



SAWS Animal Welfare

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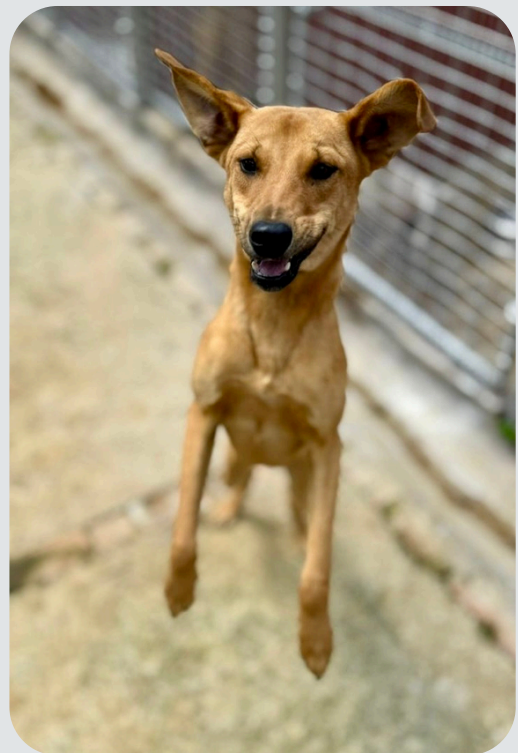
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INTRODUCTION ABOUT US

SAWS Animal Welfare is a non-profit organisation dedicated to protecting and advocating for domestic animals in Eswatini. We operate two animal shelters and deliver a range of welfare-focused programmes aimed at rescuing, rehabilitating and rehoming dogs and cats in need. Our work is underpinned by a strong commitment to education, of responsible pet ownership, and advocacy for improved animal protection legislation.

For more than 50 years, SAWS has played a vital role in improving the lives of animals and strengthening the communities in which they live.



Our history

SAWS Animal Welfare traces its origins back to the 1960s, when concerned residents of Mbabane, led by Geoff Sacke and Belle Cowan, began rescuing stray dogs from the streets. These early efforts led to the formation of the Swaziland Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SSPCA), which later evolved into the People's Dispensary for Sick Animals (PDSA), and ultimately the Swaziland Animal Welfare Society.

In 2024, following the country's official name change to Eswatini in 2018, the organisation adopted the trading name SAWS Animal Welfare. This change allowed SAWS to retain its well-known acronym while reflecting a renewed and modern commitment to animal welfare in Eswatini.



OUR VISION & VALUES

SAWS Animal Welfare is committed to fostering compassion through rehabilitation, education and protection. We work to prevent animal cruelty and to improve the quality of life for all animals in Eswatini.

Our core values are:

- Animal welfare and wellbeing
- Responsible care and ownership
- Protection and shelter for vulnerable animals
- Mutual respect
- Commitment and accountability





OUR MISSION

SAWS Animal Welfare is entirely self-funded and relies on the generosity of donors, supporters and fundraising initiatives to deliver its work.

- Protect and advocate for domestic animals
- Promote compliance with animal protection laws and encourage ethical treatment of animals.
- Rescue, rehabilitate and rehome animals
- Provide urgent care, shelter and responsible adoption services for animals at risk.
- Support Lost and Found efforts
- Reunite lost pets with their owners
- Educate and inspire change
- Promote responsible pet ownership through community outreach and school-based programmes.
- Improve access to veterinary care
- Raise awareness of available veterinary services in underserved communities.
- Collaborate for greater impact
- Work alongside local authorities, veterinarians and community stakeholders to strengthen animal welfare outcomes.

OUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS

SAWS is governed by a volunteer Board of Directors, elected at the Annual General Meeting. The Board provides strategic leadership and supports the organisation through hands-on oversight and project guidance.

- **Chair:** Fiona Millin
- **Finance:** Denise Fine
- **HR, Legal & Compliance:** Musa Khumalo
- **Fundraising:** William Lorentz
- **Marketing & Communications:** Anna McGinn
- **Outreach & Education:** Vanessa Jackson
- **Mbabane Shelter:** Kim Nisbet
- **Manzini Shelter:** Andrea Jolly

OUR STAFF

Full-time, paid staff. Our dedicated staff ensure the daily care, safety and wellbeing of animals across both shelters.

Mbabane Shelter:

- Kennel Master – Simon Mamba
- Kennel Assistant & Driver – William Nhlabatsi
- Kennel Assistant – Sibusiso Lokotfwako
- Front Office – Nkhosingiphile Dlamini

Manzini Shelter:

- Kennel Master – Thulani Nhlabatsi
- Kennel Assistant & Driver – William Mkhathshwa

OUR PARTNERS & SUPPORTERS

Partnerships with SAWS provide meaningful social impact while delivering tangible benefits to our supporters, including:

- Enhanced Corporate Social Responsibility outcomes
- Positive brand exposure and media coverage
- Employee engagement through volunteer opportunities
- Stronger community connections
- Measurable impact supported by transparent reporting

We extend our sincere gratitude to every organisation, business and individual who supported SAWS Animal Welfare during the year. Whether through sponsorship, financial contributions, in-kind donations, or services, every contribution - large or small - played a meaningful role in helping us protect, care for and rehome animals in need. Each act of generosity made a tangible difference, ensuring that animals received food, shelter, medical care and the opportunity for a better life.

Some key supporters in 2025 include:

- AD Enterprises, Umbuluzi Farm Chickens, Logico, Food Chain & Eswatini Agricultural Suppliers - regular cat and dog food donations
- Afrox - monthly gas supply
- Mbabane Motors - vehicle donation and ongoing maintenance
- NTT Toyota - sponsorship for NTT Toyota SAWS Golf Day
- Swazi Trac & St Clements - Main sponsors for the SAWS Christmas Fair
- La Hulley, Eswatini Agricultural Suppliers, Bushlands Butcheries, Allied Market Industries, Furniture Warehouse & Cork & Co - sponsorship for the SAWS Christmas Fair.
- Superior Roofing - sponsored roofing at the Mbabane Shelter
- Brisan Pumps - sponsored and installed solar panels for our water pumps at Mbabane Shelter.
- Just Tiles and More - sponsored tiles at the Mbabane Shelter & Manzini Shelter
- GlobalGiving

OUR FUNDRAISING EVENTS & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Throughout the year, SAWS Animal Welfare remained highly active in fundraising and community engagement. A wide range of events were organised by SAWS, corporate partners and dedicated supporters, demonstrating strong public support and ensuring the continued delivery of our animal welfare programmes.

SAWS-led fundraising initiatives included:

- SAWS Book Sales
- SAWS Jumble Sales
- SAWS Christmas Fair
- NTT Toyota SAWS Golf Day
- SAWS Movie Zone Movie Fundraiser

Community and supporter-led fundraising initiatives:

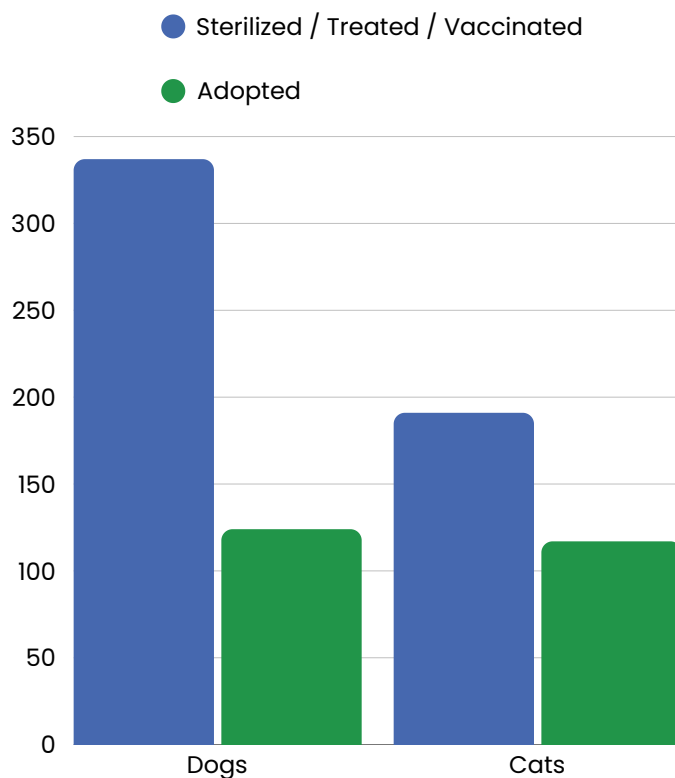
- SAWS & Black Mamba Fundraiser Quiz
- The Travelling Eswatini Car Boot Sale
- Lavender Laundry Charity Car Boot Sale
- SAWS Fundraiser at Mandela's Lifestyle
- Emlembe Breakfast Dash
- The Delightful Enchantment Book Sale
- Jumble Sale at Mantenga Lifestyle
- Superior Roofing Fundraiser
- Sharks Swimming Club Fundraiser
- Likhaya for Every Paw

These events reflect the dedication, creativity, and generosity of the SAWS community. They also highlight the organisation's proactive approach to sustainability, partnerships, and public engagement - ensuring that SAWS continued to deliver meaningful impact throughout the year rather than standing still.



OUR IMPACT AND ACHIEVEMENTS

Over the past year year, SAWS has provided welfare assistance, sterilisation, and veterinary care to hundreds of animals.



The achievements of SAWS would not be possible without the unwavering support of our donors and volunteers. Their generosity, time, and commitment ensure that animals receive care, protection, and a second chance at life. Volunteers are the backbone of SAWS - organising events, advocating for animals, and raising vital funds in all conditions. Their impact extends beyond animal welfare, strengthening communities and inspiring compassion.



OUR ONGOING ACTIVITIES & PROGRAMMES

PROJECT 1

Shelter Operations & Animal Care Excellence

(Core / Unrestricted Funding Priority)

Purpose:

Ensure SAWS Animal Welfare operates ethical, professional shelters that deliver high standards of animal care and emergency response.

Covers:

- Daily animal care: food, medication, utilities
- Staff salaries for caregivers and shelter attendants
- Shelter maintenance & kennel rehabilitation
- Emergency intake and response
- Spay/neuter and veterinary care through partner vets
- Capacity & skills development (*training for staff in welfare, grooming and animal handling*)

Impact:

- Care for 200+ animals annually
- Improved health and adoption outcomes
- Stronger operational credibility and compliance



PROJECT 2

Compassionate Communities

Building kinder, safer communities through responsible animal care

Purpose: Prevent cruelty, neglect and overpopulation through education and practical support for responsible pet ownership.

Covers:

- School-based education programs
- Community education on responsible pet ownership, basic care, sterilisation, vaccinations and parasite control
- Identification of animals needing veterinary intervention
- Referral into the SAWS Welfare Voucher Programme
- Awareness campaigns aligned with public health and One Health principles

Impact:

- Long-term behavioural change
- Reduced abandonment and neglect
- Increased uptake of sterilisation and vaccination
- Reduced shelter pressure
- Healthier animals and communities



PROJECT 3

Access to Veterinary Care & Population Control

SAWS Animal Welfare Voucher Programme (in partnership with private veterinarians)

Purpose:

Remove financial barriers to essential veterinary care for animals in low-income households.

Covers:

- Issuing vouchers for spay/neuter, vaccinations and essential treatments
- Veterinary services through approved partners
- Simple tracking and reporting
- Ongoing relationship management with veterinary partners

Impact:

- Reduced uncontrolled breeding
- Improved animal health and welfare
- Ethical, non-clinic-based population control
- Scalable, cost-effective intervention model



PROJECT 4

Find a Forever Home

Adoption, Rehabilitation & Temporary Care

Purpose:

Maximise successful adoptions and reduce long-term shelter stays by preparing animals for permanent homes.

Covers:

- Adoption promotion and outreach
- Behavioural assessment and basic rehabilitation
- Foster care for young animals, recovery cases, or animals struggling in a shelter
- Adoption screening, matching, and follow-up support

Impact:

- Increased adoption and live-release rates
- Reduced shelter overcrowding
- Better long-term outcomes for animals
- Stronger, more responsible adoptions

Cross-Cutting Support: Emergency Medical Fund

This fund supports urgent, life-saving veterinary care across all SAWS programmes, including shelter animals, foster and adoption cases and community referrals.

OUR EXPECTED OUTCOMES

- Increased understanding and practice of responsible pet ownership
- Measurable reduction in stray and unwanted litters
- Improved animal health and welfare in target communities
- Stronger public support for animal welfare
- Increased visibility and credibility for SAWS
- Deeper engagement with the veterinary sector



THANK YOU



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All the photographs used in this report were taken at SAWS Animal Welfare's Mbabane Shelter and Manzini Shelter

Investing in SAWS Animal Welfare directly alleviates animal suffering, prevents cruelty, educates future generations and strengthens communities. Your support saves lives, drives meaningful change and demonstrates leadership in corporate social responsibility. Together, we are building a more compassionate future for animals in Eswatini.

