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THE PROTECTION AND
CARE OF ANIMALS (LSPCA)**

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LETTER FROM THE CO-CEO'S



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The financial year from May 2023 to April 2024 has been a transformative period for LSPCA. This year, we bid farewell to Eveline Sibindi van Dam, who served as LSPCA CEO for three remarkable years marked by dedication and hard work in driving the organization's agenda of improved animal welfare in Malawi. Eveline laid a strong foundation for our ongoing efforts, which we, as the current co-CEOs, are proud to carry forward.

During this period, we have made significant progress in improving animal welfare, expanding community outreach programs, and advocating for animal rights. Our dedicated team of veterinarians, nurses, animal carers, project officers, volunteers, and supporters has been the key to our success. Their combined efforts have allowed us to provide exceptional veterinary care and promote the humane treatment of animals.

The unwavering support from our community of supporters during this period of leadership transition has been phenomenal. Your encouragement and commitment have been invaluable to both our new leadership and the organization as a whole. Together, we are making a tangible difference in the lives of countless animals and their families in Malawi.

Thank you for being a vital part of our journey!

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ORGANISATIONAL OVERVIEW

VISION

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

MISSION

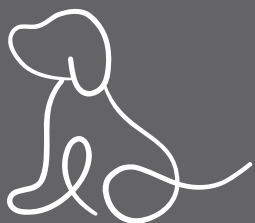
To improve the welfare of domestic, farm and working animals in Malawi. We work with government and other partners to deliver programmes of veterinary care, animal welfare education and training and to advocate for the implementation and enforcement of policies, legislation and regulations to promote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

VETERINARY HOSPITAL

Our journey this year has been marked by growth, innovation, and an unwavering commitment to animal welfare. The LSPCA veterinary hospital continues to be an exceptional resource, for the Lilongwe community and the entire country. Known for its unparalleled expertise, experience, and unique services in Malawi, our dedicated team has made remarkable advancements over the past year, particularly in the field of surgery.



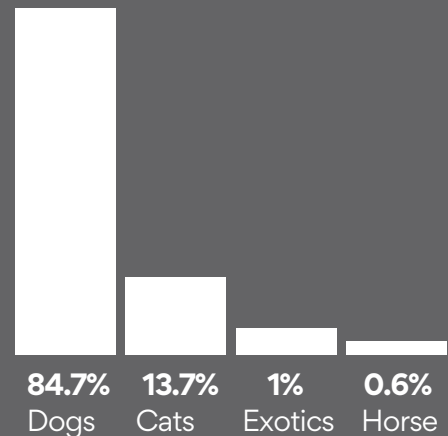
This financial year, our team has made remarkable advancements, particularly in surgery, by investing in advanced training and state-of-the-art equipment. These improvements have enhanced our ability to perform complex procedures and provide higher-quality care. The increasing number of successful outcomes for our animal patients highlights our dedication and the community's trust in our services. The LSPCA veterinary hospital remains a beacon of hope and support for countless animals and their families in Malawi.



New Clients
1227



Patients Treated
3572





RESCUE AND REHOME

Our Rescue and Rehoming Program remains central to our mission to protect and care for vulnerable animals. Over the past year, we have made significant strides in rescuing, rehabilitating, and rehoming animals in need. Our efforts have focused on rescuing animals from desperate situations, providing necessary medical care, and finding them permanent loving homes.

* COLLABORATION WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT

Collaborating with local authorities, we have rescued animals from neglectful environments, roadside vendors, and abandonment. These rescues often involve animals in urgent need of medical attention and a safe environment. Additionally, we have sheltered pets surrendered by owners facing financial difficulties, relocation, or other unforeseen circumstances.



71
Dogs Adopted



44
Cats Adopted



76
Animals rescued

WORKING DOGS WELFARE PROJECT



LSPCA continues to collaborate closely with the Department of Animal Health and Livestock Development (DAHLD) to elevate the welfare standards of working dogs employed across various institutions and security companies. Through this partnership, we assess and enhance welfare practices, provide expert guidance to owners, and advocate for necessary improvements.

21

Security Companies
enrolled in Project

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Currently, we are actively engaged with 21 security companies to ensure comprehensive support for these invaluable animals. This collaborative effort aims to ensure that security dogs receive the care and support necessary to thrive, thereby contributing to safer and more secure communities through enhanced welfare practices and professional training.

85

Security Personnel Trained

RABIES CONTROL PROJECT



9871

Dogs Vaccinated

LSPCA remains committed to controlling rabies in animals in Lilongwe through the Rabies Surveillance and Continuous Vaccinations Project, in collaboration with our longtime partner, WTC. This ongoing project focuses on regular rabies vaccinations in high-risk areas and educational programs in public primary schools. Our primary goal is to effectively manage rabies by ensuring consistent dog vaccinations and maintaining strong surveillance measures. Through community collaboration and proactive outreach, we aim to achieve effective rabies control and promote awareness of its prevention.

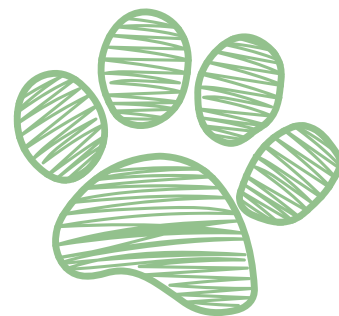


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Students Engaged

In recent years, LSPCA has been working with DAHLD and other stakeholders to draft and develop the National Rabies Strategy. This year, LSPCA, DAHLD, and other stakeholders convened a meeting to review and validate the strategy, aiming to address gaps and enhance its effectiveness in light of emerging challenges. Our efforts include combating rabies by organizing regular vaccination campaigns, educating dog owners on vaccination importance, and encouraging sustained community participation.

ROADSIDE SALE PROJECT



LSPCA CONSOLIDATES WORK TO COMBAT THE ROADSIDE SALE OF LIVE ANIMALS

We remain dedicated to combatting the inhumane roadside sale of live animals in Lilongwe through our ongoing Roadside Sale Campaign. This crucial initiative tackles the Animal welfare issues of this practice and advocates for more humane treatment of animals.

The sale of live animals on the roadside poses significant welfare concerns, with animals often subjected to harsh conditions such as inadequate shelter, lack of food and water, and exposure to extreme weather. These conditions lead to suffering and present serious health risks to both animals and people.

DONKEY WELFARE PROJECT

Our Donkey Welfare Project aims to create a world where donkeys are valued and treated with compassion. It operated in Dowa, Lilongwe, and Dedza districts, focusing on donkey welfare education, harness making and farriery training, treatments, neutering, and initiatives to improve living and working conditions for animals and their caretakers.

These comprehensive efforts, supported by The Donkey Sanctuary (TDS), have shown local communities that better animal welfare increases productivity and strengthens longevity of Donkey and Mules. Although TDS funding has ended in Malawi, LSPCA continues to provide support through ambulatory clinics and emergency care to Donkeys with funds raised from the hospital and community well-wishers



2234

Donkeys Reached



340

Households Reached

VETERINARY TRAINING



LSPCA is committed to supporting and enhancing the learning opportunities for veterinary students in Malawi. We collaborate closely with the Lilongwe University of Agriculture and Natural Resources (LUANAR) Faculty of Veterinary Medicine to provide practical case exposures and fieldwork experiences. Additionally, LSPCA hosts final-year students for a comprehensive one-month externship focused on small animal surgery and medicine, offering them valuable hands-on experience under the mentorship of our seasoned veterinarians.

At LUANAR Natural Resources College where diploma in animal health and livestock production students are trained, supported by funding from WTS, our efforts are centered on implementing a sustainable "train the trainers" program. This initiative aims to empower trainers with essential skills and knowledge, ensuring the continuity and quality of veterinary education for future professionals.



CHICKEN WELFARE PROJECT



342

Chicken Crates
Distributed



81

Chicken Vendors
Engaged

We are committed to improving chicken welfare during transportation through our Chicken Welfare Project. Common practices, like attaching chickens upside down to bicycle handles, cause serious injuries and stress. To tackle this issue, we provide farmers with free transportation crates made from bamboo, ensuring they are environmentally friendly and sustainable.

We also conduct workshops on humane transportation methods. During the reporting period, we collaborated with the Humane Slaughter Association to strengthen our initiatives and advocate for improved practices.



LOCAL FUNDRAISING

The LSPCA receives tremendous support from the local community, crucial our mission to improve animal welfare. Between May 2023 and April 2024, community members graciously helped to organize and participate in various fundraising events throughout the year, raising funds and awareness for our projects and initiatives. Our annual Golf Fundraiser is a premier event that brought together golf enthusiasts and animal welfare supporters for a day of fun and networking.

Additionally, we hosted glamorous dinner fundraisers featuring delectable cuisine, entertainment, and charitable giving. All funds raised from these activities were directed towards our free community veterinary clinics, which provide primary health care to underserved communities.



VOLUNTEER PROGRAM



In partnership with Veterinary Education Malawi, LSPCA offer an exceptional volunteer opportunity focused on the welfare of donkeys and the stray dog population in Lilongwe. This program, centered around spay and neuter campaigns, designed for veterinary students eager to gain practical experience while contributing to the community.

Beyond these specialized opportunities, the LSPCA also offers general volunteerism for those passionate about animal welfare. Whether a seasoned professional or simply someone with a big heart and a little spare time, LSPCA has a place for everyone.



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