

2025 ANNUAL REPORT



Worldwide
Veterinary
Service

1 animal helped
every 14 seconds

From the CEO



Wow what an amazing year it has been, and what an incredible community we continue to build – all working together towards the common goal of improving the lives of animals globally. In 2003, we started our mission by shipping veterinary medication from a shed in Dorset, **and now, after a record breaking 2025, as part of the Dogs Trust family, we are helping an animal every 14 seconds.** This is astounding.

This year, exciting developments have included the opening of an amazing new International Training Centre (ITC) in Thailand, allowing us to reach more animals in Chiang Mai and surrounding areas with much-needed care. In Cambodia, construction commenced for a new training facility on the Royal University of Agriculture campus which will open in 2026, offering a key hub of veterinary training in Southeast Asia.

Over 4,900 veterinary professionals were trained during 2025 – something we are immensely proud of and that has furthered our impact. The training programmes delivered through our ITCs and Veterinary Taskforce are pivotal in ensuring long-term changes in welfare standards, empowering vets with the skills to bring high-quality, accessible care to their own communities. Additionally, more online learning resources and training courses were made available through our growing platform, the WVS Academy – specifically designed for supporting veterinarians working in resource-limited settings.

Through our veterinary aid shipments, your support has enabled us to send 1,759 parcels (to the value of £864,742) to support over 261 charities in over 71 countries. It's always staggering to see the donations we receive of pet medications, and the huge effort from those who make these care parcels possible. We send these supplies to where they can make a real difference in the world – supporting the vital work of clinics, shelters, and rescue centres aiding animals in need.

This past year has marked significant progress as we continue our work to protect people and animals from the deadly rabies virus. Over two million dogs were vaccinated against rabies and over five million people were educated about rabies prevention. Momentum is building, with more governments and organisations joining the effort to stop rabies and establish sustainable elimination programmes. We must keep pushing on. Rabies is completely preventable and we can build a safer future for all.

We must remember that behind the numbers and statistics are the individual animals whose lives are now brighter, safer, and healthier because of your support and involvement.

The street dog who was hit by a car with a horrific wound that wouldn't have pulled through without urgent care. The working donkey whose life has been transformed thanks to its painful harness wounds being treated. The pangolin rescued from poachers and nursed back to health before being safely released back into the wild. We do it for them.

Every one of their lives matters, and I sincerely thank you for your continued support as we move into a new year and remain committed to ensuring every animal receives the care they deserve.

Rock on!
Luke

Dr Luke Gamble BVSc DVM&S DLitt FRCVS
Founder & CEO, Worldwide Veterinary Service

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A photograph of a dark brown horse with a rope halter, being handled by two men. One man, wearing a blue cap and a dark jacket, is holding the horse's head. The other man, wearing a black cap and a dark jacket, is holding the rope. They are standing in a grassy field with a stone building and trees in the background.

Welcome to our 2025 annual report.

Somewhere in the world, right now, one of our vets is making something amazing happen. It might be a dog in Cambodia being given a vaccine that puts a protective shield around them and the people that care for them. A cat, injured and frightened, finding her feet again in one of our clinics. A donkey in Ethiopia, who has spent a life working to provide for a human family, getting vet care for the first time. A pangolin, at risk of extinction, rescued from poachers and pulled back from the brink.

We are there for one animal, every fourteen seconds, somewhere in the world.

WVS was founded by Dr Luke Gamble on a simple but powerful belief: that animals should never suffer because there is nobody there to help them. Luke started out as one vet with a passport and a determination to go where animals needed him most. What he built is something extraordinary. A global team of thousands, vets, nurses, scientists, educators and supporters, who all passionately believe the same thing.

We are Worldwide Veterinary Service.
Every animal, everywhere, matters.

THANK YOU

for making **2025** an impactful year

Because of your support this year, together we made a tangible impact for animals and communities worldwide.

2,245,768

animals vaccinated
against rabies

5,007,805

people reached through our
education programmes

Each of these numbers represents an animal given a brighter future, and a community strengthened and made safer by compassionate, accessible care.

**1 animal helped
every 14 seconds**

158,672

animals
directly
treated

4,964

veterinary
professionals
trained

1,759

care
parcels
sent

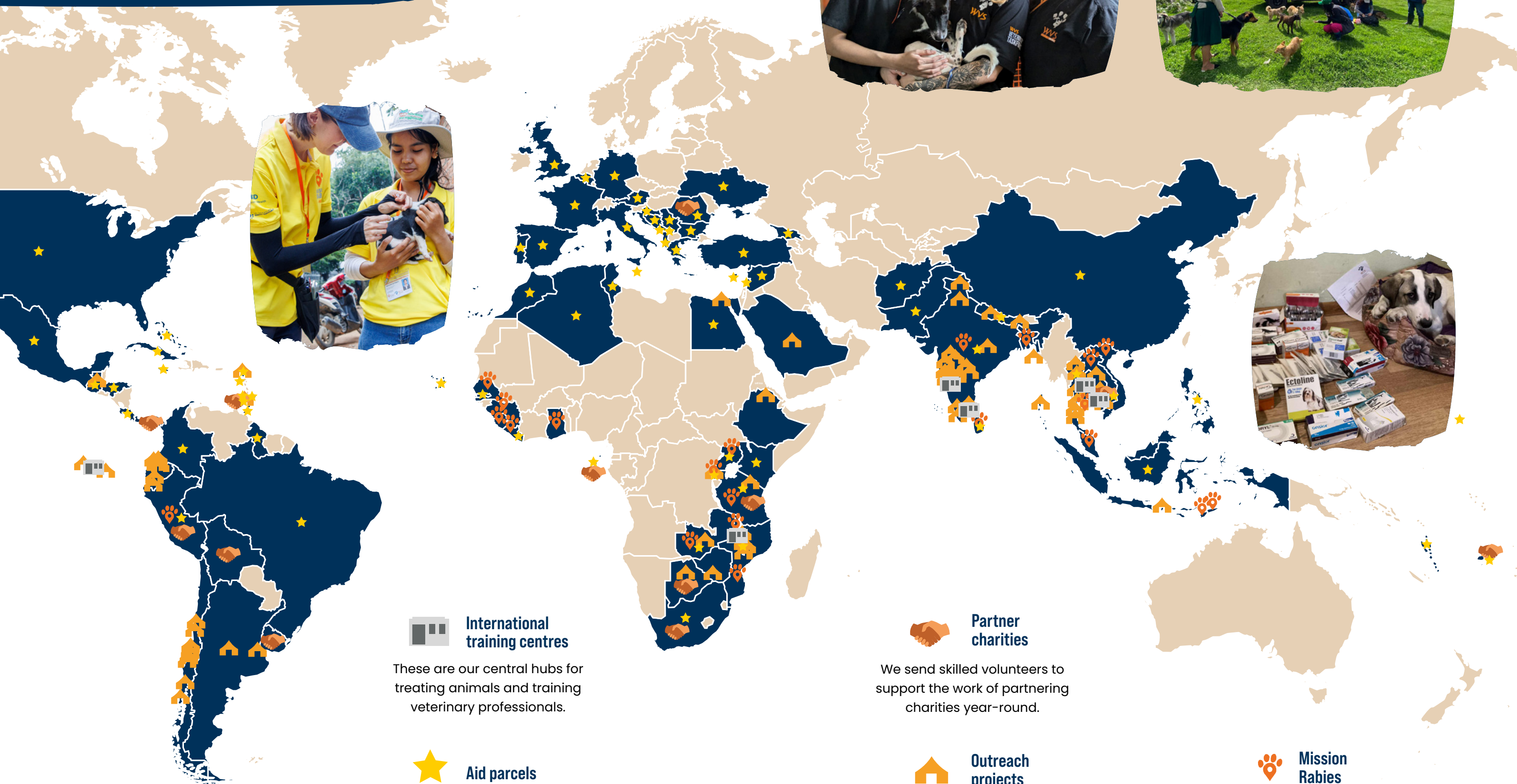
43,445

spay/neuter
surgeries
performed



The power to heal

The impact of your support



International training centres

These are our central hubs for treating animals and training veterinary professionals.



Aid parcels

We send medication, supplies, and equipment to where it is most needed.



Partner charities

We send skilled volunteers to support the work of partnering charities year-round.



Outreach projects

We deploy veterinary teams to aid animals and their communities.



Mission Rabies

We protect animals and people from the deadly rabies disease.

Eliminating rabies: Deadly, but preventable.

99%
of human rabies
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an infected dog bite.

Rabies still causes unimaginable pain and suffering today – claiming a life every 9 minutes. **But the solution for ending rabies already exists.**

99% of human rabies deaths are caused by an infected dog bite.

Vaccinate the dogs and you stop the disease before it reaches people.

No need for cruel, inhumane culls, or for people and dogs to live in conflict.

Through our Mission Rabies project, we have been fighting to stop the spread of rabies since 2013, **and it is working.**

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Project spotlight

Mission Rabies teams took the fight to rabies in 22 countries including:



Cambodia:

221,391 dogs vaccinated in two-weeks in Phnom Penh, Kandal and Battambang provinces.



Malawi:

We are now working in over half of the country, with further expansion planned for 2026. Over 185,000 dogs were vaccinated and over 2 million children reached with our rabies lessons in 2025.



India:

Following incredible success in Goa we are now working across 12 Indian states. In 2025 over 1 million dogs were vaccinated and over 1.2 million children received life-saving rabies prevention lessons.



Bangladesh:

When the world's largest refugee camp in Cox's Bazar saw an increase in cases of rabies, we leapt into action. Alongside our project partners, we organised a life-saving emergency campaign. Over 1,700 dogs were vaccinated and 12,000 residents taught how to stay safe from rabies in just one week, and this is just the beginning.



Technology leading the way:

Effective rabies elimination depends on precise data. The WVS app, used by more than 38 organisations globally, enables teams to respond rapidly to potential outbreaks, track vaccination coverage in real time and manage bite cases.

One life saved thanks to Leonard

Education: Protecting people until rabies is gone.

When Leonard's brother was bitten by an unfamiliar dog near their home in Malawi, the situation could have turned deadly.

Thankfully, Leonard had received our rabies education lesson at his school and knew exactly what to do. He helped his brother with first-aid, immediately washing the wound for 15-minutes with soap and water – a crucial first step in preventing rabies which can significantly reduce the risk of infection.

His mother then called our rabies hotline. After receiving the call, our team were able to ensure the victim received appropriate life-saving post-exposure vaccines. They also visited the area to trace the dog's movements to see if anyone else had been bitten so they could be protected.

Together, we will be the generation that ends the suffering.





Building veterinary capacity: Shaping the future of animal welfare

Veterinary training is one of the most powerful ways to create lasting change in animal welfare. By investing time in people, we don't just increase access to care – we raise standards, strengthen local capacity, and ensure animals receive compassionate, high-quality treatment long into the future.

International Training Centres (ITCs)

Our ITCs are the operational heart of the organisation. Located in India, Thailand, Cambodia, Malawi, and the Galápagos Islands, each of our seven centres combines direct clinical care and population management with intensive hands-on training, ensuring that every animal treated is also an opportunity to build local veterinary expertise.



Sterilisation: The power of prevention

Our training courses focus on empowering vets to deliver life-changing spay and neuter surgeries in their communities – working to stop the immense suffering cause by overpopulation. Where every day is a struggle for animals fighting for food, resources, and simply to stay alive.



Our commitment to veterinary training goes beyond numbers – it's about making lasting improvements.

Dr Luke Gamble,
CEO and Founder of WVS

1,404
Vets Trained

80,095
Animals Treated

33,282
Animals sterilised

One animal saved: Cherry

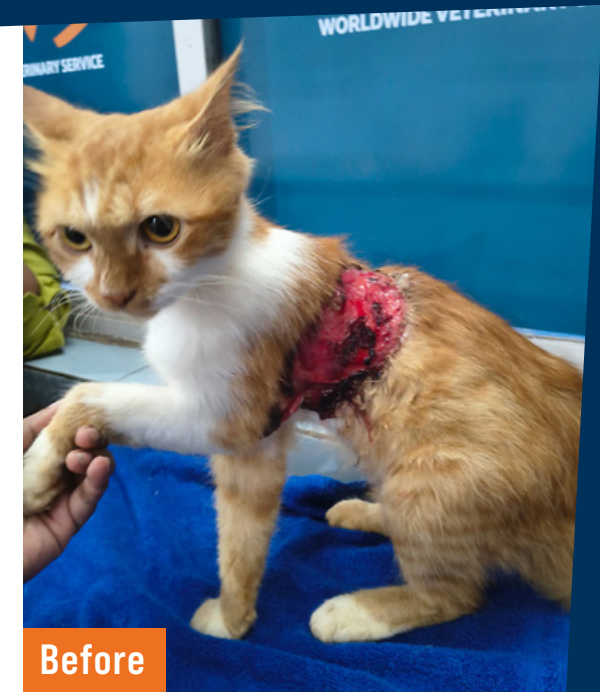
Cherry's story: A new life for a brave cat

When a frightened cat was found by office employees with a deep, painful wound to his chest, it was clear he urgently needed help. Injured and terrified, he was brought to our WVS Hicks ITC in Goa for care. Without immediate veterinary treatment, Cherry's wound could have worsened, leading to infection, ongoing pain, or life-threatening complications.

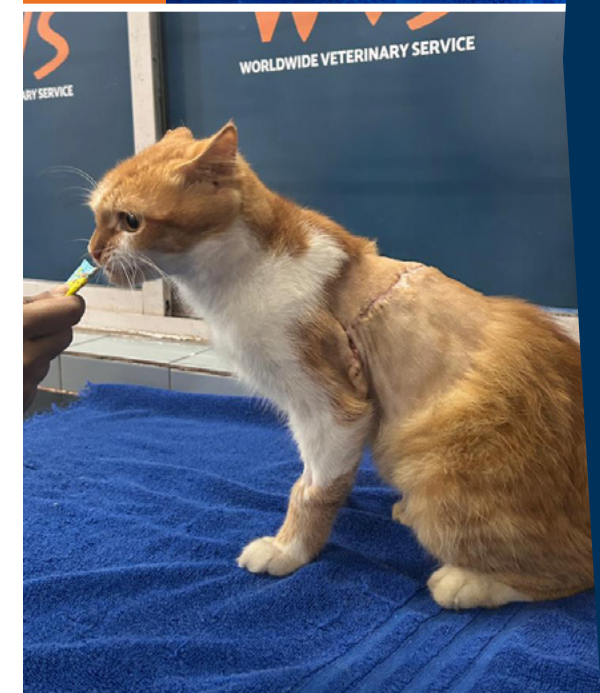
At first, Cherry was scared and challenging to handle. Everything was unfamiliar, and he didn't yet understand that he was safe. But through gentle handling, patience, and plenty of treats, he slowly began to trust those caring for him. After two weeks of dedicated treatment, Cherry's wound was surgically closed, and he was neutered to protect his future health.

Just ten days later, his stitches were removed, and Cherry made a full recovery – a remarkable transformation from the injured cat who first arrived at our clinic.

The kind person who rescued Cherry went on to adopt him, giving him the loving home he truly deserves.



Before



After

WVS Veterinary Taskforce

A crucial part of our mission is to bring expert care to where it's most needed. Our Veterinary Taskforce focuses on delivering veterinary care to animals in hard-to-reach locations and delivers training to vets around the world with the same mission.



5,903
animals treated

259
vets trained

11
countries

Project spotlight

St Martin's Island, Bangladesh:

We delivered a sterilisation campaign in collaboration with the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change of Bangladesh and Obhoyaronno Bangladesh Animal Welfare Foundation. 601 dogs were sterilised and vaccinated and the follow-up survey showed a significant increase in dog sterilisation coverage, from 27% in January to 65% in April.



Kigali, Rwanda:

We returned to Kigali, Rwanda, for another training programme working with the University of Rwanda and local NGO, Welfare for Animal Guild (WAG). We delivered hands on surgical training, and used our prototype spay model, alongside workshops on animal behaviour and handling, rabies and dog-population management.

Vet Nurse Taskforce:

Our Veterinary Nursing Programme was created to support our International Training Centres around the world. Each year four nurses rotate around the centres, providing invaluable nursing support. During 2025, in addition to supporting our ITCs, our Taskforce nurses assisted with 19 outreach projects.



Being there for animals in crisis: Every animal matters, everywhere.

Our goal is to create a better future for animals. But animals are suffering today. That is why, alongside building a better future, we are committed to being there, right now, for the animals that need us most.

Whether it is responding to natural disasters, protecting wildlife from poachers, sending aid parcels around the world, or providing life-saving care for working equines, **we are on the frontline of animal welfare.**



Sanaga Yong Chimpanzee
Sanctuary, Cameroon.

1,759
parcels
sent

71
countries

261
charities

£864,742
worth of
supplies

Veterinary aid parcels: A global lifeline

Many animal care organisations around the world struggle to access even the most basic supplies to treat their patients, often because they are hard to obtain locally or simply unaffordable.

Our veterinary aid parcels deliver vital medication and equipment that allow vets to relieve pain, treat injuries, prevent disease outbreaks, and give animals a real chance to recover. From pets to wildlife, these supplies turn suffering into survival and make a lasting difference for animals of all species.

Because
when the
supplies arrive,
suffering ends.



Donated pet
medications
arrive at our
UK offices.



Essential supplies are
carefully packed and
shipped to trusted animal
charities around the world.



Aid arrives where it's
needed most, enabling
charities to treat, heal, and
protect animals in need.



What's inside a WVS aid parcel?

Our aid parcels are tailored to each charity or organisation and depend on the availability of supplies. From surgical kits and pain medication to preventative anti-parasite treatments, the parcels include vital supplies for animals living in some of the world's most deprived areas.

How to help? You can support our veterinary aid shipments by sending us leftover pet medication. Learn more at wvs.org.uk/how-we-help/aid-parcels/



Equines and large animals:

Enhancing animal welfare for horses, donkeys and livestock facing hardship.

Equines and other large animals play a pivotal role for many communities around the world, yet veterinary infrastructure for them is severely lacking. Many face a life of hardship, injury or mistreatment, without access to the veterinary care they desperately need.

Our expert vets deliver life-saving treatment, provide veterinary training, and give owners the tools they need to give their animals a brighter future.

67,777
equines and large
animals treated



One animal saved: Sorgo

A second chance at life for a mistreated horse in Argentina

Sorgo, an 8-year-old gelding, was brought to our partner Caballos Quilmes (CQ)'s equine clinic in an awful state, he needed immediate care to save his life.

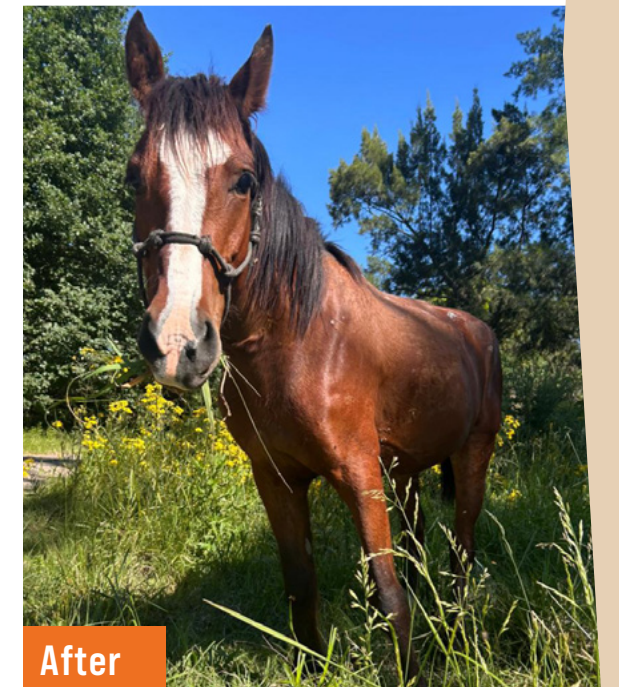
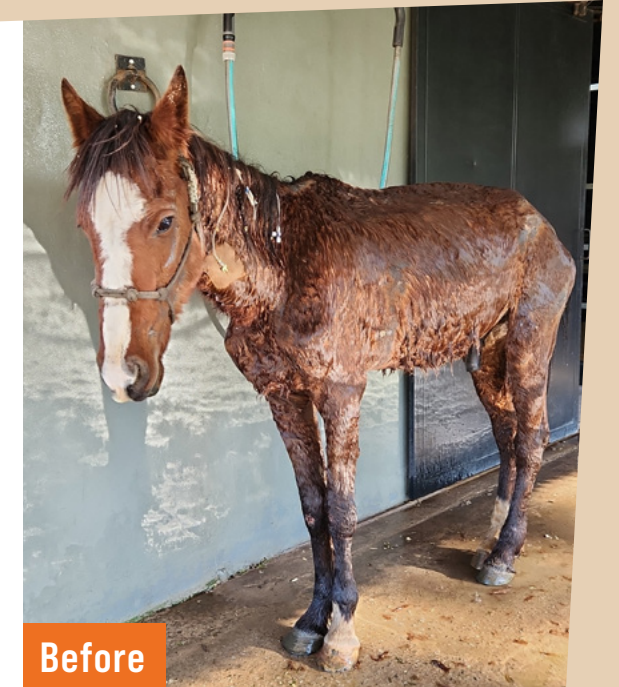
WVS provides ongoing support to CQ through the provision of veterinary equipment, supplies and medication, sending veterinarians and training local vets and volunteers to improve the standard of care.

The team discovered that he was severely malnourished, in shock with low blood pressure, severe dehydration and hypothermia. On top of this, he had wounds and abrasions all over his body. It was clear that Sorgo had been mistreated for a while.

The team immediately worked to stabilise him – a catheter was placed to restore the fluids he had lost and increase his blood glucose levels, his cardiovascular system was stabilised, blood glucose levels restored and temperature normalised. The next step was a gradual refeeding protocol to counter his severe malnutrition.

For the first week, Sorgo could not stand without assistance, but thanks to an expert treatment plan, after 15 days at the clinic, Sorgo was able to stand on his own.

No animal deserves to experience the suffering Sorgo did, but thanks to the love and care he received from the team, **he is now safe, healthy and happy.**



Into the wild: Protecting wildlife and their habitats

From directly treating sick or injured wild animals to supporting monitoring efforts and preserving natural habitats, we are committed to making the world a better place for all species. Veterinary care plays a vital role in wildlife conservation by safeguarding animal health, supporting population recovery, and preventing the spread of disease.



Case study

George the pangolin gets his freedom

The WVS team in Malawi received a report of a pangolin being kept in a village near Chileka. We located the pangolin which was found to be a large male (who was named George after his rescuer) confined inside a barrel. We quickly transported him back to our clinic in Blantyre, where he was immediately assessed and treated.

George was underweight, dehydrated, and suffering from the stress of captivity. Our veterinary team provided IV fluids, tube feeding, antibiotics, and parasite treatment, and carried out blood tests and x-rays to rule out any underlying issues. After rest and recovery, thankfully George was on the mend and could be taken to Majete Wildlife Reserve for release. He was fitted with a tracking tag so our monitoring team could keep a close eye on his progress, and were delighted to find him doing well and actively foraging.



WVS Academy

Providing accessible
training for veterinary
professionals globally.

Alongside our physical training centres and outreach, the WVS Academy provides a digital platform for veterinary learning that removes geography as a barrier to professional development. We have created a community for vets to browse resources and progress their skills across a broad range of subjects.

Backed by research

Our training methods, campaign approaches and vaccination methods are all backed by proven scientific research. Alongside this, the WVS App tracks every animal that we treat, vaccinate or provide valuable, usable data. Through research and data, we deepen our knowledge of what works, why it works, and how we can do better for animals and communities around the world.

In 2025, we published three academic research papers. These explored Indian veterinarians' experience with improving animal welfare through Continuing Professional Development, the impact of sterilisation of free-roaming dogs, and the long term impact of attending canine surgical neutering training programmes.

Every vet we train carries that knowledge forward into their practice, and their community. This is the work that outlasts us.



187,926
website visitors



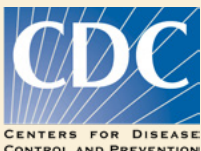
3,725
course enrolments



Thank you



Thank you to our partners, volunteers, and supporters who have helped us create lasting, life-saving impact for animals, people, and communities around the world in 2025. We are immensely grateful for your support.



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