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LSPCA and the Centre for Animal Welfare

Established in 2008, LSPCA runs Malawi's only veterinary hospital for companion, farm and working animals. Through our Centre for Animal Welfare we deliver veterinary training, public education and policy advice as well as supporting the enforcement of Malawi's Protection of Animals Act.

Our programmes focus on building compassion towards animals in Malawi through public awareness campaigns, humane education, community programmes to improve the health and welfare of livestock and working animals and providing excellent veterinary care for pet owners and farmers in Lilongwe and nationally through referrals. All income raised through the veterinary hospital supports our community work including the rescue, confiscation and rehoming programme for dogs and cats.

Mission and vision



Our Mission: To create greater awareness within Malawi and the region of the animal welfare issues for all animals through targeted animal welfare education, veterinary training and the provision of veterinary care for all animals.

Our Vision: To live in a world that provides for both optimum animal welfare and human livelihoods.

Veterinary hospital



891 Animals treated

207 Surgeries performed

42 Pet imports & exports

LSPCA veterinary hospital is the only accredited veterinary hospital in Malawi and our dedicated vet team care for all animals as if they're their own. Our services include: in house diagnostics, 24-hour emergency response, hospitalization with round the clock care, surgery and spay /neuter services, pet travel documents, routine vaccination and dental health care.

Our mobile veterinary clinic provides essential services to rural communities, which have very little access to vets. We also deliver training to farmers and extension workers to improve the health and welfare of farm animals and working animals.

Rabies surveillance and continuous vaccination



LSPCA 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. This programme is supported by WTG.

Our community Based Rabies Surveillance Programme is trialling a new app for the first time in Africa. The App enables us to track all reported cases of suspected rabid animals and any person who have been bitten. We follow all cases to make sure the person receives any treatment necessary and where there has been a positive dog rabies case we vaccinate all dogs in the area. Since 2015, LSPCA has vaccinated over 160,000 dogs.

15925 Dogs vaccinated

21 Murals to spread rabies message

825 Toll free calls received

15 Samples sent for rabies testing

Rescue and rehoming



Our rehoming shelter for dogs and cats gives rescued, confiscated and surrendered animals the chance for a happy future.

891 Animals rehomed

207 Animal rescued and surrendered

Veterinary training



891 Vet practical lessons

21 Online lessons

42 University students engaged

LSPCA as a focal point for veterinary training continues to impart new skills and knowledge to budding veterinarians and animal health professionals in Malawi. This veterinary training programme is supported by WTS.

LSPCA works alongside 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, and practical training in the field at community vet clinics and at our vet hospital.

Donkey welfare



LSPCA's Donkey Welfare project is transforming the lives of donkeys, mules and their owners. With support from the Donkey Sanctuary UK, LSPCA provides veterinary care and works with donkey owners to teach them how to care for their donkey's teeth and hooves, how to make fodder bales from waste crops and how to make and use harnesses and carts specially designed for donkeys. Well cared for, healthy donkeys can work more effectively to support the livelihoods of their owners.

16 Donkey management training courses delivered

55 Farrier training workshops delivered

58 Paravets and students trained

4 Donkey bylaw meetings

Community veterinary clinics



891 Animals treated

LSPCA regularly delivers veterinary care to farm animals alongside the government's Department for Animal Health and Livestock Development. We support rural communities to improve the welfare of their farm animals, boosting health and production to secure income and better livelihoods and food security for small-holder farmers.

Our farm clinics, in the heart of local villages, treat as many livestock as possible; without our effort, the majority of these animals would easily live their entire life without receiving any veterinary attention.

Launched National Animal Welfare Guidelines

'The development of the Animal Welfare Guidelines is a landmark step in the Ministry of Agriculture, Irrigation and Water Development's aims to improve the standard of animal welfare in Malawi'.

Hon. Kondwani Nankhumwa, M.P

Minister of Agriculture, Irrigation and Water Development, August 2019



In December 2019, LSPCA, together with the Ministry of Agriculture and Food Security, Department of Animal Health and Livestock Development and with support from RSPCA International, launched Animal Welfare Guidelines as a tool to improve the standards of animal welfare in Malawi. The guidelines are a voluntary code outlining the responsibilities of all animal owners and managers to ensure that at least minimum standards of welfare are observed for animals in their care.

The guidelines support the provisions of the Protection of Animals Act (Cap 66:01, 1970) and will be used in assessing standards of welfare for livestock, working animals and companion animals.

Launched online veterinary training

IMPROVING ANIMAL WELFARE THROUGH VETERINARY TRAINING.

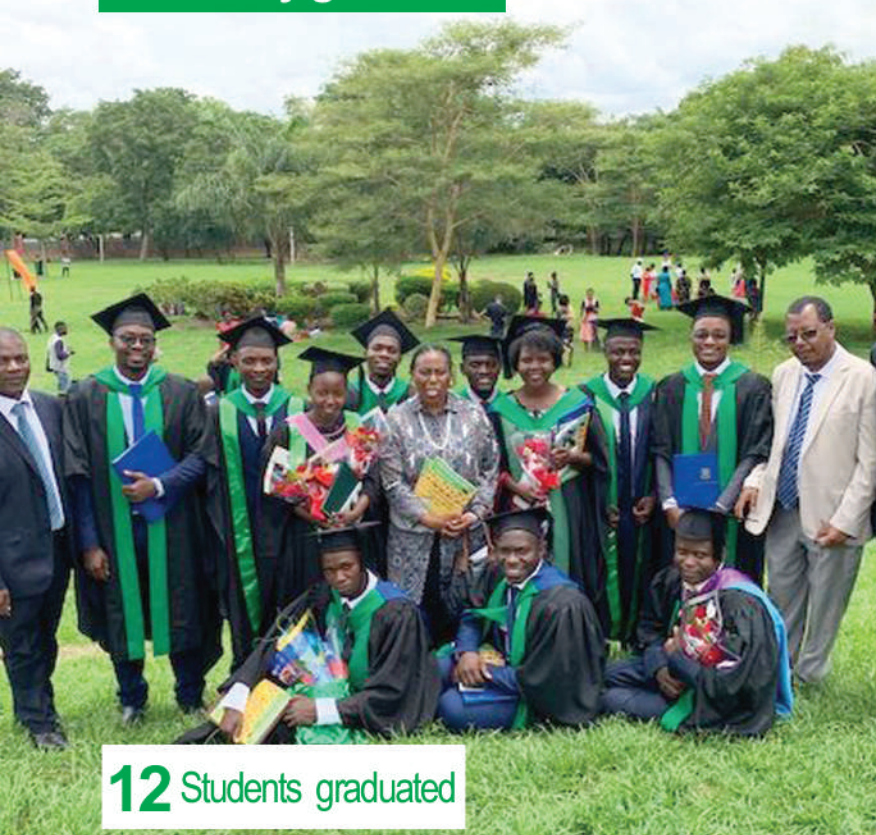
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28 Online lessons offered

89 College students engaged

Earlier this year, schools and colleges closed following the government's directive to prevent the spread of the COVID-19. LSPCA is committed to our veterinary teaching role and we wanted to ensure the students at LUANAR and the Natural Resources College were able to continue their studies. So, with the support of WTS-Germany, our vet Dr Mady Nyamwanza developed new, online veterinary lessons through a WhatsApp group. It has been a huge success and students are interacting with Dr Nyamwanza and each other through new lessons, discussions and quizzes.

Malawi's first veterinary graduates

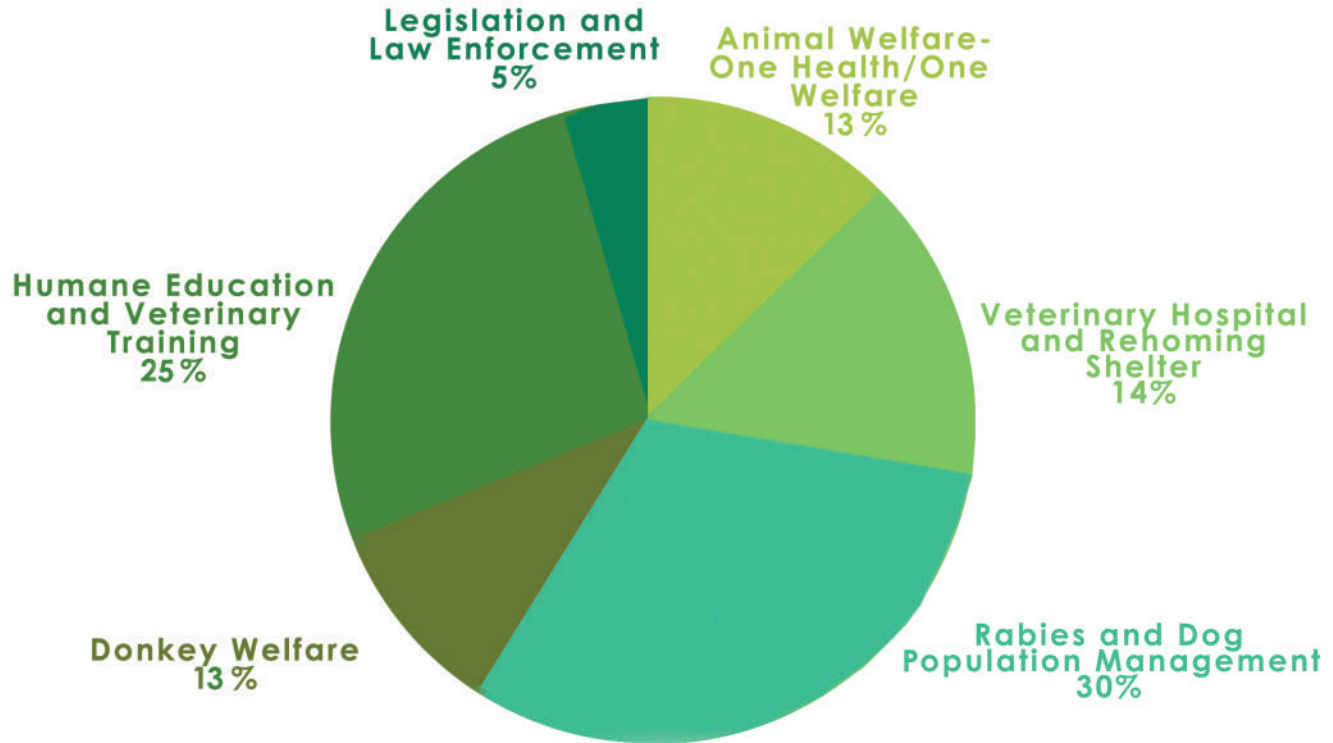


12 Students graduated

Malawi celebrates the achievement of 12 incredible students who have recently taken the veterinary oath and became the first vets to be trained in Malawi.

The Bachelor of Veterinary Science is LUANAR's youngest degree programme and the vet school is the youngest in Africa. Previously Malawi's veterinarians were trained outside of Malawi which is obviously very expensive and limited the number of veterinarians entering into the profession in our country. LSPCA together with our partner organisation WTS and RSPCA (England and Wales) are excited about this achievement.

Distribution of funds



Partner organisations



Government agency partners



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and Food Security
Ministry of Education Science
and Technology
Ministry of Health





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