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ANNUAL REPORT



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CEO'S MESSAGE

It is an incredible honour to be a part of this awesome charity and to be able to share this annual report with you. At WVS, our main objective is to be an organisation devoted to championing animal welfare in places where it's needed most. This is only possible with an amazing team of staff and volunteers driving things forward with focused determination, absolute commitment, and lots of energy!

As we enter our 15th year, it's so inspiring to realise the impact of our projects and fully appreciate what can be achieved with such fantastic sponsors, donors, and volunteers who keep the fire burning and power us ever forward.

We're still an evolving charity, still growing, and still utterly committed to doing as much as we can. In the last year we ran 89 surgical training courses, trained 656 vets, sterilised over 23,000 dogs...and that was just through our three international training centres! Having deployed three teams a week to other projects around the world, and sent out over £400,000 worth of medicines and equipment to our associated charities, we are in a position to help more animals than ever before.

We always strive to do more, to focus on expanding our work to champion more animals, and make as much difference as possible. The best bit is that with your continued support, I know we can.

Thank you so much and let's power on!



LUKE GAMBLE
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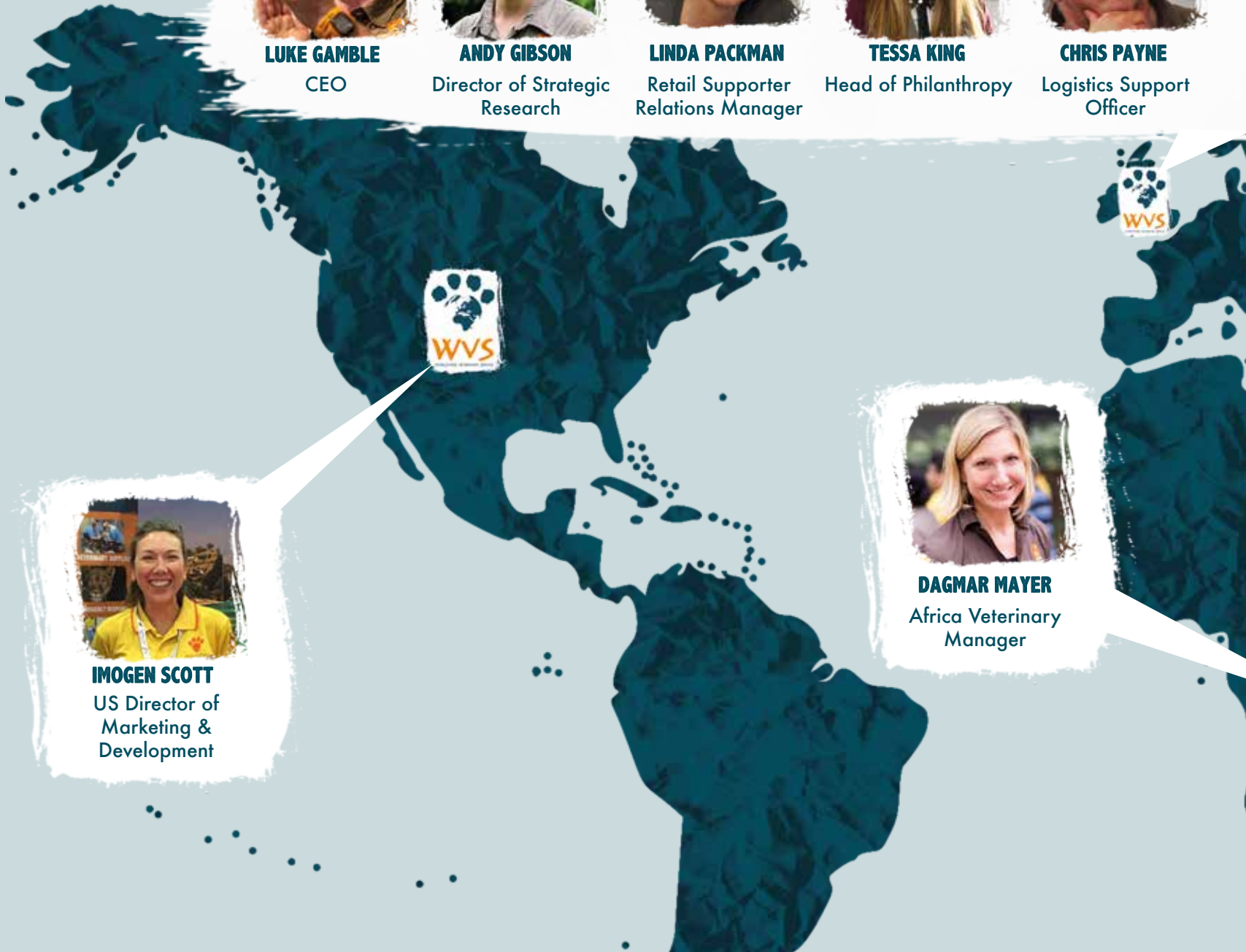
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WVS IN ACTION



ANIMALS STERILISED



PARCELS SENT
TO 70 COUNTRIES



ANIMALS TREATED
FOR INJURY AND ILLNESS



ANIMALS HELPED IN TOTAL

THAILAND



In September, WVS Thailand teams ran their 5th outreach clinic in the town of Pai, reaching the massive milestone of sterilising their 1,000th animal since the project began.

Emaciated Kiss recovered from a severe maggot-infested wound thanks to WVS Thailand.



USA



In 2017 we teamed up with leading US vets such as Mike Greenberg, America's Pet Advocate Dr Ernie Ward, and Dr Jeff Young (aka the Rocky Mountain Vet) to launch WVS USA.

MALAYSIA



With the support of the Marchig Animal Welfare Trust, WVS has been able to fund a scholarship for a veterinary student in Indonesia who will be providing support to Orangutan Republik Foundation in Malaysia. Agustina will begin her studies in 2018.

CARRIACOU



Mermaid was treated for three broken legs at Carriacou Animal Hospital.



SIERRA LEONE

A baby chimp at Tacugama Chimpanzee Sanctuary in Sierra Leone treated with the pulse oximeter and nebuliser we sent them.

BOLIVIA



The Marchig Animal Welfare Trust helped WVS to equip our supported charity, La Senda Verde, with a brand new anaesthetic machine. Our amazing volunteer, Hayley Crook, accompanied the machine to Bolivia and is working at the sanctuary to help the animals in their care.

INDIA



Horses with overgrown hooves saved by vets on the streets of Ooty, India.



BULGARIA



A team of WVS vets and vet nurses spent weeks performing emergency operations and sterilisations on street dogs in Bulgaria's capital with local charity, Animal Rescue Sofia. The animals were then taken back to the AR Sofia shelter where they were nursed back to health and rehomed.



COURSES TAUGHT



TEAMS DEPLOYED



CHARITIES HELPED



ANIMALS REHOMED



VETS TRAINED

INTERNATIONAL TRAINING CENTRES

We believe that education is key to ensuring animals receive the care they need. Our three International Training Centres (ITC) based in Thailand and India are the perfect platform for making sure that vets and animal owners learn how to care for their animals.

Not only do our ITCs act as central hubs to help local animals in need, but they run monthly courses and outreach projects so that local and international vets can improve their knowledge and skills in a wide range of topics concerning veterinary care and animal health.

JEANNE MARCHIG ITC, THAILAND

This year the Jeanne Marchig ITC trained vets and vet assistants from all over the region of Chiang Mai, as well as running sterilisation and health clinic outreach projects across the country.

This ITC is also home to our shelter which provides vital care to abandoned and injured dogs. After fears that it may have to be shut down, we launched the 'Save our Shelter' appeal which was a huge success raising over £250,000 to purchase the building. From all of us here at WVS, we would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who supported this campaign, especially Foundation Marchig for their special support.



INDIA ITC, OOTY

In 2017 we celebrated six years in Ooty and we are proud to have made a real impact in the area. Free-roaming dogs are well controlled and the standard of surgery has been massively improved thanks to our courses, with regular success stories of Indian ITC trained vets starting their own Animal Birth Control (ABC) projects. WVS have also contributed to creating a rabies-free status area in Ooty which has been beneficial to the dogs and people within this community.



HICKS ITC, GOA

Not only did we train over 100 vets out of the Hicks ITC in 2017, but we ran a variety of outreach projects and some specialist courses including the Neurology & Emergency Critical Care and Feline Medicine and Surgery courses, which allowed Indian vets the opportunity to learn about each topic in more detail. We were also awarded the Community Award for our Rural Outreach work by The Lions Club of Aldona where we performed 430 dog and cat sterilisations in just 25 days.



EQUINE OUTREACH CLINICS

IN 2017 WE RAN 14 WELFARE CAMPS AND TREATED OVER 1,200 EQUINES IN NEED.

In collaboration with WTG, WVS India has been providing free health care for working donkeys in Tamil Nadu since 2013. While donkeys are amongst the most neglected working animals there are other equines found in South India that need our help.

Like donkeys, ponies are used to carry goods and pull carts which are often burdened with extremely heavy weights. The tourist industry uses horses to transport visitors to popular destinations, and it is not uncommon to see former thoroughbred racehorses abandoned after a race. Often left to roam the streets, these animals are open to the elements, at constant risk of road traffic accidents, and are not fed correctly often resulting in fatal colic or other diseases.

Sadly, few owners have access to veterinary care and so our clinics aim to educate people on animal welfare and disease prevention to ensure these animals are properly looked after. Any horse, pony or donkey rescued by WVS is brought to our associated charity, India Project for Animals and Nature (IPAN) near Ooty to recover.

Our clinics are held throughout the year and provide regular treatment as well as offering support and advice to the owners in concepts of first aid, good husbandry and animal welfare. Alongside this we run courses for veterinary professionals so they can learn hands-on skills and improve their equine knowledge. The lessons learnt will be used throughout their career to benefit the animals in their care.

In 2017 a total of four WVS veterinary teams travelled over to Blantyre, Malawi, to continue our sterilisation campaign.

Working from the solar-powered BSPCA facilities and setting up pop-up clinics at various schools around the city, the teams sterilised 782 dogs and 33 cats, as well as providing veterinary treatment to even more animals.

In May, we supported our sister charity, Mission Rabies, in their vaccination campaign by providing veterinary support for any injured animals encountered during the month-long drive. This allowed Mission Rabies to focus their attention on vaccinations. This efficient way of working resulted in 90,748 dogs being vaccinated in 2017.

MALAWI



BEFORE



AFTER



OUR PARCELS

In 2017 we sent out over 900 parcels full of lifesaving supplies across the globe. Each parcel we send offers vital support to organisations struggling to obtain scarce or expensive veterinary resources to treat the animals in their care. This can be anything from flea and tick treatments to specialist veterinary equipment. In many cases, even the most basic supplies can be invaluable.

This Christmas we launched our Christmas appeal to raise enough money to send out a record number of parcels over the festive period. With the help of our supporters this appeal was a huge success raising £2,407.50 which enabled us to send out over 160 parcels to 60 countries.

SOUTH ESSEX WILDLIFE HOSPITAL

We sent an otoscope/ophthalmoscope kit and a set of surgery cradles to assist with the treatment of the wide array of wildlife treated at this hospital including a swan and a fox who needed help.



PLAKA CATS

We sent dewormers and flea treatment to help the cats in their care.



J.A.C.K.

Based in the DR Congo, J.A.C.K. is a sanctuary for confiscated and often orphaned chimpanzees with the aim of rehabilitating them back into the wild. We sent the team equipment to help them give the best veterinary care they can. 'It's been more than 8 years now that WVS has been supporting J.A.C.K. This equipment is always extremely useful in this part of the world and has allowed us to do a great job!'



PARCELS SENT

COUNTRIES

ESTIMATED VALUE

POSTAGE

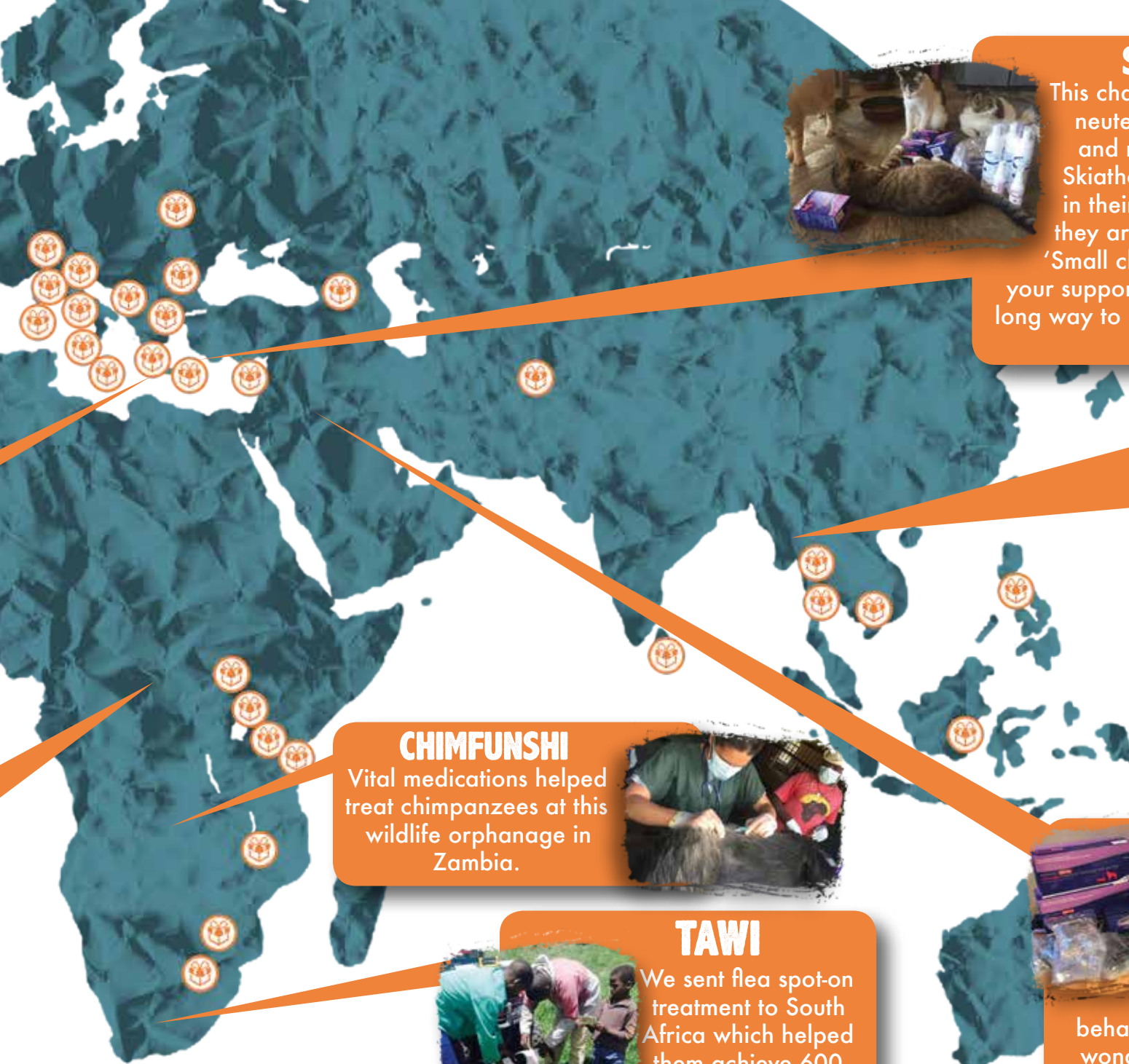


935

70

£400,000

£10,100.35



SKIATHOS CAT WELFARE



This charity provides veterinary care, food and neutering for the local stray cat population and raises awareness of animal welfare in Skiathos. At the moment they have 20 kittens in their daily care and around 400 more that they are trying to help in the local community. 'Small charities like ourselves really appreciate your support and the generous donation will go a long way to improve the lives of the many stray cats in Skiathos.'

KINDRED SPIRIT ELEPHANT SANCTUARY

Based in Thailand, we sent a package full of medicines for the elephants in their care and to help with a sterilisation campaign for dogs and cats in the area. 'Words can't describe our appreciation and we look forward to working together for a better future for all these animals.'



CHIMFUNSHI

Vital medications helped treat chimpanzees at this wildlife orphanage in Zambia.



TAWI

We sent flea spot-on treatment to South Africa which helped them achieve 600 flea-free dogs.



WAR PAWS

War Paws provide treatment for the animals caught up in areas of conflict and dogs living on the war-torn streets of Iraq. 'Thank you on behalf of us and the animals of Iraq for the wonderful donation! You are helping us to make a difference to these animals!'



EMERGENCY RESPONSE



ARMENIA

In January 2016 the Mail Online exposed the story of Gyumri Zoo in Armenia, where three lions were being held in the most horrific conditions. The owner of the animals had left the country and they were abandoned with no food, water, or anyone to look after them. As one of our teams were already nearby undertaking a street dog sterilisation outreach clinic, we were able to immediately assess the health and wellbeing of these animals.



Following the team's appraisal, WVS urgently launched a fundraising appeal to rescue the lions. Within three days we had raised over £13,000 and with the help of Armenian organisation the Foundation for the Preservation of Wildlife and Cultural Assets (FPWC), we set about rescuing Mery and her two cubs, Gita and Zita. The lions were taken to a purpose-built, temporary enclosure at the Caucasus Wildlife Clinic where they were closely monitored and nursed back to health.

In 2017 the lions moved to their new home in Yerevan Zoo, Armenia. They are all healthy and have adapted well to their new environment and with other lions.



PORTUGAL

In 2017 Portugal fell victim to some of the worst forest fires to hit the country in years. At this vital time, WVS were on hand to help by sending burn treatments to support animal charities helping those that have been affected. One such charity was ARPA who helped nurse cats and dogs burned in the fires back to health.



NEPAL

In the early hours of 17th June 2017, a cattle farm in Nepal suffered a devastating fire. Of the 122 cows housed in the shed, only 15 survived, and they all suffered terrible burns. Local animal welfare charity, Sneha's Care, were on hand to help, but they couldn't do it alone. They contacted us with a list of vital supplies and we quickly put

together a parcel of lifesaving medication to help with their work. The main item they needed was Flamazine, a cream used for the prevention and treatment of infection in burns. This medication was a lifeline for the surviving cows and helped Sneha's Care provide treatment at such a critical time.

By acting quickly when emergency strikes, our parcels can be lifesaving for animals in a critical condition. Thanks to the veterinary aid of Sneha's Care and our quick delivery of medication, the remaining cows had a much higher chance of recovery from their horrific injuries.



TRUCK TRAINING

The Mission Rabies Truck is the world's only all-terrain, entirely self-sufficient, mobile veterinary hospital, and is a massive part of our collaborative work with our sister charity. This truck is capable of running outreach campaigns, training courses and mobile clinics, and is a perfect way of providing veterinary resources in places where no one else can access. It has also proved to be very popular with the local communities!

WVS has been running truck surgical training courses in dermatology, neurology, wound management and emergency critical care for Indian veterinarians and vet students across Goa, Nagpur, Ranchi and Bhubaneswar.

This year, the truck was also used for community outreach projects including free pet clinics, emergency rabies response, rural outreach and animal birth control surgeries.

7,268  **MILES**

1,539  **STERILISATIONS**

104  **VETS TRAINED**

13  **COURSES**



MEET OUR VOLUNTEERS

PAIGE RATCLIFFE - MBWA WA AFRICA, TANZANIA - CENTAUR SPONSORED VET NURSE

Watching the dogs recover after surgery was so rewarding. It's upsetting to think what would have happened if we weren't here to help these dogs and if that's not a good enough reason to help with these types of clinics, then I don't know what is! I would definitely recommend this trip to any vet or nurse. I wish I could have stayed for longer!

LEWIS WESCOTT - ITC INDIA - VET STUDENT

We went through each surgery to explain the procedure to the group then had scrubbed in vets supervising our first operations. By the end of the first week I was confidently doing dog castrates and bitch spays all by myself with no assistance. I would recommend the course to every vet student and new graduate wanting to gain confidence in soft tissue surgery and would love to return to the ITC in the future as a volunteer vet.

AMELIA WIMPENNY - MAUN ANIMAL WELFARE SOCIETY, BOTSWANA - VET, SCOTLAND

My trip to MAWS began with a few days exploring and my first chance to see elephants, hippos and crocodiles in the wild. Then the neutering at the clinic began! It really felt like I was making a difference to these animals' lives, and helping communities much less fortunate than back home.

RASHA HASSANEEN - OOTY, THAILAND, GOA - VET ASSISTANT, EGYPT

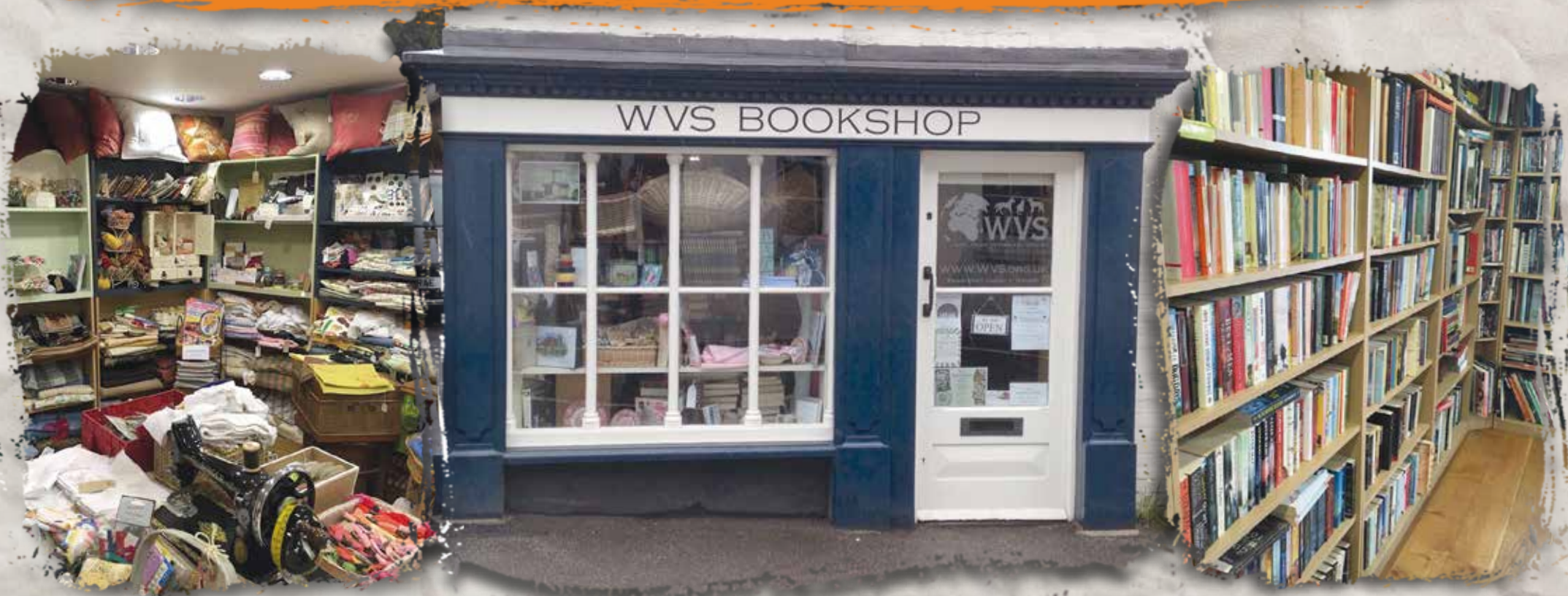
Goa was a fantastically rewarding experience, and I was so eager to practice what I learned in Ooty. The project made me even more determined to turn my Cairo sterilization initiative into an NGO - we know we can do more and now I know how to achieve it thanks to WVS! It really changed my perspective and has given me the skills to make a real difference to animals all over the world.



BOOKSHOP & ONLINE SHOP

Located in the village of Cranborne, Dorset, the WVS Bookshop and Sewing Room is home to thousands of donated books, antique linens, textiles and haberdashery, as well as the full range of WVS merchandise. Run by local volunteers and headed by our Retail Manager, Linda, the shop is a great source of income and a focal point for spreading all the latest WVS news. We also have the WVS online shop which was newly designed in 2016 and sells all our merchandise including our Christmas cards and the highly popular Mini Vet Guide, which was our top seller in 2017.

THIS YEAR, OUR SHOP RAISED £11,008.84 TO HELP FUND OUR WORK AROUND THE WORLD



FUNDRAISING

2017 has been an incredible year for fundraising at WVS! In total, our amazing supporters raised **£649,956** through fundraising and donations. This incredible show of support is just fantastic, and we would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who joined us raising lifesaving funds this year.

By donating or fundraising for WVS you are directly helping us to make a difference. By setting up a regular donation you are enabling us to plan for the future, confident that when an emergency occurs we can be on hand to help. Joining us is simple, just visit www.wvs.org.uk/donate-now



Asta Parker raised **£2,045** by completing the Oman Desert Marathon.

Our Zambezi Canoe Challenge raised **£37,049** with one participant raising a huge **£4,777!**

Our Christmas Appeal raised **£2,407** to send a record number of parcels to over **60** different countries.

We were left **£280,000** in legacies from our supporters. We are incredibly grateful for this astounding gift, and are proud to be able to fulfil their final wish to help animals in need all over the world.

NEW FOR 2017



DISPATCH

The first edition of our brand new newsletter, the WVS Dispatch, was posted to supporters up and down the country detailing our highlights from the last six months, from our dog treatment project in Blantyre to incredible rescue cases in Thailand.

The next issue will be out in Spring 2018.

YOUNG VETS CLUB

This year we launched our new and exciting project - WVS Young Vets Club. Aimed at aspiring young vets and animal lovers, this new venture focuses on teaching children about animal welfare, what to do to become a vet, and how to get involved with WVS. The microsite went live at the end of summer, and is packed full of games, fun facts, and interviews with Luke Gamble and YVC ambassador, Jess French (CBBC Presenter).

Kids can get involved by visiting

www.wvs.org.uk/youngvetsclub



We are constantly updating our website and social media channels with all our latest news, trips and ways to get involved with WVS. Visit our website and follow us on social media to make sure you are up to date with our work across the world!

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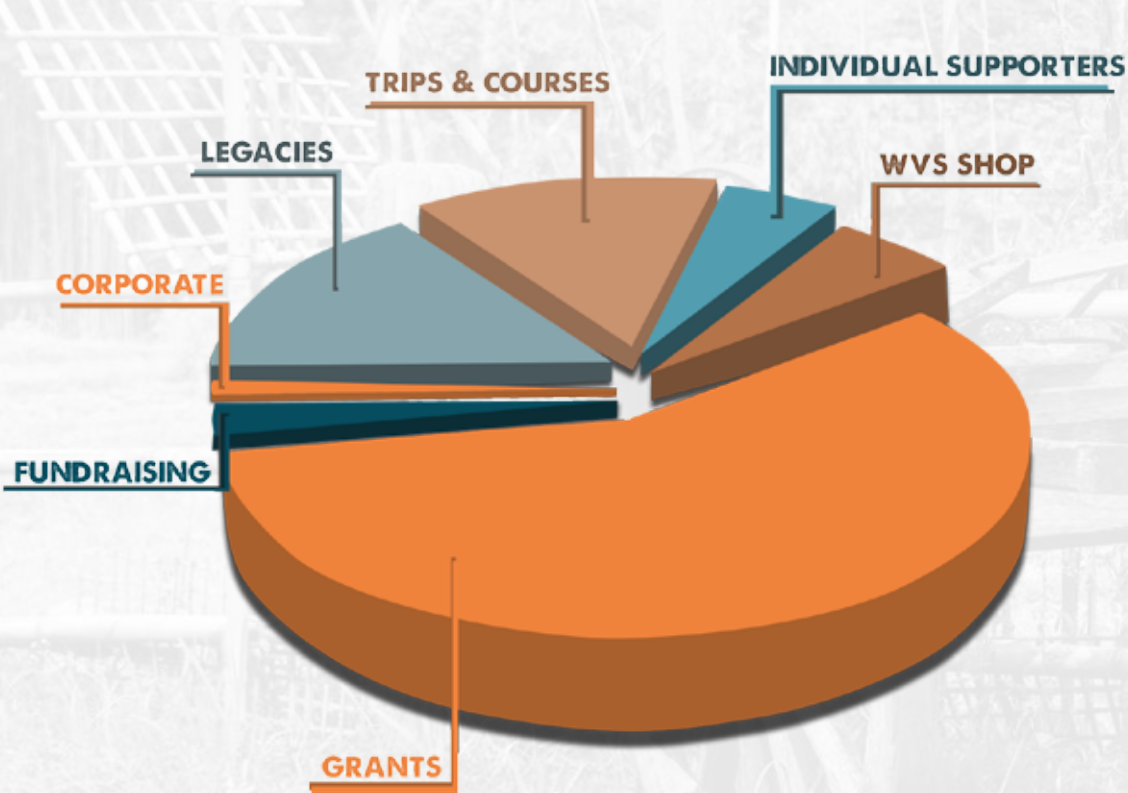


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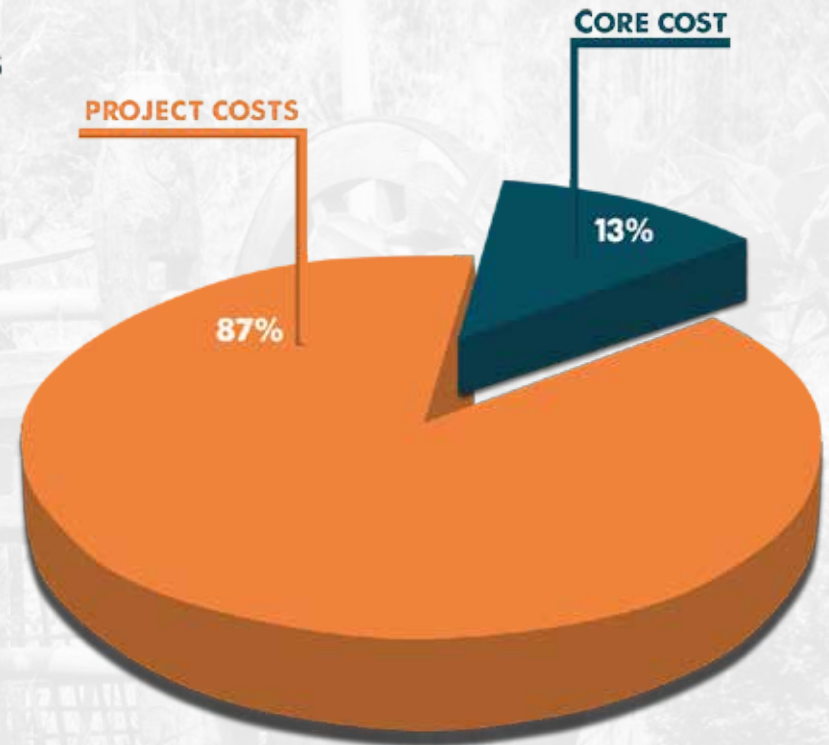


FINANCES

Last year WVS spent **£1,620,495**, a record amount enabling us to reach more animals and communities than ever before. For every £1 donated, 4% was spent on Fundraising and Marketing and a further 9% was spent on running costs.



WVS 2017 INCOME
TOTAL: £2,129,029



WVS 2017 EXPENDITURE
TOTAL: £1,620,495



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WTG

A close-up photograph of a veterinarian performing surgery on a dog. The veterinarian is wearing blue scrubs with an orange 'WV' logo on the chest and white surgical gloves. The dog is lying on a green surgical drape. In the background, another person's hands are visible, one wearing a yellow identification band. The scene is brightly lit, typical of a clinical setting.

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