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## SA.MAST MISSION



**Our mission is to assist informal and disadvantaged areas in their urban renewal and rehabilitation.**

We achieve our mandate by addressing the causes and consequences of the *over-population* of diseased, stray, neglected, abused or dangerous domestic animals in specific areas, via the implementation of a free, consistent, focused and *goal driven* mass animal sterilisation, treatment and education campaign. This, along with the provision of an animal ambulance and hospital where it is most needed, is our contribution to the development and well-being of our rainbow nation.

**# SA.MAST is audited annually, a registered Non-Profit Trust and Public Benefit Organisation. The latter allows us to issue Section 18A Tax Deductible Donation Certificates.**

**# SA.MAST is a CERTIFIED Level 4 B-BBEE Contributor. Donors and sponsors receive 100% recognition on their score card claim.**

**SA.MAST is currently responsible for the largest, most focused area specific mass animal sterilisation campaign in Africa.**

### SA.MAST Activities

We have sterilised, vaccinated (inclusive of rabies) and treated for internal and external parasites over 11 000 animals – mostly from Khayelitsha, the largest informal settlement in South Africa. Our campaign began in earnest in 2009 and now, if given enough support to sterilise a further 2500 patients, we should by the end of 2016, be able to report that we have achieved an 80% to 90% sterilisation coverage rate for this massive area. Thereafter, this area will revert to a maintenance and management programme while SA.MAST concurrently extends the sterilisation and primary treatment campaign to Mfuleni, a neighbouring informal settlement area.

### The Western Cape Government, on the 31 January 2012 issued this statement:

*"The domestic animal over population epidemic continues to have a devastating effect on informal settlements. Sterilising 70% of free roaming animal populations in informal settlements will apply the brake on the breeding rate and minimise the adverse effects of the animal over population epidemic, including the impact it has on public health, the transference of zoonotic diseases and infections, [e.g. scabies, rabies and worms transferred from animal to human] small business development and investment, tourism, safety and security and environmental integrity."*

SA.MAST's focused and goal driven sterilisation and treatment approach has translated into the *reduction* of hundreds of thousands of unwanted births that would have further disadvantaged an already overburdened community.

## Measurable & Effective Mass Sterilisation & Primary Treatment Approach.

In 2009 we sterilised and treated just 25 patients per week. Each subsequent year saw SA.MAST steadily increasing its reach into this community. Now, SA.MAST sterilises up to 90 patients per week.

**We go where most won't. We are determined to get the job done. We have stood the test of time.**

Each procedure with its attending treatments costs R650 per patient. This cost includes: health and welfare audit of animals in their home environment, census data collection, scheduling of sterilisation procedures, hospitalisation and the collection and returning of patients to and from their homes.

In comparison, a private individual will pay between R1500 and R3000 *just* for the sterilisation procedure at a private veterinary clinic.

Moving in a NW to SE direction in Khayelitsha, areas are identified, systematically gridded off and scheduled for campaign intervention.

A SA.MAST designed 'Health and Welfare Audit' is implemented for each area and every animal we are able to get access to, including already sterilized animals. When assistance or intervention is needed, such as education, sterilisation, treatment for infections, diseases or injuries, provision of shelter or documenting and reporting severe neglect or cruelty, we take the appropriate action to the best of our abilities with limited resources.

**As a result of our focused campaigns we are happy to report that finding a lactating or diseased animal in many areas of Khayelitsha is now a rarity as opposed to being previously common place.**



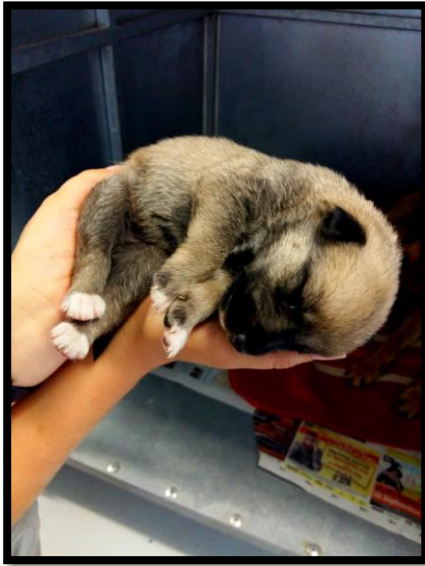
## Out Patients, Animal Hospital & Ambulance

In 2012, we implemented our emergency medical assist programme resulting in thousands of lives being saved and the prevention of zoonotic conditions. This programme continues to have a profound effect on disadvantaged pet guardians who do not have access to their own transport, are unable to afford even welfare veterinary rates, but who nonetheless have chosen the compassionate and responsible path in actively seeking medical attention for their cats or dogs by calling our emergency hot-line animal ambulance number.

Due to increased awareness of the animal ambulance service, our inability to attend to all cases because of transport or animal number restrictions to outlying hospitals and a need to have a greater sterilisation capacity, a decision was taken in early 2014 to expand our Khayelitsha Sterilisation & Primary Treatment Only Clinic, to include a full time animal hospital *with* enlarged sterilisation wards.

- ✓ **As of 1 August 2015 we completed the building of our animal hospital.**
- ✓ **As of 1 March 2016 we had purchased over 90% of all the veterinary equipment needed.**
- ✓ **As of 1 March 2016, Dr Miles Penfold, a highly experienced veterinary doctor, took up his full time position at our hospital.**

**Did you know? Khayelitsha has the highest and most violent crime statistics in South Africa and most Khayelitsha residents have dogs for security purposes – to guard their belongings or to sound the alarm.**



### **Patient Care & Community Engagement**

In 2014, we began an in-house kennel building programme. Donated wood, including second hand pallet wood, is predominantly used to build 20 to 30 brightly decorated kennels per week for patients returning to a home without adequate shelter.

***These kennels serve a purpose which goes beyond the provision of shelter.***

By providing these kennels to impoverished guardians, we are creating a climate of trust, greater cooperation and long term commitment from the guardians towards the daily care they give to their dogs – a long term win-win partnership between animal welfare and the Khayelitsha community.



**Happily we have found that many guardians who had previously refused to allow us to sterilise their animals, give us permission to do so after witnessing the improved health and welfare of their neighbour's dogs.**

### **Humane Education & Human Health & Safety**

Every household we visit to collect and return patients is an opportunity we use to engage in humane education and impart general knowledge regarding zoonotic conditions and know-how on caring for their pets.



Our mass animal sterilisation programme means there are radically fewer dangerous, sick and diseased animals mixing with the human population and therefore a positive influence on the human health and safety status is achieved – particularly relevant as one in four persons in Khayelitsha is HIV positive.

### **Tourism, Small Business Development & Empowerment**

To quote the City of Cape Town: “Responsible tourism is tourism ‘that creates better places for people to live in and better places to visit. A responsible tourism approach aims to achieve the triple-bottom line outcomes of sustainable development, i.e. economic growth, environmental integrity and social justice.” An animal overpopulation epidemic and its attending consequences hinders the promotion and development of small business and tourism.

Cat and dog guardians are economically empowered in that they are able to, via our mass sterilisation programme, limit the number of cats and dogs per household. They are also able to exercise compassionate behaviour by reaching out to SA.MAST to secure medical treatment or decide to humanely euthanize those animals who are suffering, too severely injured or have no hope of recovery. This, together with the ability to prevent more animal births, many of which may very well would have starved to death or died slowly of disease or injury, is an emotional empowerment too – particularly for impressionable children.

### **Challenges: Breeding & Funding**

Sadly, the deliberate breeding and selling of Pitbull or Pitbull X puppies is an ongoing activity in Khayelitsha with its associated criminal activity, including drugs and gangsterism. However, with the building of the new animal hospital together with a Humane Education and Ops Centre we hope to become more effective in our efforts to combat this dangerous activity.

***The City of Cape Town does not, unlike other municipalities in the Western Cape and South Africa, have a mandatory sterilisation clause regulating breeding.***

SA.MAST has historically born all costs associated with our mass animal sterilisation campaign and medical assist services. We are in need of financial and product assistance. The donor is guaranteed that their contribution is immediately utilised to empower and rehabilitate a 100% black, impoverished community.

### **How can YOU play a positive role in Khayelitsha’s transformation?**

The phrase “I could never do what you do” and “thank you for doing what I can’t” is often heard from SA.MAST supporters. This however is not how we see it all.

A partnership, dependent on a mutual respect and appreciation for the role we each play in the urban renewal of Khayelitsha exists and is cherished by the SA.MAST team. Simply put, we could not have achieved so much nor can we reasonably expect to continue to successfully reach and exceed transformation goals, without the support of insightful and wise donors. **Compassion and a non-negotiable expectation of change is all it takes.**

**We thank you for your time and look forward to welcoming you to the SA.MAST family.**

