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For the working animals of the world

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SPANA believes that every working animal deserves to live a life free from suffering and to be treated with compassion. Our supporters are at the heart of everything we do, because it's only thanks to you that we're able to provide the treatment, training and teaching required to make this vision a reality.

We will:

- use your gift where it will have the greatest impact for working animals – or on a specific area of our work if you request it
- thank you for your support and keep you informed about what your donations have made possible, in accordance with your wishes
- respect your preferences on how you would like to be contacted
- protect any personal information we hold about you, and will not sell your details to any third party
- respond to your enquiries quickly and appropriately
- be open and honest about our charitable and fundraising activities
- recognise the true value of each and every supporter. Every donation we receive matters to us, regardless of how big or small it is.



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WORKING SIDE BY SIDE

It's been a busy year for SPANA – and for me. During my first year with SPANA, I visited all the charity's core programmes around the world, seeing for myself the daily miracles that take place at our centres. Donkeys, horses, elephants and camels that have been saved thanks to the dedication of SPANA staff and the extraordinary generosity of people like you.



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In the pages ahead, you'll read about some of these stories and how lives have been transformed thanks to SPANA's work: treating, training and teaching.

But looking back on the past year, sadly not every memory is a happy one.

Only a small percentage of working animals in the developing world will enjoy access to the veterinary care SPANA can provide. For far too many, an injury, even one that is easily treatable with the right care, can prove fatal.

Travelling beyond the reach of SPANA's centres, I was struck by the number of sick and injured working animals left by the roadside, abandoned simply because basic veterinary care was not available. Without an animal that is fit to work, owners lose their ability to provide for themselves, their families and their animals.

A working animal is often a family's most valuable possession. If their animal cannot work, a whole family may go hungry. In some parts of the world, the health of animals really can be the difference between life and death for whole communities.

Healthy working animals support healthy communities, which support healthy working animals. It's a virtuous cycle: animals and communities, stronger together.

Similarly, we know that we too are stronger when we work closely with partners. Over the past year, SPANA has built new relationships with local community groups and charities around the world that share our aims, providing funding, expertise and support so that, together, we can treat more animals, train more communities and teach more children the value of compassion.

But all the successes and achievements you will read about in this annual review have been made possible thanks only to the support of the individuals and organisations who have so generously funded our work.

We were founded 95 years ago by a group of likeminded individuals who believed that hardworking animals deserve compassion and care. Today, we remain entirely funded by passionate and dedicated supporters who continue to share that belief.

'HEALTHY WORKING ANIMALS SUPPORT HEALTHY COMMUNITIES, WHICH SUPPORT HEALTHY WORKING ANIMALS. IT'S A VIRTUOUS CYCLE: ANIMALS AND COMMUNITIES, STRONGER TOGETHER'

To all the individuals who have chosen to support us with a one-off or regular gift during the past year, thank you. SPANA has always been your charity and will remain so.

I am also particularly moved by the gifts we receive from legacies. We are forever grateful to those who choose to remember SPANA in this way. Almost half the work we do is funded by gifts left by our supporters in their Wills.

Finally, we are so grateful for the support we receive from the many trusts, companies and foundations who have been such generous partners during 2017.

Together we have already achieved so much. But we cannot forget the many working animals that suffer each day, working on through lameness, with harness injuries and in constant pain. We must not rest until all working animals enjoy the care they deserve.

In 2018, we launch our new strategic plan, which aims to get SPANA's help to many more working animals in need over the next five years. It's an ambitious plan but it's one that must succeed if we are to protect working animals and the communities that rely on them.

As you read on, you'll learn more about our vision for reaching more animals, easing suffering and building a more compassionate future. None of this can be achieved without you. Only together can we make this kinder world a reality.



Geoffrey Dennis

Chief Executive



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OUR VISION AND MISSION

VISION

Our vision is a world where every working animal lives a life free from suffering and is treated with compassion.

MISSION

Our mission is to improve the welfare of working animals in the world's poorest communities.

We do this through treatment, training and teaching.

We TREAT by providing free veterinary care when animals suffer or when emergencies strike.

We TRAIN by building expertise among vets and promoting humane care by animal owners.

We TEACH children to develop positive beliefs, respect and compassion towards animals.

WHERE WE WORK



- HONDURAS
- NICARAGUA
- COSTA RICA

MOROCCO ●●●●●

MAURITANIA ●●●●

MALI ●●●●●

SENEGAL ●●●

NIGERIA ●●●●●

SIERRA LEONE ●●●

LIBERIA ●●● ●●● GHANA

ZIMBABWE ●●●●●

BOTSWANA ●●●●●

CURRENT AND RECENT PROGRAMMES

TREATMENT

Free veterinary care at SPANA fixed or mobile clinics

TRAINING

Improving skills and knowledge with vets, teachers and owners

TEACHING

Fostering compassion for animals at SPANA education centres

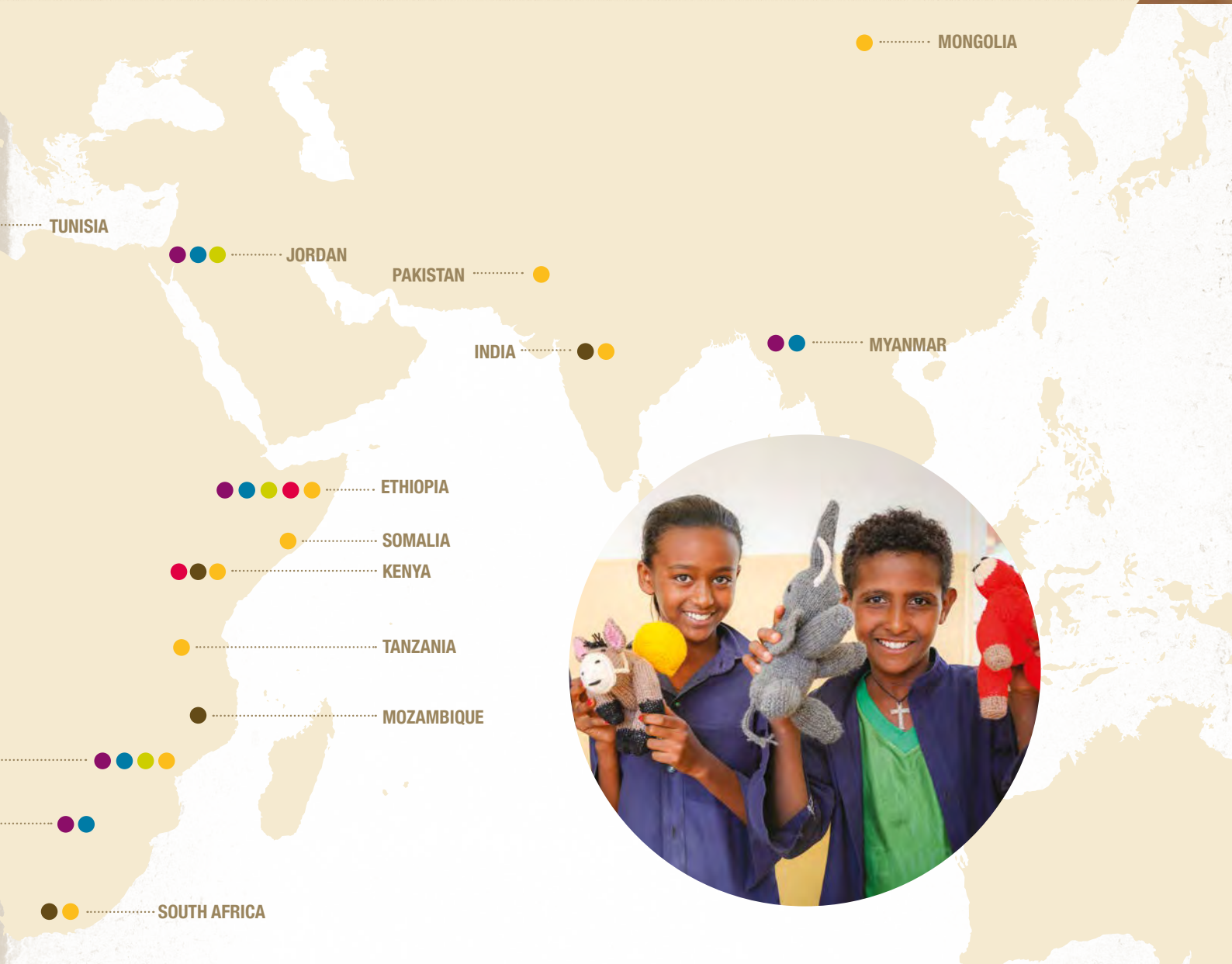
SPANAs: FOR THE WORKING ANIMALS OF THE WORLD

Around the world, over half a billion people rely on a huge but largely unrecognised workforce of donkeys, mules, horses, elephants, camels and oxen to underpin their livelihoods. Often, these are the most vulnerable and marginalised communities in some of the world's poorest countries. It's a precarious existence: should an animal become sick or injured, whole families can rapidly find themselves in desperate poverty.

In some parts of the world, a working animal really is the difference between life and death.

There are at least 200 million working animals in the world: only a small number of these animals will have access to even the most basic veterinary care. If they are sick or in pain, they work on.

But for the lucky few, there is SPANA.



EMERGENCIES

Saving lives in times of crisis

PARTNERSHIPS

Long-term collaborations with universities and other partners

OUTREACH

Short-term funding for local animal welfare organisations

TREAT: PROVIDING FREE VETERINARY CARE

Even simple, everyday problems can be fatal without the right care.

A wound that becomes infected can kill – yet a course of antibiotics often costs under £10. An untreated minor injury can lead to lameness, which may put an end to an animal's working life. And a tetanus injection, costing just £7, is all it takes to stop an animal dying an agonising death.

Of more than 200 million working animals around the world, only a small fraction will ever enjoy access to SPANA's lifesaving veterinary care. For the vast majority, an injury or an otherwise treatable illness can be the difference between life and death. And for so many

animals, chronic conditions left untreated result in a working life of constant pain.

When a working animal is sick or injured, the implications for the wider community can be devastating. The livelihoods of an extended family of as many as 30 people can depend on just one working animal. Globally, over 600 million people rely on working animals.

SPANAs vets are a lifeline for working animals, providing care and treatment that eases suffering, saves lives and protects whole communities. Thanks to your support, we're there for animals when they need us most.



FOCUS: PREVENTING SUFFERING THROUGH RESEARCH

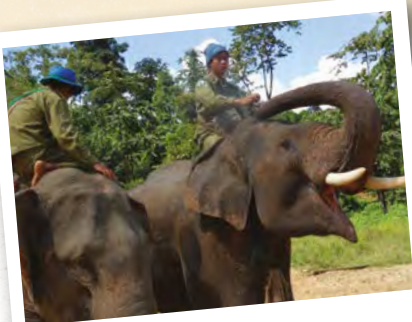
SPANA helps Myanmar's needy working animals by providing free treatment, supporting government vets and training veterinary students at one of the country's major universities.

In addition to their daily work treating animals in need, SPANA's dedicated veterinary teams also lead on research projects that protect working animals and prevent common illnesses and injuries.

The SPANA Myanmar team began a new research project last year to develop a better understanding of the bacterial infections that often affect wounded elephants working in the timber industry.

Injuries due to harnessing and daily work in the dense jungles are commonplace for working elephants, and effective treatment relies on identifying the best antibiotic to target the particular infection.

Such research helps SPANA vets select the most effective medicines for treatment. As well as ensuring that our work is cost-effective, targeted drug use enables our teams to better treat even deep and painful wounds, which may otherwise lead to longstanding and resistant infections.



SPANA Myanmar

PARTNERSHIPS: WORKING TOGETHER FOR ANIMALS

Alongside our permanent, core veterinary programmes, SPANA provides support to partner organisations that share our objectives. These partnership projects offer funding over a longer term than our annual outreach grants do, enabling us to deliver projects that provide lasting benefits.

Help in Suffering, India

Thousands of camels in and around Jaipur and Bassi are used to pull carts carrying goods, produce and milk.

Traditional wooden or metal nose pegs are used to control the animals, which can result in injuries to the camels' delicate nostrils. Road traffic accidents are also common, as camels work on busy urban roads without street lighting.

SPANA has been working in partnership with Help in Suffering since 2015, using mobile clinics to provide free treatment, replacing traditional nose pegs with humane alternatives and fitting reflectors to camel carts to improve their visibility at night. Camel owners are also taught how to care for their animals in order to prevent suffering caused by harmful traditional practices.

Last year, 8,383 camels were treated, 1,290 plastic nose pegs were fitted, 1,115 cart reflectors were installed and 1,000 educational leaflets were distributed to owners.



Highveld Horse Care Unit

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Highveld Horse Care Unit, South Africa

In the townships and rural communities around Johannesburg, many working horses are used to pull heavy carts of coal, building materials and goods. Here, poverty and violence are rife and veterinary care is in short supply.

In these impoverished townships, many horses suffer from basic issues, such as dental problems. If left untreated, this can cause extreme pain that can result in dangerous weight loss.

There is also a huge need for gelding, as stallions roaming for a mate are prone to theft, road traffic accidents and attack – sadly stabbing and shooting are not uncommon.

SPANA has been working in partnership with Highveld Horse Care Unit since 2016, supporting free veterinary treatment, dentistry and gelding clinics.

Our work resumed in July 2017; in the remainder of the year we treated 731 animals and gelded 16 horses.

CASE FILE: DELIVERING HOPE FOR WASSIMA

Wassima the donkey is essential to the lives of her owner Tahiri, his wife and their five children, pulling produce to and from the market and collecting water for the family.

But when Wassima became pregnant, Tahiri knew she would need to take things easier and he could not continue to ask so much of her.

With what little savings the family had, he bought a young horse to help. Unfortunately, while pulling a cart with Wassima, the inexperienced horse became frightened and bolted, dragging poor Wassima into the path of an oncoming car and badly fracturing her jaw.

Thankfully, Tahiri had learned about SPANA from a neighbour so, without hesitation, he brought Wassima to the SPANA Morocco centre in Chemaia.

To relieve Wassima's pain and ensure that her treatment was as effective as possible, SPANA vets gave her painkillers and sedated her. They then cleaned her wound before performing skilled surgery.

Finally, she was prescribed antibiotics and anti-tetanus injections to support her recovery and make sure she didn't suffer any secondary infections.

Because of her injuries, Wassima wasn't able to chew solid food at first, so SPANA vets made sure she was getting all the nutrition she needed in the form of a liquid mixture, fed through a tube. This was especially important for the safety and healthy growth of her unborn foal, which was an ever-present consideration.

Thanks to the in-patient facilities at Chemaia, SPANA vets were able to care for Wassima for a full month, guaranteeing her complete recovery before returning her to Tahiri and his family.

Three months later, SPANA vets paid a visit to Tahiri's farm. They were delighted to find that Wassima was not only back to full strength, but had given birth to a healthy donkey foal, which they appropriately named Amal, meaning 'hope' in Arabic.

NEXT STEPS: VETERINARY STRATEGY, 2018–22

SPANA will:

- extend collaborations with local and international charities, avoiding duplication and ensuring our funds are used in the most cost-effective way possible
- continuously monitor activities and improve accountability, demonstrating the impact of our veterinary care through rigorous evaluation
- employ an objective framework to identify those projects to be upgraded to SPANA core country status
- invest in studies to ensure an evidence-based approach to SPANA's support for therapies, training and research
- build strong partnerships with academia and other partners to extend SPANA's influence in research that benefits working animals



Case file: Wassima








Case file: Wassima

IN NUMBERS

SPANA's core country veterinary programmes in 2017

TREATMENTS BY SPECIES

	 DONKEYS	 HORSES	 MULES	 CAMELS	 ELEPHANTS	OXEN AND OTHER	ALL TREATMENTS
BOTSWANA	986	1,075					2,061
ETHIOPIA	366	10,644	4				11,014
JORDAN	976	1,570	312	3		53	2,914
MALI	31,368	3,795					35,163
MAURITANIA	69,311	14,082					83,393
MOROCCO	14,159	26,064	20,771			59	61,053
MYANMAR					165	24,332	24,497
TUNISIA	9,995	4,115	3,448	540			18,098
ZIMBABWE	73,953						73,953
TOTAL	201,114	61,345	24,535	543	165	24,444	312,146


























CLINICS



FIXED



MOBILE

BOTSWANA		1 
ETHIOPIA	1 	2  
JORDAN	1 	1 
MALI	1 	2  
MAURITANIA	2  	2  
MOROCCO	5     	1 
MYANMAR		2  
TUNISIA	3   	3   
ZIMBABWE		2  
TOTAL	13	16

EQUIPMENT DISTRIBUTED

37,522

HEAD COLLARS

572

NOSEBAND COVERS

27,274

HARNESSING

2,385

DOUGHNUT BANDAGES

8,098

HOOF PICKS

14,963

HUMANE HOBBLER

11,873

BITS

2,839

REFLECTIVE COLLARS

TOTAL 105,526

TREATMENTS INCLUDED

37,503

WOUNDS

269

TETANUS

24,582

PARASITES

8,039

EYES

14,391

LAMENESS

9,727

HARNESS INJURIES

7,380

DENTISTRY

151,319

DE-WORMING

5,114

FARRIERY

15,909

VACCINATIONS

Core country data only: more animals were treated through SPANA's outreach and partnership programmes.

TRAIN: COMMUNITY TRAINING



When our founders Kate and Nina Hosali began treating working animals in North African souks 95 years ago, they were determined that where SPANA treats, we must also train.

With so many injuries faced by working animals as a result of poor husbandry or inappropriate equipment, we remain committed to delivering sustainable changes through community training.

2017 UPDATES

TUNISIA

In the towns and rural communities around Douz, road traffic accidents involving working animals result in a large number of serious injuries and fatalities, affecting both animals and humans. A major factor is the use of poorly visible carts and animals on dark, unlit roads.

The SPANA Tunisia team is working with the local community, providing training and materials to produce fluorescent collars. These are provided free of charge to owners, along with education on their correct use.

This has already led to a significant reduction in the number of accidents attended to by the team.

MALI

Ill-fitting and poorly constructed harnesses and carts can lead to wounds and painful spinal and muscular injuries for working animals. SPANA Mali is employing several women's groups near Bamako and Segou to produce comfortable pads for use under harness shoulders.

Each year, the groups produce over 1,500 pads, many of which are sold to owners to provide a small income for the women.

The veterinary team has seen a significant reduction in the number of harness injuries, with owners now taking pride in the improved appearance of their animals and of the harnesses.

NEXT STEPS: COMMUNITY TRAINING STRATEGY, 2018–22

SPANA will:

- support the development of new and existing community training officers in order to expand our reach and capacity across all our core countries
- create curriculum and training resources to be delivered by our community training officers, based on effective adult participatory learning techniques
- improve the physical welfare of working animals by supporting owners to provide for the welfare of their own animals, working alongside community groups
- improve the psychological welfare of working animals, developing among owners an understanding that working animals are capable of feeling pain and experiencing emotions, and extending the principles of our children's education programme to young adults
- develop monitoring and evaluation tools to assess the particular needs of different communities, creating bespoke solutions to improve the welfare of working animals
- evaluate the impact of community training programmes, using welfare assessments and other tools for measuring positive changes

IN NUMBERS

**SPANA's core country
community training
programmes in 2017**

3,511

PEOPLE TRAINED

68

**TRAINING COURSES
DELIVERED**

30

**COMMUNITIES
REACHED**

Core country data only: more courses were delivered through SPANA's outreach and partnership programmes.

TRAIN: PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

While SPANA's veterinary teams deliver essential treatments, our resources are limited and millions of working animals remain beyond our reach.

So SPANA works with veterinary schools and universities around the world to improve the quality of professional training, delivering a sustainable legacy of care.

We are also funding the development of clinical skills centres through our university partnerships, ensuring students get practical experience of caring for working animals.

Our education teams also work to improve the quality of humane education teaching. Vets, farriers and other technicians benefit from our professional training courses too.



FOCUS: PUTTING WORKING EQUIDS ON THE CURRICULUM IN JORDAN

Many rural communities in Jordan continue to rely on working animals, yet access to veterinary care is limited and experience of treating working animals is even less common.

SPANA works with the Jordanian University of Science and Technology, the only veterinary school in the country, to provide vet students with the opportunity to undertake practical training at SPANA Jordan's clinic. This is the only experience most will have of treating working animals.

Every year, groups of up to 70 students spend eight days at the clinic, totalling 560 days of clinical exposure. The SPANA clinic is a renowned centre of excellence in the region, with animals brought many hundreds of kilometres to attend.

The university also works with the SPANA centre on complex cases that cannot otherwise be treated, giving students invaluable experience.

By getting working animals into the curriculum for veterinary undergraduates, SPANA is developing the skills the next generation of young vets need to improve the health and wellbeing of Jordan's working animal population.



NEXT STEPS: PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY, 2018–22

SPANA will:

- develop a competency framework for all SPANA vets
- improve integration and cooperation between our core country programmes, focusing on international teaching and training
- strengthen the teaching of local teachers, veterinary surgeons and students
- promote undergraduate veterinary experience through clinical skills centres and curricula support
- improve the quality and extend the provision of humane education by supporting SPANA teachers and other educators studying for the International Certificate in Humane Education

IN NUMBERS

SPANA's core country professional development programmes in 2017

PROFESSIONALS TRAINED:

617

VETERINARY STUDENTS

52

VETS

40

VET ASSISTANTS, TECHNICIANS AND FARRIERS

17

EDUCATORS

Core country data only: more professionals were trained through SPANA's outreach and partnership programmes.

TEACH: FOSTERING COMPASSION THROUGH EDUCATION

It's rare to find a culture of pet ownership in the countries where SPANA works. In the most challenging environments and difficult economic circumstances, animals, like people, must work to survive.

Children grow up surrounded by working animals and learn from older family members

and those around them that the value of an animal is measured by the income it can earn.

At SPANA, we understand the essential role that working animals play in developing countries. But we believe that a life of work needn't be a life of suffering – compassion, respect and empathy are the least any hardworking animal deserves.

SPANAs humane education programme reaches children at a young age, teaching them the value of kindness before their attitudes become fixed. A strong relationship built on care and understanding can transform the life of a working animal – and a healthy, happy, well-treated animal can be not just an economic asset but also a lifelong companion.





2017 UPDATES

BOTSWANA

- SPANA is a relatively recent arrival in Botswana and has so far focused on veterinary care. But the recent signing of an agreement with the Ministry of Education means we are now hard at work planning a new programme to reach Botswana's children with our humane education work too.

ETHIOPIA

- SPANA Ethiopia ran 39 animal welfare clubs in towns and villages outside Addis Ababa over a five-month period. The clubs reached a total of 3,075 children, a 32 per cent increase on the previous year.
- 4,714 children visited the SPANA animal handling centre in Bishoftu, representing a 165 per cent annual increase since the year before.

JORDAN

- The SPANA Jordan team saw another increase in attendance at their education centre, with 2,529 children visiting during the year.



SPANA Mauritania

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MAURITANIA

- SPANA Mauritania runs a multi-contact programme, with each child receiving five hours of humane education lessons during a series of school visits. A new curriculum and new teaching resources were developed during the year, and the number of children reached rose by 36 per cent, since the previous year.

MOROCCO

- SPANA's longest established education programme is in Morocco, with school visit programmes at five SPANA centres and a fixed exhibition at the Sidi Boughaba nature reserve. Also, 15,599 children experienced SPANA Morocco's humane education programme by visiting our touring mobile exhibition unit.

TUNISIA

- SPANA Tunisia's centre-based education and school visits programme saw a sharp rise during 2017, reaching 11,174 children (a 59 per cent increase since the previous year).
- A new mobile exhibition unit was launched in May 2017, and in its first four months of operation it was visited by 1,213 children. The old mobile exhibition is now permanently at the SPANA centre in Kebili, where it is used for school visits.

ZIMBABWE

- In its first full year of operation, the SPANA Wild About Animals exhibition outside Harare was visited by 12,300 children from almost 40 local schools. Lesson packs were handed out to more than 100 visiting teachers.



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PARTNERSHIPS: WORKING TOGETHER FOR ANIMALS

Our educational partnership projects bring together our expertise and the local knowledge of community organisations in order to create lasting change in children's attitudes and behaviour.

SPANA has been working with the African Network for Animal Welfare (ANAW) in Nairobi, Kenya since 2012, delivering humane education through our PAWS Clubs network of schools-based animal welfare groups.

In the towns and villages around Nairobi, where working animals are widely used, children attending the clubs learn the value of compassion and how to treat animals with care, kindness and respect.

Over the course of our five-year partnership, the project has grown exponentially: today, PAWS Clubs reach about 1,800 children each year through 36 schools.

The programme also focuses on improving teaching standards in humane education. During 2017, 35 teachers taught PAWS Clubs in schools, with 15 going on to be awarded the respected International Certificate in Humane Education.



ANAW, Nairobi

CASE FILE: BROTHERLY LOVE FOR KOFI

Six-month-old donkey foal Kofi is well loved by his two young owners, brothers Thomas, 10 and Aser, eight. The boys took on shared responsibility for the young animal when Kofi's mother died following a severe parasite infection.

The little boys loved Kofi and bottle-fed the orphan daily under the watchful eye of their father, Semlih, who attended SPANA Ethiopia's community training sessions for donkey owners in the town of Bishoftu.

One morning, Thomas and Aser came to their father very worried and upset. They explained that there was blood on Kofi's tail and that the little foal seemed to be in pain.

The two boys brought Kofi along to the SPANA clinic in Bishoftu as soon as it opened. Kofi was the first patient of the day and was carefully examined by the vets, who treated

him for complications caused by an aggressive parasite infection.

While Kofi was recovering, the SPANA team talked to the boys and their father about how to avoid parasites in future and provide Kofi with the best diet.

Our staff were struck by just how attached the children were to Kofi and their enthusiasm for learning more about good animal handling. While many of their friends were members of SPANA's animal welfare club already, Thomas and Aser were not yet signed up.

Desperate to learn more, the children asked their father if they could join and learn how to be even better owners to Kofi. Semlih was delighted and promised to bring them to the next class.

Kofi and Aser have now joined more than 3,000 other children in SPANA Ethiopia's animal

welfare clubs programme, which is teaching the next generation of working animal owners to treat animals with care and compassion.

Through animal welfare clubs, SPANA is building knowledge and inspiring empathy, benefiting working animals like Kofi today and for generations to come.



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Mauritania

NEXT STEPS: HUMANE EDUCATION STRATEGY, 2018–22

SPANA will:

- realign our humane education programme to reach remote, rural communities where animals work
- further improve the impact of our education projects by shifting our focus towards multi-contact interventions, such as after-school animal welfare clubs
- extend our work into new countries, supporting

successful outreach and partner projects to achieve SPANA core country status

- develop monitoring and evaluation procedures to identify and promote the most effective teaching strategies
- work with in-country education services to introduce humane education into mainstream curricula
- develop the theory and practice of humane education and promote its adoption by communicating with governments, academics and other opinion formers

IN NUMBERS

SPANA's core country humane education programmes in 2017

NUMBER OF PROJECTS:

39

ANIMAL
CLUBS

23

SPANA CENTRES AND
CLASSROOMS

4

FIXED
EXHIBITIONS

2

MOBILE
EXHIBITION UNITS

CHILDREN REACHED

	SPANA centres / fixed exhibitions and school visits	Mobile exhibition units	Schools -based lessons	Animal clubs	TOTAL
ETHIOPIA	4,714			3,075	7,789
JORDAN	2,529				2,529
MALI	711				711
MAURITANIA			592		592
MOROCCO	9,921	15,599			25,520
TUNISIA	11,174	1,213			12,387
ZIMBABWE	12,300				12,300
TOTAL	41,349	16,812	592	3,075	61,828

TEACHING HOURS

	SPANA centres / fixed exhibitions and school visits	Mobile exhibition units	Schools -based lessons	Animal clubs	TOTAL
ETHIOPIA	9,428			47,764	57,192
JORDAN	5,058				5,058
MALI	1,422				1,422
MAURITANIA			2,960		2,960
MOROCCO	19,842	15,599			35,441
TUNISIA	11,174	1,213			12,387
ZIMBABWE	12,300				12,300
TOTAL	59,224	16,812	2,960	47,764	126,760

Core country data only: more children were taught through SPANA's outreach and partnership programmes.

EMERGENCIES: HELP IN TIMES OF CRISIS

When drought, conflict or natural disaster threatens, those with the fewest reserves on which to fall back – the poorest and most vulnerable in society – tend to suffer most. Across much of the developing world, the most marginalised are also those most likely to depend on animals for their survival.

As much of Africa once more faces drought and extremes of climate, it is pastoralist communities who are again most threatened.

In many of the areas where SPANA works, it has long been recognised that the mass death of animals is often a precursor to

humanitarian tragedy. By protecting working animals and livestock, we ensure stronger, more secure communities.

During 2017, SPANA fed 7,837 animals in Afar, Ethiopia, benefiting 1,149 pastoralists affected by drought. By planting 15 hectares of drought-resistant grass, we also left a legacy of hope for the future.

Towards the end of 2017, we turned our attention further south, across the border into Kenya. Here, in Turkana county, we are working to save animals and communities facing the worst drought in decades.



Turkana, Kenya

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**'BY PROTECTING
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AND LIVESTOCK, WE
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MORE SECURE
COMMUNITIES.'**



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Kenya

FOCUS: DIGGING DEEPER FOR TURKANA

Far from Nairobi, in the isolated and arid deserts of northern Kenya, a largely ignored crisis has been unfolding that has already killed countless thousands of animals and is threatening the lives of many more.

After several years of poor or failed rains, drought-ravaged Turkana is in a state of emergency. Shallow wells, rivers and sand dams are now dry and even the camels, so perfectly adapted to life in this extreme landscape, are dying.

The nomadic pastoralist communities of Turkana depend on their donkeys, camels and livestock for survival. Accompanied by large herds of animals, whole communities are now on the move in search of water, desperately

digging with their hands in the dried-up river beds.

Here, the fates of animals and people are inseparable. Animals are dying and the lives of the nomads are hanging in the balance.

Most shallow water sources are now either completely dry or saline – but boreholes, deep enough to reach the water table, are still operational. Although few and far between, these deep boreholes are a lifeline for the local communities and their animals. But they are now under considerable pressure and serve almost double the numbers for which they were designed.

With your help, SPANA is working with a local partner on the construction of a new solar-powered borehole in Turkana, which will provide fresh, clean water for 7,200 dehydrated animals and almost 4,000 people.

Solar-powered technology will ensure our environmentally sustainable and low-maintenance borehole will save lives and ease suffering for many years.

With your support, we will also train a local community water management committee to maintain and manage the water point, protecting animals for generations in this drought-prone, desert environment.



Turkana, Kenya

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CASE FILE: A FRIEND IN NEED

Jama, which means 'friend', is Nawette's only remaining donkey. Drought has ravaged Kenya's Turkana county for years and, with thousands of animals already dead and rivers and waterholes dry, the future for Jama and Nawette is bleak.

They live a three-hour drive from the region's largest town, Lodwar,

along bumpy, dusty roads. Not that Nawette has motorised transport – when she travels with her young children in search of food and water, Nawette and her animals must move on foot, covering huge distances across scorching desert.

In the early stage of the drought, Nawette and her community had access to dirty water by digging into river beds. But with the rivers and shallow wells now bone dry, those donkeys and camels that have not already died are malnourished and sickly.

In this part of Kenya, the lives of the tribes and their animals are bound together. Nawette knows that, in Turkana, when animals suffer and die, it won't be long before the tribespeople face the same fate.

Without water, there would be no hope for Nawette and Jama, nor their community of nomadic pastoralists. But, thanks to SPANA's supporters, a new solar-powered water point will be constructed, giving hope of survival and security for both animals and communities, today and for many years to come.



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NEXT STEPS: EMERGENCY RESPONSE STRATEGY, 2018–22

SPANA will:

- create a new emergency response team, experienced at delivering interventions involving complex logistical challenges
- ensure we always leave a valuable legacy of benefits for animals and communities
- build a network of trusted partner organisations, supporting both
 - early warning systems and rapid response capacity
 - raise awareness among policy makers of the role of working animals in the development process, and the need to protect working animals and livestock during emergency situations
 - help in at least one major emergency each year, focusing on those communities most affected by natural or manmade disaster, protecting working animals, livestock and the communities that rely on them
- deliver at least two disaster preparedness projects each year, building capacity in a sustainable way



Turkana, Kenya

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IN NUMBERS

SPANA's emergency programme in Turkana, Kenya

SPANA'S NEW SOLAR-POWERED WATER POINT WILL PROVIDE WATER FOR:



WORKING ANIMALS / LIVESTOCK



PEOPLE



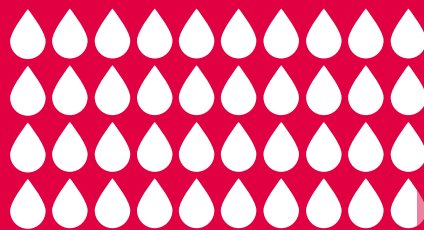
5,000 LITRES:
the capacity of the tank attached to our water point



110 METRES:
the depth to which we need to drill to access fresh water



7,200 ANIMALS



3,976 PEOPLE

OUTREACH: WORKING TOGETHER

Beyond the reach of SPANA's centres, millions of working animals lack access to lifesaving veterinary treatment, most owners receive no formal training and children often grow up to view animals as little more than tools.

But by working together with trusted partner organisations, SPANA can improve the lives of hardworking animals in even the most remote communities.

Our outreach programme provides short-term funding to community organisations that can demonstrate expertise in treating animals, teaching children and training owners or professionals.

With your support, we're inspiring change in locations across the world, working in partnership with communities to protect animals and promote a kinder future.



COSTA RICA

Costa Rica Equine Welfare (CREW), Bambito

Humane education, professional development

For the second year, SPANA worked with CREW to deliver humane education lessons for children in primary schools in the Guaymi and Nabe indigenous reserves.

A week of teacher training was provided to educators who run lessons designed to foster empathy for animals. At La Casona, 580 children took part in the programme, and a further 840 students took part in neighbouring Conte Burica.

Each child receives up to four one-hour lessons.

To December 2017:

- 4,843 children were taught
- 109 schools were reached
- eight teachers were trained



CREW, Costa Rica

GHANA

Donyaepa, Tamale

Humane education, community training

Despite a heavy reliance on working animals in the region, veterinary resources are extremely limited in the districts of Tamale, Savelugu and Walewale, leaving thousands of sick and injured animals suffering. Yet much of this suffering is preventable with basic welfare and healthcare training for owners.

SPANA has been collaborating with Donyaepa since 2014, training community volunteers to share knowledge and empower owners to take basic care into their own hands.

Owners are also supported to participate in a mutual animal healthcare fund, which operates like a cooperative; each owner contributes a small amount of money, so that more complex vet care can be paid for out of the fund.

Alongside this, humane education is tackling ingrained negative attitudes towards animals, with specially trained teachers running weekly humane education lessons across 12 local schools.

Since July 2017:

- 811 community volunteers have participated in a refresher training course
- 1,554 owners have been trained
- 24 teachers have been trained
- 9,100 children have benefited from lessons, across 12 schools

GHANA

GSPCA, Accra

Humane education, professional development

Working in selected schools in the Ga East region of Accra, our project aimed to promote animal welfare through humane education lessons. The lessons have changed children's perceptions of animals, while the wider community has become more aware of animal welfare issues and the services available at local veterinary clinics.

The project was monitored by a selected circuit school supervisor, the district director of education, who visited schools during lesson periods. GSPCA evaluation showed attitudes towards animals have markedly improved, while cruelty towards animals has been reduced.

To September 2017:

- 500 children were taught
- four schools were reached
- six teachers were trained



Donyaepa, Ghana

INDIA

Tree of Life for Animals (TOLFA), Rajasthan

Humane education, professional development

In Rajasthan, northern India, working equids and camels are a central part of life in the cities and the surrounding rural areas. Our project aims to develop greater care and compassion for these animals among school-aged children.

Children in schools and villages across the Ajmer and Pushkar areas received lessons led by teachers from 35 different schools. The teachers had all completed humane education training.

The programme was supported by an animated film, a poster campaign and specially-designed children's workbooks targeted at nine to 13 year olds.

To August 2017:

- **2,000 children were taught last year (totalling 4,500 since the project began in 2015)**
- **35 schools were reached**
- **35 teachers were trained in humane education**



TOLFA, India



LIBERIA

Liberia Animal Welfare and Conservation Society (LAWCS), Lofa

Humane education, professional development

In a country still marked by conflict, daily brutality is a fact of life for many children. Animals can suffer horrendous cruelty, often at the hands of children who mimic the cruelty practised in front of them by their elders.

Our project aimed to improve children's relationships with animals through classroom-based and student-led humane education programmes in Foya and Lofa districts. Using a variety of interactive activities, including drama, role play, stories, games and drawing, children learned to develop empathy and appreciate that animals have feelings and complex needs.

To May 2017:

- **animal welfare programmes were implemented in 10 schools, reaching about 6,900 children**
- **10 classroom teachers were recruited and trained**
- **Animal Kindness Clubs were established in each of the 10 schools, reaching 250 children in total**

MONGOLIA

**Cambridge Mongolia
Development Appeal, Dundgobi
Infrastructure**

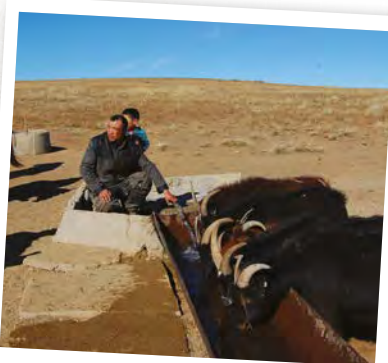
Animal husbandry is central to the way of life of 160,000 Mongolian herder families. These nomads and their mixed herds of horses, camels, yaks, sheep and goats are spread across this large and sparsely populated country, much of which is arid and suffers extremes of climate.

In the absence of rivers and streams, traditional pit wells are the main source of water. But many have fallen into disrepair, forcing herders and their animals to travel vast distances in search of water – causing many fatalities as well as widespread hoof damage to the pastures.

With SPANA's help, CAMDA is refurbishing these wells, providing lifesaving water, all year round.

Since June 2017:

- 10 wells have been refurbished
- ongoing access to essential water has been secured for 45,800 animals and 66 herder families



CAMDA, Mongolia

NICARAGUA

**AMARTE Foundation, Managua
Research**

Babesiosis is a disease caused by the blood parasite babesia. The condition is commonly misdiagnosed and, if left untreated, it can be fatal in around half of all infected donkeys.

Up to 90 per cent of all donkeys in areas of northern Nicaragua may be infected with babesia or other blood parasites.

SPANA is supporting the AMARTE Foundation to investigate the prevalence of these blood parasites in the rural communities of Madriz and Nueva Segovia. This will help us develop more effective programmes for treating and preventing this deadly disease.

Since July 2017:

- blood samples have been taken from 249 donkeys



Nicaragua

PAKISTAN

JBF Scotland, Quetta

Veterinary treatment,
community training

Due to the lack of equine veterinary services in Quetta, the provincial capital of the Baluchistan region, there is a desperate need for both accessible vet care and basic community training about animal welfare. Equids, mainly donkeys, transport goods and passengers for up to 10 hours a day, often in punishing heat and unremitting sun.

Many animals are overloaded, dehydrated, malnourished and overworked.

SPANA has been supporting JBF Scotland since 2016 to provide free veterinary care and owner education in Quetta.

Since May 2017:

- 325 donkeys have been treated
- 400 owners have been educated
- a one-day workshop for owners has been held



SIERRA LEONE

Campaign Against Cruelty to Animals in Sierra Leone (CCA-SL), Kanga

Humane education, professional development

CCA-SL is the only animal welfare organisation in Sierra Leone delivering humane education lessons for children. SPANA's project aimed to protect the welfare of animals by developing a better understanding of their needs while promoting compassion and empathy among children.

Schools-based humane education took place in Kanga and New

England Ville, while classes in animal welfare were based at the nearby Bo Centre. Three community-based programmes were also conducted in the neighbouring villages.

To October 2017:

- more than 1,000 children benefited from humane education
- eight teachers were trained

SOMALIA

Horn SPCA, Somaliland

Veterinary treatment, humane education,
community training, professional development

Somaliland has a very large population of working donkeys and other animals, with many communities dependent on them for their livelihoods. However, due to continuing political instability, government funding for vets is scarce and many working animals are unable to receive the treatment they desperately need.

SPANA has been collaborating with Horn SPCA since 2016 to improve donkey welfare in Hargeisa city by treating animals, training vets and teaching local owners.

Our humane education programme in schools also challenges negative attitudes towards animals, fostering empathy and kindness. This is supported by community-wide campaigns, involving TV, radio and promotional materials,

designed to improve the status of animals and discourage cruelty.

Since July 2017:

- 59 donkeys have been treated
- 36 owners have been trained
- 13 vet students have trained with SPANA-funded free veterinary clinics
- 4,462 primary school students have received humane education
- nine primary school animal welfare clubs have been created, with a teacher trained at each
- 21 radio and TV broadcasts have been produced to promote animal welfare
- the campaign has been promoted via 250 brochures, 40 T-shirts, 90 stickers and eight banners and other signage

SOUTH AFRICA

AmaTrac Uluntu (formerly FACE), Grahamstown

Humane education, community training, professional development

Donkey ownership is common among young people in the towns and rural areas of Eastern Cape, South Africa, but mistreatment is rife.

This project encouraged children and young people to treat animals with kindness, respect and understanding, using a network of 'working donkey champions' to encourage behaviour change.

Based in five villages and two townships, working donkey champions provided daily training, focusing on those children who were either showing greater interest or demonstrating negative behaviour towards animals.

To December 2017:

- **250 children received education material**
- **100 young donkey handlers were educated on donkey sentience, health, welfare and handling**
- **six teachers received training**
- **eight working donkey champions developed educational materials, taught sessions and mentored children**
- **two animal care groups were formed**
- **approximately 400 working donkeys and other animals benefited from the programme**

SOUTH AFRICA

Coastal Horse Care Unit, Cato Ridge

Humane education

In the rural communities of KwaZulu Natal, outside Durban, horses are widely used by young people for transport and to support work.

Children between the ages of 12 and 17 learned to improve their animal husbandry skills at two special five-day educational holiday camps.

The camps allowed trainers to teach horse care, behaviour and management using fun and creative methods, promoting knowledge and skills while boosting self-esteem and confidence.

To December 2017:

- **two holiday camps, each involving up to 30 children who received five days of horse care lessons**

South Africa



TANZANIA

Arusha Society for the Protection of Animals, Arusha

Humane education, community training, professional development

In rural Tanzania, donkeys are essential for many families in carrying food and water, providing transport and pulling goods to market.

Yet few owners will ever receive any formal instruction in animal care, so injuries caused by poor harnessing, carts and husbandry are frequent. Similarly, children learn to see working animals for their economic value only, without understanding their welfare needs.

This project supported three secondary schools and five primary

schools to teach animal welfare lessons. Alongside this, donkey owners were taught to construct simple, comfortable harnesses, carts and packsaddles. Appropriate husbandry practices have been adopted by approximately 2,000 women using around 3,000 donkeys for domestic purposes at markets.

Follow-up evaluation of 2,300 donkeys also showed that cases of malnourishment and abandonment have decreased by 75 per cent and there has been a measurable decrease in cases of chest sores,

back sores and injuries caused by beatings. The study demonstrated a marked increase in the numbers of donkeys with trimmed hooves and proper harnessing materials.

To December 2017:

- 300 children received humane education
- eight schools were reached
- eight educators were trained
- five markets were targeted for community training, teaching owners about donkey welfare





MAWO, Tanzania



MAWO, Tanzania



Tanzania

TANZANIA

Meru Animal Welfare Organisation (MAWO), Arusha

Veterinary treatment, community training, professional development, infrastructure

In the Arusha and Manyara regions of Tanzania, as many as 200,000 donkeys are used by the communities as pack transport for food, water and household goods. In an area that faces frequent drought, the health and welfare of these donkeys is often compromised by poor nutrition, painful harnessing and a lack of affordable or accessible veterinary services.

SPANA has been working with MAWO since 2016 to improve the health and wellbeing of working donkeys in northern Tanzania by training community-based working donkey champions to provide basic care and first aid alongside owner training.

Since March 2017:

- **28 working donkey champions have been trained in harness making, hoof trimming, deworming, wound management, ecto-parasite control and the construction of donkey shelters**
- **all working donkey champions have been equipped with a first aid kit**
- **255 donkeys were treated**
- **five donkey shelters have been built, providing secure accommodation for 90 donkeys**

TANZANIA

Sokoine University, Morogoro

Veterinary treatment, community training, research

In the districts of Momero, Kilosa and Chalinze in east and central Tanzania, donkeys are used extensively for both domestic and economic activities, especially during the rainy season when other means of transport cannot be used. Despite the importance of donkeys, especially to reduce the workload for women and children, little is known about the health problems affecting donkeys in Tanzania.

Last year, SPANA teamed up with Sokoine University to conduct a

study to assess the knowledge, attitudes and behaviour of donkey owners, which will help us devise targeted community training programmes on animal handling and the management of donkeys.

Since July 2017:

- **311 farmers have been interviewed, providing information that will form the basis for a community training programme**
- **385 donkeys were treated**

FINANCIALS

MAKING EVERY PENNY COUNT

At SPANA, we are committed to making sure every penny we spend works towards our goal of promoting working animal welfare. We are entirely reliant on voluntary donations and believe that we have a responsibility to ensure the gifts we receive are used where they have the greatest impact.

We are committed to transparency and work hard to ensure our expenditure reflects the priorities of our supporters.

We also believe in an evidence-based approach and we continue to develop rigorous new methods to evaluate the success of our programmes.

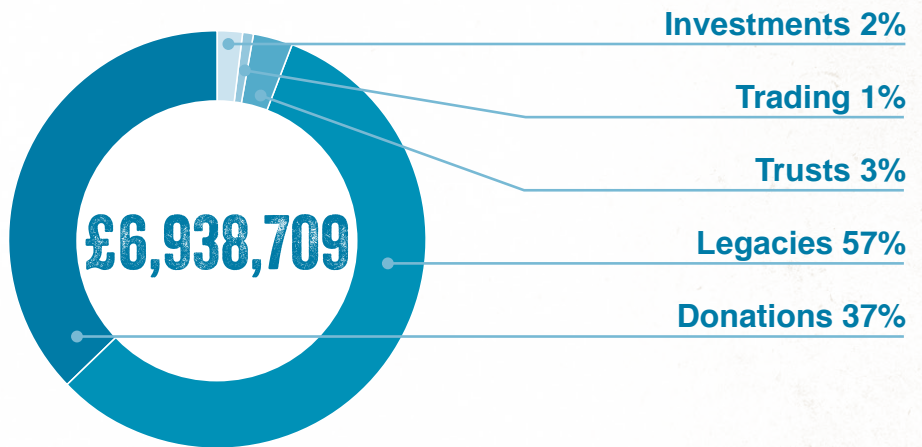
Our projects strike a balance between easing animal suffering today and building a more compassionate world for hardworking animals.

Last year, 65p from every pound we received was spent directly on our charitable activities today. But we also believe in a better future for animals too, which is why some of our expenditure is invested in fundraising. An investment of this kind means your gift goes much further. In the year ending 31 December 2017, for every £1 spent on our fundraising activities we received £2.60 in return, ultimately enabling us to help many more working animals in need.

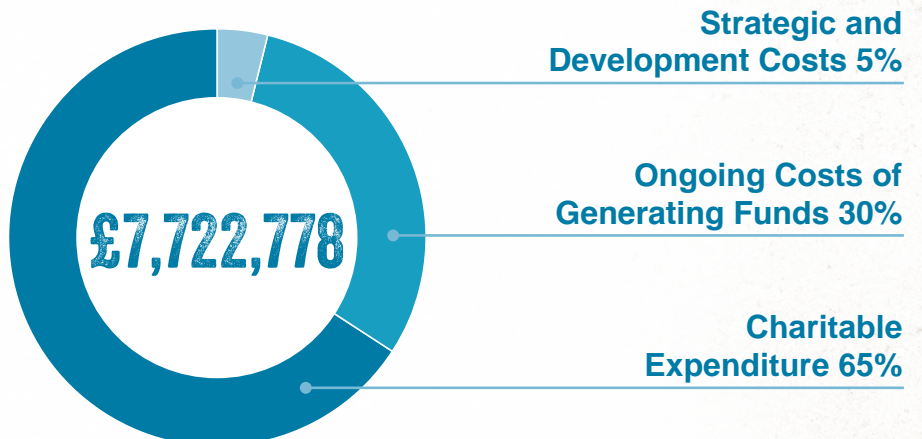
Administration costs are kept low, although some administrative expenses are unavoidable. Salaries reflect our need to attract and retain committed vets, teachers and other staff who can ensure working animals enjoy the high quality, compassionate and effective care that they deserve.

Since SPANA owns the property in which our head office is based, no funding is diverted to cover the cost of renting accommodation.

INCOME 2017



EXPENDITURE 2017



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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

(Incorporating income and expenditure account)
For the year ended 31 December 2017

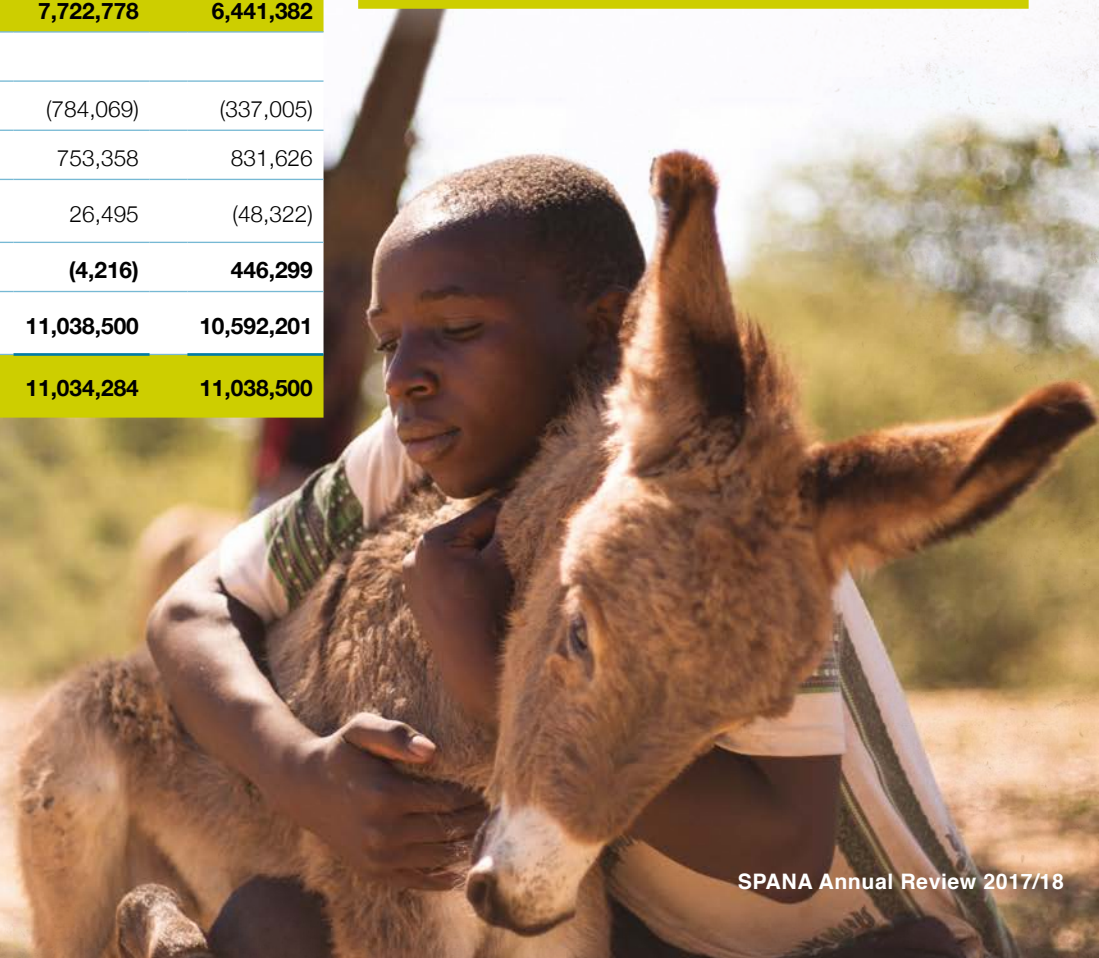
	2017 £	2016 £
INCOME FROM		
Donations	2,545,610	2,922,712
Legacies	3,976,268	2,773,134
Trusts	225,998	182,601
Trading activities	48,266	49,218
Investment income	142,567	176,712
Total income	6,938,709	6,104,377
EXPENDITURE ON		
Raising funds		
Cost of generating voluntary income	2,592,035	2,126,352
Fundraising trading: cost of goods sold	24,619	34,226
Investment management costs	43,865	37,682
	2,660,519	2,198,260
Charitable activities		
Veterinary activities	3,565,952	2,985,969
Educational activities	1,496,307	1,257,153
	5,062,259	4,243,122
Total expenditure	7,722,778	6,441,382
Operating deficit for the year	(784,069)	(337,005)
Net gains on investments	753,358	831,626
Net gains/(losses) on forward foreign exchange contracts	26,495	(48,322)
Net income for the year	(4,216)	446,299
Funds brought forward at 1 January 2017	11,038,500	10,592,201
Funds carried forward at 31 December 2017	11,034,284	11,038,500

BALANCE SHEET

At 31 December 2017

	2017 £	2016 £
FIXED ASSETS		
Tangible assets	1,346,437	1,360,253
Investments	7,837,782	7,933,915
	9,184,219	9,294,168
CURRENT ASSETS		
Stock	17,036	14,240
Debtors	1,055,572	1,015,561
Cash at bank and in hand	1,224,417	1,053,766
	2,297,025	2,083,567
Creditors: amounts due within one year	(446,960)	(339,235)
Net current assets	1,850,065	1,744,332
Net assets	11,034,284	11,038,500
REPRESENTED BY:		
Unrestricted funds		
General fund	9,192,192	8,581,862
Designated funds	1,346,437	2,061,253
Total unrestricted funds	10,538,629	10,643,115
Restricted funds	495,655	395,385
TOTAL FUNDS	11,034,284	11,038,500

These summarised financial statements are extracted from the full statutory trustees' annual report and financial statements of The Society for the Protection of Animals Abroad, which were approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf on 19 April 2018. The full statutory trustees' report, financial statements and auditor's report may be obtained from the registered office.



THANK YOU

STRONGER TOGETHER

SPANAs was founded 95 years ago by a group of passionate animal lovers who believed that working animals deserve a life free from pain and hardship. Today, we remain a charity that exists solely because of the commitment and dedication of individuals and organisations who believe, as we do, that a life of work should not be a life of suffering.

Working together, we have achieved extraordinary things. Millions of working animals enjoy a better life thanks to our combined efforts.

We can achieve nothing without your support, and we are indebted to all whose kindness made our work possible in 2017.



A LASTING LEGACY

Around half of all the animals we treat, communities we train and children we teach are funded thanks to the gifts that our supporters leave in their Wills. We are always so grateful for the extraordinary kindness of those who remember working animals in this way. We wish to mark our gratitude to all who left a legacy to SPANA during 2017, including:

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MAKE YOUR GIFT GO EVEN FURTHER

Thanks to our generous supporters, SPANA is able to claim hundreds of thousands of pounds every year in Gift Aid from the UK government. That's enough to treat tens of thousands of animals – at no extra cost to you.

If you think you're eligible, please let us know so we can help even more animals in need.

To find out more or to make a Gift Aid declaration, please contact SPANA on 020 7831 3999.

To be eligible for Gift Aid, you must pay UK tax (Income Tax or Capital Gains Tax) that is at least equal to the amount of Gift Aid we will reclaim during the tax year – currently 25p for every £1 you give.

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