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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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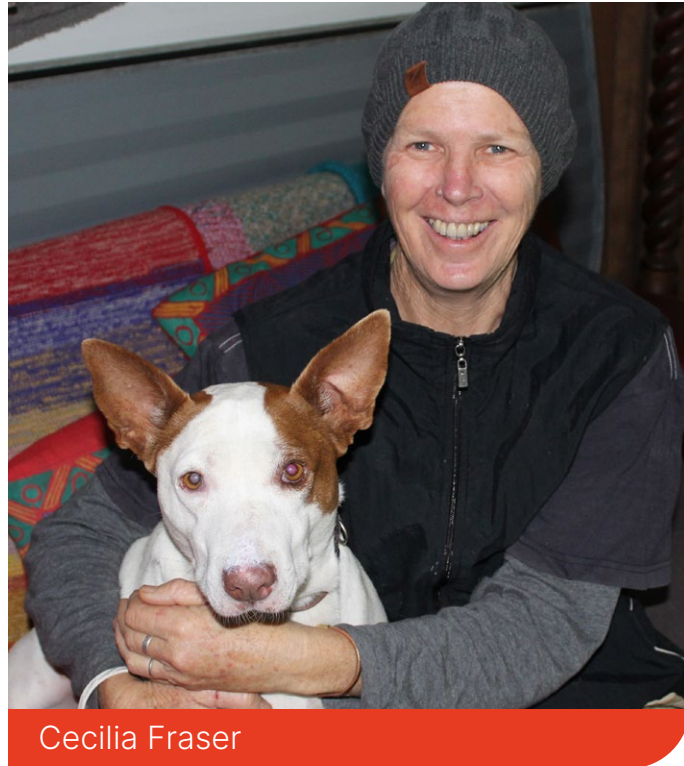
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Message from the Chair



Cecilia Fraser

of pets in under-resourced areas each year, it also demonstrates to pet owners that a little effort from their side results in healthy and happy pets.

We strive for continued collaboration, education and upliftment of the community of Vrygrond and surrounds, with the goal of building a happy community with happy, healthy pets. Thank you for being part of our story.

Cecilia Fraser
Chair



AfriPaw has reached its seventh year of diligent and consistent service, carried out with great enthusiasm and commitment by our growing team. One of our endeavours this year was to increase the impact of our community Ambassadors, who have become more and more part of the fabric of our work and integral to our success. They are the heartbeat of AfriPaw. We celebrate the appointment of three Young Ambassadors, who are influencers amongst their peers, leading by example and promoting and educating their contemporaries about the needs and rights of their pets, as well as the resources available to them.

We have seen steady progress and the results speak for themselves – our sterilisations have increased to 1001 this year and our pet clinics are well established and attended. Thanks to the collaboration with TEARS Animal Rescue, Animal Lifeline and our growing team of volunteers, we continue to see growth.

AfriPaw is continuously looking at new opportunities and ways to improve and streamline our operations, in our venture to creating a sustainable model in the interests of pets and their wellbeing.

I would to extend 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 Edgard & Cooper Foundation, The Marchig Trust and The Stretch Foundation for their ongoing financial support. Thank you to our Product Partner, Boehringer Ingelheim, who generously sponsor parasite control products, which not only drastically improves the health of thousands

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 Friends and Supporters

As we reflect on another fulfilling year of dedicated service to our beloved pets and the communities that care for them, I am filled with enormous gratitude for the incredible progress we have made “together for happy pets”. We have significantly deepened our partnership with the community of Vrygrond and surrounds to educate families on their pets’ primary needs and facilitate access to much needed support services.

Our vision at AfriPaw is to support a community to love and treasure their pets, enable them to provide for their needs, and protect them from suffering and disease. Your unwavering support has been the cornerstone of our success. We witnessed first-hand the transformative power of the human-animal bond, as pets bring joy, companionship and healing, especially to those facing huge adversity and deep socio-economic challenges.

Our organisation’s efficiency and effectiveness, as well as their impact was illustrated by our recent AfriPaw Fundraising Run. The turnout was amazing and the runners’ passion for the cause was tangible. We are extremely grateful to all 370 donors who supported us to achieve this wonderful outcome so that AfriPaw may continue its work. The Harvest Soccer Academy collaboration is another empowering dimension of our support to uplift and inspire, and celebrate young soccer players from under-resourced areas, who danced and sang as our runners pounded to the finish line on Fish Hoek beach. Let’s continue to help each other. There is indeed hope for a better future.

The Fundraising Run exemplifies an organisation that is governed well, runs events with precision and successfully achieves the goals they set. The leadership of AfriPaw upholds solid values and ethos. Because we love what we do, we remain committed to our cause and will continue to improve on what we are doing because of deliberate and integrated interventions. We strive for systemic change through innovation.

I am exceedingly proud of the partnerships with our donors, volunteers and supporters who not only share our vision, but who are committed and passionate in the most moving and palpable ways.

As we move to the future, I invite you to continue this journey with us. Your contributions of your time, resources, advocacy and fundraising are invaluable. Together we can ensure that no pet is left behind. Thank you for believing in the power of compassion and empathy. Let’s continue to work hand in paw to create a brighter future for families and their pets.

*With heartfelt appreciation,
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 of Standard Bank. She also was head of HR at Nedbank, SARS, and Reckitt (Africa & Middle East). She was also an Extraordinary Professor at the University of Pretoria's Department of Human Resource Management, and former Adjunct Professor at the University of Cape Town.

She 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, SpurCorp, Spar Group), as well as serving on Academic Advisory Boards, Trusts, Foundations and NPOs. She also served on the University of Cape Town Council and is the Past President for the Harvard Alumni Association, South Africa. She is also the Chairperson of the V&A Waterfront and WESGRO.

In 2015, she wrote her autobiography, a best seller, 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, the most recent being the Inspirational Leader award for 2024. She is a mentor to several young women and has spoken at many local and international conferences, She has completed 9 Two Oceans Half marathons and is a keen hiker.

Director's Report



Anél Wesson

AfriPaw celebrated its seventh birthday towards the end of this reporting period. We look back with gratitude towards the incredible people that have helped grow this organisation and we look forward with hope and expectation. Whilst our programmes continue to impact the communities in which we work, our main aim is to bring about systemic change through education, community participation and sustainable solutions. 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 increased from 752 in 2022/23 to 1001 in 2023/24. 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. In partnership with TEARS Animal Rescue, who sponsored the full clinical aspect of all sterilisations in 2023/24 We aim to sterilise over one thousand two hundred pets during the 2024/25 reporting period.
2. We identified and appointed our first three Young Ambassadors, who have become powerful influencers amongst their peers. Our Young Ambassadors help out at our monthly Pet Clinics and act as role models when it comes to caring for pets. We are very hopeful that this initiative will grow tremendously and improve education, understanding and compassion towards animals amongst our leaders of tomorrow.
3. Our monthly Pet Clinics remain a well-known and well-attended feature on the Vrygrond calendar. We are delighted that participation keeps increasing and we are especially proud of the tremendous increase in cat attendance. Read more about this in our Programmes section. 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, and we are very excited about our more recent alliance with Animal Lifeline, who are dedicated to running the cat station during Pet Clinics. We are extremely grateful for the exponential impact achieved through partnerships, where every team brings unique strengths and resources to the party. We treasure collaboration with other welfare organisations and we believe this is key to achieving long-term success.

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.

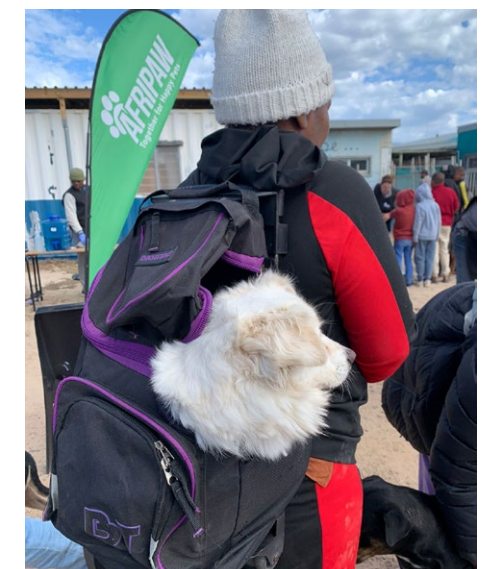
We celebrate the following highlights in numbers for our reporting period March 2023 to February 2024:

- 1001** Pets were sterilised
- 5412** Pets attended our monthly pet clinics
- 67** Kennels were provided to sterilised pets
- 542** Pets received critical veterinary care
- 90** Active volunteers are now part of our team
- 3315** Animal-lovers follow us on Facebook
- 1711** Animal-lovers follow us on Instagram
- 99** 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 and Young Ambassadors, who continue 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.

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 1001 sterilisations in 2023/24. Spay Days serve as a great tool to educate, demonstrate pet care, and form relationships with the community.

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 approach enables us to sterilise an average of 40-50 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
2 March 2023		32
9 March 2023	35	
13 April 2023	37	
4 May 2023		64
18 May 2023	51	
1 June 2023		45
22 June 2023	36	
13 July 2023	13	
20 July 2023		42
27 July 2023	25	
3 August 2023	45	
31 August 2023	28	
7 September 2023		54
21 September 2023	30	
5 October 2023	42	
19 October 2023		37
26 October 2023	39	
8 November 2023	36	
23 November 2023	40	
30 November 2023		44
25 January 2024	34	
7 February 2024		58
14 February 2024	34	
21 February 2024		70
28 February 2024	30	
Sub-Totals	555	446
TOTAL	1001	



Programme TWO – Monthly Pet Clinics



We recorded our highest Pet Clinic attendance of 616 pets in February 2024. 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.

These monthly Pet Clinics, co-hosted by TEARS Animal Rescue and 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.

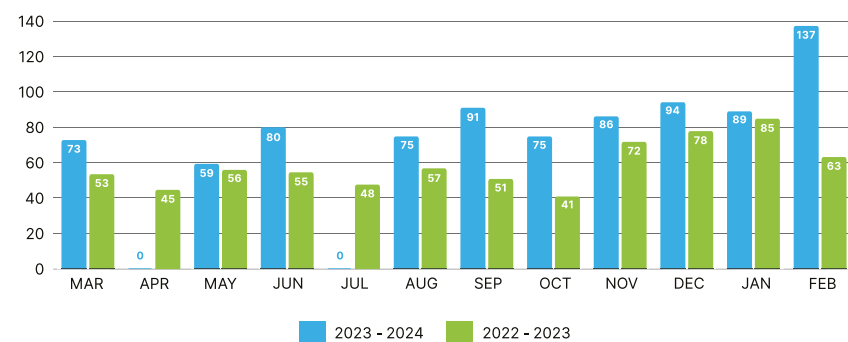
Whilst our overall attendance of Pet Clinics is certainly growing, there are factors that influence and cause fluctuation. Poor weather affects attendance, as people are less likely to come out in the rain and cold, forfeiting essential primary healthcare for their pets. Availability of pet food donations that enable us to prepare parcels as incentives for all those that attend, adversely

affect attendance if not available. 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, The Stretch Foundation and our Product Sponsor, Boehringer Ingelheim, who donate parasite control on a monthly basis, we are able to provide care for a large number of animals at every Pet Clinic. 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.

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

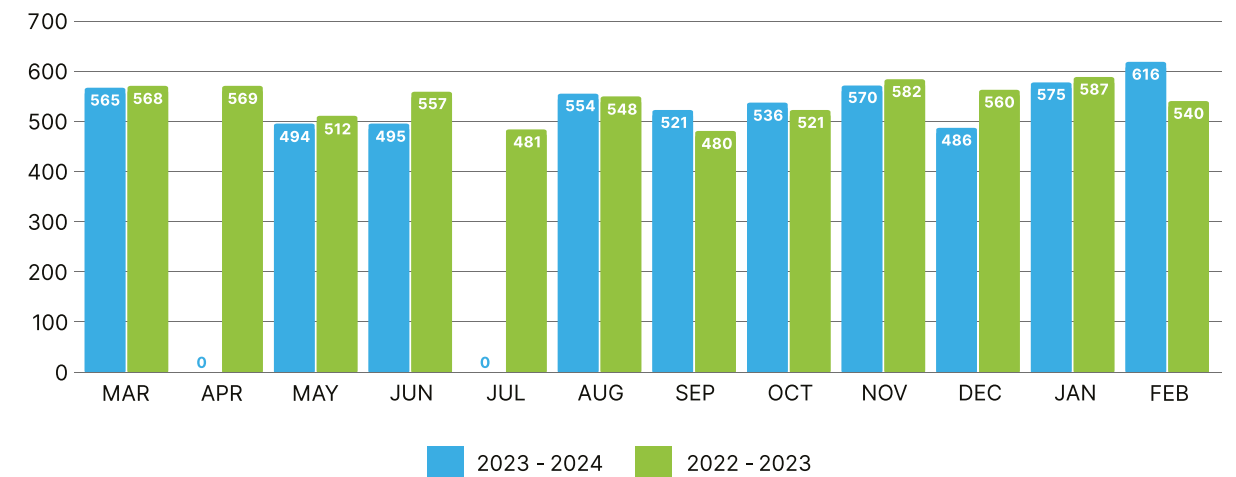
Cats Attendance has increased significantly



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

Note that, due to road closures, we had to suspend our April Pet Clinic. Our July Pet Clinic took place, but the adverse weather conditions made it impossible to register attendance, so figures for this Pet Clinic are unknown.

Pets treated at our Monthly Pet Clinics (Dogs & Cats)



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.

Our plan is to grow this further; the vision being to establish enough outlets so that every pet owner in our geographic area has access to subsidised pet food within walking distance of their home. If we can help animals and pet owners where they are, it will result in fewer surrenders and less pressure on animal welfare shelters.

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.



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.

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) cultural 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.

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.

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. 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 542 pets between 1 March 2023 and 29 February 2024 (compared to 318 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 put 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.

Highlights in Pictures



67
Kennels Provided



5412
Pet Clinic Visits



1001
Pets Sterilised



542
Pets Admitted for
Critical Veterinary
Care



90
Active
Volunteers



Mandela Day Kennel Drive

For the fourth year in a row, we reached 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 two 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 again this year! We also want to thank Creature Comforts, who produced all the durable kennel mattresses for us at cost price.



AfriPaw Half Marathon Fundraiser Run

We were delighted to host our second annual fundraiser on Sunday 1 October 2023. A small group of supporters, who are also runners, laced up and completed a Half Marathon in aid of AfriPaw and raised R135 000 to support our work. We are incredibly grateful for the tremendous efforts that were made to exceed our goal of R100k and we are very thankful to all who supported our cause. Thank you to Peninsula Beverages for donating all the refreshments and for all the local businesses and restaurants who generously donated gift vouchers, which were used as prizes. We hope to solidify our run as a popular annual event on the calendar.



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, 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 Booysens 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 Tinkles and a cat called Nube.



Mélanie Hrabar

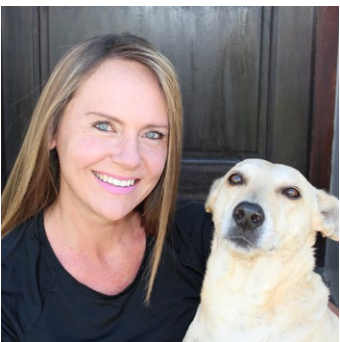
Mélanie Hrabar is the Founder and Director of Kumpel Pet Accessories, a start-up based in Cape Town adopting a conscious business approach. Kumpel's business ethos was significantly shaped by Mélanie's previous work experience as a communications specialist and technical advisor for community development 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 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

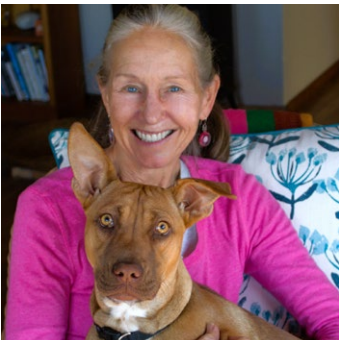
Linda is an experienced and detail-orientated Assistant/Bookkeeper and has been working for SA Financial Accountants for the last thirteen years. She was born and raised in Benoni, Gauteng and joined The Standard Bank Group as a Credit Manager from 1986 until 2007. For three years there after she assisted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



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 four 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.

Four years ago, Nicky started as a volunteer with AfriPaw, helping at the Pet Clinics and walking dogs waiting to be adopted. In July 2023 she was appointed as part-time Programme Co-ordinator and runs the Sterilisation and Pet Food Sales Programmes. She is passionate about cats and dogs and at the moment has 3 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 four 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 Tedex, 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 Jacobs 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 Chowglay 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 Lewis is our ambassador in Seawinds. 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 Animal Welfare Trust
- The Stretch Foundation
- Boehringer Ingelheim
- Capricorn Primary School
- The Cape Animal Welfare Forum
- The City of Cape Town
- Virbac
- Private Donors

Our Industry Partners

- The Emma Animal Rescue Society (TEARS)
- The Cape of Good Hope SPCA
- Aid for Animals in Distress (Aid4Aid)
- Animal Lifeline
- Barking Dog Distributors Pty Ltd
- EnerPets Pty Ltd
- Fourways Veterinary Clinic and Parlour
- Best Friends Grooming Parlour in Kommetjie
- Pit Pals
- Stellenbosch University
- The University of Cape Town (UCT)





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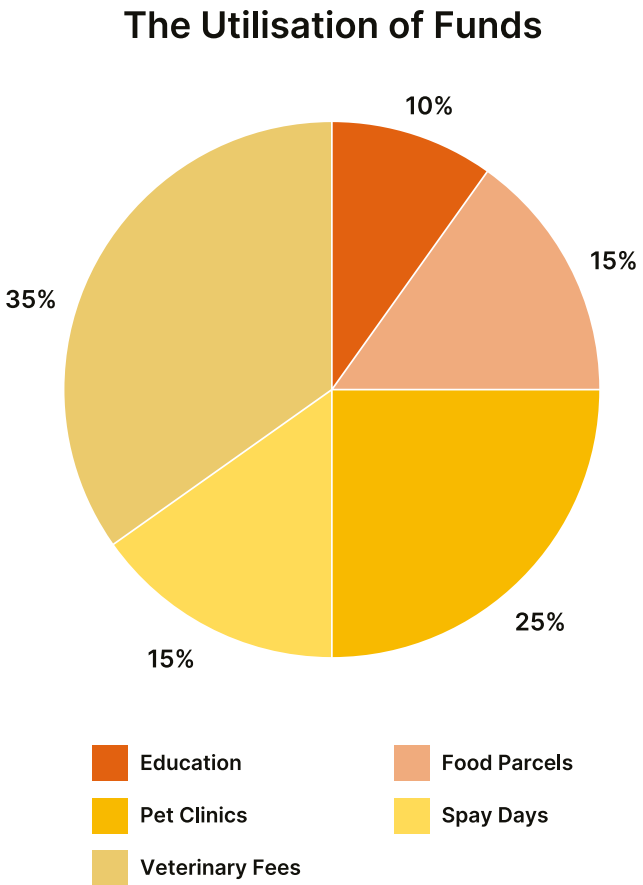
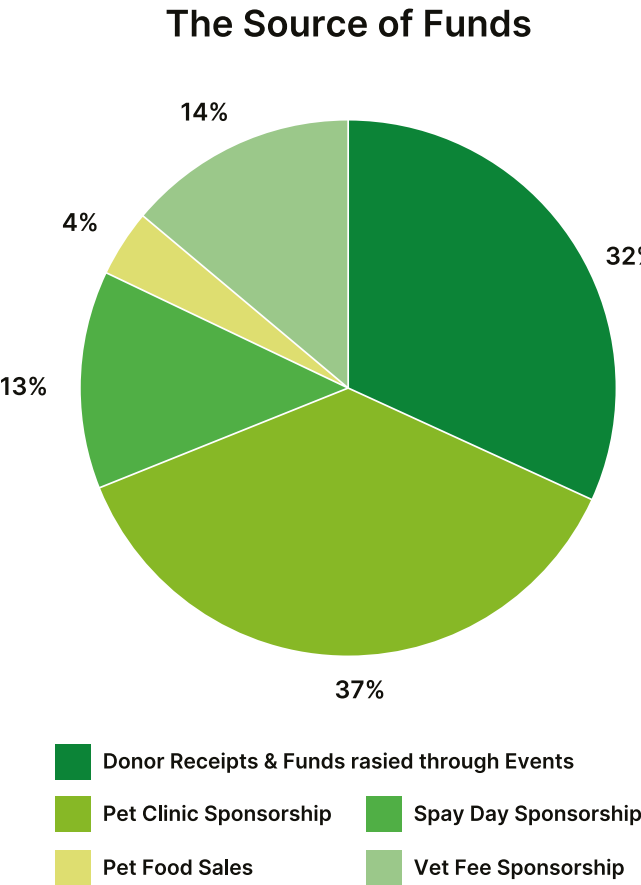
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Summary Financial Report

Detailed Income Statement

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

FIGURES IN RAND	2024	2023
INCOME	1,171,047	801,349
Donor Receipts & Funds raised through Events	380,666	127,653
The Marchig Trust	185,061	-
Pet Clinic Sponsorship	245,342	275,000
Spay Day Sponsorship	150,668	150,000
Pet Food Sales	48,290	108,929
Vet Fees / Other Grants	161,020	139,767
EXPENSES	1,010,741	797,147
Programme		
Education	97,638	96,120
Food Parcels	153,023	158,599
Pet Clinics	254,799	244,799
Spay Days	153,184	91,108
Veterinary Fees	352,097	206,521
PROFIT	160,306	4,202



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. Due to the expansion of our Pet Clinics and Sterilisation Drives in 2022/23, we did not have the human resources available to host a fundraising event, but we successfully executed an AfriPaw fundraising run in 2023/24, which contributed to a marked increase in funds under this category, compared to 2022/23.
2. 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, such as Dancers Love Dogs, Trust Funds or private individuals, who would normally support us. Thankfully, since restrictions eased to level 4 later in 2020, we collaborated with TEARS Animal Rescue and have managed to successfully run weekly sterilisation days where we safely transported all the pets from Vrygrond to the TEARS clinic, where the procedures take place, and back again. TEARS has 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 income and expenses are low, considering the large number of pets sterilised during this reporting period. Since we aim to sterilise 1200 pets in 2024/25 we will actively start pursuing dedicated funding for all aspects of sterilisations.
3. Pet Clinic Sponsorship is made up of sponsorship of R203 342 from the Edgard & Cooper Foundation for 2024/25 (received during the end of the 2023/24 reporting period) and R42 000 from The Stretch Foundation. The R185 061 from The Marchig Trust was for Pet Clinics in 2023/24..
4. In addition to Pet Clinic sponsorship, The Edgard & Cooper Foundation granted AfriPaw R161 020 towards veterinary fees and R40 668 towards Spay Day expenses.
- 5.Thanks to substantial product sponsorship from Boehringer Ingelheim, which has saved us a large amount on medical products because large quantities of parasite control products for Pet Clinics are donated.

Corporate Governance

The AfriPaw Board had three face-to-face meetings in 2023/2024 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, with the Director and Programme Co-Ordinator drawing modest salaries. Stipends are paid to local Vrygrond Ambassadors and 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.

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 independently reviewed and the financial information has been disclosed in line with the latest international best practice.

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