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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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Message from the Chair



Cecilia Fraser

AfriPaw has completed another incredible year. The tireless work by our budding team of Ambassadors and Volunteers, under the leadership of our Director, is immensely encouraging. I sense that operations have started to gain traction and one only needs to look at the statistics to appreciate the positive outcomes.

The ever growing and increasing number of pet sterilisations, pet clinic attendees and pet food distribution is testament to the tangible and measurable success of the AfriPaw programmes. The vision to educate pet owners and offer practical solutions to providing pet care is being carried out with great enthusiasm and commitment by the entire team. The response from the community never ceases to amaze me.

We endeavour to continue promoting and improving links with our various partners and with the City of Cape Town. We would like to thank Councillor Mandy Marr for her enthusiasm and involvement with AfriPaw during Pet Clinic days and behind the scenes with the community of Vrygrond and surrounds.

I would also like to record my heartfelt thanks to our strategic industry partners, TEARS Animal Rescue and Animal Lifeline, who add huge value and expertise to our services and to our Programme Partners, The Marchig Trust, the Edgard & Cooper Foundation and The Stretch Foundation for their ongoing financial support. Thank you to our Product Partner, Boehringer Ingelheim, who generously sponsor Nexgard, Frontline and Broadline which not only drastically improves the health and wellbeing of hundreds of township pets each year, it also demonstrates to pet owners that a

little effort from their side results in healthy and happy pets, which encourages further participation in our Pet Clinics and other programmes.

We trust that the positive results reflected are encouraging to our readers and especially our donors. Our aim is to secure more regular funding to sustain and develop our AfriPaw Programmes, with a medium-term vision of replicating our unique model. We believe in and strive for continued collaboration, education and upliftment of the community of Vrygrond and surrounds, with the goal of building a happy community with happy pets.

Thank you for taking time out to share in our journey.

Cecilia Fraser
Chair



Letter from our Honorary Patron

AfriPaw wishes to thank our Honorary Patron, Dr Shirley Zinn for endorsing our organisation and for all her support this past year and we are pleased to share the following message with you:

Dear AfriPaw Supporter

I have been serving as the Honorary Patron of AfriPaw for three years now and during this time I have seen it develop and grow from a grassroots organisation to a community-based force that is here to stay. I send this message with enormous appreciation towards our Vrygrond community members, volunteers, supporters, donors, strategic industry partners and the AfriPaw Board of Directors, for exceeding expectations in the delivery of our mission.

The footprint of AfriPaw has grown, both in terms of area and depth, resulting in many more pets being reached for sterilisation and primary care, whilst pet owners are being educated about the needs of their pets and how to provide it, as well as understanding more about the early warning signs of disease and how to combat this. The approach is preventative by nature and therefore it is no surprise that we are starting to see tangible results and shifts in attitudes and understanding.

As mentioned previously, I grew up very close to Vrygrond, reputedly the oldest informal settlement in the Western Cape. AfriPaw continues to be a shining light in this impoverished landscape, where unemployment and lack of resources are arguably worse than ever before, yet, even in the most difficult socio-economic circumstances, the resilience of the local people is astounding.

The power of hope must never be under-estimated. Through the collective commitment and passion of the entire AfriPaw team, they are bringing practical and achievable solutions to pet owners in under-resourced areas, which naturally translates into a general feeling of optimism for all. Community participation is ever-increasing, which is proof certain that the methods of AfriPaw are highly effective.

As you read this Annual Report, it is clear that AfriPaw is indeed an efficiently run, values-based organisation, where good governance prevails. Congratulations to the AfriPaw team for sterling work and exceptional progress this year.

I wish you the very best in the year ahead.

Dr Shirley Zinn



Dr Shirley Zinn is the former Group Head of Human Resources at Woolworths Holdings Limited. Prior to this, she was the Head of Human Resources for Standard Bank and Deputy Global Head of Human Resources for the Standard Bank Group. She also registered her own company, Shirley Zinn Consulting, which provides consulting and advisory services in HR, Transformation, Leadership and Education.

Shirley hails from the Cape Flats in Cape Town, and started her career as a secondary school teacher of English, then moved to the University of the Western Cape where she lectured in Teacher Education.

She currently serves as an Independent Non-Executive Director on several JSE listed Boards (Sanlam, MTN-SA, Spur Corporation, Spar Group). She is also the current Chair of the V&A Waterfront in Cape Town, and most recently Chair of WESGRO.

In 2016, she published her autobiography entitled "Swimming Upstream" which focuses on her personal and professional journey. She holds a BA (University of the Western Cape); Higher Diploma in Education (University of the Western Cape); B.Ed Honours (UNISA); M.Ed (University of the Western Cape); Ed.M (Harvard), and Doctorate in Education (Ed.D) (Harvard).

She has been awarded several Top Women in Business and Government awards. She also completed her ninth Two Oceans Half Marathon in March 2018.

Director's Report



Anél Wesson

AfriPaw celebrated its sixth birthday this year and I'm pleased to report that we are growing from strength to strength. Whilst our programmes continue to impact the communities in which we work, our main aim is to bring about systemic change through education and community participation. We are grateful for past achievements and excited about the future.

As we reflect on the past year, there are four accomplishments that I would like to highlight:

1. Our sterilisations during this past year has more than doubled, from 341 during 2021/22 to 752 during 2022/23. These numbers evidently demonstrate, not only the huge need out there, but also the willingness of the community to sterilise their pets. Since AfriPaw brings this free service right to their door, it is clear that we are making an impact. Our sterilisation drives keep gaining rhythm, momentum and traction. We aim to sterilise over one thousand pets during the 2023/24 reporting period.
2. We have doubled our number of Vrygrond Ambassadors, from three to six. This means that we have an even better presence in the community and more eyes and ears on the ground. Read more about our Ambassadors on pages 16 and 17.
3. Our monthly Pet Clinics remain a well-known and well-attended feature on the Vrygrond calendar and we are delighted that participation keeps increasing. Pet Clinics are a powerful educational platform where we demonstrate pet care through parasite control, grooming and brushing, providing pet food as incentives and teaching pet owners about the benefits of sterilisation and vaccination. It is also an effective vehicle to facilitate the care of sick and injured animals. All of these combined activities are a source of great hope, which is an influential force in improving the well-being of both people and pets.
4. Our collaboration with TEARS Animal Rescue has grown into a powerful partnership, with each organisation bringing different strengths to the table. AfriPaw Ambassadors and Volunteers are the foot-soldiers who connect with the community and focus on sterilisation

sign-ups and the logistics leading up to each Spay Day, serve at the monthly Pet Clinics, act as the port of call to report sick or injured animals and sell subsidised pet food in smaller, affordable quantities whilst TEARS Animal Rescue provides critical veterinary care, runs the hospital section during monthly Pet Clinics, performs sterilisations and provides their mobile service to respond to call-outs. We are extremely grateful for this partnership and we are excited to see it strengthen and grow.

Our motto, **"Together for Happy Pets"** has resulted in many meaningful partnerships and collaborations, aiding us to reach 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 medical care, food and shelter.

We celebrate the following highlights in numbers for our reporting period March 2022 to February 2023:

752 Pets were sterilised
6505 Pets attended our monthly pet clinics
12 731 Bags of subsidised pet food were sold
68 Kennels were provided to sterilised pets
318 Pets received critical veterinary care
90 Active volunteers are now part of our team
3029 Animal-lovers follow us on Facebook
1708 Animal-lovers follow us on Instagram
68 people are active MyPlanet Supporters

My heartfelt thanks go to all our funders, industry partners, supporters and volunteers. Without you, our work would not be possible. Thank you to our local AfriPaw Ambassadors, Rahab Letsoalo, Bernadette Jacobs, Florence Jacobs, Hajiera Chowglay, Denise Lewis and Gillian Plaatjies, who continue to be our eyes and ears and our resident presence in the community of Vrygrond, Overcome Heights, Seawinds, Hillview, Montagu Village, Lavendar Hill and beyond.

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.

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

Programme ONE – Mass Sterilisation



Our focus remains on mass sterilisation and thanks to the number of Ambassadors doubling during the past year, our capacity has significantly increased, resulting in 752 (more than double the number of the previous year) sterilisations in 2022/23. Spay Days serve as a great tool to educate, demonstrate pet care, and form relationships with the community. The bylaw, passed by the City of Cape Town, where it is now mandatory to sterilise all pets that are six months or older, unless a permit is obtained, is a great move towards animal population control, which will significantly reduce neglect and in the long run, hopefully ease the burden of many animal welfare organisations. We are still working out how to best enforce this law without alienating pet owners and unravelling the trust that has taken years to build, but through clear and clever communication, backed by incentives, we are already seeing a shift in understanding and attitudes.

We would like to thank TEARS Animal Rescue for providing their ambulances to help transport animals from our various pick- up points, to their clinic and back and for making their entire clinic staff complement available to perform the sterilisations free of charge. The partnership works so well, because AfriPaw recruits the sterilisation sign-ups, either at our Pet Clinics, or during door-to-door home visits. We then prepare the registration lists, tags, collars and cat boxes and our Ambassadors visit each home a few days before the scheduled sterilisation, to prepare and brief owners regarding logistics. On the morning of the scheduled Spay Day, both AfriPaw and TEARS vehicles meet at central pick-up points to collect



and transport all the animals to the TEARS clinic. Spay Days require a lot of planning and preparation in order to ensure a smooth and successful day and therefore this team effort enables us to sterilise an average of over 35-40 pets per Spay Day.

We firmly believe in the power of collaboration and these statistics prove that we are stronger and more efficient when we work together.

Sterilisations		
DATE	DOGS	CATS
Individuals on various dates	22	6
10 March 2022	29	
31 March 2022	18	25
28 April 2022	29	7
19 May 2022	22	18
23 June 2022		35
30 June 2022	40	
28 July 2022	41	
04 August 2022	14	28
25 August 2022	39	
15 September 2022	3	41
29 September 2022	44	
20 October 2022	34	
10 November 2022		33
01 December 2022	31	
08 December 2022		32
19 January 2023	41	
03 February 2023	34	
09 February 2023	1	49
23 February 2023	36	
Sub-Totals	478	274
TOTAL	752	



Programme TWO – Monthly Pet Clinics



Our monthly Pet Clinics, co-hosted by TEARS Animal Rescue and in partnership with Animal Lifeline, continues to be a highlight, because we know that we make a big difference on these days. Not only do we administer parasite control to an average of 550 pets per month, but with the help of TEARS Animal Rescue, we also identify and treat sick and injured animals. Furthermore, Pet Clinics are a great platform to encourage sterilisation sign-ups, to build relationships with pet owners and to have important one-on-one educational discussions. Vaccinations are also made available to sterilised pets.

We are particularly grateful that the attendance of cats has significantly increased. This is attributed to the commitment of the Animal Lifeline team, who runs the cat station with great enthusiasm and passion, often topping up our medical products and food from their

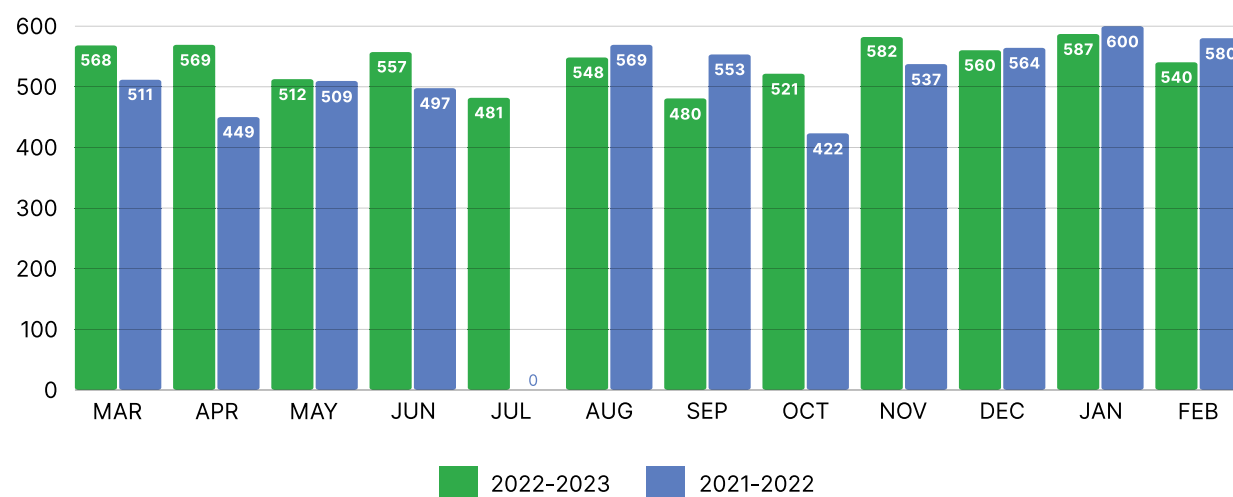
own funds or donations. Whilst our overall attendance of Pet Clinics is certainly growing, there are factors that influence and cause fluctuation. Some people are too old and weak to walk their dogs to the school, where the Pet Clinics take place. Others battle to control their strong dogs. Yet others are afraid of their dogs being attacked on the way to the Pet Clinics. Some people's dogs refuse to walk, as they are not used to leaving the property. Availability of pet food donations that enable us to prepare parcels as incentives for all those that attend, adversely affect attendance if not available. Poor weather affects attendance of Pet Clinics, as people are less likely to come out in the rain and cold, forfeiting essential primary healthcare for their pets. We are mindful of these challenges and continue to investigate possible interventions to combat these barriers.

Thanks to the incredibly generous support of our Programme Partners, The Edgard and Cooper Foundation, the Marchig Trust and The Stretch Foundation, and our Product Sponsor, Boehringer Ingelheim, who donate Nexgard parasite control for dogs, Broadline for cats and Frontline spray on a monthly basis, we are able to provide care for a large number of animals every month. With this support our Pet Clinics have improved the quality of life of hundreds of pets. We also want to record our heartfelt thanks to Capricorn Primary School, for giving us access to their school grounds and allowing us to use their sports field to run our monthly Pet Clinics.

Issuing of Pet Clinic Cards, which are earned by the owners of sterilised pets who attend on a regular

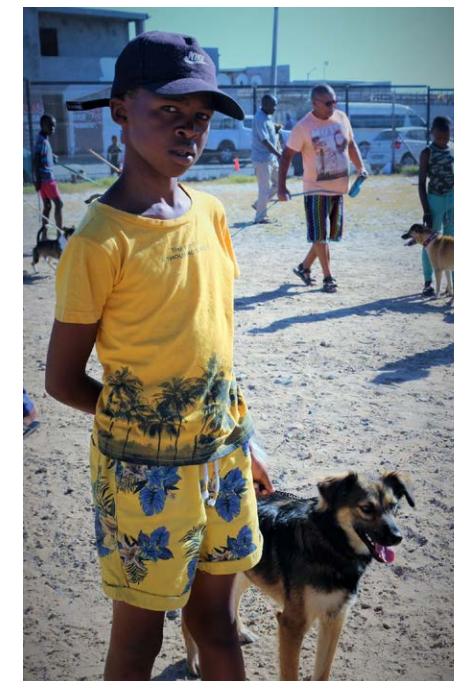
The graph below shows an overall trend of steady community participation, which is a source of great encouragement.

Pets treated at our Monthly Pet Clinics



Note: Due to Covid-19 restrictions that flared up again during 2022 we had to suspend our July Pet Clinic.

basis, continue to be a very successful initiative. We keep meticulous records of all pets that pass through the gates during Pet Clinics, allowing us to analyse attendance patterns and reward those who demonstrate responsible pet ownership. Pet Clinic Card holders enjoy several benefits, including being fast-tracked during Pet Clinics, so that they don't have to stand in long queues, receiving larger or more bags of free food than non-cardholders when we have donated stock, coming into consideration for a Mandela Day Kennel and most importantly, qualifying for a form of pet insurance, because, should their sterilised pet become ill or is injured, AfriPaw covers the veterinary bill. We have been pleasantly surprised by the way in which card holders treasure this public acknowledgement of accountable pet ownership, look after their cards, and proudly present it to us at the registration desks. When it comes to changing understanding, habits and behaviour, it is a long and slow process, but it is most certainly the most logical approach, because the alternative is continuous removal or neglected pets, which are very often almost immediately replaced by the uniformed owner, effecting no positive outcome in the long-run.



Programme THREE - Paw Patrol

Increased community participation in our Pet Clinics and Spay Days has reduced the immediate need for Paw Patrol. Thanks to an increase in our number of resident AfriPaw Ambassadors, we now have a permanent presence in Vrygrond, which has also extended to Overcome Heights, Seawinds, Hillview, Lavendar Hill and Montagu Village. Since we are now far more established in the community, the need for door-to-door visits has become less, favouring time and effort spent on Mass Sterilisation and Pet Clinics. However, Paw Patrol has great potential and the expansion of this programme depends on income and capacity.

Programme FOUR - Food Sales

The selling of pet food through our community-based AfriPaw representatives has expanded. We source pet food at a charity rate, which is then packaged into smaller bags and sold in Vrygrond, Overcome Heights and Seawinds. With this model we not only make pet food more accessible and affordable, but also ensure sustainability and create part-time jobs within the community. The AfriPaw representatives make a modest profit on these food sales, with the community benefitting from the largest percentage of the subsidised price.

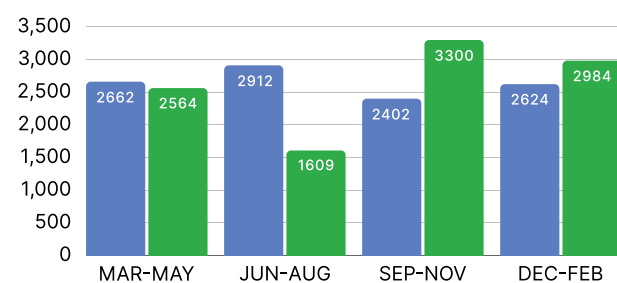
As part of our rewards programme, we hand out free food parcels at Pet Clinics as often as possible. This encourages pet owners to attend and it eases their financial burdens to a degree. We rely on donations in order to provide enough food parcels for everyone. Thanks to generous donations of pet food by TEARS Animal Rescue as well as Barking Dog Distributors and EnerPets, we were able to hand out food parcels at several of our Pet Clinics this past year. We would like to expand this by establishing free pet food as a fixed component of our Pet Clinics so we are actively seeking a pet food company who will partner with us.



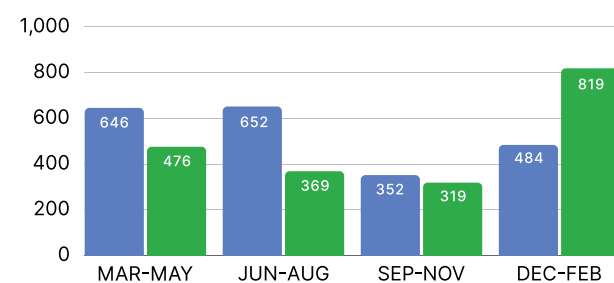
As much as we like to assist wherever we can, we also believe the pet owners should take some level of responsibility for their pets, by budgeting and buying affordable food in small quantities, so we believe that our two-fold approach of free parcels during Pet Clinics as well as subsidised food at the community outlets provides a sensible balance.

The graphs below show the comparative breakdown of food sales for the past two years. Twelve thousand seven hundred and thirty one bags of pet food were sold in 2022/23 compared to twelve thousand three hundred and forty bags in 2021/22. Sales were only marginally more (an increase of 3%) than in the previous reporting period. This could be attributed to two factors. Firstly, the dip in sales during the third and fourth quarters could be due to economic downturn and a general increase in petrol and food prices, leaving very little household funds for pets, who are unfortunately at the bottom of the food chain. Secondly, we increased quantities and prices per bag in the third quarter, which would naturally lead to less bags being sold, as dog food contained 20% more food per bag and cat food 40% more per bag.

R20 Bags of Dog Food Sold



R30 Bags of Cat Food Sold



2022-2023

2021-2022

Other Activities – Education



Education is the foundation of all our programmes. One-on-one counselling of pet owners is an essential part of all our activities. We use incentives such as free food, free kennels and free veterinary care as leverage to influence responsible pet care.

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 for intervention or provision. That is why our work is so important. We bring hope by providing practical and do-able solutions.

Seven of the biggest barriers to pet care in low-income communities and informal settlements in South Africa are 1) lack of finances, 2) lack of transport to reach veterinary services, 3) lack of education, 4) questionable reasons for having pets, 5) cultures beliefs and false perceptions, 6) unhygienic living conditions and finally, 7) de-sensitisation and hopelessness caused by tremendous social challenges. We aim to remove all these barriers by means of relationship building, education and facilitation.

A natural outflow of all our programmes and activities is that we come into contact with pets that need veterinary care. This ranges from treating hot spots and mange, tick bite fever, kennel cough, cleaning and stitching of wounds to specialist surgery. 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 have been able to outsource surgery and the treatment of sick, injured and diseased pets to TEARS Animal Rescue. Our partnership with TEARS has made it possible for us to assist many more pets than in previous years, as is evident from the statistics. We provided veterinary care for 318 pets (290 dogs and 28 cats) between 1 March 2022 and 28 February 2023 (compared to 287 pets the previous year). This excludes pets that were brought to our pet clinics and could be treated in the field by our volunteer vets.

We have spent a considerable amount of time and effort to train our local Vrygrond volunteers about diseases, signs to look out for and more importantly, to take immediate action and not ignore or overlook animals that are in distress. This has led to a dramatic increase in sick or injured animals being reported to us through our AfriPaw Ambassadors. Free veterinary care is another educational incentive we use to encourage pet owners to sterilise their pets and bring them to our pet clinics. Those pet owners who attend frequently earn a Pet Clinic Card, which has several benefits attached to it, including a form of medical insurance.

This has brought tremendous hope to pet owners in Vrygrond and surrounds. They are starting to realise that there is a solution and that their lack of transport, lack of finances and lack of other resources do not need to stop them from helping their pets. This has of course puts a lot of strain on our veterinary budget, but it has taught pet owners a lot about the causes of diseases such as mange and tick bite fever, ehrlichia, parvo, distemper and how they can prevent it through regular Pet Clinic attendance, where pest control is administered, as well as through sterilisation and vaccinations. It has also taught them to act immediately in the case of lack of appetite, diarrhoea, severe itchiness or serious injuries. Whilst AfriPaw is currently carrying the veterinary cost, we keep meticulous records and a close eye on pet owners and do follow-up visits to ensure that measures are put in place to prevent repeated illness or injury. In serious cases, where pets repeatedly get sick or injured, we have removed pets with the written consent of the owners, but we do not take this approach as a general rule, because it does not address the root cause of neglect. We always try our best to come alongside owners, build relationships and help the pets where they are, before we consider alternatives.

Other Activities - Veterinary Care



Highlights in Pictures



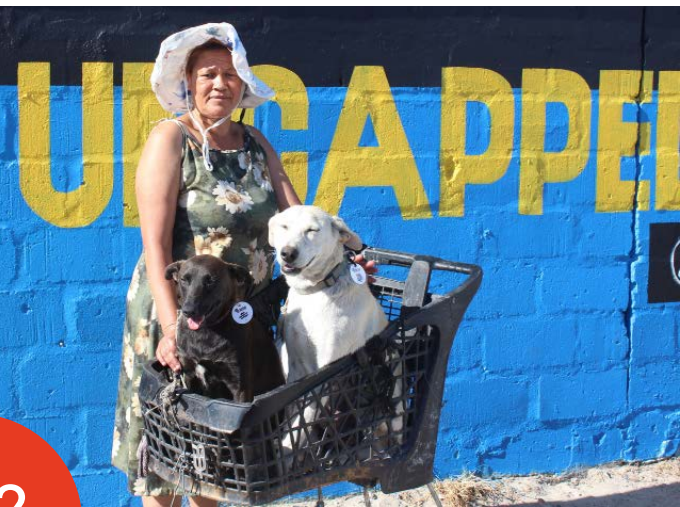
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318
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for Critical
Veterinary Care



90
Active
Volunteers



Mandela Day Kennel Drive

For the third year in a row, we exceeded our target of providing 67 kennels and kennel mattresses to sterilised pets. As with all our activities, free kennels are used as an incentive to reward responsible behaviour, so our top Pet Clinic attendees were the ones who benefitted. The distribution of the kennels in the community is very visible and generates a lot of questions, giving us the opportunity to further educate and shape desired behaviour and responsible pet care.

We distributed our Mandela Day kennels in six rounds. It is a yearly highlight to visit homes where pets are treasured and well cared for and to see the smiles on pet owners' faces as their well-deserved kennels arrive, knowing that they will look after the kennels, which were earned on merit. This programme relies on the generosity of the public. We could not have done this without you! Special thanks goes to AfriPaw supporter, Marinda de Waal, who personally donated more than half the kennels this year!



Our Team

Board of Directors

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



Cecilia Fraser **Chair**

Cecilia 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, mostly rescues, is continually growing. 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 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 Booyssens in Johannesburg for two years before moving to Cape Town and joining the SPCA in Grassy Park, where he worked for six 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 four fur-kids –two Pitbulls called Amber and Cooper, an AfriPaw rescue dog called Lunga and a cat called Nube.



Mélanie Hrabar

Mélanie 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 Plettenberg Bay with her husband, two sons and four 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.



Linda Botes **Treasurer**

Linda is an experienced and detail-orientated Assistant/Bookkeeper and has been working for SA Financial Accountants for the last thirteen years. She was born and raised in Benoni, Gauteng and joined The Standard Bank Group as a Credit Manager from 1986 until 2007. For three years thereafter she assisted her late husband in his business, handling financial and administrative duties.

In April 2010, she joined SA Financial Accountants where she is still employed. Linda moved to Cape Town in 2021 and loves hiking and travelling. She is passionate about the wellbeing of animals and enjoys being part of AfriPaw. She lives in Fish Hoek with her fur-kid, Sandi.

On the Ground

The majority of our work is voluntary. Ambassadors earn stipends for their services during Pet Clinics and Spay Days. We recently appointed a part-time Programme Co-Ordinator who earns a modest salary. All other work is voluntary.



Anél Wesson **Director and Co-Founder**

Anél 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. After 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, where she is still employed. Anél is passionate about animals and is also a keen medium-distance road runner. She lives in Fish Hoek with her husband and three fur-kids.



Nicky Lampbrecht **Programme Co-Ordinator**

Nicky was born and raised in Zimbabwe. She travelled extensively and worked in sales and marketing in the Health and Travel industry until her mid-thirties, when she settled in Cape Town, completed a personal training certification at Sports Science Centre and a Pilates certification with Stott International and opened a studio at home which she ran for six years. During this time, she also did book keeping for Fourways Veterinary Clinic and walked stray dogs that were handed in and stayed at the practice. In 2005 she opened Green Beans Café Deli and Bakery, a health restaurant in Westlake, followed by Zest, in Observatory a few years later which was subsequently sold, just before Covid. Green Beans closed in 2021 - a casualty of Covid. In September 2022 she took over the Cattery at Fourways Veterinary Clinic. Nicky started as a volunteer with AfriPaw three years ago and in 2023 she was appointed as part-time Programme Co-ordinator and runs the Sterilisation and Pet Food Sales Programmes. She has three dogs and a kitty which make her house a home. Nicky loves the outdoors and walks on the mountain with her dogs every day.

AfriPaw's Ambassadors

We are especially proud of our resident AfriPaw Ambassadors, who are a permanent presence in the community and a very important extension of our programmes. We are thrilled to report that our ambassadors have expanded to a team of six over the past year.



Rahab Letsoalo
Overcome Heights
Ambassador

Rahab Letsoalo is our ambassador in Overcome Heights. She was born and raised in Limpopo and moved to Cape Town in 2005. She knows Overcome Heights like the back of her hand and it is no wonder because she has lived here since 2006. Rahab has two children and two dogs called Snoopy and Snuggle. Rahab believes that a pet is a family member and needs a warm home where they are loved. She is well connected with the community, whom she loves dearly. Rahab has been instrumental in helping us expand our reach. She is extremely resourceful and it is no co-incidence that her name means "spacious".



Bernadette Jacobs
Seawinds
Ambassador

Bernadette Jacobs is our ambassador in Seawinds. She has lived there for 36 years and has become instrumental in helping us gain the trust of pet owners in her community. Bernadette was born in Sea Point and moved to Bonteheuvel before settling in Seawinds. She worked as an Operator for Tedelex, Rex Trueform and Sonchem, which is now Denel. Bernadette has two daughters, one son and five grandchildren. She loves cycling and is often seen on her bicycle in and around Vrygrond and Seawinds. Bernadette is the voice for animals in her community and is passionate about educating children, the youth and adults about pet care. She adores her animals and has four dogs, who keep her on her toes. Bernadette is a born-again Christian.



Florence Jacobs
Vrygrond
Ambassador

Florence is our ambassador in Vrygrond. She was born in Vrygrond and has lived there for forty-seven years. Florence worked in the community as an Early Childhood Teacher for seventeen years before opening her own Early Childhood Development Centre, which she runs from home. She is a proud mother of three and has two dogs and a cat, who are part of the family. Florence is an integral member of our team, who understands the community in which we work.



Hajiera Chowglay
Hillview
Ambassador

Hajiera is our ambassador in Hillview. She has lived there for 22 years and is the go-to person for any pet-related issues in her area. No task is too difficult for Hajiera and she goes out of her way to help and serve. She loves cycling and running but has been limited to pursue this since Covid-19.

Hajiera has three dogs and a cat and often fosters dogs and cats looking for homes. She adores her animals and will never walk away from an injured or hungry animal. Hajiera has three children and five grandchildren and is a born-again Christian.



Denise Lewis
Seawinds and
Vrygrond
Ambassador

Denise is our ambassador in Seawinds and Vrygrond. Her work, especially leading up to and during Spay Days, has been a vital contributor to our success. Denise assists with the preparation of dog and cat collars and tags and works long hours, from 7am in the morning, until the last pet has been safely returned home on Spay Days. She is reliable, meticulous and very hard working. She does everything to the best of her ability and loves to serve. Denise has two dogs and considers it a privilege and honour to be part of the team, as is evident in her commitment to the wellbeing of the pets in her area.



Gillian Plaatjies
Vrygrond
Ambassador

Gillian Plaatjies is our ambassador in Vrygrond and has loved animals from a young age. She came to our attention when she earned Pet Clinic Cards and kennels for all her pets. We were struck by her happy home environment when we delivered her kennels and we were even more impressed when we returned some months later and found all her kennels well taken care of and still in perfect condition. Gillian always has a smile on her face and often opens her home to the other ambassadors for the purpose of re-packaging donated food into smaller parcels in preparation for Pet Clinics. Gillian has two children, four dogs and two cats, whom she adores.

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.

Our Partners

We would like to acknowledge and thank our funders, as well as our partner organisations, who often provide support and advice.

Our Funders

- The Edgard & Cooper Foundation
- The Marchig Trust
- The National Lotteries Commission
- The Stretch Foundation
- Boehringer Ingelheim
- Capricorn Primary School
- Dancers Love Dogs
- The Cape Animal Welfare Forum
- The City of Cape Town
- Virbac
- Private Donors

Our Industry Partners

- TEARS Animal Rescue
- The Cape of Good Hope SPCA
- Aid for Animals in Distress (Aid4Aid)
- Animals Have Rights 2
- Animal Lifeline
- Barking Dog Distributors Pty Ltd
- EnerPets Pty Ltd
- Fourways Veterinary Clinic
- Envirovet CVC
- Best Friends Grooming Parlour in Kommetjie
- Adora-bull Terrier Rescue and Rehabilitation
- Pit Pals
- Pure Rehabilitation
- Tin Can Town
- VPaw





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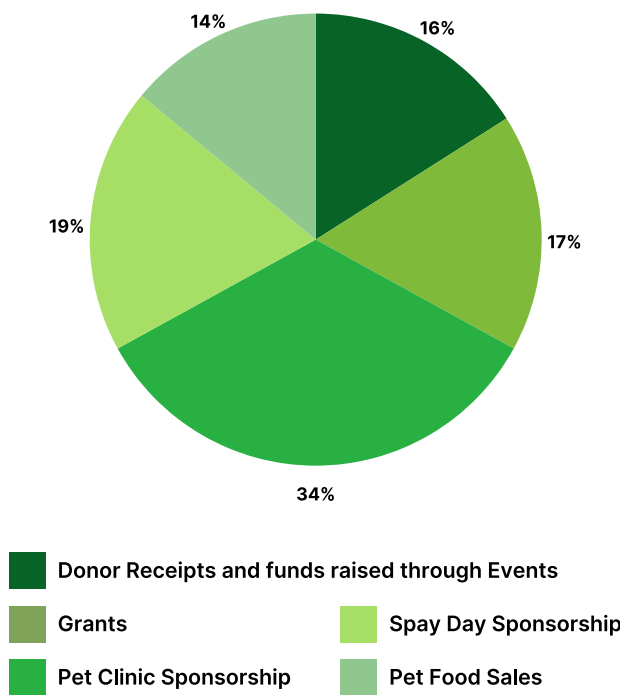
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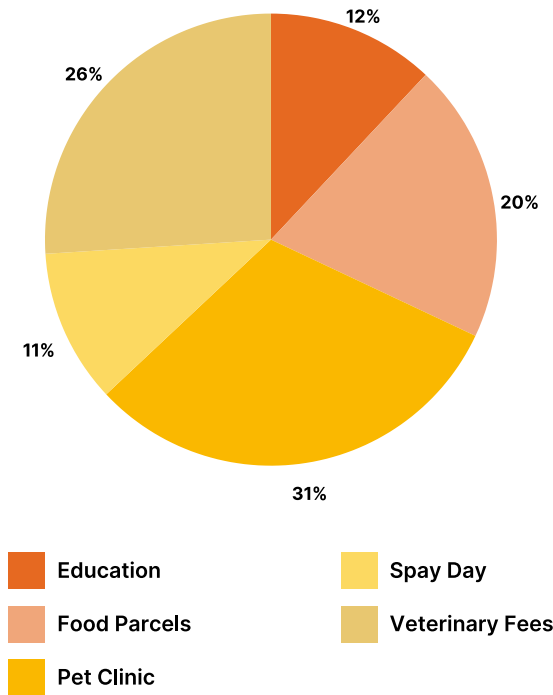
Our Annual Financial Statements have been audited and prepared by: George W Cloete - Chartered Accountants (S.A.)

FIGURES IN RAND	2023	2022
INCOME	801,349	580,391
Donor Receipts and Special Projects	127,653	347,290
National Lotteries Commission	-	86,000
Pet Clinic Sponsorship	275,000	68,701
Spay Day Sponsorship	150,000	-
Pet Food Sales	108,929	78,400
Other Grants	139,767	-
EXPENSES	797,147	573,189
Programme		
Education	96,120	78,044
Food Parcels	158,599	139,169
Paw Patrol	-	19,010
Pet Clinics	244,799	137,409
Spay Days	91,108	51,249
Veterinary Fees & Medication	206,521	148,308
PROFIT	4,202	7,202

The Source of Funds



The Utilisation of Funds



Finance Notes

1. Fluctuation of Donor Receipts and funds raised through events is based on how many fundraising events we manage to plan and execute within the year. For example, our funds were boosted in 2021/22 when we hosted an AfriPaw Half Marathon. Due to the expansion of our Pet Clinics and Sterilisation Drives in 2022/23, we did not have the human resources available to host another event, which explains the dip in income generated under this particular category. However, we plan to repeat this event in 2023/24 and build momentum by making it an annual event.
2. Thanks to the generous financial support from the Edgard & Cooper Foundation in 2022/23 and the ongoing financial support from the Stretch Foundation, there was a marked increase in our Pet Clinic funds, which has enabled us to purchase larger quantities of medical products. The R275k Pet Clinic Sponsorship is made up of R120k from the Edgard & Cooper Foundation for Pet Clinic Expansion, R75 000 for Medical Products and Vet fees and R38 000 for the operational component of the Pet Clinics. It also includes R42 000 from The Stretch Foundation.
3. The full R150k for Spay Days was sponsored by the Edgard & Cooper Foundation. Since Covid-19 restrictions in 2020, the way we conduct Mass Sterilisations had to change. Initially we were no longer allowed to use the local school hall for sterilisations, so we did not actively approach sponsors who would normally support us. Thankfully, since restrictions eased to level 4 later in 2020, we collaborated with TEARS Animal Rescue and have since managed to run several successful sterilisation days where we safely transported all the pets from Vrygrond to the TEARS clinic, where the procedures took place, and back again. TEARS have ever since very kindly sponsored all the theatre costs for these sterilisation days, leaving us with only the operational costs, pet food parcels as well as some related veterinary procedures to address sick or injured animals. That is why our Spay Day expenses were not as high as anticipated.
4. Increased community participation in our Pet Clinics and Spay Days has reduced the immediate need for Paw Patrol. Thanks to an increase in our number of resident AfriPaw Ambassadors, we now have a permanent presence in Vrygrond, which has also extended to Overcome Heights, Seawinds, Hillview, Lavendar Hill and Montagu Village. Since we are now far more established in the community, the need for door-to-door visits has become less, favouring time and effort spent on Mass Sterilisation and Pet Clinics. However, Paw Patrol has great potential and the expansion of this programme depends on income and capacity.

5. We managed to secure substantial product sponsorship from Boehringer Ingelheim, which has saved us a large amount on medical products because large quantities of Nexgard, Broadline and Frontline Products for Pet Clinics are donated.

Corporate Governance

The AfriPaw Board had two face-to-face meetings in 2022/2023 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. Most of our work is voluntary. We have only one part-time staff member. The only other compensation given is in the form of a stipend paid to local Vrygrond volunteers who assist us at our monthly Pet Clinics and 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 ambassadors make a modest profit on our subsidised pet food sales, as compensation for co-ordinating and managing stock and sales from their homes.

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.

Systems of financial control and reporting are in place. Our accounts are audited and the financial information has been disclosed in line with the latest international best practice.

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