

FRASER VALLEY HUMANE SOCIETY

2020 Annual Report

What's Included



CAT STATS



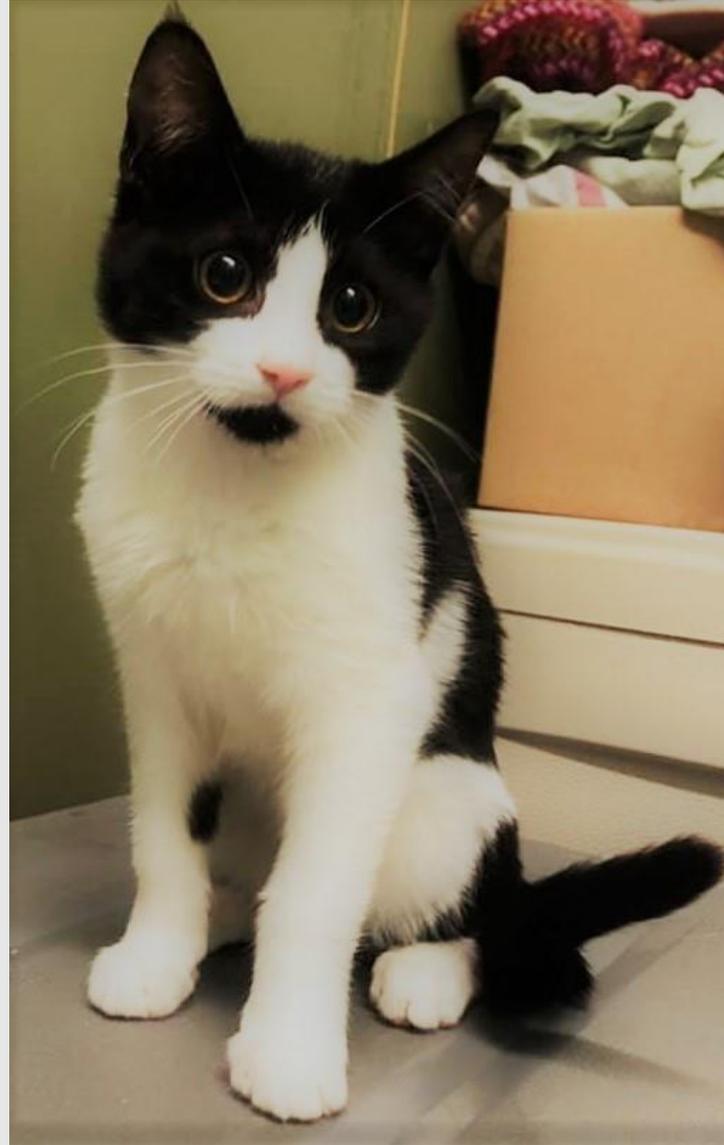
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GOALS

ALL ABOUT US

Together with our valued volunteers and the support of our local Veterinary hospitals, we vow to be a voice for those who are unable to speak for themselves. At FVHS, we believe that educating our community with compassion and respect is an essential part of all that we do. We strive to provide high quality care in our facility and match each of our residents with loving, forever homes.



HELLO FROM OUR INTERIM SHELTER MANAGER



2020 has been a challenging year! The Covid pandemic has affected us all, humans and animals together. With so many protocol changes, we had to close to the public, temporarily let volunteers go, and cancel fundraising events as we struggled with the high demand for medical supplies. Through the lockdown, the Fraser Valley Humane Society Board members and staff worked hard to brainstorm ways to adapt to this new way of living. We've had a number of successful virtual fundraisers such as our online auction, Purdy's chocolate sales, and Maurice's lotto board. We want to thank everyone who supported us through these challenges by taking part in our virtual fundraisers, donated shelter supplies, renewed/became a member or donated through our various online giving outlets.

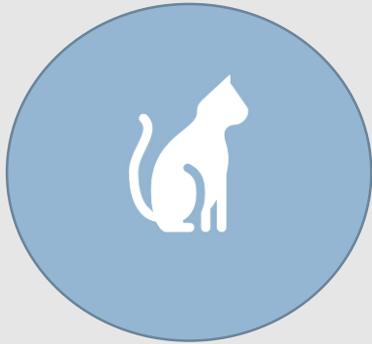
With the approval of provincial guidelines and Covid safe measures in place, we are open to the public and volunteers again! Our new appointment policy has allowed us to get to know our adopters better and significantly reduce return rates as we can better match felines with their human companions. We are excited about some new and exciting fundraisers that are planned for 2021 as we have adapted to our new way of living. We expect a high number of adoptions this year and want to increase community outreach to help keep felines in homes and out of shelters.

We continue to provide our trap and release program to the community. We humanely catch stray cats, get them the medical care, vaccines, microchips, and anti-reproduction surgery they need. Often these felines are rehabilitated and matched into their permanent homes. Our feral felines are released into our Feline Feral cat colony, where they are monitored year-round and provided with shelter and medical care if needed.

We want to thank you from the bottom of our hearts, and we look forward to working together, facing all the new challenges that 2020 has in store.

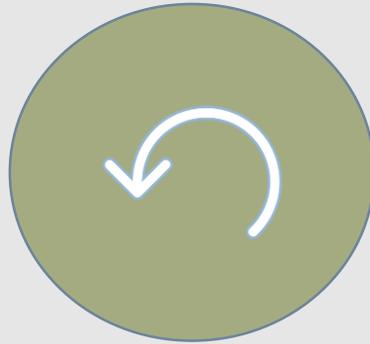
Mel Kennedy

2020 INTAKES



Surrenders

- 103 Adults
- 37 Kittens



Trap and release

- 16 Cats



Total Cats

- 156

FINDING THEIR FOREVER HOME



This little ball of fur was trapped as a feral kitten at just 8 weeks old! The staff and volunteers worked on her socialization and soon were rewarded with a cuddle loving adoptable cat. She is just one of the many feral cats that the FVHS helps to rehabilitate and into their forever homes.

Little miss Patty had a very hard start to her life. At just six weeks old, she was thrown from a moving car on Mission bridge. She was very lucky though, she managed to escape with no injuries. With tons of snuggles from the staff and volunteers at FVHS, Patty was soon adopted to a loving home.



WHAT WE'VE BEEN UP TO



With Covid being ever present, our online fundraising has become a vital asset to the shelter. We cannot thank everyone enough for sharing, donating, and participating in our online events!

This year one of our favorite events was the calendar contest! Participants were asked to send in an image of their fur babies for a chance to be featured in a calendar.

Our pop up shop in March was a great way for us to help our cats, while showcasing some of Missions finest local vendors. We can't wait to be able to host in person events again when the world is a safer place for us to be together again.



2020 FINANCE REPORT

In spite of almost a year with Covid-19 restrictions and event generating revenues being cut by more than half, our bottom line has not suffered as much as one would have expected. Due largely to our supporters being extra generous with donations, pandemic specific grants being received, and the federal government wage subsidy which we have been receiving since April of 2020.

We also applied for and received the \$40 000 federal Covid-19 emergency relief loan for the sole purpose of taking advantage of the 25% loan forgiveness incentive if the loan is repaid within 3 years. We have not needed to use this money and have no plans to, so that is an additional \$10 000 in our operating fund in 2022 when only \$30 000 is repaid.

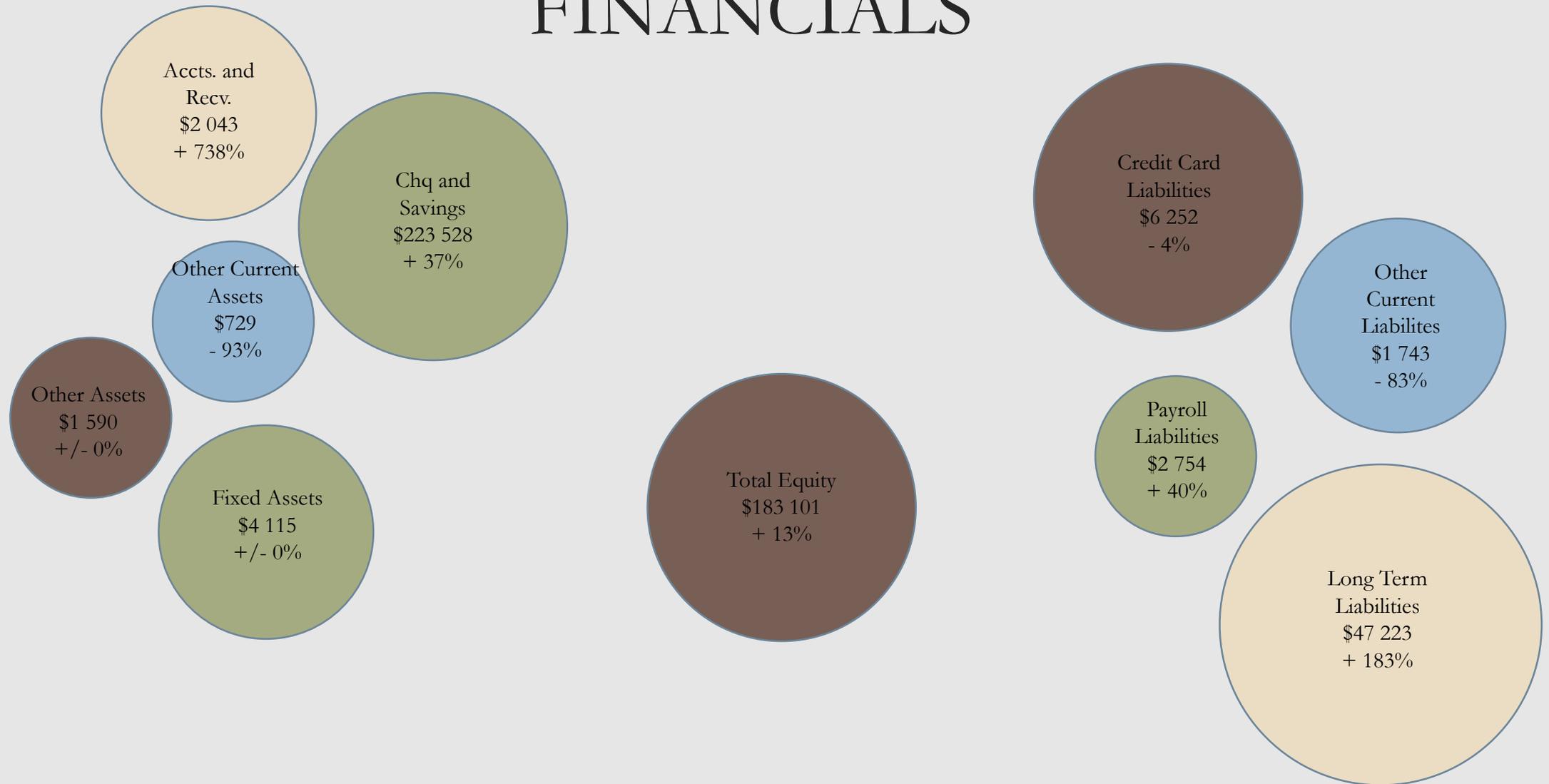
On an more somber note, we have received notifications that we are now named as beneficiaries in 6 estates, some larger than others and some more contentious than others. With the \$300 000 currently segregated in our Building Fund from previous bequests, by 2022 we should be well on our way to being able to afford a more suitable space for expansion.

2020 was also the first year we received grant funding for a Trap and Release program which has had to be severely curtailed due to Covid-19. As always, we are going through some restructuring of staff and responsibilities and this is one of the areas we will need to address in terms of how to continue the program in a safe way.

Fundraising has suffered the most in 2020 with our most popular events such as bake and plant sales, santa's photos, and burger and brew nights, all having to be cancelled. Until we are able to resume in person events we are restricted to online facebook events. There has not been a great deal of interest in zoom events, so we won't be spending a lot of energy in that direction.

All in all, 2020 has forced us to re-think how we conduct business and find new ways to engage with the public. So far, with everyone spending so much time at home, Facebook has been our strongest ally and will continue to be so for the foreseeable future.

FINANCIALS



FUTURE PLANS

This year has been a year like no other. Some of our goals for the year were made unattainable due to the pandemic. There has also been some light though. We are surrounded by such an amazing community that has done everything to support and help the shelter thrive amid this crazy year! We cannot wait to see what the future holds for the shelter, and are so grateful to have the team we do.

2021 will hopefully see a return to our Trap and Release program. Unfortunately with the pandemic much of this was put on hold. This program helps the wild cat population. Cats are trapped, fixed, given medical treatment, and tattooed. This program has been vital to the wild cat colony, including reducing the population of new litters.

We are always on the lookout for a new building. We have outgrown our current location and are excited for the day when we can expand our programs and help even more cats than we already do.

