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## The Donkey Sanctuary of Canada 2021 Annual Report & Financial Summary

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## Message from Executive Director, Lesley Bayne

**2021 proved to be another year full of surprises and challenges as we lived and worked through the pandemic with government restrictions changing the way we operated multiple times.**

We were delighted to bring back volunteers in 2021 – donkeys and people alike were overjoyed to be reunited with old friends. The Training program and Foster Farm program were able to meet their goals and some much needed facility planning took place. The continued success of our programs through these challenging times is thanks to the dedicated and hard-working staff, volunteers and board of directors; work that would not have been possible without the generous support of our donors.

Together, we have made a significant impact in 2021 in the lives of the donkeys, mules and hinnies.

## Donkeys

In 2021, The Donkey Sanctuary of Canada (DSC) welcomed 21 donkeys to the Sanctuary Farm. November of 2021 marked an historic intake of donkeys for the Sanctuary: 12 donkeys, including 3 foals and 2 pregnant jennies.

This marked the largest rescue in the DSC's history and Pepper, one of the foals was only 2 days old, marking the youngest animal ever rescued by the DSC. This group stretch the farm's resources to their limits in a number of ways. The foals and moms needed special care, and one of the pregnant jennies, Salsa experienced, not one, but two rare complications of a miscarriage. Salsa would not have survived without the intervention of the DSC.

Our promise to Pepper, Salsa, and all of the animals admitted to Sanctuary, is to give them the best standard of care for the remainder of their lives.

## Volunteers

After the restrictions of the pandemic began to lift, a small group of leader volunteers were able to return to the Sanctuary in the spring of 2021, with more coming throughout the summer and fall.

The restrictions from the pandemic meant that the first part of the year was spent without our volunteers, leaving the handful of staff to perform the enormous task of caring for 100 donkeys, mules and hinnies. Volunteer tasks include picking and mucking stalls and paddocks, as well as grooming and socializing donkeys.

These are important roles that help keep the farm clean and running smoothly. Most of all, the donkeys seemed to miss their volunteers.

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## Foster Farms

The DSC Foster Farm program was developed in 1998 to help with two challenges that the Sanctuary faces. At these farms, care is given to those DSC animals who thrive in more personal environments. At the same time, by placing donkeys at foster farms, space is created at the main Sanctuary Farm for new animals to be rescued. In 2021, the DSC approved 7 new Foster Farms and placed 15 donkeys, for a total of 77 animals residing at DSC Foster Farms. These loyal and knowledgeable partners help to make it possible for the DSC to fulfill its Mission.

## Education

Along with the focus on animal care, the Mission of the DSC supports programs of humane edu-

cation and animal welfare education. Our onsite education program allows visitors to experience donkeys, mules and hinnies personally with guidance from our staff and volunteers.

The DSC's outreach educational partners with local, and international organizations to allow us to reach more stakeholders in the equine industry, including care-givers, owners and medical partners. With these partnerships, we plan to make a stronger impact on the quality of life for donkeys across Canada.

2021 was challenging with pandemic restrictions in effect for much of the year. Our education program focuses on visitors and in-person visits so restrictions forced us to be more creative in the way we assist stakeholders. The outreach program shifted to include more virtual assistance and our humane education shifted to digital education.



Baby Pepper with mom Brie, shortly after arrival to the DSC



A close-up visit with Salsa



*Financial Summary: DSC Fiscal Year January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021*

**Expenses (without depreciation)**

(percentage of total program indicated)

**Program**

Animal Care	\$	363,118	
Farm Management	\$	208,781	
Education & Outreach	\$	53,132	
Donor Stewardship	\$	88,440	
<b>Total Program</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>713,472</b>	<b>64%</b>
<b>Support Services &amp; Administration</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>264,172</b>	<b>23%</b>
<b>Fundraising</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>141,326</b>	<b>13%</b>

<b>Total (less depreciation)</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>1,118,969</b>
Depreciation	\$	80,678

Total Expenses per Financial Statements \$ 1,199,647

**Revenue**

Individual Donations	\$	1,320,802	67%
Bequests	\$	528,838	27%
Foundations & Other Income	\$	130,053	6%

**Total** \$ **1,979,693**

**Income from Operations** \$ **780,046**

**Capital Expenditures**

Land, Facilities & Equipment	\$	26,899
Vehicles	\$	-

**Total** \$ **26,899**

**Total Capital Expenditures and Functions Expenses** \$ **1,145,868**

**Assets net of depreciation (as of Dec. 31, 2021)**

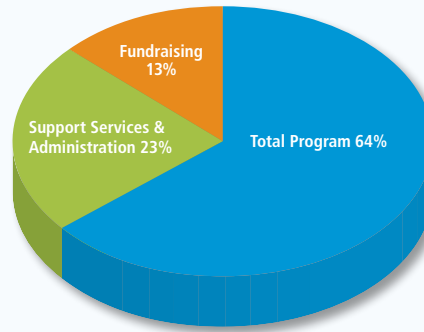
Farm property, buildings, equipment, etc.	\$	3,091,486
Cash, securities, and other assets	\$	2,765,296

**Total assets** \$ **5,856,782**

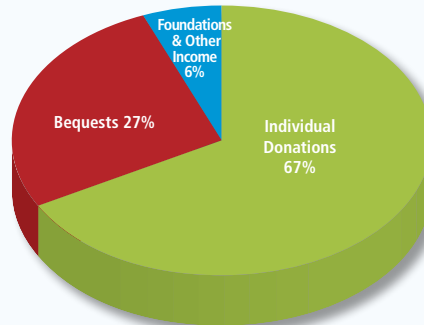
**Liabilities** \$ **115,990**

Total Net Assets \$ 5,740,792

**Expenses**



**Revenue**



Nelson



Colby, part of the DSC's largest intake, enjoying his first days in Sanctuary



Valentine

## **Our Mission**

To provide a lifelong home to donkeys, mules and hinnies who are unwanted, neglected or abused, or whose owners can no longer care for them; and to promote the responsible stewardship of all animals through humane education.

## **Our Vision**

We envision a world in which the dignity and worth of all creatures are recognized and respected.

## **Our Charter**

We grant to every animal admitted:

- Peace, freedom and protection
- The best possible care and medical attention
- The right of life regardless of age or condition
- A dignified, peaceful death, induced only in the event of extreme suffering and the loss of quality of life

## **We work to uphold the Five Freedoms:**

- Freedom from hunger and thirst
  - Freedom from discomfort
  - Freedom from pain
- Freedom to express normal behaviour
  - Freedom from fear and distress



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