



Our Basic Minimum Criteria

In common with all SPCAs we adhere to certain basic principles, all of which are formulated for the wellbeing of the animals we care for.

All animals adopted from our shelter will be sterilised, vaccinated and de-wormed.

All prospective homes will be inspected and only those that are fully fenced and gated, to a suitable standard for the animal(s) in question, with adequate shelter, may be approved, subject to certain other conditions.

Only under exceptional circumstances, and provided another SPCA can inspect the property and take on responsibility, will an animal be homed outside our area of jurisdiction.

If the new owners of an SPCA animal cannot keep the animal, for any reason, we must be informed and we reserve the right to reclaim the animal.

No animal from our shelter may be chained.

No dog may be homed with any security firm or for purely security purposes.

No cat may be homed where it is to be kept purely as an outside "ratter".

We reserve the right to accept or decline any prospective owner without giving our reasons.

N.B. Other terms and conditions also apply.



How Can I Help?

By volunteering some of your time:

The uMngeni SPCA has a wonderfully strong volunteer base. We are always ready to welcome new helpers for our shops, books, plants, cooking, catering, card reconditioning, making or repairing goods, carpentry, odd jobs, education, fundraising, raffles, coin counting, street collections, secretarial - you name it, we need people to help with it!

By Making a Donation:

We gratefully accept donations of money, animal food, blankets, services or goods: if we can't use it we will sell it.

By Leaving us a Bequest:

Naming the uMngeni SPCA as a beneficiary in your Will ensures that animals in need will still benefit from your generosity after you have gone.

See our pamphlet , Carry on Caring"

For more information please contact us,

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Introducing the uMngeni SPCA



**Our name says it all:
The uMngeni Society for the
Prevention of Cruelty
to Animals.**

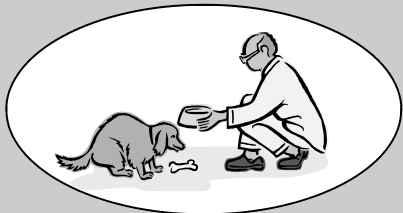
**And where cruelty does
occur we are committed to
helping any animal
(including birds, fish,
reptiles or even insects)
in distress.**

Who are We?

Our Society is a Branch of a national network of SPCAs in South Africa. We adhere to strict policies and protocols monitored by our National Council, the NSPCA, which is our umbrella body, based in Johannesburg. We are also part of a world wide network of SPCAs originally founded in Britain in the 19th Century.

The uMngeni (formerly Howick) SPCA has been tackling the problems of neglect, abuse and cruelty to animals in the greater Howick District since its formation in 1968.

Starting from scratch, this Society has grown slowly but surely over the years and, with the goodwill and support of animal lovers in the area, will continue to reach out to the ever increasing number of animals needing help far into the foreseeable future.



Where do we Operate?

Our area of jurisdiction falls within the uMngeni Municipal boundaries (with the exception of Otto's Bluff which comes under the Pietermaritzburg SPCA and Nottingham Road which falls under Mooi River SPCA). Our area therefore includes Howick, Hilton, Cedara, Mpophomeni, Haza, Impendle, Dargle, Lidgetton, Balgowan, Karkloof and everything in between.

What do we do?

We pride ourselves on bring a very proactive and highly motivated Branch of the SPCA. Our activities include:-

Cruelty Investigations: Any report of cruelty, neglect or abuse of any animal will be fully investigated and we will not hesitate to prosecute if necessary.

Veterinary Clinic: We employ a veterinarian to run our own in-house clinic for the animals from our indigent communities.

Outreach Clinics: We regularly take our services out to the communities in the far corners of our area. On these occasions we treat sick animals, bring back females for spaying and advise owners on all aspects of their animals' welfare.



Small Animal Pound: We assist the uMngeni Municipality by dealing with all stray and abandoned dogs and cats within our joint area of jurisdiction.

Re-homing Animals: We put up for adoption suitable unclaimed strays and relinquished pets. We inspect prospective new homes for suitability for the proposed animal and we also make courtesy calls to new owners to offer advice or assistance and to ensure that their new pet has settled in happily.

Education: If prevention of cruelty is our goal then education is the route to take. We try to reach as many children as possible with the message of compassion and caring for all animals. We have a team of dedicated volunteers and staff members who visit schools and we encourage schools to bring their learners to visit us.



Financing our Operation

Each SPCA Branch is completely autonomous in its operation and entirely responsible for its own fundraising within its own area only. We receive no National Government subsidies or grants. We have received occasional funding from the National Lottery and recently started receiving payments from the uMngeni Municipality for our work on their behalf involving stray animals.

Our income is derived from:-

Bequests and donations from you and other concerned members of the public.

Our Bring & Buy Shops in Howick, Hilton and Merrivale

Sale of Books and Plants

Subscriptions from Members

Adoption Fees

Dog and Cat Boarding Fees

Fundraising events and functions



Our principal costs include:-

Veterinary expenses

Operation and retail Staff salaries (supported by many volunteers)

Feed for the animals

Transport



Membership

Our Members are vitally important to us. They are our strength and our support.

Members receive our Newsletter informing them of our activities. They also have the satisfaction of knowing that they are helping, in however small a way, to add strength to a team of caring people working tirelessly and powerfully to alleviate the plight of animals who cannot speak for themselves.