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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

It has been five years since AfriPaw started “walking the streets” of Vrygrond, recognising the despair and desperate need to feed, care for and help pets. I do not think any of us, nor the community would have expected us to be where we are today.

Using our four programmes as a vehicle and tool for communicating and educating within the community has been tremendously successful, especially the sterilisation and pet clinic programmes. I personally believe that sterilisation is the most important programme that sets up the short- and long-term success of AfriPaw and what we achieve.

A significant and most welcome change has come about with the passing of the bylaw by the City of Cape Town for compulsory sterilisation of all pets that are six months or older, unless a permit is obtained. It is now a regional mandatory requirement. This is a significant step towards regulating breeding and combatting overpopulation of pets. We look forward to seeing the benefits of implementing and enforcing this bylaw together with the City of Cape Town and fellow animal welfare organisations – aiming at reducing uncontrolled breeding and unwanted and neglected pets.

AfriPaw's collaboration with TEARS Animal Rescue has been most effective and powerful in the delivery of high numbers of sterilisations and critical veterinary care. We are very grateful and proud of this special partnership and we wish to thank TEARS for the significant role they play in making our work possible. We also wish to thank our Programme and Product sponsors, The National Lotteries Commission, The Stretch Foundation, Boehringer Ingelheim, Nexgard SA and all our private funders for their faith in us and for their continued support. The overall achievements by the AfriPaw team speak for themselves, as are reflected in the statistics.

Lastly, to the community of Vrygrond, thank you for trusting and believing in us and for partnering with us to improve the general health and happiness of your pets.

Please share your experiences and help us grow. Together for happy pets!

Rich blessings
Cecilia Fraser



Letter from our Honorary Patron

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

Dear AfriPaw Supporter

I am deeply honoured, and proud to serve as the Honorary Patron of AfriPaw. Our vision is to see communities that treasure their pets, provide for their needs and protect them from suffering and disease.

I send this message with enormous gratitude, and admiration to our Vrygrond community members and volunteers, supporters, funders and donors, strategic industry partners, and the AfriPaw Board of Directors, for delivering on our vision and mission even through incredibly tough economic times. We draw strength from their collective resilience, tenacity, conviction and commitment to making a difference to the health and wellbeing of pets.

As I mentioned in my message last year, I grew up very close to Vrygrond, reputedly the oldest informal settlement in the Western Cape. The complexities of this impoverished landscape, lack of resources, unemployment and poverty prevails, and has intensified over the past year. Human beings and their pets live in the most dire socio-economic circumstances. AfriPaw brings education, primary care, compassion, and relationships based on love of pets, to the Vrygrond community. Most of all, AfriPaw is a beacon of light and hope in these challenging times. Our love for pets continues to drive us to do more, do it better, and with great enthusiasm and passion.

As you read this Annual Report, it is clear that AfriPaw is indeed an efficiently run, values-based organisation, where good governance prevails. Thank you to our Board for their incredible efforts this financial year to building a sustainable organisation that is guided by our purpose.

Congratulations to the AfriPaw team for sterling work and exceptional progress this year.

We wish you the very best in the years ahead.

Dr Shirley Zinn



Dr Shirley Zinn is the former Group Head of Human Resources at Woolworths Holdings Limited. Prior to this, she was the Head of Human Resources for Standard Bank. 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, Spur Corp). She is the past President for the Harvard Alumni Association, South Africa and is also the Chairperson of the Board 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

It has been five years since AfriPaw took its first baby steps as a grassroots organisation in Vrygrond and I am humbled and honoured to report on our activities between March 2021 and February 2022. We are transitioning from a young organisation to a more established community-based influencer and our impact is slowly becoming more visible and certain. Our footprint has grown, both in terms of area and depth. We are seeing pet owners from Montagu Village, Hillview, Lavender Hill, Seawinds, and Steenberg attending our Pet Clinics, resulting in us reaching even more pets for sterilisation drives and primary pet care. AfriPaw has become a familiar presence in Vrygrond and Overcome Heights and the residents are becoming more and more part of our fabric, as both local volunteers increase and AfriPaw Ambassadors emerge.

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

1. Our collaboration with TEARS Animal Rescue has grown into a powerful partnership, with each organisation bringing different strengths to the table. AfriPaw Ambassadors and Volunteers are the foot-soldiers who connect with the community and focus on sterilisation sign-ups and the logistics leading up to each Spay Day, serve at the monthly Pet Clinics, act as the port of call to report sick or injured animals and sell subsidised pet food in smaller, affordable quantities whilst TEARS Animal Rescue provides critical veterinary care, runs the hospital section during monthly Pet Clinics, performs sterilisations and provides their mobile service to respond to call-outs. We are extremely grateful for this partnership and we are excited to see it strengthen and grow.
2. Our number of sterilisations per year are steadily increasing. We sterilised 341 pets this past year, compared to 327 in 2020/21, 217 in 2019/20, 232 in 2018/19 and 155 in 2017/18, bringing our total to 1 272. Thanks to the presence of our AfriPaw Ambassadors in the community, as well as our monthly Pet Clinics, we have created accessible channels for sign-ups, resulting in consistent sterilisations throughout the year. Read more about the process in our Programmes section.

3. Our monthly Pet Clinics have become a well-known and well-attended feature on the Vrygrond calendar and we are delighted that participation has steadily increased.

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 2021 to February 2022:

- 341** Pets were sterilised
- 5791** Pets attended our monthly pet clinics
- 12 340** Bags of subsidised pet food were sold
- 67** Kennels were provided to sterilised pets
- 287** Pets received critical veterinary care
- 65** Active volunteers are now part of our team
- 2447** People follow us on Facebook
- 1498** 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 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. Spay Days serve as a great tool to educate, demonstrate pet care, and form relationships with the community. The recent bylaw, passed by the City of Cape Town, where it is now mandatory to sterilise all pets that are 6 months or older, unless a permit is obtained, is a great move towards animal population control, which will significantly reduce neglect and in the long run, hopefully ease the burden of many animal welfare organisations. With the backing of this bylaw, the discussion around sterilisation is no longer a debate with the pet owner, as it is no longer a personal choice or preference, however, we are still working out how to best enforce this law without alienating pet owners and unravelling the trust that has taken years to build.



We would like to thank TEARS Animal Rescue for providing their ambulances to help transport animals from Vrygrond to their clinic and back and for making their entire clinic staff complement available once a month 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 over 35-40 pets per Spay Day.

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

Sterilisations		
DATE	DOGS	CATS
Individual on various dates	22	5
25 March 2021	23	7
29 April 2021	23	8
27 May 2021	22	11
2 September 2021	22	0
30 September 2021	29	0
28 October 2021	5	18
4 November 2021	31	0
25 November 2021	28	0
2 December 2021	6	22
3 February 2022	28	0
24 February 2022	0	31
Sub-Totals	239	102
TOTAL	341	



Programme TWO – Monthly Pet Clinics



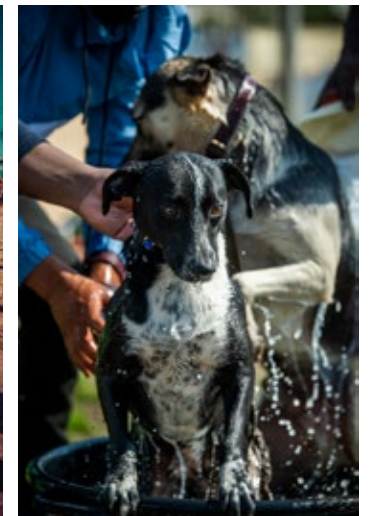
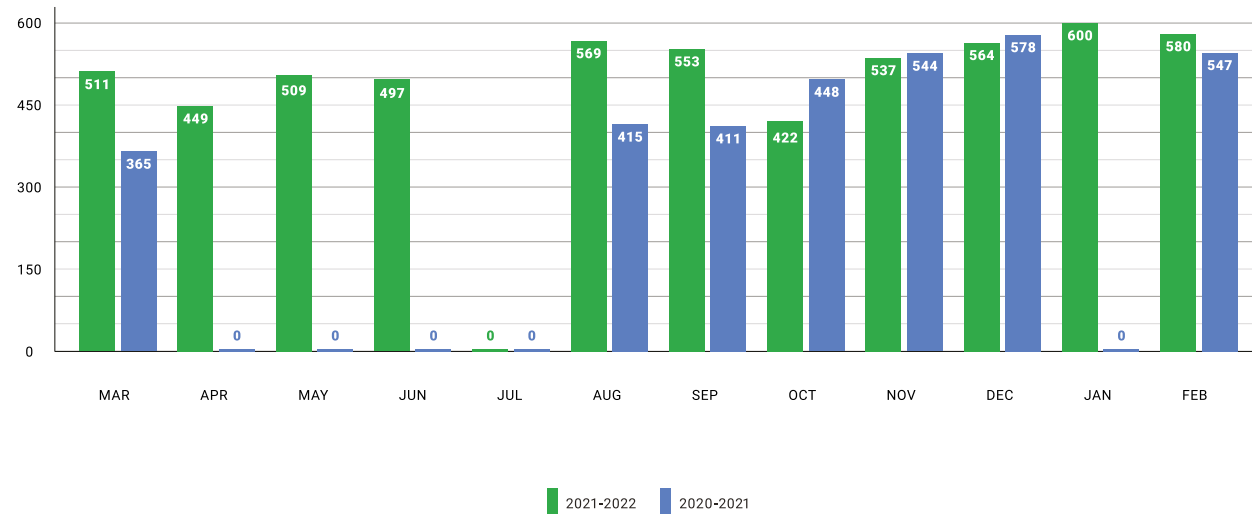
Our monthly Pet Clinics, co-hosted by TEARS Animal Rescue, is a highlight, because we know that we make a big difference on these days. Not only do we administer parasite control to an average of well over 500 pets, but with the help of TEARS Animal Rescue, we also identify and treat sick and injured 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.

Thanks to the incredibly generous support of our Programme Partner, The Stretch Foundation, and our Product Sponsor, Boehringer Ingelheim, who donate Nexgard parasite control on a monthly basis, allowing us to give extra special treatment to animals in need. 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 introduction of Pet Clinic Cards, which are earned by the owners of sterilised pets who attend on a regular basis, has been 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 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.

Due to Covid-19 lock-down restrictions, the July Pet Clinic in 2021 was cancelled, but, as soon as we were allowed to open the gates again, attendance figures steadily rose to our highest numbers yet, with 600 pets recorded in January 2022. The graph below shows an overall trend of increased community participation, which is a source of great encouragement.

Pets treated at our Monthly Pet Clinics



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 have a permanent presence in Vrygrond and Overcome Heights, which has also extended to Seawinds, Montagu Village, Hillview and Lavendar Hill. 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, the concept of Paw Patrol has tremendous scope for growth, and we are excited about the prospects when the timing is right.

Programme FOUR - Food Sales

The selling of pet food through our community-based AfriPaw representatives 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 part-time jobs within the community. We are delighted that we have increased our food sales outlets in the community from one to four. Pet food is now available for the local community to buy in Drury Road, Vuyo Road, Overcome Heights and Seawinds. 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 the majority of our Pet Clinics this past year. We would like to expand this by establishing free pet food as a fixed component of our Pet Clinics so we are actively seeking a pet food company who will partner with us.

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

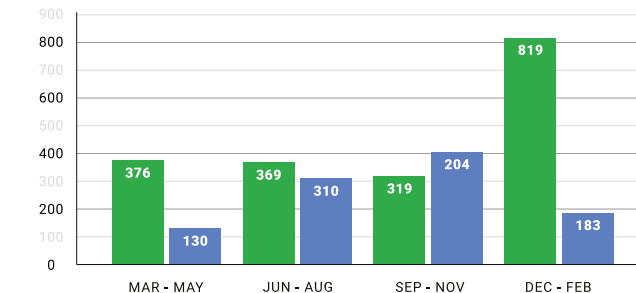
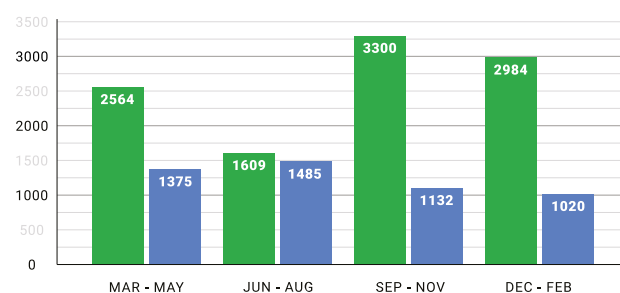
The graphs below show the comparative breakdown of subsidised food sales for the past two years. Twelve thousand three hundred and forty bags of subsidised pet food were sold in 2021/22 compared to four thousand and twenty in 2020/21, which is almost three times as much, showing that pet owners are grateful for the opportunity to buy affordable pet food.

R10 Bags of Dog Food Sold

2021-2022

2020-2021

R15 Bags of Cat Food Sold



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.

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 287 pets between 1 March 2021 and 28 February 2022 (compared to 214 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. 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.

For the sake of FUN-draising

We have probably never had so much fun raising money for a cause that we are deeply passionate about. It requires hard work and dedication to set a target and reach it, but when you are surrounded by like-minded people with the same love for animals, amazing things happen.



Half Marathon Fundraiser

Our second Half Marathon fundraiser took place on Sunday 5 September 2021, was attended by sixty runners and raised a tremendous R104 000! We took things to a whole new level as we increased our number of runners from a small team of three in 2020 to a team of 60 in 2021. We were met with great enthusiasm when we launched the run and we were pleasantly surprised by the uptake of runners. Despite the fact that we had to postpone the event from July to September, due to Covid-19 restrictions on gatherings, the energy and excitement for both the run and the cause seemed to gather even more momentum as time passed. The course started at Fish Hoek Lifesaving Club, who kindly hosted us for the morning, with Shorebreak Café providing steaming coffee and post-run breakfast rolls. The route then followed the scenic road all the way to Fisherman's beach in Simon's Town and back. Special thanks to Coca-Cola Peninsula Beverages who sponsored all the race drinks and were up at the crack of dawn to set up a special race finish for us. Thank you also to Performance Brands for providing top quality First Ascent running tops at a subsidised price. Thank you to all our marshals who helped keep the run safe and added some fun and encouragement along the way. Our heartfelt thanks to every runner who garnered financial support and sweated it out on the road, and to every person who sponsored a runner. We were even privileged enough to benefit from a commitment by financial service provider, Riscura, to match all funds raised by their team of runners, which gave us a rather significant boost. We hope to make this a sought-after annual event on the calendar. #togetherforhappypets



TEARS Sleepathon

AfriPaw team ANT (Anél, Nicky, Talita) participated in the TEARS Sleepathon in November 2021 and thanks to the generosity of their supporters, raised a total of R13 850. It was a first for all three of them, and although only one member of the team got a good night's sleep, it was an amazing experience. After all, the point of the whole exercise is not to sleep, but to cuddle a shelter pet. The event was extremely well organised and everyone was spoilt with live music, tasty vegetarian food, drinks and even dessert, before they headed off to the kennels and cattery for the night. This is definitely something for your Bucket List!



Adventures for a Cause in support of AfriPaw

Thank you so much to Gina van Deventer and Nicole Goosen, who combined their love of adventure with their passion for pets to raise funds for us. They bravely undertook to run the AfricanX Trail, a 3-day stage run, covering a total distance of 74km's in aid of AfriPaw and raised R5400. As part of a variety of training sessions, we caught up with them when they tackled an hour of "up and down" on the famous Jacob's Ladder steps in Kalk Bay to strengthen their legs and lungs in preparation for the big day. We are truly grateful for their enthusiasm and support. #togetherforhappypets



Mandela Day Kennel Drive

For the second 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. 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 four 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 27 of the 67 kennels!



Happy Tales

Big Show (now Baldrick) from Dawn Road



It was late one Thursday afternoon when we first spotted Big Show. It was the end of a long Spay Day and we were dropping off the last of the dogs and cats that had been sterilised that day when we saw a disturbing sight. We had to look twice to make our eyes believe that we were really seeing the hairless shadow running around the taxi rank in Vrygrond. Since we started our work five years ago, images like this one have thankfully become very unusual. We were tired and the light was starting to fade, but we knew that we had to act immediately, so we followed the skeleton of a dog home to Dawn Road and discovered that Big Show was once a dearly loved member of the family, but had developed severe mange and infected almost all the other dogs on the property, resulting in the uninformed owner expelling him from the home in an attempt to protect the other dogs. There were so many dogs on the large property, which is shared by several families, and unfortunately none of them had ever attended our Pet Clinics. In fact, we had been aware for some time of the big property with all the dogs and we had made several attempts to try and convince the owners to sterilise their pets, but we were met with reluctance, even distrust. This was all about to change. Having spoken to the owner of Big Show to explain that mange was a serious but perfectly treatable condition, she started to realise that there was hope and that help was at hand. Thankfully we had a stash of Nexgards donated by Boehringer Ingelheim with us, so we proceeded to administer Nexgards to all fourteen dogs on the property. We also dewormed all the dogs. This non-judgmental act of kindness resulted in the owner signing up five dogs for sterilisation on the spot. We wanted to strike the iron whilst it was hot and load the dogs into our vehicle straight away, however, there was no space because by now our van was packed with empty cat crates from side to side and floor to ceiling. We made a quick call to the ever-present, ever-ready TEARS Animal Rescue team, who were also still in the area dropping off sterilised dogs, and within 5 minutes they pulled up behind us. We quickly transferred all our cat boxes into their mobile van, freeing up our vehicle to accommodate the dogs. Since Big Show's condition was so poor, the owner agreed to surrender him, so that we could begin treatment that would take at least 3 months. We are overjoyed that the skeleton who once ran around the taxi rank, fending for himself and living off scraps, is now not only fully recovered, but looking like a million

dollars, living with Terry and Louise in Kommetjie, where he goes for daily walks on the beach, has his own giant bed and is dearly loved. This was once again the result of team effort. The TEARS Animal Rescue veterinary team sterilised the five dogs and returned them home the next day, whilst also accommodating Big Show for the first few weeks while they were giving him the essential treatment he needed, which included Nexgard, and food sponsored by Hill's Pet Nutrition. Trijntje from Best Friends Dog Grooming Kommetjie gave Big Show a complimentary bath and groom and he continues to go there for his beautification. AfriPaw paid weekly visits to the property in Vrygrond, provided special medicated shampoo, which the owner used to give all the dogs weekly baths. We administered Nexgard (NexGard South Africa) for three months and it's of course no surprise that all the dogs are now fully recovered. To top it all, every single dog on the property is now sterilised. We love visiting this home, because the animals are all happy and healthy and we have established a trusting relationship with the families who live there. Some of their pets have started attending our monthly Pet Clinics. Others are quite big and refuse to walk to the school, so we will continue to stay in contact, pay regular visits and encourage the owners to keep giving their dogs baths. We paid a visit to Big Show, now renamed Baldrick, only to find a happy, content dog with a shiny coat, the bushiest tail in the Deep South, a sense of humour and a spring in his step. Thank you to everyone involved.

Sparkles from Drury Road



Sometimes it requires a huge big team effort to make a difference to the quality of life of just one dog. The story of Sparkles from Drury Road in Vrygrond was a typical case of "#togetherforhappypets". Sparkles belongs to one of AfriPaw's trusted volunteers, Florence Jacobs and was brought to our February Pet Clinic with a hind leg injury. X-rays revealed a torn cruciate ligament, which is an ailment that is common in older dogs, but it is quite serious and requires corrective surgery. It was amazing to witness the power of team work as TEARS Animal Rescue accommodated Sparkles whilst she waited for specialist surgery, performed pro bono by Dr Rose Dallas and her team at Alphen Vet in Constantia. Then Fourways Vet in Sun Valley stepped in to help with post-operative recovery whilst Dominique from Infinite Animal Therapy provided essential weekly physio sessions, which included laser massage and strengthening exercises. Sparkles finally received the all clear and it was so special and heart-warming to witness the long-awaited reunion and home-coming. Armed with a Nexgard, donated by Boehringer Ingelheim, which will protect Sparkles from

ticks and fleas, we were able to return her to the familiarity of home. To top it all, thanks to the generous donations from our supporters, we were able to provide her with a brand new kennel and double mattress for extra comfort. We look forward to seeing Sparkles at our future Pet Clinics, where she will be monitored and receive anti-inflammatories and injections (if needed) to ensure that she continues to be pain-free, happy and healthy. It is our privilege to serve the people and pets of Vrygrond and we are so grateful for all the help from our supporters and collaborators. We wish you a wonderful and happy life Sparkles. We know that you are deeply loved and we are so glad that we could help you. [#togetherforhappypets](#)

In loving memory of Blackie from Vrygrond Avenue



We recently lost one of our golden oldies, affectionately known as Little Miss Blackie. She was brought to our Pet Clinic fifteen months ago to be put to sleep because she was old. We felt that she still had life to live so we put out a desperate plea for a retirement home. We were thrilled when Ali Forder-Harris and her family responded, but no-one knew quite what awaited us! From the moment Blackie arrived at her new home, she was disorientated and confused. She cried pretty much the whole first night, even though Ali let her sleep in the bed with her. Most people would have given up, but not Ali! She pushed through! With the help of some calming medication and sleeping pills for Blackie, she soon settled into what turned out to be the best 15 months of her life. Initially, she had separation anxiety, but even that did not stop the family from going out of their way to accommodate her. They took her everywhere they went - even to a restaurant that was not dog-friendly, but allowed them an outside table (on a rather cold night). The family took it in their stride. Blackie visited many places, including the farm of a family friend, the beach, an art studio, Imhoff Farm, several trips to the shops, restaurants and of course daily walks. She loved her canine companions and she loved life. She spent only one Christmas with the family, but we know in our hearts that she died happy and deeply loved. Thank you Ali Forder-Harris and family for loving Little Miss Blackie the way you did. We know that she brought a ray of light with her and we will always be thankful for what you did. We are all very sad about your (and our loss). Run free Little Miss Blackie [#togetherforhappypets](#)

Harvey from Trevor Siljeur Road



New LOOK new LIFE: Golden Oldie Harvey from Trevor Siljeur road was surrendered at our March Pet Clinic to be put to sleep because he was old. We took one look and all agreed that this beauty still had life to live. He is certainly not young, seems to have a bit of arthritis, needed two teeth extracted, was diagnosed with Ehrlichia (a tick-borne disease, for which he was treated), produced the dirtiest water when he had his first bath and was found to be infested with ticks. But thanks to the miracle-working hands of Trijntje and Ingrid from Best Friends Dog Grooming Kommetjie and a Nexgard, sponsored by Boehringer Ingelheim, as well as Hill's JD food sponsored by TEARS Animal Rescue, Harvey now lives a life of comfort and extra special care in his old age, because, to top it all, Trijntje offered to foster Harvey, so things really could not have turned out better. [#togetherforhappypets](#)

Celebrating Lungelo Masinga and his pets from Overcome Heights



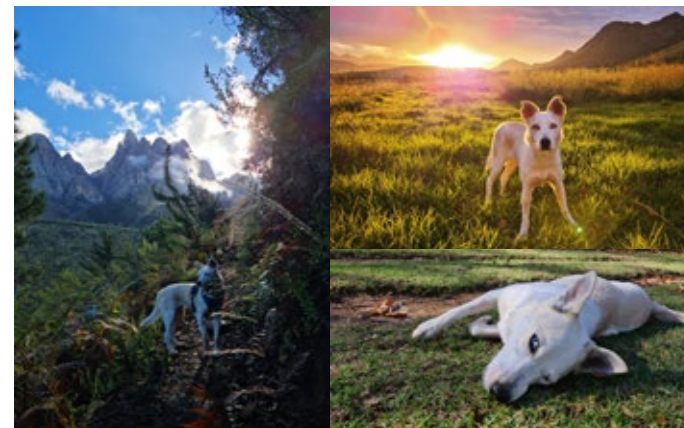
Lungelo Masinga is a young man from Overcome Heights, with a deep love for his pets. He has not missed a Pet Clinic in the past 18 months. His dogs, Bobby and Rex and his cat, Fluffy, are all in immaculate health. They are all sterilised, free from parasites, well cared for, treasured, provided for and protected - all the things we strive for in our Vision statement. When we arrived at Lungelo's home to deliver the two kennels he had earned through regular Pet Clinic attendance, he was at school, but we were greeted by the happiest, most relaxed dogs and cat we have ever had the privilege of meeting. Lungelo had made his own make-shift shelter for them, but obviously he had to use the limited material that was at his disposal, so even though it was made with great love and care, they desperately needed a more solid structure. Our visit to Lungelo's home was one of the happiest and most memorable house calls in the five years that we have been in existence. The love and care of one young man can make all the difference. May Lungelo be a role model to those around him. We are certainly very proud of him. [#togetherforhappypets](#)

Jessica from Philemon Road



It makes it all worthwhile when special people like Gavin and Julie Thomson and their children, Josh and Rosie, open their loving home to a dog that desperately needed comfort and care in old age. Jessica was surrendered from Vrygrond because her owners could not provide the medical care that an old dog with arthritis needs. She was loved, but she lived outside and did not have a soft bed or proper shelter. AfriPaw usually comes alongside pet owners to help the pets where they are, but in this case, everyone agreed that she needed extra comfort and care. Jessica's eye had to be removed, because she suffered from glaucoma - a condition of increased pressure within the eyeball, causing gradual loss of sight. She joined the Thomson family in June 2021 and there is no doubt that it's a match made in heaven. Even the cat approves. Thank you Hill's Pet Nutrition for donating Jessica's Hill's JD. We are so grateful for the support. Thank you also to everyone who commented on her post and shared it. [#togetherforhappypets](#)

Lady from Vuyo Road



We first spotted Lady on Paw Patrol. She was extremely skinny and the colour of her coat was grey. She was roaming the streets, scavenging for food. We located her owner, and discovered that Lady had two puppies, which explained why she was so thin. We administered parasite control to all three dogs and then discussed free sterilisation with her owner, who willingly agreed. Once Lady was sterilised, we visited the home a few times to take food and encouraged the owners to bring her to the Pet Clinics, to which they eagerly agreed. Lady became a regular Pet Clinic attendee, her grey coat became white again and she picked up weight. Unfortunately one fateful day, whilst out and about on the road, Lady was involved in an MVA (Motor Vehicle Accident) resulting in a serious hind leg injury, which required surgery. Since Lady seemed to be a free spirit and recovery was going to be slow,

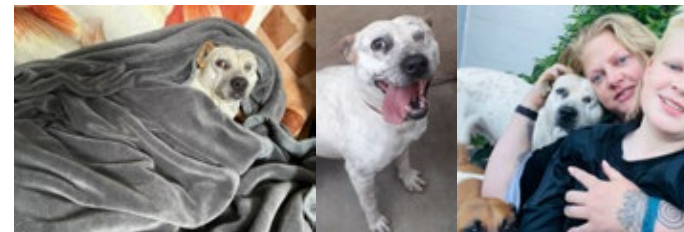
with a need for regular physio sessions, her owner agreed that it was in her best interests to surrender her. Lady was adopted by Ziglinde de Jager, who aptly renamed her Sky. We could not have asked for a better outcome for Sky, as out-door loving Ziglinde has given her the most incredible mountain, and farm excursions any dog could wish for, including plenty of water close to where they live, for daily hydro-therapy and strengthening of that injured leg. [#togetherforhappypets](#)

Gillian Malgas and her five dogs from Vuyo Road



Gillian Malgas is one of our top Pet Clinic attendees. In 2021, she earned five Mandela Day kennels for her five dogs through regular attendance and sterilisation. We love visiting Gillian's home, because the dogs are always happy, healthy, well cared for, deeply loved and to top it all, their kennels and mattresses are still in pristine condition one year later. We celebrate pet owners like Gillian and her pack, Blackie, Junior, Roxy, Sandy and Skatjie. Gillian also recently became a Pet Food Sales representative, selling subsidised food to the community around her. We are so proud of Gillian and her family.

Roxy from Apple Road



Roxy had lived most of her life on a chain. We first met her in Apple Road in Vrygrond in 2018, when her owners agreed to sterilise her. She became a regular Pet Clinic attendee, but remained chained, as she kept jumping over the wall and getting into trouble. Things took a dramatic turn when we received a call to say that something had happened while her owners were out as they returned to find Roxy's eye hanging out of its socket. We suspect an intruder possibly threw a brick or stone at her, causing severe trauma to her eye, which sadly could not be saved. Following surgery and some recovery time, we started taking Roxy on mountain and beach walks. It was evident that she absolutely loved these outings and that she was coping well with one eye. After waiting several months in the kennels, the most amazing dog-mom in the form of René Ronge, adopted Roxy into her loving home. Roxy now has one human and one canine brother and is living a life that dreams are made of.

Our Team

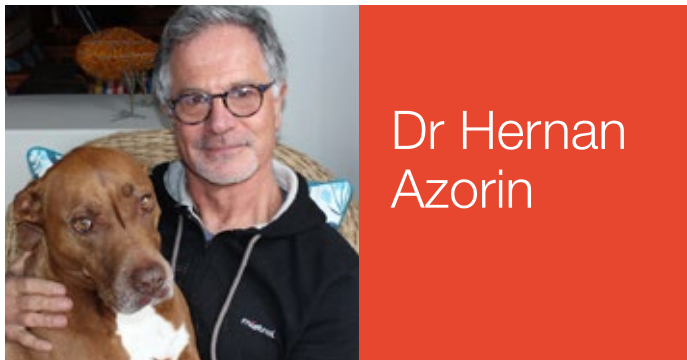
Board of Directors

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 Hernan Azorin is the owner and founder of Fourways Veterinary Clinic in Sun Valley, Cape Town. Originally from Argentina, he studied Veterinary Science at the National University of Central Buenos Aires in Tandil. In 1981 he moved to South Africa and after a short stint as a pizza chef at Al Ponte Restaurant in Hillbrow, he worked for the Department of Agriculture as a meat inspector, during which time he wrote his veterinary board exams, allowing him to practice as a vet in South Africa. He worked at the SPCA in Booysens in Johannesburg for two years before moving to Cape Town and joining the SPCA in Grassy Park, where he worked for 6 years. In October of 1989 he founded Fourways Veterinary Clinic, where he currently still practices. Fourways has been instrumental in helping establish AfriPaw. In his spare time, Hernan enjoys surfing, going to the gym and hiking. He also loves travelling. Hernan lives in Capri and has two adult children, Lila and Juan. He also has four fur-kids –two Pitbulls called Amber and Cooper, an AfriPaw rescue dog called Lunga 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.

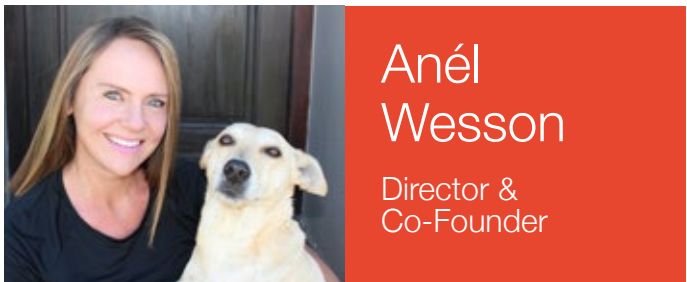


Susan Mc Cready
Treasurer

Susan Mc Cready is a Chartered Accountant (SA) and brings an accounting skills oversight to the team. She practices independently from her home in Clovelly in the tax field with the aid of two enthusiastic furry assistants, namely her dog, Amber and a small black cat, Starling. Susan is a born and bred Capetonian. She qualified as a Bachelor of Science from the University of Cape Town in 1992, but in 2000, pursued a conversion course to Accountancy. She completed her articles at Fisher Hoffman PKF. After a decision to specialise in tax, Susan joined the KPMG Cape Town Tax department where she enjoyed a valuable ten years being educated in all things tax, after which she took the plunge to go independent. Nowadays Susan works in the individuals' tax space and is the primary tax service provider to clients of Chalford Wealth Investment Management in Fish Hoek. Although highly dedicated to assisting many individuals to comply with their income tax obligations, Susan enjoys beach and mountain walks with her dogs and friends.

On the ground

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



Anél Wesson
Director & Co-Founder

Anél 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 four fur-kids.

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 four fur-kids.

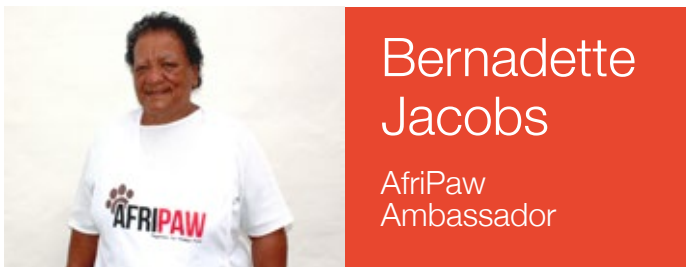
Volunteers

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



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 Tedelex, Rex Trueform and Sonchem, which is now Denel. Bernadette has two daughters, one son and five grandchildren. She loves cycling and is often seen on her bicycle in and around Vrygrond and Seawinds. 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.

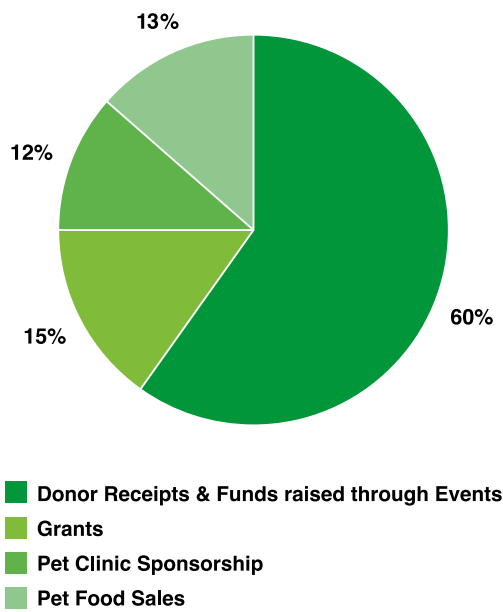
Summary Financial Report

Detailed Income Statement

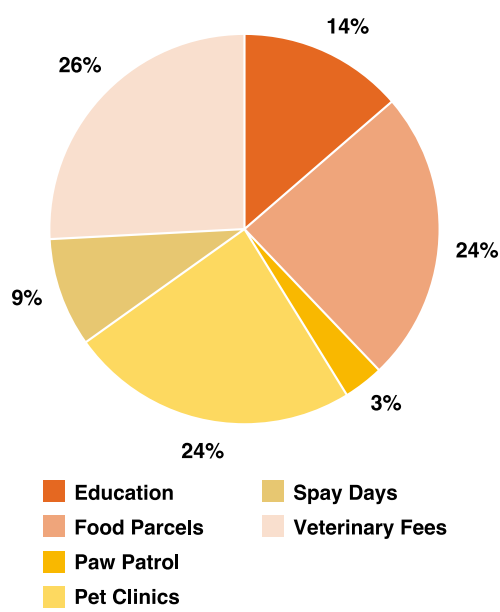
Our Annual Financial Statements have been audited and prepared by:
George W Cloete
Chartered Accountants (S.A.)

FIGURES IN RAND	2022	2021
INCOME	580,391	538,137
Donor Receipts & Funds Raised through Events & Draws	347,290	229,501
National Lotteries Commission	86,000	100,000
The Marchiq Animal Welfare Trust	-	98,707
Pet Clinic Sponsorship	68,701	51,539
Pet Food Sales	78,400	58,390
EXPENSES	573,189	532,895
Programme		
Education	78,044	65,633
Food Parcels	139,169	157,894
Paw Patrol	19,010	26,739
Pet Clinics	137,409	111,754
Spay Days	51,249	45,655
Veterinary Fees & Medication	148,308	125,220
PROFIT	7,202	5,242

The Source of Funds



The Utilisation of Funds



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 2021/2022 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.

If you would like to support our work, you can make a donation via EFT or Snapcan.

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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 Stretch Foundation
- Boehringer Ingelheim
- Capricorn Primary School
- Dancers Love Dogs
- The Cape Animal Welfare Forum
- The City of Cape Town
- Virbac
- Private Donors

Our Industry Partners

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

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