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# **OUR MISSION**

To improve the welfare of all animals - domesticated & wildlife - resulting in better lives for both the animals and humans of Fiji, while helping to build a society without animal cruelty.

A LIFELINE FOR ANIMALS IN FIJI



# REFLECTING ON OUR JOURNEY

Each year our annual report encapsulates the year just gone. It's an opportunity to reflect on and summarise all that we achieved and to thank all of our supporters.

As we reflect on the years 2021 and 2022, we acknowledge the immense challenges we faced and the unwavering dedication of our team. Similar to the challenges of the global pandemic, we have purely focused on the animals so we have combined both 2021 and 2022 into this annual report. The COVID-19 global pandemic and subsequent lockdowns presented extreme difficulties, severely limiting our outreach and humane population control efforts. Yet, our remarkable team went above and beyond to continue helping animals amidst the adversity. With closed borders and a lack of volunteers until early 2022, our resilience was truly tested.

However, as domestic COVID-19 borders began to ease and international borders gradually reopened in 2022, a glimmer of hope emerged. The progress was not without hurdles, as the international conflict in Ukraine disrupted shipping and increased the costs of acquiring veterinary medication and vaccines. Despite these additional challenges, we refused to succumb to survival mode and instead took a proactive approach to regain our momentum.

By the end of 2022, we stood on firmer ground and felt a renewed sense of purpose. Our community's support, dedication, and unwavering belief in our cause fueled our determination. We are immensely grateful for the contributions and assistance we received throughout these trying times. Together, we have made a lasting impact on the lives of countless animals.

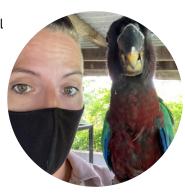
As we embark on a new chapter, we remain steadfast in our mission to protect and improve the lives of animals in Fiji. With your continued support, we are confident that we can overcome any obstacles and create a brighter future for our furry friends.

Thank you for standing beside us throughout this journey. Together, we will continue to make a lasting difference.

On behalf of the entire Animals Fiji team & with heartfelt gratitude,

THANK YOU, VINAKA VAKA LEVU, & DHANYAVAAD!

Casey | Co-Founder & Managing Trustee





#### **Active Fiji Trustees**

**Casey Quimby** Amanda Sofield

#### **USA Board**

Casey Quimby Gina Paladini Amanda Sofield

**Australian Fundraising Authority** Julie Hoskison

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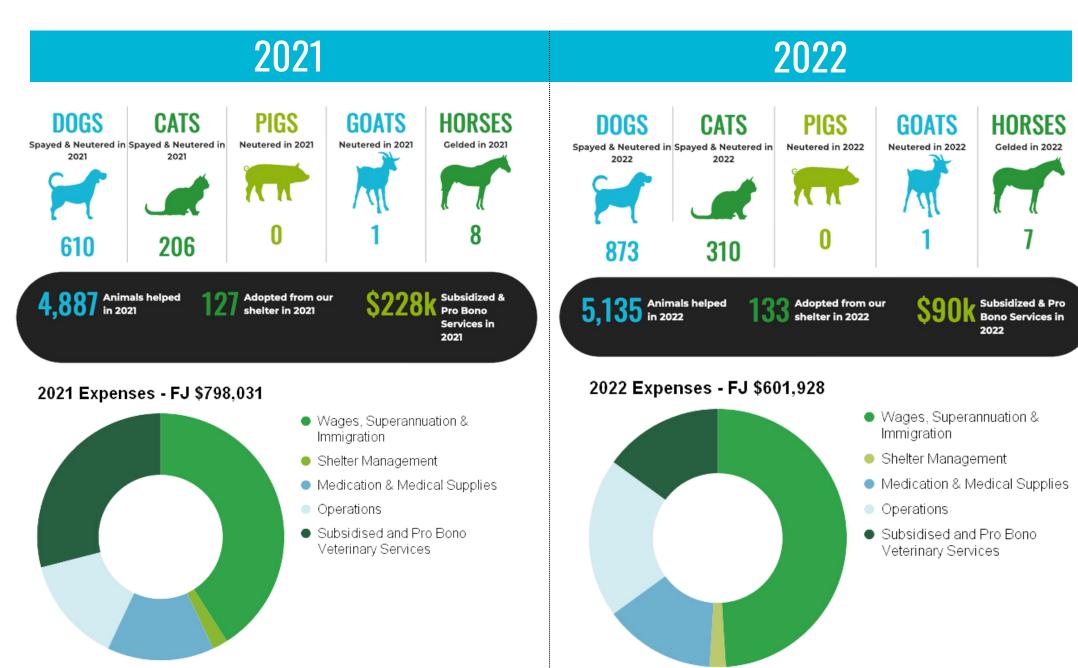




# **SUMMARY IN NUMBERS**



Transforming Lives and Sustaining Impact: Our Work and Operational Expenses in Action





## **EXPANDING OUR REACH: SERVICES & IMPACT**

In 2021 and 2022, we leveraged technology and innovation to deliver services, education, outreach, research, and advocacy. These all contributed towards eradicating animal cruelty, improving lives, and fostering responsible pet ownership in Fiji.













**Veterinary services**Comprehensive
veterinary care for
animal health



Welfare services
Ensuring affordable
veterinary treatment
for all animals in need



Shelter
Adoption Guaranteed
Facility: ensuring
lifetime çare for
shelter animals



Grooming & Boarding
Boarding and
grooming services
support animal
welfare and veterinary
care subsidies



Export Assistance
We helps families
relocate their beloved
pets to their new
forever homes abroad



Education
Promoting
responsible pet
ownership and
humane treatment



Community Outreach Increasing accessibility for animal welfare services to deserving communities



**Colony Guidance**Community assistance for responsible population management

**TNR & Community** 



Emergency Services

Essential veterinary advice: assisting animals within our limits

#### **BABU'S STORY**

# In 2021, COVID-19 restricted what we could do, but also where we could do it.

Due to restrictions, we faced severe limitations on our usual services and operations. Nadi and Lautoka were completely locked down from April to September 2021, along with ongoing curfews until February 2022. Separating some of our team members from getting to work and outreach clinics and those on Vanua Levu faced significant restrictions.

However, we persevered and found innovative solutions. For instance, one of our dedicated veterinarians, Dr. Ashitosh, performed multiple life-saving surgeries on the border from the trunk of his car at the Nadi-Lautoka border.





In a critical case, Babu, who suffered severe dog attack injuries, received immediate care at our Nadi clinic. Our vet nurse, Bec, stabilized Babu before transporting her to the containment border for life-saving surgery performed at the Nadi-Lautoka border.

Despite the challenges, our teams coordinated effectively, ensuring Babu's successful operation. Post-surgery, she recovered at our Nadi clinic hospital, demonstrating our commitment to providing essential care in extraordinary circumstances.





## **EXPANDING OUR REACH: SERVICES & IMPACT**

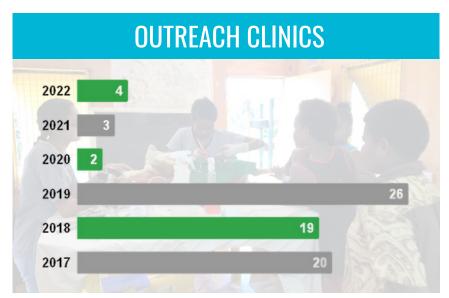
We have been offering outreach clinics since 2012, reaching communities that have limited access to our permanent clinics.

Unfortunately, due to COVID-19, we had to cancel and suspend clinics in Lautoka and Labasa. Our outreach visits have been crucial in overcoming geographic barriers and reducing the financial burden for local communities. The impact of the pandemic prevented us from helping more animals in 2020, 2021, and most of 2022.













#### **JERRY'S STORY**

In October 2022, Jerry suffered a severe skull injury when she was injured by a sugar cane knife. Her owners rushed Jerry and her six young puppies to Animals Fiji Nadi for emergency treatment. Dr Ashmita performed extensive emergency surgery to replace the loose bone of Jerry's skull and stitch up the wound. Shortly after surgery Jerry began experiencing seizures. This required intensive hospital care for her and the removal of her puppies to foster care.

Once the seizures stopped, Jerry was able to be reunited with her puppies and together, they spent the next 3 weeks in our Nadi clinic hospital as Jerry recovered and healed. These types of emergencies are unfortunate yet luckily for Jerry and her puppies we were able to help create a happy ending.

At Animals Fiji we understand the financial burden these sorts of emergencies can create, and we make veterinary care affordable and accessible to all families and animals in need. For Jerry and her family, we subsidized the cost of her treatment from over FJ \$1,000 to just \$300. This was possible thanks to your donations.

In the months following her release from hospital Jerry came back a few times to be spayed and another to just say hi. She has made a full recovery. Her pups were all brought into shelter and all found loving homes.



# ACHIEVING OUR MISSION: AIMS & OBJECTIVES

# Addressing Human-Driven Animal Over-Population and Exploitation in Fiji: Tackling Breeding and Wildlife Trading



#### **Control Dog and Cat population**

Decades of research emphasize the crucial role of population management for the wellbeing of dogs, cats, and humans alike.



#### **Stop Exploitation**

Animal exploitation in Fiji involves breeding domestic animals (cats and dogs) and trading wildlife.



#### **Improve Animal Welfare**

Animal welfare is interconnected with systemic challenges for people and their pets or farm animals, aggravated by misleading veterinary care information affecting their well-being.



#### **Innovate**

Institutional barriers are impacting animal welfare, prompting a shift towards a community-centric model of animal sheltering.









The sale of wildlife is illegal.

If you see a native bird, bat, or iguana being sold on social media or elsewhere - it must be reported immediately.

# DOG POPULATION MANAGEMENT: KOROIPITA PILOT PROJECT

Animals Fiji partnered with Koroipita Model Town in 2021 for dog population management in Koroipita, Fiji. Despite a previous "No Dog Policy," Koroipita has around 150 dogs, including owned, community, and unowned ones. To address concerns about dog welfare and public health, a program focused on reducing strays, improving dog welfare, and promoting responsible pet ownership was implemented. Baseline data was collected in 2022, and an outreach program in April 2021 involved desexing, collaring, and microchipping animals.

Follow-up data collection in 2023 monitored progress, with ongoing data collection approved by authorities.





Dog population management aims to control and regulate the dog population through strategies like sterilization, responsible ownership, and roaming dog control. It seeks to achieve a balanced and sustainable one-health population. It is guided by scientific research and ethics.

WATCH OUR KOROIPITA PILOT TV PROGRAM, "PET PROJECTS"

Watch now 🕞



# ACHIEVING OUR MISSION: AIMS & OBJECTIVES

### **EQUINE TEAM UP**

# **Strengthening Equine Care: Animals Fiji and Horse Sanctuary Join Forces**

In 2022, Animals Fiji and the Horse Sanctuary formed a formal partnership to enhance equine welfare. The collaboration ensures regular and ongoing veterinary treatment for the 15-20 horses residing at the sanctuary while leveraging each other's expertise to uplift their existing work in equine rescue and rehabilitation. Together, we are making a difference, one day and one horse at a time, through outreach programs, on-site rehabilitation, and dedicated care.

Morika Hunter and her daughter Nylla founded The Horse Sanctuary in 2021 out of a deep passion for rescuing and rehabilitating mistreated horses. They also strive to educate horse owners across the country. Despite pandemic hurdles, their mission extends to outreach programs and future therapy services.







#### PENNY'S JOURNEY TO RECOVERY: A STORY OF NEGLECT AND RESILIENCE

Penny, a neglected horse, endured severe sunburn and fur loss due to being constantly tethered without shade. Despite initial fear, she developed trust over time. Moved to the sanctuary for treatment of her infected eye, Penny's skin healed, but the eye required removal. She adapted well despite the loss. Unfortunately, cancer spread to her remaining eye, resulting in tumors on her ears. Surgical intervention addressed the tumors, and Penny has been under palliative care. The partnership between the sanctuary and Animals Fiji has been vital in providing the necessary support for Penny as she see's out her time left on earth being pampered with love. Penny's journey showcases resilience and the transformative impact of the partnership collaboration.

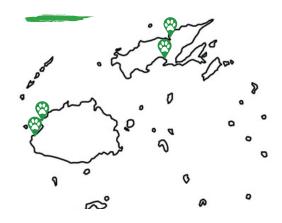








# **CLINICS**



#### **Animals Fiji Nadi Clinic & Head Office**

Clinic & Shelter Physical Address: Lot 1 Koroniqava Road, Nasoso Nadi, Fij Clinic Telephone: (+679) 993-6647 Email: nadi@animalsfiji.org

#### **Animals Fiji Savusavu Clinic**

Clinic Physical Address: Nakama Road, Savusavu, Vanua Levu Clinic Telephone: (+679) 998-6253 Email: north@animalsfiji.org

#### **Animals Fiji Lautoka Clinic**

Clinic Physical Address: Ministry of Agriculture Office Lautoka - Tavewa Ave., Lautoka Clinic Telephone: (+679) 998-2026 or (+679) 993-6647 Email: nadi@animalsfiji.org / nadi2@animalsfiji.org

#### **Animals Fiji Labasa Clinic**

Clinic Physical Address: Ministry of Agriculture office in town.

Clinic Telephone: (+679) 998-6253 Email: north@animalsfiji.org

# **OUR TEAM**



#### **Board of Trustees**

Strategic guidance and oversight to ensure mission alignment.

#### **Co-Founder & Managaing Trustee**

Leadership, operations management, partnerships, and external representation.

#### **Staff & Volunteers**

Dedicated team in various roles, including veterinary professionals, administrators, and animal care staff.

#### **Veterinary Medical Team**

Qualified professionals providing medical care and surgeries.

#### **Financial Management**

Transparent and accountable practices, including oversight, audits, budgeting, and compliance.

























# HOW YOU CAN HELP

There is a lot of work to be done & we need you. Join us in our mission through any of the following ways:

**Donate Now** 

paypal.me/animalsfiji

#### **GIVE**

Donate at <a href="www.paypal.me/animalsfiji">www.paypal.me/animalsfiji</a>
or visit our <a href="www.animalsfiji.org">website www.animalsfiji.org</a>
kindly donated by Tomahawk Marketing, and hit 'donate'.

#### **WESTPAC FIJI ACCOUNT:**

Account Name: West Charity Trust Society

Bank Account: 9803624577

BSB: 039019, SWIFT CODE: WPACFJFX

#### **AUSTRALIAN BANK DETAILS:**

Bank: ANZ, Bank Address: Pitt Street, Sydney, Account Name: Animals Fiji Fundraising Account,

Account #: 207111293

BSB: 012110

#### **BSP FIJI ACCOUNT:**

Account Name: West Charity Trust Society

Bank: Bank of South Pacific (BSP),

Bank Account: 8280636,

BSB: 069017, SWIFT CODE: BOSPFJFJ

MPAISA: Search for the business
"Animals Fiji" or use the QR codes at the clinic. Under Narration, please input your invoice number or your full name

#### **FOSTER AN ANIMAL**

Fostering a shelter animal is an incredibly rewarding experience and makes our shelter kittens, puppies, cats and dogs very happy. Email us today.

#### START A FUNDRAISER

Help to raise awareness as well as funds for Animals Fiji by starting your own fundraiser.

#### **VOLUNTEER**

Donate your time or skills by volunteering for us either in person or remotely. Contact us to talk about how you might be able to help.

#### **SPONSOR**

Sponsor a dog, a cat, a vet or a village visit. Take a look at all the options on our <u>website</u>.



# DONATE TO FIJI'S FIRST MOBILE CLINIC

We're fundraising for a mobile clinic. This will allow us to truly go further than we've gone before--to more villages, settlements, and communities in Fiji. It would be the first mobile clinic in Fiji.

#### BUY

Buy our merchandise including t-shirts (designed by local Fiji artist), wear it, and help animals!







Postal Address: PO Box 11035, Nadi Airport, Fiji

Email: info@animalsfiji.org

**Phone:** Nadi & Lautoka: (+679) 993-6647 or 998-2026

Savusavu & Labasa: (+679) 998-6253

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