

Dear Cat Action Team members, friends or volunteers,

Another year has passed and much has taken place and 2020 is proving to be a challenge. We hope that you are all well and staying safe. With everything going into lock-down in mid-March, we were not able to hold our Annual General Meeting at our regular time of late March or early April.

Although restrictions are easing somewhat and the number of people that can meet as a group has increased, the board has decided to forego an actual AGM at least for the time being. There are some elderly people in our membership as well as individuals with compromised immune systems and health conditions that would create concern if they were to attend a meeting. So in the absence of a face-to-face meeting, we are sending out the financial statements for your review. Please feel free to forward any questions you may have on the financial statements and we will be happy to answer them.

To pre-empt a question, you will notice a large amount (\$152,760) under the donation revenue section. Cat Action was the recipient of a large bequest of \$140,000 in 2019. This was a very gracious donation by a couple who supported several local animal charities. Their wish was to remain anonymous.

We have never received such a large amount and under the current conditions, we will be some time in spending this money on our TNR program. So, the money has been invested and is earning interest in a secure GIC.

With Covid-19, most of the clinics have been closed to the public and as such we have been unable to hold regular spay/neuter days. Montague Vet Clinic and West Prince Vet have been the only two clinics to continue with some days over the past several months. AVC has just recently commenced the Friday neuter days and we hope the other clinics to soon be back on board over the coming months.

As most of you may be aware, we lost an important board member this past year. Donald Turner who passed away suddenly in March was a long time supporter of CAT and had served several terms on the board. Again we extend our condolences to his wife, Sue and family.

Following are the stats for CAT for 2019 as prepared by Dr. Peter Foley:

AVC Saturday: 49 cats AVC Friday: 417 cats Montague: 51 cats Kensington: 26 cats Summerside: 49 cats West Prince: 191 cats

Total: 783 cats.

Grand total of all cats seen by CAT from 2000 to the end of 2019: 13,976

Because we have not had an AGM, most of us have not renewed our membership. I would encourage all of you to please do so before the end of the year. It is especially important this year as there will be several vacant board positions at the next AGM and as per our bylaws, in order to offer for a position or to vote in the election process, one must be a paid member as of the previous Dec 31st. The membership fee of \$10.00 can be paid either by cheque sent to our mailing address or via an etransfer to my email ubefre@hotmail.com. If you choose to send by etransfer please indicate that it is for your membership and not a donation. Membership forms are available on our website www.cats-pe.ca or attached as a pdf.

Regarding the website, it is still a work in progress. We have had a volunteer working to refresh and overhaul the entire site. She has done a great job, but there is still much to be added and we hope to have it totally refurbished in the near future.

If you have any other concerns or questions please send them along.

We look forward to your replies and hope that CAT can soon be back to a more normal operation.

Regards,

Beverly Hillier Treasurer

Attached - 2019 Financial Statement Membership Form

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