



Annual Report 2019



90 years — For the love of animals

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Notice of AGM 2019

When: Monday, 16 September at 18:00
Where: Boardroom of RSM, 15 Greenwich Grove, Station Road, Rondebosch, Cape Town

Agenda

1. Welcome
2. Apologies
3. Moment of Tribute – Sandy Severn
4. Confirmation of minutes of 2018 AGM held on the 17 September 2018.
5. Matters arising
6. Chairman's report
7. Management and Hospital report
8. Financial report
9. Communications and Resource Development report
10. Consideration and Adoption of new Constitution
11. Election of auditors
12. Election of Executive Committee
13. Election of President

All AWS SA members are cordially invited to attend the AGM proceedings.

Mr J le Roux
AWS SA President

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About us

(BBBEE Level 4)

The Animal Welfare Society of South Africa offers a full range of veterinary services to the underprivileged and disadvantaged communities of Cape Town.

From our base in Philippi, we handle about 4,000 animals per month. Our Clinic is open 7 days a week to accommodate those who are unable to bring their pets during the week. We have fully equipped and very busy theatres where we do sterilisations, orthopaedic operations and other procedures. The Society does not receive state funding and relies solely on donations.

At any one time we can house in excess of one hundred sick or injured animals. We are committed to sterilising every animal that comes through our hospital as our contribution to reducing the number of strays and unwanted animals in Cape Town.

The Society has an Adoption Centre, where we take in unwanted, abused and abandoned animals and find them their forever home. They are medically assessed, vaccinated, treated for internal and external parasites, microchipped and sterilised.

The Animal Welfare Society also offers pound facilities to Law Enforcement. Our Inspectorate Department responds to daily calls with regard to cases relating to abuse and general neglect of animals as well as on going reported cases of animal fighting in our Communities. Very often we respond to reports of injured stray animals, large and small on our public road ways by our City's Traffic Department, SAPS and Metro Police.

Our cover stars

Louis Sabin said "No matter how little money and how few possessions you own, having a dog makes you rich".

This is true of the vast majority of indigent pet owners who visit us with their beloved pets and particularly true of this compassionate young man who, having attended one of our Outreach and Education drives, decided to have his dog sterilised.

Our staff

Vet – Dr Z Stoynova

Nursing Staff

| | |
|--------------------------------------|---------------|
| Ms M Hirsekorn (Hospital Manager) | Mrs F Barnard |
| Mr C Samuels (Senior) | Ms M Hennings |
| Mr J Le Roux | Mrs N Foord |
| | Mrs S Strydom |

Hospital Assistants

| | |
|---------------|--------------|
| Mr J Ngcakaza | Mr M Mgoduka |
| Mr M Mdudu | Mr A Mongo |
| Mr O Mdudu | Mr S Kilwa |

Helpers

Ms L Tyatya
Ms E Sifuba

Inspectors

Mr M Levendal (Manager/Senior Inspector)
Ms A Stanbridge (Inspector)
Mrs T Esterhuysen (Admin and Inspectorate Controller)

Adoptions, Education and Outreach

Mrs C Leonard (Manager)
Mr L Nkotha (Assistant Adoptions Officer)

Kennel/Cattery Assistants

| | |
|---------------|---------------|
| Mr N Ngcakaza | Mr G Ngcakaza |
| Mr A Ngcakaza | Mr L Zemba |

Reception

Mrs C Fester

Maintenance

Mr A Jaftha (Manager)
Mr E Ngcakaza
Mr M Mliki

Charity Shop

Mrs L Levendal
Ms E Ernstzen

Office Manager

Mrs C Hoy

Resource Development and Communications Officer

Mr A Perrins



Patron's Message

Great strides have been made during the last few months, and I am proud and delighted that the Isdell Sterilisation Clinic will soon be up and running. Renovations are continuing under the constant oversight and collaboration of the AWS SA team - well done!

The clinic will give AWS SA a huge boost in enabling them to conduct sterilisations quickly and efficiently, and will go a long way in addressing a major problem and ever-growing need in the area.

Pamela Isdell – AWS SA Patron



Neville Isdell (left), Dr Jim McNamara (middle) and Pamela Isdell (right), at our 90th birthday celebration in March.



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President's report

During the current financial year, Exco agreed that it would make sense for me to stand down as Chairman and be replaced by Jim McNamara and for me in turn to replace Jim as President of AWS.

Being full-time employed makes it difficult for me to deliver what AWS expects from its Exco Chairman. I think this was a good move as Jim McNamara has done an outstanding job as Chairman. Jim recently retired from The University of Cape Town where he was the Director in charge of Fundraising, Development and Alumni matters.

The past year has been most fulfilling for AWS and we have seen exciting happenings, some of which are recorded in this report. The 90th celebration was a great event and exuded the feeling that AWS is a happy and successful place. We are pleased that our Patron, Pamela Isdell, joined us for this exciting event.

We are pleased that Attorney Jonathan Mort has revised our Constitution and prepared a more up



to date one for approval at the AGM. Our previous Constitution goes back to 1929.

To all of those who "got the job done", thank you and well done!

John le Roux – President



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Chairman's report

90 years young for your Animal Welfare Society!

What a year it has been, and what a privilege it is to have been a small part of this historic milestone as a volunteer supporter. The highlights have been many: the 90th celebrations, the Mandela Day crowds coming to walk and support the animals, the community-based events, the mass sterilisation campaigns.

But “highlights” imply things that can easily be seen, whereas the day-in and day-out reality of the AWS involves things “seen and unseen”. For the Society's sterling reputation to be maintained, a tremendous amount of work needs to be done every day by the remarkable Society staff, led now for decades by the “dean of animal welfare”, our CEO Dr. John McMullen. For that, “Dr Mac” and his staff have our deep gratitude and admiration.

We have always depended upon our generous donors, the foundation of your Society's stability since its founding in 1929. It has been especially pleasing to see the bequests coming in now from people who, decades ago, pledged their future support to the Society. We would be immensely grateful if you would please consider doing this as well.

We again look forward to working with Brigitte Reeve-Taylor and her fantastic dance troupe for this



year's Dancers Love Dogs fundraiser for mass sterilisation efforts; we hope you will join us at the 5 Oct 2019 show at Artscape.

Along with Dr Mac and his staff, the Society's decades of success is due in no small measure to the quality of volunteer leadership that it has enjoyed through the years. Please let us know if you might wish to get involved with supporting the work of the Society. We think that you would find it both enjoyable and fulfilling.

Dr Jim McNamara – Chairman

Piglet

Piglet is a very special puppy with a very special owner. She was found abandoned in a cardboard box on the side of the road in Ottery and admitted into our care by her rescuer.

After some time recuperating on Christine Leonard's lap, and stealing everyone's heart, it became apparent that she was stone deaf. It was decided that she would thrive in foster care until a permanent home could be found for this unique little soul so we bid her farewell and off she went to spend some time in the care of a foster mom.

Her foster mom instantly “fell in love” with her and decided that she was simply too adorable to part with. She however realised that in order for the two of them to overcome Piglet's inability to respond to verbal “commands” they would both



need to learn sign language. Piglet and her new owner both enrolled at a school that teaches sign language and Piglet turned out to be a natural and was reportedly top of the class.

As far as we know Piglet is the first dog in the Cape Metro to be taught sign language and having responded so well to this novel solution gives hope to the many other pet owners out there caring for deaf or hearing impaired pets.

Management and Hospital report

During this year under review, a lot has happened at the Society. Apart from celebrating our 90th year of existence with a Gala event at Kelvin Grove hosted by Alan Marriott, a hypnotist and entertainer we are keeping the celebration ongoing with other mini events such as the publication of our “Pawsome Stories” and our two Mandela Day celebrations. The first one being for corporates and the second for the general public on that weekend. Both were very well attended and enjoyed by all who participated. Marsh Insurance not only donated food but clubbed together and bought us a much needed tumble dryer to keep the bedding warm and dry.

Patricia de Lille before she left office as Mayor of Cape Town was kind enough to donate three containers to the Society for our use. These will be refurbished for new projects in the year ahead.

As you can see from our statistics, there has been an increase in almost all sectors of our services, including the microchip drive with Identipet. So far it has been quite well received with our staff holding outreach weekends to encourage public participation in chipping their beloved fur babies.

Despite encouraging our clients to sterilise their pets, we are still encountering resistance from owners who still insist on breeding with their animals. The hospital and kennels have remained at full capacity throughout the year. This has put severe strain on the nursing and kennel staff. Maintenance work in both these areas has suffered a setback as we are unable to clear them due to the constant turnover of animals that need veterinary treatment or re-homing. In part this is due to the large number of referrals that we are receiving from other societies. Disinfection and virus control has necessitated the purchase of an electrical fogger that can be used while the animals are present.

The harsh economical climate has resulted in an influx of clients who would normally be seen at private clinics or are referred by those clinics for treatment by us as the owners are unable to afford the treatment offered at these facilities. This has resulted in an increase in both consultations and medical procedures as well as the euthanasia of over 5000 animals.



We are in the process of drafting a new constitution which will be presented at our AGM in September. It will greatly simplify our aims and objectives in modern parlance.

Four new projects have been identified for upgrading at the facility, with the support of our Patron, Pamela Isdell.

With the ever fluctuating petrol price, we have delegated certain areas of the Northern Suburbs to our sister organisations who are working in that area, allowing our Inspectors to concentrate on the work that is ever present in our immediate vicinity.

Thanks to the support of our many business partners, Hill's, Royal Canin, Vets Brands, Pick 'n Pay, Lakato and MSD Animal Health who either donate or give us reduced rates we are able to keep our drug and food spend within our budget forecast. We hope that in the coming year we will be able to keep this under control despite inflation.

My appreciation goes to our dedicated staff of thirty-two employees, the Executive Committee, our auditors at RSM and the staff and Chairman of Personal Trust who oversee our finances.

Dr John McMullen – Vice Chairman

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We celebrated Ace's 5th adoptiversary with him. His wonderful owner Megan held a walkathon and raised money for AWS.

We also held a microchipping day at the Leadville Dog Park.



We love animals so much. We wear our hearts on our sleeves - and we went to get tattoos to show our support for all the animals we care for!



We turned 90 this year!

What a celebration we had.



"Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world." – Nelson Mandela



Honorary Treasurer's report

The Society remains in a reasonably stable financial position as a result of the capital fund balance, which is diversely invested.

In 2019 the income has been more equally divided across the various categories. With Bequests making up 35% of income, Vet services making up 37%, other income of 8% and Donations making up the remaining 20%. Of the donation income 50% is represented by a generous donation received from our Patron Pamela Isdell. This income will be used to refurbish the old "Spay Clinic", upgrade the bore-hole water supply to a potable quality and for the refurbishment of the Quarantine Kennels.

The income from Vet Services and Adoptions remained in-line with the prior year making up 37% of total income, thanks to the hard working and dedicated staff. Investment interest income has increased in the current year, this is a result of funds being held in interest bearing cash reserves.

Overall expenses have increased by approximately 20%. Although this is a large percentage it is in-line with the overall increase in income of 30%.

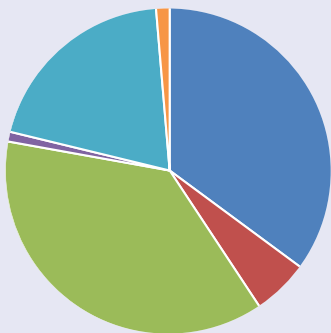


Although the Society has remained stable during 2018/19, it still operates with an overall deficit, forcing us to use funds from the capital reserve. We greatly appreciate donations and bequests as the Society is dependent on these funds to continue providing its first-class service.

The Annual Financial Statements will be available at the AGM and on request from Ms Carmen Hoy, carmen@awscape.org.za

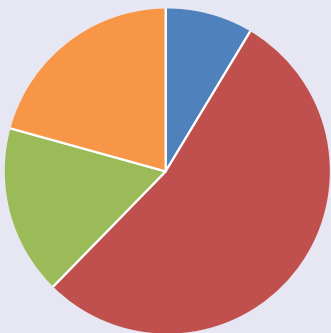
Ann Sanders – Honorary Treasurer

Financial Statistics for 2018/19



Income

- 1% Subscriptions and other
- 35% Bequests
- 6% Fundraising
- 37% Vet Services and Adoptions
- 1% Interest
- 20% Donations



Expenses

- 8% Field and case work
- 54% Hospital at Philippi
- 17% Kennels
- 21% Administration

Statistics for 2018/19



Consultations

2017/18: 16 644

2018/19: 18 647



Vaccinations

2017/18: 8 962

2018/19: 9 652



Medical procedures

2017/18: 5 621

2018/19: 5 986



Sterilisations

2017/18: 4 077

2018/19: 3 978



Inspectorate cases

2017/18: 1 298

2018/19: 1 345



Dog adoptions

2017/18: 257

2018/19: 289



Cat adoptions

2017/18: 87

2018/19: 87

- We conducted 2 003 more consultations than last year with the same number of staff.
- Sterilisations show a steady increase over the past 5 years (2 209 in 2014/15).
- We vaccinated 690 more animals than last year. We received 500 sponsored dog multivalent vaccinations from Carecube.org which we administered during our successful Philippi Horticultural Outreach, Education and Vaccination campaign.
- Dog adoptions have almost doubled over the past 5 years (187 in 2014/15) - thanks to a great resident team effort and several wonderful collaborations.
- Our Inspectors investigated and successfully resolved 47 more animal cruelty cases compared to last year.
- Number of pets microchipped 363.
- Hospital in-patients totaled 4 881. A staggering monthly average of 407.
- 880 animals were admitted into our Kennels and Cattery. A monthly average of 73. Almost 100% occupancy year-round.

Duke

Duke was almost fatally stabbed by a knife wielding madman who plunged the knife deep into his head missing Duke's brain by a mere 2 cm's. He was rushed into theatre to have a large steak knife extracted from his skull.

The cowardly attacker fled the scene leaving Duke's owner with any pet owner's worst nightmare to contend with.

Our amazing hospital team, led by Dr Stoyanova, once again refused to give up and managed to safely remove the knife without causing any collateral damage.

Duke became somewhat of an international Canine Hero – his story even made it into the Daily Mail in the UK. His heroic story and remarkable recovery trended like lighting around the world.

Duke's recovery was remarkable. He was back to his usual, fun-loving, exuberant self in no time and if there was any reward we were seeking it was to see Duke excitedly wagging his tail and Gino (his owner) smiling from ear to ear.



Resource Development and Communications report

In March 2019 the Animal Welfare Society of South Africa proudly celebrated its **90th Anniversary**.

To commemorate this remarkable accomplishment we compiled a special edition commemorative brochure which highlighted many of our most significant milestone achievements and paid tribute to our founders, friends, business partners and indispensable team of animal welfare warriors who since we first opened our doors way back in 1929 have generously and selflessly dedicated their lives to bettering the lives of the thousands of desperately needy animals dependent on us for their health and general wellbeing.

When considering what constitutes a **Heritage Brand**, we exceed all of the defining criteria and can look back and reminisce with a sense of pride, accomplishment and confidence that our doors will with your continued support remain open for many more years to come.

Our compassion for animals and gritty will and determination to succeed coupled with your generosity and inspiration is what drives and enables us to overcome the daunting scale of the challenge of helping to ensure a better life for so many otherwise unfortunate animals. The measurable, positive impact that we have made over the past 9 decades and more specifically the period under review is quite astounding.

We have saved and dramatically improved countless animals lives. We have successfully prevented hundreds of unplanned and unwanted litters of puppies and kittens from being born into a life of unimaginable hardship. We have successfully rehabilitated and found many once stray, abused, neglected and abandoned animals loving new forever families, our intrepid “never say can’t” Inspectors have stopped hundreds of animals from being cruelly mistreated and our inter-active, multi-lingual outreach and educational campaigns are showing heartwarming results.

Our list of individual and corporate benefactors thankfully continues to slowly grow year-on-year as



does our social media following but these successes are regrettably dwarfed by a growing number of welfare cases leaving us no time for complacency or room for apathy in our sincere quest to achieve long term sustainability.

It is said that respect and trust is earned and I am of the opinion that the Animal Welfare Society of South Africa continues to excel in this respect. We have evolved into a trusted, household heritage brand of which we can all be extremely proud.

As far as our professional image and media exposure goes 2019 has seen the Society mature and “come out of its shell”. We have forged many new media relationships and thank all of the journalists, talk and television show hosts for helping us to create awareness, promote events and raise funds.

We have strategically positioned ourselves at the forefront of all animal lovers and compassionate animal welfare philanthropists’ minds and have noticed a growing respect for our opinion on a wide range of animal welfare topics.

There is no doubt that 2019 has been an eventful year and we still have lots of exciting future happenings to celebrate before the end of the financial year including the eagerly anticipated opening of the magnificent **Isdell Sterilisation Clinic** which once fully operational will increase our companion animal sterilisation capacity by 75 animals per day. We also plan to install a borehole water purification system which will allow us to disconnect from the stressed municipal supply and replace all of the weathered welded mesh in our dog quarantine kennels.

I am still frequently asked **how can we help** so I will conclude my synopsis of the past year with a

reminder of a few ways of how you can get involved and make an immediate difference.

Whether you donate time, talent, items or cash, you can make a difference to the lives of animals in distress.

- **Leave a legacy:** One sentence in your Will could save countless animals lives. Charitable bequests are tax deductible and may lead to a reduction in estate duty.
- If you already have a Will and would like to add a **bequest** to the Animal Welfare Society of South Africa, this may be done by means of a simple Codicil.
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Thank you one and all for your generous support towards the long-term sustainability of the Animal Welfare Society of South Africa. It is sincerely appreciated.

Best wishes,

Allan Perrins – Resource Development and Communications Officer



Chelsea Woodman, granddaughter of June Woodman (the 2nd CEO of AWS SA), cutting our cake at our 90th birthday celebration.

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- Ascendis Animal Health
- Berge Farrell Design
- The Radisson Blu Hotel
- 4th Dimension Studios
- Boland Chic
- The Mount Nelson Hotel
- Santa Cause 4 Paws
- WBHO
- Claremont Rotary Club
- Lagoon Textiles

Our sincere thanks is extended to all of our business partners for sharing their time, expertise and good fortune with us.

Donations

Bequests:

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- Est Late: M. Phipps
- Est Late: B.J. van der Berg
- Est Late: P.F. Du Plessis
- Est Late: D.P. Karstel
- Est Late: M.C. Silk
- Est Late: E. Bussell
- Est Late: T. Meyer-Fels
- Est Late: J.E. Kotze & W. Bosch-Kotze

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- A.W.E. Larpent Charitable Trust
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- R & E Harvey Trust



A massive thank you to everyone who supported our 90th birthday celebration this year.

Graphic design: Cindy Armstrong



A very special thank you to AWS SA's:

- Patron Pamela Isdell
- Executive Committee and Council
- Employees and volunteers

Patron

Ms P Isdell

Council

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Dr J McNamara

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Guluva — an animal hero

Jenna Etheridge – News24

A dog that took a bullet to protect his family from would-be hijackers is on the mend - and his owner can't wait to have his hero back home. Guluva was shot in the face earlier this month by three criminals who had set their sights on a Mitchells Plain home.

Derrick Mfengwana told News24 that his dog saved the life of his sister's boyfriend, who was approached after parking his VW Golf 5 outside their shared property on the evening of July 17.

"As he was trying to open the gate, someone had a gun behind him and was saying give me the car keys," he said. "The dog was inside the yard and went for one of the men, which is when they shot him in the nose."

Guluva's intervention allowed the boyfriend to run to safety. The criminals ran away empty-handed.

"I was watching a movie inside and heard the gunshot. I heard my girlfriend and sister screaming and thought they had shot her boyfriend because I saw blood around the house," Mfengwana recalled. "When we went outside, I saw my dog was bleeding. He was still standing and running around."

Mfengwana wrapped the four-year-old dog in a towel and rushed him to the Animal Welfare Society of South Africa (AWS) in Philippi. AWS spokesperson Allan Perrins said Guluva was the fourth gunshot animal victim they had seen in the last two weeks. Two other dogs and a cat were admitted with facial or upper body wounds as a result of bullets.



He said the bullet damaged Guluva's jaw and tongue. The brave dog was eating and responding well to treatment, although there was always a risk of secondary complications.

Perrins said they planned to add animal cruelty charges to the existing case docket. Vets would continue to keep an eye on Guluva for another 21 days, before releasing him into the care of his family.

Mfengwana said he visited his furry friend at AWS and had already diarised his homecoming next month. "These criminals have done a lot of damage and we feel unsafe," he said, adding that he hoped the police would arrest those responsible soon.

A little Faith — for the love of animals...

When we first met Faith and her young owner Palo, both were in a very vulnerable state - he was battling to cope with the loss of a brother, and now the possible loss of his beloved best friend. The puppy was gifted to him by his parents who recognized the amazing healing and restorative powers of pets. Since then we have watched Faith and Palo blossom into an inseparable pair. Their combined road to recovery was an eventful one filled with joy and happiness and with the knowledge we have left them we are confident that Faith and her owners have all that it takes to go from strength to strength.



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08:00 – 12:00 and 14:00 – 15:30

Weekends and Public Holidays:

08:00 – 12:00

Banking details

Standard Bank Kromboom
Account no: 072 863 196
Branch Code: 02 62 09

Fundraising account

Nedbank Current Account
Account no: 114 822 258 8
Branch Code: 19 87 65
Swift Code: NEDS2AJJ

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