

WELLINGTON SPCA

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ANNUAL REPORT 2025/2026

1 APRIL 2025 – 31 MARCH 2026



*Uplifting the dogs and cats
of Wellington –
one animal at a time.*



COMPILED BY CHRISTELLE FILMALTER,
Interim Chairperson

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Interim Chairperson's Foreword

2025/2026 has been a year of growth, resilience and collaboration for Wellington SPCA. Despite the ongoing challenges of rising operational costs, ageing infrastructure and increasing demand for our services, our dedicated staff, volunteers, committee members and supporters continued to put animal welfare first every single day. This year saw significant progress in our adoption programme, education initiatives, community outreach, fundraising and sterilisation drives. We strengthened partnerships with veterinary practices, schools, businesses and fellow NGOs, while continuing to investigate cruelty, care for vulnerable animals and educate our community on responsible pet ownership. None of this would have been possible without the unwavering support of our donors, sponsors, volunteers and the Wellington community. Together we are making a meaningful difference in the lives of thousands of animals.

As we look ahead, we remain committed to building a stronger, more sustainable organisation that will continue serving the animals and people of Wellington for many years to come.

Kind regards

Christelle Filmalter

Interim Chairperson Wellington SPCA

About Wellington SPCA

Established in 1953, Wellington SPCA is a registered non-profit organisation and a member Society of the National Council of SPCAs (NSPCA). The Society serves the greater Wellington area by preventing cruelty to animals, promoting responsible pet ownership and providing essential animal welfare services to the community.

Operating from its premises on Interpace Road, Wellington SPCA provides a wide range of services, including:

- Inspectorate services and investigations into cruelty and neglect

- Municipal pound services on behalf of Drakenstein Municipality
- Animal rescue and emergency response
- Community veterinary outreach clinics
- Subsidised sterilisation programmes
- Animal adoptions and responsible rehoming
- Humane euthanasia where necessary
- Animal welfare education and awareness
- Advocacy for improved animal welfare legislation

Every day, the Society responds to reports of cruelty and neglect, rescues injured and abandoned animals, reunites lost pets with their owners, supports vulnerable pet owners where possible and works to reduce unwanted litters through proactive sterilisation initiatives.

The Society's work is made possible through the generosity of donors, volunteers, sponsors, veterinary partners and the continued support of the Wellington community.



The People Behind Wellington SPCA

Governance

Wellington SPCA is governed by a volunteer Management Committee responsible for providing strategic direction, ensuring sound governance and overseeing the Society's financial sustainability and compliance with the Rules of the National Council of SPCAs (NSPCA).

During March 2026, the NSPCA Board appointed an Interim Management Committee in terms of Rule 2.14. The Interim Committee was mandated to ensure continuity of the Society's operations until a new Management Committee could be elected at the Annual General Meeting on 21 July 2026.

Interim Management Committee

Member	Role
Christelle Filmalter	Interim Chairperson
Chief Inspector Jaco Pieterse	Volunteer – Cape of Good Hope SPCA
Madelyn Venter	Society Liaison Officer
Petre Bosman	Interim Committee Member
Elmien Rossouw	Interim Committee Member
Marie Lundqvist	Interim Committee Member

Acknowledgement

The Interim Committee would like to express its sincere appreciation to the previous Management Committee members for the time, expertise and dedication they devoted to Wellington SPCA. Their contribution to the Society's work is acknowledged with gratitude and we thank them for the role they played in advancing animal welfare in our community.

Governance Principle

Wellington SPCA remains committed to transparency, accountability and responsible stewardship of the resources entrusted to the Society, ensuring that every decision is guided by the best interests of animal welfare.

Our Staff

Every day, Wellington SPCA relies on the dedication of a small team of staff, a committed volunteer Management Committee and an incredible network of volunteers. The Wellington SPCA team is led by our newly appointed Head of Operations, Monia Stadler. Together, they work tirelessly to protect animals, support our community and ensure that the Society continues to fulfil its mission.

Name	Position
Monia Stadler	Head of Operations
Hugh Lewis	SPCA Inspector*
Simoney September	Receptionist & Administration
Enzeo Koopman	Kennel Assistant
Luciano Diedericks	Kennel Assistant
Shelden Diedericks	Kennel Assistant

*Hugh successfully qualified as an SPCA Inspector in May 2026 after completing his national inspector training during the reporting period. While his qualification falls just outside this financial year, it represents an important milestone for both Hugh and Wellington SPCA.

Staff Farewells

During the year, Wellington SPCA bid farewell to two valued members of the team.

Elizabeth Down concluded six years of exceptional service to the Society. Her leadership, dedication and unwavering commitment to animal welfare have left a lasting legacy, and we thank her sincerely for her enormous contribution to Wellington SPCA.



We also thank Elani Steenkamp for her service as an SPCA Inspector and wish her every success in her future endeavours.

Our Volunteers

Volunteers are at the heart of Wellington SPCA. Whether conducting adoption home checks, assisting with fundraising events, photographing animals, managing social media, organising book sales or giving their time behind the scenes, their contribution is invaluable.

We extend our sincere appreciation to:

- Scirocco Westermann-Winter & friends
- Mieke Batelaan
- Carol-Ann Jeffrey & her team
- Mari Lundqvist
- Louisa Stadsig
- Johann Olivier (JP Designs)
- Charmaine Cato
- Nico Schlebush
- Jeanette Lawrence
- Christelle Filmalter
- Anine Steyn
- Dani Kimble
- Diane Rossouw
- Janè Otto





WELLINGTON SPCA

At a Glance

1 APRIL 2025 – 31 MARCH 2026

A snapshot of our impact over the past year.
Together, we are making a difference
in the lives of animals and
our community.

Every life
matters.

OUR IMPACT



OUR FOCUS

Preventing cruelty
and promoting
animal welfare

Providing care,
protection and
second chances

Educating and
empowering our
community

Building partnerships
for a stronger,
compassionate future

Supporting animals
and people in need
every day



Your support changes lives.

THANK YOU FOR BEING PART
OF OUR JOURNEY.



Operational Performance Comparison

	2024/2025	2025/2026
Animals admitted	3,121	3,236
Dogs admitted	2,069	2,216
Cats admitted	985	918
Animals adopted	354	356
Animals reclaimed	66	69
Animals sterilised	820	837
Animals euthanased	2565	2739
Total animals inspected	13,159	4,886
Community clinics conducted	89	91
Animals treated at community clinics	3,620	2,433
Education sessions	Not recorded	21
Facebook followers	13,000	15,000
Instagram followers	900	1,250

Wellington SPCA continued to provide comprehensive animal welfare services throughout the 2025/2026 financial year, maintaining strong performance across its core operational programmes. Animal admissions, adoptions, reclaims and sterilisations all increased compared with the previous reporting period, while the Society further strengthened its commitment to preventative welfare through expanded community education initiatives and continued growth in its digital engagement.

Although the total number of animals inspected decreased from 13,159 in 2024/2025 to 4,886 in 2025/2026, this should be viewed within the context of changing operational priorities and inspection profiles. The previous reporting period included several large-scale proactive inspection campaigns involving high volumes of animals. During 2025/2026, inspectorate activities remained focused on statutory enforcement, proactive inspections, post-home inspections, compliance monitoring and animal welfare investigations, with the detailed breakdown of these activities presented in the following Inspectorate section.



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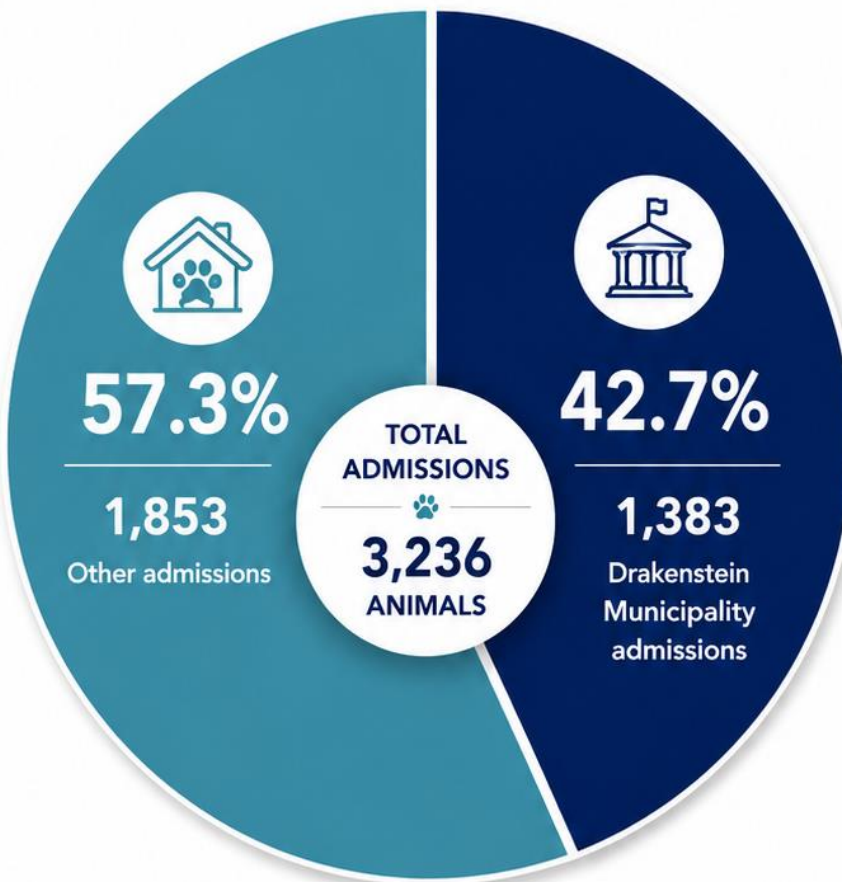
Animal Admissions by Source

1 APRIL 2025 – 31 MARCH 2026



SHARE OF TOTAL ANIMAL ADMISSIONS

Understanding the impact of the Drakenstein Municipality Pound Service in the 2025/2026 financial year.



DRAKENSTEIN MUNICIPALITY ADMISSIONS

1,383
(42.7%)

Animals admitted through the Drakenstein Municipality Pound Service



OTHER ADMISSIONS

1,853
(57.3%)

Animals admitted from private surrenders, rescues, abandonment and other sources



Total admissions for the 2025/2026 financial year
3,236 ANIMALS



During the 2025/2026 financial year, **1,383 animals (42.7%)** were admitted through the Drakenstein Municipality Pound Service, underscoring the Society's critical role in delivering statutory animal care services on behalf of the Municipality.



Every life matters.



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Inspectorate Summary

Every life
matters.

1 APRIL 2025 – 31 MARCH 2025

Our Inspectorate plays a vital role in promoting animal welfare, enforcing legislation and preventing cruelty. The statistics below reflect the wide range of enforcement and welfare activities undertaken during the 2025/2026 financial year.



TOTAL ANIMALS INSPECTED

4 886

across all inspection activities



INSPECTION ACTIVITY AT A GLANCE



CRUELTY
INVESTIGATIONS

1 366

(27.9%)



PROACTIVE
INSPECTIONS

1 602

(32.8%)



PRE/POST HOME
INSPECTIONS

539

(11.0%)



COLLECTIONS

290

(5.9%)



BYLAW/
METRO

9

(0.2%)



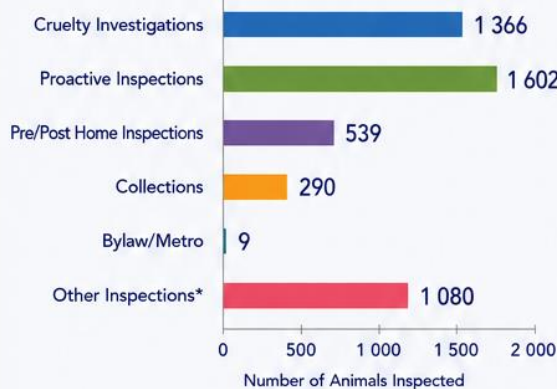
OTHER
INSPECTIONS*

1 080

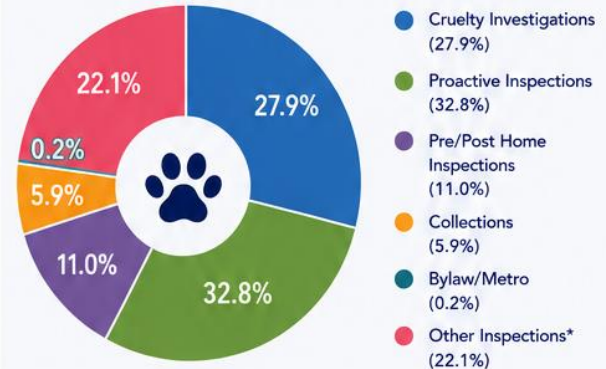
(22.1%)

*Other inspections include inspections related to wildlife rehabilitation, livestock (cattle, poultry, pigs, goats/sheep), cat trap projects, independent kennels, emerging farming projects, abattoirs, sale yards/auctions and other specialised activities.

ANIMALS INSPECTED BY ACTIVITY CATEGORY



% CONTRIBUTION BY ACTIVITY CATEGORY



During the 2025/2026 financial year, our Inspectorate inspected 4 886 animals across a broad range of enforcement and welfare activities.

Proactive inspections (32.8%) and cruelty investigations (27.9%) together accounted for 60.7% of all inspections, highlighting our commitment to preventing cruelty and promoting responsible pet ownership.

These efforts support our mission to uphold the highest standards of animal welfare in our community.



Your support changes lives.

THANK YOU FOR BEING PART
OF OUR JOURNEY.



Source: Wellington SPCA Welfare Tracker Report – 1 April 2025 to 31 March 2026



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Inspectors in Action

Every life matters.

1 APRIL 2025 – 31 MARCH 2026



Our Inspectors are the voice for animals who cannot speak for themselves.

Through enforcement, education and compassion, we protect, rescue and advocate for the welfare of all animals in our community.



TOTAL ANIMALS INSPECTED

4 886

across all inspection activities



LIVES SAVED. SECOND CHANCES GIVEN.



Every inspection has a story. Here are just two of the many animals whose lives were changed because our Inspectors refused to look away.



JOJO

RESCUED FROM A JOJO TANK

Inspector Elani Graham was dispatched to a rescue mission for a cat stuck in a JoJo Tank at the Wellington Day Hospital in Weltevrede.

JoJo as he has been nicknamed, is a healthy 9 month old male and was adopted in January 2025!



LE ROUX

RESCUED AND REUNITED

Our aerial team were back in action today after getting a call from a resident in the Versailles Street area, there was a kitten stuck in a gutter on a very high Industrial Building!!

Inspector Elani Graham and Trainee Inspector Hugh Lewis, packed the ladders and were off to try and get him down!

After numerous ladders and levels, Hugh was able to get the little "Le Roux" and safely under observation at the kennels.

Thanks to the Drakenstein Municipality for the help as our ladder just could not reach!



INVESTING IN THE FUTURE

Hugh Lewis – Our Newest Qualified Inspector

We are proud to celebrate the dedication and achievement of Hugh Lewis.

Hugh joined Wellington SPCA as a Trainee Inspector and successfully completed his Inspectorate Training Course in August 2025.

In recognition of his commitment, hard work and passion for animal welfare, Hugh was officially appointed and qualified as an Inspector in May 2026.

Hugh's journey reflects our ongoing commitment to developing skilled, compassionate Inspectors who are equipped to uphold the highest standards of animal welfare in our community.



AUGUST 2025

Completed Inspectorate Training Course



MAY 2026

Officially Appointed and Qualified Inspector



THE FUTURE

Continuing to protect animals and serve our community

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Behind every statistic is a life.
Behind every inspection is a choice:
to stand up for those who have no voice.



THANK YOU FOR BEING PART OF OUR JOURNEY.





WELLINGTON SPCA

Community Veterinary Services

Every life matters.

1 APRIL 2025 – 31 MARCH 2026

COMMUNITY CLINICS

Affordable care. Healthier pets. Stronger communities.

Our community veterinary clinics, facilitated by registered veterinarian Dr Sietske Gouws, are held twice a week and provide essential preventative healthcare to animals whose families would otherwise struggle to access veterinary services.

Through vaccinations, parasite control, health consultations and owner assistance, our clinics promote animal welfare and responsible pet ownership across our community.



91

COMMUNITY CLINICS
HOSTED IN 2025/26



COMMUNITY CLINIC SERVICES



Consultations

177



Rabies Vaccinations

242



Primary Vaccinations

528



Flea Treatments

242



Dip Treatments

704



Deworming Treatments

771



Owner Surrenders Assisted

105



STERILISATION PROGRAMME

Preventing litters. Preventing suffering.

Our sterilisation programme is a vital part of our long-term animal welfare strategy. By preventing unwanted litters, we reduce abandonment, improve animal health and ease the pressure on shelters throughout the region.

The programme is delivered in partnership with VetSol, with assistance from Wellington Animal Hospital and Paarl Diere Hospitaal for larger animals.



ANIMALS STERILISED



22

STERILISATION CLINICS
HOSTED IN 2025/26



468
DOGS
(56%)

837
TOTAL ANIMALS
STERILISED



369
CATS
(44%)



276
FEMALE DOGS
(33%)



193
MALE DOGS
(23%)



214
FEMALE CATS
(26%)



135
MALE CATS
(16%)



Thank you to VetSol, Wellington Animal Hospital and Paarl Diere Hospitaal for your partnership and dedication to the animals in our community.



WELLINGTON SPCA

Adoptions and Education

Every life matters.

1 APRIL 2025 – 31 MARCH 2026



ADOPTIONS

A second chance. A forever home.

Finding loving, responsible homes for animals in our care remains one of the most rewarding aspects of Wellington SPCA's work. Every successful adoption represents a second chance for an animal while creating space for another animal in need to receive care.

All prospective adopters undergo a thorough adoption process to ensure that every animal is placed in a suitable home where it will receive the care, commitment and lifelong companionship it deserves.

During the reporting period, 356 animals found their forever homes through Wellington SPCA.



ANIMALS ADOPTED

356

ANIMALS ADOPTED

224
DOGS



132
CATS



190

ADULT ADOPTIONS



166

JUVENILE ADOPTIONS





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Adoptions and Education

Every life matters.

1 APRIL 2025 – 31 MARCH 2026



COMMUNITY EDUCATION & OUTREACH

Building compassion through education.

Education is a cornerstone of long-term animal welfare. Through a dedicated education and community engagement programme, Wellington SPCA works with schools, learners and community organisations to promote responsible pet ownership, kindness towards animals and a greater understanding of the Society's role in protecting animal welfare.

Learners participated in educational presentations, outreach visits and kennel tours, covering topics including responsible pet ownership, animal welfare legislation, the importance of sterilisation, preventing cruelty and neglect, and the work of the SPCA Inspectorate.

During the reporting period, Wellington SPCA delivered 21 education sessions and partnered with Ma's vir Wellington and Mosaic to extend the reach of our education programme.



SCHOOLS ENGAGED WITH DURING 2025/26

- Boland School for Autism
- Hugenot Primary School – Doemsie Campus
- Paarl Boys' High School
- Wellington Preparatory School & College
- Paarl Gimnasium
- Bergvriër High School
- Kabouterplaas Kleuterskool
- Paarlzicht Primêre Skool
- Hoër Landbouskool Boland



21

EDUCATION
SESSIONS
PRESENTED / HOSTED



Inspiring kindness,
responsibility & respect
for all animals



2

NGO EDUCATION
PARTNERSHIPS
Ma's vir Wellington
& Mosaic



Stronger communities
through education
& collaboration



Together, we are uplifting the dogs & cats of Drakenstein – *one animal at a time.*



Infrastructure & Facilities

Wellington SPCA continues to operate from municipal-owned premises in terms of a five-year lease agreement with Drakenstein Municipality, covering the period 1 June 2022 to 31 May 2027. The premises remain central to the Society's operations and provide a base from which animal welfare services are delivered to the greater Wellington community.

During the reporting period, the Society continued to invest in improving the facilities and operational capacity. Key infrastructure improvements included:

- Upgrading the Society's office computers and IT systems, improving efficiency and reliability across daily operations.
- Installation of an AI-powered perimeter security camera system, significantly enhancing the security of the premises, staff and animals in our care.

Maintaining the ageing infrastructure remains an ongoing challenge. In terms of the lease agreement, responsibility for structural maintenance rests with Drakenstein Municipality. While the Society continues to undertake routine maintenance and repairs where possible, the age of the buildings and limited municipal maintenance continue to place pressure on the organisation's resources and long-term infrastructure planning.

Despite these challenges, Wellington SPCA remains committed to providing a safe, clean and functional environment for the animals entrusted to its care and will continue to engage constructively with Drakenstein Municipality regarding the ongoing maintenance and preservation of these important community facilities.

Fundraising and marketing

During the 2025/2026 financial year, the Wellington community once again demonstrated its unwavering support for the Society through fundraising events, donation drives, sponsorships and volunteer-led initiatives. Every contribution, whether large or small, helped ensure that Wellington SPCA could continue providing essential animal welfare services throughout the greater Wellington area.

Highlights of the year included:

- The annual K9 Classic Charity Golf Day, one of the Society's flagship fundraising events with tremendous support from Seeff Wellington.
- The Diamond Dash, hosted in partnership with Expérience d'Arauna.
- Community events hosted throughout the year at Expérience d'Arauna.
- The 5 km Charity Run/Walk, hosted by Wellington Animal Hospital Group.
- Monthly book sales at Welgelee Plein, which continue to enjoy wonderful community support.
- An incredibly successful online charity shop, supported by donors from across the community.
- The Wellies Paws Charity Shop, which unfortunately closed in January 2026 following repeated vandalism of the container from which it operated.
- Donation drives by local schools, businesses and community organisations.
- Mandela Day food collection campaign hosted by Harcourts Wellington
- Regular food collection initiatives hosted by local businesses.

Our heartfelt thanks go to every donor, volunteer, business and community member whose generosity enables Wellington SPCA to continue protecting animals in need.



Marketing & Communications

Social media continues to play a vital role in raising awareness, promoting responsible pet ownership, celebrating successful adoptions and sharing the Society's work with the wider community.

During the reporting period:

- Facebook grew to more than 15,000 followers.
- Instagram grew to over 1,250 followers.

These platforms remain invaluable in connecting Wellington SPCA with the community, celebrating our supporters and finding loving homes for the animals in our care. We extend our sincere gratitude to Elizabeth Down for her outstanding dedication in managing our social media over the years. In May 2026, she handed the reins over to Anine Steyn, who has since taken on the responsibility of leading our digital communications.

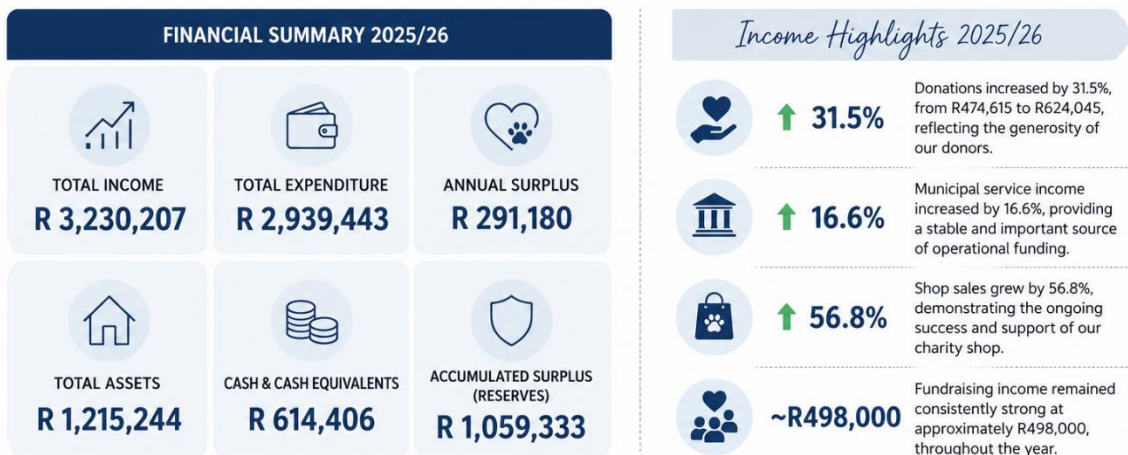
Financial overview

The 2025/26 financial year marked a significant turnaround for Wellington SPCA, with the Society reporting an annual surplus of R291,180, compared to a deficit of R47,093 in the previous financial year. Total income amounted to R3.23 million, supported by continued growth in donations, fundraising initiatives, municipal service income and community support. Despite on-going investment in animal welfare programmes, staffing, infrastructure and operational services, the Society maintained prudent financial management, ending the year with cash reserves of R614,406. and total assets of R1.22 million.

In the interest of transparency and accountability, the Society's Audited Annual Financial Statements will be available on the Wellington SPCA website for public viewing and download.

2025/26 FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

A year of growth, strong community support and improved financial sustainability.



Note on Assets

It should be noted that the reported total assets include significant leasehold improvements and infrastructure installed on leased municipal property. As these assets are not owned freehold by the Society, the reported asset value should not be interpreted as representing wholly owned fixed assets.



THANK YOU

These results would not be possible without the unwavering support of our donors, volunteers, staff, and the Wellington community.

Together, we make a difference.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The achievements of Wellington SPCA during the 2025/2026 financial year would not have been possible without the generosity, dedication and commitment of so many individuals, businesses and organisations. We ex-tend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who supported the Society throughout the year.

WELLINGTON



Our sincere appreciation goes to:



OUR PEOPLE

- Our dedicated, compassionate and amazing staff
- Our Interim Management Committee and Management Committee members for generously volunteering their time, expertise and resources
- Our dedicated volunteers, with special recognition to our Adoption Home Check Team



OUR COMMUNITY

- The supportive Wellington community
- All donors, sponsors and supporters who contributed throughout the year



VETERINARY PARTNERS

- Wellington Animal Hospital Group (WAHG)
- Vetsol Group, especially Nurse Daggie and Dr Lesley



BUSINESSES & ORGANISATIONS

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lyne Basson Attorneys Shirley Bell iBits Pick n Pay Wellington Checkers Wellington Woolworths Wellington Hill's Pet Nutrition Omega Pet Foods Agrimark Wellington Pretty Paws Grooming Doggy Parlour Wellington | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wellington Lions Club Wellington Aksie Groep PMH Group (Domain Hosting) Visual Graphix Johann Olivier – JP Designs Woolworths MySchool MyVillage MyPlanet Programme |
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COMMUNITY PARTNERS

- Harcourts Wellington
- Seeff Wellington
- Welgelee Plein
- Wellington Golf Club
- Santa Cause for Paws



INDIVIDUALS

- Carol-Ann Jeffrey
- Jeanette Lawrence
- Mieke & Jos Batelaan
- AnnaRita & Bernus van der Westhuizen
- Bartholomeus Klip



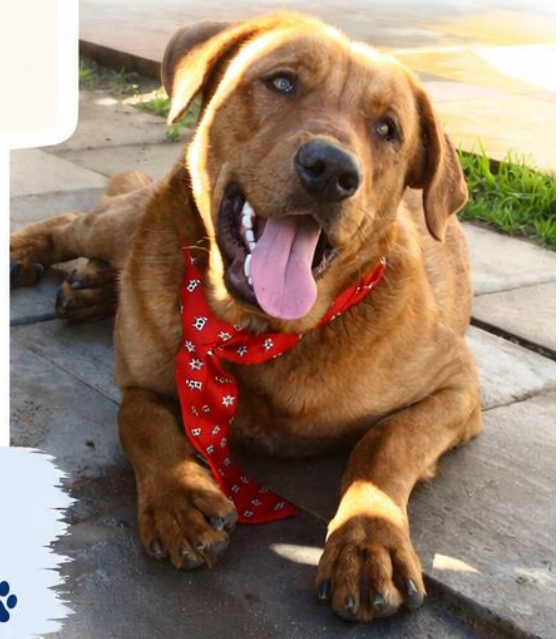
EVENTS

- All sponsors and participating teams of the 2025 K9 Classic Charity Golf Day



Every act of kindness, every donation, every hour volunteered and every partnership has helped improve the lives of animals in our community.

On behalf of the animals in our care, thank you for making a difference.



STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

2026/2027



WELLINGTON



Looking ahead, Wellington SPCA remains committed to strengthening animal welfare services while ensuring the long-term sustainability of the Society. Our priorities for the **2026/2027** financial year include:



01

Securing local and international funding to expand the Society's sterilisation programme.



02

Seeking funding for the replacement of the Society's operational vehicle.



03

Exploring opportunities to secure permanent premises for Wellington SPCA.



04

Participating in the forthcoming Drakenstein Municipality tender process for Pound Services.



05

Continuing to engage with Drakenstein Municipality regarding amendments to the Animal Keeping By-laws to include compulsory sterilisation provisions, similar to those adopted by the City of Cape Town.



06

Continuing to strengthen partnerships with donors, sponsors, volunteers and community organisations to support the Society's long-term sustainability.



Together, we can build a brighter future for animals in our community.

Every step we take today creates lasting change for tomorrow. 



CLOSING MESSAGE

The 2025/2026 financial year was one of commitment, resilience and collaboration. Despite the challenges faced during the year, Wellington SPCA continued to protect vulnerable animals, support pet owners, educate the community and strengthen partnerships that make our work possible.

WELLINGTON

Every rescue, every sterilisation, every adoption and every act of kindness contributes to a future where animals are treated with compassion and respect.



Together, we are creating a better future for the animals of Wellington and the greater Drakenstein community.

