



SAWS Animal Welfare

**ESSENTIAL CARE FOR
SHELTER DOGS & CATS
IN ESWATINI**

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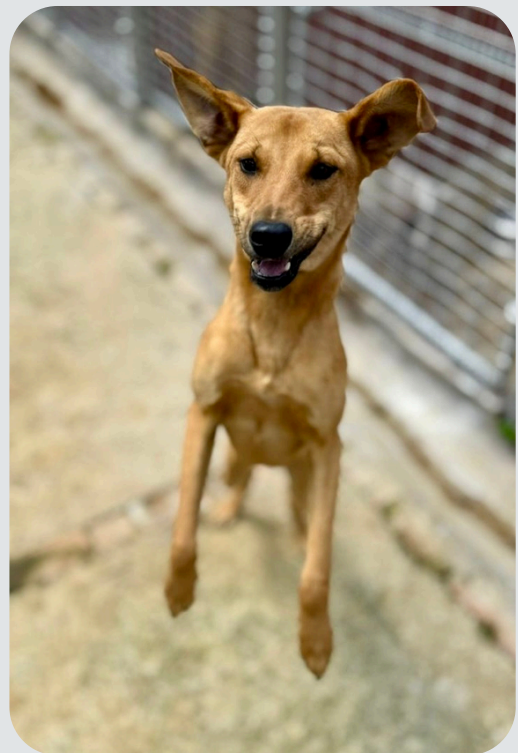
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INTRODUCTION ABOUT US

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.

- **Chairperson:** 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



This project ensures SAWS Animal Welfare operates its two shelters in Eswatini: Mbabane and Manzini. These shelters provide daily care including food, medication, utilities, and safe housing for vulnerable dogs and cats. Funding supports caregiver salaries, shelter maintenance, emergency rescues, veterinary care and spay/neuter through partner vets, as well as staff training in animal welfare and humane handling.



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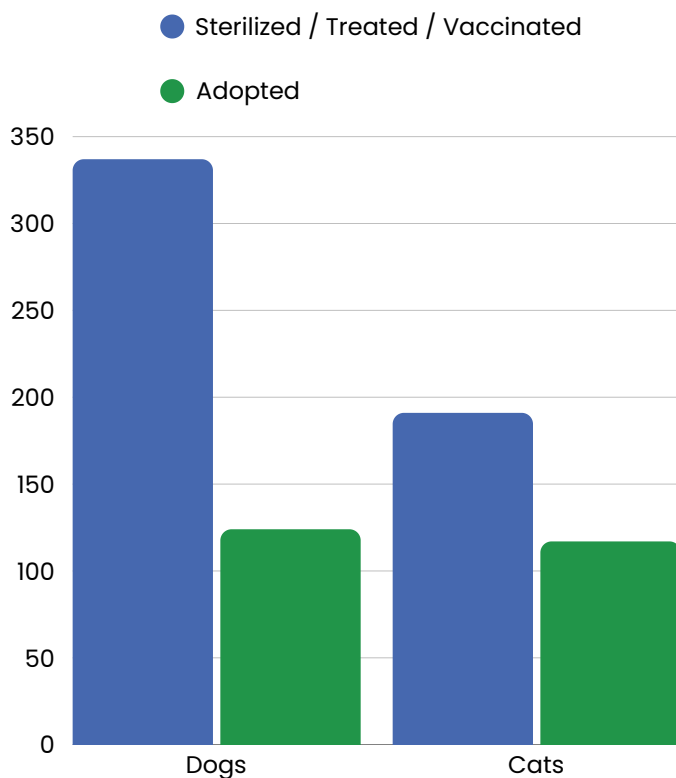
- Daily animal care: food, medication, utilities
- Staff salaries for caregivers and shelter attendants
- Shelter maintenance & kennel rehabilitation
- Emergency intake and response
- Spay/neuter and veterinary care through partner vets
- Capacity & skills development (*training for staff in welfare,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

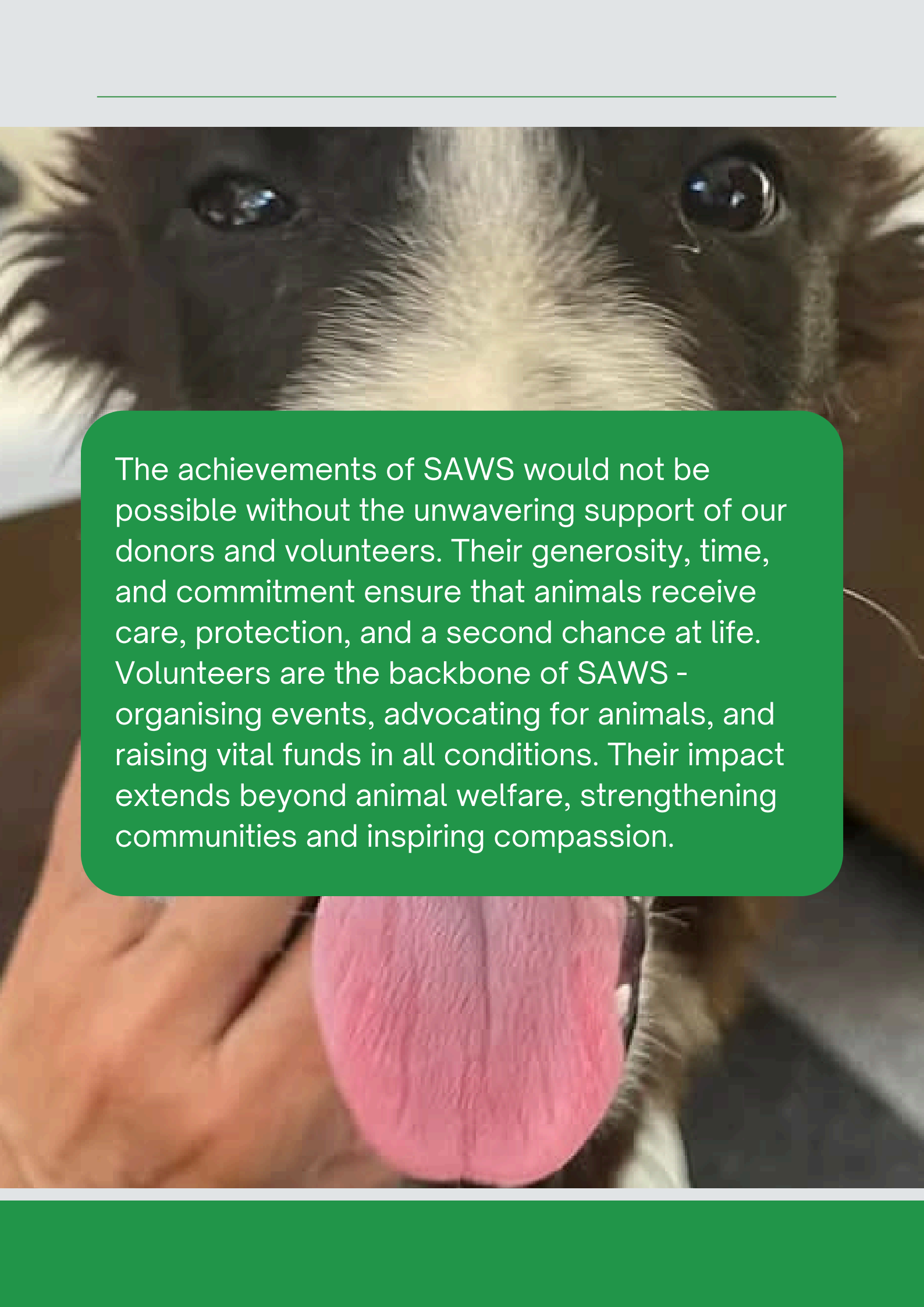
OUR EXPECTED OUTCOMES

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

OUR IMPACT AND ACHIEVEMENTS IN 2025

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



A close-up photograph of a dog's face, showing its eyes and a pink tongue sticking out. The dog has dark fur around its eyes and a lighter patch on its forehead. The background is blurred, showing a person's hand near the dog's head.

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.

THANK YOU



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Our Website

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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.

