



ST FRANCIS ANIMAL RESCUE (177-685 NPO)

Our Mandate

This charity was founded by a group of St Francis Bay volunteers – all passionate animal lovers – who came together to help improve the quality of life of dogs and cats living in the township of Sea Vista.

- Our principal and guiding mission is our '*Open Your Eyes & Sterilize*' campaign which aims to persuade dog and cat owners living in our community of Sea Vista, to spay and neuter their pets.
- The purpose of this mission is to reduce puppy and kitten populations and prevent the cruelty and neglect that stems from over-breeding.
- By working in collaboration with Dr Nerine Botha of Aloe Veterinary Clinic and Dr Annelise Barker of the Humansdorp Veterinary Clinic, this charity manages to sterilize over 200 dogs and cats each year.
- Our secondary goal is to operate an Outreach in Sea Vista every Thursday afternoon to provide attention, medical care and feeding, to the cats and dogs living in this area.
- Dogs and cats, puppies and kittens are sprayed for control of fleas and ticks and regularly provided with deworming medication.
- Simple wound care is available on site while seriously sick and hurt animals are taken immediately to one of our participating vets, for treatment.
- On the first Thursday of each month, puppies and dogs are vaccinated against diseases such as Distemper, Biliary and Parvo Virus. As a consequence of this, we have seen a significant decrease in incidents of these often fatal diseases.
- Food and water are provided at every outreach. Two x 75g cups of food are given to each person who brings a dog or a cat to visit our outreach. This is done to ensure each dog receives at least one or two decent meals each week. It is also viewed as a reward for owners bringing pets for treatment.
- In an effort to encourage responsibility for pets, St Francis Animal Rescue also sells best quality dog and cat food at R5.00 a bag through 7 participating Spaza stores. These shop owners are fully supportive of our feeding campaign and encourage owners to purchase nourishing, affordable food for their animals.
- Our long-term goal is to extend our reach into Sea Vista's shack-land area through our '*Street by Street*' campaign which aims to identify neglected, cruelly treated or starving dogs in need of food, water, shelter, medical attention – or confiscation. In the case of the latter, St

Francis Animal Rescue is assisted by Inspector Benjamin Sitole from the SPCA Assisi, Humansdorp.

- A Port Elizabeth conveyor belt company is manufacturing sturdy, indestructible dog kennels to provide animal welfare groups with safe, warm shelters for township dogs. Donations from local supporters have provided funds for over 100 kennels, distributed throughout Sea Vista.
- Education is vital in resolving issues of animal neglect and cruelty. Our volunteers use outreaches to teach people how to care for their animals and, in the longer term, we hope to develop a school program aimed at increasing the bond between children and their pets.
- One of our key objectives is to remove the heavy chains and wire so often tied around dog's necks. We donate collars and leads to motivate removal of chains and teach owners to keep their dogs secure by using a lead, whilst walking through busy streets to our outreach.
- We also distribute blankets, towels, drinking bowls and cat beds to residents who care for their animals and can be trusted to use these items for the purpose they are intended.
- All of our goals are set out in the interests of improving the quality of life of cats and dogs in Sea Vista.

“Saving one dog will not change the world, but surely for that one dog, the world will change forever.”