

What is CTVT?

CTVT, Canine Transmissible Venereal Tumor, is a transmissible cancer that effects dogs. CTVT is spread during mating and causes tumours which are usually associated with the external genitalia of both male and female dogs.



CTVT is a common disease in dogs around the world, but especially in South Africa. This disease can only be treated with chemotherapy. If the dogs do not receive treatment, they will die. Most dogs respond well to treatment and make a full recovery from the disease. This chemotherapy costs 10 dollars per session. For full recovery a dog needs 6 sessions . This comes to a price of 60 dollars. Which might not seem like a lot of money, but for their owners living in this rural poverty struck area, the cost of treatment is beyond their reach.

The best way to prevent dogs from contracting this disease is to sterilize the dog. It will also prevent the spreading of other diseases and will help with population control.

Our aim is to sterilize as many as dogs as possible so that we can prevent CTVT. So far we already have sterilized many dogs, but we need your help to continue. That's why we ask you to donate.

Why do we educate people?



The area we work in is a very poor and rural area. People get dogs for protection of their homes and livestock, but don't know how to raise a dog, or don't have the money and means to do so. That's why we educate dog owners on how to treat their dogs right. We teach people about the different diseases, how to prevent them, and what to do if they themselves get in contact with it.

It is very important to teach people from an early age to treat animals with respect. This applies to dogs but in extension to all animals. We believe in the one health principle; healthy animals are linked to a healthy environment is linked to healthy people, and we try to educate about this too.

How do we educate?

Every two weeks we go to Sigagule to treat the dogs. We dip the dogs for ticks and fleas, check them for illnesses and feed them. We give food to dog owners who's dogs are too skinny or underfed. We talk to the people about sterilization and we try to convince them to sterilize their dogs to prevent further diseases like CTVT.



What can you donate for?

A dog sterilization	\$ 40
A TVT treatment (chemotherapy) for one dog	\$ 10
A full TVT treatment (chemotherapy) for 1 dog (6 sessions)	\$ 60
Full treatment+ Sterilization for 1 dog	\$ 100
1 bag of dog food to give to dog owners + treats for dogs	\$ 15
A dog collar that can replace chain or wire	\$ 25
Printing of educational posters or flyers	\$ 20