

2024

ANNUAL
REPORT



WVS
WORLDWIDE VETERINARY SERVICE

BECAUSE EVERY ANIMAL MATTERS

FROM THE CEO

Friends of WVS, it has been a phenomenal year and I would like to say tremendous thanks to all of you for being such a force for awesome! None of what we do is possible without you as we work together to create a brighter, safer, and healthier future for animals worldwide.

Your support has been astounding, and this means that phenomenal strides have been made. This year, more animals have been treated than ever before – over 100,000 in fact! That's an animal treated every 5 minutes, because of you.

As well as directly treating animals for injuries or illness, your support provides life-changing assistance for thousands more through our veterinary aid shipments, education programmes, community engagement, and the training of veterinary professionals.

In 2024, 1,042 parcels packed with more than £760,000 worth of medication and supplies, were sent out to help animals in desperate need of veterinary care. These shipments supported 231 different organisations in over 65 countries! Thank you to all those who have donated medication to make these aid parcels happen.

With education being fundamental to making lasting improvements to welfare standards, we are thrilled to have provided world-class training for 2,863 veterinarians and trained 1,273 other participants (such as veterinary assistants and animal handlers) at our International Training Centres (ITCs), and through our Veterinary Taskforce, All Terrain Clinic, and outreach projects.

Our ITCs are absolute hubs of awesomeness – treating animals in need, delivering surgical training, hosting specialist workshops, as well as facilitating rescues and rehoming. These hubs are located in Thailand, India (Goa and Tamil Nadu), Malawi, Galápagos Islands, with two new centres opening in Cambodia and India in 2025.

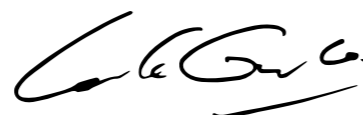
The WVS Academy, our free and growing online resource for the worldwide veterinary community, has been visited by more than 134,000 professionals, with 2,517 veterinarians enrolled to our online spay/neuter course during the year.

Through our flagship Mission Rabies project, over one million vaccinations have been administered giving life-saving protection to dogs and their communities, from a disease that takes a life every 9 minutes. Not only this, but our rabies prevention lessons have reached a staggering 3.5 million people with vital information about rabies, how to stay safe around dogs, and what to do if bitten.

It is a fundamental principle at WVS that every patient matters and deserves the highest level of care. It's truly inspiring to see our dedicated teams in action, working year-round to make this a reality for so many animals. I'm incredibly grateful to everyone who has contributed during this impactful year – whether through volunteering, donating, fundraising, or raising awareness of this important mission. Each one of you plays a vital role in creating meaningful change.

Thank you for standing with us on the frontline of animal welfare, because every animal matters.

Luke



Dr Luke Gamble BVSc DVM&S FRCVS

Founder & CEO, Worldwide Veterinary Service

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AT THE FRONTLINE OF ANIMAL WELFARE.

All around the world, there are animals suffering with no access to the treatment and care they desperately need. Whether a donkey struggling with wounds caused by a poorly fitted harness, a sick and abandoned stray dog who has no one else to turn to, or a wild animal who has been badly injured by poachers, Worldwide Veterinary Service (WVS) is there to give animals access to the care they deserve.

TREAT



Delivering expert veterinary care for every animal no matter where.

TRAIN



Providing training to promote long-lasting improvements in animal welfare.

RESPOND



Aiding animals and their communities in their time of need.

With your support, we are not only giving animals the treatment they need but also engaging the global veterinary community to elevate the standard of care and tackle the underlying causes of poor welfare, not just the shocking results.

**TOGETHER, WE ARE BUILDING A
KINDER, SAFER, AND MORE
COMPASSIONATE WORLD FOR ANIMALS.**



THE IMPACT OF YOUR SUPPORT IN 2024.

231
CHARITIES
SUPPORTED

103,962
ANIMALS
TREATED

1,210,465
ANIMALS
VACCINATED

1,042
PARCELS
SENT

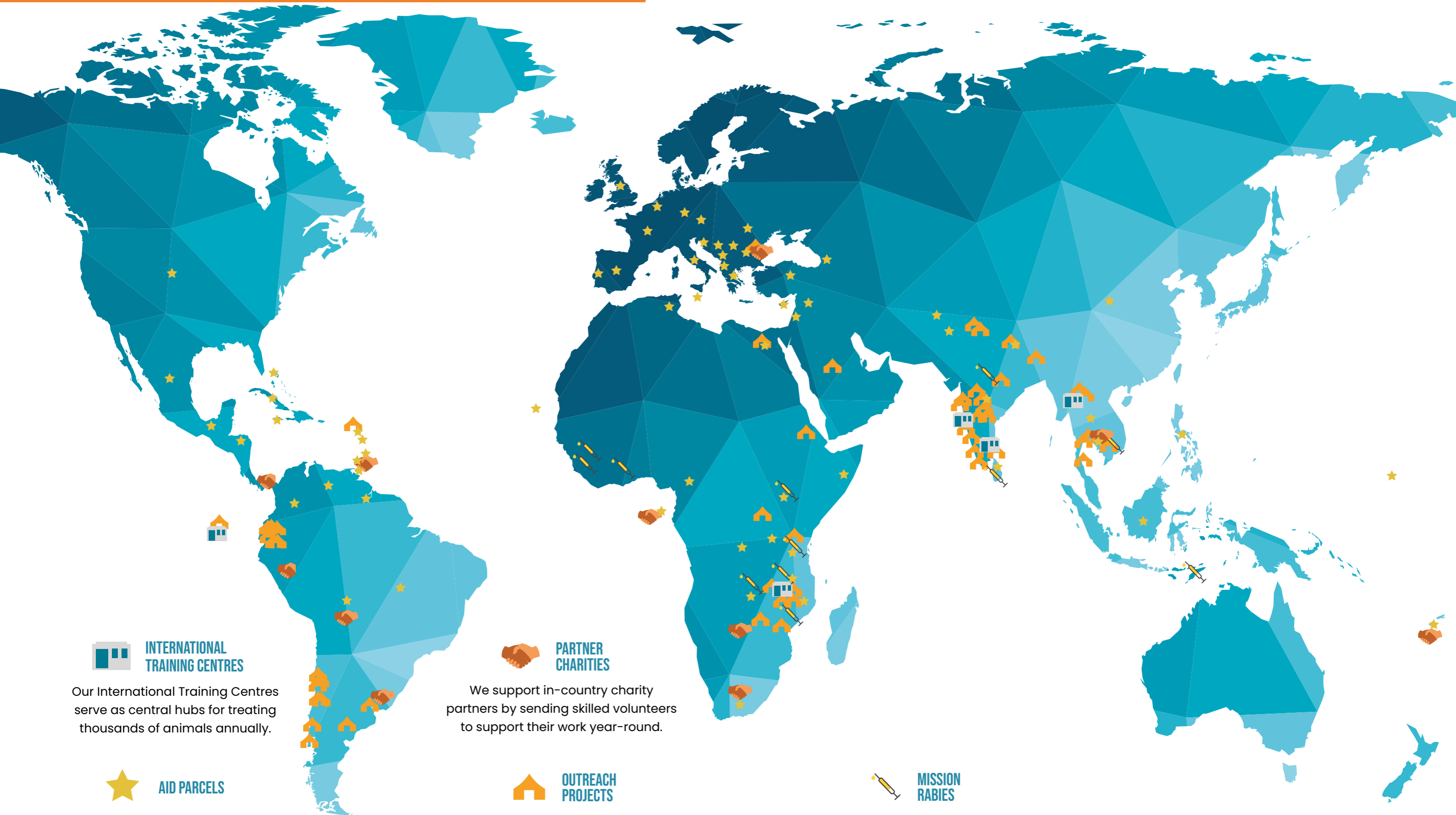
2,863
VETERINARIANS
TRAINED

3,504,177
PEOPLE REACHED
THROUGH EDUCATION
PROGRAMMES



UNLEASHING COMPASSION AROUND THE GLOBE

DISCOVER THE IMPACT OF YOUR SUPPORT



INTERNATIONAL TRAINING CENTRES

Our International Training Centres serve as central hubs for treating thousands of animals annually.



AID PARCELS

See where we have sent much-needed medication, veterinary supplies and equipment to aid animals.



PARTNER CHARITIES

We support in-country charity partners by sending skilled volunteers to support their work year-round.



OUTREACH PROJECTS

We deploy veterinary teams to places where they can have the greatest impact for animals and their communities.



MISSION RABIES

Through mass dog vaccination, surveillance, and education programmes, we are stopping this deadly disease for good.

SENDING HOPE: AID PARCELS WITH IMPACT

Our medical aid parcels provide a vital lifeline to animals of all species, across every corner of the globe. By supplying medication, veterinary equipment, and essential supplies, we help charities and NGOs who are dedicated to the care and well-being of animals to continue their vital work.

1,042
PARCELS
SENT

231
CHARITIES
HELPED

65
COUNTRIES
SENT TO

£768,494
WORTH OF
SUPPLIES SENT

“ A huge thank you to WVS for the incredible donation of so many essential medications including tick and flea treatment, treatment for mange, pain relief, antibiotics and surgical kits for our veterinary team. We can't thank you enough, your donation means so much to us and makes a huge difference to the lives of so many rural village dogs.

Helping All Animals in Rural
Towns, South Africa



KALYMNOS CAT
PROJECT, GREECE

“ Thanks to WVS we have received an important donation of medicines in order to be able to take care of the horses that are hospitalised, due to the terrible mistreatment they receive on the streets. Thank you to WVS for ensuring health care for so many patients and for helping us continue to grow.

Caballos De Quilmes, Argentina ”



DIASOZO ANIMAL RESCUE
TEAM, GREECE

DOG CARE CLINIC,
SRI LANKA



LIMBE WILDLIFE CENTRE,
CAMEROON



CENTRE OF HOPE,
GUATEMALA



HOEDSPRUIT ANIMAL
OUTREACH (HALO),
SOUTH AFRICA



WARWICKSHIRE HEDGEHOG
RESCUE, UNITED KINGDOM



WORLD PROTECTION FOR
DOGS AND CATS IN THE
MEAT TRADE, GLOBAL



DO YOU HAVE UNOPENED, IN-DATE PET MEDICATION?

Send it to help animals worldwide! Every year, our veterinary aid parcels are made possible through the generous donations we receive from our supporters – both individuals and veterinary practices.

Learn more at
wvs.org.uk/donate-medication.



VETERINARY TRAINING

Raising the standard of care

Working to create a brighter future for animals, we are dedicated to providing training and education programmes to promote long-lasting improvements in animal welfare. At our five International Training Centres and our outreach projects around the world we provide expert training to local veterinary professionals and students, along with international participants. We offer these learning opportunities to empower the global veterinary community and raise the standard of care. This ensures that whenever and wherever an animal is in need, they have access to high-quality veterinary care.

1,062
VETS TRAINED
ON SURGICAL
COURSES

1,286
VETS TRAINED ON
EQUINE COURSES,
SPECIALIST COURSES,
OR WORKSHOPS

1,273
ADDITIONAL
PARTICIPANTS TRAINED
(including vet assistants,
animal handlers, and other
individuals working in
animal welfare)



CAT-SPECIFIC SPAY AND NEUTER SPECIALIST TRAINING COURSE FOR VETS AT OUR CENTRE IN OOTY, INDIA.



VETS RECEIVING TRAINING IN HUMANE ANIMAL BIRTH CONTROL SURGERIES AT OUR OUTREACH CLINIC IN ANGOCHAGUA, THE ANDES, ECUADOR.



TRAINING FOR MALAWIAN LUANAR VETERINARY STUDENTS AT OUR CENTRE IN BLANTYRE, MALAWI.



VETS WHO COMPLETED OUR SURGICAL TRAINING COURSE AT OUR WVS HICKS CENTRE IN GOA, INDIA.

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Before attending this course, I lacked confidence in my surgical skills, having little to no hands-on experience. However, after just two weeks of training, I now feel confident in performing male castration and female spaying. I would like to express my sincere gratitude to all the staff for providing a comfortable and enriching experience. The residential vets were incredibly supportive at every stage, ensuring that all my doubts were clarified. Their passion for their work was palpable.

Dr Abhiramy Krishna



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103
SURGICAL
COURSES
DELIVERED

40
SPECIALIST
COURSES
DELIVERED

Find out more about the WVS Academy, our online professional learning platform, on page 33.



Raising the
standard of care

OVER 134,000 USERS IN 2024

The WVS Academy is an online CPD platform for veterinary professionals. We have created a community for vets to browse resources and progress their skills across a broad range of subjects. This presents veterinary professionals across the world with access to high-quality, engaging, relevant, and peer-reviewed resources to guide best clinical practice in any setting.

We created the WVS Academy as existing veterinary CPD (continued professional development) platforms are often inaccessible, either because they are expensive or targeted at vets working in developed countries with different equipment and priorities. There is a need to address this gap in educational opportunities to raise the standard of care globally and ensure every vet has access to continued learning.

By making our educational content available online, we are ensuring that learning is accessible for vets around the world. The aim of our content is to be practical, supporting vets wherever they are and with whatever challenges they face.

wvs.academy

New to the WVS Academy:

During the year we have grown our online resources for vets worldwide; this has included expansion of the 'learn' section, with the addition of over 50 articles on subjects from urinalysis to wound management. While we launched an online training certificate in dog vaccination to support our Mission Rabies vaccination campaigns, with over 160 people completing this course. This was created with the support of the MSD Richard T. Clark Fellowship for Global Health.



32,781
STERILISATION
SURGERIES PERFORMED
GLOBALLY

CREATING HEALTHIER, HAPPIER ANIMAL POPULATIONS

In places where access to veterinary care is limited, domesticated animal populations often become out of control, leading to immense suffering for the animals, and a heightened risk of diseases spreading to other animals and people. Through the delivery of humane Animal Birth Control and vaccination programmes, animals and their whole community benefit. All around the globe, our veterinarians are performing these crucial surgeries alongside large scale vaccination campaigns. Not only this, but we are training veterinarians and veterinary students on how to perform these essential surgeries with animal welfare at the forefront. This is not just improving the health and welfare of the animals treated but also helping to conserve wildlife populations and improve human health by stopping the spread of horrific zoonotic diseases such as rabies.



IN RESPONSE TO TWO POSITIVE RABIES CASES, WE ADMINISTERED VACCINATIONS AND PERFORMED SPAY/NEUTER SURGERIES ON DIVAR ISLAND, ONE OF SIX MAJOR ISLANDS OF GOA, TO HELP KEEP ANIMALS AND THEIR COMMUNITY SAFE.



THIS YEAR, WE LAUNCHED THE FIRST EVER MASS DOG VACCINATION PROGRAMME ON THE GALÁPAGOS ISLANDS, ON THE ISLAND OF SANTA CRUZ, PROTECTING NOT ONLY THE CANINE POPULATION, BUT ENDEMIC WILDLIFE.



WE WERE DELIGHTED TO RETURN TO TANZANIA FOR OUR ANNUAL CAMPAIGN, WORKING ALONGSIDE MBWA WA AFRICA ANIMAL RESCUE IN THE ARUSHA REGION FOR A TWO-WEEK STERILISATION AND VACCINATION CAMPAIGN.

EQUINES AND LARGE ANIMALS

Creating lasting change for equines and other large animals facing immense hardship.

To sustainably enhance equine health and welfare across our global projects, we go beyond providing veterinary care. We focus on bridging gaps in veterinary knowledge by offering training opportunities for professionals and equipping owners with essential support and guidance. This way, we can build local knowledge, and animals will continue to receive high quality care after we have gone.

14,097 EQUINES AND LARGE ANIMALS TREATED WORLDWIDE

CHILE



In Chile, we have partnered with two local universities, Universidad Catolica de Temuco (UCT) and Universidad Santo Tomas (UST), to provide expert care, training for veterinary professionals, and support for owners, to raise the standard of care. In addition, we have also offered independent training opportunities for over 50 volunteer veterinarians and veterinary students in the Valparaiso and Metropolitana de Santiago regions.

GALÁPAGOS



This year, we hosted our first equine programme in the highlands of Santa Cruz Island, in the Galápagos Islands. This pilot project took place over four days, involving close collaboration with Galápagos Biosecurity Agency (ABG), who joined our team in the field. As well as clinical work, we engaged communities with talks covering topics such as behaviour, husbandry, parasites, basic wound management and castration.



ETHIOPIA



A new partnership has been established in Ethiopia with Mekelle University, one of the country's largest public universities, to enhance equine care and expand training opportunities. This collaboration aims to improve veterinary standards and bridge gaps in equine knowledge, especially for donkeys. A newly acquired mobile clinic vehicle will play a crucial role in delivering veterinary services and hands-on training to remote areas, ensuring greater access to essential care.



CONSERVATION THROUGH VET CARE

HEALING THE WILD

The vital role of veterinary care in conservation.

There are many ways in which your support helps us aid wildlife. This encompasses directly treating wild animals, but also supporting wildlife monitoring, shipping supplies and equipment, and reducing conflict with people and pets through spaying/neutering, vaccination, and education.



DISTEMPER VACCINATION IN MUDUMALAI TIGER RESERVE, INDIA

We collaborate with the Forest Department officials of the Mudumalai Tiger Reserve in the Nilgiris to vaccinate dogs against distemper in villages surrounding the reserve. This programme not only helps to conserve wildlife by reducing the risk of disease transmission to wild carnivores, but delivers essential preventative health care for dogs in communities where access to treatment is limited.

REDUCING CONFLICT WITH WILDLIFE IN THE ECUADOREAN ANDES

During the year, our South America team has delivered numerous outreach projects within communities in the Andes, working with key partners including Andean Condor Foundation of Ecuador, and Universidad San Francisco de Quito. A key objective of these campaigns has been to reduce conflict between domesticated species, livestock, the Quechua inhabitants, and the unique wildlife such as the Andean condor, spectacled bear, and puma. With the One Health approach, the lives of both people and animals can be improved.



WILDLIFE MONITORING IN MAJETE WILDLIFE RESERVE, MALAWI

In collaboration with African Parks, we have continued to closely monitor all key wildlife species within Majete Wildlife Reserve and respond with interventions when needed to aid the critical conservation efforts. Alongside monitoring and treatment, our team have provided valuable training opportunities for veterinary students on the important role veterinarians play in supporting conservation efforts and reserve management.





EMERGENCY RESPONSE

Always ready to act, always ready to step in

When disaster strikes, we leap into action to provide veterinary support for animals and their communities. This includes the provision of urgent veterinary supplies and medication to charities and NGOs who care for animals, as well as deploying teams and volunteers to where they are needed most.

HURRICANE BERYL DEVASTATES IN THE CARIBBEAN

In July 2024, Hurricane Beryl (a deadly category 5 storm) left a trail of destruction across parts of the Caribbean causing devastation for millions of people and animals. Emergency aid shipments were dispatched to partnering charities impacted by the storm to support their crucial work on the islands. Carriacou Animal Hospital, a charity that WVS has supported for many years, managed to evacuate all patients and resident animals, but the clinic suffered significant damage, and the team were subsequently inundated with patients requiring urgent care. After mobilising initial supplies, we deployed an experienced orthopaedic surgeon and long-time volunteer with WVS, Dr Ian Patterson, to provide valuable support to their ongoing disaster relief efforts.



DEADLY LANDSLIDES IN BAÑOS



Torrential rain caused deadly landslides in the region of Baños, Ecuador, where homes were buried underneath tonnes of mud which careered down the hillside. With various communities displaced, our South America team travelled out to provide veterinary support to the various pets and livestock affected by the disaster. This included treating any animals in need of care, as well as supporting the local communities with their concerns, from wound management and basic husbandry, to accessing food and water. After our initial emergency response, we returned to the area to conduct a sterilisation campaign, further supporting animal welfare in this community.



Every day of the year we send medication and supplies to help animals in all parts of the globe. Learn more about our veterinary aid parcels on pages 10 and 11.



Going wherever care is needed

Our specialised team of veterinarians continues to help animals and communities in regions with limited access to veterinary care. By conducting surgical training courses and championing the One Health approach, our Taskforce team are elevating the standard of care received in our project areas. In 2024, the WVS Veterinary Taskforce expanded its reach with 20 outreach projects carried out across 11 countries, providing support to various animal welfare NGOs, academic institutions, and municipalities.

KIGALI, RWANDA

In August, we conducted an intensive surgical training outreach programme in Rwanda working alongside Welfare for Animals Guild (WAG) Rwanda, a small non-profit organisation which focuses primarily on rescuing, rehabilitating, and rehoming stray and abandoned dogs in Kigali. Training on gold standard surgical techniques, including asepsis, analgesia, anaesthesia, and anaesthetic monitoring, was delivered to 15 Rwandan veterinarians and veterinary students with 68 animals spayed/neutered during the programme.



“I am deeply grateful for the knowledge and skills I gained in surgical sterilisation training delivered by WVS, which I believe will be invaluable in advancing my career and improving animal welfare.

Jean de Dieu Twambajimana,
4th year veterinary student

The training on dog sterilisation was highly appreciated and most important as well. We have gained good practices especially considering patient monitoring during castration and spaying and good post-operative management.

Gratien Misago, Government Veterinarian and Sector Animal Resources Officer for Masaka Sector, Kigali, Rwanda

PHNOM PENH, CAMBODIA

In Phnom Penh and surrounding areas, many owned dogs roam freely, leading to uncontrolled breeding and a pressing need for accessible sterilisation programmes. In November, our Taskforce team launched a vital spay/neuter initiative in the city, working in partnership with PPAWS, RUA, and Animal Rescue Cambodia. Over 200 dogs were sterilised during the programme which ran alongside our annual canine rabies vaccination campaign, and we also responded to more than 650 treatment cases in the field.



SILIGURI, INDIA

In partnership with Animal Helpline Shelter Siliguri in West Bengal, India, a two-week ABC surgical training course was delivered for eight veterinarians. During the programme, 119 animals underwent spay/neuter surgeries, and 13 veterinary assistants received hands-on training. Additionally, the team provided a demonstration on rabies diagnostics and organised awareness programmes on first aid and rabies control in local schools and colleges.



Our Taskforce Veterinary Nursing Programme continues to provide invaluable nursing support at our International Training Centres around the globe, with four nurses taking part in the programme in 2024. Veterinary Nurse Erina completed the programme in 2024, visiting projects in Malawi, India, Thailand, and the Galápagos Islands:

“The WVS Taskforce Nursing Programme not only met my expectations but exceeded them in ways I could not have imagined. This incredible experience allowed me to explore various training centres, their country and cultures, and collaborate with dedicated teams committed to enhancing animal welfare. It was inspiring to witness first-hand the impactful work that WVS is doing, and being part of that mission is something I will carry with me for a lifetime.”





THE ALL-TERRAIN CLINIC

Drive the change:
mobile veterinary clinic travels across India

Our self-sufficient mobile veterinary hospital allows our team to travel across India championing humane population control, animal welfare, and rabies prevention. This enables us to reach remote, resource-limited communities to provide expert veterinary care and training. As the clinic is fully mobile, it allows our teams to go to different areas to deliver surgical courses, making training more accessible to veterinary professionals across India. By providing local vets with essential skills to humanely manage animal populations within their communities, we can reduce overpopulation and eliminate the suffering that comes with it. At WVS we are dedicated to creating safe, stable, and healthy dog populations with animal welfare at the forefront.

4,156

**ANIMALS
STERILISED.**

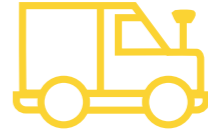
24,005


**ANIMALS
VACCINATED.**

1

**SPECIALIST
TRAINING
COURSE.**

 **60
VETS
TRAINED**

 **OVER
4,800
KM
TRAVELLED**

 **OVER
25,000
COMMUNITY
MEMBERS
REACHED**

 **9
SURGICAL
COURSES**



Emergency response following a dog bite in Bajarswagi, Chatrapati Sambhijinagar district, with a vaccination, education, and sterilisation campaign.



In collaboration with WVS Veterinary Taskforce and Hope and Animal Trust, an intensive two-week training course was conducted in Aurangabad, delivering expert training to veterinarians.



A project in Hyderabad, Telangana, in collaboration with the Blue Cross of Hyderabad, to strengthen sterilisation efforts and train local government veterinarians.



Surgical training course in collaboration with Plants and Animal Welfare Society to improve the standard of care by training veterinarians and vet assistants in Murbad.

PATIENT SPOTLIGHT

Every animal, wherever they may be in the world, deserves access to high quality care. Our caring and dedicated veterinary teams will go above and beyond to ensure our patients have the very best chance of a brighter, healthier, and happier future. Explore our patient spotlight stories and hear the remarkable tales of a resilient horse named Tordillo in Argentina, and Blackie, an incredibly brave dog in Malawi – both victims of immense cruelty who have now started a new chapter of their lives, thanks to the care they received.

MISTREATED HORSE IN ARGENTINA HAS HIS LIFE TURNED AROUND

In Quilmes, Argentina, we work in partnership with local NGO Caballos Quilmes (CQ) and Universidad Nacional de la Pata (UNLP) to address the needs of the Quilmes community. Quilmes is one of the worst cities in terms of animal abuse, where it is estimated that a carriage horse dies every 8 hours. The dedicated team at CQ offer a lifeline for equines who have been subjected to the cruellest exploitation.

To ensure more equines can be helped, WVS provides ongoing support to CQ by sending veterinarians to help clinically, training local veterinarians and volunteers to improve the standard of care in local communities, and through the provision of veterinary equipment, supplies and medication.



Tordillo, a 4-year-old gelding, was brought to the CQ equine clinic in an awful state after being seized by the police. His owners had been using him to steal wheels from parked cars. Devastatingly, Tordillo and other horses had been discovered living in appalling conditions, buried in rubbish and faeces, without access to food or water.

In both of his forelimbs he had oedema, a build-up of liquid which causes the tissue to become swollen, and he was experiencing severe pain. He was in poor condition, his hooves were badly trimmed, and he had different shoes sizes on with nails in sensitive tissue. Just imagine how scared and alone he must have felt. The CQ team got straight to work to get his health back on track and relieve his pain. He also received hoof care, was vaccinated and dewormed, and was put on a special feeding plan.



Thanks to the love and care he has received from the team, Tordillo is no longer suffering. His spirits have been lifted, and he is living a happy, healthy new life – just as he deserves. No animal should have to endure what he has, but thankfully, this kind, sweet horse has a new beginning, and we couldn't be happier for him.



DOG IN MALAWI TREATED FOR HORRIFIC BURNS

From our clinic in Malawi, we provide free veterinary treatment to sick and injured animals, train local veterinary professionals and students, and conduct outreach programmes to communities in need of veterinary care. In 2024, the team treated over 7,000 animals, one of our patients was Chaka, a local village dog who was in a terrible way when he arrived at the clinic.



Chaka was brought to the us with severe burns over most of his back and legs. Tragically, it was clear that someone had poured boiling water on him. He had shocking injuries and the pain was unimaginable, as his fur and skin had already begun sloughing off. His owner was not able to bring him in for several days, so he was in a terrible state when he arrived. The team immediately got to work to assess his injuries and stabilise him.

Chaka received pain relief and antibiotics while his wounds were cleaned, dressed and bandaged. It was also discovered that he had a tick-borne disease and was extremely anaemic. The team was concerned that he was not going to survive. It was touch and go for Chaka, but through his immense bravery and with the care of our expert team, his future was looking more hopeful. We treated his wounds with daily cleans and honey bandages, and after a few weeks, his wounds were healing well, his anaemia had improved, and he had regained his appetite. Chaka has shown incredible resilience and is now recovering well.

One thing that was truly remarkable, was that Chaka was so trusting and loving towards the team, despite the cruelty he had endured. He is currently at our clinic while his wounds continue to heal, and once well enough, he will be moved to our shelter while he awaits a loving family to adopt him.



Chaka with his best friend Monty, who he bonded with during his time at the clinic.

MISSION RABIES

Fighting for a
rabies free world

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DOGS VACCINATED

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RABIES AND A
FURTHER 753,287
BY OUR PARTNERS
WITH MISSION
RABIES SUPPORT**



3,504,177
PEOPLE EDUCATED IN
RABIES PREVENTION

**SINCE 2013 WE HAVE BEEN AT THE
FOREFRONT OF RABIES CONTROL.
WITH YOUR SUPPORT, WE ARE
CREATING A RABIES FREE WORLD.**

Globally, rabies still claims the lives of more than 59,000 people each year, with 40% of human rabies deaths being children under 15 years old. Despite being vaccine-preventable, it still causes unimaginable pain and suffering today.

With over 99% of human rabies cases being caused by an infected dog bite, fear of the disease leads to the persecution and death of millions of healthy dogs every year. But this does not stop the disease spreading.

**WE ARE WORKING TO END THIS
CRUEL AND DEADLY DISEASE.**

Through large-scale canine vaccinations, education programmes, and surveillance we are providing life-saving protection to communities living with the fear of rabies.



VACCINATE

By vaccinating 70% of any given canine population, we can build herd immunity, break the transmission cycle, and stop the disease in its tracks.



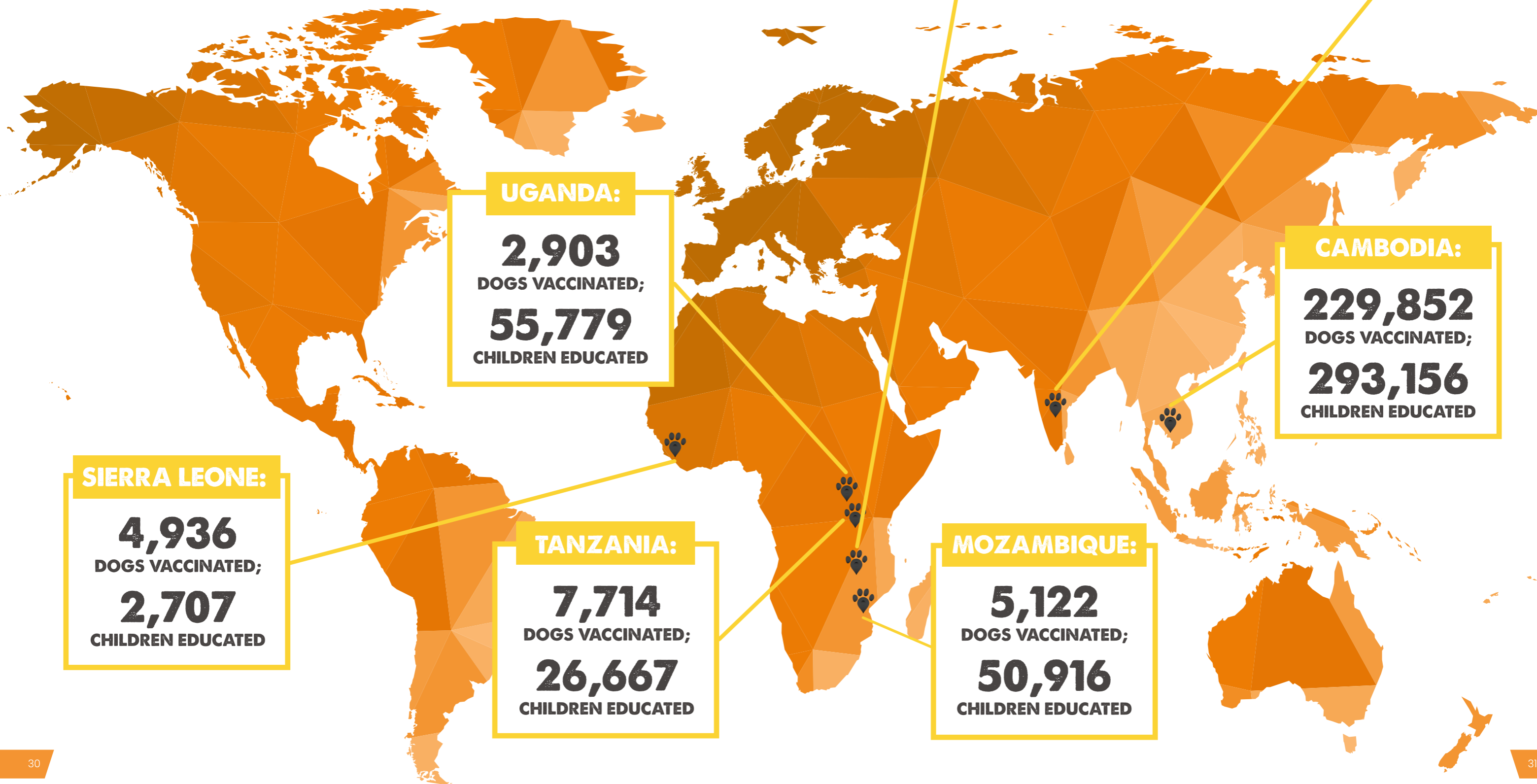
EDUCATE

By teaching those most at risk about rabies, bite wound treatment, and bite prevention, we can give people the tools they need to protect themselves.



ELIMINATE

We can reduce the threat through rabies surveillance. We trace human bite cases back to their source, and test and quarantine suspect rabid animals.





A GLOBAL COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS DEDICATED TO THE ELIMINATION OF CANINE RABIES

The IRT provides practical One Health expertise, resources, and guidance to support governments in planning and growing successful, cost-effective rabies elimination strategies. Working together with our strategic Taskforce partners, we are on a mission is to prevent the tens of thousands of needless deaths that occur globally every year from canine-mediated rabies, and by doing so relieve the burden the disease places on countries across the globe. The aims are to develop local capacity, empower governments, and ensure sustainability.

In 2024, the IRT collaborated with governments all over the world including Guinea, Zambia, and West Timor, to offer expertise and guidance.

Discover more at rabiestaskforce.com



WVS APP

At the forefront of technology



THE WVS APP

The WVS Data Collection App was developed by our team in response to challenges encountered during large scale canine vaccination campaigns – it has now evolved into so much more. It is a powerful tool that helps our teams and other organisations deliver animal welfare and One Health initiatives efficiently and cost-effectively. The App continues to underpin the digital recording of outputs for Mission Rabies and WVS projects, as well as other organisations and governments. It enables users to record the precise details of project-specific actions, including surgeries, vaccinations, educational activities, dog surveys, and research projects.

SINCE THE APP LAUNCHED

592,695
SURGICAL
RECORDS
UPLOADED

USED BY
30
ORGANISATIONS
GLOBALLY

5,193,570
VACCINATIONS
RECORDED



VOLUNTEERING HEROES: COMPASSION IN ACTION

Our volunteers are creating a brighter future for animals

Volunteers are at the heart of WVS. Since the beginning, volunteers have played a crucial role in our life-saving work. Hundreds of volunteers – veterinarians, vet nurses, and animal lovers – have supported our animal welfare projects worldwide. We deploy volunteers to exciting projects all around the globe, to places where they can make a real difference to the lives of animals.

Keep reading to hear from some of our incredible volunteers who joined us in 2024.

BRAD COULL, non-vet volunteer.

MISSION RABIES CAMBODIA

Brad, an employee of Merck Animal Health (MSD) from the US, was part of our incredible team of volunteers who joined us for Asia's largest rabies drive in Cambodia, where over 229,000 dogs were vaccinated.



"So, few events can truly change your life. For me, serving on the recent Mission Rabies campaign in Cambodia, is one of them. As an 18-year employee of Merck Animal Health (MSD outside of the US and Canada), the company that donates the vaccines for these projects, I've known about the great collaboration with this organization for over a decade. At the beginning of 2024, I circled the Cambodia campaign and committed. Making the time and financial choice to participate was one of the best decisions I've made."

"If I had to sum up my time in Cambodia in just three words, it would be this: LIFE CHANGING EXPERIENCE."



SOPHIE TIEU, Veterinary Student.

GALÁPAGOS ANIMAL DOCTORS

Third year veterinary student, Sophie, joined us on the island of Santa Cruz.



"My two-week placement in the Galápagos was truly amazing. I would give anything to be able to go back and relive that experience. It was the people working there, that I was so fortunate to be able to work with, that made it an incredible two weeks. I've never done spays or neuters before, but they were very patient and kind and made it their priority to give us the best learning experience."

DR GEORGINA HOPKIN, Veterinarian.

WVS HICKS, INDIA

Georgina, a vet from the UK, joined us at our Hicks International Training Centre in Goa, assisting with the surgical training and teaching of local and international veterinary professionals and students.

"I had the best time volunteering with WVS in Goa over the last six weeks! Having completed the training course with them last Autumn, it was so much fun to be back this year as a volunteer vet."



"The entire team are so lovely, knowledgeable and overall, so amazing to work with – I have learnt so much from all of them plus gained even more hands-on experience. I would like to thank everyone so much for allowing me to come back this year plus being so welcoming and so much fun to work with."

ABIGAIL AINSBURY, Veterinary Nurse.

PACIFIC ANIMAL SHELTER AND HOSPITAL

UK based vet nurse, Abigail, volunteered with Pacific Animal Shelter and Hospital (PASH), our partner organisation, located on the main island of Viti Levu in the Fiji Islands.

"The opportunity to work closely with animals in need, offering vital veterinary care, was incredibly fulfilling. The chance to make a tangible difference in their lives – whether through vaccinations, surgeries, or simply providing comfort – was extremely rewarding. Volunteering in such a unique setting allowed me to expand my veterinary skills and experience a new way of working, adapting to different challenges and learning about local culture and animal care needs. The combination of professional growth, culture immersion, and the natural beauty around me made Fiji an unforgettable and fulfilling place to volunteer."



LIFE-CHANGING MEMBERSHIP

Individual membership from just £40 a year.

Join team WVS and help make sure every animal receives the care they deserve. As a member you will receive bespoke travel insurance to cover you for WVS and Mission Rabies trips.

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SUPPORT SPOTLIGHT

Working together to raise the standard of animal welfare globally

Behind every animal treated is someone like you. Our work simply couldn't happen without our amazing supporters. Thank you to everyone who supports our work, making a difference for those animals most in need.

Discover some of the amazing ways our supporters made a difference in 2024.



NATALIE, JAKLYN, ELIZABETH, AND CLAIRE ALL RAN IN THE EDINBURGH MARATHON FESTIVAL FOR WVS.



JESS, HEIDI, AND PAIGE COMPLETED THE WELSH THREE PEAKS FOR OUR MISSION RABIES PROJECT, CLIMBING 17.2 MILES. JESS WAS INSPIRED TO FUNDRAISE BEFORE VOLUNTEERING WITH US AT OUR 2024 CAMBODIA MASS VACCINATION DRIVE.



THE TEAM AT THE VILLAGE VETERINARY CLINIC, ONTARIO, FUNDRAISED THROUGH A BAKE SALE AND RAFFLE, AS PART OF THEIR SUPPORT OF DR MARY LYNN AND HER DAUGHTER AMELIA WHO VOLUNTEERED WITH US IN MALAWI.



RENATA LOPEZ-GATELL FERNANDEZ COMPLETED A 13.1 MILE (HALF MARATHON) ROW TO RAISE MONEY FOR OUR PROJECT MISSION RABIES. SHE WAS INSPIRED TO FUNDRAISE BEFORE VOLUNTEERING WITH OUR PARTNER CHARITY PACIFIC ANIMAL SHELTER AND HOSPITAL, IN FIJI.



OUR VERY OWN VET, BEN HOWITT, WVS SOUTH AMERICA DIRECTOR, COMPLETED THE RICKSHAW RUN NORTHEAST INDIA FOR OUR MISSION RABIES PROJECT.



SOPHIE LEWIS SET HERSELF A CHALLENGE OF WALKING 400 MILES BEFORE SHE JOINED US TO VOLUNTEER ON OUR MISSION RABIES CAMBODIA MASS VACCINATION DRIVE.



AMY AND TOM GOT MARRIED AND ASKED THEIR GUESTS TO DONATE TO WVS IN LIEU OF GIFTS. THEY ADOPTED THEIR DOG PHIL FROM WVS THAILAND.



TEAMS WHO COMPLETED IN THE RABIES RALLY 2024 IN CORNWALL, UK.

FINANCES

2024 saw a significant increase in both income and expenditure as the charity expanded its work globally, directly increasing its impact on animals and people around the world.

In 2024 we spent £8,903,584 on improving the lives of animals worldwide. This was an increase of 60% on 2023. This led to a 35% increase in the number of animals treated, a 27% increase in the number of animals vaccinated against rabies and a 139% increase in the number of people educated in life-saving rabies prevention lessons. Beyond this, it laid essential groundwork to grow our programmes around the world, building a sustainable and better future for animals.

Income in 2024 grew by 61% to £9,278,219. This growth in income, made possible by our relationship with Dogs Trust, is part of an ambitious plan to increase the numbers of animals we treat, vets we train, aid parcels we send, and animals we vaccinate against rabies.

We are grateful to everyone that has supported our work, including our incredible grant funders, volunteers, fundraisers and members.

In 2024, our vets treated an animal every 5 minutes. Together, we will create a brighter future for animals and people around the world.



31% Mission Rabies and IRT	6% WVS Taskforce	89% Grants	0.3% Shop
28% Training	4% Fundraising and Marketing	6% Trips and Courses	
12% Core costs	2.5% Education	2.2% Legacies	
9% Outreach	1.5% Aid Parcels	2% Voluntary Income	
6% Technology		0.5% Misc	



Thank you to our partners, volunteers, and supporters, who have helped to transform the lives of so many animals around the world in 2024. We are immensely grateful for your support.





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