



# annual REPORT 2021



# SAIN SNAPSHOT

## Our Mission

**OUR MISSION** is to prevent and respond to animal cruelty and neglect primarily in support of law enforcement.

**OUR VISION** is that every animal is properly cared for in accordance with Washington State law.

SAIN is an all-volunteer 501(c)(3) non-profit organization and our primary focus is rehabilitating and rehoming large animals and livestock seized in neglect and cruelty cases, or released to animal control or law enforcement. Once a large animal (typically a horse) is taken by animal control or law enforcement, SAIN contacts its network of vetted, qualified foster homes (all volunteer) to find a safe place for the animal and arrange for a medical and behavioral assessment of the animal.

We maintained our Guidestar Platinum rating for organizational transparency and our Global Federation of Animal Sanctuaries verification.



## Our Programs

- Foster Home Based Rehabilitation & Rehoming
- Foster to Adopt Program
- Animal Assistance Program
- Domestic Violence Case Assistance Program
- Skagit Pet Pantries

## Our Board

- Samantha Cabaluna, Chair & Marketing
- Janette Walker, Secretary
- Jessica Culp, Treasurer
- Cassandra Carr, Operations Manager
- Ragina Gray, Grants Coordinator
- Laurin Brown, Volunteer Coordinator

**100%**  
**VOLUNTEER LED AND  
OPERATED**

# notable 2021

During 2021, we were still grappling with the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, right along with everyone else. We kept our board meetings virtual but were able to have our annual Tack Sale & Raffle fundraiser and even launched a couple of new programs.

## 1

### **Launched the Domestic Violence Case Assistance Program**

In conversations with Skagit County Animal Control, we learned that from time-to-time, someone is prevented from leaving a domestic violence situation because they don't have a place for their animals. We were asked to stand a program up and we did. Read about this program on Page 4.

## 2

### **Launched Skagit Pet Pantries**

This program was initiated by Team Happy Tails of Leadership Skagit Class of 2021 as a means to provide pet food to those who are relying on food banks. When Leadership Skagit came to a close, SAIN took over the program. Read about this program on Page 5.

## 3

### **Executed Our Tack Sale Fundraiser in Accordance with COVID Restrictions**

We recruited non-BOD volunteers to form a Tack Sale Task Force to organize and manage the many details of implementing the Tack Sale. And while we held our breath hoping there wouldn't be a COVID-related shutdown before our event, the volunteers worked tirelessly to prepare. The work was worth it and the Tack Sale was our most productive ever.

## 4

### **Updated the SAIN Website**

We needed to upgrade the website to make management of our content and information about our animals simpler and more in alignment with current digital standards. We completed that effort in 2021 and launched a new and improved website.

# rehabilitation & REHOMING



**Rusty, Q-Tip, and Talia (L to R) all found loving new homes in 2021.**

In this program -- our main program --SAIN accepts animals seized by law enforcement or animal control because of cruelty or neglect and places them in vetted volunteer foster homes. SAIN funds the costs of the hay, grain, supplements, medical and farrier care, rehabilitation (medical and behavioral), and training. Once the animal is at a healthy weight, up to date on all medical and farrier care, and in a good place behaviorally, the animal is made available for adoption, for a small fee. SAIN partners with Skagit County law enforcement to provide shelter and care for these animals. In cases where we get a senior animal with a degenerative condition, we typically keep that animal in long-term foster care and provide for their needs until the end of their lives.

Volunteer foster homes play a crucial role in rehabilitating rescued animals. They are in a unique position to help abused or neglected animals learn how to love and trust again. Foster homes can help these animals become more adoptable by providing socialization and basic to advanced training. By teaching or re-teaching the foster animal how to trust and behave, foster homes help increase the odds of a smooth and successful transition into a permanent adoptive home.

# 9

**ANIMALS IN  
PROGRAM**

5 HORSES  
2 DONKEYS  
1 GOAT  
1 SHEEP

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**FOREVER  
HOMES FOUND**

2 HORSES  
1 SHEEP

# 2

**IN LONG-TERM  
FOSTER CARE**

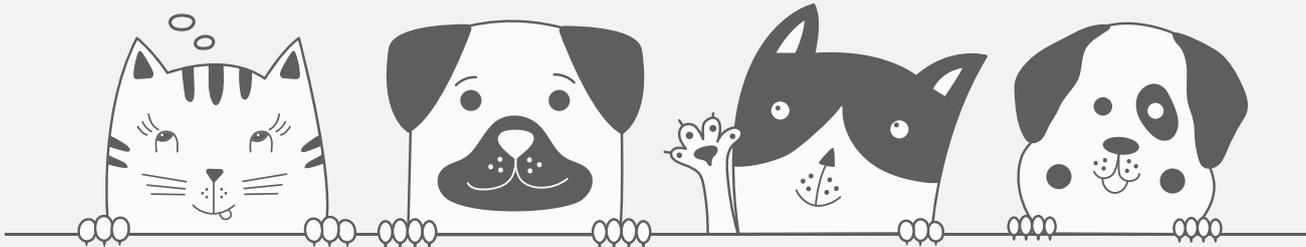
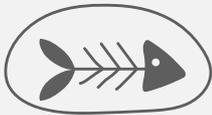
2 HORSES

# 242

**MEDIAN DAYS  
IN PROGRAM**

FOR  
ADOPTED  
ANIMALS

# animal assistance PROGRAM (AAP)



Just in its first full year, this program is designed to fulfill the *prevention* part of our mission. SAIN's Animal Assistance Program (AAP) is designed to help owners maintain care for their animals in times of financial distress while they work toward a sustainable, long-term solution. SAIN's AAP can provide feed, as well as farrier or vet care, as a bridge for those in economic distress. In 2021, most requests have been for assistance to fund necessary vet care.

Individuals contact us directly or through their veterinarians, complete a simple form to let us know what they need, and we provide support in accordance with the program guidelines.

While we initially thought this program would be utilized by people trying to maintain care for horses and livestock, we have primarily provided veterinary care for house pets of all kinds.

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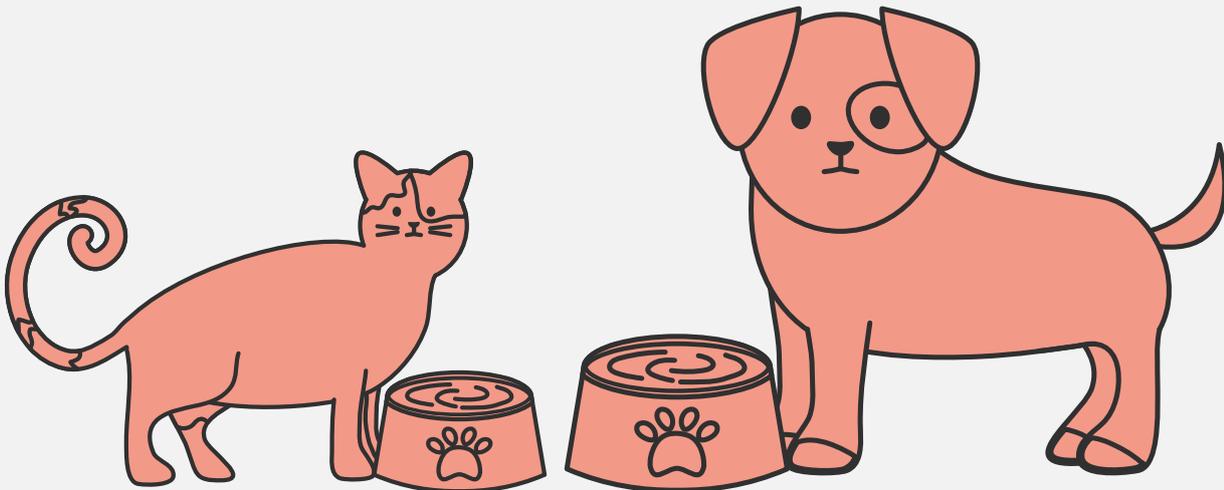
**SAIN served 31 animals and their owners in our AAP program in 2021.**

## domestic violence case ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

This year we launched the **Domestic Violence Case Assistance Program**. This program provides support for victims of domestic violence who are trying to make a change in their life by temporarily providing foster care or board and care for their animals. SAIN understands that it can be difficult to find temporary housing that will accept a pet, but that the thought of leaving a furry friend behind may encourage people to choose to stay in a bad situation. We can help by providing a caring and safe place for animals to stay for a short time while their owners get settled.

We had no requests to utilize this program in 2021.

# skagit pet PANTRIES



This program was initiated by Team Happy Tails of Leadership Skagit Class of 2021 as a means to provide pet food to those who are relying on food banks. When Leadership Skagit came to a close, SAIN took over the program.

After an initial donation (food & cash) drive, donation boxes where people can donate pet food were established at:

- Chuckanut Valley Vet Clinic in Burlington
- Red Apple Market in Mount Vernon
- Country Store in Burlington

Pet food donated in these collection boxes is delivered to community food banks/pantries in Concrete, Mount Vernon, and Clear Lake where it is distributed to those in need. In addition to the in-kind donations, SAIN funds the bulk purchase of pet food which is also delivered to these food banks/pantries.

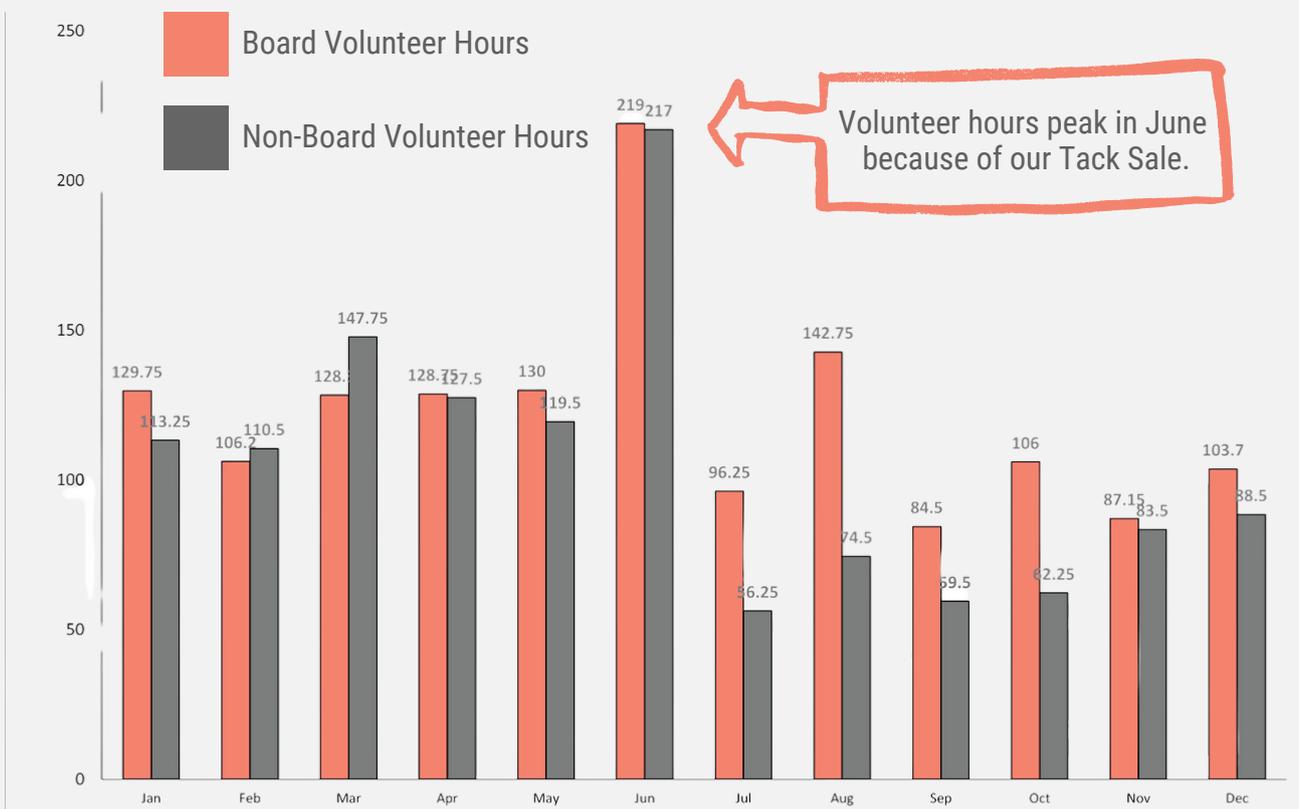
This is a very new program and we are tracking utilization to give us a better understanding of the scope of the need, and whether the program should be expanded.

# volunteer ENGAGEMENT



As an all-volunteer organization, volunteers are the life-blood of our organization. These volunteers sit on the working board, provide foster homes, transport horses and other livestock, load and unload hay and grain, attend fundraisers and events, train horses, participate in committee work, and continue to help SAIN fulfill the organization’s mission.

Our volunteers never fail to answer the call when we need support. We racked up 2,723 total volunteer hours in service to SAIN in 2021. Valued at Washington State’s 2021 minimum wage of \$13.69/hour, that’s \$37,278 worth of work – though much of this work would be compensated at a much higher rate in the real world.



# community OUTREACH



In a year where many in-person events were still impacted by COVID restrictions, the bulk of our community connection and education opportunities came either through our social media channels, our email newsletter, or our website. In these virtual spaces, we regularly shared information about the organization, our animals, our volunteers, and educational topics.

- Our Facebook community gained 416 followers: now with 4,143, up from 3,727 in 2020 (+11%).
- Instagram gained 140 followers: now with 389 followers, up from 249 (+36%).
- Facebook + Instagram posts reached 129K accounts this year, with more than 21K engagements.
- Facebook is our most active channel and, based on surveys, the channel where most of our supporters seek out information about what's happening with the organization.
- Our new website saw more than 3,300 visitors during the year.
- Our email subscriber list grew to more than 300 subscribers.



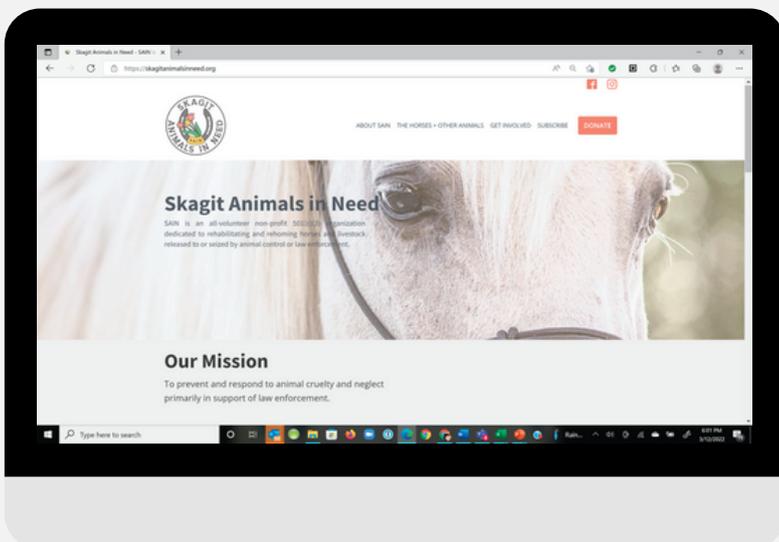
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@SAIN\_horse\_rescue

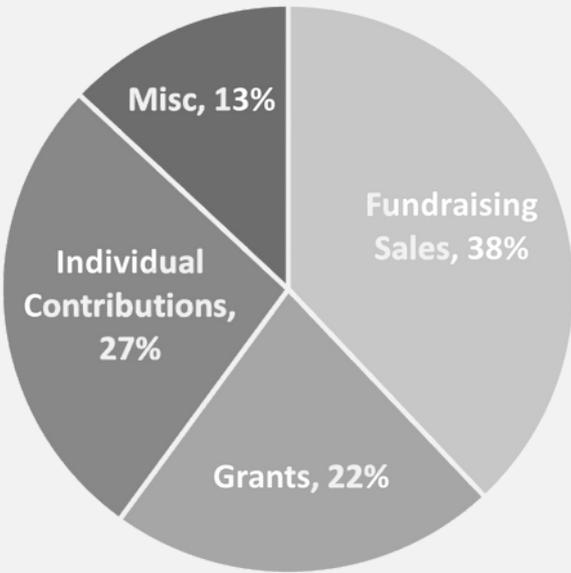


# funding & EXPENSES

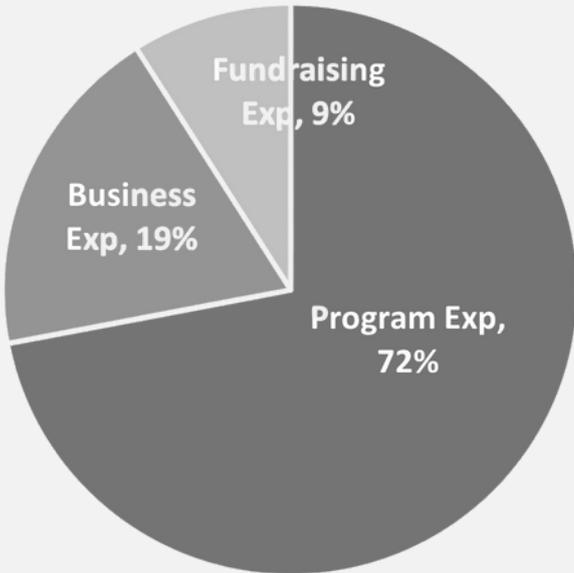


Skagit Animals in Need is a small, all-volunteer non-profit organization. We are funded exclusively by the generosity of individual donations, grants, and fundraising sales of donated tack at our annual Tack Sale and Raffle, as well as the sale of our annual calendar.

## Funding Source



## Expenses



Your individual contributions and our Tack Sale fundraiser make up the lion's share (65%) of funding for SAIN. That means individual members of our community care enough to support SAIN's mission and the work of the local volunteers who help give all of our animals a new chance for a better life. We can't tell you how much that means to us.

We are a small organization with a small budget (no salaries and no facilities). The vast majority of what we spend goes directly to caring for the animals and helping them find safe and loving new homes.

In addition to the many individual donors, we'd like to acknowledge the generosity of the organizations that provided us with grants in 2021.

- River Styx Foundation
- Skagit Community Foundation



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**WE THANK YOU**  
**FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT OF**  
**THE ANIMALS**