

The Oasis Animal Sanctuary, Inc.

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For the Calendar year 2020

Notes to the Financial Statements

- 1) The mission of The Oasis Animal Sanctuary, Inc. ("Oasis") is to alleviate the suffering of abandoned, stray, abused and neglected companion animals, horses, and other pets in southern New Jersey. Oasis is committed to serving the public by administering its Five Initiatives, which define the organization:
 - Oasis is about hope, healing and second chances. The first initiative is to routinely transfer those adoptable animals scheduled for euthanasia at other local shelters to Oasis for the purpose of rehabilitating and marketing to adoptive or foster families, service groups, or breed-specific organizations. Animals from the general population are also accepted.
 - Oasis is dedicated to helping relieve animal suffering by attacking its root cause, overpopulation. Our second initiative is a spay and neuter assistance program for people who need financial assistance with having their pet(s) sterilized. A second tier in this initiative provides that companion animals leaving our care will be sterilized prior to their departure, to ensure that they will not reproduce.
 - In order to prevent abuse and suffering, the public must be made aware of its presence and be educated in how to break its destructive cycle. Our third initiative is an education program that will be taken to schools and community gatherings, to enlighten the public on the plight of homeless pets, how to care for companion animals, and the benefits of pet sterilization.
 - The Oasis founders find equine neglect and abuse abominable, and are concerned with the plight of other farm animals living in the most inhumane conditions. Our fourth initiative is to work with local animal welfare agencies that legally confiscate these creatures, providing a safe haven until legal ownership can be relinquished.
 - Oasis wishes to accept those animals that have endured inhumane living conditions and survived to tell the tale. The fifth initiative is to provide a permanent, loving home to as many as possible, for those too old, sick, or traumatized to be adopted, fostered, or relocated.

- 2) Oasis primarily has three major Programs: the Sterilization Assistance Program, Animal Care, & the Adoption/Foster/Relocate Program. (The Animal Care and A/F/R Programs are intimately intertwined and cannot be split for purposes of reporting.) Expenses are categorized specifically for the Sterilization Assistance Program, Animal Care & A/F/R, general operating expense, and Property & Equipment. Payroll however, is allocated between operating expense and Animal Care & A/F/R at a ratio of 5% to operating expense and 95% to Animal Care & A/F/R.
 - The Sterilization Assistance Program humanely reduces unwanted animal populations through spay and neuter surgeries. 234 animals participated in the program in 2020, most of whom were sterilized before year end. From the program's inception in 2002 until 12/31/20, 7,163 animals were spayed or neutered, effectively and humanely preventing the births of tens of thousands of homeless or unwanted animals. The program has 9 participating vet hospitals and clinics, and Oasis pays the actual (reduced cost) surgery invoices. Revenue for this Program in 2020 totaled \$23,545 and includes \$5,000 in net grants and a \$10,000 donation from a donor; the balance of income was through co-pays from the participants, and some small donations towards the program. Expenses totaled \$22,659 which represents \$125 in refunded co-pays, \$140 for forms printing, and the balance to our participating vet hospitals performing the actual surgeries. The excess of income over expense is being carried over to the 2021 calendar year.
 - The Animal Care and the Adoption/Foster/Relocate (A/F/R) Programs are the main endeavors of the organization, and most of the money used for them comes in through the general account. The combined Program is run at the facility, although there are still some foster homes in use. In 2020, \$9,779 was specifically

donated via individuals for animal care. 44 animals were surrendered to Oasis in 2020, including one horse with debilitating leg issues, 19 cats, and others. Because Oasis is a sanctuary, it often takes in animals that other shelters do not accept, or would simply euthanize because of their age or the time and expense needed to heal them. Oasis provides a "kindness first" philosophy, whereby euthanasia is performed only after other options become either financially or physically prohibitive. In all, Oasis has cared for 667 animals - many of them via foster homes, because Oasis had no facility of its own until May 29, 2015. At the end of 2020, 36 were still with us, 13 of which are "permanent residents" as they have been too traumatized or are too disabled to be adopted out. Oasis has taken in many species of animals over the years, including dogs, cats, horses (from drafts to ponies), donkeys, ducks, guinea pigs, snakes, hamsters, turtles, a turkey, ferrets, roosters, chickens, and goats. The program provides healthy nutrition, excellent vet care, and socialization with others of their species as well as with humans. We provide a non-caged environment for as many animals as we can to reduce stress and illness; and (again) we do not euthanize any animal for any reason except end-of-life suffering for which we can offer no other relief. Note that Oasis cannot accept wildlife in its programs as no one on staff has a NJ State rehabilitator's license.

In 2020 Oasis created a hen house environment to take in some chickens that had been seriously mistreated. A former hay shed was converted into the hen house and eventually a total of 20 chickens inhabited the area. The small enclosure has 2 types of fencing surrounding the yard as well as netting overhead to stop predatory birds from killing the chickens. Oasis was able to rehome 10 of them; 2 were killed by hawks, and 3 others died due to health issues that started prior to being surrendered.

3) Oasis was incorporated on June 19, 2001, and received its 501(c)(3) advanced ruling status from IRS on November 20, 2001. The advanced ruling period expired on December 31, 2005, and Oasis had 90 days in which to apply for its final determination. IRS approved the 501(c)(3) Final Determination application on February 14, 2006. An updated Final Determination letter was received in 2017.

4) The Board of Trustees consist of:

- Phyllis Van De Weghe – Co-Founder; Vice President & CFO; Treasurer
- Mary Johnson – Trustee
- Susan Geers – Trustee
- Beth Knudsen – Trustee
- Denise Phillips – Trustee

During the May 2020 Board of Trustees meeting, Pamela Brighton was voted off her position as President and CEO of the Company. Pam had resigned her position as Director of Animal Care in November, 2019 but retained her position on the board. Due to her total absence in all things Oasis, the Board unanimously agreed to remove her from the position. The Board is still looking to fill the President's position.

None of the Board members are compensated for their work as a Board member.

Oasis must have a minimum of 5 Board members, and may have up to 7. Their tenure is typically 7 years, although some members have stayed on past the 7 year period. The Executive Board (President/CEO & Vice President /CFO) have 3 votes each to all other trustee's 1 vote.

5) Oasis opened a Line of Credit (LOC) for \$25,000 and a mortgage for \$100,000 from TD Bank on January 24, 2020. The LOC is for a maximum of \$25,000 with a variable interest rate, indexed at the time at 4.75% per annum. The mortgage is a 20 year note with a fixed interest rate of 5.84%. As of December 31, 2020, the mortgage amount is \$96,771 and the Line of Credit balance is \$10,348.

Because of COVID, Oasis took advantage of the 3 month deferral payment program for both of the mortgage and LOC. The terms of the agreement included a 3 month deferral of principal and interest; after the 3 months the interest that accrued during that time was divided over the next 12 months; principal was added to the end of the note. The

monthly mortgage deferred interest that Oasis pays is \$121.96 and the interest for the LOC is \$8.64. This will be paid in full in July, 2021.

- 6) During 2020 it was discovered that the Contractor renovating the cat cottage was billing Oasis for work not yet completed, or not done at all. They were fired, as well as the architect who was overseeing the project. Oasis is completing the cat cottage with a few individual professionals who offered to donate the materials and or labor. At the end of 2020, the second floor is nearly complete and ready for animals. The first floor has some issues with the concrete floor that is still to be resolved. The Board feels very confident that the second floor can and will accommodate animals in early 2021, and the first floor will be completed before the end of 2021.
- 7) Because animals sometimes require round-the-clock- care, and also to provide security for both the facility and the animals, Oasis has provided a caregiver with 2 private rooms and bath within the main farmhouse. She pays an annual rental fee of \$1 per year, and contributes \$50 per month towards utilities. The two rooms and bath are on the second floor and has a private entrance within the farmhouse; the caregiver shares the kitchen downstairs as well as the laundry facilities.
- 8) As many other non-profits experienced, Oasis saw its donation level drop due to the corona virus pandemic. However, there were unique donations/grants made to the organization in 2020:
 - A \$30,000 donation came from one individual consisting of \$20,000 for operating expense and \$10,000 to keep the Sterilization Assistance Program funded;
 - A \$20,000 donation was provided specifically for the cat cottage;
 - A loan of \$10,635 was granted from the Small Business Association (SBA) thru their emergency Paycheck Protection Program (“PPP”). This loan is expected to be forgiven in early 2021;
 - A grant from the State of New Jersey EDA for \$5,000 thru their COVID Phase 2 Grant Application; and
 - The M. Edward Morris Foundation gave Oasis an additional \$10,000 as well as the \$5,000 requested for the Sterilization Assistance Program.
- 9) Non-cash donations in 2020 consist of \$910 for office supplies, \$190 for postage, \$627 for farm equipment and supplies, and \$1,797 for animal feed, supplies and vet care; for a total of \$3,524.
- 10) Grants received in 2020:
 - \$ 1,500 Dorothy Zimmerman Charitable Trust (1/10/20)
 - \$ 500 NIA Gilbert Fund (5/23/20)
 - \$ 2,000 Milton & Dorothy Sarnoff-Raymond Foundation (5/23/20)
 - \$ 4,000 Tipgomoogus Memorial Trust (10/3/20)
 - \$ 5,000 NJ EDA Emergency Assistance Grant (11/30/20; as noted in Statement #8)
 - \$ 5,000 J. Robert Nonemaker Foundation for Small Animals (12/27/20)
 - \$15,000 M. Edward Morris Foundation (12/27/20; as noted in Statement #8)

Total: \$33,000

Additionally, due to the corona virus pandemic, the Company received a \$10,635 “loan” from the Small Business Administration’s Paycheck Protection Plan (PPP) which is fully expected to be forgiven. Because of this, the funding was included in Grant income. As a result gross grant income is recorded as \$43,635; an Adjusting Journal Entry increased the amount by \$1,500 to \$45,135, as reported on the annual Statement of Income and Expenses.

- 11) The Board of Trustees meets every month for an overview of the Company’s financial position as well as discussions on the current and future events of the Company. The Board meets the first Wednesday evening of every month, as per the By-Laws, unless a situation arises and the date is changed. Minutes of the meetings are written by the Recording Secretary and disseminated to the Board members prior to the next meeting in order that they may be approved and seconded at the current meeting. At every meeting a Treasurer’s report is presented and discussed.

A monthly cash flow report as well as other spreadsheets for income and expense are brought to every meeting for full disclosure to any Board member.

- 12) For simplicity's sake, the Company's books are kept on the cash basis during the year and are converted to the accrual basis at the end of the year for reporting purposes. The Company does not produce interim Financial Statements.