for any new vouchers before issuing them.

Unfortunately, we had to turn down hundreds of requests for vouchers in those last 6 weeks of 2003 and the first month of 2004.



We began issuing new vouchers again in February 2004, but instead of paying for half the SPCA's spay/neuter charge, as we did throughout 2003, we are currently only paying \$10 toward spay/neuter fees until we raise additional funds.

Due to the difficulty getting appointments, getting to veterinary clinics, and the limited number of spay/neuters that the Alaska SPCA spay/neuter clinic (including the mobile clinic) can provide in Alaska, in 2002 and 2003, we allowed pet owners to use vouchers beyond the 30-day expiration date in 2003, as long as the appointment was made within 30 days of the voucher issue date. (This rule was changed on January 24, 2004 to 30 days from issue date to ensure we have enough funds to cover all issued vouchers and to provide vouchers to as many of those in need of our help as possible.)



2003 Financial Data

The value of the 1,230 2003-issued vouchers was \$32,012.50.

STOP spent \$18,229.50 to pay for 2003-issued vouchers that were used in 2003, in addition to \$600 for 2002-issued vouchers that were



used (or billed) in 2003. In January and February 2004, we were billed \$1,567.50 for 60 2003-issued vouchers that were used in December 2003 and January 2004; however, our financial statement does not reflect these expenses because they were paid in 2004.

2002 Financial Data

For comparison purposes, and to show the increase in spay/neuter voucher requests and our costs, the 2002 financial data is as follows:

- 56 vouchers were issued (value: \$1,540).
- 37 vouchers were used (value: \$1,050)

Percentage of Used Vouchers

In 2003, 55% of the spay/neuter vouchers that we issued were used.

Some of the reasons that we know of for nonuse include the following:



- Mail not deliverable (approximately 20 vouchers in 2003 were never received by the pet owner)
- Pet owner did not have transportation to clinic
- Alaska SPCA mobile clinic was full too far in advance for owner to schedule an appointment (later, this problem was solved with the addition of 12 participating veterinary clinics to our list)
- Owner used nonparticipating vet who wouldn't accept our vouchers
- Pet too young or too far along in pregnancy, and veterinarian would not perform surgery
- Owner refused to pay extra costs (such as pregnancy costs) to the veterinarian
- Voucher expired before pet owner attempted to make appointment
- Voucher was lost by pet owner

Veterinary Involvement

Our veterinarian clinic participation increased dramatically (86%) in 2003 from 2002, with the addition of 12 clinics to our team throughout the state of Alaska (from only 2 in 2002: the Alaska SPCA's

Anchorage and mobile spay-neuter clinics).

These veterinarian clinics and hospitals bill STOP for the amount on the vouchers, typically 50% of the SPCA mobile clinic spay/neuter cost (for most of 2003 these costs were \$30 for a male cat, \$55 for a female cat or male dog, and \$65 for a female cat; recently, the Alaska SPCA raised the price for a dog spay to \$75).

Photo 1. Alaska SPCA Mobile Spay Clinic.



These veterinarian partnerships help STOP provide assistance to spay and neuter more pets by taking some of the burden off the SPCA mobile clinic, which had been overbooked for several months.

Also, these kind veterinarians enabled STOP to expand the spay/neuter program statewide to Alaska communities without a reduced-cost spay/neuter



clinic. Our 2003 veterinary team members included:

- Alaska SPCA Mobile Spay/Neuter Clinic (Mat-Su Borough and Visits Other Areas): Call 562-2999
- Alaska SPCA Spay/Neuter Clinic (Anchorage): Call 562-2999
- Animal House (Fairbanks): Call 479-2800
- Chena Ridge Veterinary Clinic (Fairbanks): Call 479-0001
- Douglas Island Veterinary Service, LLC (Juneau): Call 463-5377
- Great & Small Animal Care Center (Kodiak): Call 486-1010
- Kenai Veterinary Hospital (Kenai): Call 283-4148
- Mt. McKinley Animal Hospital (Fairbanks): Call 452-6104
- Palmer Veterinary Clinic (Palmer): Call 745-3219
- Ravenwood Veterinary Clinic (Eagle River): Call 694-9665
- Richards Veterinary Clinic (Soldotna) Call: 262-9395
- Seward Animal Clinic (Seward): Call 224-5500
- Soldotna Animal Hospital (Soldotna) Call: (907) 270-7851
- Valdez Veterinary Clinic (Valdez): Call: 835-5280

WHY WE DO WHAT WE DO

Photos of pets in the Mat-Su Borough's animal control center in 2003.

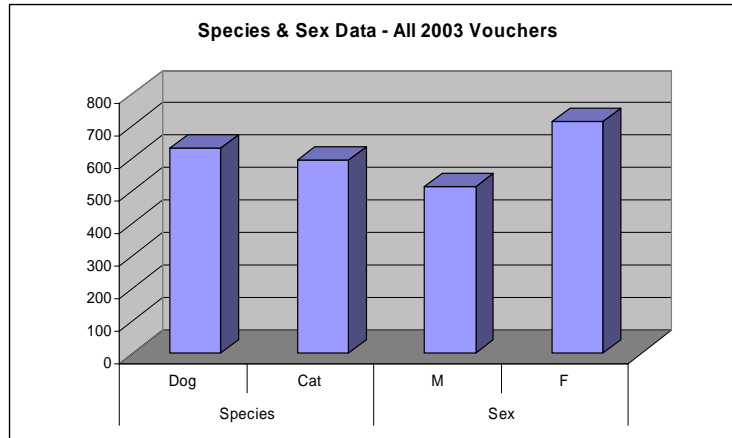


**Table 1. 2003 Spay-Neuter Voucher Data Summary**

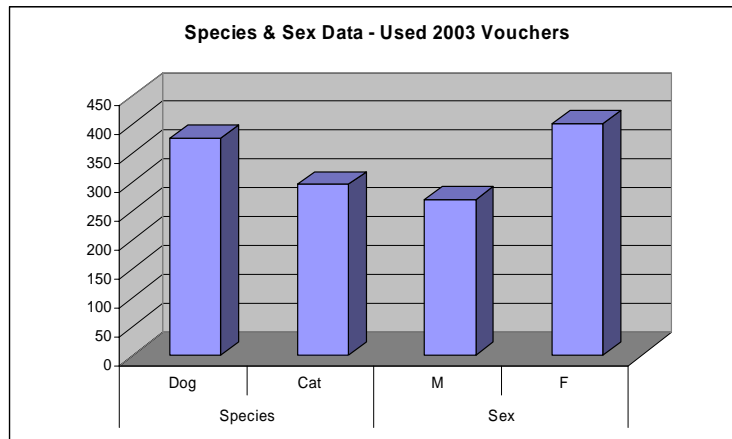
Description	Number
Voucher Data	
Vouchers Issued in 2003	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1,230 (nos. 57-1286) • Value: \$32,012.50
Vouchers Issued in 2002	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 56 (nos. 1-56) • Value: \$1,540.00
Percentage Increase of Issued Vouchers in 2003 from 2002	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2,096%
2003-Issued Vouchers Used (includes 60 billed in Jan. & Feb. 2004)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 678 of 1,230 = 55% • Value: \$18,229.50
2002 Vouchers Used in 2002 & 2003	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 37 of 56 = 66% • Value: \$1,050
Vouchers Issued in 2002 but used in (or STOP was billed in) 2003	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 22 • Value: \$600
Species Data – 2003	
Canine Vouchers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 635 (of 1,230) Issued (52%) • 379 (of 678) Used (56%)
Feline Vouchers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 595 (of 1,230) Issued (48%) • 299 (of 678) Used (44%)
Sex Data – 2003	
Male (Neutering) Vouchers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 515 (of 1,230) Issued (42%) • 274 (of 678) Used (40%)
Female (Spaying) Vouchers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 715 (of 1,230) Issued (58%) • 404 (of 678) Used (60%)
Location Data – 2003	
Vouchers to Mat-Su Valley Pet Owners	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 947 (of 1,230) Issued (77%) • 506 Used (75%)
Vouchers to Kenai Peninsula Borough Pet Owners	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 91 (of 1,230) Issued (7%) • 72 (of 678) Used (11%)
Vouchers to Anchorage Pet Owners	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 180 (of 1,230) Issued (15%) • 93 (of 678) Used (14%)
Vouchers to Other Areas in the State of Alaska (Valdez & Fairbanks)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12 (of 1,230) Issued (1%) • 7 (of 678) Used (1%)
Note: Due to the sharp increase in spay/neuter voucher requests and use throughout 2003 and STOP's limited funds, we stopped issuing new vouchers on November 18, 2003, in order to focus on raising additional funds and to determine how many vouchers would actually be used of those issued.	



Figure 1. STOP 2003 Spay/Neuter Voucher Sex & Species Data



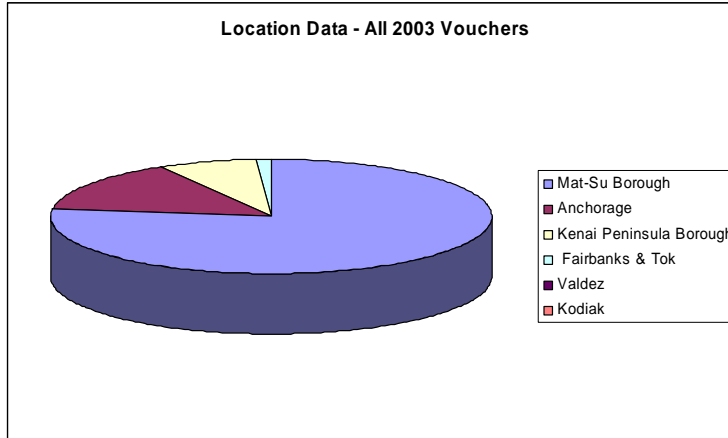
Notes: Of 1,230 vouchers issued, 635 were for dogs and 595 were for cats; 515 were for male dogs and cats, and 715 were for female dogs and cats.



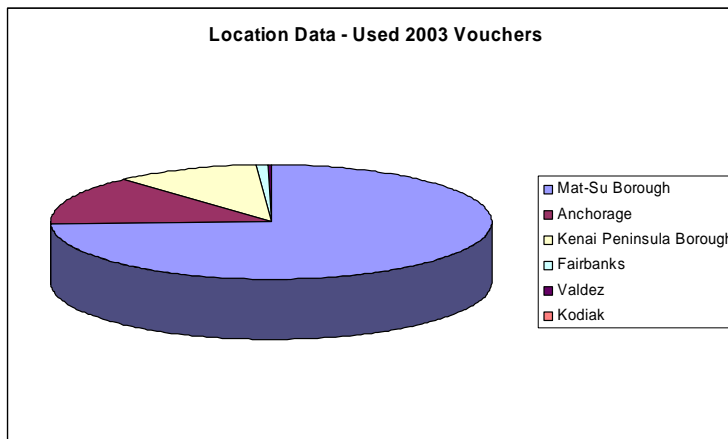
Notes: Of 678 vouchers used, 379 were for dogs and 299 were for cats; 274 were for male dogs and cats, and 404 were for female dogs and cats.



Figure 2. 2003 Spay/Neuter Voucher Data by Location



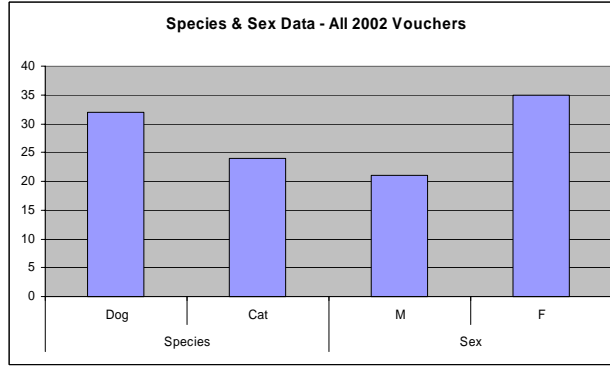
Notes: Of 1,230 vouchers issued, 947 were to Mat-Su Borough pet owners, 91 were to Kenai Peninsula Borough pet owners, 180 were to Anchorage pet owners, and 12 were to Fairbanks or Valdez pet owners.



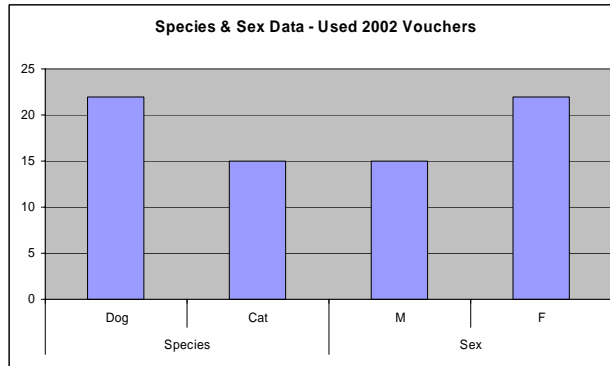
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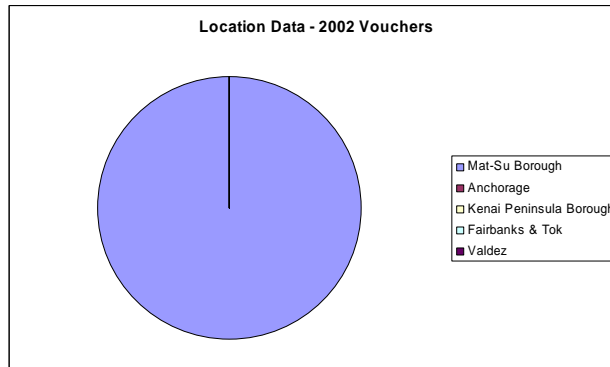
Figure 3. 2002 Spay/Neuter Voucher Data (for Comparison)



Notes: Of 56 vouchers issued in 2002, 32 were for dogs, 24 were for cats, 21 were for males, and 35 were for females.



Notes: Of the 37 vouchers used in 2002, 22 were for dogs, 15 were for cats, 15 were males, and 22 were females.



Notes: All 56 vouchers issued in 2002 were to Matanuska-Susitna Borough pet owners—our first target area.



2003 Educational Program Achievements

In 2003, STOP distributed the following educational materials:

- Newsletters – STOP produced and distributed 3,000 copies of the *Alaska Pet News* throughout 2003. Each of the four quarterly editions were sent to our members throughout Alaska and provided free in various business and library outlets in the Mat-Su Borough. Content consisted educational material, particularly on pet care and pet overpopulation, STOP program updates, and spay/neuter applications.
- Brochures – STOP produced a professional brochure in early 2003 and has distributed it throughout Alaska. The brochure lists information about our spay/neuter program, details on how to receive a spay/neuter voucher, and general information about pet overpopulation, as well as a membership application.
- Flyers – STOP produced and distributed over 250 8½ x 11 flyers in 2003. These flyers were placed on bulletin boards and countertops of libraries and businesses in Anchorage and the Matanuska-Susitna Borough.
- Spay/Neuter Applications – STOP printed 5,000 and distributed over 3,000 spay/neuter applications in 2003 at pet-related businesses, libraries, grocery store bulletin boards, the post office, churches, and restaurants. These applications were also included in our newsletters and brochure and on our Web site.
- Web Site – In June 2003, we created the STOP Web site at www.alaskastop.org, which includes information on our spay/neuter program and various educational materials. It also provides links to Alaska animal controls and humane societies; provides a page for listing lost and found pets; and includes a volunteer form. Several Alaska humane societies now provide links to STOP's Web site. By the end of 2003, STOP's Web site had received 2,800 visitors!
- E-mail – Our director checks for STOP e-mails several times a day and responds to them immediately. Our general



e-mail is
petnews@alaskastop.org.

- Newspaper Articles – Several Alaska newspapers published articles submitted by STOP in 2003. The Frontiersman, distributed throughout the Mat-Su Borough, published two full-length articles. In addition, the Alaska Kennel Club, the Alaska Bird Club, and the Alaska SPCA, and published one of our articles.
- Cable Television Public Service Announcement – GCI Cable regularly ran STOP's PSA for the first half of 2003, which informed Mat-Su Borough residents of the pet

Every cat or dog who dies as a result of pet overpopulation...is an animal who, more often than not, would have made a wonderful companion, if given the chance. Tremendous as the problem of pet overpopulation is, it can be solved if each of us takes just one small step, starting with not allowing our animals to breed. –HSUS.

overpopulation problem in our area and let them know about our spay/neuter assistance program.

- Newspaper Classified Ad – The Frontiersman, the Mat-Su Borough's primary newspaper, ran the following ad in the "Pets" section at no charge to us for about 5 months:
"Spay/Neuter Coupons. STOP the Overpopulation of Pets is dedicated to ending pet overpopulation in the Valley and will send you a voucher worth 50% off the SPCA Spay Clinic's prices for spaying and neutering. Call 746-SPAY; write PO Box 4083, Palmer, AK 99645; or download application from www.alaskastop.org. All donations are tax deductible. Together, we can stop the killing of healthy, adoptable pets at animal control." After we began running out of funds in late 2003, we changed this ad to read: "Please don't let healthy, adoptable pets die at animal control—spay and neuter your pets! The Valley has a terrible pet overpopulation problem, and you can help STOP it. Call the SPCA (562-2999) or your vet to make a spay/neuter appointment



today. STOP needs donations and volunteers to continue our program. Call STOP at 746-7729 or see our Web site at www.alaskastop.org for more information.”

- Radio Public Service Announcements (PSAs) – In May, we wrote and recorded a PSA for a radio station in the Mat-Su Borough and sent PSAs to Anchorage radio stations. Here is the text of our Mat-Su Borough PSA: “Last year over 1,000 pets died needlessly at Mat-Su animal control. Although the solution is simple, we understand it can be

costly. STOP the Overpopulation of Pets is here to help! Call us today at 746-SPAY for a voucher worth 50% off the SPCA prices which can be used at the mobile clinic and participating veterinarians. That’s 746-SPAY. 746-7729. Together, we can save lives.”

Emergency Pet Food and Veterinary Care Program

With our initial focus on meeting our first two program goals, and because we have not yet received funding to pursue our third program goal, we have not yet begun this program.





STOP FINANCIAL INFORMATION

2003 Income

In 2003, STOP collected \$28,741 from grants, donations, memberships, and fundraising activities. This is an increase of 79% from 2002 donations, which totaled \$5,966. Table 2 details the amount and source of funding STOP received in 2003.

Table 2. 2003 Income

Description	Amount
Memberships	\$460
Donations from Individuals	\$1,691
Donations from Businesses	\$225
Foundation Grants	\$26,000
Garage Sale	\$52
Craft & Bake Sales	\$198
Refund	\$105
STOP Donation to STOP (to test Web site donation service)	\$10
TOTAL 2003 INCOME	\$28,741

Major Grant Sources

The following foundations were our major supporters in 2003, and we are very grateful to them for believing in us and helping us to achieve—and far exceed—our spay/neuter goals:

- Bernice Barbour Foundation (\$250)
- DJ&T Foundation (\$13,000)
- Edith J. Goode Residuary Trust (\$2,500)

- Luster Family Foundation (\$5,000)
- PETS MART Charities (\$5,000)

Members

The following individuals donated to STOP in 2003, and we thank each of them for their support and for helping us to save lives by preventing pet overpopulation:



- Barbara and Warren Sharp
- Betty Vehrs
- Beverly Nash
- Bonnie Baize
- BP Exploration Inc.
- Carrie Gray Wolfe
- Claire Buza
- Connie & Steven Ramsey
- Deanna Geary
- Don Schwing
- Donovan and Lila Taylor
- Eileen Metcalf
- Ethel Christiansen
- Evelyn Groomer
- GCI
- Gloria Stone
- Gregory Drummond
- Holly Okon
- Jackie Gilbert, Dirty Dog Pet Wash
- Jacklyn Struthers
- James Swing
- Jan Hardy
- John and Kathy Milward
- Jon and Janet Wolf
- Karen Blake
- Ken DeCamp Land Surveying
- Keri Lynne McDowell
- LeRoyo and Diana Symbol
- Linda Herr
- Lori Jo Oswald
- Marie Wilson
- Marjorie Carter
- Mary Jane Phelps
- Michael & Theresa Maloney
- Pam Greenhalgh
- Raymond West & Ellie Johnson
- Susan Harrington
- Ted Parsons and Susan Randlett
- Theresa Martin
- Theresa Rogers



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—Humane Society of the U.S.



In-Kind Donations – Supplies and Equipment

In-kind donations of donated items in 2003 totaled \$14,548 and included office furniture, computers, baked goods, crafts, garage sale items, a copy machine, dial-up Internet service, and accountant services.

In-Kind Donations – Volunteer Hours

In 2003, STOP relied entirely on volunteers, as we had no paid positions. Our volunteers donated 1,799 hours, including 1,282 hours donated by the board of directors, to ensure that we met our program goals. This is a 58% increase from 2002, when STOP volunteers donated 750 hours to get our programs organized and up and running, as well as funded.

The following people were kind enough to volunteer for STOP during 2003. *Thank you* to these special, caring people who helped us carry out our program goals:

- Adri & Carolyn Holbert
- Barbara Jacksi
- Bonnie Baize
- Claire, Nadia, & Chloe Buza
- Debby Foster
- Evie Wright

- Katie & Debra at Fosselman & Associates CPAs, Inc.
- Fran & Samantha Russell
- Gregory Drummond
- Jalaine Chastain
- Janice Gittlein
- Jullie Starr
- Kim Nall
- Kristel & Rose Alban
- Lori Jo Oswald
- Penny Harris
- Rachel Barnes
- Rachelle Medica
- Rose & Kristel Alban
- Sandy Burson
- Sandy Dorsey
- Sarah Makay
- Susan Harrington
- Thomas Holohan
- Vivian Mayo

2003 VOLUNTEERS
Total Hours: <u>1,799</u>
Number of Active Volunteers: <u>30</u>

Below is a list of some of work performed by STOP volunteers during 2003:

- Copying and distributing spay/neuter applications
- Copying and distributing newsletters and other educational publications
- Writing and designing brochures, newsletters, and other educational materials



- Creating a Web site and updating it frequently (www.alaskastop.org)
 - Researching pet overpopulation data in Alaska and nationwide for our grant proposals, public service announcements, and Web site
 - Writing, researching, and distributing grant proposals
 - Meeting with borough and city personnel regarding STOP's goals and missions
 - Contacting all veterinarians, humane societies, and animal control agencies in the state of Alaska about our program
 - Picking up mailed and faxed applications
 - Filling out spay-neuter vouchers and returning them to pet owners
 - Entering spay/neuter application data and voucher information in a notebook (hard copy) and in Excel tables
 - Answering and returning telephone calls, faxes, and e-mails from individual pet owners, animal controls, humane societies, and veterinary clinics
 - Holding a garage sale and several craft/bake sales
 - Writing public service announcements (PSAs) for newspapers, radio stations, and t.v. stations.
 - Recording a radio PSA for the Mat-Su Borough
 - Paying veterinary clinic invoices
 - Collecting and filing documents
 - Ensuring that all business licenses and other fees and records are kept submitted and up to date
 - Meeting with businesses and individuals to appeal for assistance
 - Meeting with business owners to establish educational and spay/neuter application distribution centers
 - Holding membership and board meetings
- In addition, the accountant firm of Fosselman & Associates CPAs, Inc. in Palmer, Alaska, donated to STOP by checking over our financial records, our 2002 IRS forms, and our 2003 financial data.

**STOP'S 2003
BOARD OF
DIRECTORS**

**Lori Jo
Oswald,
Ph.D.** –
Executive
Director

Claire Buza –
Vice President

**Susan
Harrington** –
Treasurer

**Gregory
Drummond** –
Secretary

**Table 3. 2003 In-Kind Donations**

Description	Amount or Hours
In-Kind Contributions of Equipment & Other Tangible Items	\$14,548 (value)
Volunteer Hours:	
In-Kind Volunteer Hours: Board of Directors	1,282 (hours)
In-Kind Volunteer Hours: Other Volunteers	517 (hours)
TOTAL VOLUNTEER HOURS	1,799 (hours)

2003 Expenses

In 2003, STOP's expenses were \$23,778, which was an increase of 82% from 2002 expenses of \$4,270. Most of this increase was due to the sharp increase in spay-neuter requests, due to (1) an increase in grants to pay for this service, and (2) STOP's increased advertising, PSAs, public

outreach programs and materials, and Web site.

Spay-neuter fees paid by STOP to veterinarians encompassed \$17,325, or 73% of our total expenditures in 2003.

Table 4 lists STOP's 2003 expenses. During 2003, no salaries were paid by STOP.



**Table 4. 2003 Expenses**

Category	Total Expenses (\$)	Percentage of 2003 Expenses
Spay/Neuter Fees Paid to Veterinarians	\$17,325	73%
Office Supplies & Equipment	968	4%
Telephone & Internet Access	952	4%
Postage & Shipping	927	4%
Equipment Rental & Maintenance	658	3%
Printing & Publications	2,457	10%
Memberships	65	0.27%
Web Site Expenses	100	0.42%
Licenses & Fees	325	1%
Interest	1	0.00%
TOTAL	\$23,778	100%

Expenses by Allocation

When the all expenses are divided up into the three allocation areas—Program, Management and General, and Fundraising—as required by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), 87% of STOP's expenses were dedicated to program-related costs (see Table 5 and Figure 4).

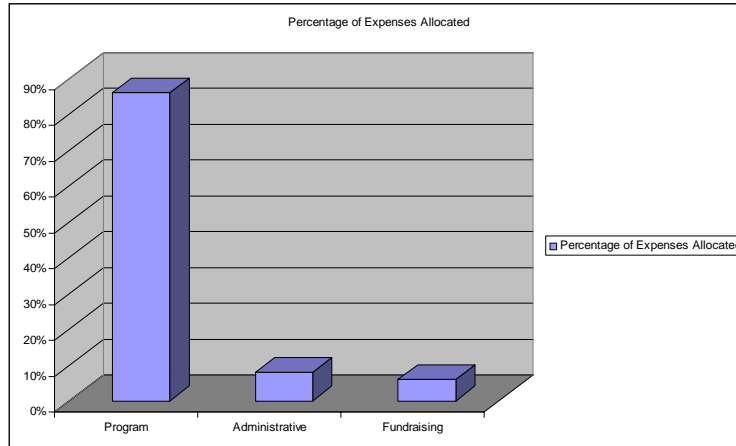




Table 5. Expenses by IRS Allocation

Allocation Type	Amount	Percentage of Expenses
Program	\$20,632	86.77%
Management & General	\$1,795	7.55%
Fundraising	\$1,351	5.68%
Total	\$23,778	100%

Figure 4. 2003 Expenses by Allocation



Current Financial Statement

As of December 31, 2003, we had \$9,021.71 in the STOP bank account although we had not yet been billed for December 2003 spays and neuters by our veterinarian partners (we received bills for

\$1,567.50 in early 2004 for 2003-issued vouchers, even though we stopped issuing new vouchers on November 18, 2003, until February 1, 2004). Table 5 is the 2003 balance sheet for STOP, showing our assets and liabilities, and providing 2002 figures for comparison.

**Table 6. 2003 STOP Financial Statement****FINANCIAL INFORMATION****Condensed Balance Sheets – Cash Basis**

STOP the Overpopulation of Pets, Inc.
FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2002 and DECEMBER 31, 2003

	2002	2003
Assets		
Cash	\$4,105	\$9,022
Property and Equipment, Net	0	0
Total Assets	\$4,105	\$9,022
Liabilities		
Accounts Payable	0	0
Total Liabilities	0	0
Total Liabilities and Assets	\$4,105	\$9,022

**Condensed Statements of Income,
Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets**

Income: Contributions and Grants	\$5,966	\$28,741
Program Expenses:		
Spay and Neuter Fees	470	\$17,325
Salaries and Payroll taxes	0	0
Other Program Services	989	3,307
Total Program Expenses	\$1,459	\$20,632
Total General and Management Expenses	467	1,795
Total Fundraising Expenses	209	1,351
Subtotal: Non-Program Expenses	\$676	\$3,146
Total Expenses	\$2,135	\$23,778
Net Assets, Beginning of Year	275	4,105.00
Net Assets, End of Year	\$4,105	\$9,022

Notes to Condensed Financial Statements

Basis of Presentation: These condensed financial statements have been prepared from the unaudited financial statements of STOP the Overpopulation of Pet, Inc. (STOP). The full financial statements are available upon request. STOP follows the cash basis for the recognition of income and expenses.

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