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Vets Beyond Borders

A world of better health for animals and people.
Animal clinic at Ladakh in the Indian Himalaya.
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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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Our Mission

MISSION STATEMENT

Vets Beyond Borders (VBB) exists to improve animal welfare and public health in developing communities. VBB aims to provide sustainable veterinary services to improve animal and community health in Asia, Australia and the Pacific.

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

OUR GOALS

We aim to work in areas of greatest need to:

- Establish, develop and support programs dedicated to improving the welfare of stray and domesticated animals and wildlife, including Animal Birth Control and Anti-Rabies Vaccination (ABC-AR) programs, and programs 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 programs designed to encourage respect, care and take responsibility for animals in the global community.
- Develop strategic alliances with similar organisations in Australia and worldwide.
- Develop and promote training programs 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, and promote veterinary input to wildlife conservation programs.
- Secure ongoing funding for the governance of Vets Beyond Borders and programs with which it is involved.
- Promote the concept of One World, One Health as appropriate.

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CHAIR'S REPORT
Dr Charmaine Tham

Financial Year 2014-2015 has been a time of many positive changes for Vets Beyond Borders, including significant restructuring in our operating model, which we all believe is in the best interest of the organisation. The early signs are very promising and we are looking forward to a bright future with Maryann Dalton as CEO at the helm.

Projects
The Sikkim project continues to deliver outstanding results year-on-year under Dr Thinlay’s leadership and hard work. This year a critical piece of legislation was passed in May that will assist in Sikkim gain WHO rabies-free zoning. We’d like to congratulate Dr Thinlay for his relentless mission for this outcome, and for being an inspiration for us and many others.

The Ladakh and Bylakuppe projects are both undergoing evaluation and renegotiation with local stakeholders in an effort to develop more sustainable and impactful pathways. The former models of operation have not delivered the intended results and this pause is critical for the future of both projects. Ultimately, the welfare of the animals in our sphere of influence is the critical factor driving this re-evaluation process. We expect future plans to be formalised in 2016.

The China project continues to run successfully under Dr Elaine Ong’s tenacious leadership in collaboration with ActAsia. The Vanuatu pilot project was executed in August 2014 in collaboration with SAWA.

I would like to thank everyone involved in these projects for their ongoing commitment to our cause and the work that we do. In particular, I would like to thank Dr Thinlay, Bronwen Evans, Sonam Paldon, Lhakpa Dhondup, Elaine Ong, David Gray, Vicki Franklin, Mandy Lamkin, Bronwyn Sharman, Linda Hart, Maryann Dalton and Michael Heath for their exceptional work on VBB projects.

CEO changes
The resignation of Steven Heath was accepted in July 2014. The Board wishes him all the best in his future endeavours and thanks him for his contribution to VBB.

Maryann Dalton was appointed to CEO in October 2014. Maryann comes from an illustrious career in the animal health and welfare sector in Australia, in particular leading the turnaround of the Animal Welfare League (NSW) over eight years from 2003-2011 as its CEO. Maryann has strong experience in managing financial and administrative affairs for non-profit organisations, as well as developing and managing strategic plans, budgets and fundraising initiatives.

In the short space of time since her appointment, Maryann has made significant inroads in the financial operations of VBB, as well as developed a wonderful organisational culture of trust, collaboration and transparency. Her performance has been outstanding and the Board is looking forward to the future years under Maryann’s leadership.

Board Changes
Steve Matthews, Rachel Portelli and Emily Ward have stepped down from the Board due to time constraints and I’d like to acknowledge and sincerely thank them for their valuable contributions to VBB.

Sponsor acknowledgements
We especially thank our generous sponsor, Fondation Brigitte Bardot, for continuing to support our Indian projects again this year. Many thanks to the Australian Veterinary Association for sponsoring our presence at their conferences, publications and events. A big thank you as well as VetPrac for its ongoing support.

I’d also like thank all our volunteers, project managers and staff for their unwavering support and hard work on VBB’s projects and programs this year. I sincerely thank you all for tirelessly helping to realise a world of better health of animals and people. With your continued support, I am confident VBB will continue to grow, and look forward to you being with us on this journey.

Dr Charmaine Tham
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER’S REPORT

Maryann Dalton

I am pleased to present my first CEO report for the 2014-2015 Annual Report. I joined VBB at the end of October 2014 and can’t believe that it is almost one year on. It has been a very busy time with lots to do in getting VBB back on track for the years ahead and to ensure a viable financial future.

I can report we managed to have the money held by the Australian Foundation for the Peoples of Asia and the Pacific (AFAP) released on completion of several outstanding reports for funding that had been used on a variety of projects in India. This has now finalised our relationship with AFAP and we have passed on our appreciation to them for the assistance they gave over a number of years in accepting donations on behalf of VBB to allow us to offer Deductible Gift Recipient (DGR) status to these donations.

Much work has been undertaken to achieve new partnerships with new donors and we have received some substantial donations. Promotion of VBB has been improved and broadened by attending the PanPac Veterinary Conference in Brisbane and the ASAVA Conference on the Gold Coast. I was invited to speak at the Bain Fallon Veterinary Nurses Conference attending the nurses’ dinner, talking to them about how they could become volunteers and work on some of our wonderful programs. Interest has been high throughout all these conferences with lots of vets and vet nurses wanting to know more information.

Much of my time has been spent making sure that all fundraising authorities and government documentation is current and correct, together with working to ensure that VBB can successfully apply for and achieve DGR status for our donors at the earliest opportunity. One of the main conditions of this status is for VBB to have an Australian program.

The Directors made the decision earlier this year to look to return VBB to its original aim, which was to support developing communities with veterinary expertise and to send volunteers to these projects, predominantly in India. Over the years the role of VBB has changed somewhat and required the in-country management of these projects by placing project managers on the ground. This has been a wonderful on-going success in Sikkim which has had substantial assistance from the government and operated under the remarkable Dr Thinlay. However this system has not been as easy to manage elsewhere and has lead to this decision to ‘return to our roots’ and revert to our aim of supplying hands-on vets and vet nurses.

In light of this decision, Mandy Lamkin, our Operations Manager has developed a wonderful new program called VetMATCH which she presented to the Board and to which they have given their complete support. A second new program has been developed to offer an Australian Vet Emergency Response Team (AVERT) to assist natural disasters which strike our country on a regular basis: floods, bushfires, cyclones, etc. As an adjunct to this Team we will have a specialist group of vets who are trained and have experience to work in the unlikely event of an insurgence of infectious diseases into Australian, including rabies.

These two new programs have been presented to the Australian Government through the Australian Chief Veterinarian, who has sought more information on both programs. The addition of these new programs will assist greatly in our chances of achieving Australian DGR status.

I would like to thank my team, Mandy Lamkin and our bookkeeper Paul Vines for their hard work and total support during my introduction to VBB. Thanks also to VBB President Dr Charmaine Tham and the directors for their support and encouragement during some challenging times. I look forward to an exciting future for VBB.

Amputee dogs Tallulah and Sarah are enjoying life after VBB volunteers on the VBB Ladakh project performed life-saving surgery.
VBB PROJECT REPORTS

Sikkim Anti-Rabies and Animal Health (SARAH) Project

Dr Thinlay Bhutia - Project Administrator

Introduction

The Sikkim Anti-Rabies and Animal Health (SARAH) Division is a first state-wide Animal Birth Control and Anti-Rabies program and also a first Government sanctioned initiative on animal welfare and public health sector in India. It is a collaborative project between the Department of AH,LF&VS (Government of Sikkim), Fondation Brigitte Bardot (France), Australia-based NGO, Vets Beyond Borders (VBB) and the Sikkim Society for Prevention of Cruelty of Animals (SSPCA). SARAH Program has entered the tenth year of operation of this unique animal welfare and public health program. The Program during the year 2014-15 has over-achieved the target as per the stipulated annual projection.

The SARAH Division has been working tirelessly since 2006 to eliminate rabies from Sikkim. There have been no human deaths from rabies since 2006. The achievements and benefits of a state-wide animal ABC/AR and animal welfare program are widely accepted in Sikkim. The SARAH Division is relentlessly working to keep Sikkim a rabies-free state and improving the health and welfare of the unfortunate ones.

Key achievements

The primary aim of an animal birth control (ABC) operation is to create a small, stable and manageable stray dog population. There has been overwhelming positive impact since the inception of SARAH Division. There are small, manageable street dog populations and less stray dogs’ puppies in distress, as well as fewer sexually active stray dogs and majority are healthy and friendly.

The SARAH team continued to work very hard undertaking 4300 ABC surgeries despite heavy rush of referral cases of pet animals. Because of SARAH’S best practice in overall treatment of animals, the majority of pet owners seek the help of SARAH. The team surpassed the target of 2014-15. Large numbers of dogs were desexed in East and South West Sikkim.

Sylvatic rabies

The SARAH Division has been working tirelessly since 2006 to eliminate rabies from Sikkim. In December 2014 and January 2015, it is suspected that an outbreak of rabies (Sylvatic Rabies) in jackal occurred in Sumbuk, South Sikkim adjacent to the West Bengal border. Two people and a dog are reported to have been bitten by jackal and 4 cattle died from signs suggestive of rabies. Fortunately all the bite victims are continues in reasonable health. The Rangit River forms the State border with Darjeeling District, West Bengal in this locality, and wildlife can easily cross the river in winter when river water levels are low. There is no comprehensive rabies control program in West Bengal and Rabies outbreaks commonly occur in Darjeeling District. Biological samples of dead dogs were collected by SARAH Division according to WHO protocol and sent for confirmatory diagnosis to Veterinary College, Khanapara, Guwahati but the report was inconclusive.

Animal birth control

- 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
- Fifteen awareness camps held to educate the public about rabies, distemper and animal welfare
- 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 program for a total of 38 weeks and also provided training to local staff
• SARAH Local Coordinator, Dr Thinlay 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 average 17 days for each animal given treatment and nursing care, thus making a total 4,558 days hospitalisation provided
• More than 2,200 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 staff continue to act as animal advocates and for the need to continue to protect and improve animal welfare of all animals in the development of Government policies.

Rabies-free Sikkim
The status of rabies-free Sikkim is moving in a right direction. In the month December 2014, as per the guidelines of WHO for a rabies free status, the State Government has issued a notification where in the Rabies shall be now a Reportable/Notifiable Disease in both human and animals. According to the notification, every rabies disease in both humans and animals must be notified immediately by the field officers to the District Head of the respective Department, ie, Department of Health and Department of Animal Husbandry and further to SARAH. Sikkim is the first Indian state to issue such a comprehensive act. Other necessary mechanisms have also been incorporated in the notification and have the following features:

1. Compulsory registration and identification of pet dogs and cats required
2. Compulsory annual rabies vaccination of all dogs and cats required
3. Rabies vaccination and permanent identification required before a dog or cat can enter Sikkim
4. Restriction of importation of unvaccinated cats and dogs into Sikkim.

The following benefits are expected to be achieved once Sikkim becomes Rabies Free State:

- National/International recognition as a first State in Indian sub-continent to be a Rabies free area.
- Certification of best practice standards in ABC-AR programs for State Government personnel
- Promotion of SARAH Division and State Government nationally and internationally
- Marketing of the State as progressive with a model ABC-AR program leading to a rabies free state.
- Improving animal welfare and public health in Sikkim and assisting the whole of India to achieve the same goals. It will also help immensely in tourism sector.
- Animals will receive better care
- Economic savings
- There will be less abuse and neglect of animals
- Encourages responsible pet ownership and a sense of belonging
- Helps in understanding the consequences of irresponsible behaviour towards animals.

VBB volunteers
The success of the program has been mostly due to unstinted support from the volunteers from Vets Beyond Borders who came to SARAH from various countries including Australia, New Zealand and Britain. They also contributed to SARAH by sharing their expertise with local staff.

In 2014/2015, volunteers contributed 39 Weeks of professional expertise. We estimate the imputed value of volunteer professional time and travel costs dedicated to the project is Indian RPS 1,91,86,338 Lakhs (around A$40,000).

Thank you
Our appreciation and gratitude is expressed to Fondation Brigitte Bardot for their generous support of the SARAH program, our generous and committed members and donors, and to the many VBB volunteers.
Bylakuppe Rabies and Disease Control Project  Dr Bronwen Evans - Project Manager

The season at Bylakuppe was a productive time at the clinic and our mobile camps, even though there were not many volunteers.

We were fortunate that on her departure from acting as Project Manager on the VBB Ladakh project, Dr Bronwen Evans agreed to travel to South India to take up the reins there.

Most of the work was veterinary treatments and surgery, with the local people making every available opportunity to take advantage of the infrequent presence of veterinarians in the area.

December was the busiest month with the majority of the cases being puppies with parvo virus infection. The severe vomiting and diarhoea it causes is usually too much for these poor little fellows with low nutrition levels, and we lose a lot. That doesn’t stop us all trying and the owners are dedicated bringing them in daily for IV fluids and injections for vomiting, pain and antibiotics. We don’t have an isolation ward and so there is nowhere for us to admit them on the premises. Sadly, parvo can be prevented with vaccinations and so the population still has a long way to go in learning about animal care and preventative medicine.

We have also had our fair share of car accident victims to deal with among the stray dog population. It is heart warming that people bring in these injured strays and many end up as ‘clinic dogs’ as they can’t be rehabilitated to the extent they can fend safely for themselves. The local staff re-home many of these dogs as well.

This year the project sterilised around 250 dogs. While this is short of the desired target, the result was due to drop in the number of volunteers who elected this location, and the demand from locals for a veterinary service for both owned animals and stray animals which were transported to the clinic site.

This season we also had the good fortune to welcome back non-veterinary volunteer, Ben White from Australia. Ben came again as part of the Community Education Program (CEP) team and visited schools and community groups talking about rabies prevention and animal welfare. The rabies information in particular is so important in Bylakuppe as the Tibetan community here still maintains uninformed views (as many do) about how the virus is spread and treated. Talking to young children at the schools really has an impact and adults are also very receptive, especially as the training is aimed at saving their children’s lives. Ben’s valuable contribution and hands-on experience is extended to VBB in Australia as well, as we continue to develop our CEP.

Ben had the mixed pleasure of being the first volunteer to stay in our ‘new’ volunteer accommodation. VBB has rented a little house in Old Camp 5 named VBB Khang which has two sleeping rooms, a kitchen and a bathroom. It was really uninhabitable to begin with but it’s amazing what some hard cleaning and a bright coat of paint can do! We have a two-gas burner bench-top cooker, a fridge and two single beds.

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.

Thank you

Thank you again to our main donor FBB and our donors without whose financial and in-kind assistance, we would not be able to continue to provide this valued service to the dogs and communities of Bylakuppe.

Left: Vets Beyond Borders’ local Bylakuppe staff in front of the veterinary clinic with resident handicapped dogs.
Vanuatu Project  Vicki Franklin - Project Manager

The first VBB Vanuatu project was run in conjunction with local host Sam's Animal Welfare Association (SAWA) from 15-29 August 2014. A team of two Australian veterinarians and two vet nurses plus myself (VBB’s first non-veterinarian program manager) travelled to the islands to carry out the project.

SAWA supplied drugs, surgical kits and other equipment for the operation, with VBB funding additional surgical kits and clippers, plus head lights for carrying out surgery in all kinds of conditions. Some of the volunteers also took many products with them for use in the work.

Of course SAWA has vast experience in this location and has worked with the animals and people for many years. The co-operation between SAMS and VBB was very good, with the majority of SAWA’s volunteers going out of their way to make the VBB team feel welcome and comfortable. Our team also enjoyed famous Vanuatu hospitality and was invited into homes and provided with wonderful meals.

SAWA’s vet assistants have a great ability to engage with their local communities on animal care and encourage villagers to sterilise their animals. The training of these nurses is limited and they very much appreciated any training opportunities that arose during the project.

Project work locations
The VBB/SAWA team set up a mobile clinic in a range of amazing locations (see below), including a village hall at Pango, at an outside kava bar in Vale Vale and the living area of a local’s home in Mele. The most challenging was probably a rusty old shed with dirt floor which was a community cooking area in Epi, complete with open fire pit in the surgical area!

Everywhere we went smiling locals were very welcoming and co-operative. Although at times they unsure exactly what was being done, they were more than happy that the dogs would not fight so much and that females would have no more puppies after we departed.

In all locations animals were willingly brought in for the procedures although not always collected afterwards, so the nurses returned them to their homes. Dogs were technically owned but animal care in general ranged from negligible to some care and welfare. There is still a lot of need for community education in Vanuatu.

Project outcomes
Over the two-week project, VBB undertook 149 sterilisations, which was approximately 80 percent of dogs in the areas we visited. Whilst the primary focus of the work was the need for sterilisation surgery, almost all dogs suffer from dehydration, serious flea infestations, internal parasites, some mange and other skin conditions. Nutrition issues were evident in the majority of dogs. There was no evidence of serious injuries to dogs from humans except for tail docking resulting in festering wounds requiring surgery and antibiotics.

Volunteers & thank you
The VBB team worked well together and the feedback to VBB was that they felt the project had been productive and satisfying. Efate is truly a beautiful island and safe to explore the lagoons, villages and beaches you find there in abundance. In short, the island offers an excellent balance of holiday and work for volunteers, which our group appreciated very much as well.

Our thanks go to this small but dynamic team of veterinarians and nurses, to SAWA, and to the sponsors who made it possible, including Fondation Brigitte Bardot.
VBB PROJECT REPORTS (Continued)

**Ladakh Street Dog Sterilisation Project**  Dr Bronwen Evans - Project Manager

A highlight of the season would have to have been the desexing camp we carried out in the Hunder valley main town of Diskit. The four-day camp was most successful as it was a combined effort with the local animal welfare group Ladakh Animal Welfare Society (LAWS), which supplied manpower in the form of four local vets and a truck with driver. The Department of Animal Husbandry provided a yak farm for our accommodation and a skilled dog catcher.

We sterilised and vaccinated 90 street dogs, two pet dogs and a cat. As such, we seemed to have covered all the animals here as, by the time we left, there were only ear-notched and be-ribboned dogs to be seen! The Department of Animal Husbandry also repaired an umbilical hernia in a calf. The picture below shows the group with the happy calf.

It was an exciting trip to the camp as all our equipment had to be loaded into the truck that took us over Khardung La (pass) which, at 5,385 meters, is the highest navigable road in the world.

The yaks were up in their summer pastures, so unfortunately we didn’t get to see them. The trout farm nearby meant we had fresh trout kindly provided to us, and cooked by the vets for dinner one evening.

Our wonderful paravets did an amazing job prepping all the dogs for the vets to carry out their surgery. Their skills are phenomenal... you wouldn’t catch me trying to shave these hairy dogs with razor blades held in forceps for the world! But there is barely a scratch when they finish the job.

After hard days on clinic work, they even cooked us fantastic meals, even baking fresh roti bread for us in the morning as well. Everyone had a fun and productive trip, so many thanks to all those who supported and participated in the camp.

Back in Leh, we started to work with a lovely lady from the Netherlands, Ingrid Smolders, who is funding animal birth control (ABC) work here. She has hired a young Vet from Bombay, Dr Mili and bought a little truck for the operation. So now we are able to catch dogs in Choglamsa, a nearby town, transport them to the Saboo clinic for desexing and vaccination, and then release them back where they were caught. So another 18 dogs have also been done this month - thanks to Ingrid and Dr Mili for the productive collaboration.

We had a second great highlight in the year (can there be two?)! The VBB fundraising Trek for Vets group arrived late in August and visited us at Saboo on three days of their visit to Ladakh.

It was wonderful to meet the enthusiastic group, who had flown straight from Delhi and were up and at it with only one day to acclimatisre to the altitude. We had organised dogs from Choglamsa for them and the vets among them - Andrejs, Kirsty and Russell - were very impressive at performing flank speys, which is always a bit of a challenge for the first few dogs.

Apart from the three vets in the group, there were Veronica from VBB and Freye from Inspired Adventures. While the vets got their hands bloody, Freye and Veronica gave lots of love and care to our band of puppies and did the hard work of carrying the waking dogs to the recovery yards. It was a big job for them even after they returned stiff and sore from their trek but a very productive one.

With the help of this hard-working team we got through another 47 dogs. A mighty effort, as our street dogs are not skinny by any means and the females are mostly on heat or in early stages of pregnancy. It was really wonderful to have the clinic going at full pelt with such an enthusiastic group.

The trekkers kindly donated blankets, towels, bandanas to use for kit wraps and bags. They also brought and lots of cheer and very kind donations they had personally brought in their luggage. A welcome bottle of a different kind of cheer emerged from Veronica’s bag too!
Towards the end of the season we had a number of leg amputations in puppies. One, now named Tallulah, was rescued from the local pound in a terrible state of emaciation with an infected fractured hind leg. After her amputation she was able to put on weight and happily hop around and become ready for sterilisation in due course.

We name all the special cases on our projects: Miss Grumpy had her name changed to Priscilla, so you can guess she is doing well after her hind limb amputation. Snoopy also had to have his hind limb amputated and soon dominated the food bowls. Sarah had her splint removed from a damaged hock and seemed very happy with the result. She is such a sweet animal that she’s a favourite with everyone.

One poor little crushed girl had to be put to sleep when a piece of her pelvis poked through the infection after surviving her amputation. It had been a dirty compound fracture and unfortunately without radiography you can only guess at the damage within. The trekkers were here then and it was very sad as we had all nursed her and had such hopes for a good outcome. It was a sobering reminder of just what VBB’s work is all about, and we have to keep a focus on the overwhelming animals that survive just because we’re there when we’re needed.

The Buddhist ethos of no-kill (that we practice on projects in those communities) has a helpful side to it as well as the confronting dilemmas it throws up from time to time. A street dog bought in by a visiting Dutch couple that seemed hopelessly paralysed in the hind limbs and would have been euthanased in Australia, is now up and walking after four weeks of confinement. Jelly, another paralysed dog that came from a nunnery has been paralysed for eight months, so it is unlikely she will change. Her legs have to be bandaged to prevent too much damage but she is a very happy dog who wants to be with everyone all the time. She will be very spoilt at the nunnery!

**VBB volunteers & thank you**

So our presence in Ladakh last season had some great outcomes, and we send our sincere thanks to those, who, from many places, speaking many languages, answered the call for volunteers and gave their all and more. Thanks also to all those who support Vets Beyond Borders, especially Fondation Brigitte Bardot.
GOVERNANCE REPORT

The Board of Vets Beyond Borders 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

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.

Composition and operations of the VBB 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

Chaired by Dr Ian Douglas, develops and recommends veterinary policies to the Board.

Board operations

VBB welcomed Maryann Dalton as our part-time Chief Executive Officer in 2014/15. The Board holds many 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 its directors and officers.
TREASURER’S REPORT

Dr David Gray (Acting Treasurer)

As a somewhat reluctant debutante to the position of Treasurer I have been on a fast learning curve but am generally pleased with the progress that has been made in respect to the financial management of Vets Beyond Borders over the course of the year.

After a period of some turmoil in the administration of our organisation with three CEOs over the course of the first few months of the financial year and the departure of our treasurer, I am confident that we are now on a course of greater management stability and transparency in our management processes.

Through the course of the year various arrangements were in place in respect to the financial management of VBB:

The financial year began with the former CEO providing the bookkeeping services that, on his departure, necessitated change in regard to accounting procedures.

Our previous Finance Officer, Paul Vines, fortunately returned to his position. Budgeting and financial reporting processes continue to be enhanced. Such management processes will continue to be refined over the course of 2015/16.

Our CEO Maryann Dalton has brought some stability to our organisation and retains her enthusiasm to improve our management processes.

Fortunately for VBB, our Secretariat Executive Officer, Mandy Lamkin, has continued to provide stability and continuity to our “public face” and day-to-day administrative procedures. The Board and members remain indebted to Mandy’s diligence and professionalism in performing her duties.

The audited financial statements show a surplus for the financial year of $65,149, compared to a deficit of $151,434 for the previous year. Because of the considerable deficit experienced in FY 2014/15, the Board was forced to make some difficult but necessary changes to our recurrent costs and this has returned the organisation to a more sustainable position. We were able to gain access, via a concerted effort by our management team, funds retained on our behalf by AFAP that has greatly assisted our revenue position. VBB’s revenue flow remains of concern but thanks to some generous regular donors and the continued support of Fondation Brigitte Bardot, VetPrac and Polly McGee with her Dogs of India project our financial situation is on a more stable footing.

Whilst there remains a focus on membership retention and growth, a sustained and direct focus on securing higher value corporate, donor or additional grants is required. This remains a key focus of the Board and Management as well as attaining Deductible Gift Recipient Status in our own right.

The Board is currently reassessing VBBs Strategic Plan. This review aims to simplify our strategic priorities and direction, further enhancing 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.
- VBB is also indebted to the staff at AFAP for their support, particularly in relation to accessing the funds held in trust on our behalf.
- The continued sponsorship from the Australian Veterinary Association gives us a most valuable stage on which to promote our organisation to the profession.
DIRECTORS' REPORT

Your directors present this report on the company for the financial year ended 30 June 2015.

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 resigned (31/10/2014)
- Emily Ward resigned (17/03/2015)
- Rachel Portelli resigned (31/10/2014)
- Ian Douglas appointed (28/10/2012)
- Julia Hardaker (interim director) appointed (17/05/2015)

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 rolling 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 'Umbilical 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.

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 (2014: $25).

Auditor's Independence Declaration

The lead auditor's independence declaration for the year ended 30 June 2015 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.

Director

Shao Min Tham

Dated this 6th November 2015
VETS BEYOND BORDERS
ABN: 69152900519
AUDITOR’S INDEPENDENCE DECLARATION UNDER S 307C OF
THE CORPORATIONS ACT 2001 TO THE DIRECTORS OF VETS BEYOND BORDERS

I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, during the year ended 30 June 2015 there have been no contraventions of:

(i) the auditor independence requirements as set out in the Corporations Act 2001 in relation to the audit; and

(ii) any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.

Name of Firm               Houston & Co Pty Limited

Name of Partner            Owen Houston

Date                       6th November 2015
Address                    4/113 Willoughby Road, Crows Nest NSW 2065

VETS BEYOND BORDERS
ABN: 69152900519
STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2015

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<td>Revenue</td>
<td>260,090</td>
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<tr>
<td>Audit, legal and consultancy fees</td>
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<td>Administration expense</td>
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<td>(101,842)</td>
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<td>Project costs</td>
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<td>Fundraising expense</td>
<td>(18,802)</td>
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<td>Current year surplus before income tax</td>
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<td>(151,434)</td>
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<td>Tax expense</td>
<td>-</td>
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<tr>
<td>Net current year surplus</td>
<td>65,149</td>
<td>(151,434)</td>
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The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.
## VETS BEYOND BORDERS
### ABN: 69152900519
### STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 30 JUNE 2015

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<td>Cash on hand</td>
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<td>Accounts receivable and other debtors</td>
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<td><strong>EQUITY</strong></td>
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<td><strong>TOTAL EQUITY</strong></td>
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## VETS BEYOND BORDERS
### ABN: 69152900519
### STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2015

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<td><strong>Balance at 1 July 2013</strong></td>
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<td>Surplus for the year attributable to members of the entity</td>
<td>(151,434)</td>
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<td><strong>Balance at 30 June 2014</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Balance at 1 July 2013</strong></td>
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<td>Surplus/(Deficit) for the year attributable to members of the entity</td>
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<td><strong>Balance at 30 June 2015</strong></td>
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## VETS BEYOND BORDERS
### ABN: 69152900519
### STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2015

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<td><strong>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES</strong></td>
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<tr>
<td>Receipts from donations, bequests and raffles</td>
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<td>261,001</td>
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<td>Payments to suppliers and employees</td>
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<td>(220,139)</td>
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<td>Interest received</td>
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<td>484</td>
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<td><strong>Net cash generated from operating activities</strong></td>
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<td>41,346</td>
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<td><strong>CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Net cash used in investing activities</strong></td>
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<td><strong>CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES</strong></td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Net cash used in financing activities</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Net increase/(decrease) in cash held</strong></td>
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<td>41,346</td>
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<td>Cash on hand at beginning of the financial year</td>
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<td>31,523</td>
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<td>Cash on hand at end of the financial year</td>
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<td>72,869</td>
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The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.
VETS BEYOND BORDERS
ABN: 69152900519
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2015

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 2016 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 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.
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2015

(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.

Note 2 Revenue

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<td>Revenue from (non-reciprocal) government grants and other grants</td>
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<td>Grants</td>
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<td>Donations</td>
<td>144,159</td>
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<td>Fundraising</td>
<td>3,160</td>
<td>3,685</td>
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<td>Membership</td>
<td>10,816</td>
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<td>67,644</td>
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<td>Other revenue</td>
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<td>Interest received</td>
<td>484</td>
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Note 3 Cash on Hand

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<td>Cash at bank</td>
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<td><strong>Total cash</strong></td>
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Note 4 Accounts Receivable and Other Debtors

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<td>Accounts receivable</td>
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<td><strong>Total current accounts receivable and other debtors</strong></td>
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Note 5 Accounts Payable and Other Payables

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<td>Accounts payable</td>
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<td>Other current payables</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td>5(a)</td>
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<td>Financial liabilities as trade and other payables</td>
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VETS BEYOND BORDERS  
ABN: 691525008519  
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2015

Note 6  Events After the Reporting Period
The directors are not aware of any significant events since the end of the reporting period.

Note 7  Cash Flow Information
Reconciliation of Cashflow from Operating Activities with Current Year Surplus

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<td>Changes in assets and liabilities</td>
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<td>Increase/(decrease) in accounts receivable and other debtors</td>
<td>(667)</td>
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<td>Increase/(decrease) in accounts payable and other payables</td>
<td>(23,136)</td>
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<td>Increase/(decrease) in unexpended grants</td>
<td>41,346</td>
<td>(118,074)</td>
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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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<td>Total financial assets</td>
<td>$80,051</td>
<td>$38,038</td>
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|                      |             |             |
| Financial liabilities |             |             |
| Accounts payable and other payables | $990        | 32,126      |
| Total financial liabilities | $990       | 32,126      |

(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 9  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 10  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 outstanding obligations of the entity.

Note 11  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.
VETS BEYOND BORDERS  
ABN: 69152900519  
DIRECTORS' DECLARATION

In accordance with a resolution of the directors of Vets Beyond Borders, the directors of the company declare that:

1. The financial statements and notes, as set out on pages 5 to 12, are in accordance with the Corporations Act 2001 and:
   (a) comply with Australian Accounting Standards; and
   (b) give a true and fair view of the financial position of the company as at 30 June 2015 and its performance for the year ended on that date.

2. In the directors' opinion there are reasonable grounds to believe that the entity will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

Director

Shao Min Thom

Dated this 6th November 2015
VETS BEYOND BORDERS
ABN: 69152300519
INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF
VETS BEYOND BORDERS


We have audited the accompanying financial report of Vets Beyond Borders, which comprises the statement of financial position as at 30 June 2015, the statement of profit or loss, statement of comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flows for the year then ended, notes comprising a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information and the directors' declaration.

Directors' Responsibility for the Financial Report

The directors of the company are responsible for the preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards and the Corporations Act 2001 and for such internal control as the directors determine is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. In Note 1, the directors also state, in accordance with Accounting Standard AASB 101 Presentation of Financial Statements, that compliance with the Australian equivalents to International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) ensures that the financial report, comprising the financial statements and notes, complies with IFRS.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial report based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with Australian Auditing Standards. Those standards require that we comply with relevant ethical requirements relating to audit engagements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial report is free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial report. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial report, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the company's preparation of the financial report that gives a true and fair view in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by the directors, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial report.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Independence

In conducting our audit, we have complied with the independence requirements of the Corporations Act 2001. We confirm that the independence declaration required by the Corporations Act 2001, which has been given to the directors of Vets Beyond Borders, would be in the same terms if given to the directors as at the time of this auditor's report.

Opinion

In our opinion, the financial report of Vets Beyond Borders is in accordance with Corporations Act 2001, including:

(i) giving a true and fair view of the company's financial position as at 30 June 2015 and of its performance for the year ended on that date; and
(ii) complying with Australian Accounting Standards and the Corporations Regulations 2001.

Auditor's signature:

Address: 4/113 Willoughby Road, Crows Nest NSW 2065

Dated this 6th November 2015
In India, between 30,000 and 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, and why our volunteers on rabies-prevention projects work tirelessly to treat and manage local street dog populations.

Using high-quality veterinary care, they not only reduce the incidence of rabies for humans but also save thousands of street dogs from a life of pain and disease.

YOU TOO can help save lives ...

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
- Become a VBB member
- Leave a legacy in your will

Please visit our website: www.vetsbeyondborders.org/donate

Or contact us:
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Phone: (02) 8003 3691   Email: admin@vetsbeyondborders.org
Facebook: facebook.com/vetsbeyondborders   We’re also on YouTube.
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