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LSPCA and the Centre for Animal Welfare



The LSPCA was established in 2008, and is the oldest and largest animal welfare organisation in Malawi focusing on domestic, livestock and working animals. The LSPCA and Centre for Animal Welfare strive to develop compassion and empathy for all animals through awareness campaigns, humane education, veterinary support and training, and promotion of the enforcement of the Protection of Animals Act of Malawi. The LSPCA also runs animal welfare projects; donkey welfare, rabies surveillance and vaccination, improving livestock transport and slaughter.

Mission and Vision



Mission: To improve the welfare of domestic, farm and working animals in Malawi. We work with government and other partners to deliver programmes of veterinary care, animal welfare education and training and to advocate for the implementation and enforcement of policies, legislation and regulations to promote good animal welfare.

Vision: To live in a world where animals in Malawi are treated with respect, care and compassion.

Veterinary Hospital



721

Animals
treated

103

Surgeries
performed

Our veterinary team provides the highest standards of friendly veterinary services including 24-hour emergency response, 24-hour hospitalization care, surgery and spay and neuter services, pet travel documents, routine vaccination, and dental care. The LSPCA Veterinary Hospital is the only certified veterinary hospital in Malawi and is a referral centre for the whole country.

Dr. Tino Razemba is our hospital manager and leads on surgeries, consultations, pet travel documents etc. Dr Madeline Nyamwanza leads surgeries, consultations, veterinary training for college students etc. Our team of veterinary nurses assist in surgeries, and looks after our patients.

The Roadside Sale campaigns



32

Vendors
trained

40

Police officers
trained

25

Community
leaders trained

The LSPCA, with support from the local community, WTS, VSF and RSPCA, is fighting the roadside sale of live animals in Lilongwe. This is an animal welfare issue, as well as a human health problem due to risk of rabies transmission from unvaccinated animals. Animals sold along the streets, especially puppies and kittens, suffer significant welfare issues; often their ears are glued to their head and they are dyed with toxic dyes; they are exposed to extreme weather conditions, suffer from severe dehydration, malnutrition and are taken away from their mothers before they open their eyes.

The LSPCA has developed a 12-month action plan and is working with the Malawi Police Services, Department for Animal Health and Livestock Development and Lilongwe City Council to find a long term solution to this problem. Furthermore, the LSPCA is conducting an awareness campaign to sensitize the public about the cruelty the animals suffer, as well as the human health risks involved.

Rescue and rehoming



Every year the LSPCA cares for hundreds of animals which are rescued, surrendered when owners can no longer care for them, and animals confiscated by the police. We have a purpose built rehoming shelter and all animals receive expert veterinary care. Our animal carers provide love and care to all our shelter animals and provide plenty of enrichment to keep them happy while they are with the LSPCA.

Following a 30 day quarantine period to rule out any illness, each animal is assessed to determine the ideal type of home for them. We provide basic training for all the dogs and work hard to match each dog or cat with the perfect new owner. In 2020-21 we found loving new homes for over 150 animals!

157

Animals
rehomed

Rabies surveillance and continuous vaccination



22,592

Dogs & cats
vaccinated
against rabies

In partnership with the government, the LSPCA, with support from WTG delivers a targeted community-led surveillance programme to isolate dogs infected with rabies and provides continuous rabies vaccination in priority areas to protect people and animals. Since 2015, the LSPCA has vaccinated over 150,000 dogs. Our rabies surveillance and continuous vaccination programme are aligned with the global drive to end dog transmitted rabies in humans by 2030.

Veterinary Training



58

Lessons
delivered

80

Students
received
training

The LSPCA is a focal point for veterinary training and animal welfare education in Malawi. With support from the WTS, we deliver a unique practical skills platform to students of veterinary medicine and animal health and livestock production. The LSPCA works alongside the Lilongwe University of Agriculture and Natural Resources (LUANAR) - Bunda College, and Natural Resources College campuses delivering veterinary training through face-to-face and online lectures, practical training in the field at community vet clinics and in our hospital and in improving the curriculum.

With support from the Martyn Edelsten Fund, the LSPCA hosts 2 vet interns per year who gain practical experience working in the veterinary hospital.

Mobile Vet Clinic



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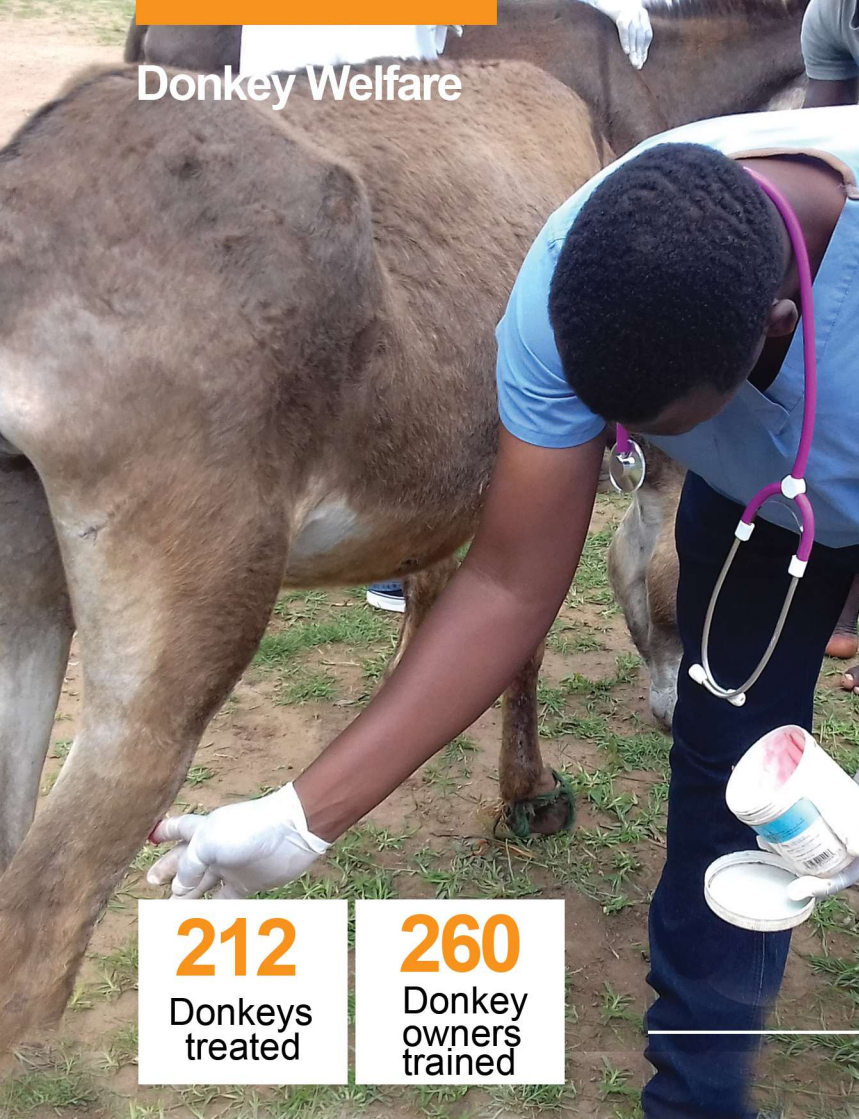
Animals
treated

With support from the LSPCA UK and IVC Evidensia, the LSPCA has started a new project delivering mobile veterinary services. The Mobile Vet Clinic runs commercially 2 days a week, which generates income to deliver 3 days of subsidised clinics in low-income communities. The community clinics currently reach 50% of Lilongwe's high density areas and we hope to expand this as we generate more funds.

The LSPCA also supports rural communities around Lilongwe to improve the welfare of farm animals, boosting health and production to secure income and better livelihoods and food security for small-holder farmers. Our clinic travels to all farming areas around Lilongwe. Most of these animals have no access to veterinary care.

Our experienced and dedicated vet team provides friendly and professional services; check-ups, vaccinations, deworming, wound treatment, and veterinary treatment.

Donkey Welfare



212

Donkeys
treated

260

Donkey
owners
trained

The health and welfare of donkeys is important and we work to ensure that their contribution to livelihoods is fully recognized and valued. With support from The Donkey Sanctuary-UK, the LSPCA provides veterinary care and we train owners and drivers in improving housing and nutrition, dental and hoof care and better treatment of the donkeys. We are developing new donkey harnesses and carts using local craftspeople and local materials which are specifically designed to fit well and reduce wounds and injuries and to optimize the donkey's pulling strength as opposed to the widely used harnesses designed for oxen. The LSPCA works with over 2000 donkeys in 6 areas around Lilongwe. Donkeys are a vital asset to many families. This programme helps to ensure that the health and welfare of donkeys is improved, which means they can continue to work productively and for longer to support the livelihoods of their owners.

Legislation and Enforcement

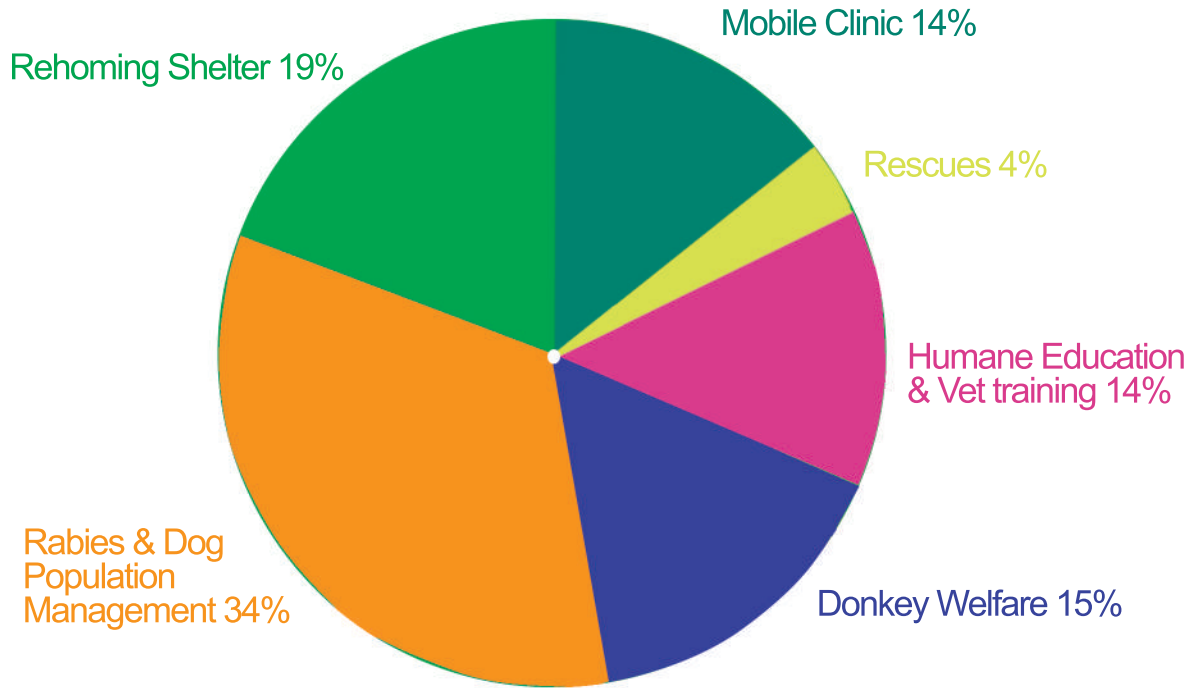


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Vendors
trained

The LSPCA believes that improved animal welfare contributes to the well-being of people, animals and our environment as a whole. We are working with the government on the development of a new Animal Welfare Law, which will provide greater protection for animals to prevent suffering and we hope will include higher penalties for animal cruelty offences.

Distribution of Funds



Partners



Government agency partners



Ministry of Agriculture Irrigation and Water Development
 Ministry of Education Science and Technology
 Ministry of Health





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