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## **Annual Report 2024**

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### **From The Board President**

In 2024, K9 Konnection donors, volunteers, adopters, staff and foster families all played a role in making our organization successful. Our support in all forms has continued to grow each year along with our reputation as a preferred rescue to adopt from in our area. All program services remained the same and we did add a Veterans Service to our Community Health and Wellness Program. The Veterans Services are a collaboration with the Veterans Coalition of Central Arizona, as a part of their suicide reduction initiative.

The first quarter of the year was one of the most difficult experiences in the history of the organization with medical issues of dogs coming into the shelter. We had Giardia, Coccidia, Parvo and Kennel cough over a four month period. Throughout the year, dogs coming into the shelter from the Wittmann area were all identified with one or multiple of these issues. As a result, our intakes were decreased and veterinary costs far exceeded budget prediction.

Moreover, our organization was blessed with several memorial gifts as a result of volunteers and supporters sadly passing away. These generous donations were used for veterinary care of dogs entering our shelter, the building fund, and/or the Community Health and Wellness Program. As in any case, losing a K9 Konnection family member supporter or adopter is very sad for us all.

Overall, it was a very blessed year with amazing successes and growth. In 2025 we will continue the life saving efforts of our local pooches and assist others within our community.

### **Community Collaboration**

K9 Konnection prides itself on building community relationships with local businesses for monetary support and with other shelters/rescues to decrease canine homelessness. We have the support of more than 42 local businesses that donate shelter supplies, grant funding, space to hold events, or financial assistance to the shelter.

The K9 Konnection organization is committed to a “No Kill” philosophy that includes the beliefs of serving all the community canines. We do not discriminate based on age, gender, breed, behavioral needs, medical needs or adaptability of any dog. Moreover, we seek out partnerships with other shelters and rescues that share in our passion and values in helping dogs and their families. We currently partner with several other shelters and rescues for the purpose of sharing resources and to decrease over capacity struggles. For example, some of our partners this past year were Casa Grande Animal Shelter, Humane Society of Yuma, AARF Rescue, Humane Animal Rescue Trapping Team shelter, Petey’s Playground Rescue, Healing Heeler Hearts Rescue, Desert Dog Assistance and Cedar Oaks Rescue.

Other collaborations included the Wickenburg Magazine, fundraising events with Wickenburg Art Club and our monthly breakfast fundraisers at the Wickenburg Elk’s Lodge.

A new partnership in 2024 was with Two Pups Wellness Foundation that provides medical funding for stray and surrendered dogs that are sick or injured. The partnership has saved several dogs from being euthanized by county shelters or other rescues.

## 2024 Goals and Achievements

GOALS	Achievements
<p><b>SHELTER Goal: Reduce canine homelessness and surrendering communities through remaining a viable resource to the Town of Wickenburg and surrounding areas, and accepting transfers from Kill Shelters/Rescues when possible and providing free microchips to reunite dogs with their owners in 2024</b></p>	<p><b>Shelter Program</b> - 2024 was our first full year without an official Town of Wickenburg Stray Dog contract. However, we continued to provide support services to the Town of Wickenburg for lost, stray or abandoned dogs, as a result of the contracted facilities closures or unavailable services. For example, during New Year's eve 2024 and July 4th, the contracted facility was closed during fireworks, several times we took stray dogs due to community folks being turned away by contracted facility or WPD. (i.e. 13 Stray; 14 Surrendered; 9 Return to Owner - Town Of Wickenburg). In addition to these efforts, during 2024 we trapped 9 lost dogs, 5 of which were returned to their owners.</p> <p>The shelter had 204 intakes in 2024. The intakes were from our service areas of Wickenburg, Aguila, Congress, Wenden, Morristown, Wittmann and partner rescues in Arizona. All the dogs received spay/neuter, microchip, Rabies/Bordetella/Parvo-Distemper vaccinations and a three month Bravecto (Flea &amp; Tick Treatment) before adoption. Also, dogs that had ticks or fleas were tested for tick borne diseases. The average vetting cost per dog was \$525-\$650 dollars. Other procedures that were performed on dogs were dentals, Eye Surgery, Valley Fever testing, cyst removals, FHO, broken leg repairs, and emergency Parvo and septic wound care. Veterinary services were provided by Hassayampa Vet Services, Care Surgical Center, Sun City Animal Hospital, Bar S Vet Clinic, Pet Urgent Care and K9 Community Vet Service. PACC911 and Two Pups Wellness Foundation assisted in the financial support of stray/surrendered emergency medical services, along with continued support from Facebook medical fundraisers.</p>
<p><b>Adoption Goal: Successfully rehome 90% of stray and surrendered dogs and provide necessary veterinarian care before rehoming them through onsite or event adoptions in 2024</b></p>	<p><b>The Adoption Program</b> had 206 adoptions in 2024 which is up from 2023. Large dog adoptions were lower and dogs remained in the shelter longer, while small dogs continue to be in demand in 2024, which is consistent with the national trend. We restarted our PetSmart weekly adoption events in the last quarter of 2024 which increased our adoptions of small dogs. All adopted received full vetting that included the following: spay/neuter, microchip, Rabies/Bordetella and Distemper/Parvo vaccinations, and 3 month Bravecto. In some cases, the dogs were dewormed, tested for tick born disease and Valley Fever. Other services for several dogs included dentals, lump removal and FHO surgery.</p>
<p><b>Community Health and Wellness Goal: Decrease the number of canines being surrendered or dumped on the streets as a result of financial hardship, affordable veterinary care or behavioral dog issues. Moreover, reduce the number of unwanted litters by providing low cost spay/neutering and the spread of disease by adding free vaccinations for Rabies, Parvo, Distemper, and Bordetella in 2024</b></p>	<p><b>The Health and Wellness Program</b> serves the local canines in loving homes with dog food assistance, low cost spay/neutering, vaccinations, microchipping and general medical care. Also, as funds are available, it provides emergency care. In 2024, we assisted 65 families with dog food for their dogs, 269 dogs with low cost spay/neutering, 247 dogs with vaccinations, 235 dogs were microchipped, 14 dogs with non-emergency medical care and 4 dogs with critical medical care. This included dentals, euthanasias, stitches due to dog fights, pyometra surgery, and broken legs. These services were supported primarily through fundraising and private donations. We received grants for low cost spay/neutering clinics through the following organizations: AZ Pet License Plate - \$15,000, and Arizona Community Foundation - \$10,000. Also, we have microchipped, provided toys, leashes, collars and beds for the dogs to the owners. We provided 7 RattleSnake Avoidance classes in partnership with Viper Voidance to 270 dogs. In addition, we have partnered with a certified Dog Trainer to provide low cost Basic Obedience Dog Training to community residents that has proven to be successful at resolving behavioral issues of family dogs.</p>

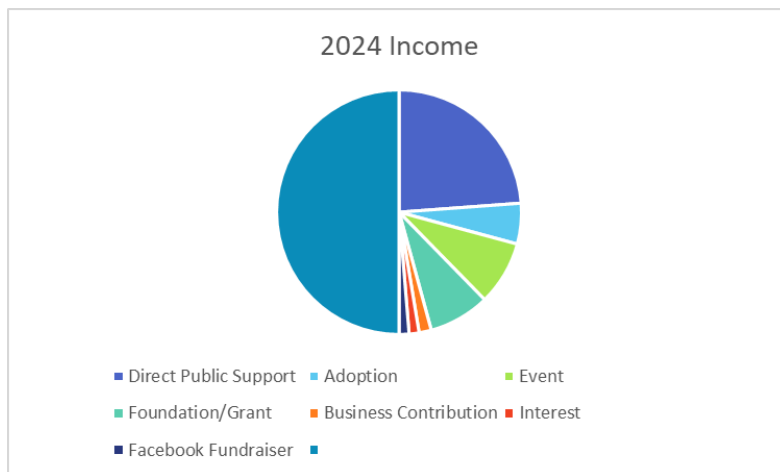
## Volunteer:

K9 Konnection volunteers are the primary source of assistance both at the shelter and events. In 2024 we had 75 individuals donate their time as a volunteer to the organization. The total number of recorded volunteer time at the shelter was 13,512 hours, recorded volunteer time at events/fundraisers was 5,226 hours and the total amount of time for volunteers and the Board was 18,738 hours.

In 2024, we restarted weekly adoption events at PetSmart, with 3 different locations requesting our services. These are primarily volunteer supported. In addition, our monthly breakfast fundraiser and trapping efforts are all volunteer supported.

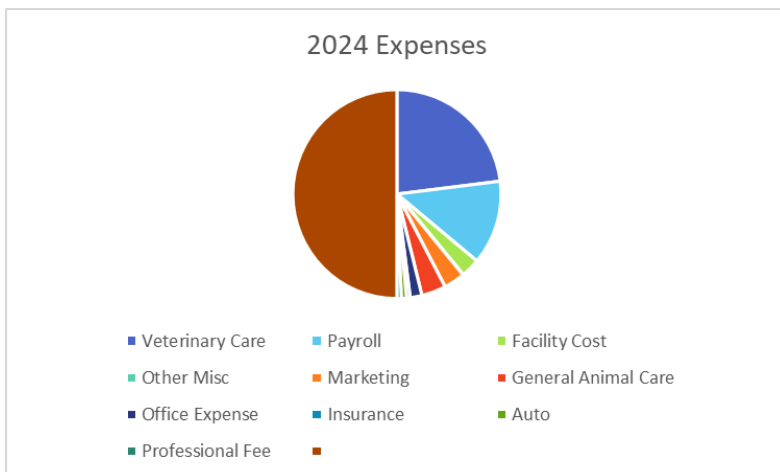
## Financial:

Our organization is primarily run with volunteers, one part-time Kennel Attendants, one part-time Kennel Lead, and one full-time Kennel Manager to assist in the daily care of our resident dogs. We did employ a contractual administrative person to do data entry into our financial program, Quickbooks. A major portion of our support continues to go to the daily care, veterinary services and to assist community canines in need. Monetary donations are tax deductible. The following charts represent our expenses and revenues for 2024.



### INCOME:

48% - Direct Public Support      17% Event  
 16% - Foundation/Grant  
 11% - Adoption                      3% - Business Contribution  
 2% - Facebook Fundraiser        3% - Interest



### EXPENSES:

46% - Veterinary Care    26% - Payroll  
 6% - Facility Cost    8% - General Animal Care  
 6% - Marketing    4% - Office Expense  
 1% - Insurance    2% - Auto  
 1% - Professional Fee