

SPAY AND NEUTER



Fix one, save thousands.



Vincentian Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals

2015 ANNUAL REPORT

ARNOS VALE 64	BARROUALLIE 62	BEQUIA 104
BRIGHTON 91	CALLIAQUA 52	CAMPDEN PK 80
CANOUAN 101	CHATEAUBELAIR 25	CLARE VALLEY 72
DIAMOND 33	EDINBORO 11	ENHAMS 7
FAIR HALL 11	FANCY 27	GEORGETOWN 43
GLEN 43	GREEN HILL 25	KEARTONS 10
KINGSTOWN 84	LARGO HEIGHTS 1	LAYOU 33
LODGE VILLAGE 15	MESOPOTAMIA 34	OWIA 95
PERUVIAN VALE 6	PROSPECT 2	QUESTELLES 23
RATHO MILL 26	REVIERE 10	SANDY BAY 43
S. RIVERS 20	VERMONT 41	VILLA 12
YAMBOU 7	PRIVATE VET CLINICS 90	

1468*

* Number of VSPCA-funded spay/neuter of cats/dogs since tracking began, for the period of 20 February 2013 through and including 31 August 2015.



**The Prime Minister
St. Vincent and the Grenadines
West Indies**

Dear Members of the VSPCA

It is with great pleasure that I send greetings from me and my family to the executive and members of VSPCA as you hold your AGM and march forward into your fifth year of operation.

I have no doubt that, in the short existence of this charitable body, you have made a significant difference to the welfare of animals in this country. I also know the great personal sacrifices that your core members make in carrying out the demanding work of the organisation as you move throughout the Country and the inhabited Grenadines islands to provide your services to the community, especially those who could not otherwise afford to treat their animals.

It is remarkable what you have managed to achieve in the past four years: close to 1500 dogs and cats spayed or neutered, countless others treated for various ailments, hundreds of animals rescued and rehomed and committed fundraising enabling you to continue your work and purchase a mobile clinic.

I know the challenges remain daunting but I am confident that you will continue the outstanding work of VSPCA and I pledge my Government's continuing support as you go from strength to strength.

Yours Sincerely,

Dr. The Hon. Ralph E. Gonsalves
Prime Minister.



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Digicel
National Lotteries
Searchlight Newspaper

**To all those listed, to all our donors and to all who have helped in lesser, but very significant ways,
a warm and heartfelt "THANK YOU"! Together we can make a difference!**



STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2015 *

INFLOWS

2014 Christmas Fundraiser	15,468.65
2014-2015 Cruise Ship Donations	6,528.08
Bequia 2015 Fundraiser	19,820.10
Donations	61,528.54
Memberships	450.00
Spay and Neuter Clinic Donations	15,674.96
Transfer from BOSVG Savings	39,500.00
TOTAL INFLOWS	158,970.33

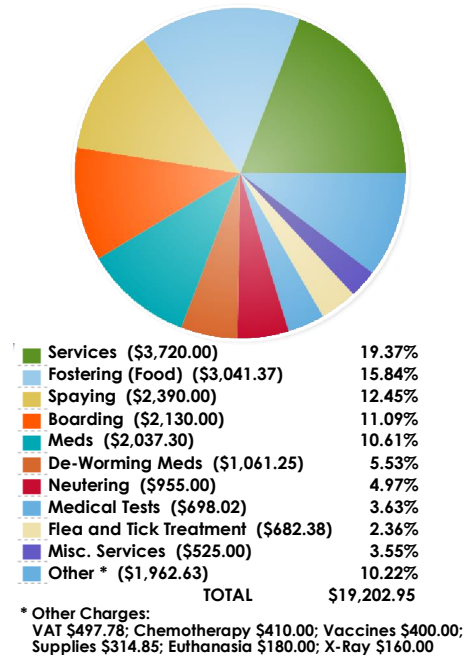
OUTFLOWS

Accountant General	60.00
Advertising	1,386.98
Annual General Meeting Expense	11.50
Bank Charges	256.00
Bequia 2015 Fundraiser Expenses	1,819.46
Caribbean Animal Welfare Conference	2,675.59
Community Clinics Expenses (see chart)	55,557.56
December 2014 Fundraiser Expenses	2,156.13
Fostering Expenses	5,668.04
Mobile Vet Clinic Expenses	4,048.38
Pharmaceuticals	4,463.11
Postage	15.00
Storage Space Renovations	6,183.92
Supplies	2,237.06
Transfer To BOSVG Savings	55,000.00
Utilities	489.26
Veterinarian Charges (see chart)	19,202.95
TOTAL OUTFLOWS	161,230.94
OVERALL TOTAL	(2,260.61)

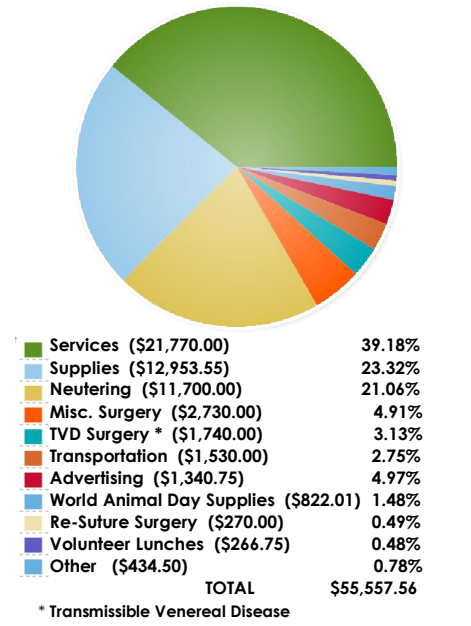
CASH ON HAND AUGUST 31, 2015	\$34,566.45
Checking	\$8,398.96
Savings	\$26,167.49

* Complete 2015 Financial Report available upon request.

VSPCA VETERINARIAN CHARGES



VSPCA COMMUNITY CLINIC CHARGES



A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT



Once again, another year has passed, a year during which the VSPCA has provided care and protection to a multitude of abandoned, neglected, abused and injured animals – and a year of which, thanks to our many volunteers, donors and benefactors, we can be hugely proud, given the number of animals that have been rescued and treated.

The figures speak for themselves – since our inception four years ago, more than 1,400 cats and dogs have been neutered and dozens have been welcomed into safe and loving homes, some as far afield as the UK and USA.

This year we have obtained our own storage room so that the mobile clinic and volunteers' spare rooms at home will no longer have to act as overflow luggage compartments.

The VSPCA might be said to be one of the real success stories in this country – we are a dynamic group of determined and compassionate individuals who are making a real difference to the quality of life for our fellow beings. But, as a non-profit organisation, we do rely entirely on donations that enable us to continue our work. We give sincere thanks to all those who have contributed and continue to contribute, and we cannot over-emphasise the importance of every cent that is given and of every moment that the organisation's volunteers give of their time.

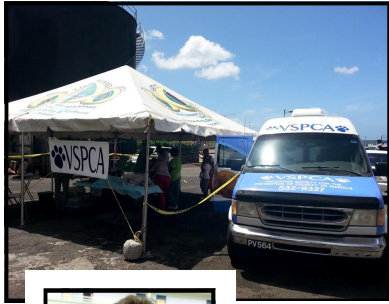
Our mission over the coming year will be to continue to nurture relationships and education amongst Vincentians, with the resulting benefits both to man and animal alike. Our children and grandchildren are the guardians of tomorrow and, in this respect, continuing education is vital for long-term harmony with our fellow creatures. Significant advances have been achieved over the past year as a result of discussions with the authorities and we thank both the Royal St Vincent and the Grenadines Police Force and the local Press for helping us publicise our efforts and to promote public awareness.

Our hope now is that the Government of St Vincent and the Grenadines will recognise – loudly and publicly – that the VSPCA is not simply about the welfare of a few stray dogs, but is actually about the future welfare and well-being of this country and its people as a whole.

Mary Barnard

Mary Barnard, VSPCA President





FIFTH-YEAR GOALS

At the VSPCA Leadership Meeting of 16 July 2015, three goals were suggested for the coming fiscal year: increasing the number of spays/neuters; enforcement of the Protection of Animals Act; and more humane education. Almost miraculously, those goals are already within sight.

Spaying/Neutering Background and Goal

Not only is spaying/neutering healthier for animals, the environment *and* people, the 649 VSPCA-sponsored sterilisations this past fiscal year means that thousands of our companion animals were saved

from lifetimes of struggle and pain. Our deepest gratitude goes to Dr Eric Audain and key members Traudl Arthur, Ivona Bradley, Robert Bradley, Carolyn Mawson-Lee, Ruth Ross and Lisa Walker, and the many others who assist at the community clinics. However, to reach a zero-population growth where the number of births equals the number of deaths, a 70 percent castration rate is the ideal (the removal of male or female sex organs).

Vincentians allowed an over-population explosion to happen and bear the responsibility of its moral, social and economic downsides, so it's up to us, not the animals, to stop it. To do this with long-term effectiveness, more veterinarians are needed to sterilise hundreds, thousands of dogs and cats – on each of our inhabited islands. So ... the first VSPCA-hosted international team of volunteer vets will arrive in March 2016. VSPCA anticipates this being the first of many such visiting-vet campaigns. Everyone benefits, and with fewer fertile animals, most likely only wanted and cared for puppies and kittens will be born.

Enforcement Background and Goal

St Vincent and the Grenadines has a Protection of Animals Act, which details most cruelties that humankind can inflict on animals (read the Act in its entirety on our website). There are fines and/or imprisonment if found guilty of

such cruelties. In VSPCA's experience, few Police Officers even knew of the Act, much less were willing to take a report and investigate complaints of animal abuse. A recent meeting, though, just might start reversing that attitude.

Talks with Deputy and Assistant Police Commissioners found them in agreement that the Protection of Animals Act should be enforced and will so advise their outstations. The VSPCA is to report abuses to any station, and if not satisfied with the results the Commissioners are to be notified. Additionally, twice so far, VSPCA core members have spoken on the Police Department's weekly radio broadcast, 'On the Beat' (NBC). The word is getting out to the Police and the public. Soon, with training, enforcement, and punishment for acts of cruelty to animals, fewer wild and domestic animals will suffer at the hands of humans.

Education Background and Goal

VSPCA co-founder Kiersten Anderson started a successful Humane Education Programme in schools, but her departure left it in limbo for various reasons, one being a lack of trained volunteers. We relied on other methods of raising awareness on the humane treatment of animals through: advertising (thank you especially *Searchlight*), newspaper articles, word of mouth at clinics, fundraisers, and events such as World Animal Day.

This coming fiscal year, with support from SVG-TV and several radio stations, more infomercials, videos and talk-show segments will be added. Also, the VSPCA has been in contact with a certified humane educator and will pursue that course of action.

Tremendous progress has been made in the past four years, but our immediate and long-term goals remain enormous undertakings. It is only through community involvement and your support – as a member, volunteer, sponsor, donor – that positive changes in the quality of our animals' lives, and by extension the lives of Vincentians, will be realised.

