

# FOMAR ANNUAL REPORT

Friends of Megan Animal Rescue  
Annual Report for 2024



# FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Friends of FOMAR,

It is a pleasure to note that 2025 marks our 10th anniversary. Friends of Megan Animal Rescue has been rescuing animals and providing care and services to animals in need in Oaxaca for a decade! Just last year, we rescued 48 pups and some other animals in addition.

This past year, we rescued a badly injured burro, whom we named Milagro (“miracle”), whom we will continue to support. I say we, but it is primarily Rebecca, whose letter appears below, who does all the hands-on work. She is in Oaxaca year-round, while we only visit. She is the one who conducts the numerous clinics, with the help of Board Member Melinda Hanson, also in Oaxaca, at nearby municipalities. Last year she held three such clinics for vaccinating and sterilizing over 140 area dogs and cats. She is hoping, over the course of this year, to shift her emphasis even more to these clinics and various other outreach efforts.

This year we are also welcoming several new board members with the retirement of David and Linda Boyd, two of our original founders. It will take two persons to replace all of the work Linda has done — those two will be Sherie Hohs and Carey Allen, both of whom live in Oaxaca (at least a good portion of the year). David’s monumental work in tracking expenses, rescues, sterilizations, etc. will be taken over by Amie Durden. We are so grateful for the past work done as well as for the enthusiasm of our new volunteers.

We are also grateful for our past donors, whom we hope will also be future donors, as well as for all of those who have supported FOMAR in many ways. Please continue to visit us at [www.fomanimalrescue.org](http://www.fomanimalrescue.org) and on Instagram at Friends of Megan. And don’t forget to donate!

Many thanks,

**JUDITH ANDERSON**

President

# FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear Supporters, Volunteers, and Animal Lovers,

As we close the chapter on another year, I want to take a moment to reflect on the remarkable achievements we've accomplished together at Friends of Megan Animal Rescue. Your dedication and compassion have been the driving force behind our efforts, and I am immensely grateful for your support.

This year, we proudly hosted several sterilization clinics, providing vital services that have helped reduce the number of unwanted animals in our community. Thanks to your contributions, we were able to sterilize over 140 pets, promoting healthier lives and responsible pet ownership.

We also faced heart-wrenching challenges this year as we responded to the devastating fires that affected our local area. Our team worked tirelessly to assist animals who suffered burns, providing emergency care, rehabilitation, and, a safe haven. Your generous donations allowed us to deliver critical support to these brave animals during their time of need.

One of the most inspiring stories from this year was the rescue of Milagro, a burro who endured a horrific animal attack. With your help, we provided immediate medical attention and a nurturing environment for her. Today, she is on the path to recovery and serves as a testament to the resilience of animals in our care.

As we look forward to 2025, we are excited about the possibilities ahead. We are committed to expanding our outreach and educational programs, ensuring that we can continue to provide essential services to both animals and our community.

Thank you for being an essential part of our mission. Together, we can continue to make a difference — one life at a time. Wishing you a joyous holiday season and a New Year filled with hope and love for all animals!

With heartfelt gratitude,

**REBECCA RAAB**

Executive Director

# FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

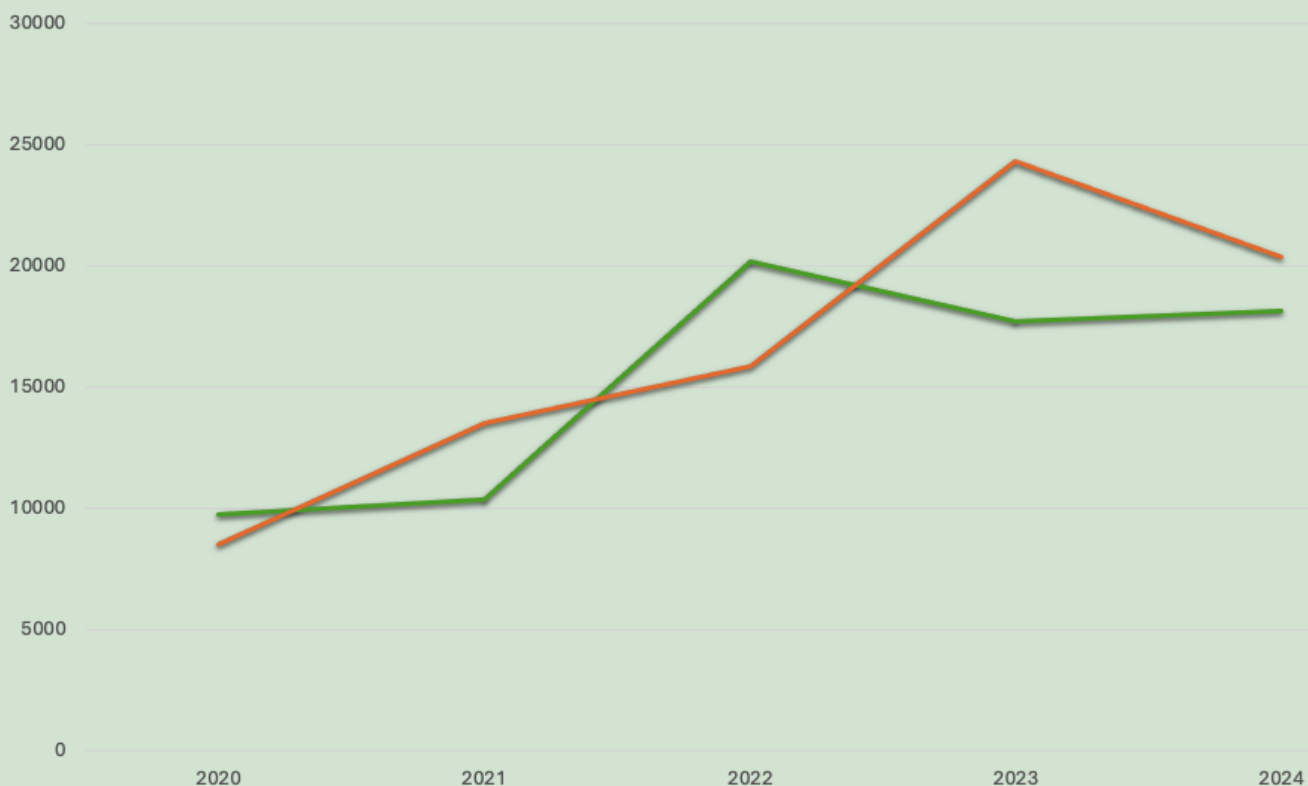
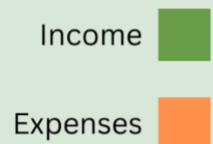
There was a decrease in vet, food, and miscellaneous expenses in 2024 over 2023. There was the new expenditure of rescuing and caring for Milagro, tracked separately from other expenses. Donations were up in 2024 thanks to larger donations, though there were two less donors than in 2023.

At the end of 2024, FOMAR had a total of \$8,856.29 in assets (checking and savings accounts combined). One issue that remains for the organization are the large bank charges due to the extreme ATM fees charged in Mexico.

FOMAR received \$18,371.40 in 2024 from 68 individual donations. There were nine individuals who donated both in 2024 and in either 2022 or 2023 including five individuals and one couple who donate monthly. One donor returned after about a year's absence in donating and one donor as of 2025 is switching to a one time per year donation.

Overall, FOMAR has raised \$110,412 since 2015.

## FOMAR BALANCE SHEET 2020 - 2024



# SUPPORT FOMAR

*Your generous support is critical in enabling FOMAR to assist animals in Oaxaca.*

For our U.S. supporters, all donations to Friends of Megan Animal Rescue are fully tax-deductible under Internal Revenue Service guidelines in every state. Donations are designated directly for the food, care, and treatment of rescued animals.

## DONATE TODAY!



The simplest method of receiving donations is via PayPal. You can donate securely through PayPal, by visiting: [www.fomanimalrescue.org/give](http://www.fomanimalrescue.org/give)

Alternatively, checks can be mailed to:

Tom Poe, Treasurer  
4169 Woodside Drive  
Rockingham, VA 22801

## SOCIAL MEDIA

We understand that not everyone is able to contribute to FOMAR financially. Another fantastic way you can support our ongoing work is by following our pages on social media and sharing our posts with your friends and family. You will also get to see behind-the-scenes, and of course, you will be treated to all sorts of cute puppy pictures!

You can find us on:



**Facebook:** [facebook.com/friendsofmegan](https://facebook.com/friendsofmegan)



**Instagram:** [instagram.com/friendsofmegan](https://instagram.com/friendsofmegan)

# ABOUT FOMAR

Friends of Megan has long called the beautiful grounds of Casa Raab in San Pablo Etla home. For a decade now, our 40+ acre property just outside Oaxaca City provides a safe haven for rescued dogs, cats, horses, burros, and birds. Our animals enjoy long daily walks, open spaces, and the chance to socialize across species — making for a truly unique and joyful rescue environment.

As the network of animal welfare advocates has grown throughout Oaxaca and beyond, so has the reach of FOMAR. While we are now scaling back our on-site fostering operations, we are expanding our impact by helping individuals and communities find the resources they need to assist animals locally. In the coming year, we aim to support more free or low-cost spay/neuter and vaccination clinics in San Pablo Etla and neighboring villages like San Agustín, and continue providing guidance for those who find animals in need.

Our mission remains the same: to improve the lives of animals, wherever they may be.

## REBECCA RAAB

Executive Director

