



Newsletter 2025

Dear Friend / Supporter

We hope our Newsletter finds you well, and that reading our latest news will make you feel proud of all the good things achieved by the rescue groups that we have been able to help thanks to your support.

We are always looking forward to hearing from you, so please don't hesitate to contact us for any feedback you would like to give on our work.

Chairman's update

As the years go by, it is easy to become focussed on the operational side of the charity, as the core work of helping animals have a better life is why we all became involved, either as trustees or supporters in the first place.



Nigel visiting a cat colony in Lanzarote.

Every now and then, it is good to go back to read the objective of the charity and make sure we are still on track, especially given all the recent difficulties mentioned in previous reports about how best to achieve that single objective on the ground and across the world.

So let me set out the actual wording that underpins SNIP International as a charity: -

The charity's object is to relieve the suffering and distress of stray and feral animals in communities outside the United Kingdom, particularly through the sterilisation of such animals.

Our single object is clear.

I hope when you read through our newsletter, you will see that we are still very much on track. The volume and variation of work being undertaken because of the donations of high-quality equipment from **your** charity enables swift, humane trapping and handling of stray and feral animals so that they can be treated, sterilised and returned to live a better, healthier life in their community.

This is all made possible by our small but dedicated team of volunteer trustees, who together with our small and generous group of supporters make great things happen.

We have highlighted just a few of these in the following pages from Nepal, Ireland, Bulgaria, Kenya, South Africa, and of course ongoing work in Ukraine. And we also have a further update from Sri Lanka.

Thank you to all!

And finally, we have more plans to share as we keep evolving to maintain and increase the work of SNIP International.

Best wishes,
Nigel

Nigel Mason
Chairman

We're thrilled to share our future plans for SNIPi with you!

Since our founding, SNIP International has proudly distributed over **2,339 pieces of equipment** to **96 countries**, benefiting **681 animal welfare groups worldwide**. Your continued support has made this possible, and we have been deeply moved by the gratitude and praise that we have received from countless organisations over the years.

This total includes the 20 animal welfare organisations that SNIPi was able to donate equipment to at the end of 2024.

We were fortunate that some of these organisations managed to arrange their own transport from the UK to Sri Lanka, Tanzania, and India. This significantly reduced shipping costs, allowing SNIPi to donate even more equipment.

Additionally, we have saved further on shipping and customs duties thanks to MDC Exports Ltd merging with Génia, France. As a result, trusted MDC products are now accessible within the EU. However, since this merger only took place in November 2024, the ordering of all EU donations was delayed until the end of the year.



A significant portion of our funds however, continues to be absorbed by shipping costs for equipment donations, making it increasingly difficult to maximise our impact. Additionally, the International Companion Animal Welfare Conferences (ICAWC), which had been held across various European countries for the past 23 years, are no longer taking place. This has had a considerable effect on us, as ICAWC has historically played a key role in facilitating SNIPi's equipment distribution.

The Board of Trustees has therefore reassessed how SNIPi funds can be put to best use to support animal groups in the face of evolving challenges.

SNIP International has now decided to transition to a grant-based model in the coming months. This shift will provide greater flexibility for international animal welfare organisations, enabling them to allocate resources more effectively.

This means applicants will be able to apply for a monetary grant that can be used for their exact needs - whether that is purchasing equipment from our trusted suppliers or addressing other pressing needs to achieve impactful TNR (trap-neuter-return) outcomes. For instance, one significant issue many organisations now face is the rising cost of veterinary care for sterilisation surgeries, which is key to reducing a stray animal population.

This new direction aligns with SNIP International's original mission, first established in 1996, to alleviate the suffering of stray and feral animals through sterilisation. We will remain committed to supporting small animal welfare groups globally, while maintaining our thorough 'due diligence' to ensure the funds are used where they are needed most.

We are currently in the process of finalising the details of the new grant process and adapting the application forms, but if you have any questions about these changes, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Thank you for your continued support as we embark on this next chapter!

Project TNR Romania

This year we will also be holding Project TNR Romania in Bucharest in October!

SNIPi's TNR Projects have been a great way to donate a bulk of TNR equipment within one allocated country. Following on from the past five Projects held alongside respective ICAWC's in Croatia, Cyprus, Poland, Malta and Bulgaria, we were intending to hold Project TNR Romania during ICAWC 2024. But, as ICAWC Bucharest sadly never materialised, we decided to devise a new way to hold our next Project.

Therefore, we contacted two different Romanian organisations, Red Panda and Save the Dogs, who are both well known to us after many years of attending ICAWC together. And we discovered the great news that, after hearing that ICAWC 2024 Bucharest would no longer be taking place, Red Panda successfully launched its own animal welfare development program for Romanian organisations, the first edition in partnership with the Helen Woodward Animal Center in October 2024.

The conference was very successful with over 100 participants from 40 Romanian animal welfare NGOs attending, of which 70% had never participated in an event of this kind before! And, as the feedback was fantastic, Red Panda has decided to hold a 2nd Bucharest Animal Welfare Conference this year!

We feel it will be a great opportunity to hold Project TNR Romania alongside this Conference, especially as many Romanian animal welfare organisations will be coming together there.

In conjunction with contributions from Petplan Charitable Trust, MDC Exports Ltd and Cats Protection, SNIPi will be able to donate and distribute £8,000 worth of TNR equipment throughout Romania!

In addition, Save the Dogs is currently focussing their attention on the growing feral cat population of Cernavoda and has invited the attending SNIPi Trustees, Annika, Adelle and Lisette, to assist in one of their intense 'cat spayathons'.

We are still finetuning everything, but the full story will of course be shared in next year's newsletter.



End report on Project Catstar

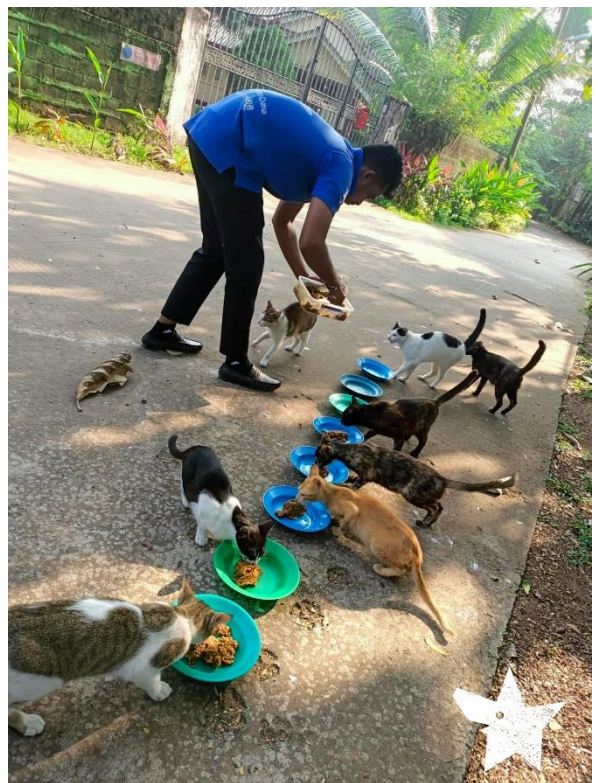
SNIP International's experience of awarding the Amanda Green Grant worth £ 40,000 to Dogstar Foundation's Project Catstar turned out to be a lot more dramatic than ever expected. The project's timing (2021 - 2024) placed it in the midst of sanitary, natural, political, economic and societal crises in Sri Lanka.

The particular challenges faced by the Catstar team over these past years included months-long lock-downs, import restrictions, delays in equipment shipping, serious difficulties in obtaining the drugs needed for the surgeries, hours of daily queuing in order to get rationed basic goods and fuel, skyrocketing prices, power cuts lasting up to 13 hours, general unrest of the public, curfews and even the shut-down of some veterinary clinics (due to COVID-19 and emigration) leading to a shortage of operating vets.

Following Project Catstar has been like watching an extreme rollercoaster ride!

Yet, despite all these difficulties, the team persevered, and achieved the following impressive accomplishments :

- Cat carers' increased awareness about and openness towards cat sterilisation
- Decrease of non-sterilised vs. sterilised cats in the colonies from over 90% to 45%
- Over 7,000 cats sterilised
- Over 3,000 cats vaccinated against rabies



Catstar cats enjoying their meal.

We can only imagine the number of kittens that has been avoided by Catstar !

Catstar statistics also confirmed that alongside the TNR, it is always important to neuter owned cats and to educate their carers about the benefits of cat sterilisation. In Sri Lanka this is particularly crucial as many cats roam freely between their homes and the cat colonies. It was estimated that the vast majority of cats in colonies were actually owned community cats, and only a small number of cats spayed by the Catstar team were actually feral. This only reminds us that feral/street cats originate from domestic cats – in the majority of cases (as occurs in so many countries), the ongoing source of kitten supply is maintained by humans, either through unneutered pet cats mixing with unowned cats, or through dumping of unwanted kittens.

The SNIPi Cat Taxi has been an essential instrument in getting the maximum number of cats sterilised, even in difficult to access areas.





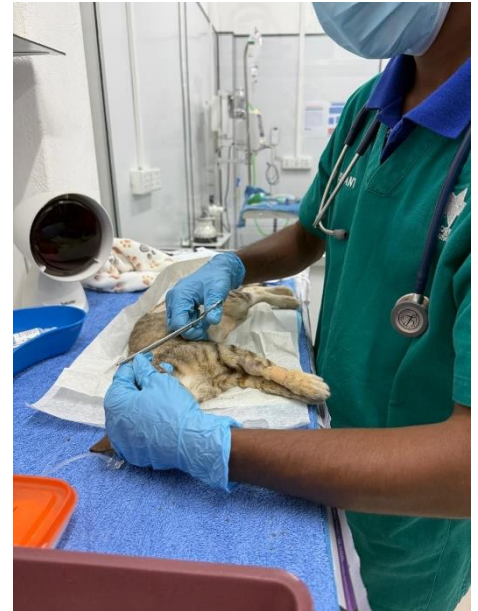
Educating the cat carers is crucial in order to have all new cats sterilised before they have kittens.

SNIPi's financial contribution to Catstar covered the costs of acquiring TNR and surgical equipment (£4,660 and £1,590 respectively), the purchase of a mini van (£8,550), its running costs for 3 years (£1,500 annually) and employment costs of two local veterinary assistants for 3 years (£6,500 annually).

Even though SNIPi's funding to this great project has now come to an end, the Dogstar Foundation will continue running Catstar, and SNIPi is very proud to have been instrumental in its initial phase. And, as a big part of SNIPi's grant was directed to materials (TNR and surgical equipment, mini van), these will continue helping Catstar for years to come and help thousands and thousands more cats to be sterilised.

Mark Green, Operations Manager of Dogstar Foundation :

« Catstar supported by SNIPi was a great success, so we now have Catstar as part of our permanent workload in our made for purpose cat surgery clinic. We really appreciate the support we have had from you over the last 3 years and one of the nice things is that the equipment, and of course the SNIPi Van (which is brilliant !) will continue for years to come! »



SNIP International wishes Catstar the best of luck— we'll stay in touch !

Top right: a cat being ear-tipped while anaesthetised for the surgery.

Bottom right: a cat being sterilised.

Left: one of the many happy Catstar cats sterilised, eartipped and receiving tasty meals daily!

SNIPi promotes best practice in TNR

One of SNIP International's aims is to share knowledge about animal welfare and TNR (trap-neuter-return). The SNIPi website is a good source of information, which also incorporates links to other reliable websites.

Now that SNIPi no longer has ICAWC as a major venue to gather appropriate audience, the online alternatives become even more useful. Over the past months, two of our Trustees have participated in online conferences where they held presentations related to TNR.

iCatConnect Webinar

The first one of these was the iCatConnect webinar organised by International Cat Care 18-19 November 2024. The topic of this 2-day webinar was cat population management, and at the end of the first day, SNIPi Trustee Adelle participated in a panel discussion on the complexity of decision-making within TNR programmes. Read Adelle's résumé below:

Decision-making in the TNR world is complex especially when the need is so much greater than the resources we have to address the need. Sick, injured, and unsterilized community cats seem endless, and we struggle to keep up with their numbers. This panel aimed to dive into some of the complexities around decision-making.

We spoke at length about thoughtful, rational decision-making and I suggested pre-planning larger actions like rescuing an animal as much as possible, while also securing informed consent of the team members taking on responsibility, before taking on animals or projects. Setting protocols around how to deal with challenging situations before they arise can help team members know how to navigate these situations more efficiently.

Pre-establishing our decision-making protocols and working strategically on the ground can increase our impact while reducing our burdens. One example is the story of Kiwi the kitten from Athens, Greece.



Kiwi before: waiting to be rescued.

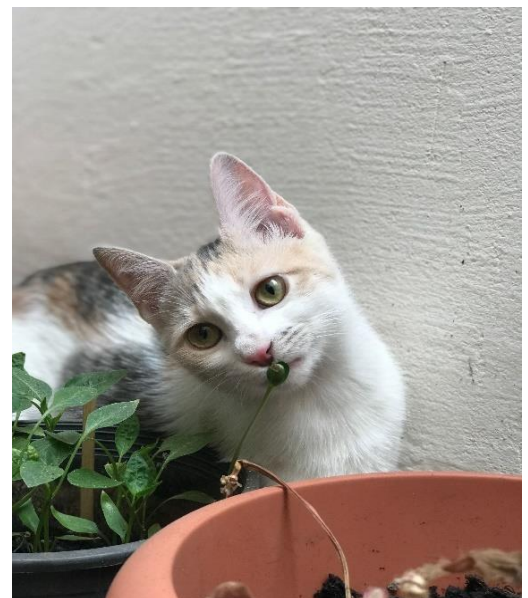
We found Kiwi in an urban colony we were trapping and sterilizing inside an abandoned building. With a plan to totally sterilize every colony we worked with, my colleague Lila (from French charity The 5th Cat) and I weren't expecting to find sick kittens.

Kiwi was one of three kittens we found. They were perhaps 3 months old at the time, and Kiwi was clearly sicker and not developing as fast as her brothers.

We finished trapping the adults at their colony on that day and took them all to be spayed and neutered. We couldn't stop thinking about Kiwi and how she desperately needed extra help.

As we are both individuals, and rescuing, fostering, and adopting a cat is a lot of work for one person, we couldn't just take her off the street. We discussed if we could rescue her together, and each play a part in the effort. We decided I would rescue, foster, socialize her and prepare her for travel, and Lila would foster and adopt her. After a few months, Kiwi was a healthy adult cat in her new home!

Lila and I returned to Kiwi's colony to sterilize the remaining cats 100%, including Kiwi's brothers, and to close the cycle that Kiwi was rescued from in the first place.



Kiwi after: happy and healthy!

Solidarité Animal People webinar

France had for a long time been quite underrepresented at ICAWC, but in Nicosia, SNIPi met with Solidarité Animal People, a French organisation with the mission to help small animal rescue groups. On 4 February 2025 Solidarité Animal People organised a webinar with three objectives: to remind the rescue groups about the French law related to cat trapping, to share the best practices, and to offer cat traps free of charge for the rescue groups attending the webinar.

SNIPi Trustee Annika held a presentation on the best practices in cat trapping, starting from planning, good quality equipment, passing on trapping tips, emphasising the importance of minimising stress (e.g. by quickly covering the trap and transport cage in order to ease the cat's stress and help him/her feel safe under the cover), and finishing with post-surgery care (minimal duration to again decrease stress) and return to the site. She also advocated for early neutering and eartipping, which are not actively practised in France.

The audience was particularly impressed by the story of Annika's recent trapping success with the help of a manual cat trap, a very long line, a torch and two mobile phones:

I had trapped all the cats of this site, except two last ones. This cat was very savvy and didn't want to get caught. Yet, she was pregnant and needed to be caught in order to avoid giving birth outside while I would be away over the Christmas holidays. As she wasn't the last cat, an automatic trap couldn't be used.

Her feeding site was a distance from the car park, so I stretched the line from the trap door all the way to the car, though the metal bars of a nearby structure and the stairs (see in red in pic 1 below).

As it would have been impossible to see the cat at that distance, behind the bushes and during the night, I firstly attached a little torch to the top of the trap, directed towards the food bowl inside the trap, and secondly placed a mobile phone just outside the trap, at the level of the food bowl.

I placed a hot roasted chicken meal inside the trap and opened a muted video call between the two mobile phones, one next to the trap and the other inside the car with me. I then just had to wait and watch the mobile phone screen (pic 2). I saw her outside the trap, looking inside and smelling the food (pic 3). When she came back and stayed for a while sniffing (pic 4), I became hopeful.



Picture 1: the red line shows the positioning of the string running from the trap (right) to the car (far left), the feeding site itself is behind the camera and not visible. Pictures 2 – 5: the food bowl inside the trap; the cat checking on the food; the cat sniffing the food; the cat inside the trap enjoying her chicken meal just before being captured.

After two hours of waiting, I heard a little noise from the mobile phone (the call was muted so that the cat could not hear me, but I could hear her) and some seconds later, I saw the cat inside the trap! She took a piece of chicken and went back outside. She came in to get another piece and went out again. She repeated that 3 or 4 times, and then she felt safe and stayed inside the trap enjoying her meal (pic 5).

I pulled the line and ran in the dark to the trap. The cat was inside! I covered the trap quickly with a towel and carried it to the car. I drove her to the shelter until we could take her to the vet. The next morning, I set up an automatic trap for the last cat, and in the afternoon she gave in to hunger and went in!

Both these cats were spayed and returned to the feeding site, where we also set up two little houses for the cats so they would have shelter from rain, cold and wind.

Some thanks and news from the field

Trapping for Good: How KWVA & KSPCA Are Making a Difference

The Kenya Women Veterinary Association (KWVA) is a remarkable organisation dedicated to improving the welfare of animals across Kenya. Operating on a voluntary basis, KWVA brings together a network of veterinarians who work tirelessly to support animal welfare initiatives, including dog population management campaigns and rabies prevention efforts.



KWVA works closely with the Kenya Society for the Protection and Care of Animals (KSPCA), to which SNIP International also made a donation in 2022. The two organisations collaborate on vital animal welfare initiatives across the country.

In July 2023, SNIP International was delighted to provide KWVA with essential handling equipment to support their Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) efforts and ongoing collaborations with KSPCA.

KWVA and KSPCA regularly conduct sterilisation campaigns in communities where stray dog populations are high, particularly in Nairobi's Kibera slums. These campaigns involve safely capturing, neutering, vaccinating, and returning the animals to help manage their numbers humanely.

The donated Bali net has been particularly useful in safely catching and restraining animals without causing harm. Unlike other trapping methods, the net allows handlers to secure the animal efficiently, making it easier to vaccinate and treat them before release.

Dr. Peris Njoki (KWVA Hon. Secretary) with the donated equipment at the KSPCA shelter.

KWVA and KSPCA have been working hard to improve the lives of animals. Thanks to the dedication of their teams and the equipment provided they have neutered 419 cats and 343 dogs over the past 12 months!

KWVA and KSPCA are committed to making a lasting difference in Kenya's stray animal population. One of their key projects is the sterilisation programme in Kibera, where they aim to neuter five dogs a day. Since starting the initiative in late 2023, they had already sterilised 75 dogs in the first six months. Their goal is to sterilise 1,800 dogs over the next year, dramatically reducing the number of strays and improving the welfare of both the animals and the communities they live in.

In addition to their sterilisation work, KSPCA recently rescued Zoe, a stray dog found in Mombasa in November 2023. Zoe was in a heartbreaking condition, suffering from severe wounds that were slow to heal. She received extensive treatment and was also sterilised. Thanks to the care and dedication of the team, Zoe has made an incredible recovery – she is now healthy, strong, playful, and full of life. While she is still waiting for her forever home at KSPCA's Mombasa branch, the team remains determined to find her the perfect family. Before and after photos of Zoe showcase her incredible transformation.

Looking ahead, KWVA has ambitious plans for the coming year, focusing on increasing sterilisation efforts and expanding their rabies prevention campaigns in Turkana, a hard-to-reach region. Their work is vital in controlling zoonotic diseases and ensuring better health for both animals and people.



Zoe before and after her treatment.

A Helping Hand for Bulgaria's Strays

Love for Love is a wonderful organisation based in Dobrich, Bulgaria, dedicated to improving the lives of stray and vulnerable animals. Since its founding in 2007, the group has worked tirelessly to provide shelter and care for animals in need, with a strong focus on Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) to humanely control the stray population. The organisation's executive director, Mariya Velikova, has been a pioneer in Bulgarian animal welfare, having established the country's first dog shelter 20 years ago.

At the end of 2022, we were delighted to send some much-needed trapping and handling equipment to support their important work. In 2022, before receiving our donation, Love for Love worked incredibly hard and managed to sterilise an impressive 1,360 animals (497 dogs and 863 cats), and with our donated equipment, they were able to expand their TNR efforts in 2023 and sterilise an additional 105 dogs and 254 cats in just the first three months. Our donated traps have been particularly useful for capturing feral cats, whose numbers have sadly increased due to the negative impact of the war in Ukraine.

One of the trapped cats in a Trap Transfer Carrier.



Volunteers Making a Difference: The Team Behind Carlow's TNR Success



Colony cats awaiting transport to the vet.

Supporting Animal Welfare in Ireland, Carlow TNR Team is a dedicated volunteer-led organisation working to manage the stray and feral cat population in County Carlow and surrounding areas. As the only group in the county focusing on Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR), their efforts are essential in improving feline welfare and preventing overpopulation.

In November 2022, SNIP International was delighted to support their work by donating essential trapping and handling equipment to enhance their TNR operations.

Carlow TNR Team has been actively trapping, neutering, and returning cats to their familiar environments, ensuring healthier colonies and preventing unchecked reproduction. Over the past 12 months, they have trapped more than 900 cats!

Despite being a small team of three volunteers with no paid staff, their dedication has made a lasting impact on stray and feral cat populations in the region.

One of the most touching cases this year involved a 94-year-old woman who had been feeding a colony of 16 unneutered cats. The Carlow TNR Team stepped in, providing trapping, neutering, and medical care, ensuring the cats would no longer contribute to overpopulation while allowing her to continue caring for them responsibly.

Another remarkable rescue was what they have named the "Forgotten Colony". This group of 18 cats was left without food or care after their feeder sadly passed away. The team quickly stepped in, trapping and neutering all of them. Any cats friendly enough for adoption were rehomed, while the rest were provided with a dedicated shelter, daily feeding, and ongoing monitoring by volunteers.



The colony cats enjoying a meal.

Carlow TNR Team is ambitious about their future. Over the next 12 months, they aim to increase their TNR efforts more than ever before. Additionally, they are launching an educational programme in schools to raise awareness about responsible pet ownership and the importance of TNR in feline welfare.

Trapping for Change: Giving Nepal's Strays a Better Future

Voice of Animal Nepal is a dedicated organisation working tirelessly to improve the welfare of stray animals in Kathmandu and beyond. With a small team of three employees and three volunteers, they are committed to spaying, neutering, and providing essential veterinary care to animals in need.

In June 2023, SNIP International was pleased to support their work by donating essential handling equipment to aid their Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) efforts.

Luckily, Voice of Animal Nepal was able to arrange transport from the UK themselves which greatly reduced shipping costs.

The new equipment was immediately put to good use, particularly during their World Rabies Day Campaign (27-30 September 2023).

The Balinet proved invaluable in safely catching and handling dogs during the campaign, allowing for smooth vaccination procedures.

Catching nets are a valuable way to capture dogs as, unlike cats, dogs do not get their claws caught in the mesh. Once a dog is caught, you can immediately roll and twist the net entrance closed so the dog is rolled up snug inside the net which helps them to settle.

With a vaccination campaign you can inject dogs whilst rolled up in the net, and then release them safely back into their environment.

Alternatively, if the dog needs to be transported to a shelter or veterinary clinic, then that can be done whilst it is rolled up and 'hiding' within the net.

Additionally, the rabies gloves and animal handling gauntlets are now being used as needed in their clinic and shelter, providing crucial protection for handlers working with nervous or aggressive animals.

Before receiving our donation, Voice of Animal Nepal had already been working hard to manage the local stray population with limited resources. Over the past 12 months, they have caught 1,150 dogs for veterinary care, of which 100 were neutered. They also neutered 5 cats.

Despite financial constraints, they continue to run monthly spaying and neutering programmes, typically treating 20 dogs per month. In April 2023, they successfully spayed and vaccinated 160 stray dogs as part of a seven-day programme in Lahan Municipality, Madhesh Province.



The three pictures on the right show a dog being caught with a Bali net. The dog is then calmly secured in the net by the skilled team, allowing the dog to feel safe whilst 'hiding' inside the net.



These two photos show the skilled team at work during the World Rabies Day Campaign in 2023 by firstly securing a dog in the net and then calmly administering the vaccine through the net.

A Dog's survival against all odds

Every rescued animal has a story, but one particularly moving case stands out.

A stray dog living on the outskirts of a Nepali village was attacked by a leopard, leaving deep wounds across its body. The community rushed the dog to Voice of Animal Nepal, where the veterinary team sprang into action.

The dog was in shock, with severe lacerations on its neck and limbs. The team administered fluids, cleaned the wounds, and provided pain relief and antibiotics to prevent infection. Over the next few weeks, the dog received careful wound management and rehabilitation.

Thanks to their dedicated care, the dog made an incredible recovery. Once fully healed, he was neutered, vaccinated, and safely released back to his territory.

This remarkable story is a testament to the importance of skilled veterinary intervention and the impact of SNIP International's support.

Voice of Animal Nepal have expressed deep gratitude for SNIP International's donation. They remain committed to their mission and are eager to expand their efforts with further funding and support. Luckily, due to your ongoing generosity, SNIPi was able to make a repeat equipment donation to Voice of Animal Nepal earlier this year!



This dog was very lucky to survive after a leopard attack.

Keeping Hope Alive for Ukraine's Animals: The Ongoing Mission

Three years into the war in Ukraine, the need for frontline veterinary care remains as urgent as ever. Worldwide Vets, an organisation dedicated to providing essential veterinary aid in conflict zones, has been working tirelessly to help animals affected by the ongoing crisis. As they continue their mission, SNIP International is committed to continued support of their work by providing crucial funding to keep their mobile veterinary clinic on the road.

Since the beginning of the conflict, thousands of animals have been abandoned, left to fend for themselves on the streets. Many others remain in shelters or under the care of owners who, despite the hardships, have chosen to stay and care for their pets. Access to veterinary care has been severely impacted. Worldwide Vets has been a beacon of hope, ensuring that animals receive the medical attention they desperately need.



Above: A Ukrainian lady at the clinic with her cat. On the left: Dr. Gemma Campbell ((left) and her team save animals of all ages.



In 2024 alone, Worldwide Vets has provided 13,345 treatments:

- 1,201 dogs spayed / neutered
- 2,346 cats spayed / neutered
- 3,949 rabies vaccinations administered
- 141 critical cases and hospitalisations.

Checking the catch of the day and planning the next steps.





Multiple surgeries are conducted simultaneously.

Their work is vital, not only for the animals but also for the communities they support. With new areas coming under fire and a rabies outbreak spreading across the country, their mission has never been more critical.

In April 2024, Worldwide Vets hosted their largest mission to date, welcoming 27 veterinary volunteers from across the USA, Europe, and Australia. This massive effort resulted in 943 sterilisations and 1,345 rabies vaccinations.

Despite these successes, challenges continue. The frontline is constantly shifting, and their team faces daily risks to deliver care. The shortage of rabies vaccinations for humans is also a growing concern — one of their team members, Kristina, was exposed to rabies and had to be evacuated to Romania for urgent treatment before returning to continue her vital work.



Dogs recovering from their surgeries.



Worldwide Vets continues to adapt and expand their efforts despite increasing financial pressures. As donor support declines and the crisis in Ukraine fades from media headlines, sustaining their life-saving work is becoming harder each month. The team is preparing to resume full-scale operations following the harsh winter months and is working tirelessly to keep veterinary aid flowing to the animals that need it most.

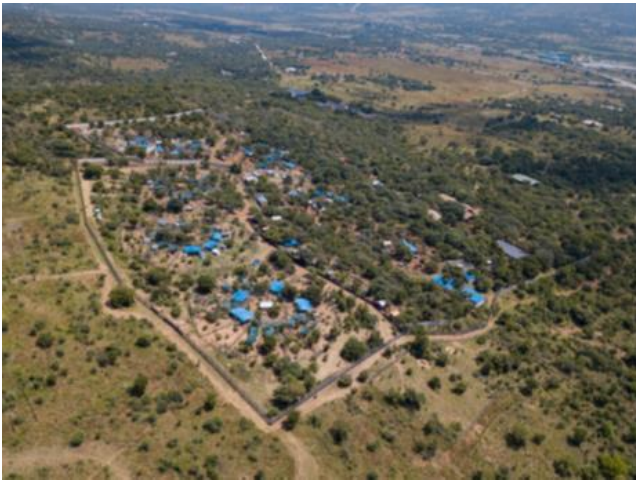
Worldwide Vets has set an ambitious goal for 2025 - to continue treating, vaccinating, and sterilising thousands more animals in need. However, keeping their mobile clinic running requires funding.

We believe in the incredible work of Worldwide Vets and want to ensure they can continue reaching animals in some of the hardest-hit areas of Ukraine. This is why SNIPi International has decided to provide a one-off financial grant this year to help them continue their valuable work. With your support, we are helping to keep their mission alive!

Together, we can make a difference. Thank you to all our SNIP International supporters — your generosity makes this possible!

Cats recovering from surgery, with their medical charts on top of the carriers.

Strengthening Dogtown SA's Life-Saving Efforts



On the left: Dogtown is situated in a very remote area. On the right: An underweight young dog before being taken care of by Dogtown.

Dogtown South Africa (Dogtown SA) is a specialised rescue centre providing shelter, rehabilitation, and rehoming for dogs in need. Their work extends beyond their shelter through their 'Spay It Forward' initiative, which helps fund sterilisation and TNR programmes in their community. With a dedicated team of staff and volunteers, Dogtown SA has been at the forefront of animal welfare in Gauteng and beyond.

In 2023 and 2024, SNIP International provided Dogtown SA with essential equipment to support their rescue and veterinary efforts. Dogtown SA is making a real difference, they have put the donated equipment to great use, helping them in their daily rescues and veterinary procedures. Over the past 12 months, they have Spayed/Neutered: 797 cats and 780 dogs.



Animal Gauntlets help to protect the handler.

The donated stretchers have been a game-changer in their rescue missions. Daily, they receive calls about injured or abandoned dogs, many of whom are large breeds. One particularly memorable case was that of a Great Dane, found immobile and in pain. Using the stretcher, the team was able to transport him safely and comfortably for urgent veterinary treatment.

The donated gloves and gauntlets have also proved invaluable. Working with dogs who have a bite history requires careful handling.

The Rabies gloves have not only helped in managing these rescues but have also found an unexpected use—snake removal! With South Africa's diverse wildlife, venomous snakes often find their way into the centre, and staff now use the gloves alongside tongs to relocate them safely.

Looking ahead, Dogtown SA is focused on expanding their 'Spay It Forward' initiative to new areas, with a particular emphasis on KwaZulu-Natal. Following a successful sterilisation campaign for 100 Pit Bulls, they have identified an urgent need for continued intervention. Their goal is to run a large-scale sterilisation campaign for power breeds in the region, partnering with local vets and welfare organisations to prevent overpopulation and improve animal welfare.

In a heartfelt thank you, Dogtown SA has expressed their deep gratitude to SNIP International and all our supporters who made this donation possible. Their work is only growing, and with your help, we can ensure they have the tools they need to continue saving lives.



A young pit bull patient.

We want to thank YOU for all this

It is thanks to YOU and the rest of our supporters that we can help these (and many more) animal rescue groups by providing them with the essential humane catching and holding equipment that they cannot afford to purchase themselves. Our donations help to protect both the volunteers and the animals and enable the rescue groups to become more efficient in their TNR / CNR and animal welfare work. **It is your generosity that makes these stories of hope and healing possible.**

SNIPi has a small group of loyal supporters, but we are always on the lookout for new SNIPi Friends. After reading our newsletter, please do think if there is **anyone you know who may be interested in supporting our cause**. With just £30 per year, they could contribute to this important mission and become a SNIP International Friend. It is very easy to donate via our website (PayPal), with a bank transfer or by sending a cheque.

Reading the newsletter gives a good overview of what we do, and as you well know, **SNIPi is a 100% voluntary organisation**, so our administrative costs are kept to the minimum, leaving the maximum possible for the actual help towards the animals.

So please feel free to **pass on the Newsletter** with a kind word for us – the broader the support group the more we will be able to do to help animal welfare and the rescue groups taking care of stray cats and dogs all around the world!

Acknowledgements

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Very special thanks to the late Amanda Green for her legacy that has helped and will continue to help thousands of animals as per her last wishes.



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