

AMICI CANNIS

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Dear Friends,

As we reflect on the year just past, we can't help but feel an overwhelming gratitude for everyone in the Amici Cannis community. The dedication and commitment of our board, staff, volunteers, and donors allowed us to not just cope, but adapt and improve during a turbulent time.

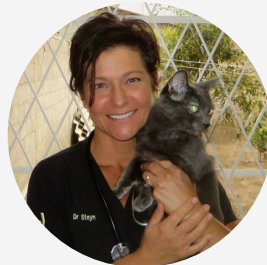
Amici Cannis proved itself to be very resilient, like the animals and humans we serve. We remained purposeful and intensely focused on our mission of the work that we do in Ecuador.

We're proud of what we accomplished this year, with your support:

- Continuing with Trap-Neuter-Release and veterinary care of our street dog population and creating a stable group of community owned dogs.
- Providing no-cost sterilization and veterinary care to the impoverished indigenous people in the areas surrounding Cotacachi, Ecuador.
- Creating cultural change regarding animal welfare with education, outreach, and relationship around the responsibility of ownership of animals in Ecuador.

This brings us to looking forward to 2023. Our financial support from 2 major grantors over the last 3 years have informed us that they will be focusing on other countries going forward, not in South America. This, of course, presents a major setback to our operating plans and budget requirements and large-scale sterilization efforts that we had planned in the indigenous villages surrounding Cotacachi as well as maintaining our robust street dog program. We are currently working on international grant funding, creating new donation and support programs, and developing a new fundraising strategy to help us reach our goals and keep our foundation sustainable.

We hope you'll enjoy this report and learning more about our work, our people, as well as the animals we've been able to help. Thank you for being with us on this journey.



In gratitude,

Heather Steyn, DVM

Amici Cannis USA, Executive Director/Founder

Fundación Amici Cannis, Treasurer

Amici Cannis Hospital de Animales, Director

MISSION

Our mission is to promote animal welfare, reduce over-population, and educate the people on the humane treatment of animals in the indigenous villages of Cotacachi, Ecuador, through sterilization, veterinary care campaigns, and educational programs.

BOARD MEMBERS

Heather Steyn, DVM

Amici Cannis USA, Executive Director/Founder
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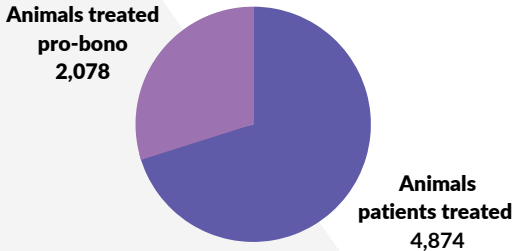
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Fundación Amici Cannis, Secretary



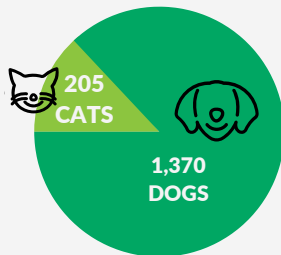
ANNUAL STATISTICS

Animals treated:



Sterilized animals:

1,575



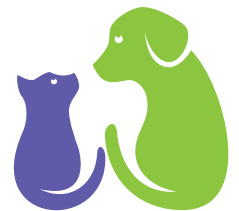
Funds distributed in pro-bono veterinary services:



\$70,000

2022 Statistics:

Indigenous families assisted	831
Sterilization Campaigns for the Municipality	800
Indigenous villages impacted	22



What an extraordinary year Amici Cannis has had! In 2022 Amici Cannis Animal Hospital, with funding from Amici Cannis USA, attended 4,874 patient visits that came from the town of Cotacachi as well as from 22 outlying villages. Many of these animals belonged to impoverished indigenous families that were unable to pay, and the bulk of the dogs and cats were simply unowned and yet needed medical care. Sterilization is the primary pathway to reducing and maintaining the population of street dogs and cats. Amici Cannis sterilized 1,575 animals in the year of 2022. This amounted to \$70,000 in services, medical products and medicines that was simply given away.



FOUNDING STORY

Ecuador suffers tremendously, throughout the country, from severe pet overpopulation, with a free roaming dog and cat problem, a lack of resources for sterilization campaigns, and a culture that lacks knowledge in the values of animal welfare. Our developing country has a significant need for investment in animal welfare projects that focus on the values of sterilization, vaccination, veterinary care, and the human-animal bond. In 2011 the Ecuadorian-based Fundación Amici Cannis was created and registered for the purpose of funding Trap-Neuter-Release (TNR) campaigns to combat the severe free-roaming dog and cat overpopulation problem.

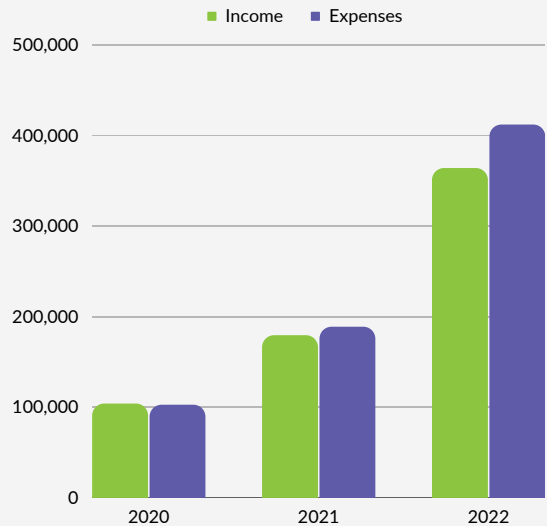
In 2015, Amici Cannis USA, a 501c3, was formed as an umbrella organization to raise funds for the Fundación Amici Cannis. Amici Cannis ran larger sterilization campaigns in Cotacachi, paying local veterinarians to perform the procedures. In 2016, Amici Cannis opened a brick-and-mortar hospital in Cotacachi, the main town in the predominantly indigenous canton of Cotacachi, Ecuador. Collectively, today, Foundation Amici Cannis, has the goal to fulfill the need of these welfare projects in Cotacachi and the surrounding Indigenous villages.



Financial Report

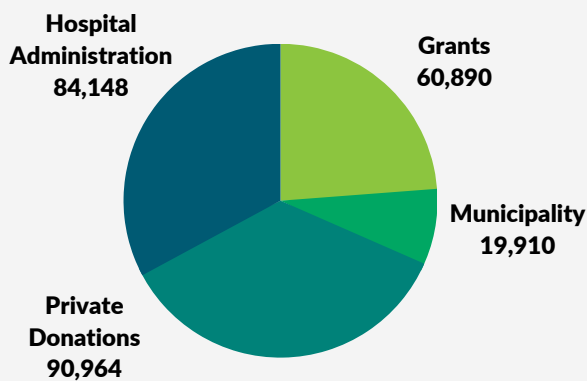
Income and Expenses 2020-2022

The generous and kind support that has been provided to Amici Cannis over the years has allowed us with the ability to carry out the much-needed services we deliver. Looking forward, we are seeking milestone donations and grants to take our Foundation to the next level of significant impact in Ecuador in the year of 2023.

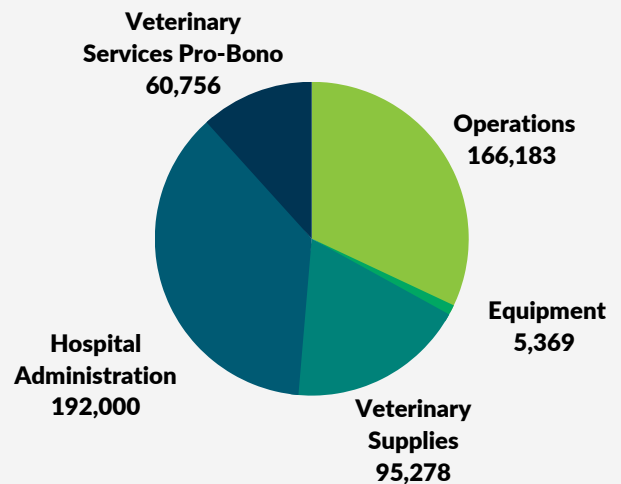


2022 Income and Expenses

TOTAL INCOME: 363,764



TOTAL EXPENSES: 411,734





DONOR PROFILE

Dogs Trust Worldwide

Amici Cannis has been tremendously grateful for the support we have received over the last several years with Dogs Trust Worldwide!

A true partner for Amici Cannis that has allowed us to achieve tremendous impact for our Community Dog Program. In 2022, DTW provided us a grant to sterilize 400 dogs with our TNR program for this suffering, free roaming dog population in the town of Cotacachi. The grant also allow us to treat these community dogs for all their veterinary needs. We successfully provided 373 patient visits with a total of \$25,000 in veterinary services. It was amazing to be able to provide the same level of care to our community dogs that we would provide to any beloved pet with an owner. We successfully stabilized this population of dogs, and our census reflects this.

We are seeking funding to continue to maintain this population of community dogs for excellent quality of life, health and keep our numbers stable. Thank you Dogs Trust Worldwide for your trust in Amici Cannis and such a wonderful partnership over the years!



From left to right: Nala, Goldy, Pulga & Canela.



VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

As always, the incredible support of our volunteers was a critical part of everything we accomplished in 2022. In total, 50+ volunteers contributed their time to support our “Help Us, Help Them” saving mission. To each of them we say Thank You with our heart-felt gratitude!



"I firmly believe in spay and neuter to help decrease pet over-population, so the Foundation's mission aligned with my beliefs. What do I see the need for in the next year? Donations to increase their ability to respond to sick or injured animal requests.

**Bif F., Emergency
Room RN**



" I am a veterinary assistant, retired from the Ontario SPCA. I find the sterilization campaigns of 30 to 40 dogs per day very rewarding and am so grateful to be able to provide services to people and animals. Amici Cannis does an amazing job!"

**Marie H, Veterinary
Assistant**



"I am a certified vet tech who has worked with animal welfare organizations for 40 years but this is the first time I have really felt like a big difference is being made. This is such a caring, hardworking, and well-run organization that I'm proud to be a part of." Thank you,

**Kathleen W,
Veterinary Technician**



DONOR PAGE

Thank you for sustainable monthly recurring donations that help us plan for our monthly operating expenses!

- Elaine Lissner
- Ann & Bill Henry
- Maureen Thomson
- Margaret Walker
- Amy Tindal
- Roger Perry
- Johnney Coon
- Gary Amato
- Jim Sandrick
- Bobby & Becca Vines
- Mary Grover
- Brenda Chadbourne
- Tracey Copeman
- Barbara Fuller
- Pamela Throckmorton
- Martica Leonard

GRANT FUNDERS 2022

- Dogs Trust Worldwide
- Project V.E.T.S
- Municipality of Cotacachi, Ecuador

MILESTONE FOUNDATION DONORS

- Elaine Lissner
- McCrea Trust
- Robert G. Penrod Family Fund in memory of Robert G. and Genevieve Penrod
- Katherine Bonilla
- Alice Morgan Wright - Edith J Goode Trust
- Anonymous Foundation



CONTACT US!

OUR GENEROUS SUPPORTERS MAKE AN IMPACT EVERY DAY IN THE QUALITY OF LIFE OF ANIMALS IN NEED, AND THE PEOPLE IN OUR COMMUNITY. WE CANNOT CONTINUE THIS LIFESAVING WORK WITHOUT YOU.



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