

Uniquely Paws Ltd

Uganda Rabies Eradication and Animal Welfare Initiative

End of Year Report 2025

Congratulations to the team for an incredible year. We have reached goals set in January 2025, and we look forward to strengthening our initiative in 2026 with new partners, sponsors, communities and more.

Please find here a recap our goals and our yearly results:

GOALS 2025:

1. Rabies Vaccination: 7500 cats and dogs (6000 rabies collars)
2. Sterilization: 1500 dogs and cats
3. School Outreach: 5000 students
4. If funding becomes available: 500 puppy cocktail and 500 parvo vaccines
5. 44 Free Community Pet Care clinics throughout Uganda with an emphasis on our 5 year program on existing locations to get herd immunity, on rabies outbreak districts in the East, and Wakiso District in order to stop the mass poisoning culture.

RESULTS 2025:



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Thank you to our local & international donors for your support to help us reach or exceed our goals: Uniquely Paws Ltd, SPCA International, MAAIF, Anna Therese Schoell, and Stray Dog Support, and several large private individual donors.

A word from our Co-Founder, Meg Jaquay, Uniquely Paws Ltd:

Living in Uganda gives me the first hand experience of how our work impacts our communities. I have sponsored a clinic in my neighborhood every year for the last 6 years, supporting at least 100 families with owned pets. Due to the repeated sterilization clinics, the numbers of puppies dumped at my gate reduced from 19 per month, to now zero. My hard work paid off and now my neighborhood children come knocking on my gate with their pets and vaccination cards when it's time for their annual rabies vaccination. Tragically in November 2025, the local authorities decided to set out poisoned meat in my neighborhood killing 2 truckloads of owned and roaming dogs, even one of our own. My personal mission in 2026 is to get in front of these authorities and explain to them that mass poisonings kill the spirit and safety of communities, and our Free Community Pet Care clinic is the best alternative. So, we look forward to becoming a recognized solution in as many districts as we can reach. It's a team effort and your contributions will put our team in a winning position.



Meg with Momma, poisoned in Nov 2025 just outside her gate.



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Additions/Changes made to our Initiative in 2025:

- 1. AWAU -** In early 2025 we reached out to our fellow animal welfare advocates in Uganda and formed the Animal Welfare Alliance Uganda, even having our first meeting with the Chief Veterinary officer in the Ministry. This was the first step of getting ourselves recognized for our work.
- 2. Spay/Neuter Budget:** Early in 2025, we realized that having a budget for only 20/25 sterilization surgeries was not enough to meet demand. So, we started to increase our budget to reach at least 40/50 surgeries per clinic, and in some cases were able to do over 80 surgeries in one day.
- 3. Rabies Vaccines:** The MAAIF has a mandate for RabiesFree 2030, but they ran out of free rabies vaccines for our programs, so we had to start buying rabies vaccines which impacted our annual budget. We have requested the ministry to restock for 2026, and our AWAU team has put in the official request.

Other critical Statistics:

- 1. Makerere Veterinary Students** continue to be cross trained:

A total of 100 students from the College of Veterinary Medicine, Animal Resources, and Biosecurity participated in the community clinic program. These students, drawn from various programs including the Bachelor of Veterinary Medicine, Bachelor of Animal Production, Wildlife Management, and Biomedical Laboratory Technology, actively engage in the clinics in groups of 15-25 per session.

Through this initiative, students are involved in all aspects of the clinic, including pet registration, vaccinations, treatments, and surgeries, providing them with invaluable hands-on experience. For final-year Bachelor of Veterinary Medicine students, in particular, this program is a vital component of their education. As they are in a lecture-free year, participation in ambulatory clinics is a mandatory requirement, allowing them to build clinical skills and prepare for professional practice.

This initiative not only enhances their learning but also ensures they are well-equipped for the demands of veterinary medicine.

- 2. Upcountry Veterinarians** cross trained in sterilization:

To ensure the sustainability of this program, it is crucial to empower local veterinarians with the skills and passion needed to continue the work beyond the day of the free community clinic camps. To achieve this, we collaborate closely with veterinary officers in the areas where the community clinics are conducted, providing them with continuous professional development in pet sterilization techniques.

In 2025, we partnered with 12 veterinary surgeons from the Uganda Small Animal Practitioners Association and successfully trained 26 veterinary officers in the various regions we visited. This approach not only enhances the capacity



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of local veterinarians but also ensures that the benefits of the program extend well beyond the initial outreach, fostering long-term impact within the communities.

3. Press mentions:

The communities we support often face a lack of access to crucial information, and media plays a vital role in bridging this gap. In 2025, our team actively participated in several radio talk shows, including the renowned Radio One Talk to discuss critical issues such as rabies control and responsible dog ownership as well as safe dog population control through surgeries “Family Planning”. These platforms allow us to reach a broader audience, raising awareness and engaging directly with listeners to address their concerns and questions.

In addition to our radio engagements, our initiatives received extensive coverage in several prominent news articles, underscoring the importance of rabies control and responsible pet ownership. Below are some of the articles that featured our work:

DID WE HAVE ANY PRESS IN 2025?

4: School Outreach:

For each community clinic, our team organizes a school outreach program in the area to sensitize and educate children about responsible pet ownership. Experience has shown that community clinics held during school hours tend to have lower turnout rates, as children play a pivotal role in bringing pets for vaccinations.

In 2025, we successfully conducted **five school** outreach programs, reaching over **500 school**-going children. These programs not only help instill a sense of responsibility and care for pets at an early age but also significantly contribute to the success of our community clinics by fostering awareness and active participation among the younger generation.

Improvements planned for 2026:

1. Getting signed Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with local government where we implement our programs to ensure acceptance and discontinue the mass poisoning campaigns.
2. Engage with AWAU members to promote improved animal welfare advocacy.
3. Gaining recognition as a public health service provider in order to get free medical supplies for clinics. USAPA to take the lead (been in progress since March 2024, so it takes time)
4. Improve cross posting amongst all team members for wider reach.



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5. Get at least 50,000,000 ugx in local sponsorship in order to achieve improved results in 2025. EVERYONE NEEDS TO HELP WITH THIS.

6. Engage with more International Organizations who are providing components of our mission in order to expand our reach (VSF Germany, Mayhem UK, Mission Rabies). Everyone can get involved in this.

7. Explore more donors to specifically cover puppy cocktails and distemper vaccines.

GOALS for 2026:

1. Rabies Vaccination: 5000 cats and dogs (4000 rabies collars)

2. Sterilization: 1800 dogs and cats (average 50 per clinic)

3 School Outreach: 5000 students

4. If funding becomes available: 500 puppy cocktail and 500 parvo vaccines

5. At Least 35 Free Community Pet Care clinics throughout Uganda with an emphasis on 5 day district programs to make greater impact and reach more districts.

Budget 2026

Here is our program budget for 2026, which includes our programs of clinics, and our administrative overhead.

Operating Budget 2026	Uniquely Paws Limited		
Income	2026	Budget	% of funds
Donations- USA		\$ 14325	26.5%
Donations- Uganda		\$ 1200	2%
Donations – Int’l		\$ 5,000	9%
Major Donor		\$ 11600	21.5%
Grant		\$ 22000	40.1%
	Total	\$ 54025	
Expenses			
Program			
	Community Clinics	\$ 42000	



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	Coloring Books/crayons (100 per clinic)	\$ 1886	
	Printing/Graphics	\$ 200	
	Collars/inputs	\$ 1500	
	Subtotal	\$ 45586	83%
Admin	Admin/Marketing/Legal	\$ 9315	17%
	Total Expenses	\$54901	

Major Sponsorship Opportunities:

1. World Veterinary Day (April 2026): Two Districts, 5 days each: \$15000
2. World Rabies Day (Sept 2026): Two Districts, 5 days each: \$15000
3. Week long district campaigns: Two Districts, 5 days each \$15000

It takes a village! And here is our village.... Help us save lives in 2026!



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