

Zambezi Animal Welfare Services (ZAWS) is a non-governmental organization that was established in 2014 by a group of friends who loved animals. Their aim was to improve the health and welfare of domestic animals – mostly dogs and cats. They noticed a need for education and awareness regarding the needs and care of animals as well as a lack of care due to poverty.

ZAWS hopes to inspire people to own a dog or cat as a friendly pet and to love and care for them. There is no other domestic animal welfare organization in the Southern or Western Provinces of Zambia, so everything ZAWS does makes a significant difference.

ZAWS has carried out a number of activities/programmes with the support of the community and local government. ZAWS relies solely on the generosity of donors to provide food, bedding and materials for their shelter, and funds for their constant vet bills and development of their new shelter in Linda.

## WHAT THEY DO

There have four programmes of work:

- **Rescue, rehabilitation & rehoming** – dogs and cats that are abandoned, abused or neglected are taken into the shelter, brought back to health and new homes are found.
- **Community outreaches** – where vet services are not available or affordable. This is mostly for vaccination (rabies) and parasite control, which is also important for human health
- **Education** – they visit schools and community groups to raise awareness and educate on animal care and animal rights.
- **Population control through spaying & neutering.**



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- Around 3,000 dogs have attended their outreach programmes for vaccinations and treatments, as well as cats, goats, rabbits, donkeys and a few cows.
- ZAWS has visited 12 schools for education programmes, reaching 2,100 children.
- They spay/neuter around 10 animals a month, which helps control breeding.



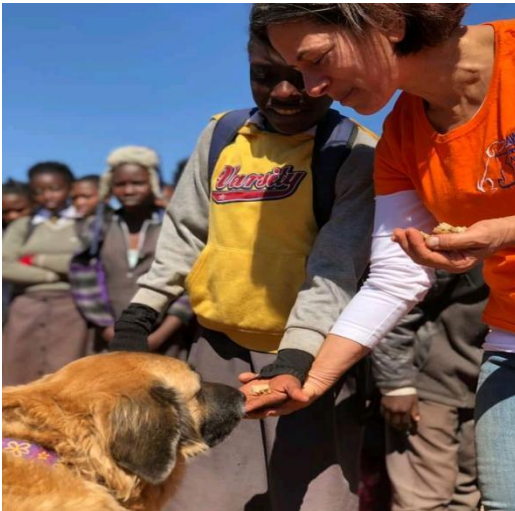
## PROGRAMME ACTIVITIES

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## SUPPORT NEEDED

- Dog and cat food
- Beddings
- Building materials for their shelter
- Funds to cover their constant vet bills
- Adoption of a dog or cat from their shelter



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