Annual Report
2014
Vets Beyond Borders is an Australian-based, registered not-for-profit organisation. It was founded by vets committed to improving animal and public health in developing communities and fostering the spirit of volunteering amongst their profession.

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**MISSION STATEMENT**
Vets Beyond Borders (VBB) exists to improve animal welfare and public health in developing communities.

**Core Values**
Vets Beyond Borders respects religious beliefs and is non-political; members respect the cultures within which they offer their veterinary skills.

**Our Mission**
Vets Beyond Borders aims to provide sustainable veterinary services to improve animal and community health in Asia, Australia and the Pacific.

**Our Goals**
We aim to work in areas of greatest need to:
- Establish, develop and support programmes dedicated to improving the welfare of stray and domesticated animals and wildlife, including Animal Birth Control and Anti-Rabies Vaccination (ABC-AR) programmes, and programmes targeting the control of zoonotic diseases
- Provide veterinary support to local animal welfare organisations in developing countries
- Co-ordinate the sourcing, placement and support of veterinary volunteers seeking to assist the work of animal welfare organisations nationally and internationally
- Develop and promote best-practice protocols for animal welfare work
- Develop and promote education programmes designed to encourage respect, care and responsibility for animals in the global community
- Develop strategic alliances with similar organisations in Australia and worldwide
- Develop and promote training programmes to increase the skills of local veterinary and animal handling staff
- Assist in the provision of volunteers and veterinary support services for disaster relief, where and when possible promote veterinary input to wildlife conservation programmes
- Secure ongoing funding for the governance of Vets Beyond Borders and programmes with which it is involved
- Promote the concept of One World One Health as appropriate
Special note: CEO Steven Heath resigned in mid-2014. As such, this report has been prepared by the President and represents both President and CEO reports.

Operations

The financial year 2013-2014 has been a stable year of organisational growth. Under CEO Steven Heath, we continued to achieve major milestones for VBB. The board and CEO re-evaluated the 3-year Strategic Plan and continued to grow the organisation according to its five key objectives. Key highlights include:

Financial

1. The restructure of the VBB India Charitable Trust into a sustainable working entity, with Vets Beyond Borders as the overarching organisation with ultimate control over the trust. We regretfully farewelled Dr. Catherine Schuetze from the Trust and wished her the best in her PhD. We thank Geeta Seshamani and Ambika Shukla for staying on the trust as Trustees, as well as the probono support of Rajesh Lal and Jasmine Damkewala for their invaluable advice.

2. Recruitment of Commotion Marketing and Communications, led by Veronica Robertson, to lead the marketing and fundraising operations of VBB in a part-time capacity. This included developing a comprehensive strategic plan and its execution. An outstanding initiative was the launch of the Trek for Vets, a fundraising adventure trip to visit Ladakh, which was subsequently run later in August 2014 in conjunction with Inspiring Adventures. Many thanks to VetPrac and Improve International for their ongoing support.

3. A public presentation at TEDxTheRocks in April 2014 with the President speaking in greater depth about the challenges, emotions and reasons behind VBB’s work to a wide audience.

India Operations

1. Further development of the India In-Country Coordinator role into a more senior role for the organisation, with Dr. Soniya Chawan continuing to bring much value with her strong networking skills and much valued on-the-ground support.

2. Development of a closer relationship with key political stakeholders in India through three CEO trips to India, together with Dr. Soniya Chawan. This includes a trip together with Ladakh government veterinarian Dr. Quoyum to visit Sikkim’s successful project for cross-pollination of ideas and networking.

Projects

1. Stable projects in Ladakh, Sikkim and Bylakuppe with 55 volunteers deployed from all over the world this year, which is a 38% increase in volunteers on the year before. Projects with Vanuatu, China and other locations continued with forward-moving negotiations and development, as well as VetTrain. Vanuatu commenced later in August 2014. I would like to thank the tireless efforts of those involved in projects for their continued tenacity and commitment, particularly Dr. Amelia Fung (Bylakuppe), Dr. Thinlay (Sikkim), Dr. Sarah Matthews and Dr. Bronwen Evans (Ladakh), and Vikki Franklin (Vanuatu) for their inspirational leadership of their project seasons. We also thank Dr. Ian Douglas (VetTrain), Dr. Elaine Ong (China) and Dr. Andrea Britton (project development lead) for further negotiations and project development.

2. The pilot launch of a VBB community education program, in conjunction with the University of Melbourne’s DreamLarge grant. Over 2 weeks, a team of three veterinary students visited and taught to over 3,000 students in primary and secondary schools. Many thanks to Dr. Kate Abel for her leadership, as well as students Aashima Auplish, Alison Clarke, and Trent Taylor for their initiative and dedication to this project.

3. Improved head-office volunteers support, with the recruitment of project support volunteers to assist project managers with administrative tasks, and alumni volunteers to lead the launch of regular alumni events for past and future volunteers. Many thanks particularly to Bronwyn Sharman and Linda Hart, who have been outstanding in their support.

4. With the continued support of staff, volunteers and sponsors, VBB will continue to execute its plans for long-term sustainability, governance and accountability at every level in the organisation, so that we can continue to grow our organisation in terms of credibility and reputation. With CEO Maryann Dalton’s leadership, given her extensive experience in the animal welfare industry and as a turnaround CEO, we are confident of her ability to grow the organisation to a new chapter.

Board Changes

I would like to acknowledge and thank Margaret Conley for serving two terms (6 years) as VBB’s Company Secretary on the Board of Directors. With her experience and knowledge, we have been able to grow as a credible organisation. We also acknowledge and thank Kirsty Officer for serving almost two terms on the board, and we regret to accept her resignation in May 2014. We wish them both the best.

We continuously seek to strengthen board capabilities and diversity. As such, we welcome Lynne Payne to the board, with her background in human resources, marketing and fundraising. She has continued to be invaluable in her support and dedication, especially with her help in recruiting Rachel Portelli (Secretary) and Emily Ward to the board, and also her dedication to the recruitment of Maryann Dalton as CEO. Rachel Portelli comes from a highly experienced background of being company secretary to many not-for-profit organisations and associations, and Emily Ward is an experienced legal counsel from the mining industry. We are looking forward to their contributions to the board and the organisation.

Sponsor Acknowledgements

We especially thank our generous sponsor, Fondation Brigitte Bardot, for continuing to support our Indian projects year-on-year, and this year again. Many thanks also to the Australian Veterinary Association for sponsoring our presence at their conferences, publications and events.

At the same time, I would like thank all our project managers, volunteers and staff for their unwavering support and hard work that contributed to VBB’s work this year.

I sincerely thank you all for tirelessly helping us work towards a world of better health of animals and people.

With your continued support, I am confident that VBB will continue to grow and impact, as we continuously strive to improve ourselves and become a more sustainable organisation. We are excited for 2015 and the many years to come, and I look forward to having you there with us on our journey forwards.

Dr. Charmaine Tham
President
The Sikkim Anti-Rabies and Animal Health Project (SARAH) is a collaborative program between Vets Beyond Borders, the Department of Animal Husbandry, Livestock, Fisheries and Veterinary Services (Government of Sikkim) and Fondation Brigitte Bardot. The achievements and benefits of a state-wide animal birth control, anti-rabies and animal welfare programme are widely accepted in Sikkim and the SARAH project continues to achieve its objectives and champion animal welfare throughout this north-eastern state of India.

**Key Achievements**

- Animal Birth Control surgeries and anti-rabies vaccinations continued throughout the state
- In 2013/2014, SARAH achieved 4,289 animal birth control surgeries and administered 23,669 doses of distemper vaccine and 9,524 doses of rabies vaccine
- Over 19,500 animals were vaccinated during the state-wide Rabies Vaccination Campaign in 2013
- BEST PRACTICE PROGRAMME was given by Comptroller and Auditor General of India, Government of India for an Overall Improvement in Animal Birth Control and Rabies Control
- There has been only one reported case of human rabies since the program commenced, and no cases since 2006
- There have been no reports of rabies in Sikkim since May 2010
- Two training courses for Veterinary interns were undertaken in SARAH
- Draft legislation has been completed and submitted to the Government to provide the necessary framework for control of dog movements into Sikkim and other necessary actions for Sikkim to be declared “Rabies Free”
- Public education about rabies and animal welfare was undertaken through schools, meetings and public media
- 15 Awareness Camps were conducted in 2013 with over 10,000 people attending
- SARAH continues to provide medical, surgical and hospital care to hundreds of sick and injured domestic animals and wildlife
- Volunteers from around the world worked in the programme for a total of 38 weeks and also provided training to local staff
- SARAH Local Coordinator, Dr Thinlaj Bhutia, was sent to Thailand to convince the Thai vets to adopt a program similar to SARAH to control rabies and stray dogs in Thailand
- 274 animals were treated, nursed and hospitalised in the SARAH shelter for various ailments. On an average 17 days for each animal was given treatment and nursing care thus making a total 4558 days hospitalisation provided
- More than 2,000 outpatient cases of animals were given veterinary care and treatment
- More than 100 different kinds of animals were rescued and rehabilitated
- Meetings were held between State Government authorities on implementation of the various Acts and Rules pertaining to Prevention of Cruelty to animals
- SARAH continues to act as animal advocates and the need to continue to protect and improve animal welfare of all animals in the development of Government policies.

**Activities**

**Animal Birth Control**

Following the large number of dog deaths in the terrible distemper outbreaks in the previous year, many people had purchased new puppies and dogs to replace those that had died. Also, there were migrations of dogs from other areas. Almost all the new dogs were not desexed. This illustrates the importance of a stable dog population for effective state-wide dog population management and rabies control and the need for control of dog importation into Sikkim. SARAH worked very hard to desex and vaccinate the dogs to return the dog population to a stable, manageable size. Over 4,000 animals were desexed in 2013/2014, the largest number in a 12 month period since the SARAH program commenced. In the coming year, a big effort will be made in remote East Sikkim near the Indo/China border and bamboo forests which is the native habitat of the red panda.

**Rabies**

No incidence of human or animal rabies were reported in 2013-14. The state-wide rabies campaign was a huge success with almost 20,000 animals vaccinated. An additional 4,000 animals were vaccinated throughout the year. SARAH worked with the National Centre for Disease Control to undertake sero-surveillance of animals throughout Sikkim for rabies titres in accordance with guidelines for confirming Sikkim as a rabies free state.

**Animal Welfare**

SARAH provides veterinary care for all stray dogs and cats. Increasing numbers of sick/injured stray dogs/cats are being brought in by the community for treatment, reflecting the trust and high regard the community has for SARAH program. SARAH provided hospital care for more than 270 animals for a total of 4,558 days where 60% of the cases involved wounds or injuries requiring some surgical intervention. Street dogs often require extended hospitalisation as they cannot be released until they are sufficiently recovered to be able to fend for themselves again on the street. SARAH provided veterinary consultation and examination of more than 2,200 animals including referral cases which often involve complicated and emergency care including orthopaedic surgery, abdominal surgery, ultrasound, x-ray, haematology and biochemistry diagnostics, and medical care. SARAH veterinary doctors conducted more than 30 major and minor surgeries and chemotherapy treatment to pets and stray animals.

**Notification issued by Government of Sikkim on ban on sale, importation and keeping birds**

An initiative to place a ban on the sale and importation of all live birds of both Indian and foreign origin. There was no licensing procedure for the sale and import of live birds, and SARAH staff felt it against the socio-religious ethos for Sikkim to rear or keep birds other than poultry in the household. A Notification of Ban on Sale of live birds has now been published by the Government.

**Notification issued by Government of Sikkim on the ban of the cruel practice of restraint and castration**

Sikkim was the first state in India to put a ban on this practice. Under the previous practice, male animals were restrained by a long line to the cruel method of restraint by casting of the animals in the SARAH shelter for various ailments. On average 17 days for each animal was given treatment and nursing care thus making a total 4558 days hospitalisation provided.

**Distemper and Parvovirus**

Sporadic cases of distemper continue to be seen, however the numbers are reducing due to increased vaccination and higher immune status of the dogs of Sikkim. Owners are now much more diligent in the proper vaccination of their dogs, and people more readily recognise the signs of distemper enabling prompt treatment and isolation of affected dogs. Parvovirus is also seen. Vaccination of stray dogs and education of pet owners is important in control. Both distemper and parvovirus are highly infectious diseases with high mortality, particularly in puppies and young dogs. Distemper occurs mainly in the cooler months; parvovirus is more prevalent in the summer months. Fifty doses of distemper/parvovirus vaccine were administered by SARAH in 2013/2014.

**Major surgeries**

Due to the availability of required facilities and manpower, thanks to Fondation Brigitte Bardot and Vets Beyond Borders, SARAH has been able to perform a wide range of complex surgeries. Before the SARAH Programme, most of Sikkim’s animals had to suffer because of a lack of surgical expertise and necessary surgical equipment. The SARAH staff are now skilled surgeons and continue to further develop their expertise. This has been of enormous benefit to the animals of Sikkim.
Veterinary volunteers from Australia, Italy and Romania assisted the SARAH program. SARAH was fortunate to continue to learn from volunteers as they freely shared their expertise in small and large animal surgery/medicine, and wildlife. Volunteers bring with them valued veterinary supplies including medicines and surgery equipment which are donated to SARAH.

**Internship training**
SARAH provided internship training to seven newly graduated or final year Sikkim veterinarians. Training was very practical and included animal handling, clinical examination of animals, medicine and surgery.

**Publicity**
SARAH has been working to increase public awareness of rabies and animal welfare using radio, television and newspapers as well as public meetings. Public Awareness camps were held throughout the state to provide information about rabies, distemper and animal welfare. Many schools were also visited to educate students about these topics.

**Wildlife conservation**
Wildlife conservation through feral dog control continues to be a priority for SARAH. A series of meetings and awareness camps were held in far western Nepal border region to inform the para-military forces in the areas about the importance of wildlife conservation and the dog management programme of SARAH. The need for proper garbage management and responsible pet ownership was emphasised in accordance with the principles of good animal and environmental health. In 2013/2014, major ABC activity was directed to stabilising the community dog population following the distemper outbreak in 2012. In the coming 12 months, ABC activity will be extended to the remote areas of North and West Sikkim, working with the army and paramilitary to control feral dogs in the border regions. Control of the feral dog population and concurrent rabies vaccination will provide a buffer region of vaccinated dogs to prevent the spread of rabies into Sikkim from outside, and also assist with predation of endangered native animals including the Red Panda, the state animal of Sikkim.

### Rabies Free Sikkim
Draft legislation for the maintenance of a rabies-free Sikkim has been completed and submitted to the Government. The legislation aims to provide that Sikkim continues to be a rabies-free state and to provide for future protection from rabies in Sikkim by control of the existing dog and cat population and entry into Sikkim of new dogs and cats in the interests of public health. The draft legislation recognises that stray dogs and cats are a vital component of the ecosystem in Sikkim, and that a balance must be found between public health and stray dogs and cats. Key features of the draft legislation are:

1. **Registration and identification of pet dogs and cats required**
2. **Annual rabies vaccination of all dogs and cats required**
3. **Rabies vaccination and permanent ID required before a dog or cat can be brought into Sikkim**
4. **Sero-surveillance of animals for rabies**
5. **Relocation of stray dogs prohibited**
6. **A schedule of fines and penalties for offences**

### Mass ARV Campaign
The 2013 state-wide rabies vaccination campaign was highly effective with over 19,000 animals vaccinated. During the campaign the team made an effort to visit every household throughout Sikkim. In East Sikkim every household was visited and 80% vaccination was achieved. Even remote villages with no road access were visited and dogs vaccinated and dewormed. In South and West Sikkim, much of the dog population is young for distemper killed many dogs last year and villagers have replaced the dogs with puppies brought in from West Bengal and Nepal. Most of the new dogs in South and West Sikkim were not desexed and not previously vaccinated. The importation of dogs across the state border highlights the need for legislation controlling dog imports into Sikkim.
After more than a few patients escaped from our only dog holding ward/room, it was clear that our clinic needed a secure kennel in order to house in-patients. Our building lease lurching towards a decrepit run down shed of sorts behind the clinic, this was identified as the most ideal site for our new kennels. With the assistance and consultation with a local NGO SAM (Social Action Movement) and our landlord Gelukpa Buddhist Institute, we engaged a local Tibetan builder who, within 10 days, created our new kennel facility, holding four secure runs inside! We were all so pleased to finally have a secure place to house our patients.

**ABC/AR Camps and Volunteers**

Our VBB Bylakuppe Project received no veterinary volunteers over November, so I was the sole surgeon over the month. Together with VBB staff Sonam and Lhakpa, we were also lucky to have a local volunteer Tenzin, who had also received paravet training along with Lhakpa at the Worldwide Veterinary Services in Ooty the previous year. Having not performed for a few years since my brief volunteer stint at the SARH project seven years prior, it did take quite a few surgeries to gain the expertise and confidence to perform these speys. The dogs of South India also seemed to be in better body condition than the smaller, thinner dogs of Sikkim, which certainly made the surgery a little more complex! We performed surgery camps on street and pet dogs at seven locations in South India. The first being at Sera Monastery, Gulladhall Camp, 8 and 10 (New Settlement), Dickey Larso (Main New Settlement) as well as the TVA (Tibetan Volunteers for Animals) clinic at 4th Camp. It was heartening to see so many pet dog owners coming forward to have their dogs vaccinated with the full C5 and rabies vaccines, and some also coming to have their dogs desexed.

On 4 December, we welcomed the first volunteers for the season. Dr Liz and Ms Hansje, a vet and vet nurse, who had worked together at the same veterinary hospital in Tamworth, Australia. Liz and Hansje fit in immediately into our VBB family, and we put them to work the following day performing a very busy ABC camp at Sera Monastery. They were both very efficient and experienced vets and nurses, and were able to help us develop a more efficient way of ensuring each patient was ready and prepared for surgery. From the commencement of the season, we also welcomed the arrival of Dr Gemma, a student vet from the UK, who originally trained in Chile. Dr Gemma, arrived with us to a volunteer stint with Worldwide Veterinary Services in Ooty, spending six months as a veterinarian at different projects all over India, including the VBB Sikkim location.

Our December ABC-AR Camp program was cut a little short by His Holiness’ visit on the 24th December. It became quite clear that the whole of Bylakuppe and surrounds essentially shuts down for such a revered event. However, just the week prior, we were invited to perform our ABC-AR program in Hunsur, another Tibetan settlement located about an hour’s drive away and the location of the prestigious Gurmey Tantric College of Gelugpa Buddhist sect. We bundled all our staff and equipment in the back of a truck and spent three days there, desexing the many street and pet dogs in that community, as well as scores of pet vaccinations. Our VBB team were fortunate to have many dogs brought to our surgery site which was located at the main market of the town. Monks and nuns, from the neighbouring monasteries. Returning from Hunsur, we managed to squeeze in a few days more ABC-AR work at First Camp and Tashi Lhunpo monastery before joining in the celebration for the Dalai Lama. We closed the clinic for the Christmas/New Year period, which also coincided with the days of the ABC camp at Sera Monastery, Gulladhall Camp, 8 and 10 (New Settlement), Dickey Larso (Main New Settlement) as the remaining vet for the project. After a turbulent few weeks, there was a certain calm associated with being left with our original team and we continued with ABC camp work at Camp 3 in the last week of January. The last ABC-AR camp was conducted again at Hunsur, where there was still a steady flow of undesexed street dogs. Sonam, Lhakpa and I finished our last day’s camp work, exhausted but with a satisfied sense of achievement, having performed six castrates, seven speys, diagnosed and started treatment for one TVT case, and administered many more vaccinations to a long queue of pet dogs.

**In Clinic**

While there were no significant outbreaks of infectious disease seen in the dog population this season (likely largely related to the vaccination campaign started by VBB in the previous three years), we continued to see the isolated case of suspected distemper, and acute gastroenteritis most likely attributable to a parvovirus-like infection, particularly in puppies and young dogs.

We lost a few puppies in the clinic in quick succession due to the aggressive GIT infection, normally within 24 hours of the dogs showing signs of being unwell. We introduced an isolation ward procedure, where all new puppies brought to the clinic were kept isolated for at least five days before being vaccinated and introduced to the other in-clinic dogs and patients. The most common complaints we attended to included the ambiguous inappetence, lethargy. GIT signs is vomiting/diarrhoea, skin infections- bacterial and also parasitic ie maggot infestations.

We performed three limb amputations following chronic leg fractures as well as one eye enucleation in a street dog following a car/motorcycle/auto rickshaw accident. All dogs made good recoveries and were able to be released back into their communities. Dr Eva and I also performed a penis amputation on a pet dog Sindhu who had suffered from urethral obstruction due to severe damage to his penis and urethra due to TVT (transmissible venereal tumour). We were able to perform a life-saving surgery for Sindhu allowing him to urinate through a new opening in his urethra. We were very pleased to hear that Sindhu continues to do well and is still cocking his leg (somewhat awkwardly) to urinate!

**Achievements and moving forward**

There is a clear and ongoing need for VBB in the area, in maintaining the dog population control through ABC surgery, as well as expanding on vaccination coverage against both rabies and other major infectious diseases, of both the street and pet dog population.

Over three months, we desexed approximately 363 street and pet dogs, comprising of 145 males and 218 females. Our main objectives for next season 2014-2015 include implementing an education initiative about animal/dog welfare and the benefits of ABC/AR throughout the community, involving adults as well as children as well as procuring an appropriate vehicle for the project, which would improve our scope in dog catching and restraining.

Time and time again, I was touched to receive the genuine gratitude from the local community members, including many monks, that we were there providing such a care in caring for and attending to, the often neglected street dog population. I was able to meet with many stakeholders and camp leaders who are very much in support of VBB’s presence in this community, and often expressed a wish that we could provide a vet-on-site for the whole year!

Thank you once again to our main donor FBB, for without your financial assistance, we would not be able to continue to provide this valued service to the dogs and communities of Bylakuppe.
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Ladakh Street Dog Sterilisation Project

Introduction from Dr Sarah Matthews - Project Manager

Autumn has set in, the leaves are changing colour and the nights are getting cold. It is time to leave. But not before having a celebratory picnic with the staff at Khasphang, a partner monastery to Hemis set 4,400m high 50km from Leh. We have a lot to celebrate this year having well exceeded our projected 1,000 surgery target.

Dog catchers

This target would not have been possible without our fantastic team of dog catchers. After some earlier teething problems resulting in dogs being released to the wrong areas, there was a big shake up and our new team took to the streets with enthusiasm. On our last week we received our weekly intake of 75 dogs in just two days.

Stories from the project

Local paravet Spalgon left us for August and September as he had to return to Zanskar for the harvesting season. Luckily he was replaced by Gyalpo, a friend of his who took to anaesthatising dogs so quickly it was as if he was born for the job. Friend of the project Ingrid also sent her intern Marianne to help. Marianne was particularly interested in visiting the schools and quickly “adopted” one of the puppies to teach young children how to treat dogs and show them they are not all scary!

August and September brought a drought of volunteers with only one veterinary volunteer - Namsoo Kim of South Korea. Visa problems had resulted in two vets being unable to attend at the last minute. Luckily, Namsoo was a gem - a professor of surgery and always a smiling face.

While overseas volunteer numbers were low, we did have a number of local visitors thanks to Dunno, our celebrity dog. We had long seen Dunno (his name) naively wandering through the traffic on Changspa road and believed he was an accident waiting to happen. The dreaded phone call came mid-August after he had fractured his mid humerus. In the absence of an x-ray machine or any internal fixation instruments, amputation seemed an inevitability. However with local pressure to give the leg a chance and donations for cast material pouring in, we gave it a try. We cast his leg, kept him on strict box rest and his preferred diet of donated croissants and bread rolls. The diet didn’t seem to do him any harm - I had to change the cast every 10 days as he was growing so quickly that his foot would pop out of the bottom of the cast. The day before we left I took the cast off thinking to replace it one last time but found instead that the fracture had healed.

In the middle of an extremely busy day there was an interesting “incident” whereby the dog catchers turned up in a cloud of dust quite at odds to their usually relaxed arrival times. It turned out that one of the several bitches they had caught had given birth in a trap on the way to the clinic. The only problem was that when asked which was the mum they had no idea…so we worked it out by a process of elimination!

Continuing on the theme of puppy arrivals, a good Samaritan turned up one day with a litter of 11 puppies plus one runt (quickly named Gremlin) from a previous litter. He had to return to Delhi and needed someone to take over their care as their mother had died on the streets. The puppies were greeted with mixed feelings…they are oh-so-cute but oh-so-much poo!! We quickly drew straws to determine who was responsible for cleaning their pen...

In other news, volunteer paravet Andy has shown no indication of tiring of his nursing duties – he has completed two of his assignments and as his mentor I have had to answer a number of interesting questions such as “Has Andy shown any signs of sexual harassment in the workplace?”

End of year statistics

Number of dogs treated for illness / injuries: 44
1,125 treated for skin conditions (already ear notched): 64
33 treated for transmissible venereal tumour (TVT): 33
1,164 desexed and anti-rabies vaccinated: 1,125 caught by the dog catchers, 39 pets
44 vaccinated only (1,125 caught by the dog catchers, 39 pets)

Thanks to regular meetings and improvements in communication, relations with the local Government have improved dramatically since the beginning of the season. At the end of season meeting, the Animal Husbandry Department announced that they had allocated one vet for five days a week to an ongoing winter ABC program. They have their own dog catchers, a fully equipped hospital and a new 60-dog holding facility with individual pens. They have also done a recent dog census with the results showing 2,800 dogs in Leh and the immediate surrounding area. Considering we have de-sexed nearly 1,200 dogs this season, this has to have a positive effect on reducing the dog population of Leh.

As a runner I have also noticed a really significant improvement to the dog threat in Leh. These days there are no packs of undesexed alpha male packs, making running far more enjoyable and much easier. The ADC thanked us last week as he says complaints about dog aggression have nearly ceased.

As a final note, we are happy to report that the street dogs of Leh have significantly filled out during the tourist season... as proven by our average consumption of 1/3 more anaesthetic drugs per dog than at the beginning of the season.

During this season, Veronica McCarthy from Paua Productions spent three weeks in Leh, along with director Bill de Friez, documenting the work of Vets Beyond Borders in the Ladakh Program. They interviewed and filmed volunteers including Project Manager Dr Sarah, and truly captured the heart and soul of VBB’s important work - and the effects it has on the volunteers who participate and the animals they help. The video they created can be viewed on our YouTube channel here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N4VOHQWl5bk
The Board of Vets Beyond Borders (VBB) is accountable to the membership for the business of the Association. Vets Beyond Borders is a company limited by guarantee. The functions of the Board include:

**Policy development**
- Setting the strategic direction
- Approval of the annual budget for VBB as a whole
- Consideration and approval of financial, operational and clinical policies
- Creation and dissolution of committees and working groups
- Approval of strategies and business plans
- Establishment of delegations, and
- Review and monitoring of a Board Code of Conduct.

**Composition and operations of the Board**
There are up to nine non-executive directors on the Board, each serving a three year term. Board members are able to nominate for additional terms of office.

The Board elects the office holders from amongst their number at the first meeting following the AGM. Additionally, all Board members are asked to sign onto the Board Code of Conduct at that time which, along with the business plan and budget, provides a foundation for the Board to review itself. The President chairs meetings of the Board and general meetings of the membership. Each VBB project has a nominated Board liaison person, to ensure two-way information flow. Currently the Board also has a Veterinary Committee and a number of working groups. The committees are chaired by a Board member and members of VBB are able to nominate for the committees following their agreement to a Code of Conduct for sub-committee members.

**Veterinary sub-committee**
Chairled by Dr Ian Douglas, develops and recommends veterinary policies to the Board.

**Board operations**
VBB farewelled Steven Heath in July and welcomed Maryann Dalton as our part time Chief Executive Officer. The Board holds most of its face-to-face meetings in Sydney with those board members living in other locations joining via Skype.

**Directors’ fees and indemnification**
VBB directors perform their roles voluntarily and VBB provides basic liability cover for directors and officers.

**Monitoring**
- Ensuring solvency
- Adherence to the annual budget and related fiscal matters for VBB as a whole
- Achievement of strategic direction through the annual business plan
- Recommendation to the Annual General Meeting (AGM) for appointment of the external auditor
- Consideration of reports from both the internal and external auditors
- The employment and performance of the Executive Officer
- The state of health of the Association
- Overseeing the management of business risks, insurance risks, environmental issues and occupational health and safety, and
- Ensuring that the company acts legally and responsibly on all matters and that the highest ethical standards are maintained.

**Adherence to the annual budget and related fiscal matters for VBB as a whole**

Through the course of the year the following arrangements in respect to the financial management practices of VBB were in place:
- All accounting services were provided pro-bono by Heath & Associates (an entity associated with the former Chief Executive Officer). These services enhanced and streamlined the financial management practices of the organisation
- Budgeting and financial reporting processes continued to be enhanced. Further work is required in these areas over the course of 2014/15

The audited financial statements show a deficit of $151,434 for the financial year. This compares to a surplus of $137,284 for the prior year. The deficit is primarily revenue related. VBB’s revenue is currently below a level that would ensure the organisation is sustainable. Whilst there has been a focus on membership retention and growth, a sustained and direct focus on securing higher value corporate, donor or additional grants is required. This is a key focus of the Board and of the incoming CEO.

During the year the Board reassessed VBB’s Strategic Plan. That review reconfirmed the following core strategic priorities for 2014-2016:

1. Redefine VBB’s Operating Model
2. Raise and enhance VBB’s Profile
3. Strength VBB’s ‘Umbilical Cord’
4. Create a truly inspiring NFP organisation
5. Maintain our core proposition

Relentlessly focusing on delivering the identified strategies underpinning these strategic priorities will further enhance VBB’s operations and sustainability.

Some acknowledgements:
- Fondation Brigitte Bardot remains a strong and consistent supporter of the animal-related aspects of VBB’s work and a huge amount has been achieved with that assistance. For these projects, VBB needs to make a co-contribution to cover Australian-based costs.
- VBB also thanks AFAP for their support, particularly in relation to access to gift deductibility whilst we progress our application to obtain Deductible Gift Recipient Status in our own right.

In closing, I have enjoyed working with VBB over the past two and a half years. I look forward to further supporting VBB in the future.

Steve Matthews
Treasurer
Your directors present this report on the company for the financial year ended 30 June 2014.

Directors

The names of each person who has been a director during the year and to the date of this report are:
- David Gray appointed (15/07/2012)
- Lynne Payne appointed (27/10/2013)
- Andrea Britton appointed (23/10/2011)
- Peter Howe appointed (26/08/2011)
- Shao Min Tham appointed (23/10/2011)
- Stephen Matthews appointed (29/04/2012)
- Emily Ward appointed (10/06/2014)
- Rachel Portelli appointed (10/06/2014)
- Ian Douglas appointed (28/10/2012)
- Margaret Conley resigned (27/10/2013)
- Kirsty Officer resigned (25/06/2014)

Directors have been in office since the start of the financial year to the date of this report unless otherwise stated.

Principal Activities

The principal activities of the company during the financial year were:
- develop and operate public health projects linked to animal health and welfare in India and continue close affiliation with a range of programmes throughout the Asia-Pacific region.
- deliver clinical training to veterinarians and paraveterinarians in India.

Short-term and Long-term Objectives

Annually the Board reviews and updates its three-year Strategic Plan. The Plan articulates Vets Beyond Borders’ (VBB) long-term strategy to achieve its mission and realise its vision. It also identifies five strategic objectives and the initiatives VBB will undertake to meet them. The objectives are to:

1. Refine VBB’s Operating Model
2. Raise and enhance VBB’s Profile
3. Strengthen VBB’s ‘Umbral Cord’
4. Create a truly inspiring not-for-profit organisation
5. Maintain our core proposition.

Strategies

The Strategic Plan forms the basis for setting key performance criteria for the organisation. Performance against the Plan is reviewed on a periodic basis.

Key Performance Measures

The company measures its own performance through the use of both quantitative and qualitative benchmarks. The benchmarks are used by the directors to assess the financial sustainability of the company and whether the company’s short-term and long-term objectives are being achieved.

Information on Directors

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<td>David Gray</td>
<td>Director, past president of Vets Beyond Borders. 43 years as a veterinarian, founded and ran Nowra Veterinary Hospital for 27 years, including incorporation, a total of 12 weeks volunteering on Vets Beyond Borders projects in India and a total of 12 years on Board of Rotary Club of South Nowra including a year as President.</td>
<td>BVSc (Syd) MBA (UNE)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Lynne Payne</td>
<td>Director, past president of Vets Beyond Borders. Media Relations and Social Media - Public Relations Certificate, Public Relations/Image Management, Post Grad in Marketing, Graduate Diploma in Public Relations, Public Relations, BA (English, History), Cert IV Workplace and Business Coaching.</td>
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<td>Director, Vice President, BVMS &amp; MRCVS MACVSc (Surg)</td>
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<td>Margaret Conley</td>
<td>Director, Company Secretary, FAICD; BA (Hons I) Graduate Certificates in Management and World Religions</td>
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Meetings of Directors

During the financial year, 6 meetings of directors were held. Attendances by each director were as follows:

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The company is incorporated under the Corporations Act 2001 and is a company limited by guarantee. If the company is wound up, the constitution states that each member is required to contribute a maximum of $25 each towards meeting any outstanding obligations of the company. At 30 June 2014, the total amount that members of the company are liable to contribute if the company is wound up is $25 (2013: $25).

Auditor’s Independence Declaration

The lead auditor’s independence declaration for the year ended 30 June 2014 has been received and can be found on page 4 of the financial report.

This directors’ report is signed in accordance with a resolution of the Board of Directors.
### Statement of Comprehensive Income for the Year Ended 30 June 2014

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Revenue
Audit, legal and consultancy fees
Administration expense
Project costs
Employee benefits expense
Current year surplus before income tax
Tax expense
Net current year surplus

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

### Statement of Financial Position as at 30 June 2014

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ASSETS
CURRENT ASSETS
Cash on hand
Accounts receivable and other debtors
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS
TOTAL ASSETS

LIABILITIES
CURRENT LIABILITIES
Accounts payable and other payables
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES
NET ASSETS

EQUITY
Retained surplus
TOTAL EQUITY

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

### Statement of Changes in Equity for the Year Ended 30 June 2014

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Balance at 1 July 2012
Balance at 30 June 2013
Balance at 1 July 2013
Balance at 30 June 2014

Surplus/(Deficit) for the year attributable to members of the entity

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

### Statement of Cash Flows for the Year Ended 30 June 2014

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CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES
Receipts from donations, bequests and raffles
Payments to suppliers and employees
Interest received
Net cash generated from operating activities

CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES
Net cash used in investing activities

CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES
Net cash used in financing activities

Net increase/(decrease) in cash held
Cash on hand at beginning of the financial year
Cash on hand at end of the financial year

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.
The financial statements cover Vets Beyond Borders as an individual entity, incorporated and domiciled in Australia. Vets Beyond Borders is a company limited by guarantee.

**Note 1 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

**Basis of Preparation**

These general purpose financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Corporations Act 2001 and Australian Accounting Standards and Interpretations of the Australian Accounting Standards Board. The company is a not-for-profit entity for financial reporting purposes under Australian Accounting Standards. Material accounting policies adopted in the preparation of these financial statements are presented below and have been consistently applied unless stated otherwise.

The financial statements, except for the cash flow information, have been prepared on an accruals basis and are based on historical costs, modified, where applicable by the measurement at fair value of selected non-current assets, financial assets and financial liabilities. The amounts presented in the financial statements have been rounded to the nearest dollar.

The financial statements were authorised for issue on 6th November 2014 by the directors of the company.

**Accounting Policies**

(a) Revenue

Non-reciprocal grant revenue is recognised in profit or loss when the entity obtains control of the grant and it is probable that the economic benefits gained from the grant will flow to the entity and the amount of the grant can be measured reliably.

If conditions are attached to the grant which must be satisfied before it is eligible to receive the contribution, the recognition of the grant as revenue will be deferred until those conditions are satisfied.

When grant revenue is received whereby the entity incurs an obligation to deliver economic value directly back to the contributor, this is considered a reciprocal transaction and the grant revenue is recognised in the statement of financial position as a liability until the service has been delivered to the contributor, otherwise the grant is recognised as income on receipt.

Donations and bequests are recognised as revenue when received.

Interest revenue is recognised using the effective interest rate method, which for floating rate financial assets is the rate inherent in the instrument. Dividend revenue is recognised when the right to receive a dividend has been established.

Revenue from the rendering of a service is recognised upon the delivery of the service to the customer.

All revenue is stated net of the amount of goods and services tax (GST).

(b) Cash on Hand

Cash on hand includes cash on hand, deposits held at-call with banks, other short-term highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within short-term borrowings in current liabilities on the statement of financial position.

(c) Accounts receivable and other debtors

Accounts receivable and other debtors include amounts due from members as well as amounts receivable from customers for goods sold in the ordinary course of business. Receivables are expected to be collected within 12 months of the end of the reporting period are classified as current assets. All other receivables are classified as non-current assets.

Accounts receivable are initially recognised at fair value and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest rate method, less any provision for impairment. Refer to Note 1(f) for further discussion on the determination of impairment losses.

(d) Goods and Services Tax (GST)

Revenues, expenses and assets are recognised net of the amount of GST, except where the amount of GST incurred is not recoverable from the Australian Taxation Office (ATO).

Receivables and payables are stated inclusive of the amount of GST receivable or payable. The net amount of GST recoverable from, or payable to, the ATO is included with other receivables or payables in the statement of financial position.

Cash flows are presented on a gross basis. The GST components of cash flows arising from investing or financing activities which are recoverable from, or payable to, the ATO are presented as operating cash flows included in receipts from customers or payments to suppliers.

(e) Income Tax

No provision for income tax has been raised as the entity is exempt from income tax under Div 50 of the Income Tax Assessment Act 1997.

(f) Comparative Figures

Where required by Accounting Standards comparative figures have been adjusted to conform with changes in presentation for the current financial year.

When the company retrospectively applies an accounting policy, makes a retrospective restatement or reclassifies items in its financial statements, a third statement of financial position as at the beginning of the preceding comparative period in addition to the minimum comparative financial statements must be disclosed.

(g) Accounts Payable and Other Payables

Accounts payable and other payables represent the liability outstanding at the end of the reporting period for goods and services received by the company during the reporting period which remain unpaid. The balance is recognised as a current liability with the amounts normally paid within 30 days of recognition of the liability.

(h) Economic Dependence

Vets Beyond Borders is dependent on the donations for the majority of its revenue used to operate the business. At the date of this report the Board of Directors has no reason to believe the donors will not continue to support Vets Beyond Borders.
Reconciliation of Cashflow from Operating Activities with Current Year Surplus

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Note 7  Cash Flow Information

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(a) Credit risk

Exposure to credit risk relating to financial assets arises from the potential non-performance by counterparties of contract obligations that could lead to a financial loss to the company.

Note 8  Financial Risk Management

The company's financial instruments consist mainly of deposits with banks, receivables and payables. The carrying amounts for each category of financial instruments, measured in accordance with AASB 139 as detailed in the accounting policies to these financial statements, are as follows:

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Note 9  Future Project Funds

The company has a project funding agreement with the Australian Foundation for the Peoples of Asia and the Pacific Limited (AFAP). Subject to submitting satisfactory project proposals AFAP has committed to provide project funding in the future. The committed project funds are 76,540 and 58,557.

Note 10  Entity Details

The registered office of the entity is:

Vets Beyond Borders
Level 3, 40 Gloucester Street, The Rocks NSW 2000

The principal place of business is:

Vets Beyond Borders
Level 3, 40 Gloucester Street, The Rocks NSW 2000

Note 11  Members' Guarantee

The entity is incorporated under the Corporations Act 2001 and is an entity limited by guarantee. If the entity is wound up, the constitution states that each member is required to contribute a maximum of $25 each towards meeting any outstandings and obligations of the entity.

Note 12  Vets Beyond Borders India Charitable Trust

The company has an investment in the Vets Beyond Borders India Charitable Trust, an entity established in India. The Trust is jointly managed with two other trustees. The Trust's sole purpose is to dispense project funds provided by various donors. It is not considered appropriate to consolidate the financial accounts of the Trust as all of the funds are committed to be spent on projects.

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In India, between 30,000-40,000 people (mostly children) die from rabies every year, and the most common source of infection is a dog bite. That's why VBB's work is so vital – the volunteers in each of our projects work tirelessly to treat and manage local street dog populations, using high quality veterinary care, to reduce the incidence of rabies for humans and save thousands of street dogs from a life of pain and disease.

How you can help

There are many ways you can help Vets Beyond Borders make a world of difference for people and animals:

- Make a donation
- Become a regular giver
- Fundraise for us
- Volunteer
- Join Club VBB (Veterinary membership)
- Become a VBB member
- Leave a gift in your will

To find out more about how you can help or to make a donation, please visit our website: www.vetsbeyondborders.org
Improving animal health and welfare in developing communities.