

# ANIMAL WORLD

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## The Animals' Welfare and Protection Association (Sri Lanka) Notice of Annual General Meeting

Notice is hereby given that the 55th Annual General Meeting of the above Association will be held at the **GFS Hall, 58 Ananda Coomaraswamy Mawatha, Colombo 3, on Saturday, 09th December 2023 at 10.00am**

### Agenda:

1. To read the notice convening the meeting.
2. To confirm the Minutes of the 54th Annual General Meeting.
3. To adopt the Report of the Honorary Secretary for the year 2021.
4. To adopt the Audited Accounts of the Association for the year ended 31.12.2021
5. Election of Office Bearers: President and Vice President remain the same in accordance with article 14 (V) of the Articles of Association.  
Committee members: Ranjit Samarasinghe, Shiona Weerasekera, Manel Jayasekera, Gamini Wimalasuriya & Sadhana Vikrantha resign in accordance of 14 (VI) of the Articles of Association and offer themselves for re- election.
6. Appointment of Auditors
7. President's Address
8. Any other business of which 10 days' notice has been given
9. Vote of Thanks

By order of the Management  
Shiona Weerasekera – Hon. Secretary



Please confirm attendance -  
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Post to: Shiona Weerasekera,  
No .28, Dr. E.A. Cooray Mw,  
Colombo 6

I shall/shall not attend the AWPA AGM 2023

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Name of member

.....  
Signature

# Rescues



## Rocco

Angry, aggressive, was Rocco, when rescued - and this is no surprise. His story is truly tragic because so much of his suffering is due to deliberate human cruelty.

Someone tried to drown Rocco: actually tied a stone round his neck and threw him into the lagoon. But this was witnessed and a brave young man dived in and pulled him out in time. This and whatever other horrors this poor boy has gone through left him with many issues and a deep distrust of humans.

Emaciated and in poor health, he has been treated for tick fever, and once this was cleared, vaccinated, neutered.

At the Kahatuduwa Shelter, we have started his rehabilitation, already we see a change. Physically, his body condition is so much better, and he is slowly becoming used to our interaction with him.

No more suffering for him.

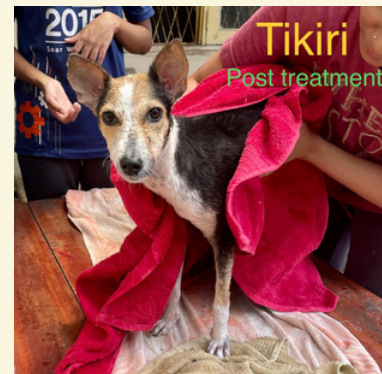
He is being given plenty of nutritious food, (still very hungry and gobbles his food), care with a very gentle and slow approach and shelter with his own space.

## Tikiri

Tikiri was severely malnourished and dejected, and was found by our caretaker, being chased away from a temple due to her skin condition which was horrible. Crumbling, crawling with ticks and fleas, her paws were pink and inflamed. Her suffering was so visible. She looked around 3 to 4 months old due to her size, but her teeth revealed that she is more than 9 months old.

She was visited by our vets once every three days. Her treatment required daily applications of oils and ointments, pills several times day and nutritious food. After 2 weeks of rigorous treatment, a few hairs started to show, and the protruding bones were less visible. She is now fully recovered and in top shape, nipping at the ankles of all our visitors!!

***We appeal for funds to help rescue street dogs and cats like Tikiri. It's impossible to turn a blind eye on their suffering, and so very heartening to see their recoveries.***



## The Arduous Task of Rescuing Street Dogs and Cats

### Introduction

Sri Lanka, with its rich cultural heritage and stunning landscapes, also grapples with a pervasive issue - the plight of street dogs and cats. The challenges associated with rescuing these animals are immense, reflecting a complex interplay of cultural, economic, and infrastructural factors that hinder the efforts of organizations and individuals dedicated to animal welfare.

### Cultural Dynamics

One of the primary challenges in rescuing street dogs and cats in Sri Lanka stems from deeply ingrained cultural attitudes towards these animals. Traditional beliefs often view them as pests or strays, leading to a lack of empathy and understanding of their needs. Many locals may be indifferent or even hostile towards animal rescue efforts, making it challenging for organizations to gain community support. Religious sentiments also play a role in shaping perceptions. While Buddhism, the predominant religion in Sri Lanka, promotes compassion towards all living beings, there remains a gap between doctrine and practice. Despite efforts to raise awareness about animal welfare, the practical implementation of these values lags behind, hindering the success of rescue initiatives.

### Economic Constraints

Sri Lanka's economic landscape, marked by disparities and limited resources, poses a significant hurdle for animal rescue operations. Government funding for such initiatives is often inadequate, leaving non-governmental organizations (NGOs) and volunteers to navigate challenging financial terrain. Limited resources mean fewer sterilization programs, vaccinations, and shelters, exacerbating the street animal crisis. Moreover, the economic struggles of the human population directly impact the animals' well-being. Families facing financial hardships may not prioritize the care of pets, leading to abandonment. The lack of affordable veterinary services further compounds the problem, making it difficult to address the health issues of street animals effectively. Infrastructural Challenges Rescuing street dogs and cats in Sri Lanka is further complicated by inadequate infrastructure. The lack of well-maintained animal shelters and veterinary facilities hampers the rehabilitation and

rehoming process. Insufficient transportation networks in some areas make it challenging for rescue teams to reach remote locations where animals may be in distress. Additionally, the absence of a comprehensive system for tracking and managing street animal populations makes it difficult to implement effective long-term solutions. Without a coordinated effort to address the root causes of overpopulation, rescue operations become more of a reactive response rather than a proactive strategy to prevent animal suffering.

### Zoonotic Diseases and Public Health Concerns

The presence of a large population of street dogs and cats raises concerns about zoonotic diseases, which can be transmitted from animals to humans. Rabies, in particular, poses a significant threat in Sri Lanka, with stray dogs being the primary carriers. This creates a delicate balance for rescue operations, as they must not only protect the animals but also address the potential public health risks. Implementing mass vaccination programs and sterilization campaigns becomes crucial in mitigating both the immediate suffering of street animals and the long-term health risks for the human population. However, the lack of resources and logistical challenges make it difficult to execute these programs effectively across the entire country.

### Conclusion

Rescuing street dogs and cats in Sri Lanka is a multifaceted challenge that requires a comprehensive and sustained effort from the government, NGOs, and local communities. Addressing cultural attitudes, overcoming economic constraints, improving infrastructure, and managing public health concerns are essential components of a successful strategy. By fostering a deeper understanding of the issues at play and implementing holistic solutions, Sri Lanka can pave the way for a more humane and compassionate treatment of its street animals.

Animals' Welfare and Protection Association (AWPA) Sri Lanka Meeting Minutes of the 54th AGM held on the 03 December 2022 at 10.00 a.m.

The welcome address was given by the Honorary President, HJ for the 54th AGM held at the CR&FC. SW, Honorary Secretary read the minutes of the 53rd AGM which were proposed by AW and seconded by SS. This was followed by the Report of the Secretary that was proposed by AR and seconded by MJ.

#### President's Address

HJ announced that she will be resigning after serving 20 years as the President and over 35 years as a committee member. She handed over the official resignation letter to SW. She will remain on the committee and continue her work visiting and supporting the shelters. She thanked the committee for supporting her during her tenure and standing by her. Her greatest achievement was building the second shelter at Kahathuduwa. Even though the land was donated, her leadership and guidance helped raise funds to build the shelter. She thanked all the donors who have supported the AWPA over the years as well. She specifically thanked the late Anne Ranasinghe and her family for their continued support and the trust fund established for the AWPA, who knew about the good and honest work the association was doing and hence her continued support to the AWPA.

Amidst a turbulent environment the shelters were run, the shelter animals were fed and given vet care. The staff were looked after by members of the committee as well. During the lockdowns regular feeders of street animals were supported by the AWPA.

HJ mentioned sterilizations should take place regularly and the members of the association should come forward to volunteer and support the campaigns. She thanked IS for a fantastic job done in handling the sterilizations and mentioned sterilizations took place during the pandemic through referrals thanks to IS's efforts. Campaigns can be done if there is a coordinator available for that respective area.

#### Elections

The new President, Iromi Salgado was elected. She was proposed by NT and LW seconded her election.

The new Vice President was elected as SdS passed away after battling a long illness. LW was elected as the new VP. She was

proposed to by SV and seconded by AR.

A few committee members, AR, LP, NT, AW and DS who were up for re-election were proposed by SV and seconded by IS.

The auditor, M/S Tudor V. Perera & Co, was re-elected as well. They were proposed by AR and seconded by DS.

#### Finances

The Treasurer GW presented the audited accounts for 2019 and 2020. The audited accounts were proposed by SV and seconded by NT. He stated donations have gone up by 50% while the expenditure has remained the same. The fixed deposits bring revenue from the interest they generate. He thanked AR and the finance committee for their support and hard work.

#### Incoming President's Address

IS thanked everyone who attended the AGM and requested their support over the coming years. She requested regular visitors to the Kahathuduwa shelter and stated transport can be provided to members who wish to join the visits to this shelter taking place every Thursday. She mentioned these visits encourage the staff who are doing a good job running and maintaining the shelter and its animals.

#### Other

This was followed by a presentation done by SV that gave an update on the shelter animals, remembered a few who passed away and mentioned the dane program was going on with regular danes and donations. She updated on the shelter vaccinations, showed visuals of the new kennels that have been built in both shelters that are raised to keep the animals safe during flooding. She thanked the regular volunteers and shared a few amazing rescue stories. IS's contribution to the sterilizations drive over the past 2 years was appreciated. A farewell was made to SdS, a long-standing committee member who passed away and it was mentioned she volunteered with the AWPA until one month before her death. The committee members were introduced, and their contribution appreciated.

NT gave the vote of thanks. And SW invited the participants to have refreshments.

The AGM was concluded by 11.30 a.m.



# Accounts - Income & Expenditure

## THE ANIMAL WELFARE & PROTECTION ASSOCIATION (CEYLON) INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

For the Year Ended 31st December,

		<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
		Rs. Cts.	Rs.
<b>Income</b>			
Donations	14	17,503,496.30	16,230,464
Membership Fees		6,000.00	7,500
Interest Income	15	1,629,046.59	2,088,494
Bargain Sale		49,000.00	-
Dividend Income		2,180.00	2,573
Till Collection		46,506.00	55,172
Card Sales		155,400.00	54,800
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>19,391,628.89</b>	<b>18,439,003</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>			
Salaries		2,259,350.00	2,013,100
Employees' Provident Fund and Employees' Trust Fund		314,640.00	292,560
Feeding Expenses		4,414,062.00	4,394,674
Veterinary Expenses	16	1,871,449.50	1,739,307
Sterilization Expenses		3,529,168.00	3,650,790
Rescue Expenses		2,233,422.00	2,397,709
Rates and Taxes		4,078.36	14,612
Advertising and Printing		377,720.00	44,222
Repairs and Maintenance		1,648,670.00	1,079,946
Electricity		192,719.35	198,564
Water		280,062.90	170,542
Telephone		60,128.25	58,456
Gas		262,681.00	225,212
Cleaning Expenses		14,010.00	-
Travelling and Transport		376,293.00	457,636
Depreciation		190,180.00	176,996
Accountancy Charges		240,000.00	240,000
Audit Fees and Tax Computation Charges		54,252.00	22,150
Insurance		1,726.00	4,448
Bank Charges		14,135.00	18,670
Staff Welfare		49,818.00	10,700
Postage		1,525.00	7,110
Bonus		104,500.00	60,000
Other Expenses		41,900.00	17,800
<b>Total Expenses</b>		<b>18,536,490.36</b>	<b>17,295,204</b>
<b>Excess of Income over Expenditure before Taxation</b>		<b>855,138.53</b>	<b>1,143,799</b>
<b>Taxation</b>	17	<b>(228,371.79)</b>	<b>(292,389)</b>
<b>Excess of Income over Expenditure after Taxation</b>		<b>626,766.74</b>	<b>851,410</b>

Figures in brackets indicate deduction.

The Significant Accounting Policies and Notes from page No. 4 to 8 form an integral part of these Financial Statements.



### Please help us by Fostering

1. Can you give a temporary home to pups/kittens until they can be admitted to our shelters?
2. Can you give a home to an adult dog or cat for a few days when a member goes on a holiday or to hospital?

Please call 077 656 5181 if you can help us!

### Our Bank Details:

Bank of Ceylon code - 034 Kollupitiya Branch  
Account name: The Animals' Welfare & Protection Association  
Current Account No: 0001629496

Please call or WhatsApp 077 885 7778, or email [info.awpa@gmail.com](mailto:info.awpa@gmail.com) if you make a deposit to our account, so that we can trace it and acknowledge the donation

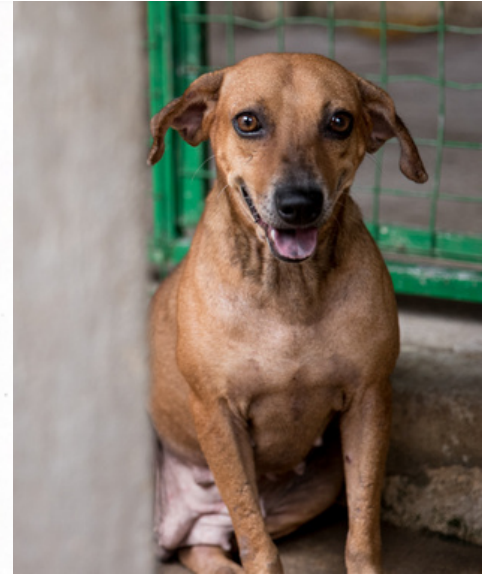
# Accounts - Balance Sheet

## THE ANIMAL WELFARE & PROTECTION ASSOCIATION (CEYLON) STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

As at 31st December,

	Notes	2021 Rs. Cts.	2020 Rs.
<b>ASSETS</b>			
<b>Non Current Assets</b>			
Property, Plant and Equipment	5	9,163,203.88	9,353,384
Investments	6	31,490,041.90	27,455,725
		<u>40,653,245.78</u>	<u>36,809,109</u>
<b>Current Assets</b>			
Interest Receivable		-	50,819
Advance		12,779.00	-
Prepayment		5,208.46	2,793
Cash and Cash Equivalents	7	5,435,050.98	2,513,534
		<u>5,453,038.44</u>	<u>2,567,146</u>
<b>Total Assets</b>		<u>46,106,284.22</u>	<u>39,376,255</u>
<b>FINANCED BY:</b>			
Accumulated Fund	8	12,898,353.94	12,434,710
Building Fund	9	5,951,564.60	3,700,565
Revaluation Reserve		5,118,335.38	5,118,335
Donation Assets Received		849,000.00	849,000
Srima Fernando Felipe Fund		173,084.41	173,084
Kamini De Abrew Fund		3,172,982.75	3,172,983
L.I.D Silva Memorial Fund		30,906.85	30,907
R and S Weerakone Fund		1,000,000.00	1,000,000
M.M.Perera Memorial Fund		572,382.57	572,383
Sudarshan Sellamuthu Memorial Fund	10	2,500,000.00	1,500,000
Malsiri Dias Fund		800,000.00	800,000
Umesha Sellamuthu Memorial Fund		2,500,000.00	2,500,000
Kanagasabai and Saraswathi Nagendra Fund		1,000,000.00	1,000,000
Chithra Kinigama Fund		500,000.00	500,000
Prof. D.A. & Anne Ranasinghe Memorial Fund		5,000,000.00	5,000,000
Thakshan Gamini Ranasinghe Fund	11	3,000,000.00	-
		<u>45,066,610.50</u>	<u>38,351,967</u>
<b>Current Liabilities</b>			
Creditors and Accrued Expenses	12	669,317.00	989,426
Current Tax Liability	13	370,356.72	34,862
		<u>1,039,673.72</u>	<u>1,024,288</u>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>		<u>46,106,284.22</u>	<u>39,376,255</u>

Figures in brackets indicate deductions.



## Chooti Kella won our 2023 Avurudu Kumari Contest!



## AWPA STERILIZATION STATISTICS - 2022

DOG/FEMALE	DOG/MALE	CAT/FEMALE	CAT/MALE	TOTAL
944	43	1,015	73	2,075

The AWPA started the year 2022 with a few campaigns but had to stop in August due to financial constraints. We continued to assist many low income pet owners and community animal feeders, and still managed to sterilise and neuter 130 more animals than 2021.

Sterilization of female dogs and cats and the neutering of male animals are crucial to reduce the stray animals in the country, to reduce the incidence of Rabies and to prevent horrific injuries of street animals.

**Please support our sterilization initiatives. If you would like to donate towards sterilizations or sponsor a campaign, please contact Iromi on 077 656 5181.**

### Weekly Thrift Store

The AWPA now conducts a weekly Thrift Store in its efforts to raise funds for its activities of running the shelters, sterilising dogs and cats of low income households or those living on the streets, and towards our rescue efforts.

We are grateful to our donors who send us their excess possessions - either never used or used gently.

Items donated are carefully scrutinized and priced by our regular Thrift Store volunteers, who also help to lay out items for sale each week and pack them up at the end of the day.

The Thrift Store Concept is one of growing popularity with the increased need to reduce production and increase the useful lifetime of a product due to its effect on the planet - wastage causes environmental pollution and the impact on climate change from excessive production.

Please share this initiative with your friends and domestic staff. Items on sale are in good condition and priced at a bargain. It's an ideal stop for young people starting a new home, for young executives looking to upgrade their wardrobes, or for bookworms who are always on the lookout for more to read.

**Please call 077 656 5181 for more details.**

The Animals' Welfare and Protection Association

# Weekly Thrift Shop

Visit Now for bargains on:

- Clothes
- Paintings
- Books
- Shoes
- Crockery
- Glassware
- Household items
- Costume Jewellery
- Accessories



Visit: 60/2 Park Street, Colombo 2

On Wednesdays Only!  
10:00 am to 1:00 pm

# Adopt! Adopt! Adopt!

The Animal's Welfare and Protection Association (AWPA) in Sri Lanka has always been on a mission to promote the adoption of shelter dogs and create a better life for these poor animals who have undergone much trauma to get to our shelters. Currently, the AWPA operates two shelters, where over 35 pups, aged 4 weeks to 2 years, are waiting for their forever homes.

These pups are not just adorable, but they are also sweet, healthy, fluffy, and extremely loving and friendly. They are free to kind and loving homes that will provide them with safety and care. Street dogs, often overlooked, are incredibly resilient and low-maintenance pets due to their diverse genetic backgrounds. They require minimal care and food compared to pedigreed dogs, making them the perfect choice for families and individuals looking for a loving companion without the added expenses.

Additionally, street dogs are known for their loyalty and make excellent watch dogs, particularly when adopted in pairs. They are also an organic solution to several tropical pest control problems, where you won't have to expose your family to harmful chemicals or resort to inhumane glue boards to get rid of cockroaches, rodents and many unwelcome bugs!

Sadly, many of these pups never find homes and spend their entire lives in the shelters. This causes overcrowding and our having to refuse to enter additional street pups in danger.

By adopting a shelter dog, you not only welcome a new family member but also play a crucial role in saving a cycle of lives, all while avoiding support for unscrupulous breeders who abuse the magnificent pedigrees and dump them on the streets when they can no longer breed.

To adopt one of these adorable puppies and experience the joy of welcoming a new furry friend into your home, please contact Shiona on **077 345 0031** or Iromi on **077 656 5181**. The AWPA is committed to the well-being of these dogs and will ensure that they are sterilized at the Association's cost when they reach six months of age.



## Wear your Love, support our Fundraisers!



*The AWPA has a limited amount of slogan t-shirts so that you can show the world just how much you love your street pooches and kitties, and promote the adoption of shelter and street animals.*

**PRICE: RS.2,500  
UNISEX SIZES XS, S, M, L, XL.**

*Call or WhatsApp 0778857778 to purchase. Collection from Col 7 or they can be couriered to your home (charges apply).*

*This is a fundraising initiative of the The Animals welfare & protection association, done on limited budgets and offered for the second year due to popular demand.*

If undelivered, please return to:  
No. 28, Dr. E. A. Cooray Mawatha  
Colombo 6

*Please email [info.awpa@gmail.com](mailto:info.awpa@gmail.com) if you wish to receive the newsletter electronically*

## Volunteer

### Join and Support Us!

While we may not always be able to afford to make financial donations to the AWPA, we can always afford to give a little of our time to help those who are unable to speak for themselves. You may stay up to date with our activities by joining our volunteer WhatsApp group. A commitment to time is not required of you. Send a WhatsApp message to Neelika on **+94 77 310 6176** introducing yourself and explaining how you can help us. We usually visit Dehiwela on a Saturday morning and Kahathuduwa on a Thursday or Friday. Transport to Kahathuduwa can be arranged. We need your help with bathing, de-ticking, vaccinating, applying medication and with cleaning and organising the shelters.

