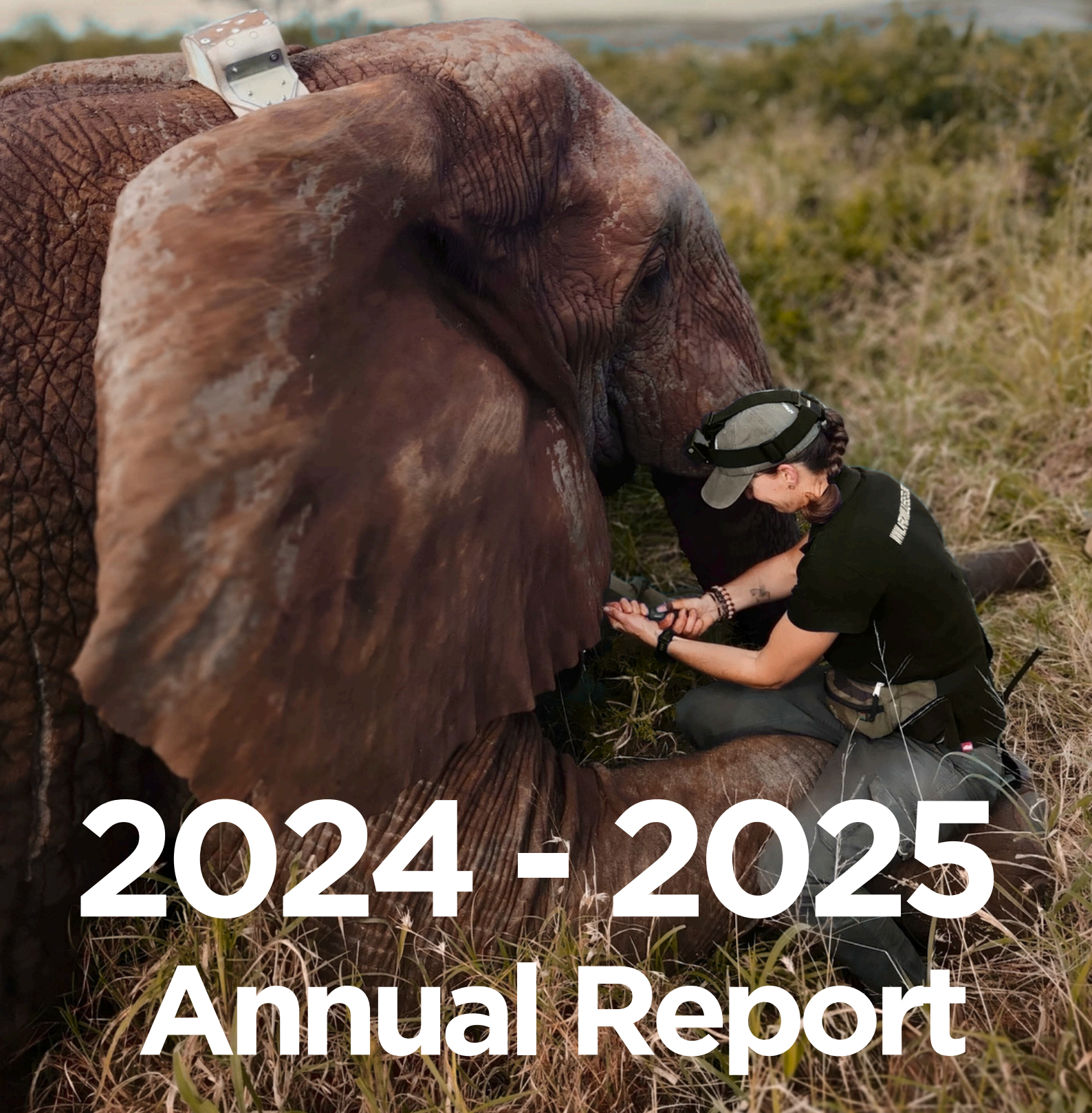


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2024 - 2025 Annual Report

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FROM THE CO-FOUNDER

As I look back on the past year, I realise I haven't fully had the chance to take stock of just how much has unfolded. It has, without doubt, been our busiest year yet. While the pace has been demanding, it is not lost on me that being busy is a positive reflection of African Wildlife Vets' growth and our increasing contribution to wildlife conservation.

In a world that feels increasingly complex and economically challenging, the generosity of our donors continues to amaze me. Your unwavering support gives me immense hope - not only for the future of AWW, but for the wildlife we exist to protect. More people are recognising the importance of our work and, in doing so, are making very real, personal sacrifices to support it.

This year has highlighted just how closely our work in the field is tied to the support behind it. Every operation supported, every animal treated and every decision made this year has been shaped by your generosity. The impact may not always be visible, but it is felt daily, in moments that require rapid response, difficult choices, and sustained commitment to wildlife conservation.

While giving can benefit us all in different ways, what truly stands out about AWW's supporters is that they give without expectation - without the promise of recognition or the opportunity to join us in the field. You give because you care, and that generosity continues to humble us.

This report reflects on some of the highlights of the past financial year including the animals treated, the operations supported, and the conservation efforts made possible through your support. While these are only a snapshot of the work carried out, they offer insight into the real and lasting impact of every contribution.

Looking ahead, we remain committed and ready to tackle the challenges that lie before us. There is no cap on our contribution, as the need for wildlife veterinary support is ever-pressing and ever-growing. As demand increases, so too does our commitment to respond, to work harder, improve our fundraising, and extend our reach wherever it is needed most.

Thank you for standing with African Wildlife Vets. Your support enables us to continue doing the work that matters, for the wildlife that depends on it.

Kate Church

FOUNDER / MANAGING DIRECTOR





Top: Dr Jen Lawrence attending to a newly collared elephant. Left: Dr Rowan Leeming dehorning a black rhino. Right: Jen collaring a wild dog.

ABOUT US



Dr Rowan Leeming and Dr Jen Lawrence placing a tracking collar on an elephant

African Wildlife Vets (established July 2017) is a veterinary practice, non-profit (NPO) and public benefit organisation (PBO). It was founded by Kate Church, Dr Pete Goodman and Dr Dave Cooper to provide veterinary support to wildlife protected areas.

With the increased threats to biodiversity such as limited habitat, human-wildlife conflict and the spread of disease, wildlife vets play a crucial role in assisting

with the preservation of wildlife species. As operational budgets in state protected areas have decreased and human populations have grown outside of protected areas, there has been an increase in pressure on veterinary services. We provide veterinary support to protected areas through the provision of veterinarians, pharmaceuticals, equipment and funding to cover veterinary operation expenses.

MISSION

Our mission is to assist wildlife organisations with the conservation of threatened species by providing high quality veterinary attention and care.

VISION

All threatened species will receive adequate, appropriate and high-quality veterinary attention and care.

OUR TEAM

KATE CHURCH
Founder
Managing Director



DR DAVE COOPER
Founder | Director
Veterinarian



DR PETE GOODMAN
Founder | Director
Advisor



DR ROWAN LEEMING
Director
Veterinarian



DR JEN LAWRENCE
Veterinarian



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Associated Veterinarian
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8 YEARS

OF YOUR SUPPORT

R7.2 MILLION

CONTRIBUTED TO
SAVING & PROTECTING
WILDLIFE

4245 +

WILD ANIMALS
DARTED



OUR IMPACT

2024 - 2025

1060

WILD ANIMALS DARTED

157

WILDLIFE VETERINARY OPERATIONS

53

ELEPHANTS COLLARED

17

ANIMALS RESCUED FROM SNARES

18

ANIMALS CAPTURED OUTSIDE RESERVES

This year, African Wildlife Vets supported 157 veterinary operations across South Africa, working with 18 different wildlife species. Collaring continued to be our most financially supported project, and this year saw a particularly significant contribution: 50% of all project funds were allocated to collaring operations. This increase was driven by the collaring of 53 elephants, which accounted for 61% of the collaring budget. Elephant operations require the use of a helicopter to ensure the safety and efficiency of each procedure. Learn more about the value of placing tracking devices on elephants on page 11 of this report.

This year our veterinary support spanned a wide range of species - from elephants, rhinos, lions and African wild dogs to giraffe, grey duiker, bushpig and warthog. With an increase in snaring incidents, particularly affecting smaller plains game, our team has responded to a growing number of these cases.

Our team expanded its on-the-ground capacity as well. Dr Jen Lawrence served as our full-time, XContent-funded veterinarian throughout the year, and in January 2025, Dr Eamon Smyth joined as a third vet in the field. Their combined expertise has played a vital role in increasing our reach and improving response times for wildlife in need.

Geographically, 89% of our project funding supported operations in KwaZulu-Natal, with the remaining 11% directed to Mpumalanga and Limpopo. Work in these provinces primarily focused on dehorning and emergency response.

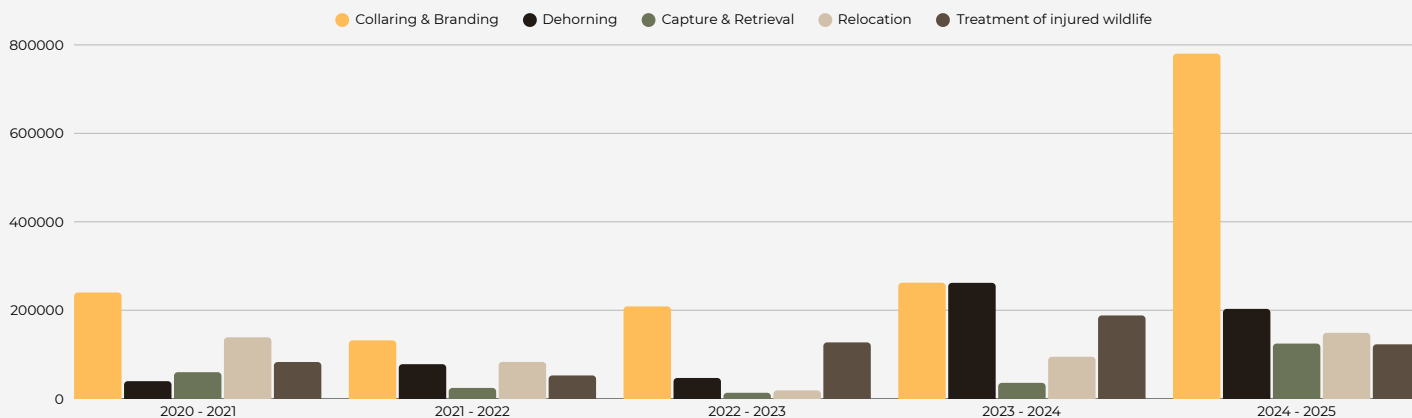


As we operate on a first-come, first-serve basis with our funding, it is essential that we maintain a flexible fund that allows us to assist any species in need at short notice. At the same time, we are strengthening our commitment to large-scale, planned conservation initiatives, such as the upcoming Hluhluwe–iMfolozi Park dehorning programme, ensuring we can respond to both urgent emergencies and long-term strategic projects.

A five-year overview of our top five funded projects shows that collaring has consistently been a major area of investment, reflecting its importance in long-term wildlife protection and monitoring. It is also clear that our support for dehorning has grown notably over the last two years, while contributions to capture and retrieval and the treatment of injured wildlife have remained steady and essential components of our work.

Looking ahead, AWW is entering a new phase of impact with significant funding already secured for major conservation initiatives in the coming year. This includes our largest planned contribution to date: the Hluhluwe–iMfolozi Park dehorning programme. With this support in place, we are better positioned to scale our impact, strengthen our operational capacity, and continue providing vital veterinary care across multiple provinces.

HIGHLIGHTING 5 OF THE MOST FUNDED OPERATIONS OVER 5 YEARS







ELEPHANT CONSERVATION

Managing elephant populations within South Africa's smaller, fenced protected areas presents complex ecological and veterinary challenges. Unlike in vast, unfenced landscapes where elephants can move freely across long distances, these populations are confined to limited areas. Without active management, this can place pressure on vegetation, water resources, and other species within the ecosystem. As a result, elephants - like other apex species and mega-herbivores - require ongoing monitoring and carefully planned intervention to maintain ecological balance.

During the 2024-2025 financial year, African Wildlife Vets supported the darting of 604 elephants for a range of conservation and management interventions. A key focus of this work was elephant collaring, with 53 elephants fitted with tracking devices, typically targeting

matriarchs or lone bulls to provide the most accurate representation of herd movement. Of these, 40 elephants were collared in Hluhluwe-iMfolozi Park, forming part of a crucial conservation and research initiative led by the Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique (CNRS) and funded by the Cevair Wildlife Research Fund. The data generated through this project directly supports Ezemvelo KZN Wildlife's park management by improving understanding of elephant movements, space use, and population dynamics within the reserve. A further 13 elephants were collared in the iSimangaliso Wetland Park, strengthening monitoring efforts across the broader landscape. These tracking devices also alert ecological and management teams when an elephant moves beyond reserve boundaries, helping to protect both people and wildlife.

Population management remains an essential component of elephant conservation in fenced reserves. While elephants face severe persecution in other parts of Africa, South Africa continues to support a healthy elephant population, with poaching currently low to non-existent. Where relocation to other reserves or countries is not feasible, immunocontraception provides a viable management tool. During the year, 548 elephants were contracepted using drop-out-darts, helping to slow population growth and reduce ecological pressure. This method remains in its trial phase, with both short and long-term effects being carefully monitored and measured.

Veterinary involvement also extends to emergency interventions. This year, AWW responded to three cases involving snare injuries on elephant,

highlighting that even the largest terrestrial mammals are not immune to human-induced threats.

Elephant operations are resource-intensive, with a significant portion of the cost attributed to helicopter time. Helicopter support allows for safe immobilisation, guides animals to suitable terrain, and ensures procedures are carried out efficiently while prioritising animal welfare. These operations rely on experienced wildlife veterinarians and careful coordination to achieve the best outcomes for both elephants and the ecosystems they inhabit.

Whether supporting research initiatives, assisting with population management, or responding to emergencies, veterinary involvement is central to ensuring that elephant populations remain healthy while the ecosystems they depend on are protected.



Dr Rowan Leeming and Dr Jen Lawrence placing a tracking collar on an elephant



EMERGENCY RESPONSE

Emergency Response refers to operations that must happen immediately and cannot be planned. These incidents require a wildlife veterinarian to be available at a moment's notice, often working under urgent and unpredictable circumstances. Emergency callouts typically involve injured animals - most commonly those caught in human-wildlife conflict situations such as snares, animals hit by vehicles, or rhinos wounded by poachers. They also include animals that have moved beyond the boundaries of protected areas, where they pose a risk to communities and livestock, and are themselves at risk of being harmed. In these cases, animals must often be darted, stabilised, and returned to safety or relocated to another reserve.

Rescuing rhino orphans has also become an increasingly critical part of Emergency Response. Over the past few years, we have seen a rise in orphaned rhinos requiring immediate intervention. These calves are captured and transported to specialised rhino orphanages where they can receive round-the-clock care. For the past eight years, African Wildlife Vets has supported this work by providing essential veterinary assistance, feed, and security support to ensure these vulnerable animals have a second chance.

Over the past eight years, AWV has responded to 64 cases of animals found outside reserve boundaries, with wild dogs representing the highest number of rescues (21), followed by lions (14). This year alone, 18 of these captures occurred, including 6 lions and 5 leopards, reflecting the ongoing pressures wildlife face as habitats become more fragmented.

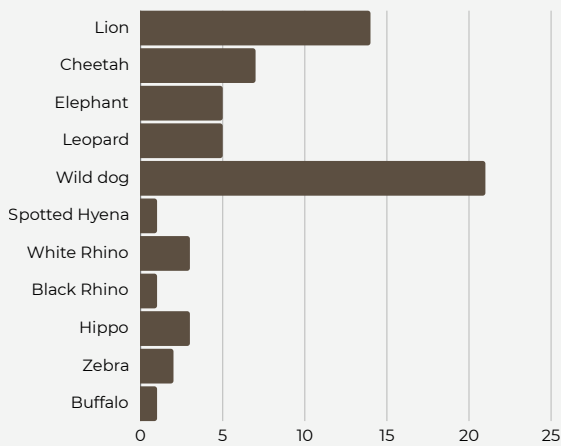
Snaring continues to be one of the most significant threats to wildlife. In total, AWV has supported the rescue of 79 animals from snares, with 17 of those rescues taking place this year.



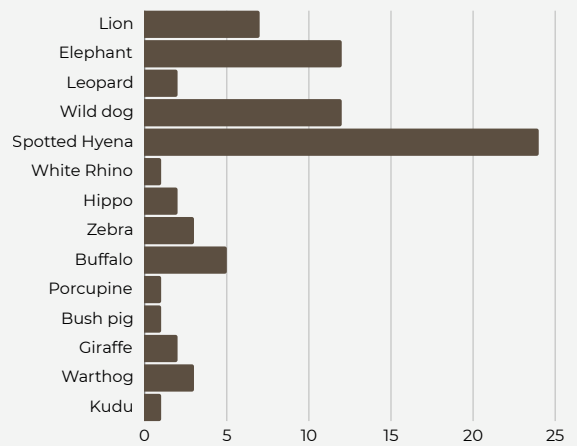
The species affected ranged from lions and elephants to giraffe and warthog, demonstrating the indiscriminate nature of snares - no animal is exempt from the risk. Each rescue requires swift action, skilled veterinary intervention, and the ability to respond wherever and whenever needed.

Emergency Response work is unpredictable, demanding both flexibility and unwavering commitment from our veterinary team. Thanks to dedicated funding, AWV is able to meet these needs head-on - day or night - ensuring that every animal in crisis has access to the urgent care it deserves. This work remains a cornerstone of our mission.

**NUMBER OF ANIMALS CAPTURED
2017 - 2025
TOTAL: 64 ANIMALS CAPTURED**



**NUMBER OF ANIMALS RESCUED
FROM SNARES 2017 - 2025
TOTAL: 79 ANIMALS RESCUED**





THE IMPACT OF A VET ON THE GROUND



Dr Jen Lawrence attending to a lion with a snare.



Thanks to the incredible support of XContent Business Solutions, African Wildlife Vets (AWV) has been able to maintain a dedicated wildlife veterinarian on the ground for over a year. The presence of a skilled vet, ready to respond at a moment's notice, is invaluable - ensuring that injured, displaced, or at-risk animals receive immediate care across multiple reserves.

In just twelve months, Dr Jen Lawrence has been at the forefront of over 118 veterinary operations, working with more than 987 animals darted - including 318 rhinos. Being on-site allows interventions to happen immediately, which is crucial when wildlife faces threats from poaching, habitat loss, disease, and human-wildlife conflict.



Over the past year, Jen has been instrumental in supporting a wide range of wildlife, working with 15 different species across 15 reserves in KwaZulu-Natal Province. She contributed to a variety of critical operations: dehorning 209 rhinos to reduce poaching risk, and placing tracking collars on 53 elephants, 13 lions, and 6 African wild dogs to inform movement and population management.

Jen's presence also enabled swift intervention for emergency cases, including the rescue of three rhino orphans, who were safely transported to the Zululand Rhino Orphanage. There, specialised staff and fully equipped facilities ensure these young rhinos receive the care and security they need to survive and thrive. She also assisted with eight treatment cases, including snare removals from a bushpig, lion, and hyena, a grey duiker injured in a vehicle collision, and four natural rhino injuries, highlighting the varied and unpredictable nature of wildlife veterinary emergencies.



Not every mission ends in success. Jen was called out on 43 days where the outcome wasn't as hoped. Some days, animals couldn't be found; on others, operations had to be called off due to safety or environmental conditions. Yet, these experiences highlight an essential truth: having a vet on the ground is about readiness, persistence, and commitment to conservation, even when results aren't guaranteed.

Having experienced veterinarians on the ground amplifies AWV's impact across the region. The addition of Dr Eamon Smyth in January 2025, on a one-year volunteer contract, was essential in helping manage an expanding workload, strengthening response capacity, and ensuring that critical operations could continue without delay.

At AWV, every intervention counts. Each dart, each relocation, each dehorning isn't just about saving an individual animal—it's about protecting species, preserving biodiversity, and securing the future of Africa's wildlife. And none of it would be possible without the unwavering support of partners like XContent.



Jen placing a tracking collar on a wild dog

FINANCIAL REPORT



Jen placing a tracking collar on a wild dog

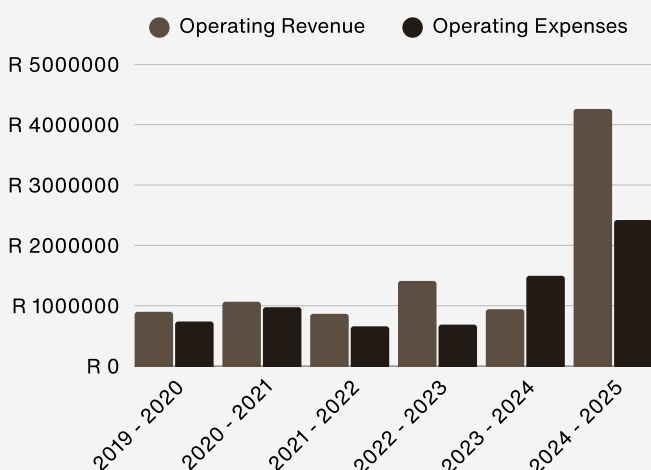
This year marked a major leap forward for African Wildlife Vets. Our financial growth was exceptional, with total donations reaching R4 190 328 - an increase of 207% compared to our previous highest fundraising year (R1 363 415 in 2022–2023).

We remain committed to keeping overheads low. Operating expenses decreased to 13.6% of total expenditure, down from 19% last year. At the same time, fundraising costs increased, driven largely by our first-ever Impact Safari, which has become our biggest fundraising event to date. The event cost approximately R480 000 and generated R520 000 in support of our work.

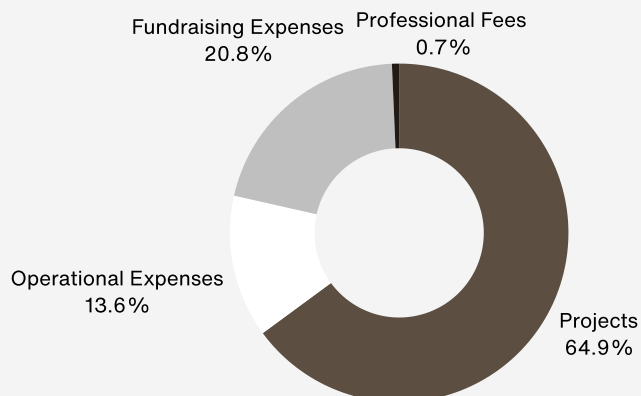
We are also proud to report significant donations earmarked for operations and conservation projects in the upcoming financial year. Notably, funding has been secured for the Hluhluwe–iMfolozi Park dehorning project - set to be our largest financial contribution to a single project to date.

Our direct project support totalled R1 570 902, a slight increase from last year’s R1 143 414, with 49% of this funding allocated to collaring operations. Overall, this year’s financial growth has strengthened our capacity to respond to wildlife in need across South Africa and positioned African Wildlife Vets to make an even greater impact in the year ahead.

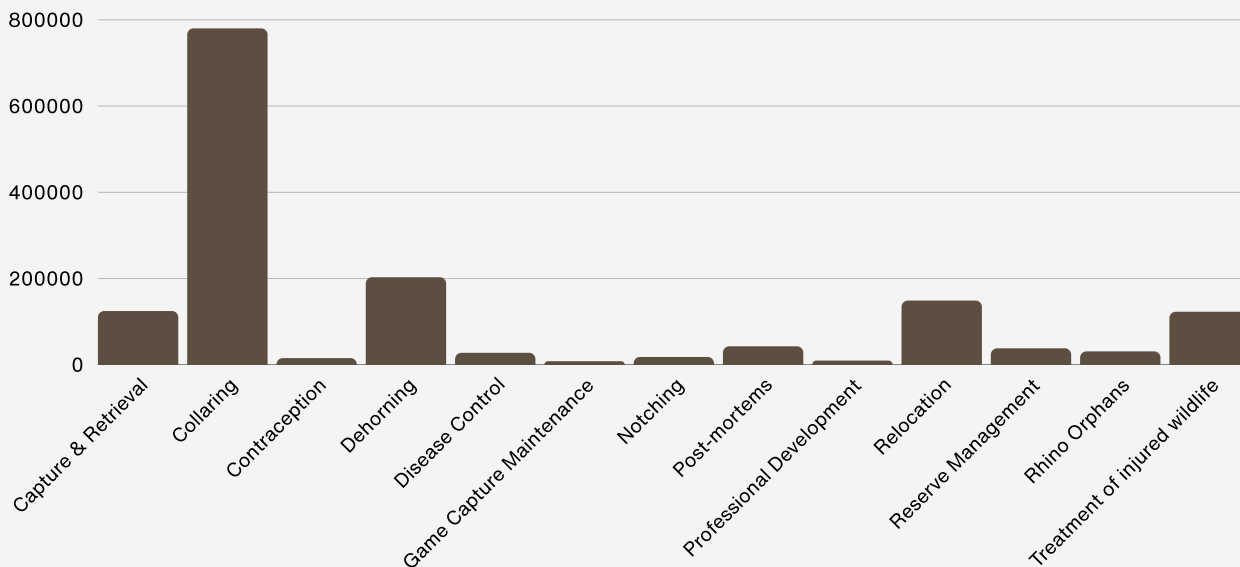
FIVE YEAR FINANCIAL ANALYSIS



2025 OPERATING EXPENSES



2025 PROJECT FUNDING DISTRIBUTION



INCOME STATEMENT

DETAILED INCOME STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025

	2025 R	2024 R
Donations Received	4 190 328	871 753
Other Income		
Shop Contribution	4 136	10 100
Interest Received	66 643	60 453
Total Income	4 261 107	942 306
Project expenses	1 570 902	1 143 414
Capture and Retrieval	124 626	35 817
Collaring and Branding	780 258	262 259
Community Support	-	5 468
Contraception	15 442	20 086
Dehorning	203 060	261 934
Disease Control	27 704	14 320
Game Capture Maintenance	8 209	-
Notching	18 067	44 176
Post Mortems	42 801	51 391
Professional Development	9 688	-
Relocation	148 926	94 851
Reserve Management	38 139	64 058
Rhino Orphans	31 030	100 841
Treatment of Endangered Species	122 952	188 213
Administration expenses	849 206	352 408
Operating Expenses	329 738	279 877
Fundraising and Marketing	502 925	56 906
Professional Fees	16 543	15 625
Accumulated (loss) / surplus for the year	1 840 999	(553 516)
Accumulated surplus at the beginning of the year	725 350	1 278 866
Accumulated surplus at the end of the year	2 566 349	725 350

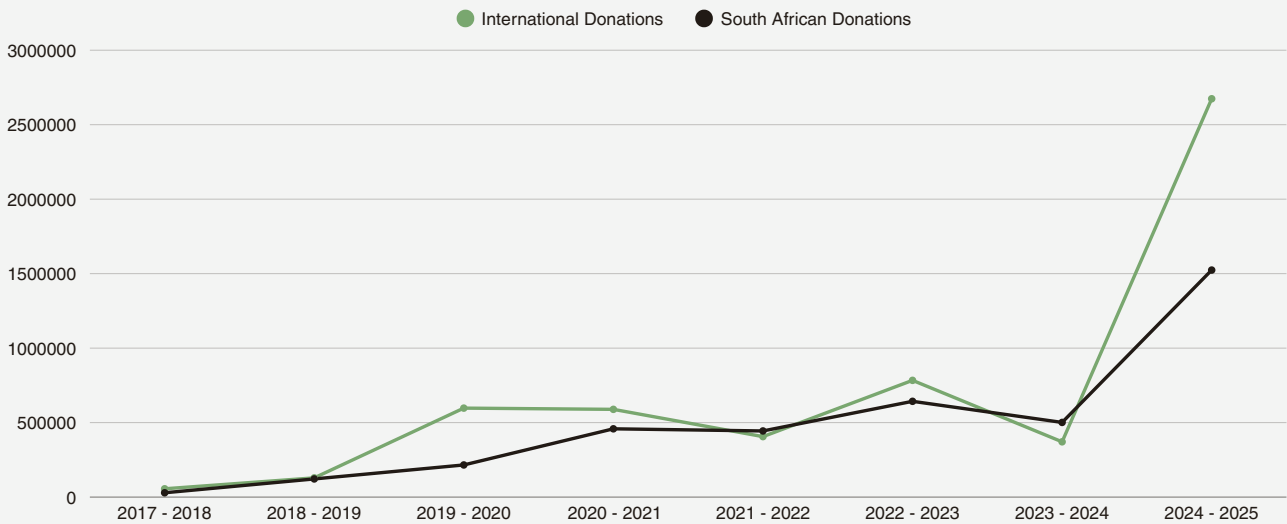
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DONOR DEMOGRAPHICS

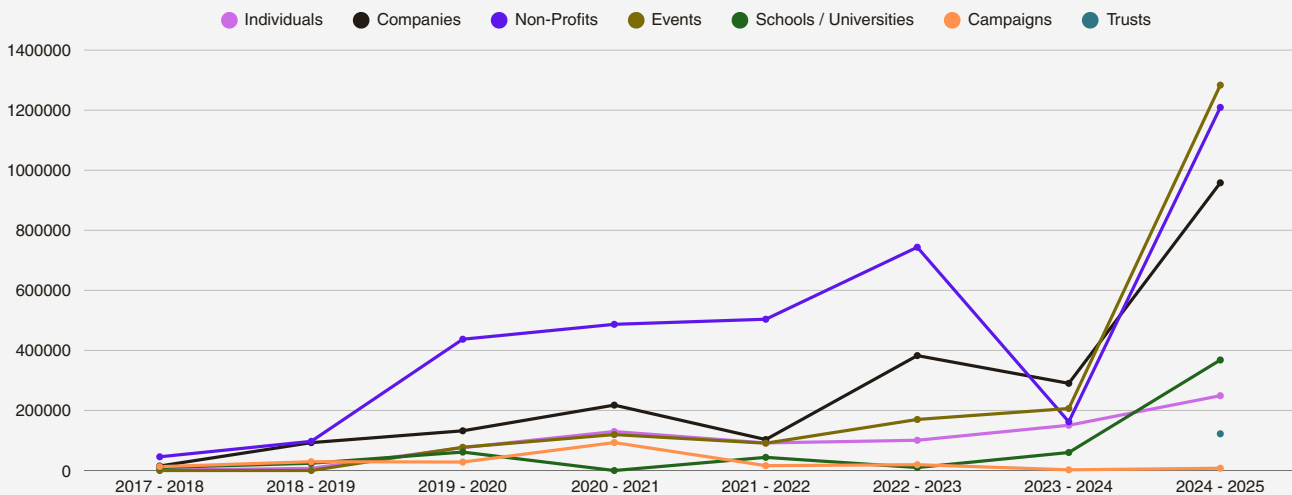
Since our inception, African Wildlife Vets has raised R9 553 981, thanks to the commitment of a diverse and growing donor base. This year, we saw a strong increase across all donor avenues, with the most notable growth coming from events – driven by two new additions to our fundraising calendar: We Run Wild and, most significantly, our Impact Safari. Events accounted for 31% of all donations, making them our largest income source, followed by other non-profits (29%) and companies (23%). While these results are encouraging, we aim to further grow our support from corporate partners and monthly donors in the coming year.

Our donor landscape also shifted geographically. International supporters contributed 64% of our 2025 donations, a complete reversal from last year, where 64% came from South African donors. Of these international contributions, 74% originated from the United States, with additional support from England, Ireland, France, and Germany. This global reach highlights the expanding impact and recognition of our work beyond South Africa’s borders.

COMPARISON OF SOUTH AFRICAN AND INTERNATIONAL DONATIONS



SOURCES OF DONATIONS TO AFRICAN WILDLIFE VETS





DONORS & PARTNERS

While every contribution helps us protect wildlife, this tiered recognition system allows us to acknowledge the varying levels of financial support that make our work possible. We deeply value every donor listed here. Your generosity directly impacts the wildlife and conservation organisations we serve. The list of donors below are those that have made donations to African Wildlife Vets within the year beginning 1 July 2024 and ending 30 June 2025.

PLATINUM +

R500 000 + per year

XContent Business Solutions

PLATINUM

R200 000 – R499 999 per year

Conservation Beyond Borders (Monthly Donor)
Wildlife Conservation Network's - Rhino Recovery Fund

GOLD

R100 000 – R199 999 per year

Cycle of Life
Industrial Commodities Holdings
Tammi Ruddle
Vehicle Motor Spares Direct (Monthly Donor)

SILVER

R50 000 – R99 999 per year

Blankets for Baby Rhinos

BRONZE

R25 000 – R49 999 per year

Makakatana Bay Lodge
Resilea Pty LTD
Sozo Logistics PTY Ltd
Virbac South Africa

COPPER

R5 000 – R24 999 per year

Brigitte Church (Monthly Donor)
Chantal & Karen
Chris Schutte
Craig & Bunny Davis
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Rodel Finance
Tom Milward (fundraising campaign)
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Your support is invaluable.

PARTNERS

The success of our work is built on collaboration. We are privileged to partner with organisations that share our commitment to conserving South Africa's wildlife. Together, we achieve far more than we ever could alone. Our partners include:

- Ezemvelo KZN Wildlife
- Mpumalanga Tourism & Parks Agency
- iSimangaliso Wetland Park
- Heligistix
- Wildscapes Veterinary
- Wildlife Vets SA
- Black Rhino Conservation Ecology Project
- Blankets for Baby Rhinos
- Blue Sky Society
- Conservation Beyond Borders
- Cycle of Life
- Down to the Wire
- Endangered Wildlife Trust
- Rhino Recovery Fund (WCN)
- Saving the Wild
- Wild Tomorrow
- Wild Wonderful World
- Wildlife ACT
- WWF - Black Rhino Range Expansion Project
- Zululand Conservation Trust
- Zululand Rhino Orphanage



Relocating a black rhino in the Black Rhino Range Expansion Project



**SUPPORT US
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FUNDRAISING EVENTS



2025 IMPACT SAFARI

This year, AWV hosted our first-ever Impact Safari, an 8-day conservation-focused experience that raised over R500 000 for our work. We had the privilege of hosting 10 incredible guests, all of whom have become passionate ambassadors for African Wildlife Vets and continue to fly our flag proudly across the world.

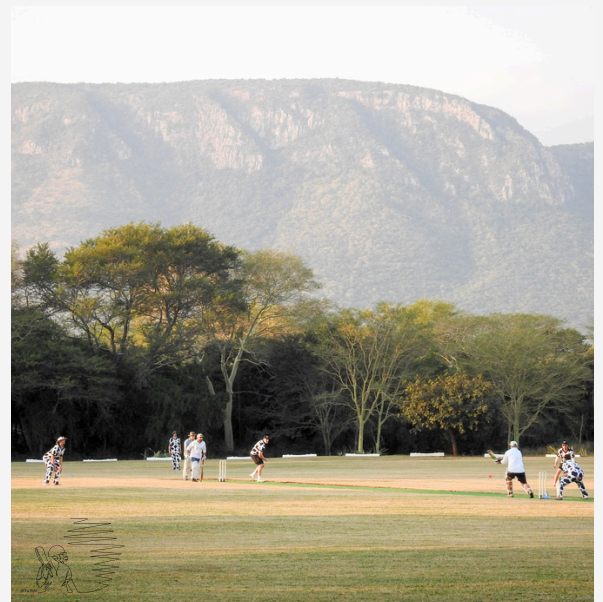
Our next Impact Safari will take place from 17–25 June 2026. To find out more or register your interest, please contact us at bookings@africanwildlifevets.org



2025 AWV HIT & RUN

The 6th annual HIT & RUN cricket fundraising tournament was nothing short of spectacular. With over 120 attendees and the exciting addition of a new team - the Cleveland Steamers - the tournament delivered its biggest energy yet. Thanks to the players, supporters and sponsors, the event raised R189 000 for wildlife veterinary support.

The next tournament will be held on 6 & 7 March 2026, and we look forward to welcoming all five teams back for another weekend of competitive cricket - all for a good cause.



2025 WE RUN WILD

AWV also hosted our first trail running event, We Run Wild, at the Big Red Barn. This energetic and family-friendly fundraiser welcomed around 200 runners, offering a fun way to connect people with our cause.

While a smaller fundraiser, it played an important role in raising awareness and expanding our community of supporters.



**EVERY ACTION COUNTS!
TOGETHER, WE CAN MAKE
AN IMPACT.**



DONATE & GIVE



MAKE A DONATION

Every cent counts in our efforts to protect and save our wildlife. Big or small, we are extremely grateful for your donations.



BECOME A MONTHLY SUPPORTER

Monthly donations provide reliable, flexible funding that allows us to respond to urgent cases on a first-come, first-serve basis. Even small monthly gifts make a big difference.



SPONSOR A PROJECT

Fund a specific initiative such as collaring, rhino dehorning, emergency response,



IN-KIND DONATIONS

We have an ever-growing wish list of essential equipment items. Please contact us to find out what is on it.



GIVE A TAX-DEDUCTIBLE DONATION (SECTION 18A)

African Wildlife Vets is a registered Public Benefit Organisation (PBO). Donations are tax-deductible under Section 18A, meaning your contribution not only helps wildlife but also provides tax benefits.

ENGAGE & PARTICIPATE



HOST A FUNDRAISER

Run a challenge, host a workplace initiative, or organise a personal fundraiser to support AWV



SUPPORT AN EVENT

Join or sponsor:

- Impact Safari (17–25 June 2026)
- HIT & RUN Cricket Tournament (6 & 7 March 2026)



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