



# ANNUAL REPORT OF ACTIVITIES

THE SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO ANIMALS OF NAMIBIA

WELFARE ORGANIZATION 6 (WO6)

FISCAL YEAR 2020





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## CHAIRPERSON REPORT

Every year typically has a few defining moments, but I think it safe to say that 2020 has contained so many world-changing, paradigm-shifting developments that it seems almost surreal.

Obviously, the coronavirus pandemic has dominated the majority of our thoughts (and the news!) and the future appears to hold nothing but uncertainty. However, there are positives to be found in every adverse situation and here are a few to remind us that 2020 has not been such a disaster:

- The pace of life in general has slowed down (especially during enforced lockdown and curfew restrictions) meaning reconnecting and spending more time with family, including our pets, and building on our relationships;
- Thanks to the wonders of modern-day technology, we were still able to conduct our quarterly branch meetings via Zoom;
- We are all practicing better hygiene which is good for the overall health of the population and in the prevention of the spread of zoonotic diseases; and
- Restrictions on travel have meant fewer vehicles on the road, fewer airplanes in the sky and as a result, pollution levels are dropping. That can only be good news for our planet and the animals and their habitats that we share it with!

In this topsy-turvy year, SPCA Namibia has certainly seen some positive changes and developments. In January, for the first time, our senior management visited and worked with four of our branches (and then the coronavirus came). It was a wonderful opportunity for our teams to meet face to face and work together up close. Training and support were shared in topics such as administration, proper documentation, shelter management and policies, basic dog training, how and what to look for in behavioral observations, and more.

In February, a new branch in Keetmanshoop was opened, headed by the very capable and experienced Angelique Dunn as its representative. SPCA Keetmanshoop joins as a sister to the other six branches located in Grootfontein, Luderitz, Oshana, Otjiwarongo, Tsumeb, Walvis Bay, and the headquarters in Windhoek. The importance of an SPCA branch in Keetmanshoop cannot be overemphasized. There is no pound or animal shelter in Keetmanshoop nor within hundreds of kilometres of this small town in the south of Namibia.

The old African proverb of “it takes a village to raise a child” indeed holds true for SPCA Namibia. Only through the work of our multiple branches and associated staff, volunteers, members and



other personnel can we provide care and shelter for abandoned and stray animals and improve animal welfare across our country. Perhaps now, more than ever, do the animals need us and we need the people who love them to keep them in their thoughts as we march on during times like these.

Dr. Annie Marggraff

SPCA Namibia-Windhoek Chairperson



*Image 1. On September 1, 2019, the SPCA Namibia-Windhoek turned 70 years and celebrated accordingly.*



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## ABOUT US

The SPCA Namibia was founded in 1949 with its headquarters in Windhoek. The SPCA Windhoek is the operational portion of SPCA Namibia. There are an additional six branches throughout Namibia, of various size and scope, located in Grootfontein, Keetmanshoop, Luderitz, Otjiwarongo, Tsumeb, and Walvis Bay. We are a charitable organization (WO6) which aims to protect and prevent cruelty to animals and to promote animal welfare in Namibia. Our organization aids animals in need through education, action, and provision of care.

The SPCA plays a pivotal role in rescuing and assisting animals that are neglected, abandoned, and abused all over Namibia. We provide a safe haven for animals that have nowhere else to go and medical care and behavioral rehabilitation for animals in need. Our team is passionate about finding loving homes for the pets in our care. Wild animals are transferred to wildlife rescue, rehabilitation, and release centers, and large animals are cared for through a dedicated foster network. The SPCA's numerous shelters can house anywhere from 30 to over 400 animals at any given time. We are primarily funded by donations from generous private individuals and corporate businesses.



*Image 2. A volunteer socializing puppies during a Shelter Open Day for the community at the SPCA in Windhoek.*

## VISION, MISSION, AND VALUES

Our vision is to end animal cruelty in Namibia and, through our actions and education, engender respect and compassion for all animals.

### MISSION

To prevent cruelty, alleviate suffering, and promote the welfare of all animals.

### VALUES

- Compassion
- Perseverance
- Respect
- Honesty
- Trust
- Loyalty



## MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

The Management Committee consists of a committed and professional team with experience and expertise in the following areas: veterinary medicine, accounting, animal welfare, administration, wildlife, event planning, education, and development.

- Chairperson: Dr. Annie Marggraff
- Vice-Chairperson: Saskia den Adel-Sheehama
- Treasurer: Cristel Villet
- Secretary: Rozine Maasdorp
- General Committee Members:
  - Charlotte Veldsman
  - Jaimee-Lee Diergaardt
  - Jo Tagg
  - Laura Alvarey
  - Nadine Russmann
  - Saskia den-Adel Sheehama



*Image 3. SPCA Management Committee and Management. Top left to right: Jo Tagg, Nadine Russmann, Jaimee-Lee Dieergardt, Charlotte Veldsman, Saskia den-Adel Sheehama, and Hanna Rhodin. Bottom left to right: Sylvia Breitenstein, Dr. Annie Marggraff, Rozine Maasdorp, and Laura Alvarey.*

without whose dedication none of this would be possible.

## BRANCHES AND THEIR REPRESENTATIVES

The SPCA Branch Representatives are a group of committed individuals passionate about animal welfare. Each branch elects one representative to report and communicate and collaborate with headquarters. Behind each branch representative is a supportive branch committee lending its services,

- Alta Scott, Grootfontein Branch
- Angelique Dunn, Keetmanshoop Branch (*became an official branch in February 2020*)
- Elize Swartz, Luderitz Branch
- Wilmarie Horn, Oshana Branch
- Willmarie Van Jarsveld, Otjiwarongo Branch
- Michelle Swarts, Tsumeb Branch
- Gavin Brasler, Walvis Bay Branch



## SENIOR MANAGEMENT

The senior management team, based at headquarters, collectively has over 40 years of animal welfare and animal sheltering expertise and over 55 years of animal care experience.

- Hanna Rhodin, National Director
- Sylvia Breitenstein, Director of Operations



*Image 4. A part of the SPCA working team at the SPCA Namibia-Windhoek headquarters.*

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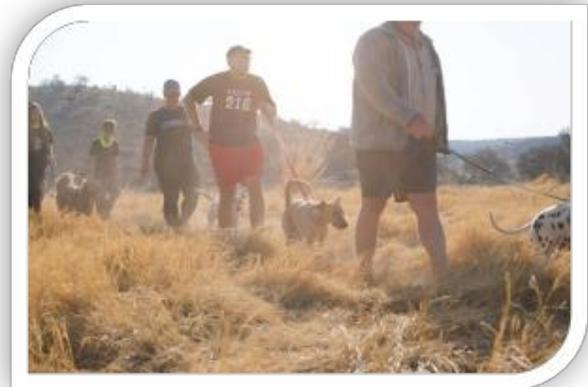
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## FISCAL YEAR

The Fiscal Year 2020 represented in this report runs from July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020.



*Image 5. Participants walking their dogs at SPCA Windhoek's first 'Mutt Strutt' event.*



## ANNUAL ACTIVITIES

It has been another busy year for all of the SPCAs. Each SPCA provides the best care possible with its available resources. The structure, facilities, capacity, and financial and human resources of an SPCA influence its ability to support and be a refuge for the animals in its community.



*Image 6. A puppy who was given care at the SPCA in Windhoek before being matched with her new family.*

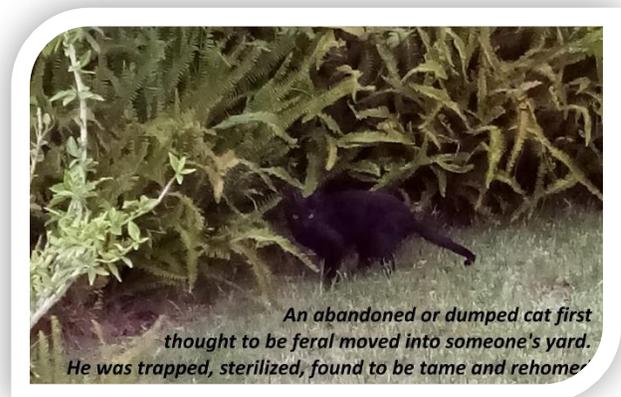
Currently, as at the end of the fiscal year, the SPCA has seven branches across the country:

- SPCA Grootfontein
- SPCA Keetmanshoop
- SPCA Luderitz
- SPCA Oshana
- SPCA Otjiwarongo
- SPCA Tsumeb
- SPCA Walvis Bay

The SPCA Windhoek and its animal shelter are the operational part of SPCA Namibia headquarters.

### A NEW BRANCH

The addition of an SPCA Branch in Keetmanshoop has been critical. Their community has no animal shelter or impound facilities and there are many dogs roaming the streets. Not all are stray, but many are neglected and wander the town during the day in search of food and potential mates. Others roam at night, causing disturbances with other dogs. Boxes of kittens and puppies are regularly dumped on the side of the road because there is no shelter to take them to. Stray horses and donkeys are also a problem.



*Image 7. A stray cat which was successfully rehomed in Keetmanshoop.*

After careful consideration and several discussions with headquarters, the SPCA



Keetmanshoop was established to rescue and reduce the number of stray and abandoned animals, to deal with reports of animal cruelty and to educate the public on the humane treatment of all animals.

## FINANCIAL REPORT

This year, four of the branches made a profit in the current financial year, with two recording a loss. Several of the branches have communicated that securing funding continues to be a struggle made even more difficult by the pandemic.

In 2020, the SPCA Namibia was awarded a 12-month grant to help cover overhead and administrative expenses.

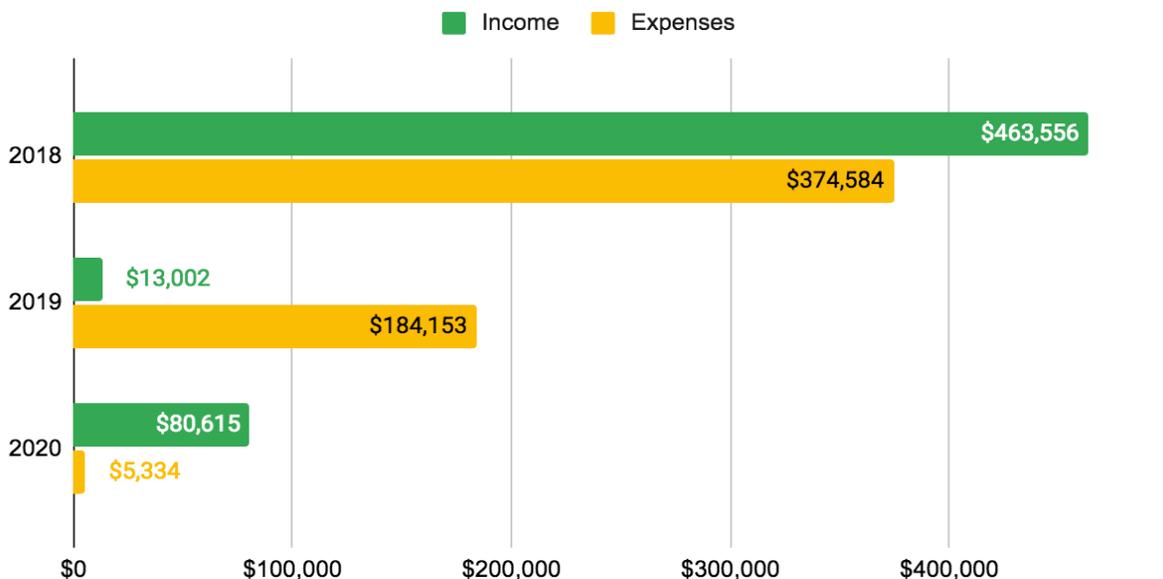
Expenses decreased due to reduced salaries and this resulted in a net profit of N\$ 75,281 compared to a net loss N\$ 171,151 in 2019.

Keetmanshoop became a branch in February 2020 but did not have any activity or record income or expenses for the four months prior to year-end.

The biggest category of income for all the branches is donations, events, and fundraising. Adoptions and boarding fees are also a significant source of income for Otjiwarongo and Walvis Bay.

In the current year, there has been an increase in adoptions and boarding fees in Oshana and Tsumeb. In Windhoek, the team

### SPCA Namibia - Income and Expenses - FY18, FY19, and FY20



Graph 1. Income and expenses for SPCA Namibia during FY18, FY19, and FY20.



has seen a steady trend of shorter boarding bookings, though revenue is still positive.

A large portion of branch funds was spent on pet food, salaries and wages, and veterinary expenses (treatment and medicine).

Much like SPCA Windhoek, the branches were required to spend considerable amounts of money on building repairs and maintenance and motor vehicle expenses (repairs and fuel).

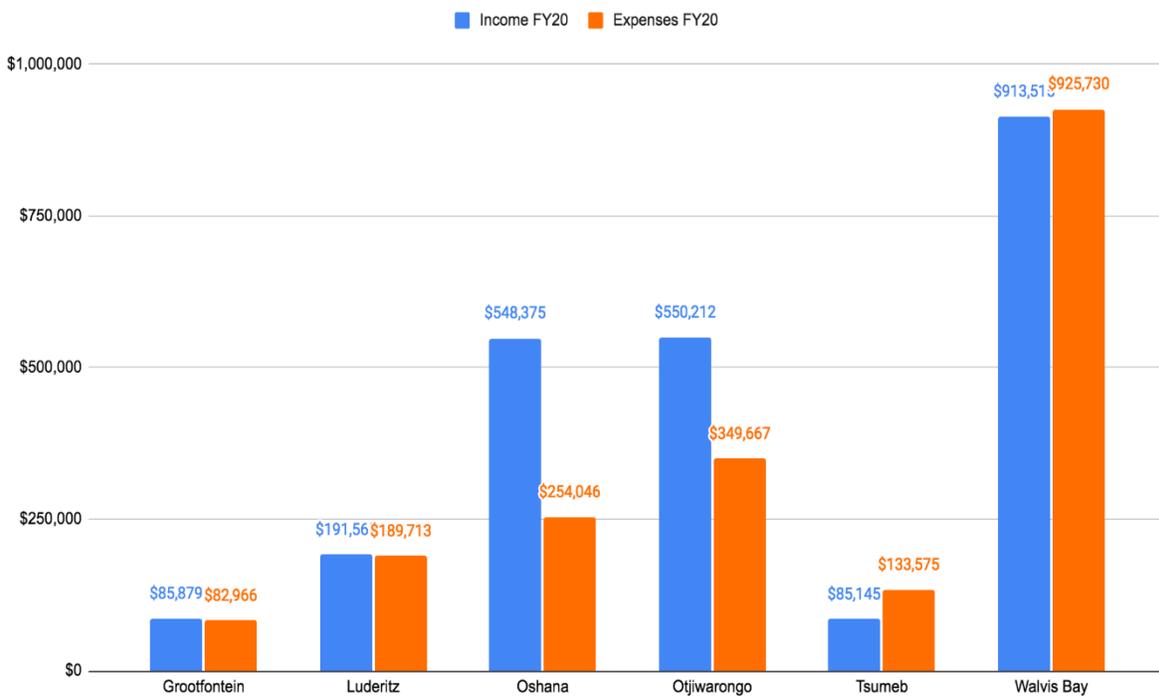
The SPCA Windhoek has seen a continued increase in adoptions this financial year due to our staff working tirelessly to promote them.

Furthermore, there has been a significant increase in members following a membership drive in January.

While adoptions are up and the number of animals taken in by the SPCA is comparable to last year, the cost per animal has increased as the price of food, medical care, cleaning products and other essentials have all gone up.

To varying degrees, the SPCAs have reported difficulties in fundraising and a decrease in sponsorships and donations

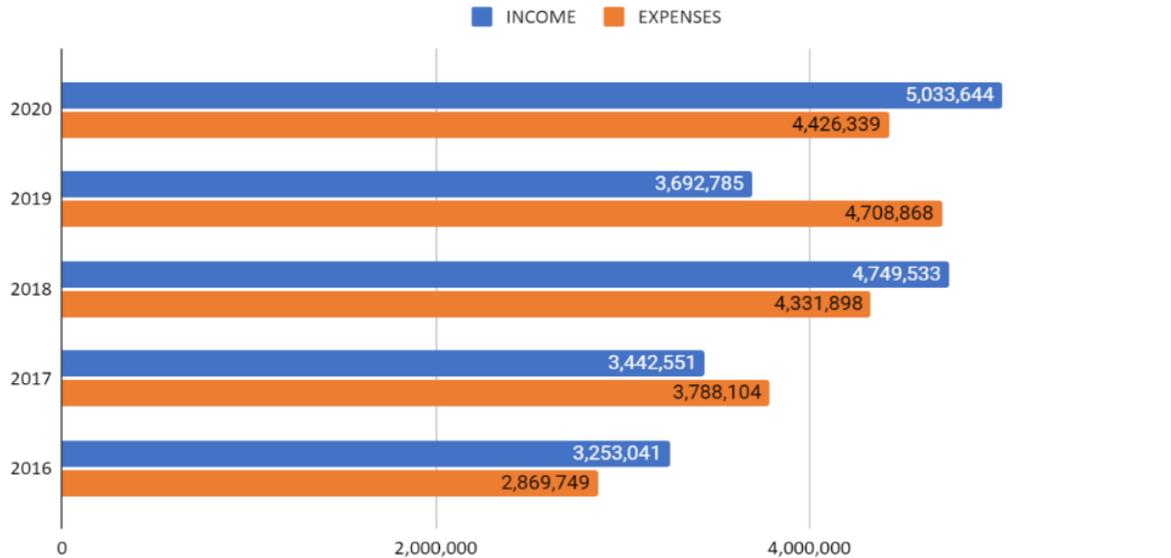
Branch Income and Expenses FY20



Graph 2. Branch income and expenses.

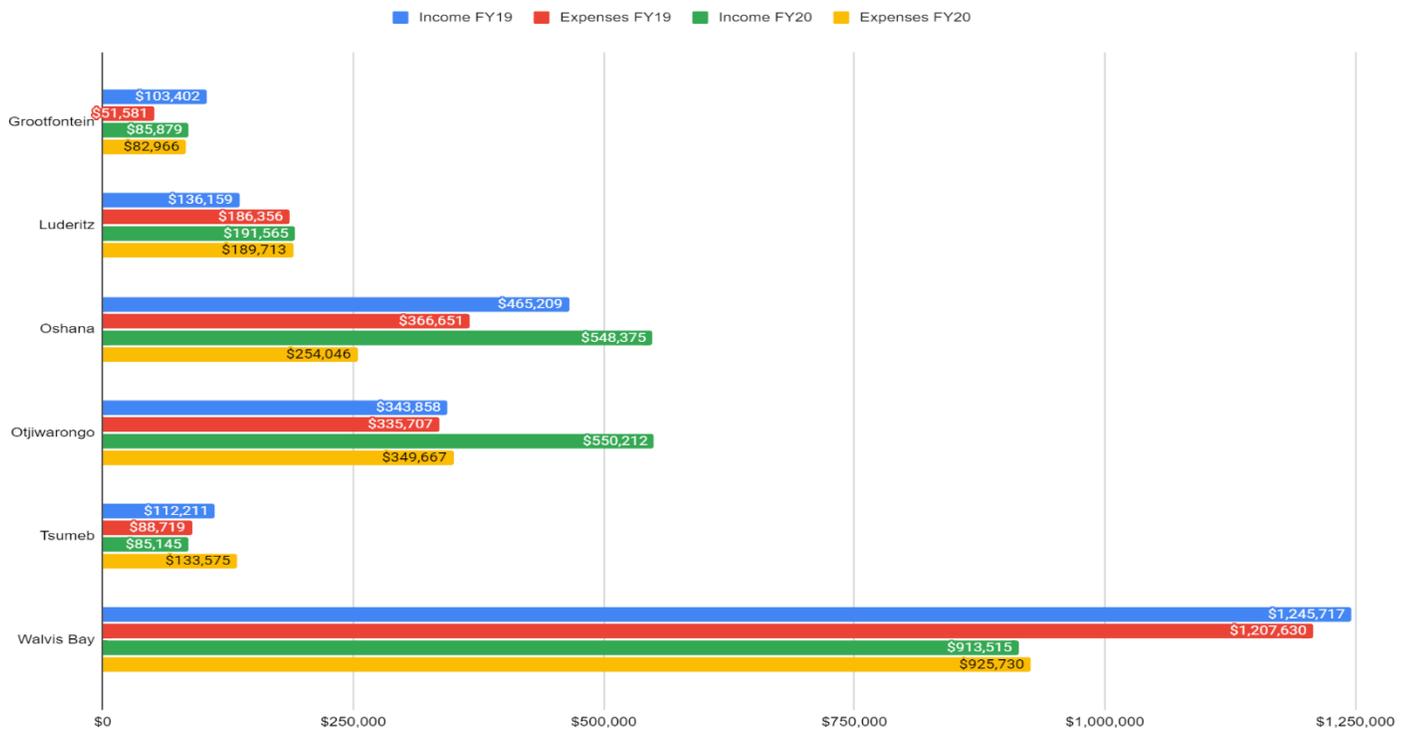


### SPCA Windhoek Income and Expense Comparison



Graph 3. A comparison of SPCA Windhoek income and expenses over the last five years.

### Branches - Income and Expenses - FY19 and FY20



Graph 4. A comparison of branch income and expenses between FY19 and FY20.

since the pandemic and initial lockdown went into effect in March 2020. This unfortunate trend will likely linger into the new fiscal year.

For a more detailed breakdown of income and expenditure, each SPCA has prepared an Annual Financial Statement for fiscal year 2020.

## ANIMAL ACTIVITIES

The mandate of the SPCA is to prevent cruelty to animals. As such, one of our core functions is to provide shelter to animals in need. Whilst the SPCAs work with and respond to calls about many animals ranging from birds and wildlife to livestock and equines, we primarily receive cats, dogs, and other species kept as pets.

The year 2019/2020 has been another busy year for all the SPCAs. This portion of the report will outline the numbers of animals that the SPCAs have taken in throughout the period.

This past year, the SPCAs kept records of animals other than cats and dogs in order to create a more accurate and detailed picture of our work. The 'Others' category includes animals such as rabbits, rats, hamsters, cattle, donkeys, horses, birds, and wildlife. For the purposes of this report, they have been grouped into a single category.



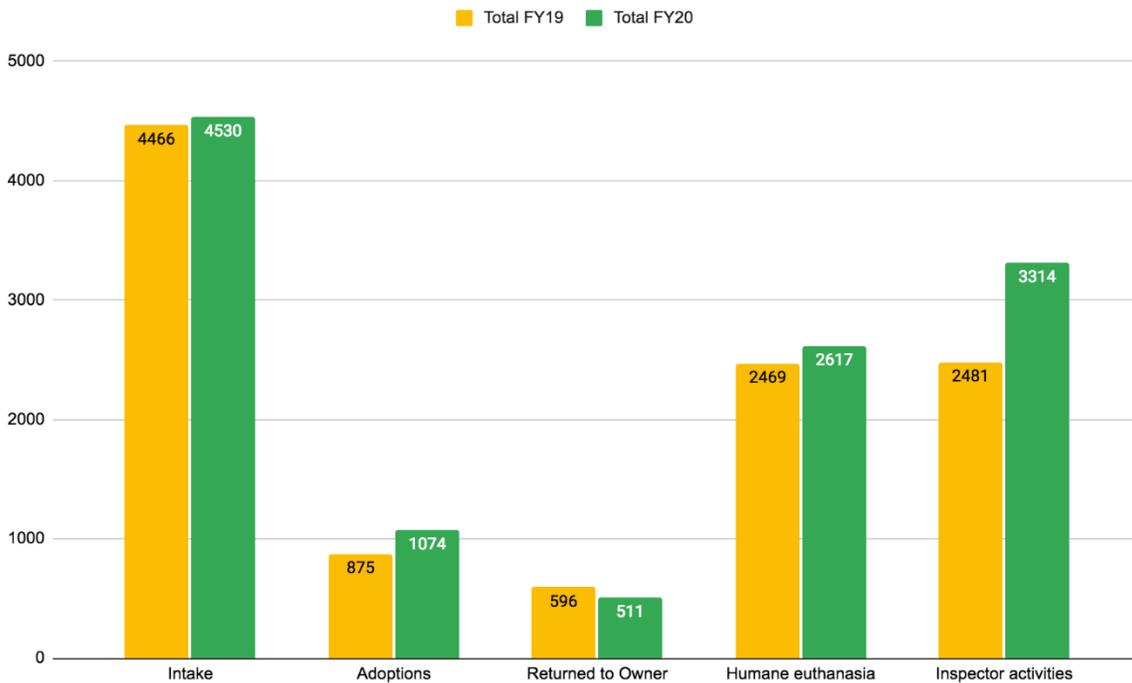
*Image 8. A neonatal kitten saved and given care by the SPCA team in Oshana.*

Some SPCAs are contracted by their municipality as the Municipal Impound. Agreements between the SPCAs and their local governments dictate which species they take in and payment structures for the services provided.

## ANIMAL INTAKE

Fiscal Year 2020 was a busy one, during which the SPCAs took in a total of 4,386 animals. There was a minimal decrease in overall intake, with -1.8% fewer animals rescued compared to the previous FY (where branches reported numbers for each year). For clarification, some of the SPCAs are

Comparison of total animal activities across Namibia between FY19 and FY20



Graph 5. A comparison of animal activities over FY19 and FY20.

‘open-admission’ shelters and will take in any animal in need. Other SPCAs are ‘limited-

admission’ shelters, meaning that once full, they may only take in emergency cases until they have the capacity, space or the financial means to accept additional animals. These designations significantly impact the intake numbers of our various branches.

Of all cats and dogs taken in during the year, 41% were surrendered by their owners and 59% were taken in as strays. These figures are nearly the reverse of the

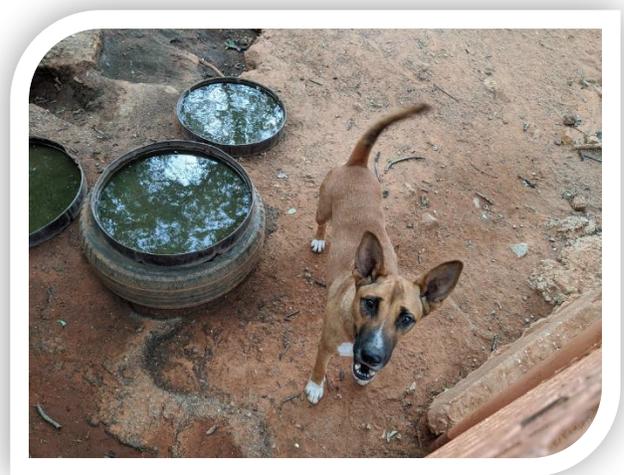


Image 9. A dog enjoying some garden time at the SPCA in Tsumeb.

previous year when 55% of animals were surrendered and 45% came in as strays. Any animal coming in without a signed surrender

form is processed as a stray, but the stray-hold policy of each SPCA varies depending on municipal bylaws and internal policy.

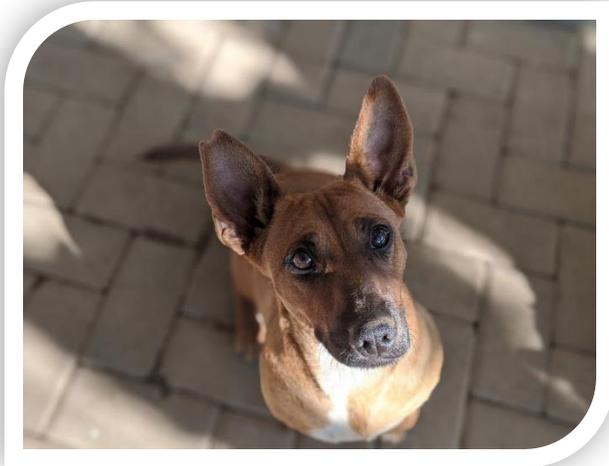


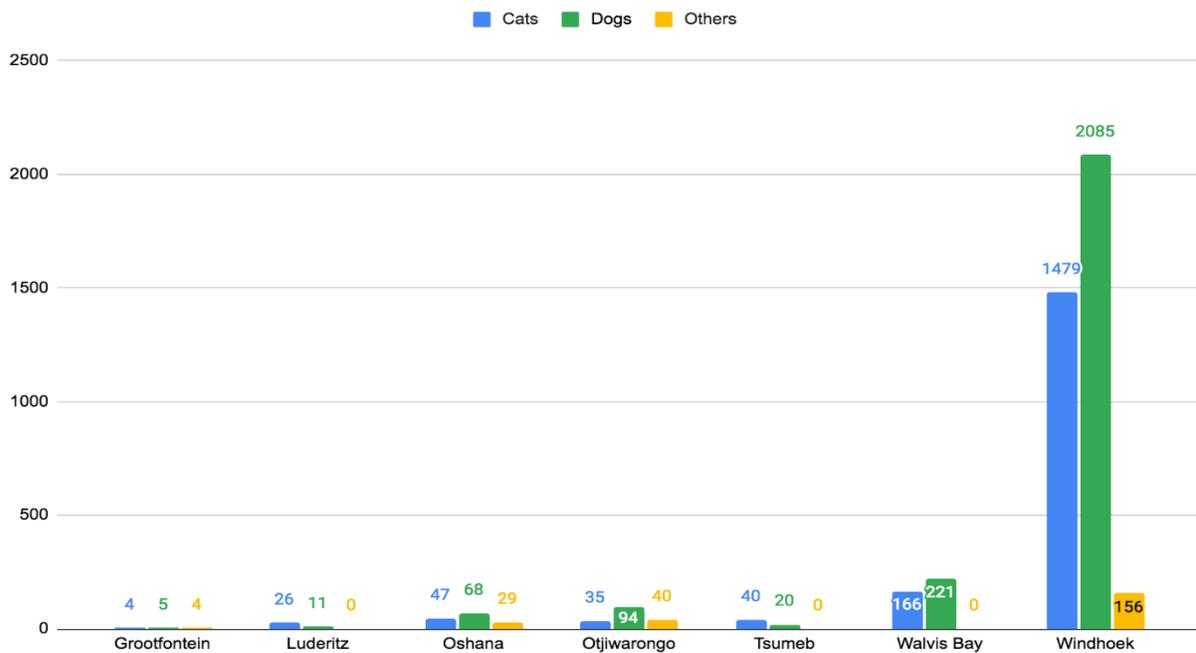
Image 10. A happy dog who found a refuge at the SPCA in Otjiwarongo and then waiting for her match with a loving family.

High numbers of strays continue to be a major concern for the SPCA in Otjiwarongo and in the nearby town of Omaruru, which it also serves. Strays also constitute the overwhelming majority of animal intake in Oshana with a total of 97% of animals taken in as stray.

### ADOPTION

Adoption rates vary amongst the various SPCAs, and many factors are considered when evaluating adoption successes. In this FY, all but two branches have had an increase in adoptions, with Otjiwarongo and

Animal Intake, total: 4,530



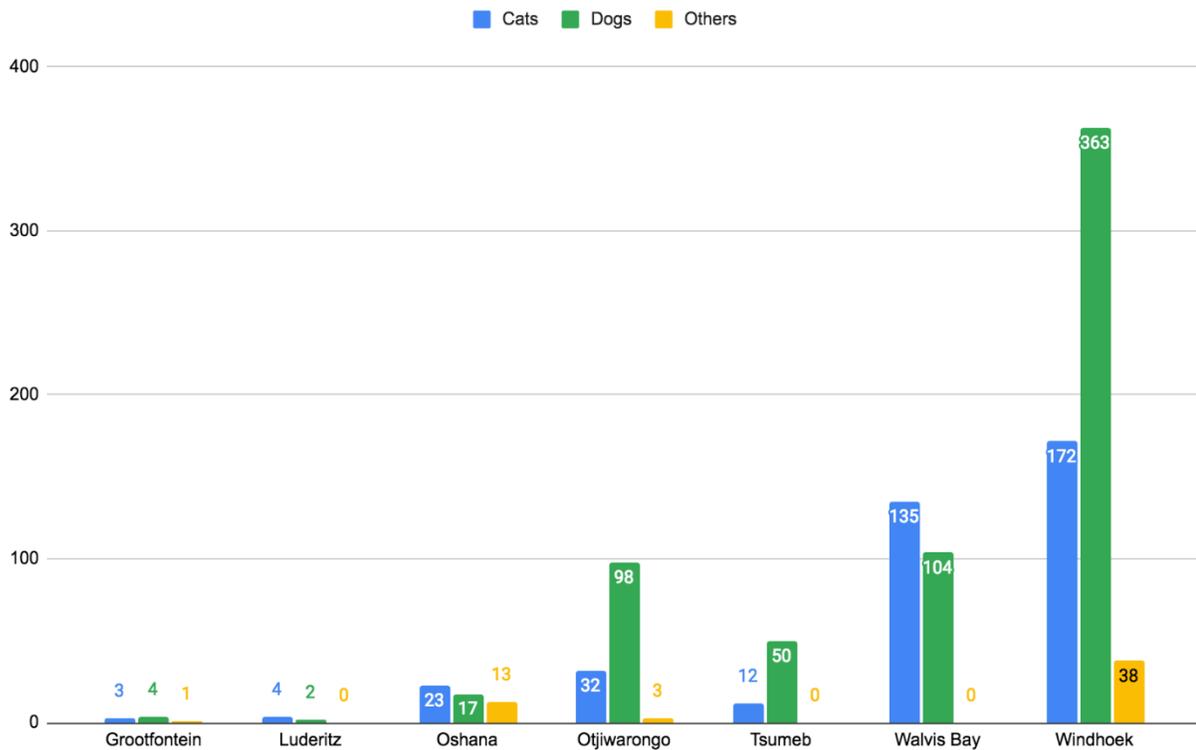
Graph 6. Animals taken in by the SPCAs.

Tsumeb reporting marked increases in adoptions compared to the previous FY. There was a 105% adoption rate increase in Otjiwarongo and a 181% increase in Tsumeb. The Walvis Bay branch creates frequent and informative adoption ads geared toward rehoming animals, and they have rehomed a large percentage based on their intake. The SPCA in Windhoek has increased their adoption rate by 30% over the last two years, having invested considerable effort in various adoption campaigns and specials.



Image 11. A happy dog going home with his new family in Windhoek.

Adopted Animals, total: 1,074



Graph 7. The number of animals adopted across Namibia.



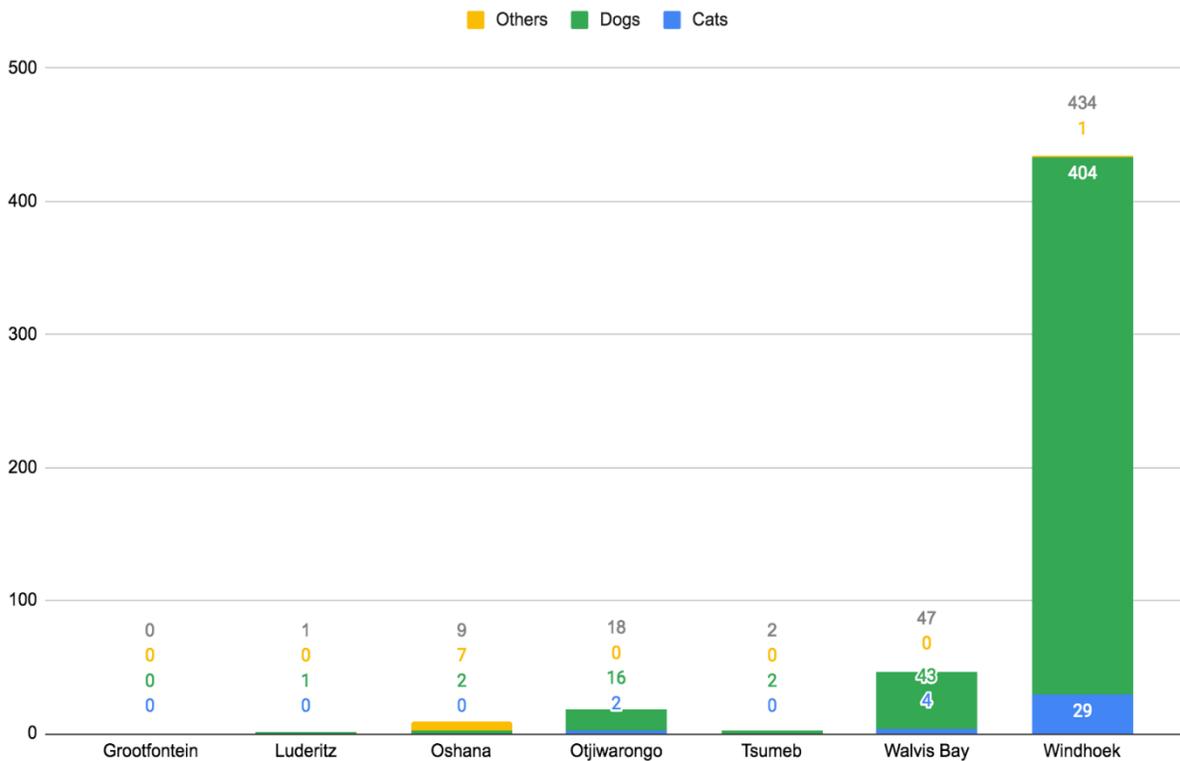
Collectively, the SPCAs have seen a 23% increase in adoption rates this fiscal year as a result of the dedication of their teams. Our hope is that adoption is becoming the mainstream choice for families seeking a pet.

### RETURNED TO OWNER

The Returned To Owner (RTO) category - animals successfully reunited with their owners - is heavily dependent on the admission model of each particular SPCA. An open-admission shelter will have a

significantly higher RTO rate than a limited-admission shelter. This is the first year that all branches are reporting RTOs. Collectively, a total of 511 animals were reunited with their owners, of which 434 of those lost animals were RTOs in Windhoek. A decline in RTOs, by -14%, from the previous year, is a concerning trend and possibly due to the prolonged recession exacerbated by the pandemic. However, in Windhoek a total of 41% of dogs coming in as stray (i.e. without a known owner) were reunited with their owners. This is on par with recent years.

Returned to Owner Animals, total: 511



Graph 8. Number of animals returned to owner.



## HUMANE EUTHANASIA

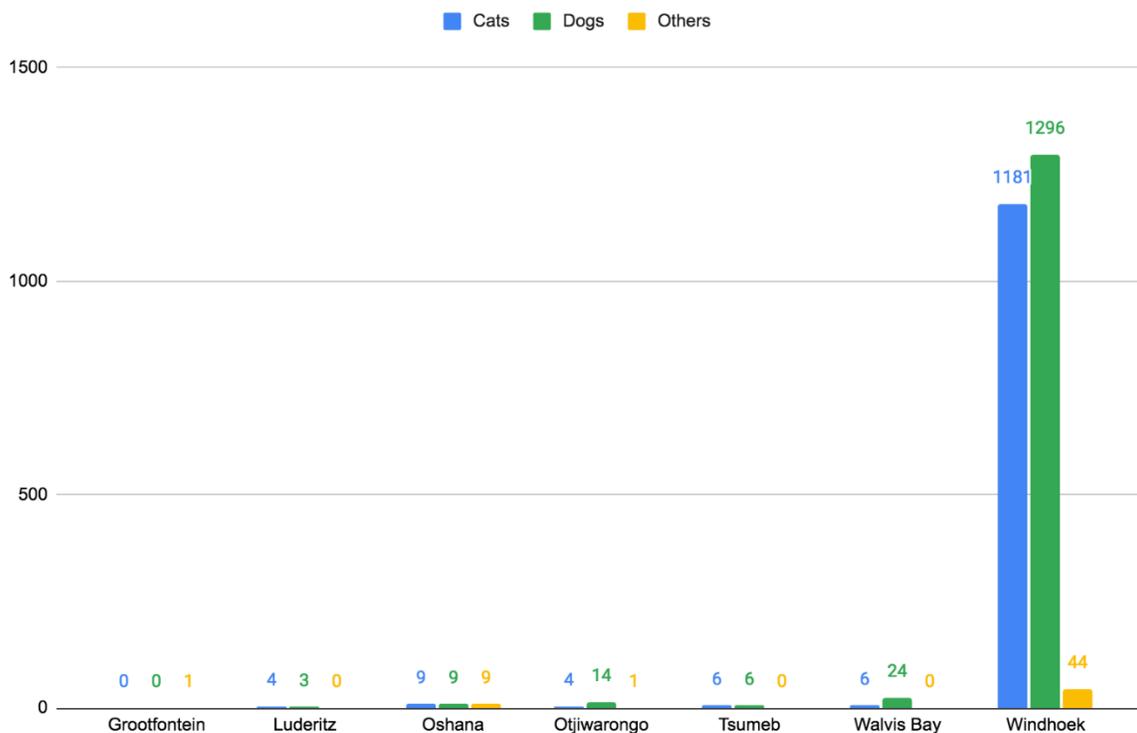
Humane euthanasia decisions are never taken lightly but are considered a management tool in an open-admission shelter. The SPCAs humanely euthanize animals based on medical and behavioral assessments. With limited funding, resources, space, and too few adoptions, difficult decisions must be made. We aim to alleviate the suffering of sick or injured animals, and strive to keep confirmed aggressive animals from being released to the public. The SPCA makes every effort to keep euthanasia rates as low as possible by returning as many animals as we can to their

homes or by rehoming them.

Unfortunately, this is not always possible. It is not uncommon for the SPCAs to take in severely ill surrenders or strays. These animals are often so sick by the time they reach us that euthanasia is the only humane option.

This rings true in Otjiwarongo, where a major concern is the high number of dogs with transmissible venereal tumors (TVT). Many of these cases are already at such an advanced stage that the SPCA is left with no choice but humane euthanasia. Similarly in Oshana, the team reports that many animals are so severely injured and/or diseased that

Euthanized Animals, total: 2,617



Graph 9. Number of animals euthanized.



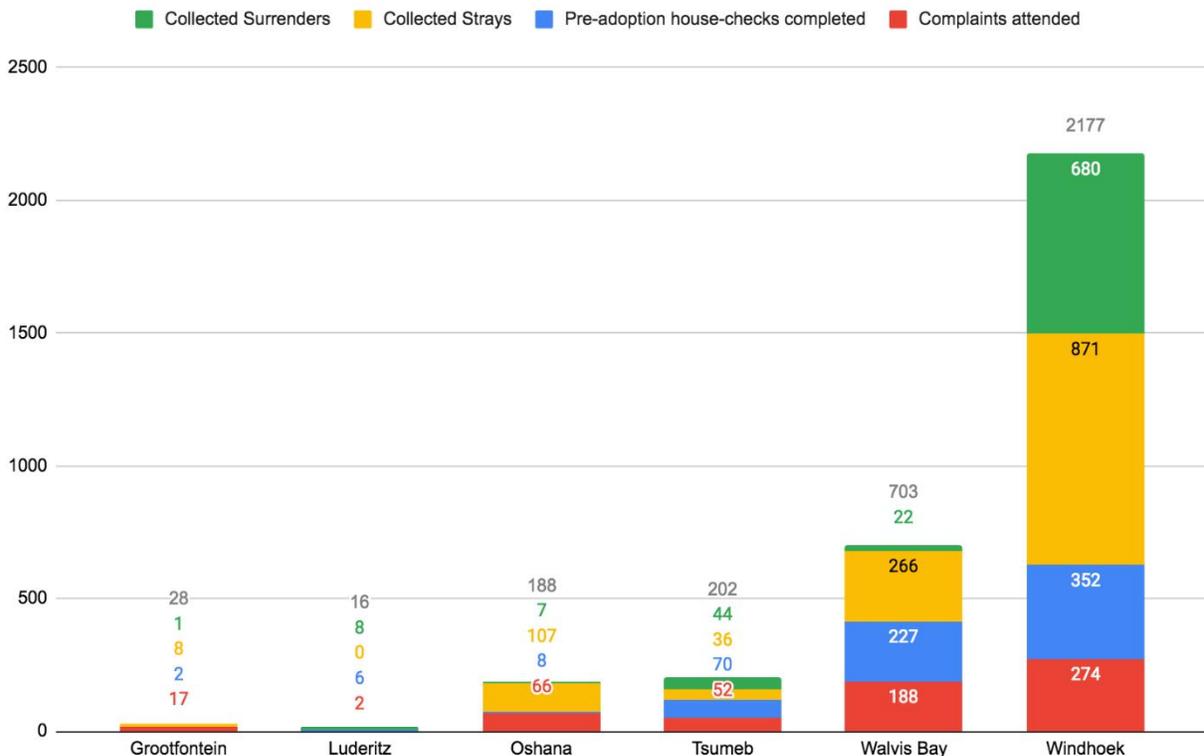
the state veterinarian frequently recommends humane euthanasia.

In Windhoek in particular, the annual number of intakes far exceeds adoptions. Our open admission policy means that no animal is turned to the streets or left to suffer. This policy also mitigates significant health risks by reducing animal overpopulation and preventing packs of stray dogs from forming (which would increase the presence of zoonotic diseases, create bite risks for members of the public and spread rabies). Namibia is considered a high-risk rabies country and thus it is crucial that no animal is left to the streets if it can be avoided.

## ANIMAL SERVICES

The SPCA in Windhoek has two full-time Animal Inspectors, and a third Animal Inspector performing other duties, certified by the Magistrate in the District of Windhoek. The two Inspectors work hard throughout the year responding to complaints, confiscating animals when needed, picking up stray and surrender animals, and taking animals to and from private veterinary clinics. Our three SPCA vehicles are constantly running and the many kilometers and their years have necessitated numerous repairs this year.

Inspector Activities, total: 3,314



Graph 10. Inspectorate activities.



Individuals at several of the branches have warrants under the Animal Protection Act of 1962 and they, along with the Windhoek Inspectors, and other representatives, work closely with the police to uphold the law. Offsite activities such as attending complaints, pre-adoption house checks, and picking up strays and surrenders amounted to a total of 3,314 actions, an increase of 40% from FY19 (in which there were 2,363 recorded actions).

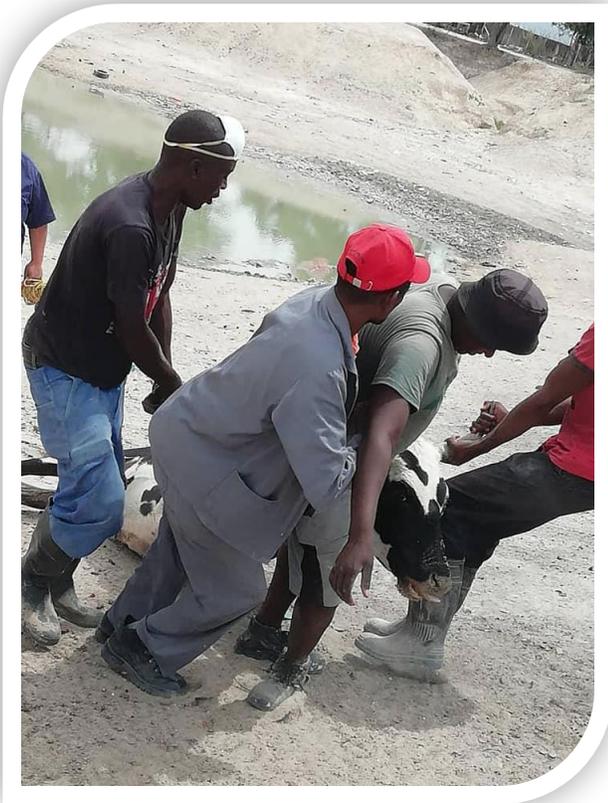


Image 12. The team in Oshana rescuing a cow that almost drowned.

The SPCA in Otjiwarongo has noted a slight increase in cases involving large farm

animals (e.g., cattle and horses).

Most of these cases have a clear connection to overloading due to lack of education. Our team, with support from the local municipality, is skilled at handling such cases and educating owners. With the help of the State Veterinarian in Omaruru, the SPCA in Otjiwarongo has also been able to assist private individuals from low- and no-income communities in treating or sterilizing their animals. The SPCA charges a fee to cover expenses, but has been able to increase the number of animals sterilized and treated for TVT while also educating private individuals on the importance of sterilization, deworming, vaccination, etc.

### 'At A Glance'

#### SPCA Inspectors' Accomplishments

- Collected a total of 3,240 animals
  - 1,288 strays
  - 762 surrender
- Attended **599\*** complaints with follow-ups
- Completed **665** pre-adoption house checks

Figure 1. Brief overview of the SPCA Inspectors' undertakings in FY19. \* Of the total, 66 are approximate complaints attended to by SPCA Oshana.



## ANIMAL HEALTH

All of the SPCAs receive animals in need of medical help and we are committed to providing veterinary care.

Toward the end of 2018, the SPCA Windhoek team identified two objectives for our Animal Health department: to improve the overall health of the animals in our care, and to decrease veterinary expenses. An extensive cost analysis was completed where the findings made it clear – the SPCA would be able to save funds by employing our own veterinarian.



*Image 13. A goat and her mother after urgent medical care was provided by the SPCA in Windhoek.*

In June 2019, Dr. Sulet Gous, the SPCA's new veterinarian, was warmly welcomed to the team. Dr. Gous came with experience working as a State Veterinarian in SA, private

clinic experience in Namibia, and a passion for animal welfare. The SPCA veterinarian has the formidable task of ensuring the health of over 350 animals at any given time and examining the near 3,800 animals coming in each year. As such, she only treats patients under the care of the SPCA.

Throughout this fiscal year, we aimed to finalize the registration of the SPCA Windhoek Veterinary Welfare Clinic, preparing the clinic for operation, and ensuring accounts were opened with the relevant suppliers. Dr. Gous worked resolutely to complete these tasks. The SPCA clinic was provisionally registered in July 2019, and immediately up and running. The clinic was inspected by the Namibian Veterinary Council in September 2019. We are awaiting final inspection but can function as a fully registered clinic in the meantime.

Through a grant proposal, the SPCA was awarded an international grant to purchase veterinary cages. This has allowed us to better monitor animals in need and has created a recovery space for animals after surgery. The grant also enabled the SPCA to purchase additional spay kits. As a result, our veterinarian can perform more surgeries per day.

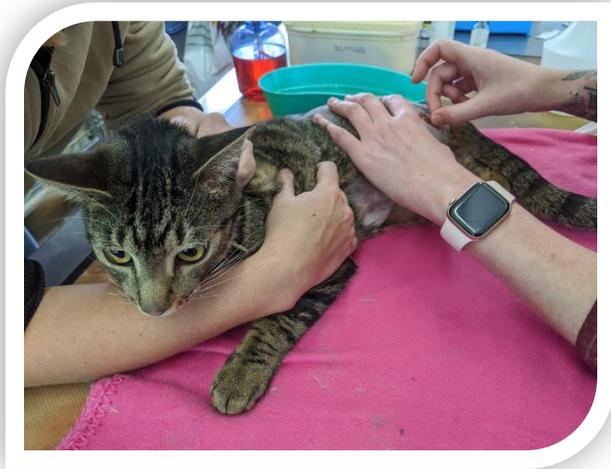
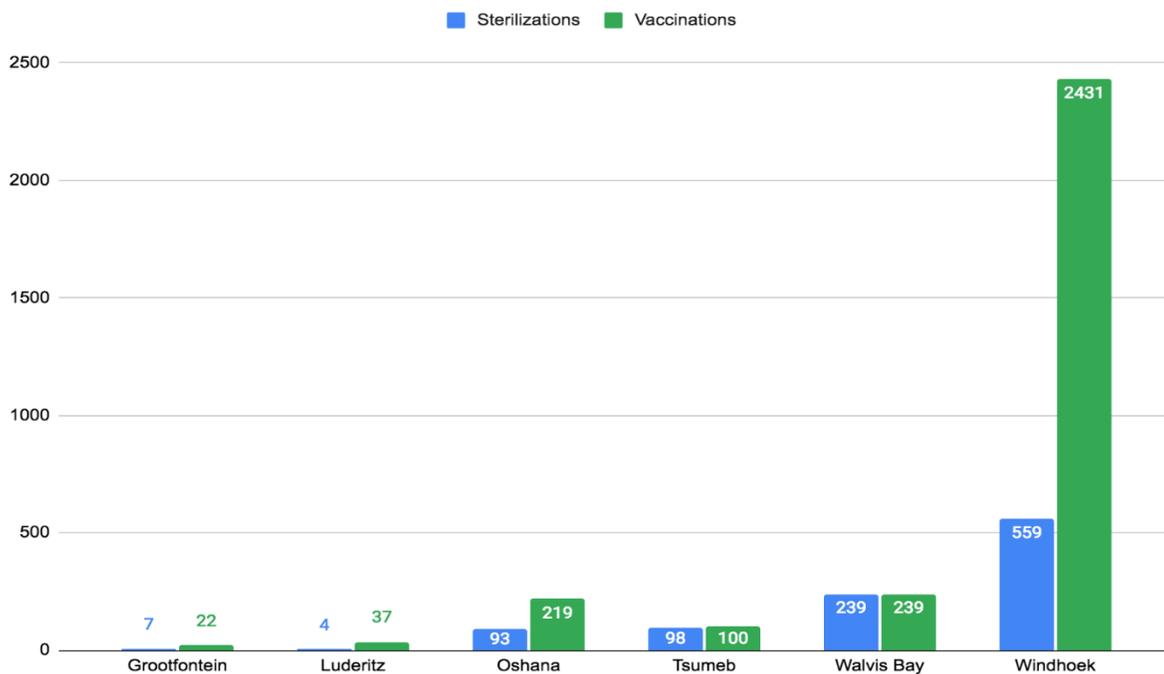


Image 14. A cat whose leg was broken needed amputation. Our veterinarian treated the cat and the cat stayed in the veterinary cages in the clinic for closer monitoring.

The SPCA has been working closely with the UNAM School of Veterinary Medicine, which occasionally sends students to gain experience in animal handling at the SPCA. Under the guidance of their professors, UNAM students also perform many spays and neuters free of charge, and take on cases requiring x-rays or more thorough medical workups.

Due to the scope of Windhoek's operations, it was viable to hire our own veterinarian. Our smaller branches however, do not see as many animals on a yearly basis nor do they have as many animals in their care at any

Veterinary procedures, total: 4,048



Graph 11. Medical procedures, sterilizations and vaccinations completed by a veterinarian on the SPCA animals across Namibia.



one given time. As such, employing their own veterinarian is currently not financially sustainable. They make use of private veterinary practices or the state veterinarian depending upon where they operate.

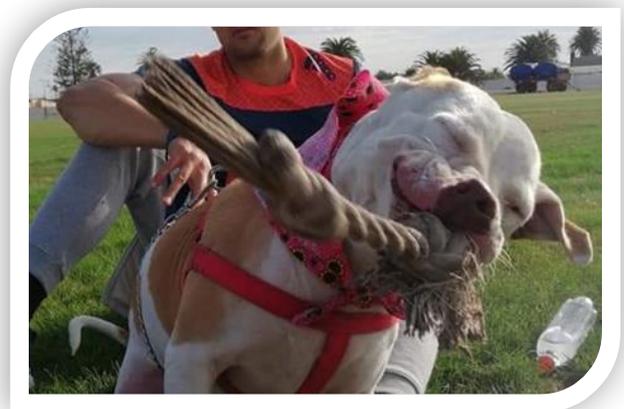
## OTHER ACTIVITIES

The SPCAs are largely consumed with daily operational and emergency activities, often with limited manpower or funds left over for other programs or new initiatives. The animals in our care often dictate our day-to-day activities, which include: medicating and

feeding, cleaning, surgeries, emergency response, investigating complaints, collaborating with other organizations, responding to phone calls, emails and Facebook messages, planning events, campaigns, and fundraisers, the many administrative tasks required to run an organization, and much more. However, our headquarters and its branches value operational and program development and improvement. We strive to constantly progress through training, keeping up with best practices, and supporting each other.



*Image 15. A fun new initiative at the SPCA in Windhoek aimed at building excitement around pet adoption and finding loving homes for as many pets as possible.*



*Image 16. A happy-as-can-be dog adopted from the SPCA in Walvis Bay.*

## BRANCH VISITS AND WORK

For the first time ever, senior management at SPCA Namibia-Windhoek visited all but two branches in January 2020. Visits were carried out over two to two and a half days at each branch. Our National Director, Hanna Rhodin, visited the Otjiwarongo, Tsumeb, and Grootfontein branches. Our Director of



Operations, Sylvia Breitenstein, visited the Luderitz branch. Ahead of the visits, a schedule was prepared based on the needs and requests of each branch to ensure a productive collaborative experience. A range of topics was discussed, including: basic physical examinations, dog handling, training and shelter management and best practices, considerations when responding to animal cruelty complaints, administrative forms, documents and procedures. Not only were the branch visits an opportunity for training, guidance, and exchange of ideas, but they were also a chance for the teams to meet face-to-face for the first time.

connect, discuss, and keep up with one another. Furthermore, headquarters is available to assist the branches as needed throughout any given week.

#### A TIME LIKE NO OTHER

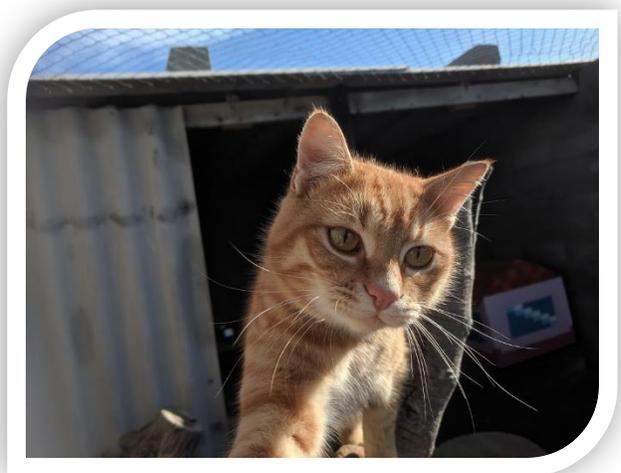
In March 2020, Namibia officially went under lockdown due to COVID-19 and the global pandemic. Public gatherings were restricted and curfews enforced. This affected everyone from businesses to private individuals, and the SPCA was not spared. Specific measures were taken at each SPCA to ensure compliance with government regulations in order to keep our staff, volunteers, and members of the public safe. Each branch had different restrictions depending on their individual situation and regional regulations. Some reported an increase in surrenders and a decrease in donations and sponsorships, whilst others felt the effect of the pandemic less.



*Image 17. A basic dog handling and training session held at the SPCA Grootfontein during a branch visit.*

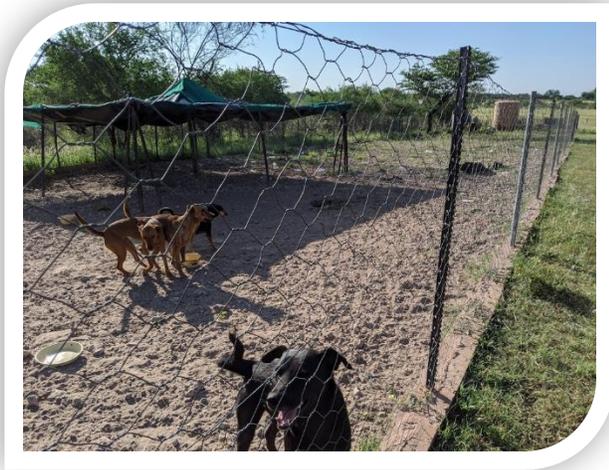
Unfortunately, a plan to visit Walvis Bay branch had to be delayed due to the pandemic.

The headquarters and branches meet virtually every three to four months to



*Image 18. A cat entertained by a visitor during a SPCA Luderitz branch visit.*

Initially, no one knew how the world would be affected. Yet at the end of the fiscal year and in the succeeding months, SPCA team members have braced ourselves for the continued effects of COVID-19 and its economic impact.



*Image 19. The SPCA in Grootfontein cancelled the remaining events for FY20 following the global pandemic.*

## HUMANE EDUCATION

The SPCA believes that the youth of today are the guardians of animals in the future. During a normal year, the SPCAs visit schools and invite children to tour our campuses to learn about compassion toward animals and responsible pet ownership. Unfortunately, the SPCA in Windhoek suffered two significant negative impacts in FY20: our volunteer Educational Coordinator was no longer able to volunteer her services, and the lockdowns and closing of schools in March due to COVID-19 made school and

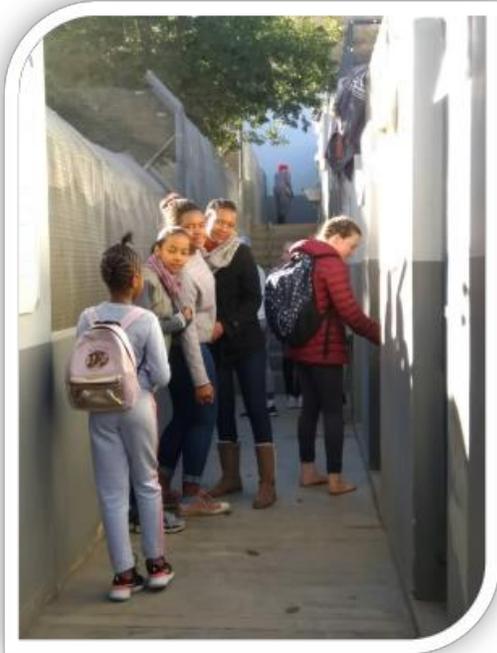
shelter visits impossible. The latter impacted all branches' ability to carry out school visits and host shelter tours. Notably, Grootfontein branch team members have seen a need for humane education in their community and are creating a presentation for local children.

The SPCAs are making significant efforts to expand our Humane Education Programs to be able to reach many more schools and children, and to encourage responsible pet ownership in adults. In January 2020, the SPCA in Windhoek was awarded a grant by SPANA to create a holistic humane education booklet for children, a poster illustrating the proper care of working animals (namely donkeys), and a curriculum to use in educational outreach for 2,000 children in underserved communities. Due to COVID-19, some of the activities have been



*Image 20. A humane education session initiated by the SPCA in Oshana.*

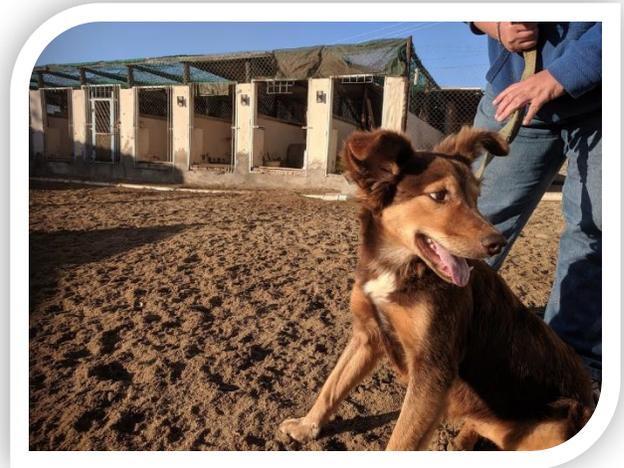
delayed until it is safe for the SPCA to meet with children in person. The booklet, posters, and curriculum will be made available to all the branches.



*Image 21. A shelter tour after a humane education session at the SPCA in Windhoek.*

## BUILDING AND MAINTENANCE

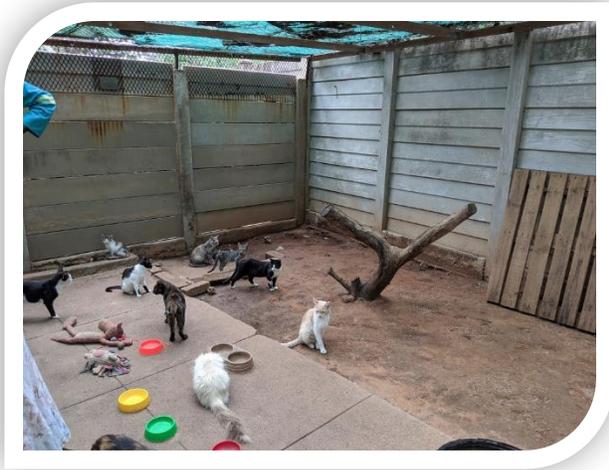
Currently, all branches but Grootfontein and Keetmanshoop have an official animal shelter and/or a municipal property from which they can operate. This has hindered the growth of the Grootfontein branch. Keetmanshoop is such a new branch that they are only in the early stages of formalizing their work.



*Image 22. A dog during a basic training session at the SPCA in Luderitz. In the background are our old kennels in dire need of renovations.*

All existing SPCAs with animal shelters have old facilities, often requiring constant maintenance and in dire need of renovations. The Walvis Bay branch has recently undertaken major facility renovations and maintenance, which has greatly improved the housing of animals and made their SPCA more inviting. Additionally, they built drop boxes in which animals can be left after hours, keeping them safely off the street.

In January 2020, SPCA Tsumeb was hit by a storm that blew a big tree over onto the office - the community helped clear the debris. When the premises later flooded after a rainstorm, the community again came to the aid of the SPCA and our animals by digging trenches. The branch has been exploring ways to upgrade their cattery to better mitigate the spread of disease.



*Image 23. The one cattery at the SPCA in Tsumeb in need of renovations.*

With the huge amount of rain in Otjiwarongo during the rainy season, the kennels flooded and the need for a drainage system for excess rainwater became evident. The issue has since been resolved. The team has laid interlocks to improve their walkways and is in the process of upgrading their quarantine facilities and cattery.

In Oshana, the SPCA has purchased land to build an animal shelter. The customary land rights are now ready for registration.



*Image 24. The Walvis Bay team in front of their new 'Klappe' (drop box).*

## VEHICLES

Several of the SPCA branches have official vehicles, either their own or generously sponsored, albeit some in great need of repair and/or replacement. Others, such as Grootfontein, Luderitz, Oshana, and Tsumeb utilize private vehicles. All four branches need company vehicles.



*Image 25. The SPCA sponsored vehicle helping the team assist with animal matters in Otjiwarongo.*



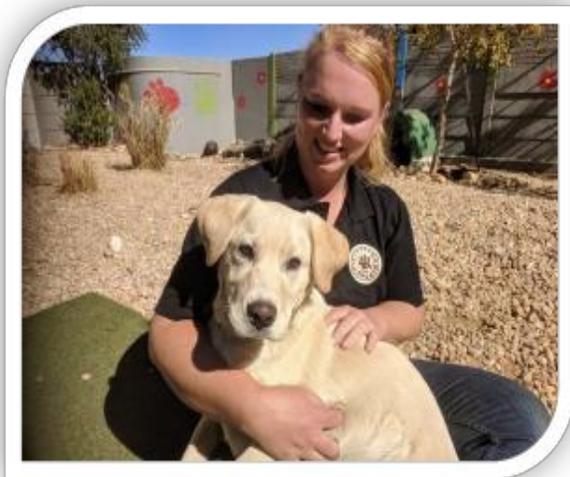
*Image 26. A bat being helped at the SPCA in Windhoek.*



## TO OUR SUPPORTERS

Anyone who adopts, volunteers, donates, educates or joins the SPCA as a member, whether private individual or corporate business, contributes to the life of our organization, and our ability to speak for the voiceless and provide refuge for lost or homeless animals.

You make the SPCA tick and you make our mission possible. Your actions save lives, and you are heroes for the animals. Thank you.



*Image 27. A SPCA Adoptions & Community Associate in Windhoek socializing little Gummy who came in with a broken leg after an abuse case. He was saved thanks to Dixie's Fund and your belief in his worth. His story is just one of many animals' stories across Namibia.*

### Disclaimers:

- The SPCA Tsumeb Branch animal figures and activities were only recorded from October 2019 onwards due to a change in Committee in September 2019.
- The SPCA Otjiwarongo Branch did not record Inspector activities nor vet procedures for the fiscal year represented in this report.

### Report Resources:

- SPCA Namibia – Grootfontein Branch - Annual Report of Activities FY20
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