

PROJECT REPORT

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1) Project Title.

IMPROVING ANIMAL WELFARE THROUGH TRAINING OF ANIMAL WELFARE PRACTITIONERS IN BUSOGA REGION

1) Background of the workshop

Bam Animal Clinics is an animal welfare charity organization based in Uganda with its head offices in Iganga municipality Nakavule village Uganda.

Since its formation in August 2009 we have been engaging communities especially Busoga region and its surroundings in Mobilization, Sensitization, Education, Vaccination, Treatments, rescue, rehoming, Spay/ Neuter activities. This led Bam Animal Clinics to conduct a situational analysis baseline survey about animal welfare in some of the districts in eastern region (Busoga). The findings revealed a great need to address the promotion of animal welfare practices in the region and the country as a whole.

It was also noted that most animals including pets were badly abused, mistreated, neglected even under their masters, and that the animals rights were not put into consideration at all.

On the other side of general treatment and animal handling by some of the animal practitioners (Vets), lot was not done professionally,

It was also noted that there were a lot of stray dogs and cats that needed to be rescued, re-homed as some of them were a source of rabies spreading within the communities.

Animal handling amongst animal owners was another aspect that was so appalling as most people could not observe the basic animals freedoms eg Freedom from Hunger, Freedom from Stress, Freedom from Diseases etc.

We also observed that the animals moved very longer distances to market places and that no Water no feeds were provided while waiting to be taken away. We noticed overcrowding in packs like boxes, Vehicles while in transit and at markets.

There was urgent need to strongly reach out to communities with a common message to help them change their attitudes. We have since moved a step to put to the world to understand the plight of our animals here. This was done through our website, our social media accounts (pages), on radios.

It's on this backdrop that we were contacted by Dr Wendy Phillips of the WTG Vets United to submit an application for partnership, we submitted and good enough it was honored.



Finally the partnership was a great one and it was agreed that it was necessary to conduct an Animal Welfare Training Workshop sponsored by our partners the wtg Vets United.

Objectives:

- i) To impart theoretical and practical knowledge and skills to 30 trainees in five freedoms in animal welfare.
- ii) To strengthen and promote a strong partnership force / platform within and outside to animal lovers to join hands to address animal welfare practices.
- iii) To liaise with stakeholders at all levels to promote stronger laws /policy by laws that address Animal Welfare concerns

2) DISCUSSIONS AND TRAINING Activities:

Systematic contents were rightly selected and discussion activities in the course of the training hinged on these course contents:-

- 1) Animal care.
- 2) Animal welfare
- 3) Clinical examination
- 4) Endoparasites
- 5) Ectoparasites
- 6) Wound management
- 7) Suture
- 8) Hygiene and infections
- 9) Analgesia
- 10) Euthanasia

And these were successfully discussed both practically and theoretically within 8days time schedule from the 12th -19th September, 2016 at Sana country hotel Iganga municipality where districts of Namutumba, Bugiri, Jinja, Luuka and Iganga participants were in attendance .

3) Recommendations based on the Evaluation of Training /Education

- i) It was recommended that this training came in timely and should be scaled up to cover all Districts in Eastern Uganda and later the community.
- ii) Trainees who participated in phase 1 should then go on to phase 11
- iii) All stakeholders mostly Districts /sub sub- counties, Ministry and Government urged to revisit the animal welfare laws / policies to effectively address the concerns of the animal's rights / welfare.
- iv) Bam Animal Clinics staff should have more Training to further on their skills.
- v) There is need for increased outreach programmes and more decentralized community trainings and use of media.



4) Follow –up Action Plan.

- i) There is need to organize a District training program which is decentralized at sub-counties to have enough skilled personnel to manage Animal Welfare practices at community levels.
- ii) For effective service delivery and proper handling of animal welfare there is need for Bam Animals Clinics together with Districts and the Sub-counties authorities to organize a massive outreach program in Animal welfare practices at community levels.
- iii) Out of the 30 trainees are supposed to have trained 10 community care givers in Animal Welfare each in a period of six months they would have reached $(30*10)= 300$ community care givers helping the house hold communities.
- iv) Bam Animal Clinics together with the trainees to strengthen a strong animal welfare partnership movement.
- v) Bam Animal Clinics, through this training ,it's a yard stick to start propelling its strategies to have its home as a training center in Animal welfare one of its kind in the region.
- vi) The 30 trainees now act as focal points to Bam Animal Clinics broad base awareness creation centers.

5) Conclusion:

- i) Vets United and Bam Animal Clinics should continue mobilizing funds for more trainings.
- ii) The 30 trainees should be multiplier points to their Districts in Animal Welfare Projection.
- iii) The follow –up phase 11 training should take on the first lot.
- iv) There is need for Bam Animal Clinics to have its Training Center(Home)
- v) There is need for Bam Animal Clinics and Vets United to continually use mass medias for information dissemination about Animal Welfare.

6) Acknowledge of collaboration and sponsors.

Special thanks extended:-

- WTG/Vets United for modeling Bam Animal Clinics and for sponsoring the whole training program in Animal Welfare in Uganda.
- The same vote of thanks is extended to the ministry of Agriculture Animal industry and Fisheries Entebbe through its Chief Veterinary Officer / the commisioner Dr. Wesonga for back stopping Bam Animal Clinics for the recommendation letter and spot technical guidance to the program.
- Districts stakeholders of Namutumba , Jinja, Bugiri and I ganga for the willingness to accommodate the WTG/ Vets United program and also for allowing in the trainers to undergo the 8days training workshop.
- The facilitators Dr.Baligeya the District Veterinary Officer(DVO) and Dr. Kagoda for proper back stopping the whole training together with our external facilitators Dr. Ruprecht and Dr. Christine Montag.



- The course organizers Dr. Balondemu Coordinator, and Mr. Owr Peter Administrator for the timely organisation.
- The workshop trainees for giving in their time and being very good participants .
- The Hotel Administrators of Sana Country Hotel for making life possible for us.
- The farmers who allowed in their Animals/ pets for the 8 days at the site for demonstration anytime there was need to conduct the practicals.

Lastly the two Chief Guests during the opening the RDC of Iganga and the Chairman LC V Iganga for the closing ceremony and the Award of the certificates to the trainees for the work well-done.

7) **Appendix :**

- ❖ Attendance list.
- ❖ Recommendation letter from the ministry.
- ❖ Workshop timetable.
- ❖ Opening & Closing workshop agendas.

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