

Compassionate Paws International (CPI)

Annual Report
31st March 2025



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CPI Impacts – April 2023 to March 2024

Rabies Vaccination	5008
Sterilisation	0
Veterinary Treatments	130
Students Receiving Animal Welfare Club classes	26



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Mission

To prevent and alleviate the suffering of street animals. We work in Sierra Leone and are registered in Sierra Leone and England & Wales.

Strategy

We have three main areas of work:

1. Sterilisation & Vaccination
2. Veterinary care
3. Education



What We Know About Free-Roaming Dogs in Freetown



Human : Dog Ratio 12:1

This figure can be used to estimate the total population size of dogs, using human census data. We can estimate there to be over 108,000 dogs in Freetown alone, and over 500,000 in the whole of Sierra Leone.



Over 75% of roaming dogs are males

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 2025)

1. Intensive CNVR projects (Catch, Neuter, Vaccinate, Release) using international vet teams
2. Rabies vaccination
3. Data collection – mapping, recording & analysis of dog demographics

1. Skin treatments
2. Emergency care during CNVR weeks

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



Rabies Vaccination Project in Bo.

June 2024

- Vaccination of 4936 dogs
- 4556 people received education on rabies
- 83.5% coverage rate, meeting the 70% threshold for herd immunity



Our main project of the 2024-2025 year, was a rabies vaccination project in Sierra Leone's second city, Bo.

Rabies is a deadly zoonotic disease that affects humans and animals that is transmitted primarily through the bite of infected dogs.

Rabies is endemic in Sierra Leone, where there are significant challenges in controlling rabies due to a lack of consistent, fully resourced vaccination programs.

In partnership with Mission Rabies who kindly provided organisational support and funding, we employed a One Health approach to bring together resources from the human, animal, and environmental health sectors, at the community, local and national level.



Above: Paravet student and Community Animal Health Worker, Francis Nanoh delivers a rabies vaccine.



Vaccination teams consisted of students from the MSc Animal Science and Paravet training courses at Njala University, and animal health workers from the Bo Ministry of Agriculture office.

Eight vaccination teams with four or five people in each, were deployed to key locations around Bo. Locations were communicated using WhatsApp and the WVS phone app. Mapping was central to the project.

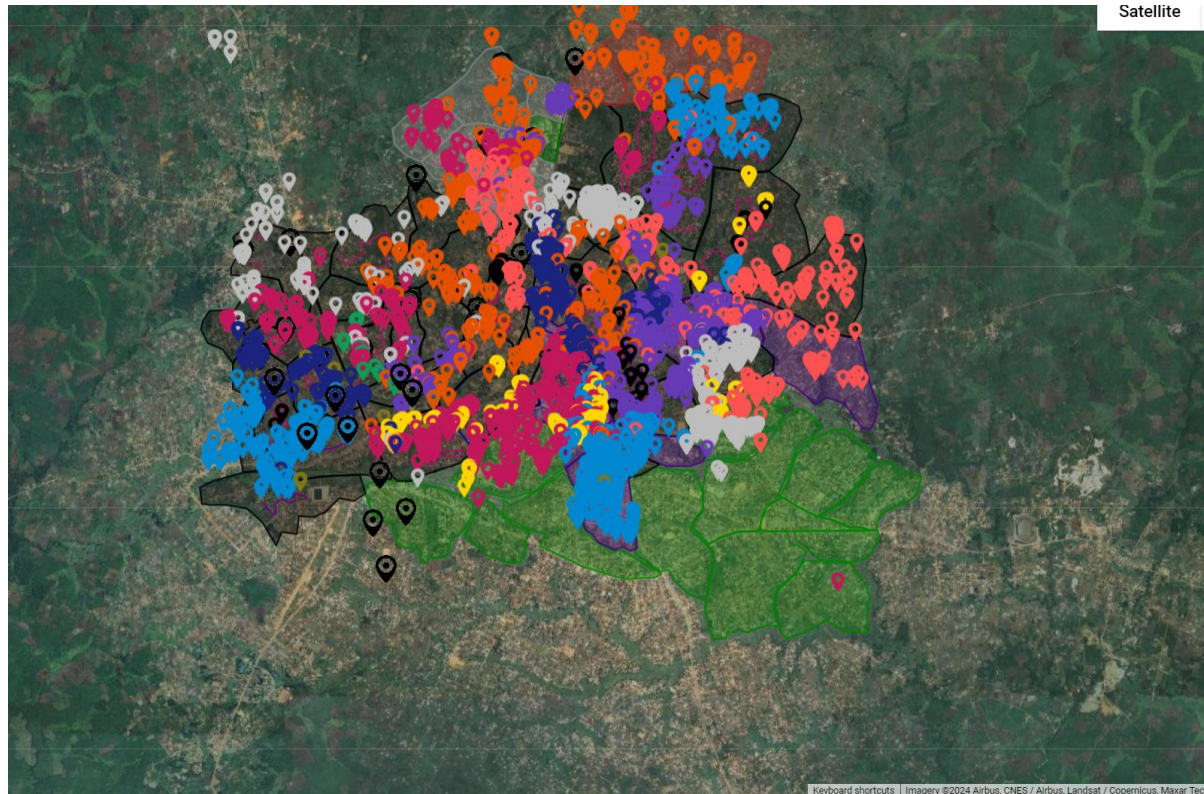
Vaccination teams were able to track their location and movements throughout the day using a 'pathtracker' mechanism within the WVS app - allowing them to see if they had covered most of their allocated area.



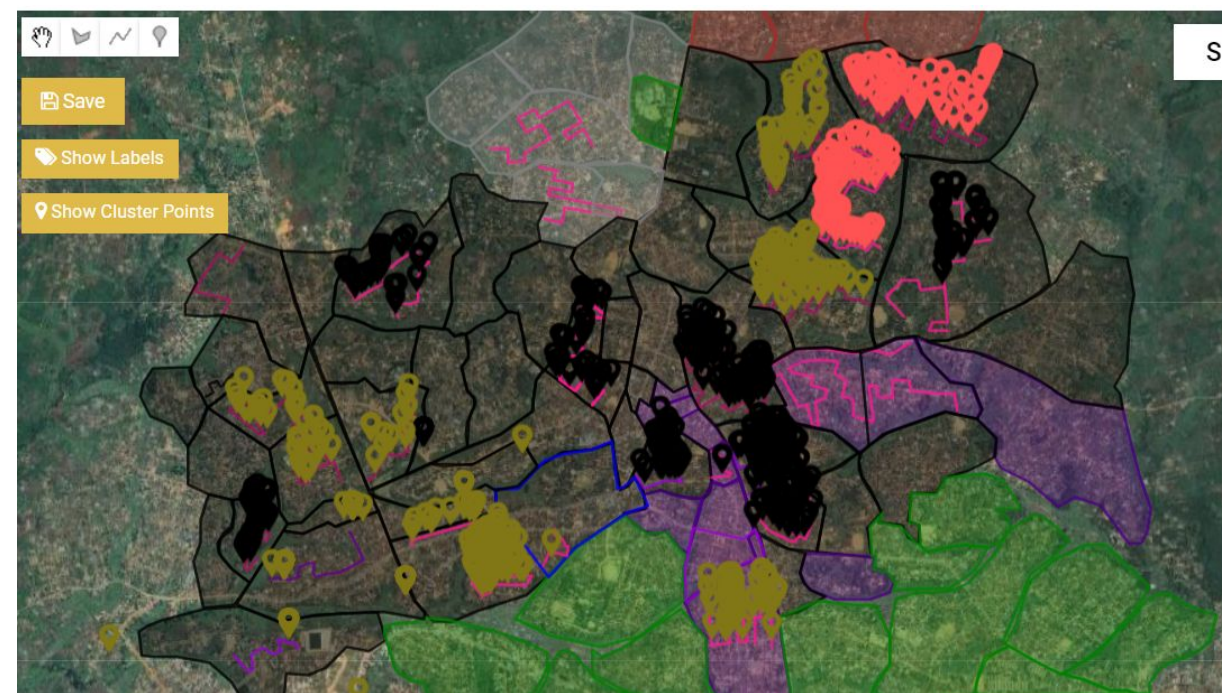
Above: A vaccination team. Each carried a cool box with vaccines, catching net, sharps disposal box, loud speaker, syringes, needles, an orange marker, and a first aid kit.

Right: Pre-project training day at Njala University, conducted by James Hood from Mission Rabies.





Above: satellite map of Bo urban area. One pin represents the GPS location of each dog vaccinated. A different colour was allocated to each of the eight teams.



Of the 61 areas where dogs were vaccinated, 19 were randomly surveyed afterwards, with 570 households completing the surveys. The preliminary results showed an average coverage rate of 83.45% in these randomly selected areas.

The coloured pins above show the exact GPS location of every household surveyed. Surveyors worked in pairs and there were three pairs in total, representing three colours.



Community Engagement

A training session on rabies was delivered to 12 teachers and 20 community mobilisers on May 22nd. The trainer, CPI's Programme Coordinator, Alie Turay, a former teacher, had been trained by Mission Rabies using a 'train-the-trainer' approach. After the training session, two Mission Rabies lesson plans were disseminated to teachers to provide rabies education in their schools, either through individual classes or assemblies.

After the training, community mobilisers were deployed in their home areas to sensitise their communities. Their interactions included house-to-house conversations and community gatherings.





Mobilisers were asked to record their activities in the WVS app. As with the vaccines and surveys, each entry was geo-tagged. In total, the 20 mobilisers made 190 entries into the app and reported to have reached a total of 1849 people: 1079 adults and 779 children. This was mostly achieved by going house-to-house, community-to-community.

Of the teachers, four teachers in four different schools gave a total of six lessons using the Mission Rabies lesson plans provided. Students were encouraged to bring their dogs for vaccination. The four teachers reported a total of 2707 students having received the lessons over the vaccination period, via four school assemblies and two individual classes.



Above: Sea Ramanat, Alie Turay and Sarah Morris from CPI with James Hood from Mission Rabies

Right: All dogs were marked with an orange marker after being injected, to allow for identification of already-vaccinated dogs. The owner took away a vaccine record card and information on preventing dog bites and rabies.

Read our full report of the rabies vaccination project, including the data findings on dog demographics and dog ownership here.

[Read full report.](#)





Veterinary Care

April 2024 to March 2025



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Lucky

Lucky was an older roaming dog that had been very well cared for by his owners.

He had a huge tumour growing out of his rear end that his owners had been unable to do anything about, owing to the unavailability of affordable veterinary care in Sierra Leone.

His tumour was removed in a simple operation, leaving him relieved of the massive burden he had had to carry around for years.

Very sadly, as is so often the case in Freetown, Lucky passed away in a vehicle accident not long after his treatment.



Machete Injury

During our rabies project in Bo, we came across a male dog that had a very large open wound across his abdomen.

The dog had been slashed with a machete several days earlier. Sadly, this is not an uncommon injury.

We were able to fully treat the dog, stitching up the wound and providing antibiotics.

The owner was very grateful.



Skin Treatments

Mange is an endemic problem that causes considerable suffering. Furthermore, dogs with hair loss are often abandoned or abused because of it. Therefore, we are able to provide a considerable improvement in the quality of life and safety of dogs that receive skin treatment.

There are no full-time, actively practising, qualified veterinary surgeons in Sierra Leone, which means that we are limited to the veterinary care that we can provide outside of the times that we have international vets visiting.

This is a huge challenge, given that there is no university offering veterinary surgeon degrees in the country.

In December 2024 and January 2024, we carried out a rabies vaccination and skin treatment project, using a paravet (animal care assistant) who we know and have provided regular training to. The treatments were supervised remotely by our veterinary director, Dr. Rebecca Dobinson MRCVS.



121
dogs
treated



EDUCATION: Animal Compassion Club

Our fourth cohort of Animal Compassionate Club students received their certificates this year. Students at Number 9 Comprehensive Primary School attended the club, led by CPI Programme Co-ordinator and former teacher, Alie Turay, for eight weekly sessions.

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.

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



Positives	Challenges	Future Plans
- Very supportive school - Data shows learning outcomes being met	- Is time-intensive - Sessions often cancelled due to exams or school events	- Considering a train-the-trainer model in future and have teachers conducting their own ACC in different schools



Financial Statement

1st April 2024 - 31st March 2025

Notes:

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses in the period. All incoming resources and resources expended derive from continuing activities.

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	Unrestricted Funds 2025 £	Restricted Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2025 £	Total Funds 2024 £
Incoming resources				
Incoming resources from generated funds:				
<i>Voluntary income:</i>				
Donations	6,283	-	6,283	20,570
Grants	-	9,483	9,483	-
Total incoming resources	6,283	9,483	15,766	20,570
Resources expended				
Costs of generating funds				
Costs of generating voluntary income	2,333	-	9,614	11,947
Salary costs	615	-	615	-
Total resources expended	2,948	9,614	12,562	15,786
Net income for the year				
Other recognised gains				
Foreign exchange movement	53	-	53	-
Transfer between Fund	132	132		
Net movement in funds	3,150	-	3,151	4,778
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward	8,027	-	8,027	3,249
Total funds carried forward	11,177	-	11,177	8,027

Financials

Compassionate Paws International Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2025

	Notes	2025	2024 £
Current Assets			
Cash at bank and in hand		11,177	8,027
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year		-	-
Net Current Assets		11,177	8,027
Net Assets		11,177	4,592
Unrestricted funds		11,177	8,027
Restricted funds		-	-
Total funds		11,177	8,027



Thank you to our supporters

We are very grateful to Mission Rabies and Philadelphia Adult League Softball (PALS) for their extremely generous contributions of funds and supplies in the last year:

We are also humbled by our monthly donors who continue to support us with regular giving amounts of between £5 GBP and \$100 USD a month. These kind donations have allowed us to focus our time and efforts on treating dogs - thank you to all of you.

Thank you also to Njala University and its students, Livestock Division, Sierra Leone Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, Freetown City Council, Bo City Council, Bo One Health division and Bo Ministry of Health for their kind support this year.





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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Statement of Financial Activities for the period 1st April 2024 to 31st March 2025
(including Income and Expenditure Account)

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	2025	2025	2025	2024
	£	£	£	£
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	-	-	-	-
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**Compassionate Paws International
Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2025**

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Restricted funds		-	-
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Signed by one or two trustees on
behalf of all trustees



Name: Sarah Morris
Date of approval: Sunday 25th January
2026

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Notes to financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2025

1 Accounting policies

The principal accounting policies are summarised below. The accounting policies have been applied consistently throughout the year and the preceding period.

1.1. Basis of accounting

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance

with the Statement of Recommended Practice 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities' SORP 2015 and the Companies Act 2006.

1.2. Cashflow

The charity has produced a cashflow report in accordance with FRS 102.

1.3. Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the statement of financial activities when the charity is entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

Income received by way of grants, donations and gifts are included in full in the statement of financial activities when receivable. Grants where entitlement is not conditional on the delivery of a specific performance by the charity, are recognised when the charity becomes unconditionally entitled to the grant.

Donated services and facilities are included at the value to the charity where this can be quantified. The value of services provided by volunteers has not been included.

Grants, including grants for the purchase of fixed assets, are recognised in full in the statement of financial activities in the year in which they are receivable.

1.4. Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised on an accrual basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, and is reported as part of the expenditure to which it relates.

Costs of generating funds comprise the costs associated with attracting voluntary income.

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.