

# IMPACT REPORT

# 2025

**JANUARY - JUNE**



**MAUN ANIMAL WELFARE SOCIETY**



# WHO ARE WE

MAWS is run by a small but passionate team of volunteers who are determined to improve the welfare of domestic dogs and cats across Botswana

1998 Started as The Dog Project

2003 MAWS is established

2005 Implementation of committee and drafting of the constitution

2007 officially Non-profit Organization

# OUR MISSION

- 🐾 To promote the alleviation of animal suffering through education initiatives, encouraging responsible domestic animal ownership
- 🐾 To provide basic veterinary care to the low income and vulnerable population
- 🐾 To protect wildlife through domestic animal care in Ngamiland; providing sterilisation and vaccination of dogs and cats to reduce the disease risk posed to wildlife and the human population

# HOW DO WE DO IT

## Clinic based in Maun

Where we run a CNVR (collect, neuter, vaccinate and return) clinic and we provide veterinary care for the animals of low income families

## Mobile Clinic Outreaches

Our outreach work brings vital veterinary care to isolated communities delivering the chance of a better future to thousands of animals. Outside big towns there is little or no veterinary assistance. Government vets occasionally conduct rabies vaccination campaigns but do not vaccinate against other diseases or offer neutering services.

## Domestic animal education

We verbally educate the owners of domestic animals and also distribute dual-language educational leaflets which focus on the basics of animal welfare and disease prevention. Kids also learn (and have fun!) about animal welfare with coloring books

## Adopting and Rehoming

In cases of emergency, MAWS will accept and assist in re-homing abandoned animals or those in distress. As MAWS is not set up as a sanctuary we encourage pet owners and caring members of the public to find new homes for these animals directly and we will gladly guide them through the process. Our adoption policy applies and includes home checks and follow-ups and education on animal care.

# MEET THE TEAM



**Vasco**  
Clinic assistant



**Surge**  
Kennel supervisor/  
Welfare inspector



**Metlha**  
Kennel assistant



**Carmen**  
Clinic coordinator/  
Vet assistant

**Our MAWS operations are carried out in accordance with the requirements of the Botswana Veterinary Surgeons Council and under the watch of our volunteer veterinary surgeons, duly registered with the Council.**



# OUR **IMPACT** IN 2025 (JANUARY TO JUNE)

## COMMUNITY OUTREACHES

### MOBILE CLINICS

<b>Nxhaxhana</b> (29/01)	<b>Motopi</b> (19/04-20/04)
<b>Mokgoba</b> (05/02)	<b>Makalamabedi</b> (21/04-22/04)
<b>Ghabamocha</b> (06/02)	<b>D'kar</b> (17/05)
<b>Ditshiping</b> (21/02-22/02)	<b>Ghanzi</b> (18/05)
<b>Morutswe</b> (23/02)	<b>Khoo</b> (23/05)
<b>TsaneKona</b> (15/03)	<b>Khumaga</b> (31/05-02/06)
<b>Mochaba</b> (15/04)	<b>Daunara</b> (15/06-16/06)
<b>Shorobe</b> (16/04)	

### ASSISTANCE OFFERED

- Vaccination
- Spay and Neuter
- Parasite treatments
- Health checks
- Wound care
- General care advice and education

## ANIMALS ASSISTED

	DOG		CAT	
	Sterilized	Vaccinated	Sterilized	Vaccinated
♂	94	200	10	12
♀	170	243	13	16
🐶	<b>264</b>	<b>443</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>28</b>

**TOTAL**  
**486**

## WHY ARE OUTREACHES IMPORTANT

### BENEFITS FOR PETS AND OWNERS

**Sterilizing** is key in communities with limited resources (water, food, vet care) preventing unwanted litters and overpopulation.

Direct benefits to pets: longer and healthier lives (reduced risk of uterine infections and breast cancer, testicular cancer, less likely to wander and fight, improved physical condition and behavior).

**Vaccinating** protects the pets against deadly viruses like rabies, parvovirus, distemper...

### BENEFITS FOR WILDLIFE

**Vaccinating** pets living adjacent to wildlife populations creates buffer zones reducing the risk of transmissible and deadly viruses such as:

Distemper: Previous outbreaks have significantly impacted lion and wild dog populations.

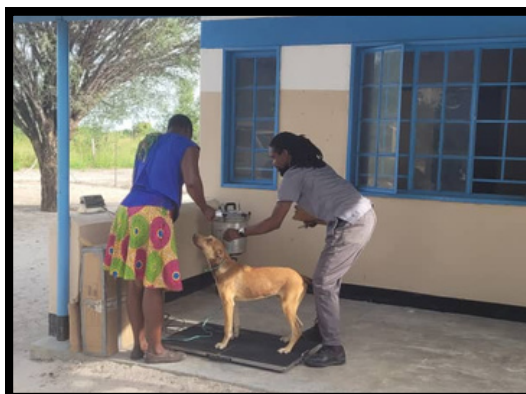
Rabies: transmissible between all mammals, including humans

**Cat sterilization**: inter-breeding with the African Wild Cat is one of the biggest threats to their survival





# MOBILE CLINIC







# ANIMAL WELFARE EDUCATION





# EQUINE CLINICS

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Recognising the growing need for working equine welfare in Botswana and the lack of support for this, MAWS, in conjunction with the international charity SPANA, embarked on a programme to educate people on the value and care of working equines. In 2024 we conducted a number of successful outreaches and “donkey” days and this programme will continue into 2025 with the funding provided by SPANA. This project could not be carried out without the help of a local organisation, Equine Assist, who’s focus is on helping the working horses and donkeys in Ngamiland, and their boots on the ground have ensured that we reach as many equines in need as possible. We will be engaging with the local Kgotla’s on our various upcoming outreaches and distributing our educational material developed on Care of Working Equines.

## ANIMALS ASSISTED IN COMMUNITY OUTREACHES

### ASSISTANCE OFFERED

- Hoof trimming
- Wound care and advice
- Parasite treatments
- Education
- Allocation of new equipment

### DONKEYS

86

### HORSES

67

### Communities visited

**TsaneKona** 15/03

**Xhoo** 23/05

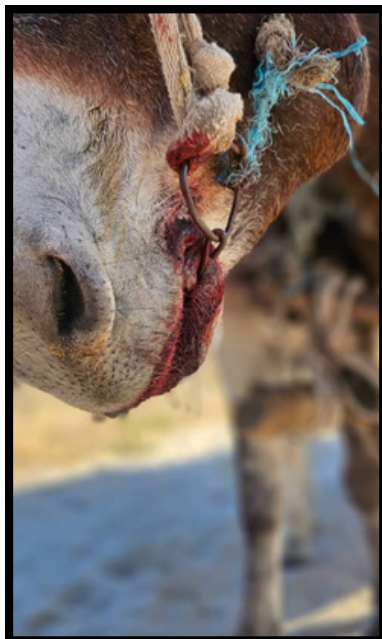
**Khumaga** 31/05-02/06

**Harmful equipment is confiscated during our outreaches and we replace it with humane equipment**





# EQUINE CLINIC





# MAUN CLINIC

Besides the daily routine of spaying, neutering and vaccinating, we encounter a wide variety of cases, mostly:

- Sick puppies: they have never been vaccinated or treated for parasites.
- Hit by cars: unfortunately very common, bringing all kind of fractures and injuries
- Emaciated and abandoned dogs
- Tick borne diseases
- Transmissible venereal tumor: widely spread in Botswana
- Wounds: in all sizes, shapes and colors

## ANIMALS ASSISTED



Dogs Sterilized	Dogs Vaccinated	Cats Sterilized	Cats Vaccinated	Other treatments	Rehoming
127	189	24	33	Dogs 338	Dogs 17
197	290	43	54	Cats 27	Cats 12
<b>324</b>	<b>479</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>365</b>	<b>29</b>

**TOTAL**  
**883**

Winter had boiling water poured over him by a terrible human being. He spent some weeks with us where he had his skin cleaned and treated daily, in addition to the antibiotics and pain medication.



Our clinic encounters a variety of **fractures and injuries** that may require animals to spend time in our kennels. Depending on the severity, a fracture can be treated with a splint and necessitate 6 to 8 weeks of recovery in our facilities. In more serious cases, amputation of the limb may be the best course of action if the extremity cannot be saved. In the most severe instances with extensive injuries, the kindest option may be to alleviate suffering.



Trevor, who came from Shakawe and he had lost his paw to a bad infection



# A Second Chance

Is not rare to find neglected animals roaming in and around Maun. Emaciated, scavenging what they can to survive and, more often than not, sick and infested with parasites.

At MAWS they get nursed back to health: they are treated for the diseases that they might have (usually they have Ehrlichia, a tick borne disease, and/or Transmissible venereal tumors), they are vaccinated, treated for parasites, sterilized but most important they are given lots of food and attention, things they hadn't experience in a long time, if ever. Once they have recovered physically and emotionally they are rehomed.



**BORA**



**PEANUT**



**SEBASTIAN**







**Bobby**, our amazing girl with a lively spirit, joined us in early May after a traumatic incident—**she was stabbed three times by thieves**, with one blow damaging her spine and leaving her paralyzed.

We saw a glimmer of hope in one of her legs and decided to bet on her recovery. Her cheerful attitude and zest for life inspired us to start physiotherapy and help with her basic needs.

Bobby made steady progress and by early June, she reached the incredible milestone of standing on her own. Since then, her improvements have been amazing. She still faces some challenges, but now she walks and even runs like a typical dog, enjoying life to the fullest.



## THE OTHER SIDE OF THE COIN...

We enjoy sharing stories with happy endings, but, unfortunately, that's not always the reality. While we wish we could save every animal, sometimes the damage is irreversible, and the animal is in pain. In such situations, the most compassionate action is to end their suffering.

Not all emaciated dogs can recover, sometimes their prolonged situation has developed chronic issues



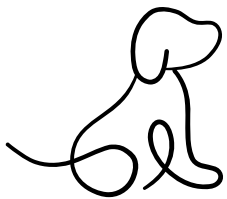
Rabid animals have to be euthanized. Rabies has no cure (once symptoms are developing), is deadly and highly contagious.



**Please if you see an animal in this situation, REPORT**  
**No one deserves to die suffering alone in the streets**



# TOTAL IMPACT IN 2025 (JANUARY TO JUNE)

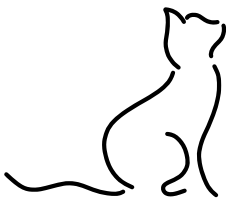


## STERILIZATION

588

## VACCINATION

922



90

116

# HISTORIC STATS

Year	Sterilisations		Vaccinations	
	Dogs	Cats	Dogs	Cats
2024	1009	138	2100	194
2023	659	100	1881	189
2022	754	141	1729	260
2021	71	19	775	140
2020	476	82	1428	185
2019	1208	133	1520	159
2018	1154	162	1349	176
2017	1541	261	2537	290
2016	1353	151	1605	175
2015	1597	130	1733	135
2014	2713	179	2733	106
2013	2,038	100	2,367	106
2012	2,660	105	2,734	127
2011	2,095	78	2,308	82
2010	1,126	8	1,126	8
2009	2,132	0	2,503	0
2008	1,263	58	1,263	58
2007	753	11	753	11
2006	411	0	411	0
1998-2005	147	10	147	10
TOTAL	25160	1866	33002	2411



# VOLUNTEERS

We receive volunteer vet surgeons and vet nurses throughout the year, coming from different countries. They are key in our sterilization and vaccination programs, without them we would not be able to bring the basic (and much needed) veterinary care that we carry out through Botswana.

If you wish to volunteer, please email to [volunteer@maunanimalwelfare.com](mailto:volunteer@maunanimalwelfare.com) and they will send you information and can guide you through the application process. MAWS provides accommodation and food to their volunteers.

## Meet the lovely people that has helped us during 2025



**Caron - V Surgeon**

South Africa

Volunteering throughout the year.

Working with Elephant Havens



**Anna - V Surgeon**

US/Italy

Volunteered 2 weeks



**Leonardo - V Surgeon**

Italy

2 weeks







**Sally - V Nurse**  
Australia  
4 weeks



**Jane - V Nurse**  
Australia  
4 weeks



**Lucie - V Surgeon**  
Netherlands  
3 weeks



**Klaartje - V Surgeon**  
Netherlands  
3 weeks



**Nicky - V Nurse**  
UK  
2 weeks



**Rob - V Surgeon**  
Canada  
3 weeks





**Ann - V Surgeon**  
Sweden  
3 weeks



**Emily - V Surgeon**  
New Zealand  
3 weeks



**Heather - V Nurse**  
UK  
2 weeks



**Constantine - V Surgeon**  
New Zealand  
3 weeks



**Wendy - V Surgeon**  
UK  
2 weeks



**Michael - V Surgeon**  
UK  
2 weeks



# HOW CAN YOU **IMPACT**

Besides our fundraisings, we completely rely in the generosity of the community, private businesses and organizations to make our work a reality. Their continuous support is invaluable in driving forward our mission and sustaining our ongoing projects.

If you want to contribute, there are many ways to do it:

## **MONETARY DONATIONS**

Every Pula goes a long way in our charity and any donation, big or small, will be highly appreciated and stretched until the last Thebe.

If you are in the fortunate position where you can spare a few Pulas every month, stop orders are a life saver for charities like ours. It helps us covering the regular monthly expenses (staff wages, utilities...) and be able to focus our fundraisings to projects.

- **Banking details** : Bank – First National Bank

Branch code – 282367

Swift Code – FIRNBWGX

Account number – 62157227086

- **Paypal:** @4MAWS

- **Charities Aid Foundation (UK):** go to [www.cafonline.org](http://www.cafonline.org) and press donate

## **DONATE ITEMS**

We can make use of almost anything and everything. We hold several jumble sales in Maun through the year where you can find all kinds of things (household items, clothes, small electronics etc – pretty much anything). We also have bookshelves in the Duck Café where anyone can buy second hand books. Bigger, more valuable items, we save for our annual on line auction, hosted on Facebook.

## **FOR THE CLINIC**

- Food: We are always in need of food for our patients. Dog/cat, puppy/kitten wet and dry food, rice, pet mince, frozen chicken... Please keep us in mind when doing your shopping!
- Cleaning supplies
- General maintenance and gardening tools
- Dog/cat related items: toys, beds, food bowls, collars and leashes, products...
- Old blankets, towels, storage containers
- Cotton cloth (used to make surgical drapes)







To give you an idea of the impact donations can have, here are a few examples of what we could achieve with them:

<b>P20</b>	A can of pet food	
	Parasite treatment (dewormer + dip)	<b>P30</b>
<b>P60</b>	Doggy treats	
	2 kg cat kibble	<b>P80</b>
<b>P150</b>	Vaccination	
	Stop the suffering of an animal	<b>P200</b>
<b>P300</b>	Cat castrate	
	25 kg dog food	<b>P500</b>
<b>P600</b>	Sponsor X-rays for an animal in need	
	Dog spay	<b>P700</b>
<b>P1300</b>	Dog spay + castrate	
	Sponsor a emaciated/stray dog (vaccination + sterilization, food/care until rehoming)	<b>P1800</b>
<b>P2000</b>	One of each (Dog and cat, spay and castrate)	
	Sponsor a kennel for a month (treatment, vaccination + sterilization, food)	<b>P2500</b>
<b>P15000</b>	Vaccination drive 100 pets	
	Mobile clinic 100 pets	<b>P50000</b>






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