

Animal Welfare

Stellenbosch
Annual Report

2022/23



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“Only a life lived for others is worth living”

– Albert Einstein



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Mission Statement

We recognise animals as living beings with the right to a good quality life.

Aims & Objectives

- Serve our community and their pets
- Prevent cruelty and the ill treatment of animals
- Encourage kindness and consideration towards animals
- Improve the health of animals and in turn their respective communities
- Teach the community the humane treatment of animals and compassion for them

Sponsors

The AWSS acknowledges the support of corporate partners, trusts, and foundations, enabling us to continue serving the animals of Stellenbosch. Pets change lives and it is only with your support that together we can change theirs. Without your support we simply would not exist.

COMPANIES

- Bathrooms 4 U Stellenbosch
- Boland Weddings
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- National Lotteries Commission
- National Sterilization Project
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- Stellenbosch Animals in Need Trust (SAINT)
- The Edgard & Cooper Foundation
- The Marchig Animal Welfare Trust
- The Rolf-Stephan Nussbaum Foundation



Welcome General Manager

2022 has been a year of both joy and sadness. The devastating loss of our General Manager and friend, Lorna Hughes, left our team heartbroken. However, Lorna's passing also serves to highlight the compassion and kindness that surrounds AWSS, with people from far and wide coming together to help both our staff and animals.

Since taking the lead as General Manager, new beginnings and fresh starts became my mindset. Yet even as my thoughts turn toward the future, I will never lose sight of the past. We never take for granted, nor forget, the incredible friends, supporters and animal lovers that have impacted AWSS in some way or another over the years.

As we reflect on the achievements and challenges in this report, I am sure you will agree, AWSS is truly like no other – the 'happy tails' are a constant reminder of how our Society enriches and changes lives every day. We do not shy away from difficult issues and will remain indebted to the animals of Stellenbosch and continue to empower pet's owners and remain the lifeline to those who cannot speak.

I'd like to conclude by thanking every friend, donor, and volunteer, without whose support none of our achievements would be possible.

May I also extend my sincere thanks to all my colleagues and our committee members for their support and guidance; collectively they enable and inspire us to help the many precious animals that are dependent on AWSS for their wellbeing and continue to relieve the suffering of all animals.

Together we can be the difference.

Jessica Perrins



Our Staff

HEAD OFFICE

Jessica Perrins
General Manager
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Receptionist
Beatrice Mkandawire
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Veterinary Assistant
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Alick Makowa,
Petros Maphosa
Clinic Assistants

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Assistant Kennel Manager
Shaggy Kumwenda,
Robert Kamwera,
Hope Golden,
Watson Sichali
Kennels Assistants
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Puppy Block Assistant

CATTERY

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Cattery Manager
Edward Lewis
Assistant Cattery Manager
Nizaar Standaar,
Blessing Sanjika
Cattery Assistants

REHOMING OUR RESCUES

At AWSS, we meet an array of dogs and cats: pure breeds, special breeds, big, small, fluffy, round, and tall! And, with our promise to never turn an animal in need away, we welcome every animal with open arms, caring for them as long as it takes to rehome them.

In 2022, we admitted 567 cats and 920 dogs into our care. Whether it is reuniting a pet with their grateful owners or caring for and eventually rehoming a stray or surrendered animal, our dedicated staff and volunteers are committed to giving each animal their second chance in life.



Fenn found her fur-ever

Fenn (previously called Phoenix) came in as a stray with a badly injured leg, afraid and lost.



Sadly, after waiting patiently no one came to reclaim her. Our incredible staff and volunteers gave Fenn the time, attention, and medical care she needed and within a few weeks, she had blossomed into a loving, gentle dog and was ready to be put up for adoption. Fenn found her forever and is now being showered with all the love and spoils she could have ever asked for.

We adopted Fenn, and she has been a blessing to our family from day one. She is a bundle of love, joy, and hope. She accepted us (her 4 humans) with her 2 Chihuahua brothers immediately. AWSS gave her the love and attention she needed. Her manners are out of this world. Fennie is an example of hope, and her beautiful heart is out of this world. I can say with honesty that AWSS are angels, and they do everything with love.



TOGETHER LET'S MAKE RESCUE THE ONLY BREED!

With so many rescue dogs and cats waiting in shelters, we encourage those who have been fortunate enough to have rescue pets in their lives, to share how incredible rescue animals are, that they are not 'damaged' or 'difficult' and enable more people to look beyond a pet's looks or breed and embrace its personality and the love they have to give.

#rescueismyfavouritebreed

Purrr-fect ending for *Basil*

It's natural to gravitate towards the cute, four legged bundles of fluff: the bouncing kittens or the beautiful long-haired cat, and in minutes we're in love! These are the kind of cats that come into AWSS and are adopted within hours of arriving.

Sadly, that was not the case for Basil, he, through no fault of his own, was overlooked, some might say he was not affectionate or eye catching enough, just another Ginger cat. Despite all the odds being against him, the AWSS team never gave up on him.

After 486 days, Basil stole the heart of Hannah and is now living his purr-fect life!



Basil is so vocal; he meows in the morning when I get up because he wants his food (even if there is still food in his bowl)! He sleeps on my bed every night and has settled in so well. He loves making biscuits (kneading) and nibbling gently on my fingers when we're playing. Basil also loves to sleep in his basket next to my desk when I study, he is the best study buddy! Thank you AWSS.




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FOREVER OUR AWSS ANGEL

Lorna's Legacy

Est. 2022

As a general manager, friend, adopter, foster parent, and advocate, Lorna created a better world for animals and because of her, we are inspired to do the same.

Looking to the future, the team at AWSS are filled with hope and inspiration for the start of a new chapter in the proud history of AWSS of which Lorna and everyone associated with AWSS will be proud.



Inspectorate

In the last financial year alone, our inspectorate received 5 067 calls. Prevention is the primary objective. In a perfect world no animal would suffer in the first place, so we put a lot of effort into preventing cruelty wherever possible and educating before confiscating.

Every day, our inspectors, Leon, and Rudy, are at the frontline of animal welfare and far too often witness cases of cruelty and neglect - the path they walk for animals is a long and often difficult one, most often requiring courage, determination, resilience, and patience; but it is always a journey that they undertake with compassion.



Gypsy The famous R44 dog

This is a prime example that team work always makes the dream work. Gypsy spent 5 weeks on the run, dodging traffic and escaping the many members of the public who tried to come to her aid, all while heavily pregnant. Together with the help of hundreds of animal lovers, we were able to trap Gypsy safely and humanely.

This special soul crept into everyone's hearts, but it was Carla's heart she stole:



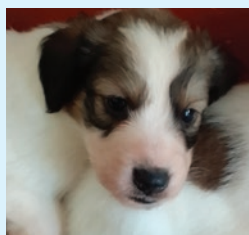
The Magical Gypsy Dog

I saw the white spotted doggie for the first time in January, she looked very street wise and I hoped she belonged. I thought of Lorna.

Thereafter more sightings and the realisation she needs help. Contacted John at AWSS, and heard she is the famous R44 doggie. I was introduced to another volunteer and made plans to put out special food for Gypsy in order to lure her to safety. She was pregnant. We asked one another: What would Lorna do?

Luckily that evening she walked into an AWSS cage, a few days before giving birth to 8 adorable, healthy puppies. She was a dedicated mom, so beautiful to see. I visited her regularly with special food, so relieved that she was safe. Her pups all found homes.

I love her free spirit and strength to find plans and thought it would be wonderful to give a home to her. We now call her Jessical. She has a lovely, soft, kind nature and she treads lightly on the earth. I look forward to the journey with her.



Community Outreach Clinics

Taking AWSS to the animals

AWSS is committed to all animals, not just those in our care. The AWSS Community Outreach Clinics provide pet owners and their pets with primary veterinary healthcare: wound care, treatment of illnesses, vaccinations, parasite treatment, pet sterilisation, pet food and humane education. They are a critical link to sick and suffering animals that would otherwise not have access to veterinary care.



AWSS CONTINUES TO EVOLVE AND EXPAND THE REACH BEYOND OUR GATES

At AWSS we believe one's financial status alone is not a reliable indicator of a person's ability to love and care for a pet, and strong bonds between people and their pets make for happier communities. During 2022, we experienced a significant increase in pet surrenders, most of which were linked to owners' loss of income and no longer being able to care for their pet/s. For this reason, the AWSS introduced a pet owner support program: all pet food and veterinary care is covered by the AWSS while pet owners seek employment or financial assistance, this has kept hundreds of pet owners and their pets together, which is most often the best outcome for everyone involved.

Mass Pet Sterilisation Campaigns

Looking back at the past 12 months we have accomplished so much and saved so many animals lives through our Mass Sterilisation Campaigns.

Lack of resources, specifically funding and owner reluctance has resulted in uncontrolled rampant over-breeding and an avoidable increase of disease, neglect and often abuse of animals in these areas.

The AWSS are being proactive and recognising the cause rather than the symptoms of the dire state of animals in Stellenbosch by sourcing funding and implementing sterilisation and humane education campaigns.

Together with the help of Dr Roos and the incredible Envirovet team, we sterilised an additional 688 pets in the Elsenburg, Cloetessville, Klappmuts, Kylemore and Kayamandi areas.



The Maxwell Clinic

Sick and injured pets have relied on us since 1956, and throughout our 65 years in operation we have never turned away an animal in need of medical care, and that is a promise we strive to keep.

In 2022, The Maxwell Clinic provided lifesaving help to over 7 500 pets. Of those, 4 485 animals were brought in by pet owners and 2 679 animals brought in by our inspectors, many of whom have been victims of cruelty or suffered neglect, and often require urgent medical care.

Our incredible clinic team is committed to providing the highest level of care to every animal that they treat - Ziana is just one of many animals whose life was touched and saved...

Ziana meaning brave & bold

Ziana was surrendered by her owner after a long-time client and neighbour, alerted our inspector and requested we go out to the property as something was very wrong with the neighbours dog. What we came across was horrifying and absolutely heartbreaking. Ziana had a massive tumor that we suspect had been growing for months and causing great discomfort and pain to her, to make matters worse, she was riddled in ticks, malnourished and terrified.

Ziana underwent extensive surgery to remove the tumor, the operation was a great success and fortunately she suffered no long-term health side effects. However, it took over a month, of gentle care, delicious treats, and kind words before she started to trust and understand that not all humans are cruel or to be feared.

Ziana went from strength to strength and blossomed into a loving, playful dog. Just 2 months after arriving at the AWSS, she found her perfect forever home.



We have had Ziana for a little over 2 months. It has been a challenge, but a labour of love and all worth it to see her amazing transformation – from a timid, insecure skeleton of a dog to the sleek, sweet natured canine companion she has become. She is still a work in progress with separation anxiety and a strong food drive but as she is learning more boundaries and gaining confidence the true Ziana is becoming more and more evident. Early in the morning she is 'Cyclone Ziana' – racing around with her ball and chew toy and chasing turtle doves (even getting stuck in a tree with her excitement)! Once all that energy has been expended the gentle Ziana emerges. She loves hugs, lap time and walks with whoever is holding the lead. She has certainly filled that furry gap in our lives. Hats off to AWSS for the amazing work that they do. I have visited several shelters and I was greatly impressed by the housing of the animals, as well as the care and attention to each animals' welfare. Thank you and bless you.



Funding our work

All the successes we've set out in this annual report – all the ways in which we offer a lifeline to desperate animals in need and all the ways in which we keep our doors open - are made possible entirely by the generosity and kindness of our supporters.

From the many hundreds of animal lovers that walked a dog, attended an AWSS event, dropped a coin in our tins or donated in-kind items – you are all amazing. The many individuals who gave via debit order, Snap Scan or on our website – you are the backbone of AWSS.

Each contribution is vital to giving new hope and homes to the thousands of animals who come through our doors. Thank you to each and every donor, supporter and fellow animal lover for being an integral part of the AWSS's foundation of support.

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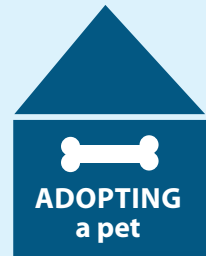


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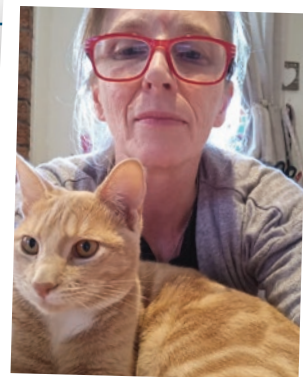
Volunteering



ADOPTING
a pet

FOSTERING *saves lives*

Simply put, we would not survive Puppy and Kitten Seasons without the support of our loyal foster parents. Fostering enables us to save more homeless pets – when our fosters take in animals, they open space for another animal in need, thus saving not just one life, but two! Our sincere thanks to each and every foster parent for the sleepless nights, hours of bottle feeding and nursing our little ones back to health – because of you we have been able to give these animals a second chance at life.



Together we can be **THE DIFFERENCE**

OUR VOLUNTEERS

The heart of AWSS

We are so thankful for the passionate and committed AWSS volunteers - kindred spirits bound together with an unwavering love for animals. They are fundraisers, ambassadors and life changers.



Idas Valley Primary School



Volunteer and Friend Thea



Brak Trap



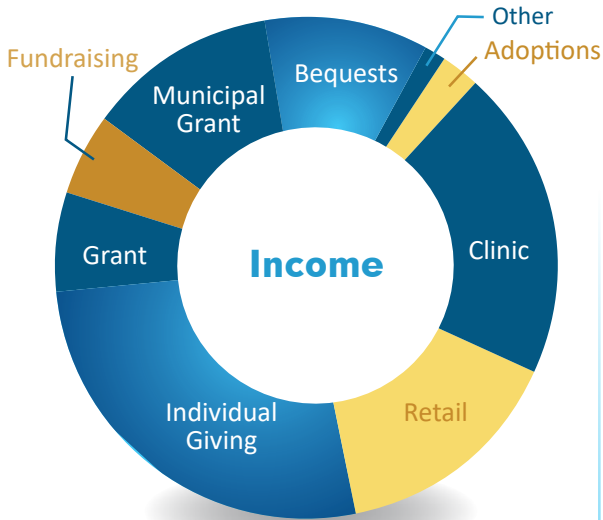
Our loyal friends and supporters at Boland Weddings

DREAM BUILDERS BEQUEST SOCIETY

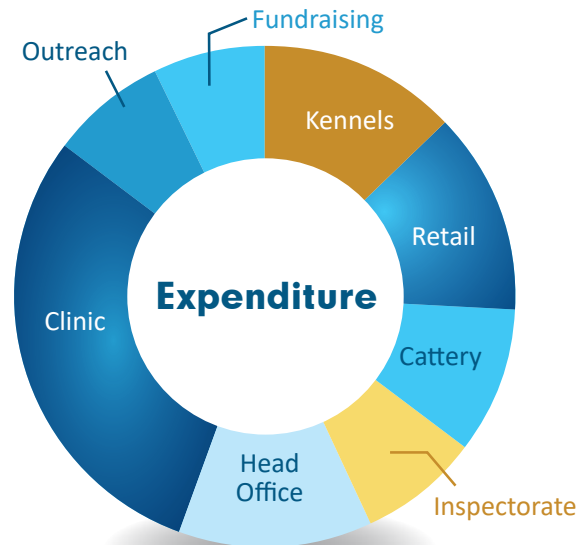
Where there's a will, there's a way. We would like to express our heartfelt thanks to the past and present animal lovers who have remembered AWSS in their will. A gesture of such generosity and trust means that you have belief in our ability to make our Mission a reality. Your gift guarantees you will always be there for animals in need and create a brighter, better future for pets today and the generations of pets to come.

Be there for animals. You can change lives forever by leaving a lasting legacy.

Financials



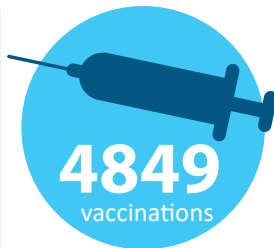
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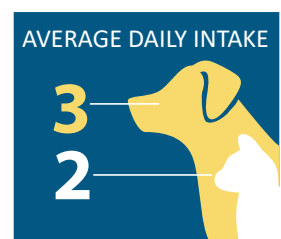
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Transforming Lives

**helping more pets
find their forever homes**



Passionately helping our
shelter partners with
powerful nutrition and
connecting them with
more pet parents.

**SCIENCE
DID THAT.**