



WWVS
WORLDWIDE VETERINARY SERVICE

ANNUAL REPORT

2018



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CEO'S MESSAGE

Celebrating our 15th anniversary was a landmark event for WVS and what an amazing 15 years it's been!!!! This report showcases yet another immense year with the team taking the charity to new heights with record numbers of animals helped, vets trained and organisations supported. Energy, focus and passion is what keeps WVS fresh and ensures we constantly strive to do more. It's also what makes the work so fun as we champion animals who have no one else to turn to, especially those in tough places. When I read this report, it really hits home that being a part of this fantastic charity is a dream come true.

Key new projects this year have included the development of the clinical refresher courses at the Thai ITC, the expansion of our working equine projects into Africa and the launch of the WVS Young Vets Club, inspiring the next generation with what we do and the difference we can make. Our wildlife projects have also expanded, and we've also had an increasing number of scientific papers showcasing our work in peer reviewed

journals. It's great to share the validated tools and techniques that form the backbone of our approach when working in the field so they can help other organisations and even more animals.

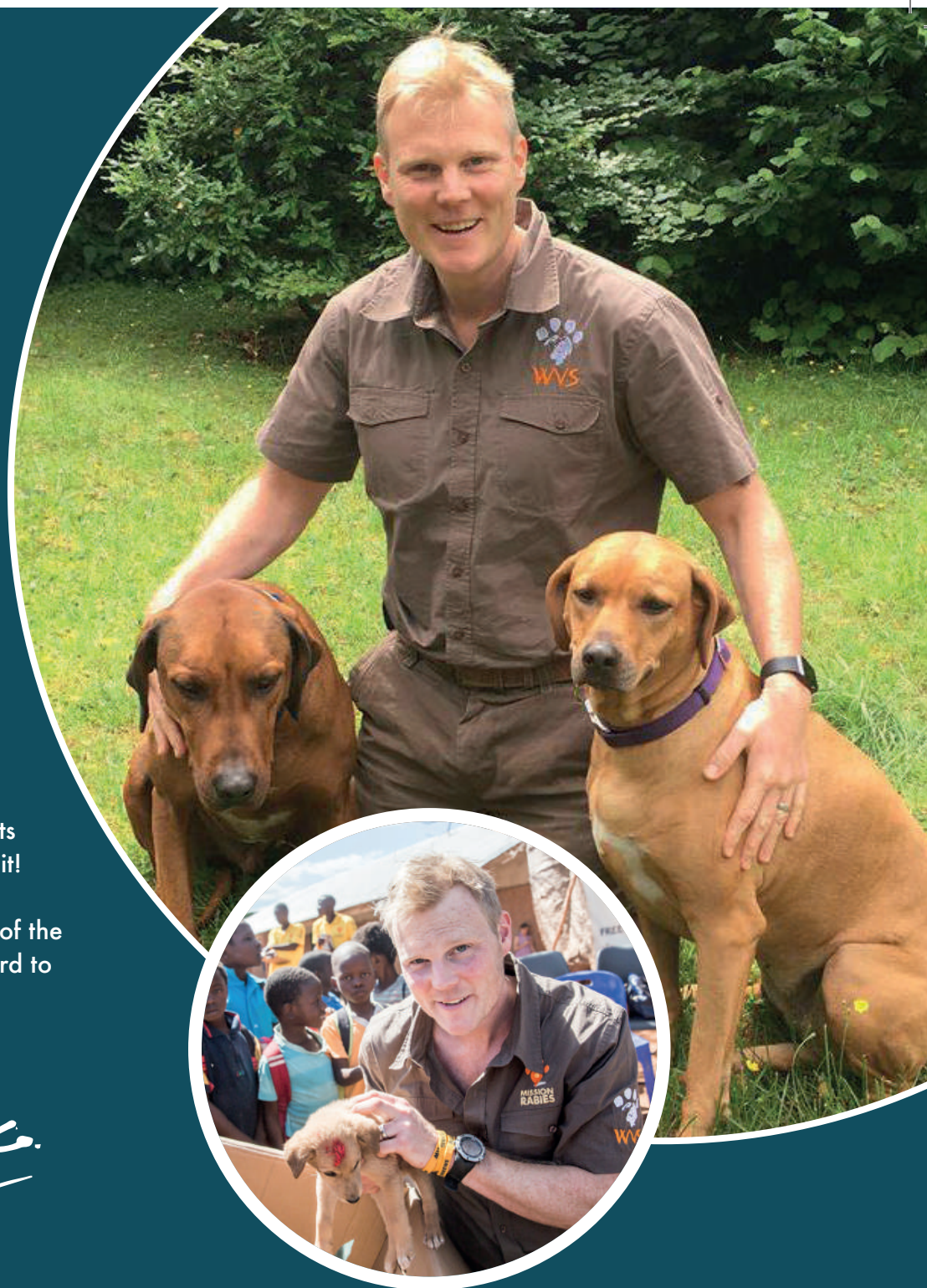
I hope you enjoy this report – any feedback or thoughts you have will always be gratefully received. We're super proud of what we've achieved, but always recognise there is lots more to do and many new exciting projects needing to be set up. Let's get to it!

Thanks for being such a key part of the WVS adventures – looking forward to many more in 2019!

Rock on!



Luke



WVS IN ACTION

We have been championing animal welfare worldwide ever since we began in 2003.

This year we have trained more vets, sterilised more animals and supported more organisations than ever before.



ANIMALS
STERILISED

25,636



VETS
TRAINED

702



ANIMALS HELPED
IN TOTAL

65,687



CHARITIES
HELPED

232



ANIMALS
REHOMED

380



PARCELS
DELIVERED

1,056

£€€

VALUE OF
SUPPLIES SENT

£398,868.20



TEAMS
DEPLOYED

133



ANIMALS TREATED
FOR INJURY OR
ILLNESS

11,644



COURSES
TAUGHT

75

THAILAND

Grace and Celia's story

Grace and Celia had their health restored by WVS Thailand after being rescued from neglect and a filthy cramped cage. Their transformation was incredible!

Care for Cats

144 cats were sterilised and vaccinated during a week-long project helping Chiang Mai's cats.



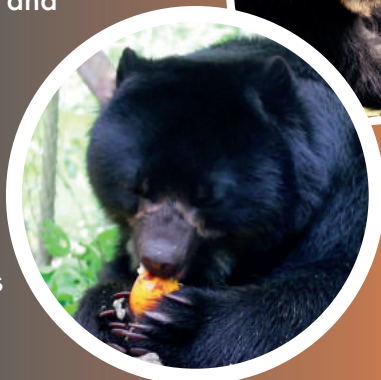
INDIA

The team from ITC India have been running rabies vaccination campaigns and vaccinated 2,095 dogs in the Nilgiris region in just one week!



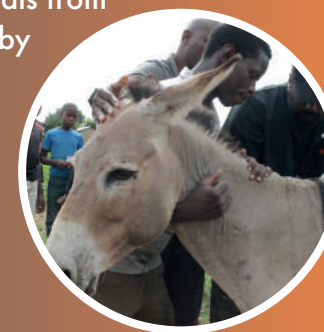
BOLIVIA

Thanks to the Marchig Animal Welfare Trust, we were able to fund the build of a roof for a bear enclosure at our supported charity La Senda Verde. Ajayu is blind and deaf, and the neighbouring spider monkeys at the centre often jump into his enclosure to steal his food! Therefore, a roof was necessary to help this bear enjoy his meals in peace!



TANZANIA

We extended our working equine programme to Africa, helping the donkeys of Bukombe, Tanzania by providing doughnut bandages. These protect the animals from wounds caused by the rough wood that rubs on the donkeys' necks when pulling carts.



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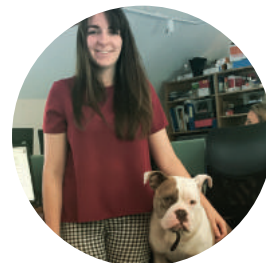
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THAILAND

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MALAWI

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Africa Veterinary
Manager

INTERNATIONAL TRAINING CENTRES

At WVS, we believe education is key to ensuring animals get the best care possible. By training vets and vet students at our three International Training Centres (ITC) we are empowering people with essential skills and knowledge to improve veterinary care.



INDIA ITC, OOTY

In 2018 we celebrated seven years of training at our Ooty centre. The local dog population is now healthier and under control, with the local community helping us raise awareness of animal welfare. The level of knowledge amongst veterinary professionals has also improved, with many Indian vets setting up their own animal birth control clinics after attending an ITC course. We are also pleased to have seen success with our rabies elimination projects, with the Nilgiris Hills area of Tamil Nadu now declared rabies-free.



8,047



13,409



303



29

Working Equine Programme

With thanks to WTG and The Peter O'Sullivan Charitable Trust, this year has also been the first full year of our Working Equine Health and Welfare Programme in Tamil Nadu, operating as outreach projects from the Ooty centre. We have welcomed vets and students from around the world

on to our equine courses and ran field clinics in the rural villages across the state to ensure working horses, ponies and donkeys get the treatment they need. Owners have been increasingly responsive to the project, eagerly learning basic first aid to help keep their animals healthy.



2,150



22

HICKS ITC, GOA

2018 in Goa saw the successful training of local and international vets, with each cohort also getting the opportunity to spend a day with the team from our sister charity Mission Rabies, working together to vaccinate dogs and eliminate this deadly disease.

The Hicks also ran a number of specialist surgical courses led by experts in their field on topics such as Anaesthesia, Diagnostic Imaging and Animal Behaviour, as well as facilitating an incredible number of dog and cat adoptions this year!



11,857



13,243



188



26



310

JEANNE MARCHIG ITC, THAILAND

This year, our Thai team sterilised and treated dogs and cats from across Chiang Mai and the wider region, running outreach projects in the villages of Pai and Sukhothai. International vet students and local animal welfare workers have taken part in surgical courses at the centre while also gaining an insight into shelter management at our neighbouring dog shelter.

This year has also seen increased collaboration with local governments in Thailand and Myanmar for sterilisation and rabies control projects.



4,735



8,194



44



211



20

MALAWI

In 2018, we had 11 vets and 7 vet nurses travel to Blantyre to assist the team at the BSPCA with their vital veterinary work. As one of the only clinics in the region, people travelled far to ensure their animals got the care they needed and we have seen increased awareness and support from the community.

As well as the everyday clinics at the centre, the team ran outreach clinics at local schools, converting classrooms into operating theatres for the weekend. In total, we sterilised 916 dogs and 81 cats as well as rescuing and providing treatment for even more animals this year!



MABLE

A local community member found Mable slumped outside a house and was shocked to see how skinny she was. She also had a severely infected leg wound causing her to limp. This heart-breaking scene led her to call WVS.



BEFORE

Our vets from the BSPCA came out to collect her and once back at the centre, treated her wound. After recovering from the infection and enjoying some good meals, she was doing much better and was ready to be adopted into a new loving home!



AFTER

SUPPORTED CHARITY TRIPS

As well as WVS projects, we aim to help as many other animal welfare charities and NGOs as possible, whether it be with parcels of supplies or teams of volunteers.

These are just a few of our supported charity trips that volunteers have got involved with during 2018.

COSTA RICA

In the heart of the jungle, Costa Rica's howler monkeys face regular threat of electrocution due to mistaking the power lines for vines. The team at Nosara Refuge for Wildlife are determined to rescue and treat these injured monkeys and we've sent volunteers to assist them with their care!



ROMANIA

We've been supporting the small team at Save the Dogs in Romania for a number of years and in 2018, they've helped rescue and treat an incredible number of dogs, focusing on animal birth control.



BOTSWANA

In this rural sterilisation project, our volunteers have been helping Maun Animal Welfare Society with animal birth control and emergency treatments, often in challenging field conditions!



SOUTH AFRICA

2018 has seen the expansion of our work with wildlife and we're proud to partner with Siyafunda, where we send volunteers to two wildlife conservation and endangered species programmes. Our volunteers have been helping track animals in the wild and collect vital data to ensure their survival.



CARRIACOU & GRENADA

In the beautiful Caribbean lies the islands of Grenada and Carriacou. We've sent teams to GSPCA and Carriacou Animal Hospital to support these small but vital services. As the only veterinary care on the island it is essential these centres receive support in the form of skilled veterinary volunteers!



PARCELS

DOG HAPPINESS

Based in Belgium, Dog Happiness care for hundreds of injured and stray dogs, ensuring the local animal population stay healthy! We sent them a bundle of flea and tick treatment to help them achieve this!



£398,868.20



232



1,056



74



STREET DOG WATCH ASSOCIATION

India's stray dogs have a difficult life, but Street Dog Watch Association are striving to improve animal welfare in Kovalam and the surrounding regions. We send them regular parcels of flea and tick treatment to help keep these dogs healthy!



TACUGAMA CHIMPANZEE SANCTUARY

Our friends at Tacugama Chimpanzee Sanctuary in Sierra Leone recently rescued five baby chimps from the illegal pet trade. We've sent them an oxygen concentrator to help treat these new arrivals as well as the other rescued apes in their care.



FRIENDS OF ANIMALS

This small charity based in Crete recently received a call about a local resident hoarding more than 40 dogs on his property, many of which were suffering from disease and in need of proper care. Our parcel packed with flea, tick and deworming treatment arrived at the perfect time to help these rescued animals and the patients that regularly come to the centre for sterilisation.



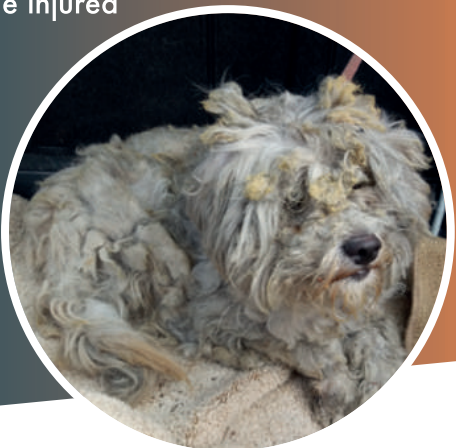
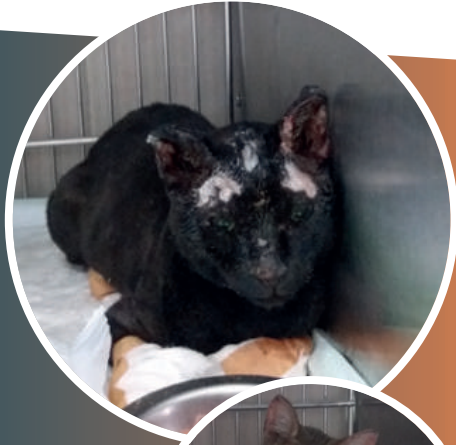
EMERGENCY RESPONSE

GREECE

During the summer of 2018, the region of Attica in Greece suffered terrible wildfires as a result of the heatwave that hit Europe.

Local charity Pegasus Animal Welfare Group were striving to rescue and treat as many of the region's injured animals as possible. Hundreds of cats and dogs had got caught in the fires and needed urgent treatment for burns. WVS were on hand to help and quickly sent some new trapping and handling equipment to help the team reach the injured animals.

We also sent over a parcel packed with burn cream, anti-inflammatory medication and pain killers to help them at this terrible time.

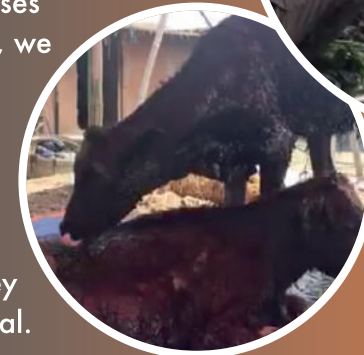


NEPAL

In July 2018, disaster struck for a herd of young calves in Nepal. At a construction site near Kathmandu, a team of workers laying a tarmac road showed complete disregard for the herd of animals living here and poured hot tar over the young calves.

Although unclear whether this was intentional or by accident, the fact remained that these animals needed urgent treatment if they were to survive. Local charity Sneha's Care, who were taking on the care of these injured animals, have worked with us on emergency cases like this before and here at WVS, we were determined to help!

We quickly dispatched some silver sulfadiazine cream and antibiotics to help with their care and after weeks of treatment, they began to recover from their ordeal.

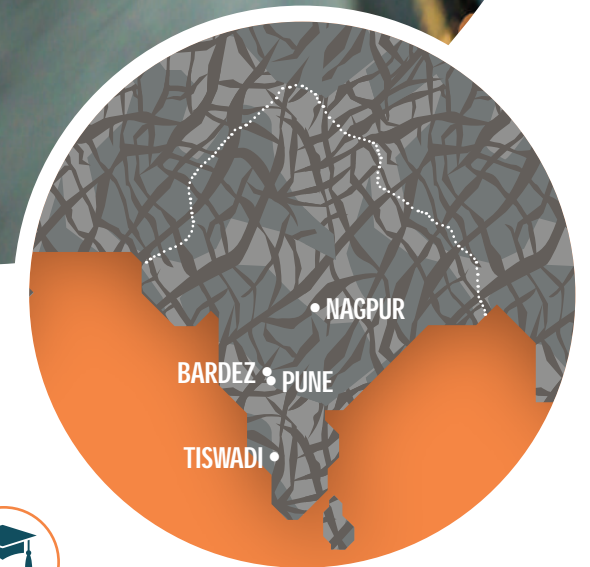


TRUCK TRAINING

As the world's only all-terrain mobile veterinary hospital, the Mission Rabies truck is a huge part of our collaborative work with our sister charity.

Although the truck is often utilised for outreach work, ensuring animals in even the most rural parts of India can be treated, it spends much of the year based in the state of Goa, where our Hicks ITC is located! WVS has been utilising this incredible vehicle for surgical courses and specialist lectures, training local vets in animal birth control techniques and how to deal with challenging cases.

Throughout 2018, the truck has travelled to Bardez, Tiswadi, Pune and Nagpur in India to deliver these educational courses, provide free veterinary care to the communities and assist with rabies response.



2,986



1,740



122



15

BOOKSHOP

Located just down the road from WVS HQ in the village of Cranborne, Dorset, is our very own bookshop!!

Not only is this shop home to thousands of donated books, it also has a sewing room full of vintage fabrics and textiles! We are incredibly grateful to all our volunteers who give up their time to help us run the shop and spread the latest WVS news!



We also have our online shop, selling all of our WVS merchandise, seasonal items and the extremely popular Mini Vet Guide, essential for any vet student!

THIS YEAR, OUR BOOKSHOP AND ONLINE SHOP RAISED A TOTAL OF £36,046.37 TO HELP FUND OUR ANIMAL WELFARE PROJECTS AROUND THE WORLD!



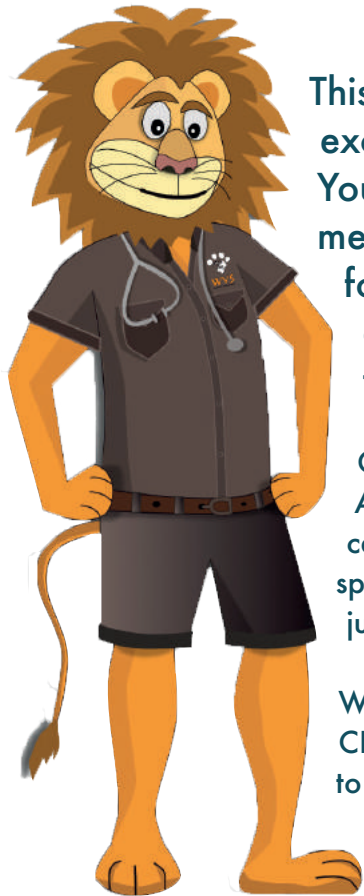
BOOKSHOP & SEWING ROOM



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Young Vets Club



This year, we were excited to launch Young Vets Club, our membership scheme for children and young animal lovers across the world.

On signing up, children receive a Vet Adventurer Handbook, stickers, fun animal fact cards, a collection box to colour in, an animal sponsorship package and a cuddly toy - all for just £30 a year!

With help from WVS CEO Luke Gamble and CBeebies presenter Jess French, we're helping to educate young animal lovers on important welfare issues and how they can become our vets and vet nurses of the future!



SCHOOL LINKING PROJECT:

The school linking project is a new initiative that was launched alongside Young Vets Club, twinning schools in the UK with those in India. The scheme is currently piloting with 10 UK schools that link up with 10 schools near our project sites in Goa and Ooty and so far we have had excellent feedback from teachers and pupils alike. Each school runs lessons on animal welfare issues, sharing knowledge and ideas using our WVS education resources.

OUR 15TH ANNIVERSARY

2018 was a very special year for WVS! It marked our 15th anniversary and we had plenty to celebrate. Our Autumn edition of the WVS Dispatch featured all our highlights from each year and showed just how much we've achieved since we started. We'd like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has been a part of the WVS journey and helped us along the way!

To mark this milestone, we produced a limited edition 2019 calendar, using some of our best photos and a selection of our volunteers' favourite photos from over the years. The proceeds from this will help us do even more over the next 15 years.

We also hosted a birthday party in Ringwood with the help of Boston Tea Party who assisted us with coffee and cake for all our supporters! It was wonderful sharing our latest achievements and thanks to our local supporters, we raised over £6,000!



MEET OUR VOLUNTEERS



BEN SAFRANY
VET
TANZANIA

"We neutered over 200 dogs in 10 days and we treated a variety of cases in need of veterinary care which isn't always available in this region, but it never felt like hard work. I was lucky to work with an incredible team, whose endless positivity and determination made the days fly by whilst forging lasting friendships."



LISA REDGRAVE
VET
ITC INDIA

"I'd never done work abroad with a charity, but lots of my fellow vet friends recommended WVS, so I decided to volunteer and help teach at ITC Ooty. It was amazing and such a rewarding experience! The Indian participants were so keen to learn and I love teaching so it was the perfect opportunity to use my skills and give something back."



MICHELLE MAHY
VET NURSE
MALAWI

"On the outreach days, we set up basic "operating theatres" in rural classrooms with no power or running water. Our day started at 6am and often didn't finish until near 6pm. These were the most exhausting but the most rewarding days, testing our skills in some of the most challenging situations I've ever faced in my veterinary career."



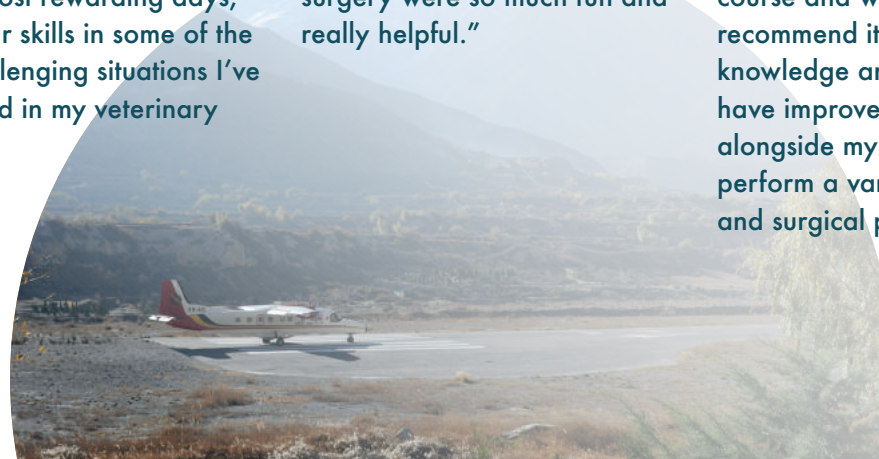
DAVID KAHL
VET
ITC THAILAND

"This course helped me develop further skills and confidence that I have been able to take back to my vet practice and help me progress my surgical capabilities. The staff operating the shelter and performing the surgery were so much fun and really helpful."



CHARLOTTE RUTTER
VET STUDENT, WORKING
EQUINE PROJECT, INDIA

"Each day, clinics took place at different locations within Mysore. The owners would bring their 'tourist riding' horses and 'tonga cart' ponies to be treated. I thoroughly enjoyed every minute of the course and would highly recommend it! Both my knowledge and practical skills have improved massively alongside my confidence to perform a variety of first aid and surgical procedures."



MEET OUR FUNDRAISERS

2018 has been an incredible year for fundraising here at WVS! In total, our awesome supporters have raised over £14,000 through challenges and events. Every donation we receive helps us ensure more and more animals get the veterinary care they need.



VETS TAKE ON THE SCOTTISH HALF MARATHON

An amazing team of vets and vet nurses from Provost Veterinary Group tackled the Scottish Half Marathon and raised **£1,594**.

CHRISTCHURCH CHEESE AND CHILLI FESTIVAL

The WVS team were also invited to run the car parking at the 2018 Cheese and Chilli Festival in Christchurch, Dorset. Along with the help of some awesome volunteers and all the lovely festival attendees, we raised **£3,560!!**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE VISIT
WWW.WVS.ORG.UK/DONATE-NOW**

LEGACIES

We are always incredibly humbled to receive peoples' parting gifts and make it our sole aim to make a lasting difference around the world, fulfilling their final wishes to look after animals in need.

This year we received a total of **£38,183.78**.

If you would like to leave a legacy to WVS please contact legacies@wvs.org.uk



BLANTYRE X-RAY DEVELOPER

One of our wonderful supporters called us up earlier in the year, asking if he could help fundraise towards an x-ray developer for our clinic in Blantyre, Malawi and we were thrilled with the idea! A few months later, the machine was finally delivered to our clinic and the team couldn't be happier! This will save both time and money, ensuring patients get the diagnosis and treatment as soon as possible.

RESEARCH

WORKING DONKEY PROJECT

WVS has been working with the donkeys of Tamil Nadu, India since 2011, providing veterinary care and educating the owners on various welfare issues. The biggest concern was the number of preventable wounds and mutilations seen in the donkeys at the WVS outreach clinics.

WVS International Research Manager, Dr Emma Rayner, led a study to investigate the prevalence of these wounds in order to understand the issues in greater detail. This will help to create a focused plan to reduce these wounds through culturally driven, targeted education which will aim to improve the welfare of the donkeys as well as the lives of their owners. You can read the full paper on the Veterinary Record or see a video outlining Emma's research on our YouTube channel!



THE WVS APP

The WVS App is a bespoke tool that utilises mobile technology for our field projects. Not only is it used to record vital data about the number of animals helped or the type of injuries seen, but it is also used to effectively direct field teams during rabies campaigns.



Alongside our sister charity Mission Rabies, our Director of Strategic Research, Dr Andy Gibson, has recently published a paper on PLOS One about the use of this mobile technology - in 2018 we celebrated one million rabies vaccinations being recorded on the app!

NEW FOR 2018

Our four new membership schemes are the perfect way for supporters to do even more for animals in need. For a regular donation, each member receives a welcome pack, regular copies of the WVS Dispatch to their door and an animal sponsorship package!!

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO LEARN MORE ABOUT BECOMING A WVS MEMBER PLEASE VISIT WWW.WVS.ORG.UK/MEMBERSHIP

WVS USA

At the end of 2017 we opened our US office to enhance our role in the global effort to champion animal welfare. 2018 has seen our first full year of developments, providing supporters and volunteers from the USA more opportunity to get involved with WVS projects!



INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP

Ideal for vets or vet nurses joining us on a trip, vet students taking part in an ITC course, or just animal lovers around the world, this membership covers your travel insurance for WVS and Mission Rabies trips as well as ensuring your donation is helping animals who need it most!



VET PRACTICE MEMBERSHIP

At WVS we believe in a united profession championing animal welfare worldwide, so our vet practice membership is another great way to do this! As well as the other benefits, vet practices will also get discounts on our courses to give a boost to their staff!



YOUNG VETS CLUB

Perfect for the younger generation of animal lovers, Young Vets Club members learn about animal welfare, WVS projects and tips on how to become a vet or vet nurse through their Vet Adventurer Handbook, as well as receiving a free cuddly toy and fun fact cards!



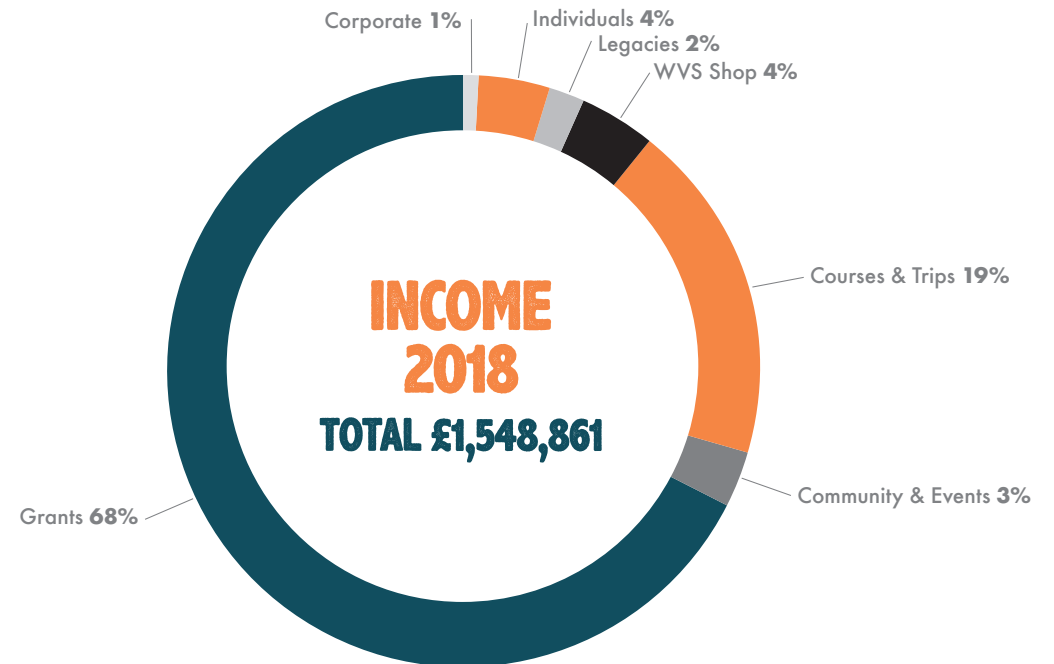
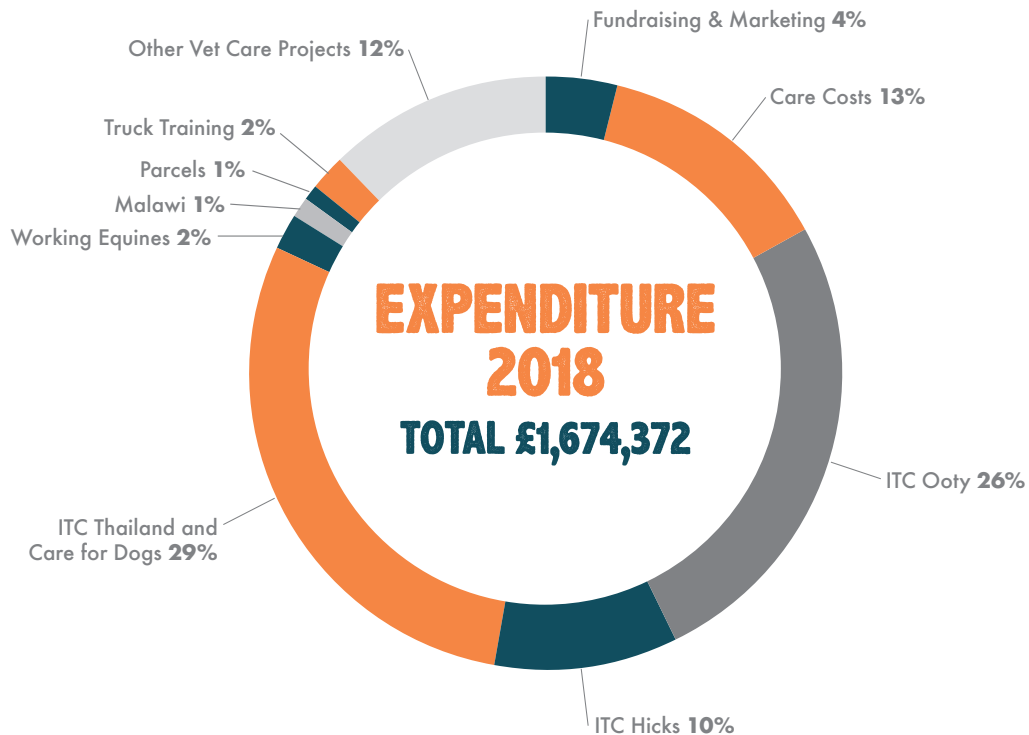
LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP

Lifetime membership is perfect for those looking to commit to helping WVS projects in the longer term. For a one-off donation, lifetime members are kept up to date with all that is being achieved thanks to their support and are also invited to a special lifetime members lunch and presentation at WVS HQ!



FINANCES

During 2018, WVS spent **£1,674,372** enabling our projects to expand and help even more animals in need of veterinary care. For every £1 donated, around 4% was spent on fundraising and marketing and a further 13% was spent on running costs.



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