

A top-down photograph of a diverse group of people's hands joined together in a circle, symbolizing unity and teamwork. The hands are of various skin tones and are wearing different types of clothing, including blue shirts, green scrubs, and brown jackets. The image is overlaid with a semi-transparent blue geometric shape that frames the text.

The Semonkong
Hospital Trust's

2022

Veterinary Outreach
Report

The Semonkong Hospital Trust is a faith-based, interdenominational organisation which envisages erecting a unique, eco-friendly, financially self-sustainable, 120-bed training hospital in Semonkong, Lesotho, coupling it with holistic community development projects.

The Trust hosts an annual week-long veterinary outreach since 2006, during which veterinary surgeons, veterinary students, its partners and volunteers come to Semonkong to provide primary animal healthcare, treat animals and educate farmers in better animal husbandry.



The veterinary outreach, led this year by Banyane Makwebu, has grown into a hugely successful outreach programme. Each successive year has seen an increase in the number of animals treated and an improvement in the animal health in the area. The 2022 outreach team managed to treat over 12,000 animals, a record amount! Please see the detailed breakdown of the veterinary work done on page 3.



This year again, the team received a warm welcome from the local communities – Re bile le kamohelo e mofuthu. “The Lesotho veterinary outreach for 2022 can be summarised using the following words: dedication and restoration. The road was everything but easy.” Remarked Elna van der Westhuizen the team leader for the Onderstepoort Vet students. “We started the outreach with a small team and only eight weeks to plan and fundraise. It seemed like an impossible task, but God has proven Himself faithful time and time again.

By grace alone we managed to find willing, available veterinarians, had them registered with the veterinary council in Lesotho, fundraised enough for all the medication we needed and treated over 12 000 animals. we know that God enabled us to achieve all this.”

The new hospital will in future also have a proposed veterinary clinic attached to it that will provide a full-time primary animal healthcare service. Construction of this new veterinary clinic is already underway.



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To the Greater Glory of God!

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Chairman
The Semonkong Hospital Trust

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Equine Veterinary Report

- Tetanus Vaccination: 2000 doses administered
- Deworming: 2000 horses were dewormed
- Vitamin B Co Syrup: each horse/donkey received a dose
- Castrations: 25 castrations were performed at the request of the owners
- An estimated 100 horses were treated for saddle sores
- Education in horse husbandry and handling was given
- The second-hand tack station was setup where horse owners all had the opportunity to get new tack



Small Animal Veterinary Report

- Rabies vaccinations: 383 dogs and 1 cat were vaccinated against rabies
- External parasite treatment: 400 dogs and 1 cat were treated for external parasites with Fipronil
- Deworming: an estimated 450 dogs and 1 cat were dewormed
- Surgeries: 3 bitches were spayed, 1 male dog castrated, a third eyelid resection was done and one exploratory laparotomy performed. The latter was a GDV and severe liver tumour that was then euthanized
- Clinical cases: About 30 clinical cases were seen and treated. Most of these were wounds from dog fights, lamenesses from horse kicks, and TVT like lesions predominantly in females

Production Animal (cattle, calves, sheep and goats) Veterinary Report

- Through the course of the week 2160 cattle and 7841 small stock were treated in total.
- 4000 small stock was vaccinated for pulpy kidney, and 2000 received Pasteurella vaccination as well. All the small stock received ivermectin and a topical antiparasitic. The small lambs were only dewormed orally.
- All the bovines received ivermectin 1ml/50kg and a topical antiparasitic. The poor body condition of cows was boosted with vitamins and minerals. No ticks were seen on the cattle although it seemed like they had quite a few calves with ringworm that was treated with F10 germicidal. A few of the cattle had skin conditions relating to mites.
- Regarding procedures, animals with basic wounds were cared for, one sheep enucleation was done and an ewe was assisted with lambing. Rams urethral opening was unblocked and another ram's urethral process was amputated, both cases were caused by urethral stones/blockage.
- At the cattle station, cattle were herded into a mobile crush, dewormed, boosted with a multivitamins and dipped against ectoparasites. The total number of cattle treated amounted to 2160.

