



ANNUAL REPORT

2021





OUR MISSION

RAGOM rescues, fosters, and finds forever homes for Golden Retrievers and Golden mixes in need.

RAGOM serves Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota, Iowa, and western Wisconsin.

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LOOKING BACK AT 2021

251

dogs were in our care

192

dogs were adopted
(some were still in our care
at the end of the year)

105

dogs rescued from
commercial breeding life

14

dogs rescued from
other countries

1,014

applications to adopt
the dogs in our care

\$1,090

average veterinary
cost per dog

11

hospice dogs lived out their
lives lovingly cared for by
RAGOM foster families





PAPRIKA 21-181

DESPERATE FOR A SECOND CHANCE

Many dogs came to us urgently in need of help. Paprika was one of them. She'd been malnourished while in her previous owner's care, and was so hungry she ate carpet, causing an obstruction. Her owner brought her to the veterinarian for euthanasia. We stepped in to help, getting Paprika the surgery she needed to save her life, nourishing her back to health, and helping her gain much-needed weight.

When she recovered, Paprika was adopted by an adoring family. She loves playing and cuddling with the kids, carrying toys in her mouth, belly rubs, and going for walks.

WORKING TOGETHER TO HELP MORE DOGS

We strengthened our partnerships with other rescue organizations, knowing that together we can help more dogs. We worked with other Golden groups to rescue dogs from auctions, and when foster homes are in short supply, we've transferred dogs in or out of our care to other reputable rescue organizations. We also began cross-promoting each other's harder-to-place dogs to reach a bigger audience.

INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH

The CDC indefinitely banned the import of dogs from 113 countries earlier this year, but before they did, we were able to rescue a total of 14 dogs from China, Turkey, and Korea.

DOGS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS ADOPTED

We celebrated when some of the dogs in our care who required extra TLC or a special adopter found families.

Levi was surrendered to us as a puppy because he was unable to walk. He did not have use of his back legs, bladder, or bowels. But this joyful boy was eager to do all of the things that other dogs do. We provided him with specialized wheels, and not long after, Levi was adopted!



LEVI 21-002



BANDIT 20-043A

When Bandit entered our care in February of 2020, he was one of the most shut-down dogs we've rescued. He was just three years old, but his life in a commercial breeding facility had traumatized him.

His head hung low, his tail was tucked, and his whole body crouched. He was terrified. His foster family had cared for dozens of dogs rescued from commercial breeding. Many arrived scared, but none as terrified as Bandit.

Day by day, month by month, Bandit made progress in his foster home. By the fall, he had gained so much confidence he was able to attend our Goldzilla event, where he made many new friends.

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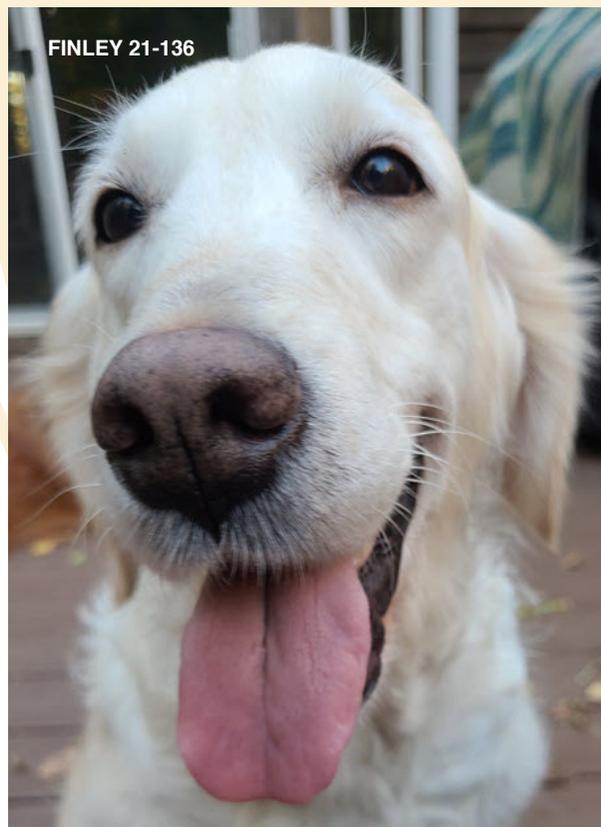
Soon after, the perfect family found Bandit. They don't mind if Bandit isn't as social as other dogs, or that he is still working through past trauma. They just want to give him a wonderful life, and they are doing just that. Bandit is thriving in their care, enjoying the company of the family's other dog, going for hikes, and even cuddling on the couch with his people.

COMMERCIAL BREEDING RESCUE

We rescued 105 dogs from commercial breeding life, restoring their health, building their confidence, and healing their souls.

Most memorable were the thirteen “Gingerich dogs,” who were the sickest of any dogs we have ever rescued. Gingerich’s commercial breeding facility had accumulated over 120 USDA violations.

After rescuing the dogs, we worked with the Department of Justice, sharing our concern about the extreme cruelty endured by the dogs in Gingerich’s care. The DOJ acted on our complaint, and all of the remaining dogs were seized from him and taken in by an Iowa humane society. Though we grieved the suffering endured by his dogs, and the many who died before they could be rescued, we celebrate this outcome - one of our greatest accomplishments.



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GOLDEN LEGACY CIRCLE MEMBERS



The Golden Legacy Circle is a special group of supporters who have included RAGOM in their estate plans - such as through their will, insurance policy, or retirement account. The support of members ensures that each dog will be welcomed and taken care of, well into the future.

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Anonymous (4)

*in remembrance

2021 FINANCIAL REPORT



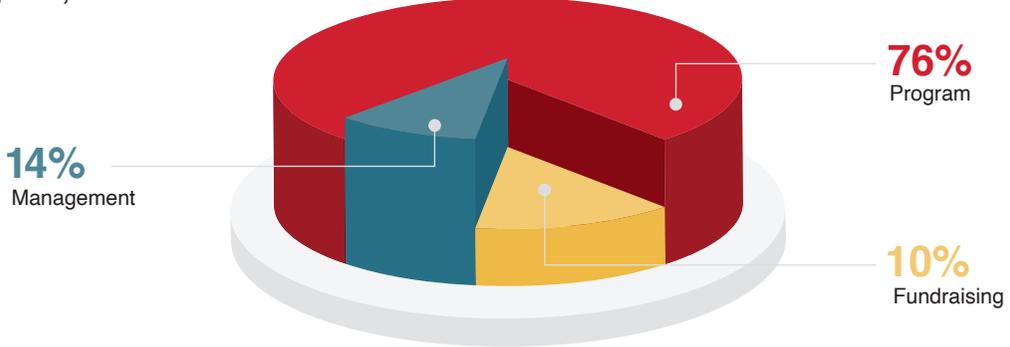
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2021 BALANCE SHEET

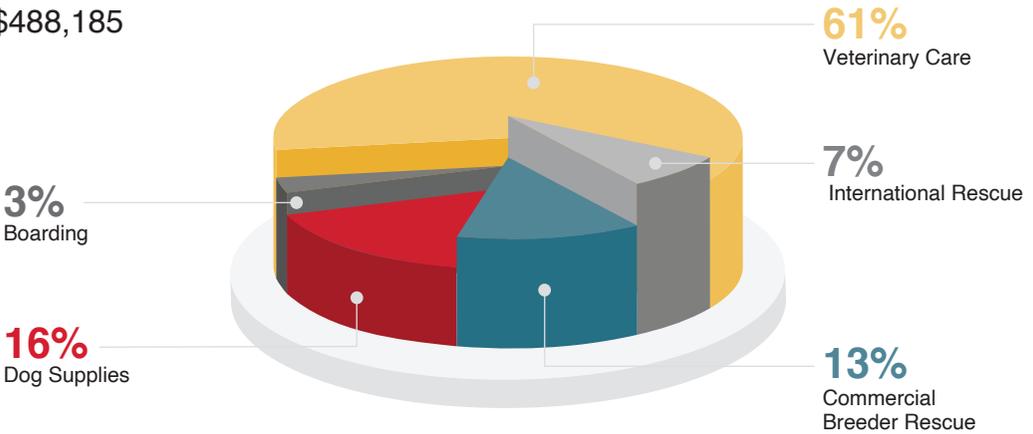
TOTAL ASSETS	\$876,322
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$12,993
NET ASSETS	\$863,329

2021 INCOME STATEMENT

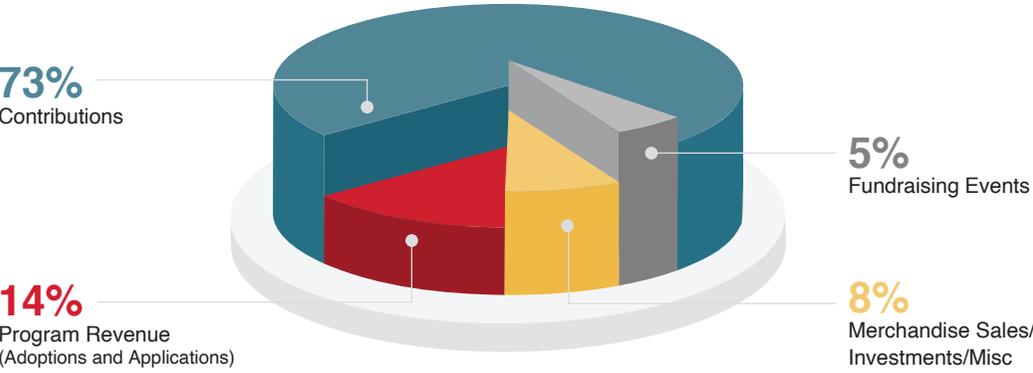
TOTAL EXPENSE
\$642,494



PROGRAM EXPENSE
\$488,185



REVENUE
\$760,338





SOPHIE 21-100



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