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Our Vision is to see communities that treasure their pets, provide for their needs, and protect them from suffering and disease.

Our Mission is to partner with low-income communities to educate families on their pets' primary needs and facilitate access to affordable support services with a focus on free mass sterilisation.

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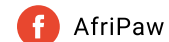
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Message from the Chair



Cecilia Fraser

The review of the year is most encouraging, despite the difficult environments we find ourselves in on a day to day basis. The increased growth and development of our work in this short time is quite remarkable as shown by the statistics noted in this report. This is true testament to the commitment shown all round.

Our Sterilisation and Pet Clinic programmes have grown beyond expectation and the notable impact within the community is significant. Most gratifying is the increased responsibility and eagerness shown by pet owners to take care of their pets. It is so heart-warming to witness the many smiley faces and happy pets that pass through the gates on clinic or spay days.

Education is at the heart of everything we do. If we want our work in Vrygrond to have a lasting impact, then we have to address the root cause of neglect and suffering of animals and the only way to do this is through ongoing education and practical demonstration. We have seen that, with the right approach, it is possible to change old habits and behaviours and to teach compassion. However, education alone is not sufficient. We need to complement this by removing the other challenges that low-income communities face. Even if a pet owner knows exactly how to look after their pet, they still need to overcome issues like lack of finances, lack of access to veterinary services and lack of hope. This is why our educational efforts are supported by facilitation in the form of free mass sterilisation, monthly pet clinics in the heart of the community, access to affordable pet food, door-to-door visits and pop-up dipping stations as well as fundraising drives to provide kennels, all of which make the seemingly impossible, possible!

Throughout the year we focus our efforts on building and strengthening relationships within the community, amongst our supporters, partners and other animal welfare

organisations. Capitalising on synergies and joining forces with other organisations has allowed us to maximise our impact.

Resources are limited, which is why we are eternally grateful for the donations we receive from both the public and our funders. Their generosity allows us to develop and sustain our mission and aims for the care and love of pets.

Our model dictates that we own no premises or kennels and that we outsource veterinary and other services to industry partners, all of whom give us welfare rates or provide pro bono support services. This approach means that our fixed monthly costs remain low, enabling us to allocate the vast majority of our funds directly to the benefit of the animals. Our focus remains education, relationship building with the communities in which we work and facilitation of pet care.

The Board of Directors continues to safeguard the vision of AfriPaw, which is to see communities that treasure their pets, provide for their needs and protect them from suffering and disease. All our programmes and projects are measured against this ultimate goal.

AfriPaw's success is carried by the tireless efforts and dedication of our director Anél Wesson and the strong support network we have built. The stability of our board has further contributed to the positive results and achievements recorded, and will no doubt continue to do so in the future. I would also like to extend my personal thanks and gratitude to the extended team of dedicated volunteers and industry partners.

At the time of writing, the effects of the Covid-19 pandemic is being felt throughout the world. Even though 2020 has started with unprecedented challenges, the combined resilience and flexibility of our industry partners, community members and volunteers have given us much hope for the rest of the coming year.

Cecilia Fraser
Chair

Compassion

– learn it, teach it, share it.

Director's Report



Anél Wesson

As we celebrate three years of existence, it is a great honour and privilege to report on our activities between March 2019 and February 2020. It is deeply encouraging to reflect on our short but fruitful history as an organisation and our hearts are joyful as we look back with gratitude and forward with hope.

Whilst our medium-term vision is to replicate our model in neighbouring geographic areas, our current focus remains the community of Vrygrond – reputedly the oldest informal settlement in the Western Cape and home to thousands of people and pets.

Our biggest achievement in the past year has undoubtedly been the meaningful shift in community participation. We have seen tremendous growth in Vrygrond residents' response to our services. Our Pet Clinic attendance figures have almost doubled in comparison to our previous reporting period. This is a sure sign that the number of pro-active and caring pet owners have increased thanks to our efforts to educate the need for primary pet care and to provide a practical platform to make this possible. It has been truly heart-warming to witness the very words of our slogan, "Together for Happy Pets" coming to pass.

We have seen that behavioural change is not only possible, but also sustainable and this gives us great strength to keep focussing on our objectives, which are to encourage responsible and accountable pet ownership and prevent neglect by:

- Building relationships with the community to create a trusting and enabling environment.
- Educating the community on the primary needs and healthcare of their animals.
- Facilitating access to affordable medical care, food and shelter.

Another aspect of community participation can be seen in the growth of our volunteer force. We now have an even bigger,

formidable team of high calibre individuals who have walked a long and faithful road with us and continue to volunteer their time during our monthly Pet Clinics and regular Spay Days throughout the year. It is especially encouraging that our thirteen resident Vrygrond volunteers have remained as committed as ever.

We are also very grateful for the incredible support networks we have in place. Without the backing of The Cape of Good Hope SPCA and TEARS Animal Rescue, we would not be able to do our work in a thorough and holistic way. In an attempt to maximise our core services and minimise our overheads, our model dictates that we own no premises but rather outsource critical veterinary care to our industry partners, who already have the necessary infrastructure and specialists in place. We are therefore particularly grateful that we are able to outsource surgery and the treatment of sick, injured and diseased pets to our industry partners.

While you can refer to the "Our Programmes" section on page 3 for detailed information about our work, I would like to share the following highlights in numbers with you for our reporting period March 2019 to February 2020:

- 217** Pets were sterilised
- 2921** Pets attended our monthly pet clinics
- 9306** Bags of subsidised pet food sold
- 53** Kennels were provided to sterilised pets
- 27** Pets received veterinary care for medical conditions
- 12** Surgeries performed
- 47** Active Volunteers
- 1228** Facebook followers
- 786** Instagram followers
- 68** Active MyPlanet Supporters

I am pleased to report that AfriPaw is now a MyPlanet Beneficiary. We currently have 68 MyPlanet supporters and we hope to build on this number so that we can secure a significant and steady monthly income from this initiative.

My heartfelt thanks goes to to all our funders, industry partners, supporters and volunteers. Without you, our work would not be possible. Thank you to our local AfriPaw Ambassador, Felicity Gxaba, who continues to be our eyes and ears and our resident presence in the community.

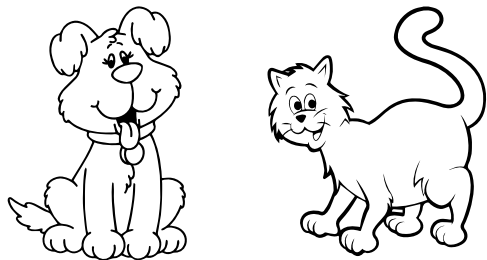
I would also like to thank our highly skilled, knowledgeable and most supportive Board of Directors, who forms the back-bone of our organisation and who guide, steer and protect the vision, mission and values of AfriPaw. It is an honour to work with you and I am deeply grateful to have you as part of the team. My hope and prayer for the future of AfriPaw is that we increase our impact and continue to work passionately for the sake of the cause.

Anél Wesson
Director

Our Programmes

We continue to focus on our four core programmes in Vrygrond, all underpinned by building relationships with the community, continuous education and practical facilitation of primary pet care.

Mass Sterilisation | Pet Clinics | Paw Patrol | Food Sales



Relationship, Education, Facilitation

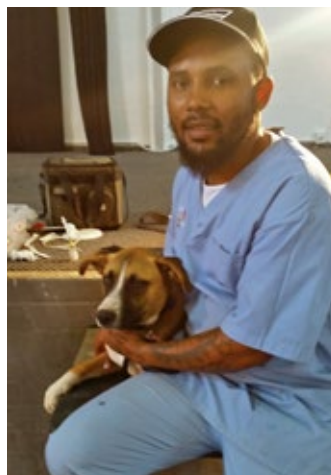
Programme ONE – Mass Sterilisation

Our focus remains mass sterilisation, because lack of pet population control is often the root cause of neglect. Spay Days serve as a great tool to educate, demonstrate pet care and form relationships with the community.

Sterilisations take place in the community of Vrygrond, at CapriCorn Primary School. Thanks to the tireless dedication and remarkable skill of Dr Annelize Roos and her team from Envirovet CVC, who perform all the veterinary procedures in Vrygrond, as well as the assistance of the SPCA, TEARS and our partner veterinary practices, we sterilised 217 pets in 2019/20, bringing our grand total since our inception to 645 (473 Dogs and 172 Cats). See below comparative figures for the last two years.

DATE	2019/20		DATE	2018/19	
STERILISATIONS	DOGS	CATS	STERILISATIONS	DOGS	CATS
Individual at SPCA and Vets	6	0	Individual at SPCA and Vets	5	0
MARCH 2019	23	15	MARCH 2018	29	16
JUNE 2019	43	12	MAY 2018	29	17
OCTOBER 2019	46	8	JULY 2018	36	11
FEBRUARY 2020	39	25	OCTOBER 2018	28	13
			FEB 2019	39	9
SUB-TOTALS	157	60		166	66
TOTAL PETS	217			232	
A TOTAL OF 449 VRYGROND PETS HAVE BEEN STERILISED					

It is interesting to note that we spent over R20 000 less on Spay Days in 2019/20 than in 2018/2019 but sterilised almost as many pets. This is because we had one less Spay Day in 2019/2020 compared to 2018/2019 but managed to sterilise more pets on average per outreach. This demonstrates that it is more cost effective to sign up larger numbers per event, because, apart from veterinary fees, the expenses related to running a single event remain relatively the same, no matter how many pets are sterilised.



Programme TWO – Monthly Pet Clinics

Our Pet Clinic Programme has proven to be our most successful intervention this year. Attendance figures have almost doubled, from 1507 in 2018/19 to 2 921 in 2019/20. This is extremely encouraging, because our mission is to educate families on their pets' primary needs and to facilitate access to affordable support services, which is exactly what we are achieving through this programme. Our Pet Clinics provide a platform for pet owners to observe primary pet care, understand what is needed and why, witness the benefits to their pets' general health first-hand and then participate on a regular basis, thereby demonstrating responsible and accountable pet ownership.

We are very grateful to our Programme Partner, Dogmatters – Raw Food for Happier, Healthier Pets, who have continued to sponsor our monthly Pet Clinics. As attendance figures have increased, so have the cost of medical supplies, placing financial pressure on Dogmatters to keep covering our escalating expenses. They have not waived in their support and graciously expanded their budget to meet our increasing needs. However, we hope that our attendance figures will grow even more in the coming year, so we are actively seeking to secure a co-sponsor to help cover the cost of this vital service to the community of Vrygrond.

The increased attendance of our Pet Clinics has brought its own challenges. We have experienced long queues and long waiting times, both of which are serious hindrances to further growth and expansion. These barriers needed to be addressed because it could potentially be the cause of a steady decline in attendance in the long term. In an attempt to address these issues, we have spent considerable time and effort to review, analyse and streamline our Pet Clinic processes and data collection efforts to maximise our efficiency and speed up the flow.

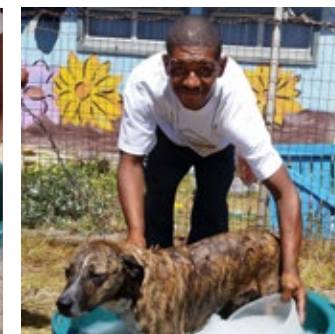
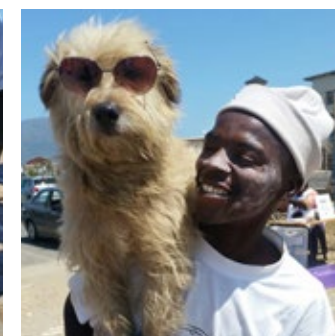
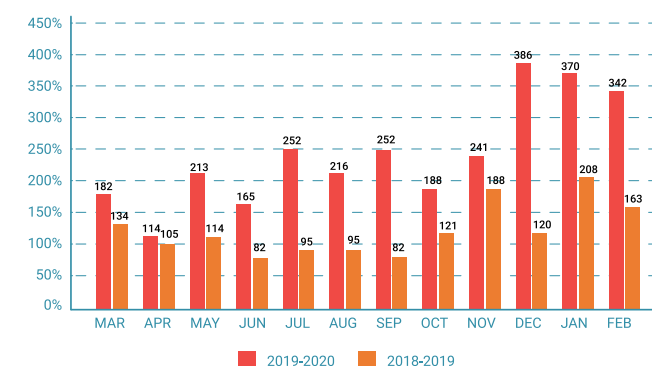
In an attempt to expedite registrations, we introduced Pet Clinic Cards which we issued to all regular attendees. The Pet Clinic Cards not only speed up registration, it instills a sense of pride among pet owners and serves as an encouragement to keep attending. The Pet Clinic Cards also allow us to fast-track regular customers, which serves as a great incentive for pet owners to look after their cards. When we first rolled out the Pet Clinic Cards, we were not sure whether pet owners would bring them back the next month, but we were cautiously optimistic. Whilst a fair number returned with their cards the following month, a large percentage had lost or misplaced them. This was discouraging, but we were not willing to give up. Thanks to the brilliance of one of our volunteers, we concurred that the design of the card, rather than the carelessness of the pet owners, was the problem. We replaced the bulky design with a laminated, credit card size and it produced the desired result. The following month, the vast majority of pet owners returned with their Pet Clinic Cards. We have taken this one step further. In order to encourage the safe-guarding of Pet Clinic Cards, we incentivised desired behaviour by giving each card holder a free bag of pet food. Word spread quickly and soon we were being asked what needed to be done in order to get a free bag of food. The answer is simple – attend

regularly, which earns you a Pet Clinic Card, then look after your card and when you return with it the following month, you get your free bag of pet food. It is so encouraging to witness how pet owners proudly produce their cards.

We continue to market our pet clinics through monthly SMS reminders to existing customers and printed flyers to reach new people and people without cellphone access and this seems to be working well.

We remain systematic in our data collection efforts as this allows us to monitor our methodologies closely and serves as a decision-making tool. Our approach is guided by our long-term goal to scale and replicate programmes in other areas.

Pets treated at our Monthly Pet Clinics



Programme THREE – Paw Patrol

During weekly Paw Patrol we walk door to door to scout the area, identify vulnerable, sick or injured animals and connect with residents to offer assistance and advice. Severe cases are taken to our veterinary partners for further care before the pets are returned to their homes. During Paw Patrol we also take the opportunity to educate residents on the benefits of sterilising their pets and do sign-ups on the spot. We also remind them about the importance of basic medical care, shelter and food for their pets and encourage them to attend the Pet Clinics.

In 2019/20 we slightly reduced the time spent on Paw Patrol and the reason for this is two-fold. Community participation at our monthly Pet Clinics escalated so much that we focussed our efforts on accommodating the increased demand for assistance and care during clinic days and improving and streamlining our processes. One of the objectives of Paw Patrol is to reach out to the community, build relationships and appeal to pet owners to sterilise their pets and bring them to the Pet Clinics. Thanks to the response from the community, the need for door-to-door canvassing became less of an immediate priority, giving way to the improvement of service levels at our monthly Pet Clinics. Secondly, delivery of our programmes is directly related to man power and available funding, so we adapt the intensity of our activities according to existing financial support.

This is certainly not a permanent state of affairs. There is so much scope for expansion of this programme. We expect the need for Paw Patrol to fluctuate as our impact in Vrygrond develops. Paw Patrol is a supporting programme that feeds into Spay Days and Pet Clinics, so we are excited to see how this tool can be used on a much greater scale in order to effect more change. We believe that the key for expansion of this programme is to equip our resident Vrygrond volunteers to actively participate in this programme on a regular basis.

Even though less frequent in 2019/20, pop-up dipping stations remain a great platform to market our monthly Pet Clinics. We typically set up a dipping station in a targeted area – right there in the street. As people notice us dipping and brushing dogs right in front of their houses, they often come rushing towards us with their pets. This is when we establish new relationships and encourage responsible pet ownership.



Programme FOUR – Food Sales

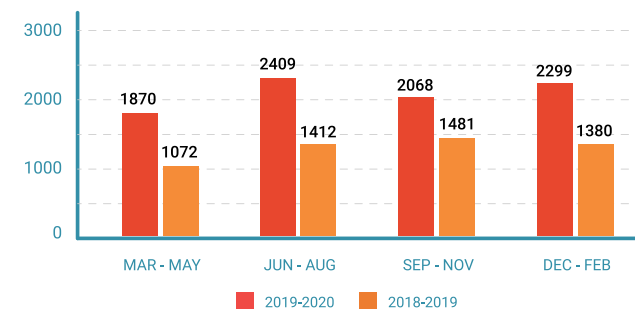
The selling of pet food through our community-based AfriPaw Ambassador has proven to be a very successful programme. We source pet food at a charity rate, which is then packaged into smaller bags and sold in Vrygrond. With this model we not only make pet food more accessible and affordable, but also ensure sustainability and create jobs within the community.

Our Pet Food Sales have increased dramatically to 9306 bags of pet food in 2019/20 compared to 5855 bags in 2018/19. This can be broken down into 8646 x R10 bags of dog food and 660 x R15 bags of cat food. Refer to the graphs below for comparisons between the last two years.

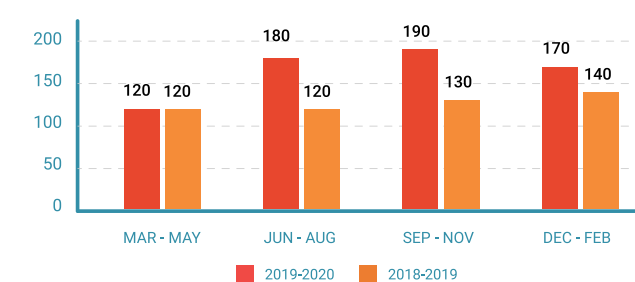
The increase in pet food sales is extremely encouraging because it shows that pet owners are budgeting for their pets and that the reduced rates, made possible through AfriPaw's bulk purchases, are helping both people and pets.

AfriPaw makes no profit on pet food sales. However, our Ambassador, Felicity Gxaba, who sells the food from her home in Vrygrond, is rewarded with a modest profit.

Bags of Dog Food Sold at R10



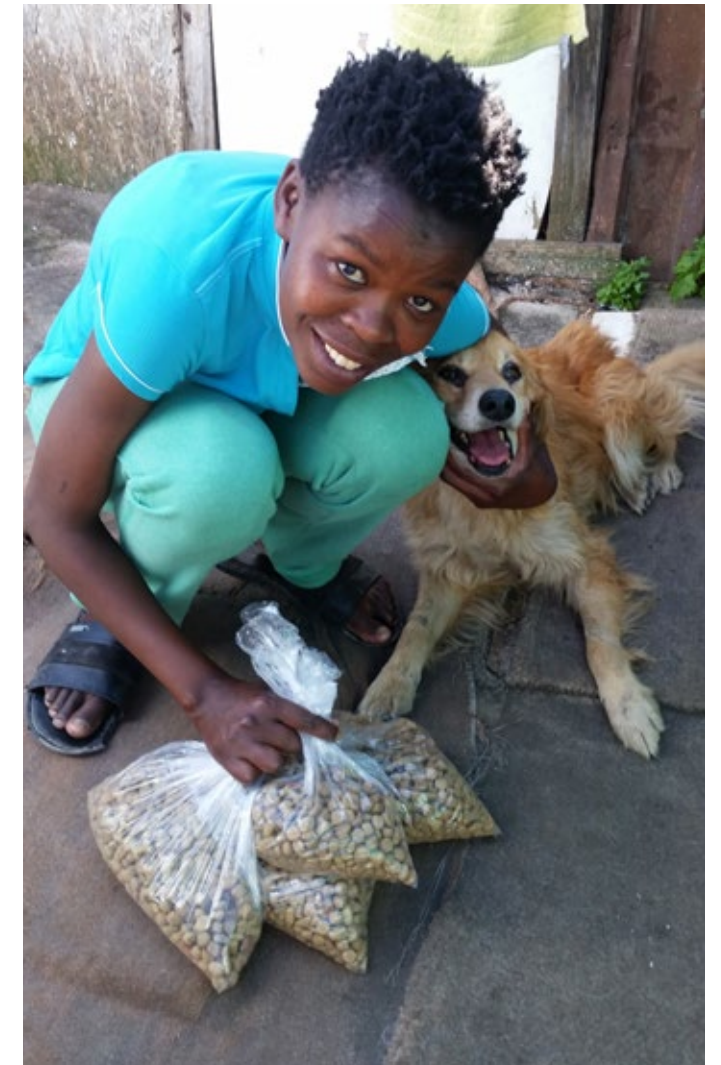
Bags of Cat Food Sold at R15



Even though we source food at a charity rate and our sales are performing well, there is always a need for food donations. We find that change is often achieved by incentivising desired behaviour and currently the most effective means to reward pet owners is to provide free pet food. We distribute donated food in a careful and controlled manner to those whom we know to be responsible and caring pet owners. For example, we refer to our Pet Clinic Registers to establish participation rates and we actively try to reward those who

are making an effort to care for their pets. Pet Food Parcels also accompany sterilised pets when they return home at the end of each Spay Day.

In addition, we use free pet food as a means of establishing relationships with the community during door-to-door Paw Patrol. It is greatly beneficial to have our AfriPaw Ambassador, Felicity Gxaba on our team, because she knows the community and we are often guided by her when it comes to distribution of free food.



Other Activities – Education

All our programmes are underpinned by education. To achieve meaningful and long-lasting change within the local community, education and relationship building is equally as important as population control. One-on-one counselling of pet owners is an essential part of all our activities.

It is a sad fact that de-sensitised communities are often blind to the suffering of their own pets. Issues such as severe itchiness or mange due to lack of tick and flea control, lack of sufficient shelter and nutritious food or even physical pain caused by disease, bite wounds or other injuries often go unnoticed because of the immensity of the local people's own hardships and challenges. The need for their own personal survival often veils what we might perceive to be obvious warning signs of their pets' illnesses or need of intervention or provision. That is why our work is so important. We bring hope by providing practical and do-able solutions.

Four of the biggest barriers to pet care in low-income communities and informal settlements in South Africa are lack of finances, lack of transport to reach veterinary services, lack of education and finally de-sensitisation and hopelessness caused by tremendous social challenges. We aim to remove all these barriers by means of relationship building, education and facilitation.



Other Activities – Veterinary Care

A natural outflow of all our programmes and activities is that we come into contact with pets that need veterinary care. We are grateful to our industry partners who take the greatest of care with these patients and we would like to record our sincere thanks to the Cape of Good Hope SPCA and TEARS, who take on the majority of our cases.

We have provided the following veterinary care to Vrygrond pets:

VETERINARY CARE	2019/20	2018/19
Surgery	12	21
Ailments	27	28
Euthanised / Lost	4	10

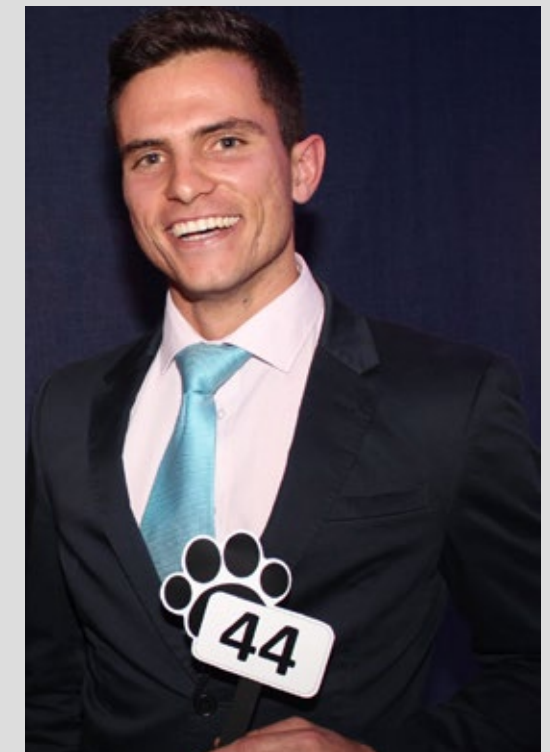
* Surgery includes stitching up wounds, treating fractured legs, hip operations, amputations and eye operations

* Ailments include treating pets for tick bite fever, mange, eczema, TVT, burst abscess and auto-immune disease

* Euthanasia is performed only as a last resort in case of serious illness or suffering and never because we are unable to re-home a pet.



In Memory of Wesley Sweetnam



We were deeply shocked and saddened by the sudden and senseless loss of Wesley Sweetnam, co-owner of Doggy-Style Grooming, Boarding & Doggy Daycare in Noordhoek on 3 November 2019. Wesley had the most beautiful smile. It was one of the first things you noticed when you met him, but this was just a physical feature that symbolised something much, much deeper. His smile was a reflection of his beautiful heart, his inner strength, compassion, generosity and zest for life. He lived each day to the full. He was always the same - friendly, helpful and positive. He was always willing to help, to make a plan, to go the extra mile, to extend himself and his family business for the greater good. Nothing was ever too much trouble or too much effort. Everything was possible. Wesley and his brother, Jonny, their father, Gerry and the entire Doggy-Style team have been an incredible support to AfriPaw Animal Welfare and the pets of Vrygrond since our formation in 2017. They have accommodated many dogs free of charge, often for months at a time, groomed them, nurtured them and helped them recover from illness or injury before being adopted or going back to their homes in Vrygrond. Furthermore they have raised funds, sponsored vouchers and facilitated donations in aid of our work. Our community has lost a beacon of light and hope but we will never forget Wesley and he will live in our hearts forever.

Mandela Day Kennel Drive



We launched our second Mandela Day Kennel Drive in June 2019 and once again, we were greatly encouraged by the generosity of our supporters.

We took pictures of dogs needing kennels and posted it to our Facebook and Instagram pages. People then pledged a kennel and custom-fitted canvass-covered kennel pad to a specific dog by commenting on their picture. Some people donated second-hand kennels that we renovated, but the majority sponsored between R595 and R860 (determined by kennel size), which covered the cost of a new kennel, built by a local entrepreneur, and the canvas kennel pad. We find that kennel pads work much better than blankets, which become wet and sandy flea traps. The canvass kennel pads dry quickly and the sand then just filters right through them.

Instead of delivering the kennels to the deserving beneficiaries, which took days and weeks in 2018, we distributed the kennels during our July and August Pet Clinics. Beneficiaries were informed in advance that they had qualified to receive a free kennel and that they could collect it from CapriCorn Primary School during the Pet Clinic. This not only made the distribution process much quicker, it was also a visual reminder to everyone that responsible pet ownership is rewarded. We received several enquiries from pet owners who were attending the Pet Clinic, asking what they needed to do to receive a free kennel. This gave us the opportunity to encourage them to increase their Pet Clinic attendance and sterilise their pets. Thanks to our meticulous record keeping, it was easy for us to identify the most deserving pet owners. The selection process is completely fair, because beneficiaries earn their kennels through compliance criteria, including sterilisation and regular pet clinic attendance.

It was amazing to see how the community members all just made a plan to transport their kennels. Some used old shopping trolleys, others used flatbed trolleys and yet others

gathered friends or family to help carry the kennels home as a team. One man carried his kennel all by himself, on his head. This process was so much quicker than individual deliveries and it was also more effective to get owners to collect, because everyone needed to do their bit, and they did!

We took photos of each recipient so that sponsors could see visual proof of how their money was spent.

Pet Owners had to sign a "Kennel Receipt" form, acknowledging safe receipt and promising to look after the kennel. Donors loved seeing the photos of the pets receiving the kennels and it made the drive very personal and effective. The campaign yielded 39 kennels. Whilst we did not quite reach our target of 67, it was an improvement on our 2018 effort and we can build on this with our 2020 Mandela Day Kennel Drive.

KENNELS PROVIDED	2019	2018
Mandela Day Kennel Drive	39	34
Ad Hoc during the year	14	15
TOTAL	53	51



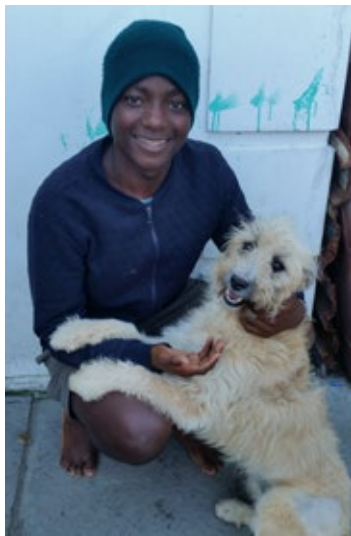
Happy Tales

Our work can be emotionally draining and sometimes deeply painful, but there are many stories of hope and love, which motivates us to keep going. We have chosen just a few to share with you.

Chi-Chi from Berry Road



We first saw Chi Chi sitting outside her front door in Berry Road whilst on Paw Patrol. Her matted coat was a concern to us, as we knew that she most likely harboured an infestation of fleas or ticks or both. Her growl warned us not to enter the property in an attempt to talk to her owner, so we waited outside the gate until one of the tenants on the property made Chi-Chi's owner aware of our presence. We quickly established a good relationship with Mr Kaunda as we invited him to bring Chi-Chi to our Pet Clinic the following week so that she could be groomed and dipped. He also quickly agreed to sign her up for sterilisation, which was a bonus. Chi-Chi's general health and well-being have greatly improved since that day, not only because of her wonderful new look, but also because she is now sterilised and was awarded a kennel, kindly sponsored by AfriPaw supporter, Nisha Naidoo. Here she is with Mr Kaunda's son, Confidence. Her smile says it all and because she now knows us, we are no longer greeted with a growl but rather with tail-wagging kisses whenever we pass by.



Lassie from Harmony Road



Lassie was hobbling along all on her own on the pavement across the road from CapriCorn Primary School during our April Pet Clinic. We made our way across the street to inspect and found that her front paw was literally flapping up and down as she walked on three legs. It took us some time to locate her owner, Paul Kriel, who lives in Harmony Road. He explained to us that Lassie always accompanied him to the building site where he was working in Berg Road and that someone hit her with a metal pole some months before, when she was unsupervised. He did not know the details surrounding the incident, but he made arrangements for her to receive veterinary care. Unfortunately, her leg did not heal properly, most likely because it was such a challenge to restrict her movement during the crucial recovery period, so she continued to hobble along on three legs, clearly in discomfort. Despite a wonderful effort by Fourways Vet to perform corrective surgery, the wound was now old and the chances of recovery slim. Having tried all we could to save the leg, we finally conceded that amputation was the only remaining option. Lassie spent a number of months in our care before a joyous reconciliation with Paul. Whilst Lassie was with us, Trijntje from Best Friends Grooming Parlour in Kommetjie kindly treated her to a transformational bath and groom. Her desperate need for a good brush was evident from the amount of fur that came from her body. The best part of this story is that Paul and Lassie have become regular attendees at our monthly Pet Clinics. We were also able to give Lassie a brand-new kennel and soft pillow to keep her comfortable. Special thanks to Caron Farrell for donating a beautiful pink printed collar to Lassie. She is a happy well-loved girl and we always look forward to seeing her and Paul.



Rocky from Dassie Road

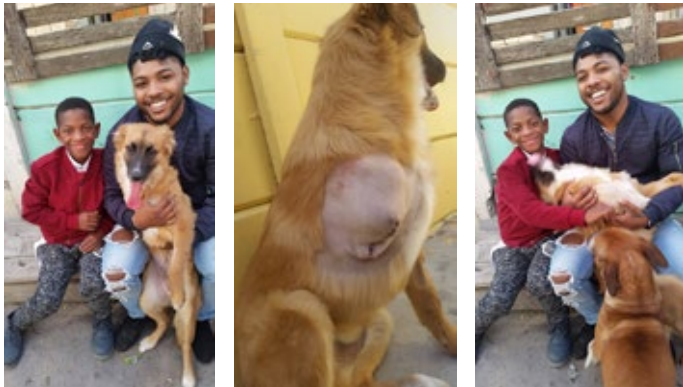


Rocky was brought to our April Pet Clinic with a serious front leg injury. Due to the nature of the break, which was in his joint, corrective surgery was not possible. We were reluctant to amputate the leg of such a young dog, but following extensive consultation, we realised that it was the only option. Luckily, Rocky had youth on his side, so we knew he would bounce back quickly. He spent a number of weeks in our care before returning to his owner, Rashied, in Dassie Road. Never in our lives have we seen a dog so excited to be reunited with his owner. It brought tears to our eyes as we watched Rocky speed back and forth in the familiarity of his own yard and the love and attention from his own people. There was no sign of a missing limb as he raced around, jumped up and down and arched his back in an attempt to get as close as possible to his family. We were deeply touched when Rashied, who works as a Barista, donated R500 of his hard-earned cash to AfriPaw to thank us for everything we had done for Rocky. We promised him that his money would help the next Vrygrond pet. These types of stories are what makes our work worthwhile and gives us the strength to carry on.

Leah and Lazarus



A huge big thank you to the incredible Aid 4 Animals in Distress volunteers who assist us at our Pet Clinics. They went beyond the call of duty by taking in two extremely young kittens that were seemingly abandoned and brought to our attention. There were initially three kittens but little Lenny sadly passed away. Siblings Lazarus and Leah are going strong. Aid4Aid slowly warmed up the kittens' cold little bodies before gently starting to feed them little by little. Thank you Aid4Aid for saving their lives! These kittens will soon be ready for adoption.



Pote (renamed Rex) from Apple Close



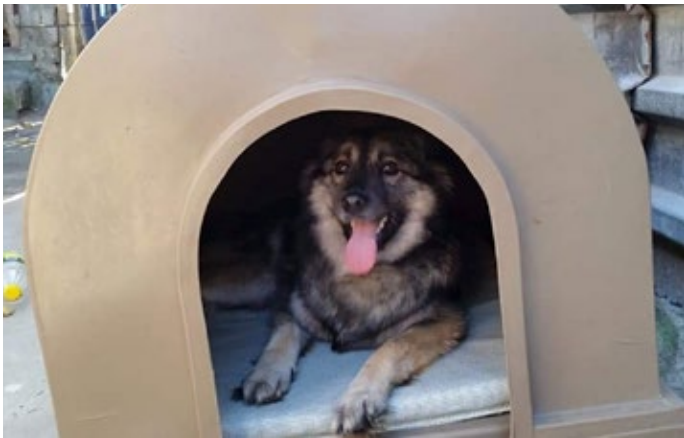
Pote was born deformed. Due to his vulnerable physical state, he would hide a lot – either in the narrow alley behind his owners’ little house, or behind the dustbin. When we discovered him on Paw Patrol, he was infested with fleas – one of the worst cases we have seen. He literally had a thick carpet of fleas on his back and his skin was in a terrible state. He was cowering in a narrow alley and it took some coaxing to eventually get him out. We quickly administered a Nexgard and washed him with medicated shampoo before whisking him off to Fourways Vet where his treatment began. Within as little as ten days of love and care his transformation started to become visible. Pote’s hair started growing back, the dry flakes of skin started to heal and his black coat began to shine. His eyes started twinkling, his hairless little tail started wagging and there was suddenly a spring in his 3-legged step. Whilst we aim not to remove pets from Vrygrond, but rather come alongside owners to educate them and make pet care accessible, this was one of those cases where we knew that Pote’s vulnerable little body had suffered enough and his owners agreed that it would be best for him to be surrendered. He needed special care, medical assistance and comfort. We put out a plea on Facebook and within a few days, we got a call from Dominique van Zyl in Sandton. We immediately realised that Domi, as she is affectionately known, was very passionate about animals and that she was serious about adopting Pote. Having completed the application process and having called on someone local in our support network to conduct the home check, the slight challenge was, how were we going to get Pote from Cape

Town to Sandton? We started making enquiries and the helpful BidVest Airline staff referred us to Stephne Jackson from Watershed Animal Rescue and Rehabilitation Fund. Watershed has a number of animal welfare programmes that they run, but one of them is to transport animals in need to places of safety. This is made possible by their flight sponsor, BidAir. Within 7 days, Pote was checking in at the Pet Lounge at Cape Town International Airport and a few hours later, Domi scooped him into her arms at Lanseria Airport. Pote was promptly renamed Rex (Latin for King) and has lived a royal life ever since.

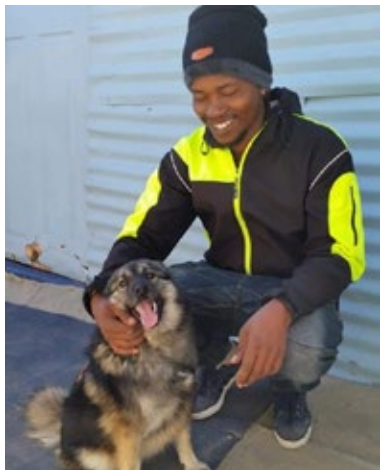
To top it all, Domi and her fiancé, Aidan, got married in September and Rex and his fur-brothers and sisters were all part of the bridal party. AfriPaw was invited to join in the special celebrations – a day we will never forget. Rex was sadly diagnosed with advanced cancer in February 2020 and had to be put to sleep but we will always be deeply grateful to Domi and Aidan, for giving Rex the best year of his life. Rest in peace beautiful boy.



Bullie from Philemon Road



Bullie was brought to our March Pet Clinic with a hind leg injury. Thanks to the corrective surgery performed by TEARS, followed by physio-therapy by Dominique from Equiform and an extended, complimentary post-op recovery stay at Doggy-Style Grooming, Boarding and Doggy Daycare, Bullie received the best possible care and was able to go back home again to her family in Philemon Road a few months later. Bullie has settled back very well, enjoys her kennel that we were able to donate and is a regular Pet Clinic attendee. Her medical treatment and aftercare were a tremendous team effort and we are so grateful to everyone who nursed Bullie back to health. This really was a case of “Together for Happy Pets” in action.



Billie from Berg Street



Whilst our preference is first and foremost to come alongside pet owners to help them to look after their pets, there are occasions where removal of pets, with the written consent of the owner, is necessary. Billie was banned from her home in Berg Street because she was not a good guard dog. She was left outside to fend for herself and was seen walking the streets, looking lost, searching for scraps and not knowing what to do. By the time her plight was reported to us, she had already fallen gravely ill with Ehrlichia, a form of tick-bite fever. We found her hiding in the front yard of a neighbour who lived close to her original home. She was so ill, that she was just lying in the sand, where she would have died, had we not intervened. Thanks to the prompt action and medical care of the Cape of Good Hope SPCA, Billie bounced back quickly. She suddenly found herself in the loving care of one of our kind-hearted and special AfriPaw volunteers, where she spent several weeks before being adopted by Diana Verlaque and Paul Staegemann. Billie now lives the high life with her fur-sister, Tequila, is hardly ever left alone, travels everywhere with her new family, and has become very used to having several comfortable places to sleep, including her human parents’ bed.



Billie from Orange Close



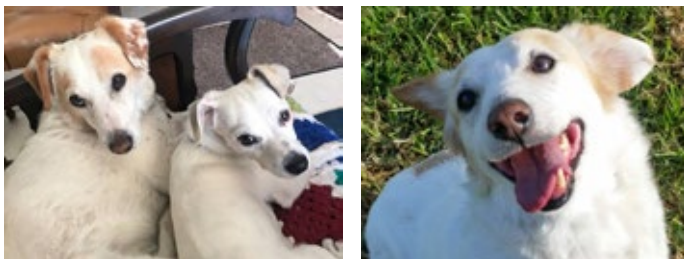
We first saw Billie in her home environment in Orange Close when we were signing up one of the neighbouring dogs for sterilisation. She was cowering in her kennel and growled furiously as we tried to approach. Billie was suffering from severe mange and her general health was poor. Her owner had brought her to our Pet Clinics on a number of occasions, where she was dipped, de-wormed and given Nexgard to treat the mange. However, at some point, he had to travel to the Eastern Cape and Billie's basic care seemed to depart with her owner. She missed a number of Pet Clinics, so by the time we passed her home during Paw Patrol, she had deteriorated a lot. When her owner was still around, he tried to bath her in between Pet Clinics, but Billie's sensitive skin, coupled with the sandy yard where she lived, was not a good combination. Since Billie did not know us, she wanted to bite, so we had to coax her into a travel cage with some strong-smelling food in order to get her to the vet for treatment. It took many months for Billie to recover and for her fur to start growing back but thanks to medication and specialised z/d prescription diet food, kindly sponsored by Hill's Pet Nutrition, her transformation was remarkable. Since Billie's condition was chronic, her owner agreed that it would be in her best interest to find her a home where there was no sand and where she could continue to receive prescription food and intermittent medication, when necessary. Billie has since blossomed into a beautiful, gentle, loving, easy-going girl who is extremely well-socialised and loves playing with her ball. She is currently in foster care and waiting for her forever person to come along. If you wish to meet Billie with the view to adopt her, please call or whatsapp Anél on 072 6161 207.



Zake from Church Circle



We met Zake at one of our very first Spay Days, which we ran in the Green Church Hall in Church Circle. He was a "walk-in" sign-up. His owners had heard that we were sterilising free of charge in the hall in their street and they immediately brought Zake and his brother, Jake, to be neutered. We subsequently formed a good relationship with the family and would often pop in during Paw Patrol to see how they were doing. A few weeks passed without us seeing Zake, so it came as a terrible shock when we happened to pass by his house once again and saw his dreadful state. He was a walking skeleton. We immediately rushed him through to Fourways Vet, where he was diagnosed with advanced Ehrlichia – a form of tick-bite fever. It was so severe, that he had to be put on a drip to save his life. At this point one might ask why people would allow their pet to deteriorate to this degree without doing anything. It is a harsh reality that a de-sensitised community is often blind to the suffering of their own pets. Disease often goes unnoticed because of the immensity of people's own hardships and challenges. The need for their own personal survival often veils what we might perceive to be obvious warning signs of their pets' illnesses or need of intervention or provision. It is not an excuse, but it is a fact. This is very difficult to understand, but that is why our work is so important. We bring hope, and do-able solutions. Our intention was to take Zake back home and to monitor his health closely as we walked alongside the family, but when he contracted Ehrlichia a second time, we knew that he needed a permanent intervention. Zake spent several months in our care and was accommodated free of charge at Doggy-Style Grooming, Boarding and Doggy Daycare, before being homed. His first placement did not work out and he was returned to us, but it took less than a week for us to find his forever person. This was worth the initial wait! Our hearts are overjoyed with the final outcome. Zake now lives with his brother, Bokkeloks and his human mom, Michelle Botha, where he is showered with love, attention, walks, treats, toys and all the things a fur-child could dream of.



Cheesy from Berg Street



Cheesy was brought to our June Pet Clinic. We took one look at him and knew that is was Parvo – a deadly, highly contagious virus that usually affects puppies and young dogs. We realised that Cheesy's chances of survival were slim, as the symptoms were already severe. We rushed him through to the Cape of Good Hope SPCA where he was immediately placed on a drip and received life-saving treatment. Within as little as four days, Cheesy had recovered fully and was able to go home. As soon as he was strong enough, he was vaccinated and neutered. Cheesy is now a regular Pet Clinic attendee and also received a kennel as part of our Mandela Day Kennel Programme. We love these happy stories that result in pet owners trusting us and subsequently demonstrating responsible pet ownership by sterilising their pets and bringing them to our Pet Clinics.

Pebbles (re-named Saffron or Saffy)



Pebbles was brought to a factory in Retreat, the workplace of a Vrygrond resident, who took pity on this abandoned feline who desperately needed a lifeline. Due to lack of a proper cat carrier or cardboard box, her mode of transport was a plastic shopping bag, but she survived the journey and subsequently made herself comfortable in an old boat that was standing in the factory. This went on for a number of weeks until the business owner put out a plea for help. Since Pebbles was originally from Vrygrond, AfriPaw helped in the search for a permanent solution for this beauty. Thanks to the quick response from Debbie English, Pebbles, now called Saffron, is living a life of love and luxury with her Jack Russell sister, Molly.

Dylan from Drury Road



We were on Paw Patrol when Dylan's owner pleaded with us to quickly come to his aid. His dog was lying in a cold alley between two shacks in his yard and did not want to be touched. By the time we arrived, Dylan was unconscious so we quickly loaded him into the car and rushed him to TEARS, convinced that he would be dead upon arrival. We thought that he may have been poisoned but thanks to the swift action by TEARS, he was quickly diagnosed with advanced Ehrlichia (a form of tick bite fever), resulting in the beginning stages of organ failure. Named, Dylan, after Bob Dylan who wrote the song "Knocking on Heavens' Door", this boy was not ready to give up. Under the caring supervision of TEARS, his body temperature was slowly regulated back to normal and he was placed on a drip. This was only the beginning of a very long journey to full recovery, including the need for two blood transfusions and months of subsequent blood tests and medication to regulate his red blood cell count. Dylan also had an abscess on his face and a nasty wound to his leg, which took very long to heal. When you meet this boy now, you cannot believe that he almost died. He loves life and his daily walks but his biggest treat is a ride in the car. Dylan is currently still in foster care. If you wish to meet him with the view to adopt, please call or whatsapp Anél on 072 6161 207.



Our Team

Board of Directors

Our independent Board of Directors provide direction, guidance and support:



Cecilia Fraser
Chair

Cecilia Fraser has run her own Architectural Practice since 1985 after qualifying from the Cape Peninsula University of Technology. She built her own home in Noordhoek using 80% reclaimed materials. Her passion is the care and love of all animals. She has reared and cared for many in her time. She co-founded the Animal Welfare Society (AWS) branch in Bredasdorp where she qualified as an Inspectorate Officer. Cecilia grew up in the Karoo but now co-owns a small lifestyle farm in the Cederberg area where the animal collection is continually growing - mostly rescues. She loves the outdoors, has run many a mile in the mountains and on the road. After a break from welfare work, she is enjoying being part of AfriPaw and the team.



Dr Hernan Azorin

Dr Hernan Azorin is the owner and founder of Fourways Veterinary Clinic in Sun Valley, Cape Town. Originally from Argentina, he studied Veterinary Science at the National University of Central Buenos Aires in Tandil. In 1981 he moved to South Africa and after a short stint as a pizza chef at Al Ponte Restaurant in Hillbrow, he worked for the Department of Agriculture as a meat inspector, during which time he wrote his veterinary board exams, allowing him to practice as a vet in South Africa. He worked at the SPCA in Booysens in Johannesburg for two years before moving to Cape Town and joining the SPCA in Grassy Park, where he worked for 6 years. In October of 1989 he founded Fourways Veterinary Clinic, where he currently still practices. Fourways has been instrumental in helping establish AfriPaw. In his spare time, Hernan enjoys surfing,

going to the gym and hiking. He also loves travelling. Hernan lives in Capri and has two adult children, Lila and Juan. He also has 4 fur-kids – a Labrador called Tucker, two Pitbulls called Amber and Cooper and a cat called Nube.



Mélanie Hrabar

Mélanie Hrabar is the Founder and Director of Kumpel Pet Accessories, a start-up based in Cape Town adopting a conscious business approach. Kumpel's business ethos was significantly shaped by Mélanie's previous work experience as a communications specialist and technical advisor for community development programmes, working for a wide range of international organisations and governments across the African continent and beyond. In addition, Mélanie has a private sector background in Corporate Communications and Public Relations. She was born and raised in Switzerland and holds a BSc in Business Communications from the University of Applied Sciences for Business Administration HWZ in Switzerland, a BA in International Relations from the University of British Columbia in Canada, and an MA in Communications for Development from Malmö University in Sweden. Mélanie lives in Noordhoek with her husband, two sons and three canine fur-children who are all rescue dogs. She loves the outdoors and has been passionate about animals and their wellbeing since her early childhood.



Susan Mc Cready
Treasurer

Susan Mc Cready is a Chartered Accountant (SA) and brings an accounting skills oversight to the team. She practices independently from her home in Clovelly in the tax field with the aid of two enthusiastic furry assistants, namely her dog, Amber and a small black cat, Starling.

Susan is a born and bred Capetonian. She qualified as a Bachelor of Science from the University of Cape Town in 1992, but in 2000, pursued a conversion course to Accountancy. She completed her articles at Fisher Hoffman PKF. After a decision to specialise in tax, Susan joined the KPMG Cape Town Tax department where she enjoyed a

valuable ten years being educated in all things tax, after which she took the plunge to go independent. Nowadays Susan works in the individuals' tax space and is the primary tax service provider to clients of Chalford Wealth Investment Management in Fish Hoek.

Although highly dedicated to assisting many individuals to comply with their income tax obligations, Susan enjoys beach and mountain walks with her dogs and friends.

On the ground

We have no salaried staff. All our work is voluntary.



Anél Wesson
Director & Co-Founder

Anél Wesson is the Director and Co-Founder of AfriPaw. She qualified as a Public Relations Practitioner at Cape Peninsula University of Technology in 1995 and completed the practical component of her studies at the Cancer Association of South Africa, focusing on education and fundraising. She worked in Public Relations for various local organisations before moving to the UK in 1999, where she specialised in Event Management at PricewaterhouseCoopers. Since moving back to South Africa in 2007, Anél free-lanced for a number of NGO's in Cape Town before joining REAP (Rural Education Access Programme) as Communications Manager in 2011 on a part-time basis. Anél is passionate about animals and is also a keen medium-distance road runner. She lives in Fish Hoek with her husband and 4 fur-kids.



Felicity Gxaba
AfriPaw Ambassador

Felicity Gxaba is AfriPaw's much loved and respected "go-to" person in Vrygond. She is from the Eastern Cape but owns her own property in Vrygrond Avenue, which is the main access road into Vrygrond, making her location ideal. Felicity is passionate about animals and has been instrumental in helping AfriPaw gain the trust of the community and establish ourselves as a reputable and accepted animal welfare

organisation amongst the residents. Felicity is a part-time domestic worker and is also actively involved in her church. In her free time, she sells pet food at greatly reduced prices to the community of Vrygrond, signs up sterilisations and plays a very important part of our regular spay days and outreach programmes. Felicity has four children, one granddaughter and four fur-kids..



Volunteers

Both Spay Days and Pet Clinics are conducted with the help of a dedicated group of volunteers, many of whom are local residents of Vrygrond. This has helped us to build capacity directly in the community.

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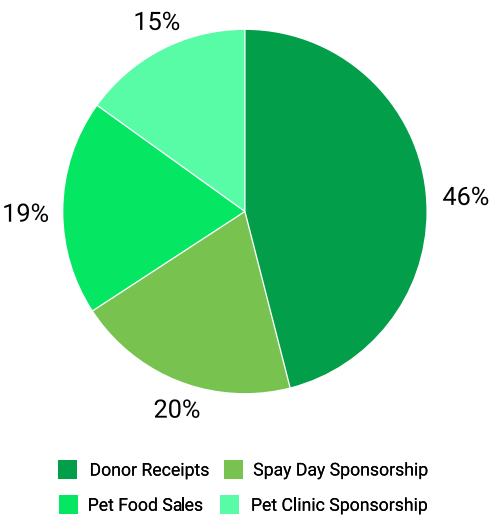
Summary Financial Report

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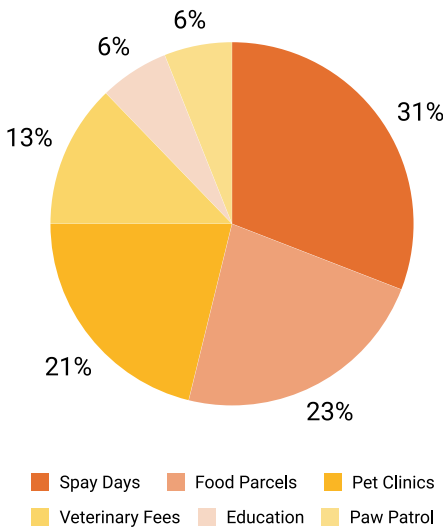
Our Annual Financial Statements have been audited and prepared by:
George W Cloete - Chartered Accountants (S.A.)

Figures in Rand	2020	2019
INCOME	365,942	422,879
Donor Receipts & Funds Raised through Events & Draws	171,024	200,630
Pet Clinic Sponsorship	50,488	38,562
Spay Day Sponsorship	73,680	141,689
Pet Food Sales	70,750	41,998
EXPENSES	390,178	397,573
Programme		
Education	24,536	44,749
Food Parcels	89,449	55,786
Paw Patrol	23,575	45,587
Pet Clinics	81,505	61,138
Spay Days	120,148	142,191
Veterinary Fees	50,965	48,122
SURPLUS	(24,236)	25,306

The Source Of Our Funds



The Utilisation Of Our Funds



1. We received R73 680 for Spay Day Sponsorship in 2019/20 but spent R120 148 (R46 468 more). Our opening balance on 1 March 2019 was R45 000, all of which was donations received in the previous financial year during our Fundraising Auction event, earmarked for Spay Days - so that is how we managed to cover the cost of Spay Days, leaving us with a small over-spend of R1 468 for this programme.

2. We spent a lot less on Education and Paw Patrol in 2019/2020 compared to 2018/2019. There are two reasons for this. Firstly, our focus has been on growing our Pet Clinics, which is reflected in a R20k increase in expenditure. Community Participation has increased dramatically over the past year, reducing the need for door-to-door canvassing, which would normally be done during Paw Patrol. We have been focussing our efforts on streamlining Pet Clinics and improving our services in order to meet the increased demand. Pet Clinics have become one of our main education platforms because we educate through demonstrating primary pet care and encouraging further and more regular community participation. Secondly, our income in 2019/2020 was less than in 2018/2019. This is mostly because we had a big inaugural fundraising auction in the 2018/2019 financial year, which boosted our income and provided funding for start-up activities for 2 years. More fundraising events are planned for 2020 /21 but we needed to adjust expenditure on certain programmes in 2019/2020 in line with income generated for the financial year.

Corporate Governance

The AfriPaw Board had two face-to-face meetings in 2019/2020, with numerous sub-committee meetings taking place throughout the year to plan and execute specific projects. Furthermore, the Board makes use of technology for various ad hoc consultations and discussions as and when the need arises. The Board consists of five members and is responsible for policy and overall governance, with the day-to-day management delegated to the Director. All our work is voluntary. We have no salaried staff. The only compensation given is in the form of a stipend paid to local Vrygrond volunteers who assist us at our monthly Pet Clinics and / or Spay Days. We view this as a form of job creation, although the fees paid are so small and so irregular, that it cannot really be seen as “job creation” but rather as a small monetary contribution to demonstrate our gratitude for their assistance. Our local ambassador, Felicity Gxaba, makes a modest profit on our subsidised pet food sales, as compensation for co-ordinating and managing stock and sales from her home in Vrygrond.

The Board endorses the principles in the Voluntary Independent Code of Good Governance and Values for Non-Profit organisations in South Africa. The Board abides by the principles of transparency, integrity and accountability. As a non-profit company (NPC), AfriPaw is accountable to Companies House and the South African Revenue Services (SARS) and as a non-profit organisation (NPO) AfriPaw is accountable to the Department of Social Development.

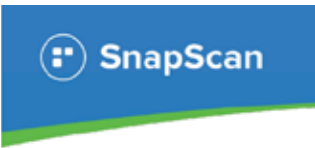
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- Dogmatters
- Dancers Love Dogs
- CapriCorn Primary School
- Cape Point Vineyards, who provide a platform to AfriPaw at their Thursday evening markets
- Creature Comforts
- Virbac
- Private Donors

Industry Partners

- The Cape of Good Hope SPCA
- The Emma Animal Rescue Society (TEARS)
- Aid for Animals in Distress (Aid4Aid)
- Animals Have Rights 2
- Fourways Veterinary Clinic
- False Bay Veterinary Clinic
- Noordhoek Veterinary Clinic
- Steenberg Veterinary Clinic
- Ou Kaapse Veterinary Clinic
- Envirovet CVC
- Feeding Hungry Animals Today (FHAT)
- Animal Welfare Society in Philippi
- Doggy Style Grooming, Boarding and Doggy Daycare in Noordhoek
- The Dog's Whiskers Grooming Parlour
- Best Friends Grooming Parlour in Kommetjie
- Eugene's Pet Parlour in Marina da Gama
- Pit Pals
- Tin Can Town
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