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About Us

The Tshwane SPCA was founded in 1910 and operates in terms of the SPCA Act of 1993 that governs all SPCA’s in South Africa. As an animal welfare organisation we acknowledge all animals as sentient beings and strive to prevent their cruelty and exploitation. We aim to achieve this by proactively promoting animal welfare, enforcing animal protection legislation, and prosecuting offenders.

Our objective is to serve and protect all animals, to uplift their welfare and to ensure that the protection they have under South African law is upheld and respected.

Tshwane SPCA covers approximately 6200 km$^2$ and it stretches as far as Centurion, Bronkhorstspruit, Hartebeespoort, Temba, Soshanguve and Bela-Bela. We have two Animal Care branches located at Waltloo (Silverton) and Centurion respectively; we receive stray and unwanted animals, and act to prevent cruelty to animals, 24 hours a day; 365 days a year.

Legal Status

The Tshwane Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals is a registered Non-Profit Organisation (001-429 NPO), a Public Benefit Organisation (PBO 130003271), and a non-profit company registered and incorporated in terms of the company laws of the Republic of South Africa (Registration Number: 1949/033797/08). The Tshwane SPCA is affiliated to the National Council of SPCA’s (NSPCA).

The SPCA is mandated by law to support the South African Police Force (SAPS) in enforcing legislation that protects our animals. Our Inspectorate is tasked with investigating the neglect of and cruelty to animals, and take appropriate action.

The Tshwane SPCA operates in terms of the SPCA Act of 1993 that governs all SPCA’s in South Africa. We perform our functions in accordance with the Operations Manual and ethical guidelines established by the NSPCA, who ensure adherence to this Act.

Tshwane SPCA is a Level 4 BBBEE Contributor.

We receive no government funding and are reliant on the financial support of caring people who love animals and assist us through donations, sponsorships and bequests.

Donations in cash and in kind are tax deductible in terms of Section 18A of the Income Tax Act. As a registered Public Benefit Organisation (PBO 130003271), we will issue a Section 18A Tax Certificate to bona fide taxpayers who qualify for this deduction.
Our Mission

Our mission is to maintain a high profile within the community through visibility and interaction. We strive to do so by deploying competent personnel who project enthusiasm and commitment, supported by education and community outreach programmes. The Tshwane SPCA endeavours to offer residents services that are professional, efficient and accessible.

Our Objectives

- Respond to reports of cruelty to animals and confiscate abused or neglected animals;
- Enforce laws that protect animal rights through our Inspectorate;
- Provide caring treatment and comfortable shelter for neglected and abandoned animals that are admitted to our Animal Care Centre;
- Provide subsidised veterinary care and services to the animals of poor communities;
- Promote the humane and compassionate care of animals through education and awareness programmes;
- Find loving and caring homes for animals through our adoption service;
- Reunite lost animals with their owners through our lost-and-found service;
- Sterilisation campaigns to reduce the overpopulation of animals;
- Disaster relief to save animals affected by natural disasters, motor accidents and so forth;
- Education on the basic rights of animals and responsible pet ownership promoting respect and concern for all living creatures.

2017 Impact

Annually we attend to more than 38 000 animals. In 2017:

- The Inspectorate responded to 1806 cruelty complaints, issued 543 warnings, and conducted 2083 inspections;
- We sterilised 2707 animals;
- We conducted 210 education interventions and community outreaches;
- We rehomed 1840 animals and reunited 261 with their owners.
Our Services

Inspectorate

The Inspectorate is the law enforcement unit of the SPCA, and its main task is to investigate the neglect of and cruelty to animals, and take appropriate action.

Working 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, our Inspectorate is the first and most powerful port of call for anyone who suspects that an animal is being abused. Our highly-trained Inspectors bring criminal charges against offenders. They work closely with the SAPS and courts in the prosecution of those who abuse or neglect animals.

The Inspectorate’s Main Duties are:

- Rescuing animals in need;
- Investigating cases of animal cruelty or abuse;
- Acting on animal-related complaints from the public;
- Proactively inspecting the condition of domestic and other animals, including livestock, wildlife and exotic animals. This includes inspecting the establishments in which animals are kept, (such as pet shops, grooming parlours, circuses, animal exhibitions, and abattoirs);
- Providing education on responsible pet ownership;
- In 2017, the Inspectors responded to 1806 cruelty complaints, issued 543 warnings, and conducted 2083 inspections thereby directly impacting on the wellbeing of Tshwane’s animals.

Animal Hospital

We are fortunate to be one of only a few SPCA’s to have an animal hospital. Our animal hospital is located at the Waltloo premises, and is registered with the South African Veterinary Council (SAVC).

Our hospital offers veterinary care in the form of:

- Sterilisation
- Vaccinations;
- General veterinary care and consultations;
- Microchipping;
- sale of veterinary products;
- Education on basic animal welfare and importance of responsible pet ownership.

The hospital is fully staffed with three registered veterinarians and support personnel and is equipped to perform most veterinary procedures. The hospital also accommodates veterinary students from time to time. Protocols require that we will only treat and vaccinate animals that are sterilised (or that will be sterilised). In 2017 the Animal Hospital sterilised 2707 animals, vaccinated over 4500 animals and treated 1167 animals, providing affordable veterinary care for animal owners across Tshwane.
Animal Care Branches

Our Animal Care Branches at our Waltloo and Centurion premises have over 500 kennels and catteries, livestock, poultry, reptile, rodent and equine enclosures that provide emergency shelter for unwanted, abandoned and stray animals. Our branches are accessible 24/7 to receive stray and unwanted animals.

The animals at our branches are provided with water, nutritious food, shelter, blankets, and access to veterinary care. Our kennel staff, assisted by volunteers, are at hand to give them love and affection.

The branches depend on the dedicated staff and volunteers who work tirelessly throughout the year to care for unwanted, abandoned and abused animals.

In 2017 we rehomed 1840 animals.

Lost and Found

We operate a lost-and-found service from both the Waltloo and Centurion branches to assist the community to find their lost pets.

In 2017 the Tshwane SPCA reunited 261 animals with their owners. This number could be much higher if more owners microchipped their pets to enable their identification. Microchipping your pet can be done by your local veterinarian or at our hospital at a discounted rate for those who cannot afford private veterinary fees.

Education

Community Outreach Programmes

Our Inspectors, accompanied by veterinary and other staff, do regular outreaches in disadvantaged communities where people are unable to generally afford private sterilisations and basic veterinary care. We use these outreach programmes to promote the health and welfare of animals in our community.

During these programmes, we:

- Educate the community on responsible animal care;
- Instil respect and appreciation for all animals;
- Inform people about cruelty to animals, and request their support in reporting cruelty;
- Provide primary veterinary services such as vaccinations, treatment for ticks and fleas, and deworming as well as sterilisations;
- Educate pet owners on the importance of sterilisation, the proper care of animals and the prevention of cruelty;
- Proactively inspect the condition of animals and where they are housed;
- Remove animals to our hospital for specialist treatment, where required.
School Programmes

We present educational programmes at local schools to promote animal welfare and welcome school groups at our branches. We teach children about the care, feeding and humane treatment of pets. We believe that informed children will promote the caring treatment of animals in their homes. Children are encouraged to assist us to reduce the number of neglected and abused animals, and we appeal to them to support our work in their homes and communities.

School groups regularly visit our premises to get on-site exposure. We use these tours to share what we do and to give them an opportunity to interact with animals.

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Corporate Employee Volunteerism

Employee volunteering is one of the most effective ways of enabling your company to mobilise its most valuable assets - its people. By volunteering their time and skills, employees are investing in a meaningful way to the growth of the economy, and, most importantly, addressing some of the socio-economic challenges faced by communities.

Corporate and Employee Volunteering is a key focus of the Tshwane SPCA and we provide opportunity for structured volunteerism days through-out the year. These are planned well in advance in collaboration with the corporate entity to ensure it meets their needs, as well as that of our organisation. We have Animal Care branches in Waltloo and Centurion respectively that can offer a variety of activities.
Income Generation

Boarding Kennels

Our boarding facility continues to be well-supported by owners who entrust their beloved pets to our care. We have 63 boarding kennels at our Waltloo and Centurion branches.

Our accommodation is safe, secure, and caring, and our trained veterinary and animal care staff are on call to make sure our “guests” stay healthy.

Charity Shop

We have two Charity Shop outlets, a small venue at Centurion and the main Charity Shop at our Waltloo centre. The shops sell a variety of second-hand goods, including:

- Clothing
- Household Goods
- Home and office furniture
- Kitchenware
- Linen and curtains
- Toys
- Electronic equipment
- Sports equipment
- Books, CDs and DVDs
- Garden equipment and much more

Garden of Remembrance

Our Waltloo branch has a Garden of Remembrance where beloved pets are remembered.

Pet Crematorium

Cremation is an environmentally friendly, cost effective and practical alternative to pet burial. Our Waltloo branch will soon have a state of the art incinerator with which we will be able to provide professional crematory services to pet owners and veterinary practices.
How can you help?

The Tshwane SPCA is dependent on private donations and sponsorships to enable us to provide services to the Tshwane community, the public, and its animals. There are societies in all nine provinces of South Africa and each society is restricted to raise funding only from within its geographical area. Governmental policies and its priorities outlined in the National Development Plan 2030, places animal welfare at a lower priority to education and social welfare and as such support received from corporate entities have also declined in recent years as they seek alignment to governmental priorities and BEE policies.

The Tshwane SPCA is one of the main animal welfare service providers in the Tshwane area, and we take proactive measures to mitigate any risk to the discontinuation of services due to lack of funding as this will result in a significant increase in stray animal population, unaddressed animal cruelty and very limited options of animal healthcare for disadvantaged communities. This problem is of top priority to the organisation, and should thus also be of high concern to the public and the government.

You can help in one (or more) of the following ways:

- **Support us financially:**
  - Individuals and companies may qualify for a Section 18A tax deduction for bona fide donations to Tshwane SPCA.
  - Sign a monthly debit order
  - Give once-off via EFT or online via our website
  - Support our fundraising campaigns
- **Sponsor a vehicle/s for our Inspectorate and get branding exposure opportunities for your company.** We have a critical need for this as our current vehicles have high mileage and high associated maintenance costs.
- **Assist us with professional services e.g. plumbing, electrical, infrastructure etc when required** – if you are able to render professional services to us (discounted, at cost, or free) please get in contact with us so we can add you to our vendor database.
- **Donate in honour of someone on their birthday in lieu of a gift**
- **Adopt from us**
- **Include us in your Will and leave a legacy or bequest.**
- **Follow us on social media and share our posts with your friends and in your network**
- **Volunteer your time.** You need to be over 16 years of age, reliable and have your own transport.
- **Support our Charity Shops by donating goods.**
- **Get a MySchool Card and nominate us as your beneficiary and we will earn a percentage on all your purchases at Woolworths and other participating retailers, at no cost to you.**