

Compassionate Paws International (CPI)

Annual Report
31st March 2024



Mission

Our mission is to prevent and alleviate the suffering of street animals.

Strategy

We have three main areas of work:

- Sterilisation & Vaccination
- Veterinary care
- Education

Location

We operate Sierra Leone.

We are registered in England & Wales, and in Sierra Leone.



What We Know About Free-Roaming Dogs in Freetown

CPI conducts regular household surveys in our intervention areas. This data allows us to understand the needs of dogs and their owners, monitor our progress towards achieving our goals, and plan future interventions.



Human : Dog Ratio **12:1**

This indicates a much higher density of dogs than the expected average human : dog ratio for urban Sub-Saharan Africa of 21:1.



Male : Female Dog Ratio **2.6 : 1**

This is because females are much more likely to be abandoned and then die, than males. Our research also shows that females are more likely than males to be underweight and in poor health.



89% of owners let their dogs roam in the street

In the street, they reproduce, pass on infectious diseases and are at risk of injury. 95% of owners cite 'security' as the main or only reason for owning a dog. Male dogs are preferred.



33% of roaming dogs have a visible health condition

Over 50% of dogs also have an underlying blood-borne disease such as erlichia, anaplasma or heartworm.



Current Activities (March 2024)

1. Intensive CNVR projects (Catch, Neuter, Vaccinate, Release) using international vet teams
 2. Rabies vaccination
 3. Data collection – mapping, recording & analysis of dog demographics
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1. Skin treatments
 2. Emergency care during CNVR weeks
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1. Animal Compassion Club in one school
 2. Training of 1 community animal health worker and animal care assistants (CAHW)

CPI Programmes

Dog
Population
Management

Veterinary
Care

Education

Long Term Changes Required

Higher proportion of
sterilised dogs in
Freetown

At least 70% of dogs
vaccinated against rabies

Better knowledge of
rabies prevention and
animal care among
people

Qualified and competent
veterinary services exist in
Sierra Leone

Closer collaboration of all
major stakeholders –
governmental, national,
local

Vision

- Less or no free roaming dogs
- Eradication of rabies
- All dogs have access to high standard veterinary care
- Improved education on pet ownership



CPI Impacts – April 2023 to March 2024

Sterilisation & Vaccination – Female	68
Sterilisations & Vaccination - Male	15
Total Sterilisation & Vaccination	83
Veterinary Treatments	134
Students Receiving Animal Welfare Club classes	28



Dog Population Management

April 2023 to March 2024



This year, we held only one spay-neuter clinic instead of our usual two as we replaced one to accommodate a mass rabies vaccination programme later in the year.

We would like to thank [Animal Friends](#) pet insurance for providing us with a grant of £2000 to complete our November spay-neuter clinic.

We were privileged to host another top quality team of vets and vet nurses.

We welcomed Katharina Venz and Julia Weber for their first visit from Germany, and returning volunteers Hugh Duffin (UK), Becky Wade (UK) and Angela Elia (USA).



Above: Hugh Duffin and Julia Weber



November 2023 Spay-Neuter and Rabies Vaccination Clinic

5 days

Impacts:

- 🐕 83 dogs sterilised – 68 female and 15 males
- 🐱 1 cat sterilised
- 🐕 91 dogs vaccinated against rabies
- 🐕 125 dogs received treatment for internal and external parasites – including three severe cases of mange
- 🐕 1 dog treated for severed ear and large infection
- 🐕 Above dog, which had been abandoned for its ear problem was found a new owner
- 🐕 1 life saved from uterine infection
- 🐕 1 life saved from retained testicle removal
- 🐕 1 orphaned neonatal dog and 1 orphaned neonatal goat provided with care and on-going support
- 🐕 5 dogs initiated life-saving TVT treatment – to be continued over the next month
- 🐕 1 Community Animal Health Worker trained to full competency in catheterisation and TVT treatments



Video: A Week at Compassionate Paws International

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Video footage was recorded during our November 2023 spay clinic week.

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Veterinary Care
April 2023 to March 2024



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Survivor

Survivor was discovered hiding in a drain. He had been abandoned by his owner for having a severe injury to his ear that had severed and become infected.

Our visiting volunteer team operated on the ear and was able to castrate him at the same. A neighbour offered to look after Survivor while he recovered from the operation and was being treated with antibiotics.

The neighbour then decided to keep Survivor. Close follow-up was provided by CPI to ensure that Survivor continued to do well and thrive in his new home.



TVT Treatments

Transmissible venereal tumor (TVT) is a highly contagious, malignant cancer that affects dogs and is spread primarily through mating.

They are endemic in Sierra Leone, extremely painful and cause death if untreated.

Unfortunately, the treatment is not available in Sierra Leone and there has been no professional in the country trained to provide the treatment.

In March 2024, international volunteers, Katharina and Julia were able to train Community Animal Health Worker, Andrew Bockerie, how to safely give the treatment, and CPI was able to provide him with the chemotherapy drug.

Andrew has, so far, successfully completed treatment on 5 dogs, under the remote supervision of our veterinary director, Rebecca Dobinson.



Above: Vet, Katharina Venz and vet nurse, Julia Weber prepare a dog for TVT treatment



Above: Vet nurse, Julia Weber with Community Animal Health Worker, Andrew Bockerie



Brownie

Brownie's owner came to us in a state of distress as his landlord was threatening to kill Brownie.

His owner realised that he could no longer keep Brownie safe, and he was asking us to find a new home for him.

Finding good homes for dogs in Freetown is immensely difficult but we were lucky enough to have an offer from Mr. Simon Sossah who runs an eco-tourism business and farm.

We were able to relocate Brownie to his new home, where he now enjoys life with his two adoptive sisters, Daisy and Juliet, surrounded by nature.

We were able to treat Brownie for mange and also castrate him.



Above: Brownie (back) with sister, Juliet.



Mother and baby goat

A man brought a lactating mother goat to see our international team of vets during the spay-neuter week.

The mother goat had bloat. Despite attempts to save her, she had sadly arrived with us too late and she passed away.

We were able to provide the owner with baby milk powder and show him how to care for the baby goat to give it the best chance of surviving without its mother.



Education

April 2023 to March 2024



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Animal Compassion Club

This year, our Animal Compassion Club began with 28 students in Number 9 Comprehensive Primary School, which is inside our intervention area. Classes run on Fridays.

It's aims are to:

- Teach students about the needs of animals
- Enable students to become role-models by showing kindness, empathy and compassion for animals in need.
- Provide a forum for students to discuss important issues relating to animals in their own communities.

The programme is led by our programme co-ordinator, Alie Turay, who is a former teacher and school manager. Lessons and activities have been planned by CPI co-founder, Sarah Morris, a teacher.

Students' knowledge and attitudes towards animals were assessed at the beginning and end of each term to evaluate learning. Students receive certificates at the end of the term.



Financials

Balance Sheet

Compassionate Paws International

As at 31 March 2024

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Current Assets

Cash at bank and in hand	
CAF	5,380.26
Ecobank SLE GBP	0.12
Ecobank USD-GBP	840.14
Paypal	228.41
Stripe	1,233.84
Wise USD	343.30
Total Cash at bank and in hand	8,026.07

Total Current Assets	8,026.07
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Net Current Assets (Liabilities)	8,026.07
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Total Assets less Current Liabilities	8,026.07
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Net Assets	8,026.07
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Capital and Reserves

Current Year Earnings	4,777.36
Retained Earnings	3,248.71
Total Capital and Reserves	8,026.07

● Exchange rates used to convert foreign currency into GBP are shown below. Rates are provided by XE.com unless otherwise stated.

• 31 Mar 2024

 1.26317 USD (United States Dollar)



Financials

Compassionate Paws International For the year ended 31 March 2024

	2024
Turnover	
Donation Income	15,838.15
Gift Aid Donations	4,727.85
Interest Income	4.31
Other Revenue	0.16
Total Turnover	20,570.47
Cost of Sales	
Direct Clinical Expenses	1,359.22
Sierra Leone Project	3,324.45
Total Cost of Sales	4,683.67
Gross Profit	15,886.80
Administrative Costs	
Bank Fees	291.78
Bank Revaluations	6.89
General Expenses	23.58
IT Software and Consumables	92.02
Monthly CAF Fees	60.00
Postage, Freight & Courier	80.00
Travel and Accommodation*** 1	10,555.17
Total Administrative Costs	11,109.44
Operating Profit	4,777.36
Profit on Ordinary Activities Before Taxation	4,777.36
Profit after Taxation	4,777.36

1. Gift Aid Donation

100% of the travel and accommodation expenses was donated back to us. This is the figure that our volunteers spent on their travel to Sierra Leone from their own money. By reimbursing volunteers and having it donated back, it allows us to receive 25% of the total in Gift Aid.



Financial Summary

We would like to thank the kind individuals who continue to provide support to us in the form of a monthly donation. These donations, typically of between £10 and £25 a month, allow us to do ad-hoc activities such as skin and TVT treatments.

Other notable income this year came in the form of a grant of £2000 from Animal Friends Pet Insurance, and £4727.85 in Gift Aid.

We have also been incredibly lucky to have received a lot of donations of medical equipment and drugs from volunteer veterinary professionals, who not only dedicated their time and travel expenses to us, but also came out to Sierra Leone with bags full of supplies.



Supporting Organisations

We are very grateful to the following organisations for their extremely generous contributions of funds and supplies:

- Animal Friends Pet Insurance
- Philadelphia Adult League Softball (PALS)
- Flash Vehicles
- Tierarztpraxis Dr. Claudia Pastor & Tierpension Pastor
- Hawthorne Lodge Vets
- Willows Veterinary Centre
- Medivet Leamington Spa
- Dentistry @The Gallery
- Animal House Veterinary Surgery
- Eastlands Court Business Centre



Compassionate Paws International



Structure, Governance and Management Compassionate Paws International is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation, registered in England (number 1191988) and Sierra Leone. Trustees are recruited from current volunteers and the general public via adverts and social media placements. Trustees serve an initial term of two years, with board meetings held four times a year. New trustees undergo a period of on boarding to bring them up to speed with current issues and their responsibilities.

Public Benefit The trustees have paid due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit in deciding activities undertaken by the charity. The trustees are satisfied that the information provided in the report and accounts meets the public benefit reporting requirement.

Risk Assessment The trustees are fully aware of the major risks to which the charity is exposed and have taken steps to manage those risks.

Reserves Policy The trustees aim to hold a minimum of three months running costs in reserve at any point in time.

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