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Annual Report 2023/24

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– Albert Einstein



Monis – the Chief Executive Hound of our hearts, and our General Manager's loyal shadow! Adored by everyone!

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Mission Statement

We recognise animals as sentient 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

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to our sponsors whose unwavering support empowers us to make a tangible difference in the lives of countless animals. Your generosity fuels our efforts to provide shelter, medical care, and love to those in need, ensuring they find safety and happiness. Together, we are champions for compassion and advocates for those who cannot speak for themselves. Thank you for standing beside us.

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Welcome General Manager

2023 was a year filled with significant achievements, not only in terms of remarkable victories for animals but also in the valuable experiences and lessons learnt that contributed to our success. Amongst these is the importance of winning more hearts and minds when it comes to the breed "Rescue" and promoting pet adoptions.

Despite the challenges presented and economic uncertainties, AWSS remained steadfast in its commitment to the welfare of animals. Throughout the year, we continued rescuing, rehabilitating, and rehoming animals in need, while also expanding our community outreach clinics and on-site veterinary care.

As we look to the future, we remain committed to our vision of creating a world where every animal is treated with compassion, dignity, and respect. With the continued support of our donors, volunteers, and stakeholders, I am confident that we will continue to make a meaningful positive difference in the lives of animals in need.

In closing, I want to express my heartfelt thanks and appreciation to everyone who has contributed to the success of the AWSS over the past year especially my hard working and dedicated team.

Together, we have made a measurable, positive impact in the lives of thousands of animals, and I look forward to our continued collaboration and achievements in the years to come.

Jessica Perrins



Our Staff

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REHOMING OUR RESCUES

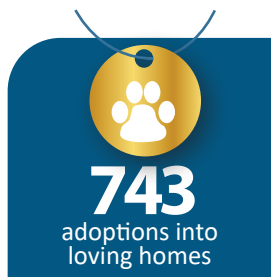
Our Kennels and Cattery are not just facilities; they are sanctuaries where each animal's journey from rescue to adoption is handled with compassion and respect. We aim never to turn away an animal in need of our help and to give them a second chance at life, a 67-year-old promise we strive to keep.

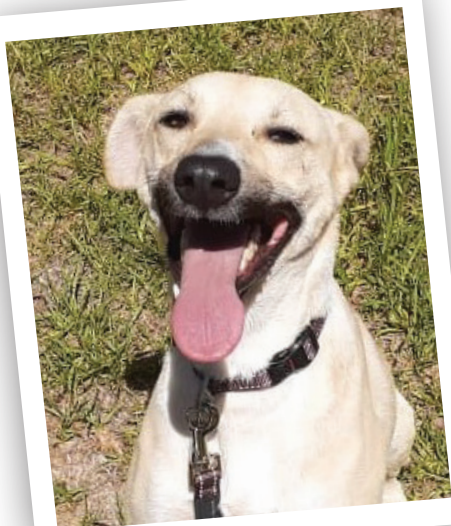
In 2023, our shelter admitted 800 dogs and 565 cats into our care. They arrived at our shelter from all directions and via every possible route – found by our inspectors and brought in as strays, led in by heartbroken owners unable to afford their care, left by individuals who just didn't want them anymore, or brought in by kind strangers who noticed them roaming the streets and recognised that AWSS offered them the greatest hope for a better future.

RESCUE
IS MY FAVOURITE
BREED



By highlighting the joy and fulfillment that comes with adopting a pet in need, we hope to continue to inspire others to open their hearts and homes to the "Rescue" breed. Through collective efforts and a shared commitment to animal welfare, we can make a lasting impact and create a brighter future for all shelter animals.





Home at last

Introducing Ollie (formerly known as Bryce), the resilient dog with a heart of gold who defied the odds. Ollie spent three years at the shelter, patiently waiting for his chance to find a loving home. Despite being overlooked time and time again, the dedicated team at AWSS never lost faith in him and waited as long as it took to find him his perfect match. Now, Ollie has finally found his forever family, proving that patience and perseverance truly pay off.



It all started when Stella, our energetic and long-legged Afrikanis, unexpectedly showed up at my husband's workplace back in December 2023. From there, we knew we needed to find her a companion, and that's when we stumbled upon Ollie (formerly known as Bryce) on AWSS' Facebook page.

When we introduced Stella and Ollie. It was truly love at first sight, and with the kennel managers green light, we knew Ollie was meant to be part of our family.

Ollie had a bit of a nervous ride home, and for the first couple of weeks, he stuck close to the corner of our garden, taking in all the new sights and sounds. But with Stella by his side, he quickly learnt the ropes - including the not-so-great habit of munching on mommy's plants, cozing up on the couch, and even sneaking into the garage at night. Ollie also introduced Stella to his love for stealing cushions and firewood, and, well, the occasional unauthorised adventure down the road that sent us all into a bit of a panic!



We can't thank AWSS enough for bringing Ollie into our lives. If you're considering adopting a rescue, we highly recommend reaching out to them. They truly have the best interest of their animals at heart and made the adoption process smooth and joyful. Here's to many more happy memories with Ollie and Stella!



Pippie's purrrfect place

Introducing Pippie, the rescue cat whose journey to find her forever home was the longest. We're overjoyed to announce that Pippie found her perfect match. Her new owner shares their heartwarming 'tail'.



Pippie has a gentle and loving spirit. She is independent and the sweetest girl I've ever met. She is very playful, and her favourite toy is a white string. It's the only toy that she never tires of.

She is friendly and super brave. She immediately made friends with the neighbours dog and just wants to rub against him and roll over when ever she sees him. She also has a little cat bestie with whom she likes to play "hide and seek".

She enjoys outside play time and early in the mornings you'll find her purring on your chest.

Pippie learns quickly and is very well mannered. She is a tiny little cat with a soft and shiny coat. Her size and appearance just make you want to snuggle her.

I do believe we still have a long way to go with building trust and a strong bond between the two of us because she still hesitates to act on her instincts for closeness and doesn't like to be cradled. I look forward to the journey. Overall, I am so proud of the progress we have made. She's just a soft, sweet, brave little cat and really makes me so happy. She has turned my house into a home.



The Maxwell Clinic

The Maxwell Clinic is well-equipped with dedicated staff and facilities to provide the best care for up to 36 animals at a time. From routine check-ups to emergency treatments, the clinic is committed to ensuring the well-being of every patient that comes through its doors. With a focus on compassion and expertise, the clinic strives to make each animal's stay as comfortable and stress-free as possible. By offering sterilisation, high-quality medical care and a nurturing environment, the clinic aims to help all animals on their path to recovery and good health.

Oz is among the many animals that came to our clinic in critical condition requiring our veterinary team to provide vital life-saving care.

Oz

 a journey of hope and healing

Once left to fend for himself, Oz endured unimaginable hardships. But through resilience and the power of love, he's transformed into a shining example of hope!



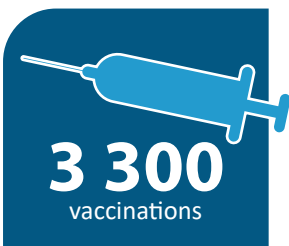
Oz was cruelly thrown over our fence, starved and covered in ticks. He was in critical condition, requiring a life-saving blood transfusion. We feared the worst, but with the help of our incredible veterinary team, volunteers, and Oz's fighting spirit, he prevailed!

After weeks of intensive care Oz made a remarkable recovery. His wagging tail and gentle nature captured the heart of Rene.

Oz is thriving in his home and spreading joy wherever he goes. With a heart full of love, he eagerly befriends everyone he meets, exuding a calm and gentle demeanor, even around the horses. He's taken to his new family members, following his paw siblings like a devoted shadow. His favorite pastime? Playing with his beloved toy, especially his cherished duck.



When I saw Oz, now called Phumba, it shook my soul. I just knew that he's the one. No living being should be subjected to such trauma and neglect. By adopting this little pup, I had the opportunity to right a wrong. In return I receive unconditional love. My little Phumba is now living his 'Hakuna Matata'.



2 062
clinic consultations



1396
sterilisations



Inspectorate

Every day our inspectors stand at the forefront of animal welfare, bearing witness far too frequently to instances of cruelty and neglect. Their primary mission is to enforce animal welfare laws and regulations, ensuring that all animals are treated as sentient beings with the right to a good quality life.

From conducting investigations into cases of cruelty and neglect to providing education and outreach to the public, their work is diverse, impactful and very necessary.



Before resorting to confiscation, our inspectors prioritise education and prevention as essential pillars of their approach. Through comprehensive educational initiatives, they empower pet owners with the knowledge and resources necessary to provide proper care and meet the needs of their animal companions. By fostering a culture of responsible ownership and compassion, our inspectors strive to address underlying issues, pet overpopulation and mitigate potential cruelty.





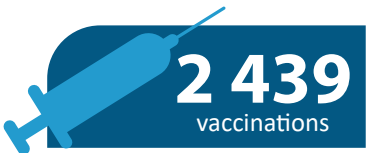
As a response to the growing need for accessible primary veterinary services for underserved communities and their beloved pets, the AWSS Community Outreach Clinics have emerged as beacons of hope, compassion and care.

Community Outreach Clinics

**HEALTHY ANIMALS =
HEALTHY COMMUNITIES**
A Compassionate Approach to Care

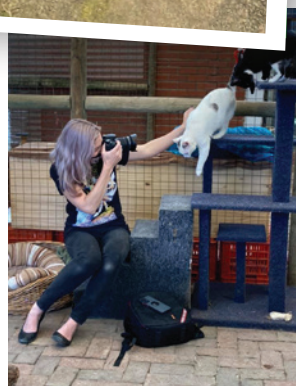


The Community Outreach Clinics are aimed at bridging the gap between primary veterinary services and communities lacking access to adequate care for their pets. Our Community Outreach Clinics represent a compassionate and proactive approach to addressing the healthcare needs of underserved communities and their pets. By providing essential veterinary services directly to those in need, these clinics not only improve the health and welfare of animals but also foster stronger, more resilient communities built on empathy and trust. As we continue to strive for a more inclusive and caring society, the role of AWSS Community Outreach Clinics remains pivotal in ensuring that no pet is left behind.

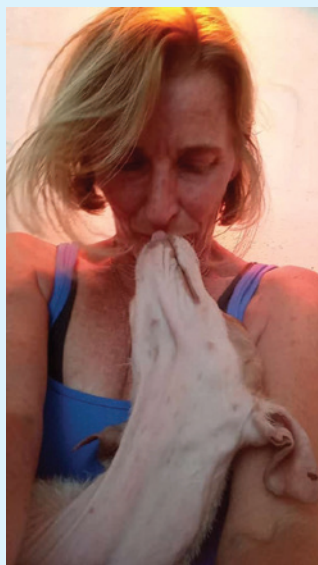


Our Volunteers

Our volunteers are the heart and soul of AWSS. Their passion and commitment to our cause is truly inspiring. Each one plays a vital role in our mission, whether they are organising fundraisers, spreading awareness as ambassadors, or driving forward positive change, our volunteers are the driving force behind our success. We are forever thankful for their tireless efforts and unwavering dedication. Together, we are making a real difference in the lives of animals, and we couldn't do it without our amazing volunteers. Thank you for all that you do!



Fostering saves lives



When you open your heart and home to a foster animal, you embody the true spirit of compassion and generosity. Your commitment to fostering is the cornerstone of our ability to rescue more homeless pets – by welcoming animals into your homes, you create room for another animal in need, effectively saving not just one life, but two!

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to every foster parent for the countless sleepless nights, the tireless hours spent bottle feeding, and the nurturing care given to animals in need. Thank you for being the guiding light that leads these animals from darkness into a brighter future.



Funding our work

2023 was another challenging year for fundraising and the wider animal welfare sector. Despite facing significant hurdles, our commitment to the cause remained unwavering, buoyed by the steadfast support of our donors. The success stories and highlights in this annual report serve as a testament to the power of collective action and underscore the profound difference that can be made when compassion meets dedication. As we reflect on the accomplishments of the past year, we extend our heartfelt gratitude to our donors, whose support enables us to keep our doors open, welcoming in those who need us most.

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ADOPTING
a pet

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What will we do without you.

Leaving a bequest to support animal welfare in your will is a powerful testament to your compassion and commitment to the well-being of animals, even beyond your lifetime.

By including such provisions, you ensure that your love and concern for animals endure, leaving a lasting legacy of kindness and care.

We would like to express our heartfelt thanks to the past and present animal lovers who have remembered AWSS in their will. Your generosity and kindness transforms the lives of our animals and gives them a bright new future to look forward to.

Through this act of generosity, you play a crucial role in safeguarding the welfare of animals for generations to come, leaving a profound and meaningful impact on the world.



Leave a lasting pawprint!

You have the power to shape a brighter future for animals.

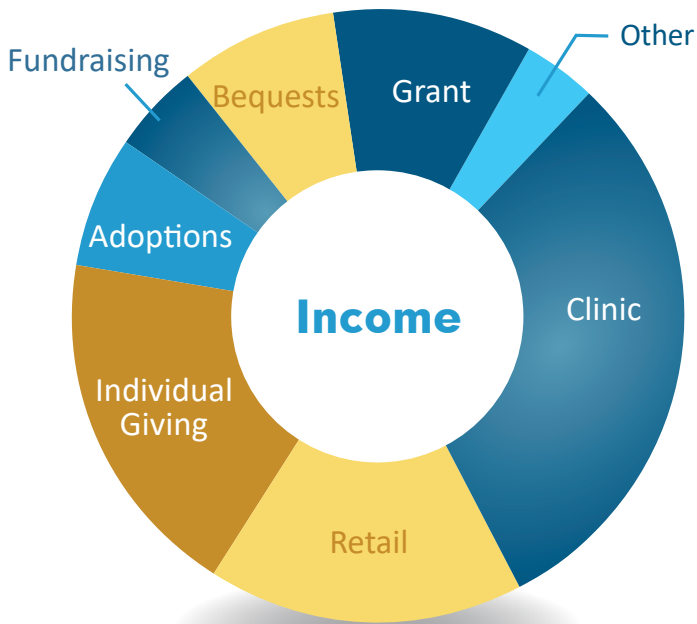
Your legacy isn't just a donation; it's a promise of compassion. It's a pledge to be the voice for those who cannot speak for themselves, ensuring that their welfare is safeguarded long after you're gone.

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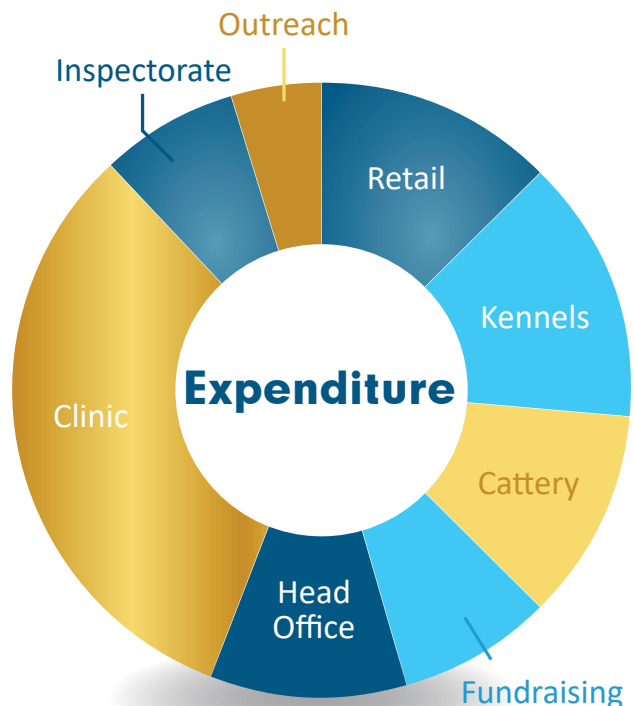


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Other:	314 338.18

Retail:	1 153 768.37
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find their forever homes**



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powerful nutrition and
connecting them with
more pet parents.

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