

# THE CAPE OF GOOD HOPE SPCA

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# The Cape of Good Hope SPCA

We **S**peak for, **P**rotect and **C**are for **A**nimals



Established in 1872, the Cape of Good Hope SPCA is the founding society of the SPCA movement in South Africa and the oldest animal welfare institution in the country. It is affiliated to the RSPCA, is a member of the World Society for the Protection of Animals (WSPA) and is an Executive member of the National Council of SPCAs South Africa.

Over the past 137 years we have diligently carried out our mission to prevent cruelty to animals, through education, law enforcement (our Inspectorate operates around the clock investigating reports of animal cruelty and neglect), veterinary care services (operating a 24- hour animal hospital and three mobile clinics) and running a kennel, cattery, horse care unit and adoption centre, which every year places hundreds of animals in loving and caring homes.

Our area of operation is vast and covers approximately 11 000km<sup>2</sup>. Last year alone the society sterilized over 4000 animals, thus helping to reduce the region's animal over-population problem. By providing primary veterinary care, we not only helped thousands of individual animals, but also improved the health of their human family by reducing the spread of mange (human scabies) and worms, amongst other zoonoses.

Steadfast in our determination to raise awareness of animal welfare and to significantly reduce and prevent animal cruelty, we provide veterinary care to those communities most in need and employ a qualified team of experienced inspectors, ready to prevent animal cruelty, 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year.

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## Cape of Good Hope Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals

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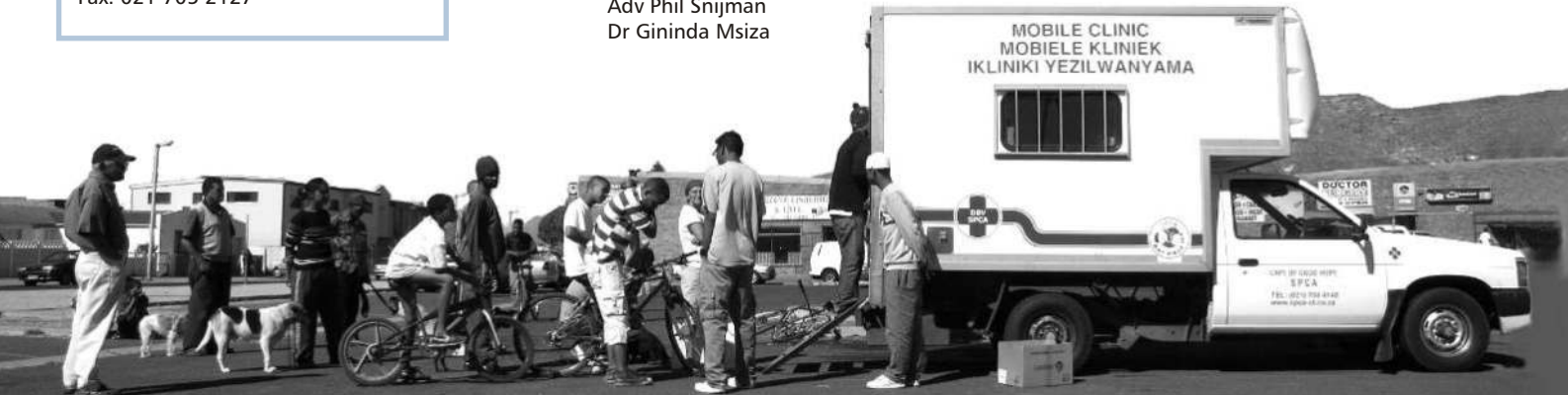
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Dr Theo Shippey  
Mr Henry Fabé  
Mr Allan Perrins (*CEO*)  
Mr Darryl Burt  
Mrs Sarah Scarth

## CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Mr Allan Perrins

## COMPANY SECRETARY

Mr Henry Fabé





## REPORT BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

*The past year* has been one of significant change and activity. On the financial front the world has seen a global downturn and worldwide credit squeeze, which has and continues to have a significant impact on the South African economy. Consequently there is an increase in the numbers of animals being surrendered to the Cape of Good Hope (COGH) SPCA, as owners are no longer able or willing to continue to look after them. The numbers continue to swell and put increasing pressure on our limited resources.

Operating within this challenging environment necessitates that we change and refine our operation and services to keep abreast with new developments. Nowhere is this more apparent than in the field of technology and how it can help us do a better job for the animals. As society and business moves more and more to operating in an electronic medium the COGH SPCA is obliged to do likewise. In this regard

there are two areas that are of particular note. The first and most visible development is our website of which we are, I believe, justifiably proud. Despite certain regulatory constraints imposed by our national body we are already able to provide, via the website, a window to the world to showcase the work we are currently involved with, as well as some of the many cats, dogs and horses which are looking for new and loving homes. Its flexibility and immediacy will allow us to communicate more efficiently details of the various events and news of interest. While we will be continuing to communicate with our supporters by tried and tested traditional methods, this new and expanding medium is expected to become an important route of communication with our younger supporters, who have been brought up in the electronic age, and who in many cases prefer to communicate via this medium.

We continue to seek new ways to improve our functionality and the service that we provide to

the community and a less visible technological evolution that has taken place has been the migration of our Inspectorate vehicles to the C-Track system. This system, which allows our Inspectorate controllers to continually monitor the position of our fleet, enables us to respond more efficiently to deploy staff, somewhat famous as a result of the Animal Cops South Africa series. It has only been in use for a short time, but has already shown its value and is indicative of the ways we are trying to use modern technology to make our limited funds go further.

While the environment may have changed in many ways, some things never seem to change and there continues to be a revolving door of animal cruelty and neglect that our staff is required to deal with, requiring a large amount of our resources. We are fortunate to have, in addition to our experienced and dedicated staff, supporters who generously offer their specialist legal skills to help us with such matters. This is but one example of the volunteer and support

network that provides such invaluable help to the organisation and for which we are extremely grateful.

We continue to believe we must focus more attention on our mobile clinics, as these travel out to service those areas where the need for our help is at its greatest. We have experienced difficulties with both staff and technical issues over the past year, but we continue to believe this is a core function of the work we do and thus an area that needs to be expanded. We are pleased to report that part of our application for funding from the National Lottery Distribution Trust Fund was approved, taking us closer towards the acquisition of another Mobile Clinic, enabling us to expand this key area of our operation.

The Wildlife Unit is an area that has seen more activity and attention over the past year and one that we envisage being increasingly involved in. The unit continues to deal with a multitude of

calls for help from the public as the COGH SPCA is one of the few organisations with the skills and equipment to deal with many of these species. We have also been actively cooperating and assisting other organisations including Marine and Coastal Management and the Baboon Management Team with our skills, personnel and facilities as needed and we expect this to continue. The ecological problems involving the rabbit population on Robben Island, which featured prominently in the media over the Christmas period, has been one notable additional demand on the COGH SPCA and the Wildlife Unit's time. We have endeavored to provide advice and resources to ensure that any decisions taken were implemented humanely. The outlook for the forthcoming year is expected to be one of increased pressure on our resources in the face of a more difficult economic environment. As an organisation we are therefore fortunate to have a committed team of managers with the skills and experience to cope with the challenging times ahead.



On behalf of the Board of Directors I would like to thank both our dedicated employees, who on a daily basis work to help those animals in need of our care and expertise, and our supporters and volunteers without whose help we would be unable to do the work we do.

Yours sincerely  
**Dr John Oakley**  
Chairman

## MANAGEMENT TEAM



Back: **Darryl Burt** (Accountant), **Sarah Scarth** (Communication, Resource Development & Education),  
**Andries Venter** (Chief Inspector), **Allan Perrins** (CEO), **Kira Joshua** (Senior Wildlife Inspector)  
Front: **Margie Ainscow** (Animal Care Centre), **Wendy Robinson** (Hospital Administrator),  
**Claudia Shawki** (PA to CEO)



## CEO'S ANNUAL REPORT REVIEW

*The past year* has been one of our toughest yet and tested our resolve to survive and thrive in a climate of serious economic uncertainty. I am therefore proud to report that despite the many challenges we have succeeded admirably on all fronts. This I believe is largely due to the hard work and determination of our excellent team of staff combined with dependable donor and volunteer support we enjoy. Even "lady luck" played her hand by fortuitously ensuring that our operating deficit was substantially reduced by almost RM1.5, due to a once off, special dividend from one of our Allan Gray investments.

However, having survived the last year we expect the next 12 months to be just as exacting and perhaps even tougher, as many more animal owners come knocking on our door for help. The increasing demand for our services will continue to present us with several daunting

challenges, not least of all the need to secure adequate monthly as well as endowment funding to ensure our future sustainability and expansion.

Fortunately, we have an exceptionally loyal and charitable group of supporters, donors and volunteers, who give so generously of their time and money as well as an equally dependable workforce, directed by one of the most inspired management teams I have had the privilege of leading.

So, I am confident that we will secure the means and fortitude to win through, despite the odds and end up far wiser for tackling and conquering the challenges that lie ahead.

I'd like to conclude by thanking each and every donor and volunteer, especially our Bequest Society members whose promised legacies will guarantee our ability to speak, protect and care for animals. May I also extend my thanks to our

Board of Directors for their mentorship, guidance and encouragement. Collectively they enable us to make a positive difference to the lives of so many needy animals.

I sincerely hope that the individual department reports and animal handling statistics inspire you to continue supporting our beloved Society and serve to strengthen our relationship.

*Dedicated to the Tuli Elephant survivors on their 10th anniversary.*

Yours for the animals

**Allan Perrins**  
CEO

# FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 2008 / 2009

<b>ASSETS</b>	No significant changes are reported
<b>EQUITY AND LIABILITIES</b>	No significant changes are reported
<b>INCOME</b>	Overall income increased by R3,754,000
<b>EXPENSES</b>	Overall expenses increased by R1,689,923

## Analysis of net assets

for the year ending 31 March 2009

	2008/9	2007/8
	R'000	R'000
Fixed assets	11745	11976
Investments	20621	22943
<b>Total Fixed Assets</b>	<b>32366</b>	<b>34919</b>
Accounts receivable	151	508
Cash in bank and in hand	199	7
Cash on call	5026	2017
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>5376</b>	<b>2532</b>
Creditors	1446	1362
Overdraft utilised	0	52
<b>Net Current Assets</b>	<b>3930</b>	<b>1118</b>
<b>Total Assets less current liabilities</b>	<b>36296</b>	<b>36037</b>

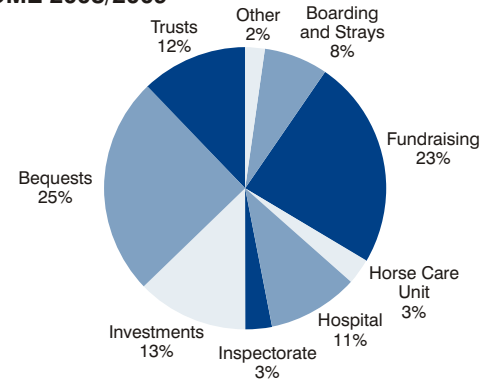
## Analysis of funds

Retained income	23927	21679
Revaluation reserve	12369	14358
<b>Accumulated funds</b>	<b>36296</b>	<b>36037</b>

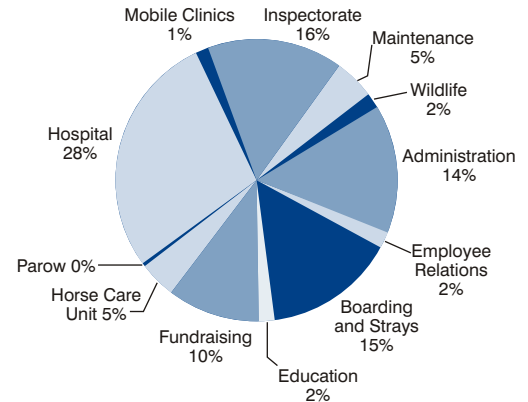
INCOME	2008/9	2007/8
	R'000	R'000
Bequests	4735	3480
Boarding and Strays	1473	1490
Fundraising	4353	4045
Horse care Unit	511	402
Hospital	1955	1934
Inspectorate	470	446
Investments	2384	974
Other	397	129
Trusts	2198	1822
<b>Total</b>	<b>18476</b>	<b>14722</b>

EXPENSES	2008/9	2007/8
Administration	2312	2204
Boarding and Strays	2359	2365
Education	275	199
Employee Relations	304	305
Fundraising	1677	1436
Horse Care Unit	727	597
Hospital	4541	3786
Inspectorate	2490	2215
Maintenance	787	726
Mobile Clinics	223	220
Parow	72	66
Wildlife	268	226
<b>Total</b>	<b>16035</b>	<b>14345</b>

## INCOME 2008/2009



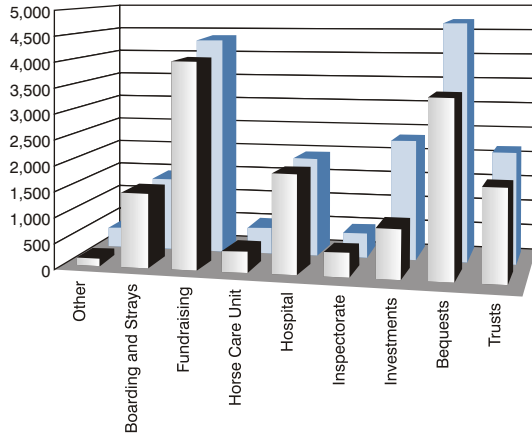
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# COMPARATIVES TO PREVIOUS YEAR

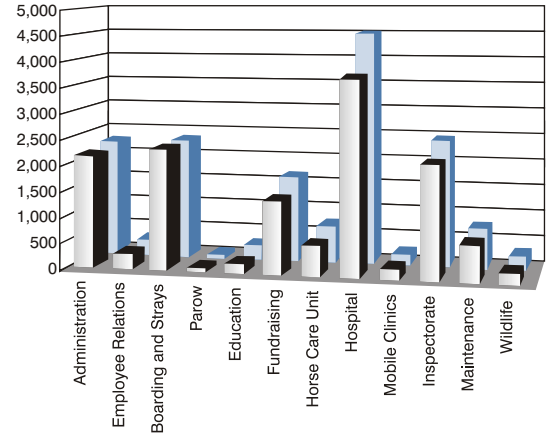
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2008/2009

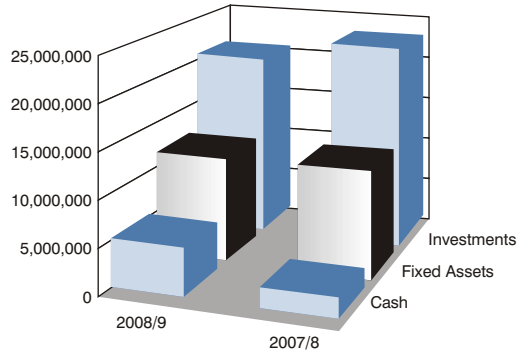


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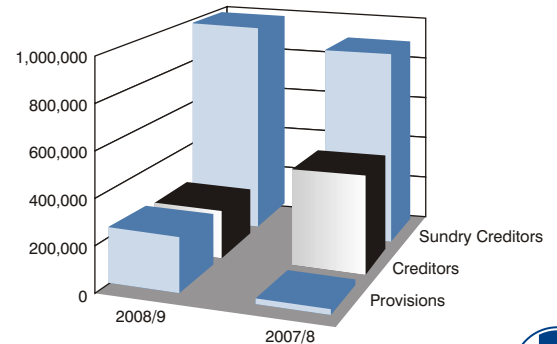
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## ASSETS



## EQUITIES AND LIABILITIES



## HUMAN RESOURCES



***Our staff complement*** has steadily increased to over 104 permanent employees entrusted in

one way or another with the care, well-being and rehabilitation of our beloved animals. It subsequently stands to reason that we care just as much about our people as we do about the animals we help. Without a devoted, productive and happy staff complement we would not have been able to have made such a significant and positive difference in the lives of so many thousands of desperately needy animals, as we have done this past year.

As a direct result of everyone's unselfish, collective contribution, we have been able to sustain and improve upon our 24/7 Inspectorate service and have re-instated an after hours

veterinary medical emergency service. It is worthy to note that we are the only animal welfare organization currently providing these essential after hour's services for the entire Cape Metropole and the demand for help is often almost overwhelming.

We have realized that it is one thing to attract the best but another to retain choice employees and we have subsequently made it our business to invest in the welfare, growth and development of many of our staff, so as to ensure that we retain the edge with a productive workforce. To illustrate this, over the past year a further four trainee Inspectors and 10 trainee Animal Welfare Assistants were qualified and registered to perform a variety of animal related duties directly, in line with our core business of preventing cruelty to animals.

During the course of the year, we were sad to say goodbye to three Managers, our Fund-raising, PR and Education Manager, Cher



***Inspector Nelson Sowati loyally served the SPCA for 37 years before retiring in 2009 due to ill health.***

***Top left: James Murphy received his 20 year long service award***

Poznanovich, Accountant, Andile Nomlala and Human Resource Manager, Debbie Collett.

We appointed Sarah Scarth to succeed Cher and Darryl Burt as Andile's successor. They are both accomplished in their respective fields of expertise and I have no doubt that under their experienced management and mentorship these departments will thrive.

We chose not to replace the HR Manager and instead each Manager agreed to assume full responsibility for their employees HR and IR issues and I have taken it upon myself to accept full pecuniary responsibility for the entire team.

We also bade a fond farewell to Margo Smith, our long standing Bequest Society Officer who retired and in her place welcomed Carol-Anne Brand. We also welcomed Lamees Martin, as the assistant in our Communication and Resource Development department is helping us raise our profile and generate income.



**Darryl Burt,**  
**Accountant**



**Long serving staff members, Margo Smith,**  
**Gertie Sombex and Frances Dorer**



**New Animal Care**  
**Assistant**  
**Cassandra Graff**

Despite the many and varied challenges that we have had to face and overcome, our staff complement continues to grow and develop and I am inspired by everyone's unselfish devotion to duty which knows no bounds.

**Allan Perrins**  
**CEO**



## INSPECTORATE

***In support of our core*** function to prevent cruelty to animals, the Inspectorate Division of

the Cape of Good Hope SPCA has received significant investment for additional resources, improvements to buildings and enhanced technological capabilities over the past two years. The result has been an 80% increase in our after-hours response rate and a 10% increase in the number of reported cases in the 2009 fiscal year.

During this past year this SPCA alone has visited 21,688 animals, thereby directly impacting on their well-being and in many cases resulting in animals being removed from abusive and neglectful owners. There has also been an increase in the number of cases submitted for prosecution, however delays in the justice system continue to hamper resolution of these animal cruelty cases. In an effort to address this issue, during 2009/10 we will be holding a series

of Information Seminars for State Prosecutors, to help bring about the speedy resolution of animal cruelty cases and thus benefit the animals involved.

As part of our ongoing efforts to combat dog fighting, we penetrated three website chat rooms used by participants of underground dog fighting rings and these were reported to the SAPS Regional Organised Crime Unit. Whilst the information obtained is not admissible in court, this investigation has given us critical insight into this network and helped us raise the public profile of this issue, which included a front page exposé in the Weekend Argus. The Cape of Good Hope SPCA will continue to carry out investigations into this barbaric sport.

This past year we have also been involved in the proposed Municipal Animal Bylaws and widely consulted by the Mayoral Committee of Cape Town on this issue. We hope that these new by-laws will bring about increased protection for

Below: *24-hour Inspectorate call centre*



pets and address the issue of dog and cat overpopulation by making sterilisation compulsory for uncaring and unscrupulous owners.

On the operational front we have integrated the Horse Care Unit and Wildlife Unit inspectors into the Inspectorate Division and although they operate in their specialised fields, we now operate as one unit.

Finally, after 18 months of being followed around by a film crew from ITV/Anglia productions, it was exciting, albeit somewhat nerve wracking, to have our work featured in the 15-part *Animal Cops SA* series. The feedback was overwhelmingly positive from both local and international viewers, who applauded our work to fight animal cruelty and prevent abuse. The series has resulted in an increased awareness of the SPCA and the important role we and our sister societies play in communities across the country. Consequently we have seen an increase

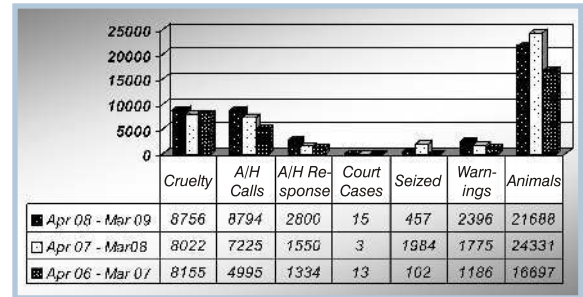
in the number of reports into our call centre as well as new supporters for our cause. We hope that the series will be screened on SABC in the near future.

In closing, I wish to extend my gratitude to the many Capetonians whose compassion and concern has led them to call us and report cases of abuse or pick up an animal in distress. Because of them we have been able to prevent animal cruelty and neglect.

Yours sincerely  
**Andries Venter**  
*Chief Inspector*



Left: *Inspector Moyo Ndukwana*





## WILDLIFE UNIT

*With a large proportion* of our district made up of nature reserves, a national park and a long coastline, the Wildlife Unit serves a critical role in responding to reports of displaced, injured and sick wildlife and investigating reports of cruelty to wild animals.

During the year we have been involved in a wide variety of wildlife rescues from the rare relocation of a Cape Fox from a resident's garden in Meadowridge, which we returned to Table Mountain National Park, to the rescue of a tiny squirrel with a big attitude living in a chimney.

In amongst the rescue of many porcupines, goslings, buck and dassies, we invested considerable time and resources to ensure the humane euthanasia of rabbits on Robben Island. After lengthy consultation, it was decided by Robben Island Museum management and sanctioned by the SPCA, that the best long-term

solution was to reduce the rabbit population to a manageable size by humane lethal injection. This is a long-term project, which requires consistent intervention and monitoring to ensure that while the management programme is carried out, the island's wildlife receive adequate and sufficient food.

The end of 2008 and first part of 2009 saw us respond to an abnormally large number of seal pup strandings, as strong sea conditions caused an increased number of pups to come ashore. We are now in consultation with Marine and Coastal Management and other relevant stakeholders to plan for the 2009 season and formulate ways of returning seal pups back to their colonies.

The primate facility Monkey Town has been investigated by the SPCA on several occasions, with numerous warnings and recommendations issued and enforced. This, together with pressure generated from an exposé on M-Net's

*This captured porcupine was safely relocated by the SPCA's Wildlife Unit*

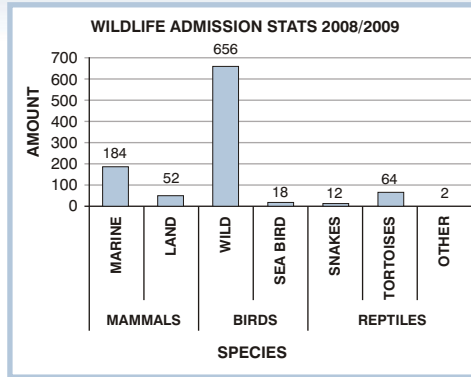


Carte Blanche, has resulted in significant improvements to the various enclosures being made, thus enriching the lives of these captive animals. However, we will endeavor to

*Kira Joshua feeds a rescued sub-antarctic fur seal*



undertake proactive inspections and be extremely vigilant to ensure that this establishment keeps their animals in acceptable conditions.



Pic: Angus Davids



Left: *Chief Inspector Andries Venter carries a severely burnt grysbokkie, a victim of fires on Table Mountain*



*Cape Fox captured in Meadowridge and released in the Table Mountain National Park*

We continue to be an active member of the Baboon Management Team, which is concerned with all aspects relating to Baboon conservation. We were called on to assist with dispersing male baboons and less regularly family groups, often requiring an SPCA veterinarian to dart the baboons as part of the intervention.

A highlight of the year was the substantial donation received from the Hans Hoheisan Charitable Trust. Their generous gift further confirms the important role that this unit fulfills in our region. This donation will be used to purchase much needed rescue equipment as well as a new 2x4 vehicle.

This past year has been one of continued learning and growing. We look forward to the next year with renewed vigour and commitment to prevent animal cruelty.

**Kira Joshua**  
*Wildlife Unit Manager*



## HORSE CARE UNIT

*The SPCA Horse Care Unit (HCU) has seen some positive changes in the past year, with still*

*some more to come as we strive for increased professionalism and greater efficiency of resources.*

My transfer from our hospital to the unit in December coincided with the introduction of a volunteer programme. Newton Phillips has been a leading force in encouraging and managing these volunteers and we remain deeply grateful for his help.

2008/2009 proved to be a good one for adoptions, helped by the introduction of an equine adoption page on our website. In December, 10 equines were rehomed (including a few pigs and geese), with a further eight in January. These exceptional months did a lot to raise the spirits of our hard working team of staff and volunteers. Special thanks to Mary-Anne Knight for

*SPCA horse care unit  
volunteer Newton Phillips*



her efforts to raise awareness of the work of this unit and for encouraging more adoptions.

None of this would however be possible without the support and guidance we receive from the Western Cape Equine Trust (WCET) under the chairmanship of Aubrey Jacobs. Each month they continue to provide significant funding for this unit and it is due to their generosity that we are able to employ full-time staff to ensure regular maintenance and cleaning of the paddocks and shelters, provide veterinary care and treatment, stock pile food and run two vehicles, each pulling a horse box to collect and deliver rescued horses.

This coming year will be an exciting one for us as it will see the completion of a new stable block, built by R&N Master Builders with funding generously donated to the WCET by the Mary Slack and Daughters Foundation. The WCET is also providing funding to enable us to install a proper drainage system in the paddocks, which



*SPCA groom Isaac Majokweni*

flood each Winter. We are also hoping that we will be able to put grass in all our paddocks, thereby enabling our equine friends to graze on fresh turf.

Finally we hope to soon employ a second HCU inspector following the departure of Clive Matthews who replaced Jacques Buys. With two inspectors in place we expect to increase the



*CEO, Allan Perrins gets hands on loading adopted equines into a transporter*

number of equine inspections carried out during the next fiscal year.

In closing may I extend my personal thanks to all our donors and volunteers who make it possible for us to continue to speak, protect and care for equines in need.

**Sr. Angela Knight**  
*Stable Master*



## HOSPITAL AND MOBILE CLINICS

*This past year* we have focused much of our attention on streamlining structures, procedures and conducting staff training in the hospital, which has presented us with new challenges, developments and changes.

Dr Miles Penfold put a considerable amount of time and thought into revising the hospital procedure manual resulting in the team functioning more efficiently. All eight trainee animal welfare assistants (AWAs) passed their external examination, after completing an in-house AWA training course.

During this past year we teamed up with other Western Cape animal welfare organizations to hold Spayathons in Khayelitsha, Du Noon, Elands Bay and Napier Informal Settlements. Increasing pet sterilisation (spay and neuter) remains our primary focus within the hospital and is a key objective for this Society as a whole.

Sadly, growing unemployment rates are forcing many more people to surrender their animals as they struggle to make ends meet. We are also seeing more people, who can no longer afford private veterinary care, qualify for SPCA hospital rates, pushing up our numbers of indigent clients. As a result we continue to focus our efforts on helping poor clients, whose animals are often their only source of comfort during times of hardship.



Our Mobile Clinic programme, is a critical component of our commitment to deliver care to those most in need. During this past year this programme has struggled to meet some of our targets due to staff turn over and the resultant challenge of finding suitably qualified staff. I am pleased to report that we now have three mobile clinics on the road daily and will be acquiring a fourth mobile clinic thanks in part to funding from the National Lottery Distribution Trust Fund, within the next few months.

Much of our energy during the next year will be spent on increasing the effectiveness and efficiency of our mobile clinic fleet, thus ensuring that we take the SPCA to the poorest of poor. To this end, we will continue to work closely with other animal welfare groups.

We look forward to welcoming Dr Roelof van der Merwe as Head Veterinarian. Dr van der Merwe, formerly with The Animal Rescue Organisation, will take the lead in managing our mobile clinic programme. Despite our predictions that the year ahead will be a particularly challenging one, we remain committed to improving service delivery.

**Wendy Robinson**  
*Hospital Administrator*





## ANIMAL CARE CENTRE

**The Animal Care Centre** plays a critical role within the Cape of Good Hope SPCA and is made up of many dedicated staff and volunteers, who work tirelessly to care for each and every animal that comes to us.

Every single day in sometimes extreme weather conditions, they work hard to care for the hundreds of cats and dogs that pass through our kennels each month. They do this because of their unwavering love for those who can't speak for themselves, but who show their appreciation with a wag of a tail, a gentle purr or a lick on the chin.

This year saw a staggering amount of over 11,000 dogs and cats admitted to the SPCA. This figure comprises of 4,804 strays and 6,763 surrenders. It includes the sick and injured which were admitted to hospital as well as the healthy which were admitted to kennels.

Only 477 strays were re-united with their owners which leads us to believe that many of the 'strays' are actually owned by the people that hand them in. This distressing statistic is difficult to comprehend and makes our daily task that much harder.

It is heart-warming to note that 764 dogs and cats were placed in loving homes. Whilst we didn't reach our target of 950, we are still pleased with this result given the impact that economic downturn has had on adoptions.

Our boarding facility continues to be well supported by owners who entrust their beloved animals into our care. Our Senior Animal Care Assistant Emile Rezandt, must be commended for continuously striving to keep our boarders and their owners happy. The income for boarding for the year was R214,000, an increase of almost R26,000. The SPCA vet shop turned over R655,000 during the year and generated R135,332 in profit for this department. These



**SPCA Volunteers Barbara Stewart and Hilary Edwards with Bongo and Ringo**

two income producing sections of our department helped to offset the significant costs incurred in feeding and caring for so many animals in our kennels.

Balancing our kennels budget remains a difficult challenge and one made that much harder as basic costs continue to increase. Fortunately, we enjoy the support of many extremely caring and generous people, whose kindness makes it possible for us to keep our doors open. We are also indebted to the generosity of the pet food manufacturers and distributors who, throughout the year give us regular donations of precious dog and cat food. It is hard to imagine how we would survive without their assistance.

Grateful thanks must go to our faithful volunteers who, come rain or shine, are at the SPCA daily to walk our dogs and give our cats much needed pampering.



*Taryn Boyce at the SPCA Lost and Found department*

Lastly my sincere appreciation must go to my hardworking staff for their dedication and compassion shown to the animals in their care.

**Margie Ainscow**  
*Animal Care Manager*



*Above: Thanks to the SPCA Lost and Found department, the Connolly-Volbrecht family was reunited with their beloved Ollie*



*Left: SPCA Animal Care assistant Beryl McIntosh*

## EDUCATION



**The Cape of Good Hope SPCA** is committed to taking our humane education

programme to as many learners across the greater Cape Town metropole. Using our interactive puppet show and presentations, we aim to inspire compassionate and caring children who will be exposed to the principles of responsible pet care and learn respect for animals. We believe that humane education is a vital component in nurturing children to become responsible, compassionate and caring adults - not just of animals but of our fellow human beings.

During the course of this past fiscal year, our three full time education officers, who are collectively fluent in English, Afrikaans and Xhosa, took our award winning education

programme to just over 13 000 learners across Cape Town, thereby impressing on each one of them the importance of responsible pet ownership and humane care. We are always amazed by the enthusiasm shown by students to learn more about animals and we are grateful to the many principals, teachers and parents for allowing us to speak to their children and for their individual fundraising efforts in support of this society.

A fundamental component of our education work is our **Ani-Pal Education Programme**, which this year we took to 12 schools. At each school, over a three-week period, we present our puppet show to learners from Grade 3 to 5 and then conduct after-school mobile clinics, which incentivizes learners and teachers to hand their animals to us for sterilisation. Thanks to a second generous grant from the Foschini Group's CSI programme, we were able to continue to employ a full time Xhosa speaking educator, Thembi Nomkala. Through his

involvement we took our Ani-Pal education programme to 2124 learners at six Xhosa speaking schools in Khayalitsha during the year. We congratulate Ikhushi Primary in Khayelitsha for bringing in 69 animals for sterilisation and awarded SPCA Ani-Pal School of the Year.

We were also very proud to be selected by Radio Zibonele, the only Xhosa-speaking radio station



**Thembi Nomkala at Ferndale Primary School, Ottery during International Animal Week**

Right: *Learners from St Joseph's Marist College during their visit to the SPCA*



Far left: *SPCA Educators, René Simpson Lucille Boonzaier, and Thembi Nomkala with young learners at Western Province Prep*

in the Western Cape, to co-present a live broadcast on animal welfare issues. The response from the listeners to the shows has been overwhelming, with dozens of people calling in to ask for advice on pet and animal care.

Another highlight of the year was our involvement in the City of Cape Town's Youth Environmental Week, supported by the SPCA since its launch in 1999. At a 10th anniversary event in June 2008, the SPCA education unit proudly received an award for "Outstanding Contribution to Environmental Education in the City of Cape Town". We were also the recipient of an award from Sid-G Rule Primary School based in Grassy Park. As part of their 2008 "Year of Compassion" celebration, they acknowledged the SPCA for making a significant contribution to development in the community.

During the first week of October we joined animal lovers around the world in marking International Animal Week. This year we took

our message to 11 pre and primary schools in Cape Town and sold SPCA ribbons to students as part of our efforts to raise awareness of animal protection. This initiative helped raise R14 115 for this SPCA.

Encouraged by the positive feedback we continue to receive from schools who welcome our involvement, we will continue to reach out to an increased number of learners and this year have placed a special focus on high schools. We also hope to extend our programme by targeting schools in the northern suburbs of Cape Town.

In closing our achievements would not have been possible without the passion and

## **ANI-PAL PROGRAMME**

*(12 schools targeted, of which 6 were Xhosa speaking schools).*

3337 pupils presented to  
614 animals sterilized  
630 animals dewormed  
628 animals treated for fleas

## **Youth Environment Schools Programme**

9 schools visited  
2290 pupils presented to

## **Tours by schools to the SPCA and in-school presentations**

6684 pupils presented to

**Total number of schools seen in 2008/09**  
50

**Total number of learners presented to in 2008/09**

13 011

commitment our three Educators, Lucille Boonzaier, René Simpson and Thembi Nomkala, bring to their work each day and whose efforts play such a critical role in helping us achieve our goal of preventing animal cruelty and neglect.

## **Sarah Scarth**

*Education Manager*

# COMMUNICATION AND RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT



*In a year which marked the start of a global recession, supporters of*

the Cape of Good Hope SPCA continued to demonstrate their concern for animals and the importance of preventing animal cruelty in their gifts to us.

During the past fiscal year, through a multi-faceted resource development programme, R11,275,553 was generously entrusted to us.

Whether it be a few coins in an SPCA tin or a legacy donation worth millions, each gift is valued and appreciated, as it enables us to continue carrying out our life-saving work for animals in the greater Cape Town metropole.

The task of fostering relationships with donors and raising funds is carried out by a dedicated team of staff and volunteers, many of whom have worked at or supported this SPCA for years. Their passion to achieve and convince others

that we are worthy of their support, is admirable and appreciated. Special thanks to volunteer Betty Beukes whose dedicated effort has seen income from our Charity Shop increase to R205 000.

We are grateful for the incredible support we receive from the daily, weekend and community newspapers, radio, magazines and websites in our region. There is hardly a week that goes by when we are not in a newspaper or on the radio and we remain enormously grateful to the many reporters and news editors who give us the opportunity to tell our stories.



***Betty Beukes, charity shop manager and volunteer Lynette van Heerden, at the SPCA charity shop***



***Yaaseen Mukaddam hands the keys of a new vehicle to Angela Knight, Stable Master of the SPCA horse care unit***

Our new website [www.sPCA-ct.co.za](http://www.sPCA-ct.co.za) launched in October 2008 is now a comprehensive information source on this SPCA and we hope will attract a new group of online supporters to our cause. Our *Footprints* magazine was also redesigned and we extend our thanks to Formaset Printers and Paperlink for generously donating the printing costs and paper to enable us to print this publication.

Our treasured Bequest Society continues to grow and the two luncheons we hold each year are wonderful occasions for us to connect with fellow animal lovers, whose promised legacy is sure to guarantee our long-term sustainability.

During the year this SPCA has gratefully received support from several corporate donors, who despite these challenging times, continue to contribute to our work. Of special mention are ACSA for their support of our mobile clinic programme; Primedia's 567 CapeTalk and PetAlive for sponsorship of the 2008 567 CapeTalk SPCA Wiggle Waggle Walkathon; Foschini Group for sponsorship of our Xhosa-speaking education officer, Hill's Pet Nutrition for their contribution to our Animal Care Centre and William Simpson Cars for the long-term loan of a new Nissan bakkie for the SPCA Horse Care Unit.

Finally, without doubt a highlight of the year was the worldwide screening of the first 15-part

*Animal Cops South Africa* series on the Animal Planet channel. Changing perceptions of animals and the respect they deserve remains our overarching goal and this series made a significant impact on many viewers and gave them a better understanding of the important work carried out by the SPCA movement. We remain deeply grateful to the team at ITV/Anglia Productions for producing two promotional DVDs using footage from this series for our society. These we use on an almost daily basis to encourage new supporters to our cause.

In closing, thank you to all our supporters for the trust you place in us to deliver on our mission and to our dependable team of volunteers, whose generosity and compassion helps us achieve our goals.

Gratefully  
**Sarah Scarth**  
*Communications and Resource  
Development Manager*



**Aden Thomas (567 CapeTalk); John Carelse (PetAlive); Dr John Oakley (CoGH SPCA); Sarah Scarth (CoGH SPCA); Michelle Carelse (PetAlive) and Soli Philander (567 CapeTalk) at the 2008 Wiggle Waggle**

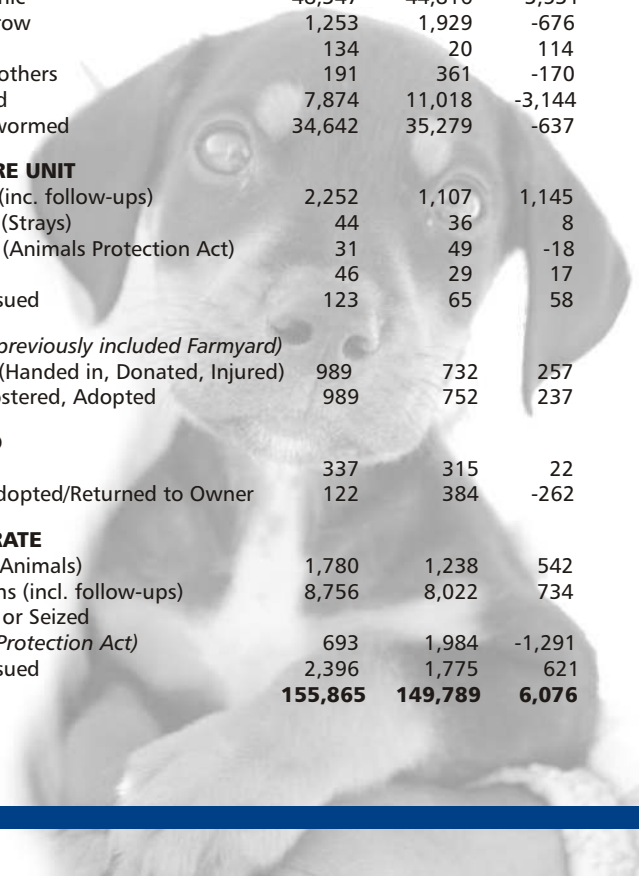


**Lindy Croxford holds Shenzi, who was announced winner of the 2009 SPCA Mutt of the Year**

# ANIMAL STATISTICS 2008/9

	2008/9	2007/8	VAR.
<b>KENNELS and CATTERY</b>			
<b>Admitted:</b>			
Boarding Dogs	580	310	270
Boarding Cats	0	0	0
Stray Dogs	2,659	1,559	1,100
Stray Cats	2,145	1,180	965
Dogs surrendered to SPCA by owners	3,971	1,755	2,216
Cats surrendered to SPCA by owners	2,792	1,534	1,258
<b>Discharged - Adopted to new Owners:</b>			
Dogs	391	476	-85
Cats	373	432	-59
<i>(All were Sterilized)</i>			
Lost Animals claimed by their Owners:			
Dogs	451	532	-81
Cats	26	43	-17
<b>HOSPITAL</b>			
<b>Sterilizations:</b>			
Dogs	3,003	3,053	-50
Cats	1,384	1,489	-105
Other (Equines, Livestock, Farmyard)	45	59	-14
<b>Operations (excl. Sterilisations):</b>			
Orthopaedic, soft Tissue, etc.	6,253	7,530	-1,277
<b>Hospital Admissions (Biliary, Infectious Diseases etc.):</b>			
All Animals	11,917	10,667	1,250
<b>Vaccinations; (incl. Rabies):</b>			
Dogs & Cats	8,876	9,259	-383

	2008/9	2007/8	VAR.
<b>Clinics (Animals treated but exc. Vaccinations):</b>			
In House Clinic	48,347	44,816	3,531
Mobiles, Parow	1,253	1,929	-676
Equines	134	20	114
Livestock & others	191	361	-170
Dogs Dipped	7,874	11,018	-3,144
Animals dewormed	34,642	35,279	-637
<b>HORSE CARE UNIT</b>			
Inspections (inc. follow-ups)	2,252	1,107	1,145
Impounded (Strays)	44	36	8
Confiscated (Animals Protection Act)	31	49	-18
Adoptions	46	29	17
Warnings issued	123	65	58
<b>WILDLIFE (previously included Farmyard)</b>			
Admissions (Handed in, Donated, Injured)	989	732	257
Released, Fostered, Adopted	989	752	237
<b>FARMYARD</b>			
Admissions	337	315	22
Rehomed/Adopted/Returned to Owner	122	384	-262
<b>INSPECTORATE</b>			
Rescues (all Animals)	1,780	1,238	542
Investigations (incl. follow-ups)	8,756	8,022	734
Confiscated or Seized			
<i>(Animals Protection Act)</i>	693	1,984	-1,291
Warnings issued	2,396	1,775	621
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>155,865</b>	<b>149,789</b>	<b>6,076</b>



# BEQUESTS AND DONATIONS

## ***Bequest donations 2008/09***

Alisch, Ilse Irma  
Barrowman, R M  
Brown, R H  
Cleenwerck, H H B  
Crow, P C  
Cunningham, Florence  
Durr, Valerie Elise Cornwell  
Forshaw, Margaret Ann  
Gordon, Howard Phillip Roydon  
Gorfinkel, P V  
Cruickshank, Jaqueline  
Holmes, M L  
Kinnish, M H  
Kitter, Margaret Ann  
Kohler, J S  
Lee, J D  
Levy, Rachel  
Liebbrandt, Kathlee M  
Lowe, Joy Vivienne  
Martin, Charlotte Allan  
Matthee, Mavis Alexander  
Mattocks, D K  
Max, Brian John  
Naude, John Percival  
Platzky, Joan Millicent  
Powell, Barbara I  
Price, Maureen Agnes  
Roddy, Margaret Noel

Rohr, Rupert John  
Savidge, SBL  
Schmolder, Gretchen Hilda  
Shuttleworth, P M  
Smith, Amelia  
Soule, Ellen Janet  
Stone, R V  
Thie, Melanie Gabriele  
Magdalena  
Truter, E H  
Van Schalkwyk, M E  
Vincent, Viola Desiree  
Walker, C W  
Zwarenstein, R

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Allan & Gill Gray Charitable Trust  
Azriel & Moyra Fine Foundation  
Brian & Mira Robinson  
Charitable Trust  
C & D Robertson & M Howie  
Trust  
C S Boulton Trust - (D D D Fund)  
C.A Jones Trust  
CA Mabin Trust  
Charities Aid Foundation  
Colin John Campbell Trust  
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Cecil Jowell Family Charitable  
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Hendrina Joyce Trust Fund  
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Charitable Trust  
The Susman Charitable  
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Memorial Trust  
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Vic W G Stone Will Trust  
W A Currey Trust  
W and J Weise Charitable Trust  
W M H Tichy Trust  
William Holmes Family Trust  
Wilmott Trust

## ***Donations in Memory***

Mary Louise Albertyn  
Audrey Arenhold  
Marie van der Bergh

Joan Brooke  
George Carr  
Blossom Cassidy  
Mai Craig  
Dr John F Cumming  
Hugh Denny  
Mel Foreman  
Margaret Lowe  
Bob Manson  
Edna McCallum  
Don McGregor Clark  
Dennis Mills  
Peter Morgan  
Susanna Neke  
Joan Platzky  
Hermann van Schalkwyk  
Yvonne Emily Walton  
Mr Rodd le Roux's  
grandmother

## ***In Memory of Pets***

Bella  
Colleen  
Kelsey  
Lulu  
Max  
Robbie  
Tano  
Wolf of Linksfield

*"We share this world with all creatures. Don't leave their survival to chance. Making a will is one of the ways we ensure the world is a better place for those we care about. Please leave a lasting legacy to future generations."*

– Dame Judi Dench



## *The Cape of Good Hope SPCA Bequest Society*

*"Our future is in your hands.  
Please leave us your legacy of love."*



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