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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

Twenty twenty will undoubtedly be remembered as the year in which the full effects of a global pandemic rocked the entire world. Who would have had an inkling of how Covid-19 would impact our lives on so many different levels, but as beings, human and animal, our instinct is to adapt, survive and find a way.

Our pet clinic and sterilisation programmes were severely hampered, as was the impact of Covid-19 on the community of Vrygrond and their pets. Further concern was the potential slowing of the momentum we had gained over the past three years. The connection, trust and commitment we had built up with the community and their pets were being disrupted due to restrictions on movement and activity. Nonetheless, our team not only pressed on, but found new, and in some cases, more effective ways of doing things. Thankfully our model and our collaboration with other organisations allowed us to continue functioning and attending to animals in need, even during the time of lockdown. Read more about this in "Our response to Covid-19" article on page 5.

With the support from TEARS Animal Rescue in particular, we found a new way of resuming our Spay Days during Level 4 restrictions and subsequently, beyond all expectations, exceeded our number of sterilisations in any given year. The growth of our Pet Clinics is testament to the increased participation and dedication of the Vrygrond community and the local AfriPaw volunteers. This is most encouraging, especially during these difficult times.

We are eternally grateful for all the continued financial support as well as the valued product sponsorship we have received. A special thank you to The National Lotteries Commission, The Marchig Animal Welfare Trust and The

Stretch Foundation, for their generous financial contributions, as well as Boehringer Ingelheim for their sponsorship of Nexgard and Frontline products and The City of Cape Town, in conjunction with The Cape Animal Welfare Forum, for their financial and pet food donations, which allowed us to assist many families with pet food parcels and veterinary support, especially during the early days of hard lockdown.

Lastly, I would like to extend my personal gratitude to the AfriPaw team. It is truly a unique team that has shown how we can and will stand together. Many families have been stretched to capacity but the tenacity and will to succeed is incredibly heart-warming.

There is always a way forward if we hope, trust, believe and continue our work with small acts of great love.

Cecilia Fraser
Chair

In Loving Memory of Max Co-Founder of AfriPaw

It is with great sadness that we said farewell to the legendary Max this year. He was instrumental in bringing together the very people who founded AfriPaw. Max was a beautiful soul and was adopted by our Chair, Cecilia Fraser, in August 2015. Through a series of remarkable events, Max brought Co-founder and Director Anél Wesson and Cecilia into contact with one another 18 months before AfriPaw was born. Read the full story by visiting: <https://bit.ly/max-in-loving-memory> We will never forget you Max. You helped build our slogan #togetherforhappypets and you will always live in our hearts.



Letter from our Honorary Patron

AfriPaw is proud to present our very first Honorary Patron, Dr Shirley Zinn and we are pleased to share the letter she wrote.

Dear AfriPaw Supporter

I am thrilled to serve as AfriPaw's first Honorary Patron. Just recently, I had the most incredible experience of visiting the Vrygrond community with AfriPaw. I had the opportunity to see their vision and purpose in action. Incidentally, I grew up very close to Vrygrond and not too much has changed for the people of Vrygrond to truly empower them. Vrygrond reflects an impoverished landscape, a serious lack of resources, unemployment and abject poverty, with deep social and economic challenges. For many years now, there are thousands of people living in homes made with corrugated iron and cardboard. They have very little by way of income, if any. Despite the deep sadness of seeing human beings and their pets live in these poorest of the poor conditions, there is hope, there is a silver lining. It was heart-warming to see the love and passion people have for their pets and their wellbeing. I was moved by the local AfriPaw volunteers on the ground. They knew the names of every dog. They walk door to door to build relationships and trust with the community, and to educate them on how to help with the livelihood and health of their pets where they are. AfriPaw has mounted a huge effort along with the local Vrygrond volunteers to make a difference to the pets who might otherwise have no access to healthcare, food and shelter in these townships. The high impact of this work is palpable in this community. The work being done by AfriPaw is more than a cause, it's a movement, a call to action for all of us. I am proud to be associated with AfriPaw and its purpose.

Yours faithfully
Dr Shirley Zinn



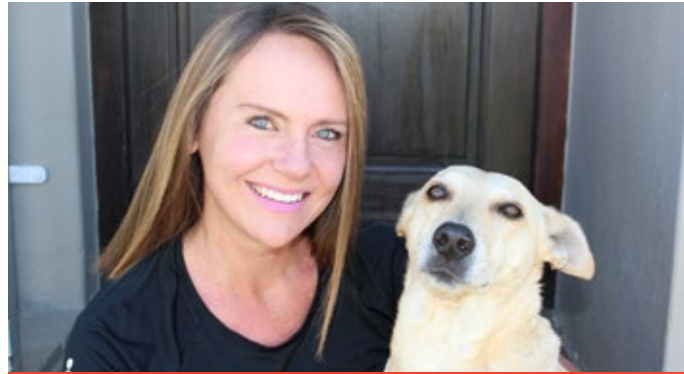
Dr Shirley Zinn is the former Group Head of Human Resources at Woolworths Holdings Limited. Prior to this, she was the Head of Human Resources of Standard Bank. She also was head of HR at Nedbank, SARS, and Reckitt Benckiser (Africa & Middle East). She was also an Extraordinary Professor at the University 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, Advtech, Afrocentric, Spur Corp). She also served on the UCT Council and is the Past President for the Harvard Alumni Association, South Africa. She is also the Chairperson of the V&A Waterfront.

In 2015, she wrote 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

As we look back over the past year, it is with deep gratitude that I report on our activities between March 2020 and February 2021. At the time of writing, the widespread effects of the Covid-19 pandemic are still being felt globally and indeed in our corner of the world. The restrictions placed on the economy, normal business activities and freedom of movement, although necessary, have severely affected, not only our ability to continue with our programmes, but also the livelihood of the communities we serve. Loss of jobs and income has had a profound impact on the already struggling families of Vrygrond, Overcome Heights and Seawinds. However, despite the harsh consequences of Covid-19, we have witnessed a wonderful spirit of unity and generosity. The resilience of the people and their pets, even in the face of tremendous struggle, is remarkable. Despite many challenges, we continue to experience hope, gratitude as well as ever-increasing community participation. The stringent Covid-19 imposed health and safety guidelines, as well as the fluctuating levels of restrictions, which have become a way of life, have catapulted us into a new way of thinking and functioning.

As a young organisation, our biggest achievement in the past year has been successfully navigating our way through unprecedented challenges, which have in fact raised us to a higher level of operation, resulting in a deeper and sustained impact. Four accomplishments that we would like to highlight in this report are the:

1. Tremendous growth of our monthly Pet Clinics, which has increased by an average 91% compared to our previous reporting period. For further details, please refer to the Programmes section of this report.
2. Active participation by local community volunteers, some of whom are rising up as AfriPaw Ambassadors in their respective geographic areas.
3. Establishment of a stable and secure partnership with TEARS Animal Rescue, particularly in relation to Mass Sterilisation, Pet Clinics and Critical Veterinary Care.
4. Procurement of significant funders in the form of both financial support and product sponsorship.

It is heart-warming to continue to witness the very words of our slogan, "Together for Happy Pets" coming to pass 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.

While you can refer to the "Our Programmes" section on page 7 for detailed information about our work, I would like to share the following highlights in numbers with you for our reporting period March 2020 to February 2021:

327 Pets were sterilised

4020 Pets attended our monthly pet clinics

5839 Bags of subsidised pet food were sold

67 Kennels were provided to sterilised pets

225 Pets received critical veterinary care

55 Active volunteers are now part of our team

1930 People follow us on Facebook

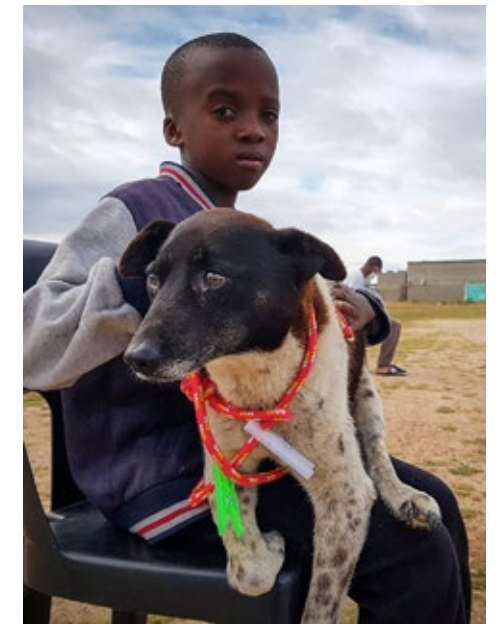
1313 people follow us on Instagram

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, Felicity Gxaba, Rahab Letsoalo, Bernadette Jacobs and Chantal de Lange who continue to be our eyes and ears and our resident presence in the community of Vrygrond, Overcome Heights and Seawinds.

I would also like to thank our highly skilled, knowledgeable and most supportive Board of Directors, who forms the backbone 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 Response to Covid-19



During March 2020, the effects of the Covid-19 pandemic, which was already being felt throughout the world, hit South Africa and Cape Town with a hard lockdown that lasted five weeks. The first thing we did when we heard about the imminent lock-down was to place a bulk pet food order, which was delivered to our Vrygrond Ambassador, Felicity Gxaba's house and enabled residents to have access to subsidised dog and cat food throughout lock-down, which lasted from 28 March until 4 May. Everyone was panic buying, so we were very relieved that our food supplier was able to honour our order. We discussed the possibility of handing out free food, but since we only had 72 hours' notice of the imminent lock-down, and our food order was only delivered the day before lockdown, we knew that we did not have enough time to do a targeted free food delivery to our most loyal pet clinic attendees. Our usual platform for food distribution is our monthly Pet Clinics, which take place on the second Saturday of the month, so this was not an option. Having discussed the situation with our Board of Directors it was agreed that the priority was to have our usual subsidised food stock available and that this was more important than distributing free food, which could potentially cause a riot, if not done in an orderly and fair manner. We agreed that the wisest course of action was to just secure stock and continue to sell our R10 bags of food. Our Board of Directors agreed to subsidise the food parcels by another 50% but our Ambassador warned us not to do this because in the long-run she felt that people would demand that the "Covid" prices remain, even when the economy started to recover. We always take her advice seriously because she knows the culture and thought processes of the community far better than we do. Distribution of free food would come later, once we had some freedom of movement as well as time to execute it in an orderly and targeted way.

We purchased some basic medical products and left a first aid kit with our Ambassador in Vrygrond so that she could at least treat minor ailments when people came to her for help. We were very relieved to hear that one of our industry partners, TEARS Animal Rescue had their mobile service on standby, which meant that we would still be able to respond to any medical emergencies that were reported to us.

We also did a quick fundraising drive amongst all our volunteers, so that we could give food vouchers and some cash to our thirteen faithful Vrygrond volunteers, most of whom are unemployed, enabling them to buy food during lockdown. Sadly, one of our older male volunteers passed away during this time. We are unsure if his death was Covid-related.

Just before restrictions relaxed to level 4 early in May, we managed to obtain special permits for essential services, which allowed us to travel to Vrygrond. We immediately placed another bulk food order and mobilised our team to start distribution; this time for free. All our activities are underpinned by education, so when it comes to free food, we always use it as an incentive to encourage responsible pet ownership. Free handouts to anyone and everyone do not work because it has no impact in the long term. We also do not have the resources to give free food to all of the pet owners in Vrygrond so we need to be intentional in our approach. Free food is a powerful tool to publicly display the benefits of responsible behaviour, so our hand-outs are always targeted, favouring those people whose pets are sterilised and those who are regular Pet Clinic Attendees. Depending on how many pets each household had, we handed out between one and three 8kg bags of food per house. Those who had never attended our Pet Clinics still received food, but smaller bags that we had made up. We distributed more than 2500kg of free food between April and August 2020. Our supply was boosted even further by two generous Covid-relief food donations from the City of Cape Town, facilitated by the Cape Animal Welfare Forum, who distributed the dog and cat food to all their member organisations.

Covid-19 restrictions unfortunately meant that we had to suspend our Pet Clinics, which is our platform to provide basic veterinary care. Due to the fact that no more than 50 people were allowed to be at any public gathering, coupled with the need to protect the public and our volunteers from contamination, as well as a ban by the Department of Education to use the school field, where we run the clinics, we had no choice but to wait. It was extremely frustrating. Pet Clinics were suspended from April to July. In the interim, armed with face masks, shields and hand sanitisers, we attempted a pop-up clinic in Overcome Heights, where we dipped and de-wormed a number of pets right there in the street, but we soon realised that we were unable to control the crowds and enforce social distancing, so for the sake of AfriPaw's compliance to government rules, we decided that we could not risk it again. We were extremely relieved and grateful when we were granted permission to resume our Pet Clinics on 8 August and we recorded our highest attendance yet, with 415 pets.

The stringent Covid-19 health and safety guidelines meant that we were unable to have access to the local school hall, where we would usually conduct our Mass Sterilisations, but



thanks to TEARS Animal Rescue who offered to conduct sterilisations free of charge at their clinic, we were able to continue with our Mass Sterilisations, even under Level 4 restrictions. With the help of our amazing team of volunteers, who helped us transport all the pets from Vrygrond to the TEARS clinic and back, we managed to sterilise more pets in 2020/21 than in any other year since our inception. We hope to resume our Mass Sterilisations in the local school hall as soon as we are allowed access again, but the transportation of pets from Vrygrond to TEARS has worked so well that we envisage a combination of the two approaches in the future.

Although the effects of Covid-19 have presented many challenges, it strangely enough has also presented many opportunities, such as the power of collaboration and innovation in the face of difficulty. We will continue to focus on what we CAN do and not allow what we CANNOT do to undermine the future and impact of our work. It is amazing what can be achieved when we are flexible and forward-thinking and when we stand together.



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, 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 usually take place in the community of Vrygrond, at Capricorn Primary School but since we were unable to access the local school hall, due to Covid-19 restrictions, we partnered with TEARS Animal Rescue, who very kindly offered to conduct sterilisations free of charge at their clinic, allowing us to continue with this vital programme, even during Level 4 restrictions. Despite the challenges caused by Covid-19, we managed to sterilise a total of 327 pets between March 2020 and February 2021 – our highest number in any given year, bringing our total since inception to 972 at the time of reporting. We firmly believe in the power of collaboration and these statistics prove that we are stronger and more efficient when we work together.

DATE	DOGS	CATS
Individual on various dates	40	18
9 May 2020	27	18
24 May 2020	23	21
23 July 2020	16	6
30 July 2020	15	0
27 August 2020	14	21
15 October 2020	24	8
5 November 2020	15	6
26 November 2020	16	4
25 February 2021	23	12
Sub-Totals	213	114
TOTAL	327	

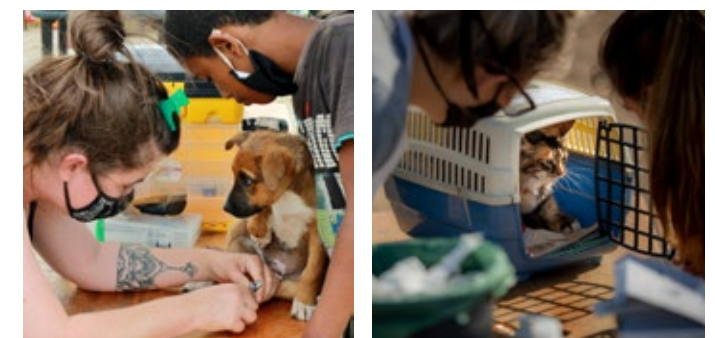
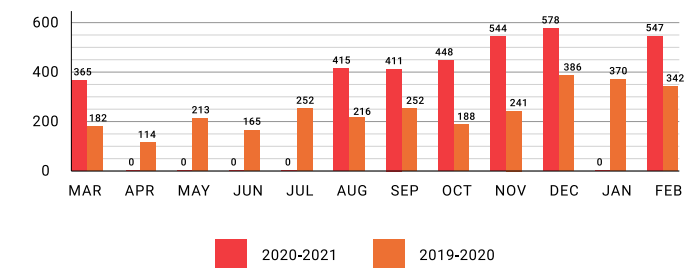


Programme TWO – Monthly Pet Clinics

Despite the fact that we had to suspend our Pet Clinics from April to July 2020 and again in January 2021 due to Covid-19 restrictions, we experienced our highest attendance figures since we started our clinics in 2018. Our first post lock-down clinic in August 2020 attracted 415 pets and the numbers then escalated to 578 in December 2020 – our highest number yet. We subsequently recorded 547 pets at our latest clinic in February 2021. The month-to-corresponding-month growth from 2020 to 2021 was between 50% and 138%, with an average month-to-corresponding-month growth of 90%, not taking into account months during which no clinics were held in 2021. 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.

Thanks to the funds received from The Marchig Trust, we have been able to send every pet home with a food parcel after each clinic. Our supply was boosted even further by two generous Covid-relief food donations from the City of Cape Town, facilitated by the Cape Animal Welfare Forum, who distributed the dog and cat food to all their member organisations. Pet food continues to be a great incentive, which encourages responsible pet ownership. We are very grateful to our Programme Partner, The Stretch Foundation, who has been supporting us financially for over a year, as well as to Boehringer Ingelheim, who came onboard as our first Product Partner in 2020. Their generous monthly donations of Nexgard and Frontline, which are both pest control products, make it possible for us to provide effective pet care at our clinics. We are also very grateful to Boehringer Ingelheim for extending their support even further by kindly sponsoring one hundred branded Pet Clinic t-shirts for all our volunteers, as well as a beautiful gazebo to help keep products out of the sun when we are in the field.

Pets treated at our Monthly Pet Clinic





Programme THREE - Paw Patrol

During 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 our monthly Pet Clinics.

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 and Seawinds in the past year. 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. We do, however, have exciting strategic plans in place to appoint twelve representatives, who will each be responsible for a targeted area within their community. They will fulfil various tasks, including sterilisation sign ups, pet food sales, facilitate pop-up dipping stations, advertise our monthly Pet Clinics through flyer distribution and be the go-to person in their geographic area if there are any sick or injured pets. The roll-out of this plan hinges on securing financial support to employ a Programme Administrator who will oversee this, as well as enough funds to provide stipends to our representatives.

In the meantime, we continue with Paw Patrol as and when we have capacity.

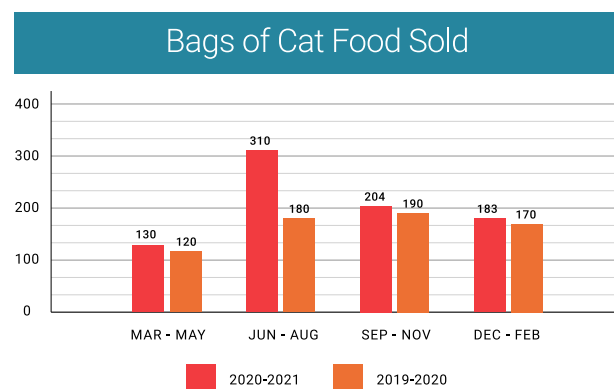
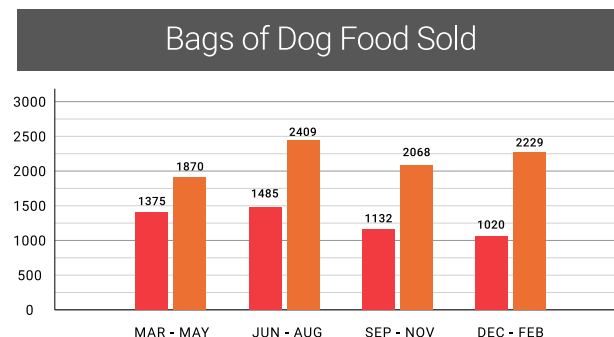


Programme FOUR - Food Sales

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.

Thanks to the funds provided by The Marchig Trust we have been able to provide a total of 3308 food parcels as an incentive to pet owners who brought their pets to our monthly pet clinics between August 2020 and February 2021. This is in addition to the 2500kg of pet food we distributed between March and August 2020, when Covid-19 restrictions forced us to suspend our pet clinics. We also sent all 327 pets who were sterilised this year, home with a large food parcel to thank them for making the best decision for their pet. We were also able to sell a total of 5839 bags of subsidised food from the home of our AfriPaw Ambassador in Vrygrond between 1 March 2020 and 28 February 2021. This teaches pet owners to budget for their pets and to take a level of responsibility for their care. We continue to use food parcels as an incentive to reward responsible pet ownership, which includes sterilisation and regular pet clinic attendance.

The graphs below show the comparative breakdown of subsidised food sales for the past two years. The figures show an overall drop in dog food sales compared to the previous reporting period. We suspect that the reason is two-fold. Due to the impact of Covid-19, pet owners are struggling financially, but on the other hand, both AfriPaw and TEARS have been assisting pet owners with food parcels, reducing the need to purchase as much. Interestingly, the sale of cat food has increased. This is most likely because we have been focussing on distributing free food parcels at our pet clinics which are attended mostly by dogs. We are hoping to start a dedicated cat clinic as soon as is practically possible.

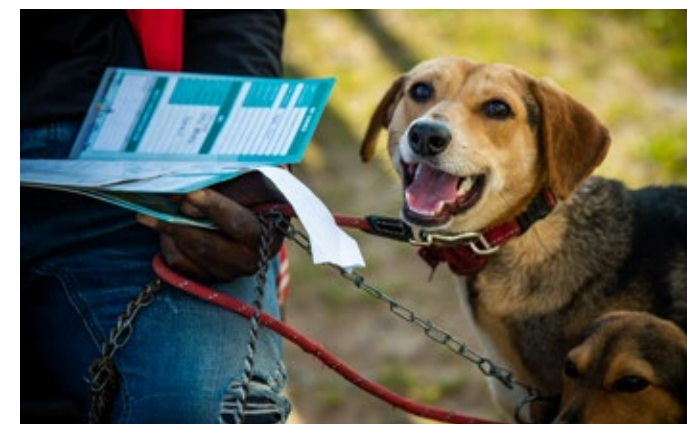


Other Activities – Education

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, including Pet Clinics and Spay Days which are underpinned by education. We use incentives such as free food, free kennels and free veterinary care as leverage to influence responsible pet care. Our top Pet Clinic attendees, whose pets are sterilised, are always favoured. This generates a lot of questions from the public, which gives us an opportunity to build new relationships with the community and explain what they need to do to also qualify to receive these benefits.

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 for 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. 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 214 pets (188 dogs and 26 cats) between 1 March 2020 and 28 February 2021 (compared to 43 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 Ambassador, Felicity Gxaba. 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. 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 led to a dramatic increase in our veterinary fees this year, 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.

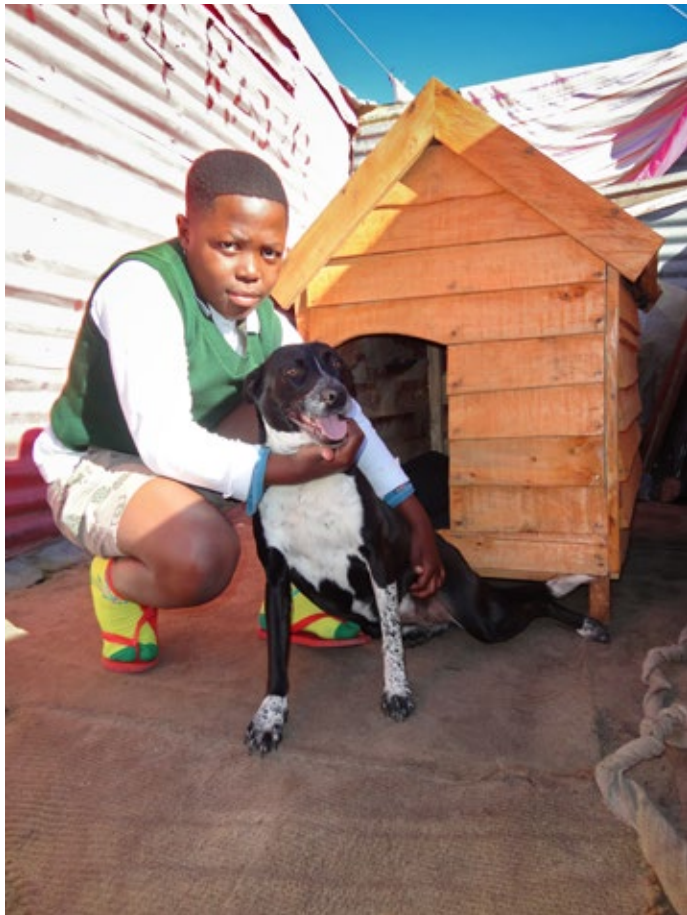
Mandela Day Kennel Drive



For the first time since we launched our annual Mandela Day Kennel drive, we reached our target of providing 67 kennels to sterilised pets. This is especially remarkable, as everyone's finances have been severely affected by the Covid-19 pandemic. Yet people were extremely generous, even during this difficult time. We used a small amount of the Marchig Animal Welfare Trust funds to help us reach our target. 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. It resembles a stage, where the community can clearly see how those who participate in the services we offer, reap the rewards. It 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 five rounds.

Pet Owners all signed a "Kennel Receipt" form, acknowledging safe receipt and promising to look after their kennel. The Mandela Day Kennel Drive has become a very popular and successful initiative. We would like to thank all our supporters who gave so willingly. This programme relies on the generosity of the public. We could not have done this without you!





Our First Half Marathon Fundraiser



It is amazing how powerful the merging of two passions can be. One of our avid supporters, Johan van Romburgh, combined his love of animals with his love of running and came up with a great fundraising idea for AfriPaw. Since the Two Oceans Half Marathon had to be postponed in 2020 due to Covid-19 restrictions, he decided to still lace up and run for a reason. He initiated a Half Marathon in aid of AfriPaw and the plan was that he would run it solo and raise funds in the process. However, the idea quickly grew in the hearts and minds of those around him and soon he also

recruited two friends, Heinrich Grové and Tina Terblanche to run with him. We carefully monitored the fluctuating Covid-19 restrictions and it just so happened that Saturday 18 July seemed like a good day for the run, so in the spirit of Madiba, the three animal-loving runners set off on the first ever Half Marathon Fundraiser for AfriPaw on Mandela Day. Between them, they raised over R10 000 for the pets of Vrygrond. We were so thrilled with the result that the idea of an annual fundraiser for AfriPaw started to take shape and at the time of writing this annual report, we are planning and preparing for our 2021 AfriPaw Half Marathon. This time, there will be 67 runners. We are confident that this initiative will grow into a popular annual run and fundraiser. What started out as a small gesture has quickly blossomed into a wonderful team effort. #togetherforhappypets



Happy Tales

We consider it a privilege to work with the people of Vrygrond and assist them with their pets. Whilst our focus is to come alongside the community and help the pets where they are, we are sometimes faced with cases of serious neglect, often due to poverty, ignorance or circumstances that provide only limited options. Even though our preference is to address issues in collaboration with the pet owners, there are cases where removal of pets, with the written consent of the owners, is necessary. We always strive to find solutions and outcomes that are non-judgemental and respectful, which opens the door to education and change. Thanks to the mobile and medical support from TEARS Animal Rescue we have been able to intervene and bring about dramatic improvements in the lives of many pets this past year. There are many stories to tell, but we have selected just a few to share with you.

Dikkop (now Nate) from Peach Road



Dikkop was found chained to the inside of a bakkie, which was effectively his permanent home. We approached his owners to find out whether they would like to sterilise Dikkop, in which case we would assist with food and try to work with them to improve his circumstances. His owners agreed and gratefully received some pet food parcels from us. We knew that the status quo could not continue so in the interim, we contacted Pit Pals to find out whether they would be in a position to take Dikkop in, should the owners agree to surrender him. When Robyn Bronkhorst of Pit Pals saw photos of Dikkop's situation, she immediately agreed to make a plan. We slowly worked with the owners and eventually reached a point where they agreed that it would be better for all to surrender him. They also agreed not to get another pit bull. The first stop was TEARS Animal Rescue, where Dikkop was vet checked, vaccinated and micro-chipped.

Once in the capable and loving hands of Pit Pals, who knew that this special boy was destined for a bigger, brighter,

better life, they changed his name to Nate. Nate was given a lovely large kennel, which even included a comfortable couch! He settled pretty quickly and was often seen posing for photos in and around the kennels. After only a short few months, Pit Pals found him the most amazing home on a farm, where he would be an only dog, with lots of space to run and play. Amazingly, his new owners eventually successfully introduced Nate to a rottweiler that belongs to their neighbours. The two hit it off and are now often seen having great fun on play dates. We could not have imagined a better outcome. We are deeply grateful to Pit Pals and TEARS Animal Rescue for helping us transform Nate's life.

Browny from Overcome Heights



Browny was brought to us by his loving young owner, Simphiwe, who reported a problem with his ability to walk, coupled with a drastic decline in appetite. Following a medical check-up, including x-rays and specialist advice, it was determined that Browny has a twisted spine, most likely since birth, causing secondary problems with his digestive system and colon. Initial prognosis was not good, but the obvious special bond between Simphiwe and his dog gave us hope, so we decided to give Browny cage rest and plenty of time to see how he responded to anti-inflammatories and constipation medication. The alternative would have been a very expensive, specialised operation, without any guarantees. Browny spent ten days at TEARS Animal Rescue, during which time Simphiwe kept texting us, asking for updates, so we decided to arrange a special visit to the kennels.

The reunion between the two was something to behold, so one can imagine our joy when Browny's response to his treatment was dramatic enough for him to go home. Kitted out with a winter jacket as well as a raincoat, kindly sponsored by Creature Comforts, a beautiful bed and medication, Browny was super excited to arrive back to the familiarity of home. We continue to keep a close eye on him and have since provided further medical support to keep him healthy and comfortable for as long as possible. This is a beautiful story about the love between a boy and his dog and we are privileged to be part of it.

Boy (now Zorrow)
from Neville Riley Road



The shocking state of Boy was brought to our attention during Paw Patrol. Chained, neglected and malnourished, he must have endured great hardship and suffering by the time we finally reached him. Whilst one's first reaction might be one of anger, harsh words, accusation and judgement, this approach does not achieve anything of lasting value.

It is very difficult to understand the depth of de-sensitisation we are often faced with, but until you walk the streets of impoverished communities yourself and witness the weight of personal hardships and burdens, you cannot be expected to understand. However, in the case of Boy, there was no debate as to the need for immediate removal and provision of emergency medical treatment, but this was done with the written consent of the owner, whilst keeping the door open for future discussion, education and behavioural change.

Thanks to the tremendous support of Adora-Bull Terrier Rescue and Rehabilitation and the excellent medical assistance of TEARS Animal Rescue, Boy, who was renamed Zorrow, has made a remarkable recovery. He is currently at Adora- Bull waiting to be adopted.

In loving memory of
Rusty from Peach Road



When Rusty from Peach Road was surrendered to us, we checked her in at TEARS Animal Rescue to have her eye assessed. Whilst waiting for her medical examination, we contacted Trijntje from Best Friends Dog Grooming in Kommetjie, who not only gave Rusty a complimentary bath and groom but also offered to foster her until she had fully recovered from surgery. We are unsure of the circumstances that caused Rusty to suffer rather severe trauma to her eye, but it could not be saved and had to be removed. What started out as a temporary foster, very quickly became a permanent arrangement. Rusty was old and she now had only one eye, but she still had a spring in her step and absolutely loved the mountain walks, soft bed, food and canine companions at Trijntje and Pieter's loving home. The pictures clearly tell the story. Rusty even went on a few holidays with them. Sadly, a tumor was discovered on her lung, but was managed with medication for some months. However, eventually the tumor must have burst, because Rusty was really struggling to breathe and an x-ray revealed that her whole chest was full of fluid and the decision was made to let her go, rather than put her through the trauma of draining her chest, which would not have provided a permanent solution anyway.

Rusty spent only ten months with Pieter and Trijntje, but it was packed with so many adventures and love – we know she had the time of her life. Thank you Pieter and Trijntje for giving an old dog with only one eye a wonderful last year of her life.

Ken (now Tezi)
from Apple Road



Ken was surrendered to us after being involved in a rather nasty fight with his male sibling. This was by no means a reflection of his personality. We suspect the fight was about who was going to get the kennel and Ken came off second best. Canine siblings often fight or even turn on each other from the age of 18 months and that is why we do not encourage homing them together. Thanks to TEARS Animal Rescue Ken was promptly collected, stitched up and given pain medication. We could not send him back home though, because we knew that another, possibly even more serious fight, was certain, even if we provided a second kennel.

One of our longstanding volunteers, Jeni Fleming, offered to foster Ken until we could find him a permanent home. He flourished in her care and was soon adopted by Colleen Brennon from Kommetjie. When a rescue dog ends up in Kommetjie, we just know that the rest of its life is going to be fantastic! Nothing beats being a "Kom Dog". Ken was renamed Tezi, meaning "One who stays"....and he did!

Braydon (now Brody)
from Overcome Heights



Braydon's young owners walked all the way from Overcome Heights to False Bay Veterinary Clinic in Muizenberg to seek medical help for their dog, who had a badly broken leg. Since Braydon came from the geographic area in which we work, AfriPaw was contacted for assistance. In partnership with TEARS Animal Rescue, who performed corrective surgery and False Bay Veterinary Clinic, who supported us with fundraising to cover the medical bills, Braydon made a remarkable recovery. However, it was quite clear that there was still a long road ahead, so his owners agreed that it would be best to surrender him so that he could continue to receive the intensive rehabilitation and care he needed.

After a number of weeks, the pin, which TEARS Animal Rescue fitted with great precision, was removed. Braydon went for several physio therapy sessions with Dominique from Equiform Animal Therapy, who showed us the daily exercises that we needed to facilitate to ensure that he had the best chance of recovery. We were overjoyed when Robynne Landore and her mom, Elizabeth adopted Braydon, who was renamed Brody. He now lives in Kommetjie, goes on daily walks, loves the beach and has his own Instagram page.

Our Team

Board of Directors

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



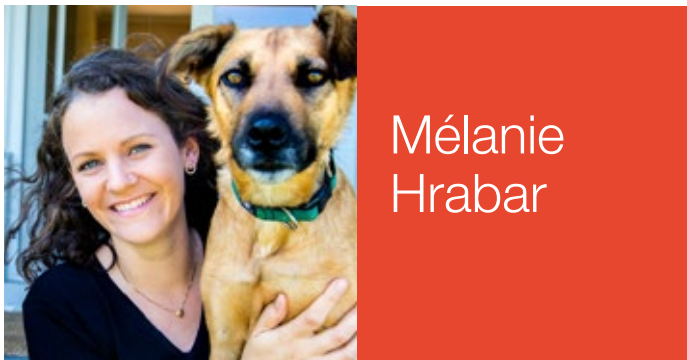
Cecilia Fraser
Chair

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 and she has cared for many. 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 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 practise as a vet in South Africa. He worked at the SPCA in Booyens 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 practises. 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 3 fur-kids –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 Plettenberg Bay 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 practises 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.



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. 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. 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.

On the ground

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

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.



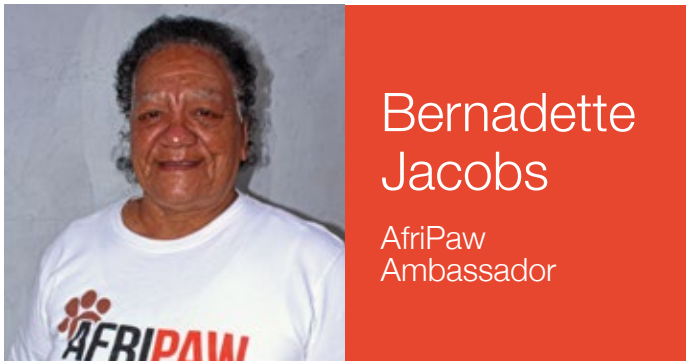
Felicity Gxaba
AfriPaw Ambassador

Felicity Gxaba is AfriPaw's much loved and respected "go-to" person in Vrygrond. 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 grandchild and three fur-kids.



Rahab Letsoala
AfriPaw Ambassador

Rahab Letsoala is our ambassador in Overcome Heights. She knows the area like the back of her hand and it is no wonder because she has lived here since 2006. Rahab has two children and one dearly loved dog called Poppy, whom she adopted in 2009. 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
AfriPaw Ambassador

Bernadette Jacobs is our ambassador in Seawinds. She has lived there for 33 years and has become instrumental in helping us gain the trust of pet owners in her community. She worked as an Operator for Tedalex, 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. She adores her animals and has four dogs and three cats, who keep her on her toes. Bernadette is a born-again Christian.



Chantal de Lange
AfriPaw Ambassador

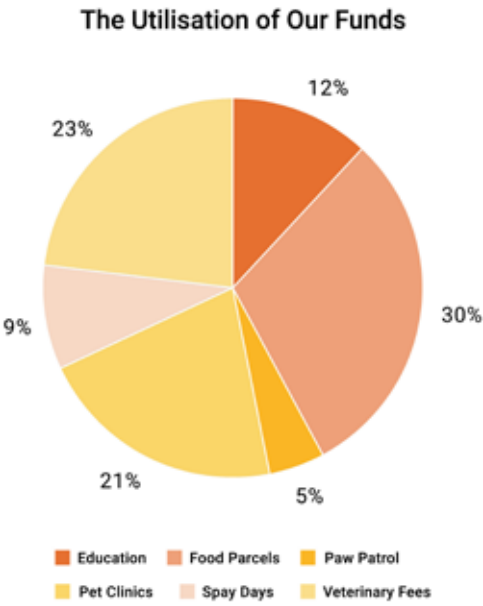
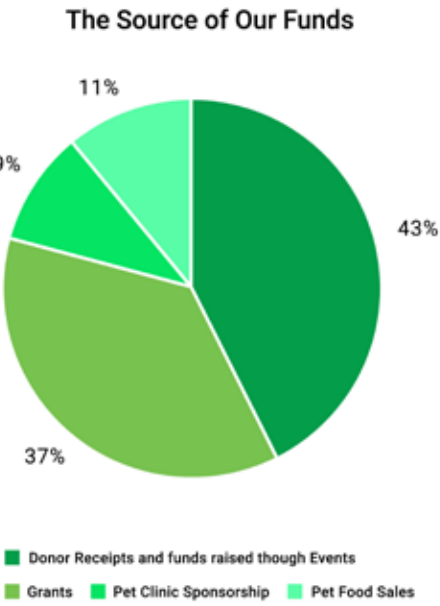
Chantal de Lange is our second Vrygrond ambassador and has lived here for seventeen years. She is a facilitator in her community, working with abused mothers and their children. She also has experience in retail. Chantal's passion for animals started when she was a young girl. Her heart would ache when she saw sick or injured animals and there was little she could do about it at the time but she now has the opportunity and resources to make a difference and she has vowed to never walk away from an injured or hungry animal. She considers it an honour to help where she can. Chantal has three children and a dearly loved dog called Simba.

Summary Financial Report

Detailed Income Statement

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

Figures in Rand	2021	2020
INCOME	538,137	365,942
Donor Receipts & Funds Raised through Events & Draws	229,501	171,024
National Lotteries Commission	100,000	-
The Marchig Animal Welfare Trust	98,707	-
Pet Clinic Sponsorship	51,539	50,488
Spay Day Sponsorship	-	73,680
Pet Food Sales	58,390	70,750
EXPENSES	532,895	390,178
Programme		
Education	65,633	24,536
Food Parcels	157,894	89,449
Paw Patrol	26,739	23,575
Pet Clinics	111,754	81,505
Spay Days	45,655	120,148
Veterinary Fees	125,220	50,965
PROFIT / (DEFICIT)	5,242	(24,236)



Finance Notes

Since Level 5 lock-down prevented us from conducting Spay Days in the local school hall, TEARS Animal Rescue came to our aid and offered to conduct all sterilisations at their clinic free of charge. Vrygrond is part of their geographic mandate too, so it made sense for the two organisations to combine efforts so that we could continue with this vital programme, even during Level 4 restrictions. AfriPaw continued to source sign-ups, brief pet owners, facilitate registration, take care of logistics and transportation of all pets to be sterilised, whilst TEARS provided the clinic and theatre staff. Since TEARS very kindly conducted sterilisations free of charge, we did not pursue dedicated sterilisation grants or donations as we did in the past. Instead, we made small contributions towards the cost of each Spay Day, using general funds.

Corporate Governance

The AfriPaw Board had two face-to-face meetings in 2020/2021 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 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.

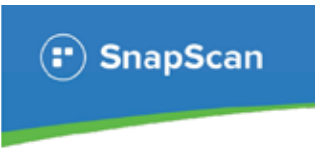
Systems of financial control and reporting are in place. Our accounts are audited and the financial information has been disclosed in line with the latest international best practice.



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

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- The National Lotteries Commission
- The Marchig Animal Welfare Trust
- 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
- Adora-bull Terrier Rescue and Rehabilitation
- Aid for Animals in Distress (Aid4Aid)
- Animals Have Rights 2
- Barking Dog Distributors Pty Ltd
- Best Friends Grooming Parlour in Kommetjie
- Doggo Doggy Daycare and Boarding in Kirstenhof
- EnerPets Pty Ltd
- Envirovet CVC
- Eugene's Pet Parlour
- Fourways Veterinary Clinic
- Groomer on the Road
- Pit Pals
- Pure Rehabilitation
- Tin Can Town
- VPaw

AfriPaw is a proud member of the Cape Animal Welfare Forum.

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