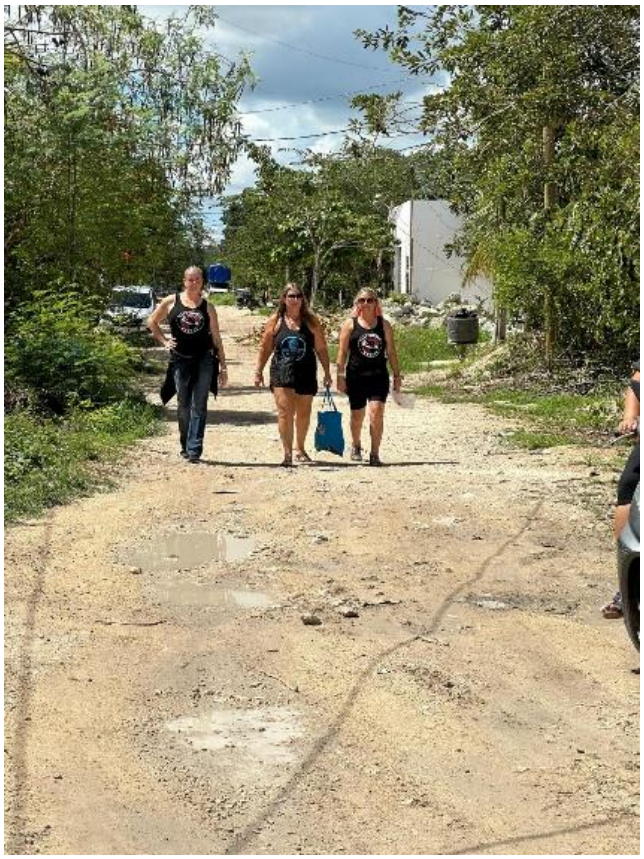
OCTOBER 2026 • MISSION REPORT

A Mission of Hope, Made Possible Together

A look back at Full Circle Rescue's 5th Annual Mission to Mexico

105 STERILIZATIONS | 13 DOG HOUSES | 9 FLIGHT-ANGEL DOGS

What a whirlwind. Full Circle Rescue volunteers travelled to Mexico for our fifth annual spay-and-neuter campaign, dog-house deliveries, supply distribution and street outreach. It is hard to fully explain everything our volunteers accomplished, but these pages offer a glimpse of the people, partnerships and animals at the heart of the mission.



Volunteers on the ground in Mexico

Two teams. One shared purpose.

Three volunteers flew into Cancún and travelled to Playa del Carmen, where they worked daily with our friend Kelly from The Snoopi Project. They later flew to Puebla to meet three more dedicated volunteers for four busy days, including a visit to our partner shelter Funkytown and the annual spay-and-neuter clinic. The teams then split: three returned to Canada from Mexico City as flight angels for dogs heading to new lives, while the others continued outreach in Playa del Carmen.

ON THE GROUND • QUINTANA ROO

Playa del Carmen: practical help, lasting connections

The team delivered collars brought from Canada to SOS el Arca shelter, placed dog houses in humble neighbourhoods, and supplied donated tie-outs from The Kibble Project to help keep owned dogs safe. Volunteers distributed flea, tick and heartworm prevention to street dogs, community-owned dogs and animals whose caregivers cannot easily access veterinary care. Additional donations funded bowls to outfit the dog houses.

Collars were also provided to community members caring for dogs, helping identify animals that had been sterilized and were receiving care. Just as important, volunteers networked and built meaningful relationships—an essential part of Full Circle Rescue's mandate.





Meeting local rescuers and community partners

The volunteers were welcomed by independent rescuers Myriam, Mar and Julie. They volunteer at SOS sterilization campaigns and provide community assistance in extremely humble areas. Mar brought the team to an 'invasion' she has been working to support. Seeing the conditions firsthand made it clear how urgently sterilization campaigns, education and practical assistance are needed. Full Circle Rescue is already planning to incorporate this location into its 2027 work.

The team also visited Coco's Animal Welfare Playa del Carmen, where Laura provided a tour and shared the organization's work in sterilization, pay-what-you-can veterinary care and outreach. At Pasion Canina, volunteers met Tati and Eric. Beyond operating a boarding facility, they give back through the Pasion Canina Movement: merchandise proceeds help fund sterilization campaigns and medical needs. Eric also volunteers at SOS el Arca campaigns.



The team continued visiting areas where supplies are scarce, meeting local rescuers and helping prepare medications for an upcoming SOS el Arca campaign. There is much more for Full Circle Rescue to learn and do in Playa del Carmen and surrounding communities, and collaboration with The Snoopi Project continues.







More ways donors made a difference

Alison Law – In Memory of Duncan: funded 25 sets of bowls for the dog houses.

Sharon, Trevor & Alexa Morrison: provided a monthly dose of prevention for Bruno.

Heather Moyse ~ Lily: provided a dog with a flea-and-tick collar that lasts eight months.







COMMUNITY SUPPORT IN ACTION

13 dog houses. 13 acts of kindness.

A total of 13 dog houses were sponsored for the mission. Each one represents a practical way to help a deserving dog stay safer and more comfortable.

- Renzo & Brenda
- Jessica Poole & Billy
- Doris Hock de Pineyro & Theo
- Christina Scazighino – In Memory of Renee Scazighino
- Linda & John Prentice
- Luk Wilson
- Emily & Ryan Wilson
- Lyn & Dennis Reimer – In Memory of their Granddog Gus
- Steph Snyder & Chris Carey
- Snyder, Carey, Jade, Jaxon & Twigs
- Geri Holt & Poly
- Gabor Lantos
- Viorica Hurhui – In Memory of her Grandma



Dog-house deliveries and community support

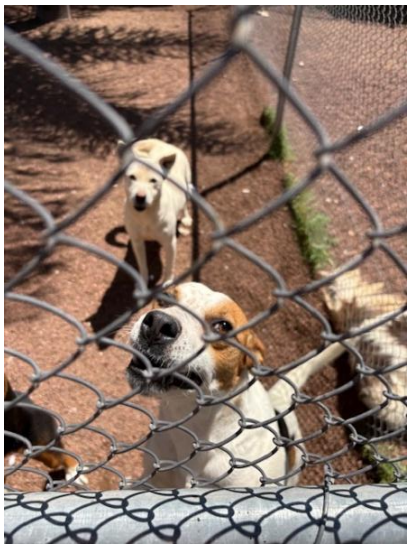
ON THE GROUND • PUEBLA

Funkytown: seeing the need up close

The volunteers visited Funkytown shelter in Puebla, a partner shelter run in conjunction with The Dog-Go Project. The shelter is home to more than 400 dogs and cats and is well over capacity. Staff and volunteers have been finding dogs tied to trees, abandoned animals and litters of puppies left in sacks outside the shelter.







Several Ontario rescues work with The Dog-Go Project to support sterilization campaigns and help dogs move from the shelter to rescues in Canada. The volunteers spent hours moving from kennel to kennel and pen to pen, entering the areas they were permitted to visit and spending time with the animals.







Some dogs were shy and kept their distance; others jumped up for attention, belly rubs or play. Socializing with the animals is an important part of the Canadian volunteers' role. The experience reinforced why sterilization campaigns and education are so vital, while also reminding the team to learn about local realities before making assumptions about the lives of animals in care.







THE HEART OF THE MISSION

Clinic day: 105 successful sterilizations

This year's clinic was held in a fitness gym, transformed for the day into a surgical space with tables, lights and supplies. The team was fortunate to have five veterinarians, ten volunteers studying veterinary medicine and three to four veterinary technicians.



Clinic campaign information



From reception and check-in, to preoperative care, surgery and recovery, everyone worked like a well-oiled machine. Full Circle Rescue volunteers carried animals from surgery to recovery, photographed sponsored surgeries for donors, made recovery shirts, communicated with pet parents in Spanish and English, clipped nails, cleaned ears and helped wherever needed.





A family who needed extra help

A family arrived with a recently acquired dog and her five puppies, hoping to have them all sterilized. The mother was found to have TVT, a transmissible cancer. Her spay could not proceed that day, so the team worked with the family to explain the diagnosis and develop a plan for the chemotherapy she needs. Members of Full Circle Rescue and The Kibble Project offered financial assistance. The family understood the importance of keeping the mother and puppies separate, and the campaign organizer will keep the partners updated on her progress and any further needs.



105 ANIMALS SUCCESSFULLY STERILIZED — EVERY SURGERY GENEROUSLY SPONSORED WITH GRATITUDE

Every surgery had a sponsor

The clinic's 105 successful sterilizations were made possible by the generosity of the following sponsors. Thank you for honouring beloved companions, supporting this work and helping prevent future litters.

- Martha Brady ~ The Brady's
- Georgia McIntosh
- Michelle Goodburn
- Kelly Hackett
- Jill Puskas ~ Jill & Frank
- Linda & John Prentice
- Wendy Drake ~ Cooper Drake
- Joey Daigle ~ Joe & Lu
- Viorica Hurhui ~ In Memory of my grandma
- Lyn & Dennis Reimer ~ In Memory of our grand dog Gus
- Danielle Chandler
- Cameron Degrow
- Ted Husky
- Sydney Hunter
- Pat Morrison ~ Bobby
- Lisa Caporuscio ~ In Memory of Starz
- Brianne Pickle
- Gabor Lantos
- Sarah Mortimer ~ Dudley, Sarah, Marcus
- Chelsea Benoit
- Stephanie Smith ~ Titus McSmith
- Kelly Derus ~ Lupita
- Carla Costa
- Debbie Steley
- Andrew Hunt ~ Andrew, Amy, Zeus
- Kathy Foster
- Brenda A & Renzo C
- Elizabeth Henderson ~ Finnegan
- Doris Hock de Pineyro ~ Skai
- Kelly Tobin ~ In Memory of Brooklyn
- Christina Scazighino ~ In Memory of Renee Scazighino
- Ann Gouin ~ Mozart, Sadie, Pasta, Moustachio & Azul
- OhMe, Otis, Odin
- Karyn Gimblett
- Deb Alexander
- Lyn & Dennis Reimer
- Alan Bilinsky ~ In Memory of Massie
- Pat Doyle
- Noah Caporuscio ~ Diablo
- Geri Holt ~ Puddles & Fergus
- Anna Kohinski ~ Hudson
- Allyson Hays ~ Kora (formerly Dinorah)
- Andrea Lantos
- Danielle Macfarlane ~ Smokey's Baskets for Rescue
- Bernice Mitelman
- Dezaray Lillian
- Jessica De la Cruz ~ Master Correa
- Kelly Derus ~ In Memory of Charlotte Derus
- Alannah Mulholland
- Amber Drake ~ In Memory of Kelly Beatty
- Madisyn Fisher ~ In honor of Rodia



THE JOURNEY HOME

Nine dogs. A new beginning.

On Sunday, the six volunteers toured local markets and fed street dogs—an everyday sight in the area. On Monday, three volunteers headed to Mexico City to begin their journey home, but first they took on one more important mission: escorting nine deserving dogs to Canada for rescue.

Being a flight angel does not cost the passenger anything. It takes a little extra time at the airport, but the impact for the dogs is enormous. If you are flying direct from Toronto to Mexico City or Toronto to Cancún and would like to help, please email Full Circle Rescue. We need at least two weeks' notice.

Another often-overlooked opportunity is bringing empty kennels back to Mexico when travelling on airlines such as Air Canada and WestJet. Returning kennels means they can be used again for other dogs taking their freedom flights.



A volunteer proudly representing the mission

Thank you for being part of it.

Our 5th Annual Mission to Mexico would not have been possible without the generous donations and support of our followers, the incredible partnerships we have built, and the dedicated volunteers who chose a working trip over an all-inclusive holiday. To everyone who cheered us on, motivated us to keep going and understood the importance of staying true to our charitable mandate:

THANK YOU WILL NEVER BE ENOUGH!



With gratitude,
Full Circle Rescue
Love Comes Full Circle