



**K9 Konnection**  
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## **Annual Report 2022**

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### **From The Board President**

In 2022, K9 Konnection has been extremely blessed with all our supporters, adopters, volunteers, foster families and our local businesses. Together, our supporters provided valuable monetary support and much needed supplies for our dogs. As a result of everyone's generous support, you are a part of the following K9 Konnection accomplishments as stated in the 2022 Goals and Achievements section of this report.

Along with our 2022 achievements, the Wickenburg Chamber of Commerce awarded K9 Konnection with Non-profit Of The Year, and our Board President Paul Minnich was honored by the Chamber with Man Of The Year award.

This year we have faced several challenges that have not occurred in previous years. For example, there has been a higher number of requests to surrender dogs with a much lower adoption rate for dogs. Many people think that the higher surrender rate is economy related, although the number one reason for surrender requests has been lack of time, and the other common factor was most of the dogs were adopted during the Covid pandemic. Thus, we have experienced long wait periods for dogs to be adopted, slowing the ability to intake more dogs. When looking at national data trends, we are experiencing the same challenges.

Our future and success continues to be dependent on our family supporters, volunteers, adopters, foster families and our local businesses. In 2023, with your support, K9 Konnection will be able to continue saving the lives of more abandoned, surrendered, and lost dogs as they find their owners or their new homes.

### **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 approximately 35 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 adoptability of any dog. Moreover, we seek out partnerships with other shelters or 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 Animal Rescue Trapping Team shelter, Petey's Playground Rescue, Healing Heeler Hearts Rescue, Turquoise Paw Rescue, Crazy Lady Pitbull Rescue, Desert Dog Assistance and Cedar Oaks Rescue.

## 2022 Goals and Achievements

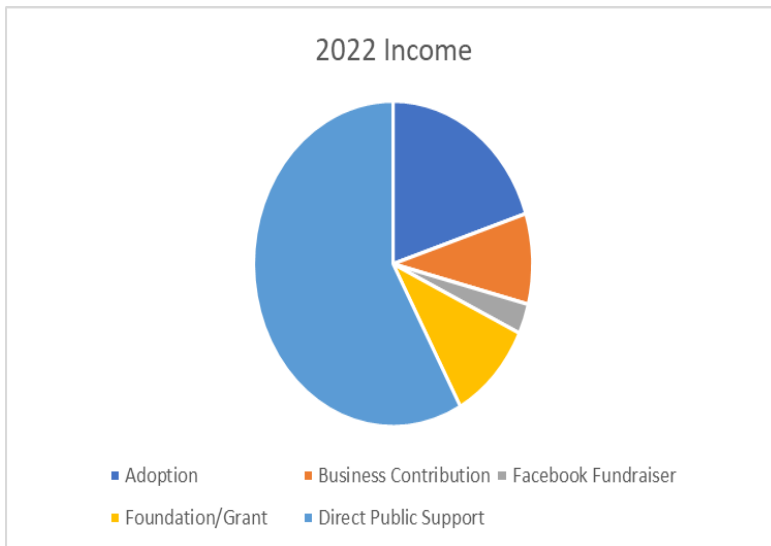
GOALS	Achievements
<p><b>SHELTER Goal: Reduce canine homelessness and surrendering communities through remaining a viable resource to the Town of Wickenburg and surrounding areas, and accepting transfers from Kill Shelters when possible in 2022</b></p>	<p><b>Shelter Program</b> maintained a contract with the Town Of Wickenburg Police Dept for Lost/Stray dogs, that allowed 24/7 access to shelter captured dogs. Moreover, through social media, veterinary contacts and community contacts, we had a 63% success rate of reuniting lost dogs.</p> <p>The shelter had 226 intakes and 206 adoptions in 2022. 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 \$350 dollars. Other procedures that were performed on dogs were dentals, Valley Fever testing, cyst removals and hip replacement. Veterinary services were provided by MidWestern University, Bar S Animal Clinic, Hassayampa Vet Services and K9 Community Vet Svc.</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 2022</b></p>	<p><b>The Adoption Program</b> had 206 adoptions in 2022 which is lower than 2021, but were done primarily through onsite adoptions. Although, several adoptions occurred through the Bark At Breakfast events, Serape Bleu Fundraiser and local advertisements in the newspaper. All adopted received full vetting that included the following: spay/neuter, microchip, Rabies/Bordetella and Distemper/Parvo vaccinations, 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 hip replacements. Most non vetting procedures were funded through facebook fundraisers or private donations.</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 in 2022</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 and general medical care. Also, as funds are available, it provides emergency care. In 2022, we assisted 47 families with dog food for their dogs, 197 dogs with low cost spay/neutering, 47 dogs with vaccinations, 97 dogs were microchipped, 5 dogs with non-emergency medical care and 3 dogs with critical medical care. These services were supported primarily through fundraising and private donations. We did receive a grant through the AZ Pet License Plate for \$7,500 dollars for low cost spay/neutering clinics. Also, we have microchipped, provided toys, leash and collars for the dogs to the owners. We provided 4 Rattle Snake Avoidance classes in partnership with Viper Voidance 103 dogs trained. 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 2022 we had 57 individuals donate their time as a volunteer to the organization. The total number of recorded volunteer time at the shelter was 2,592 hours, recorded volunteer time at events/fundraisers was 2,500 hours and Board volunteer time was 5,200 hours.

**Financial:**

K9 Konnection is a federally registered 501(C)(3) Not-For-Profit focused on Animal Welfare. Our organization primarily volunteers with three part-time Kennel Attendants to assist in the daily care of our resident dogs. We do not have paid administrative staff and a major portion of our support goes 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 2022.



**INCOME:**

- 58% - Direct Public Support
- 20% - Adoption
- 10% - Foundation/Grant
- 9% - Business Contribution
- 3% - Facebook Fundraiser



**Expenses:**

- 49% - Veterinary Care
- 21% - Payroll
- 13% - Facility Cost
- 6% - Other Misc
- 5% - Marketing
- 3% - General Animal Care
- 2.5% - Office Expense
- 2% - Insurance
- 1% - Auto
- 1% - Professional Fee
- 1% - Maintenance