



# **FUNDA NENJA** Annual Report 2022

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## Chairman's Report:

And so another successful year at Funda Nenja comes to an end and my job as Chairman has been made very easy due to the enthusiastic, motivated and very capable team we have.

Glynn Harborth continues to give of his time and energy and is never too far away to attend Funda Nenja fundraising events or to assist with any projects. He still keeps a sharp eye on the budget.

Lisa Button as Project Administrator and assistant dog school manager continues to raise funds to keep the coffers full and run the dog school in conjunction with Adrienne. Nomonde Dlungwane, our Animal Welfare Education Officer, Zinhle Msimango our Auxiliary Social Worker and Vincent Mncwabe our Driver, have forged into a great team. Their presence at the dog school and in the community continues to create an improved awareness and appreciation for the organisation within Mpophomeni.

Adrienne Olivier, our founder, Dog School & General Manager and vice chairman has relocated to Howick and continues with the same enthusiasm from the day she started. We are very grateful for the effort and knowledge she brings to the team.

Dr Daniela Steckler (Hughes) runs the veterinary clinic at dog school perfectly and we are thankful for her input. We are also grateful to the extended veterinary team which also includes the assistance from Howick Small Animal Clinic and the State Veterinary Dept.

I wish to thank all our volunteers, community assistants, donors and supporters for their contributions and support during the past year without which, Funda Nenja would not have enjoyed another successful past year.

We hope that we can continue with the same support and success in the coming year.

Neil Button Chairman



# Overview

The Funda Nenja Dog School is the heart of our organisation and the entry point for many local children. Our dog school is where they learn about values such as kindness, respect and compassion through the weekly dog training classes and our One Welfare approach to social change.

The continued Covid 19 Pandemic saw diminishing attendance figures at the dog school this past year and management having to regularly adapt our approach in an effort to maintain numbers. When the third Covid wave hit in late June 2021 we closed the dog school for 6 weeks until the worst was over.

# The Dog Training Programme

On average, in the past, we have usually had about 35 dog school sessions per annum, but this past financial year saw us holding just 31 sessions due to the pandemic and poor weather conditions.

A total of 243 new learners registered with the dog school over the course of the year with 10 monthly intakes and an average of 24 each time. Our largest intake for the year was 40 in August 2021 after the 6 week shutdown due to Covid, while the smallest was 16 in January 2022 when the rainy season was a hinderance.

Our highest registered monthly total attendance of the year was 83 learners in June 2021, while the lowest was 37 in December 2021 and an overall average of 56. Most of these learners were boys averaging 12 years of age, with average of 5 girls attending each month.

We continue to be grateful for the very generous monthly donation of dog food by the Do- More Foundation and the Gabrielle Faickney Charitable Trust which is used for the dog school training programme. This allows us to provide each learner with a small portion of dog food to take home on a weekly basis as well as the essential dog training treats used in class.

In recent times we have seen a disturbing increase of Pit Bulls in the local townships and as these dogs need careful management, we decided to embark on an education drive about this breed. The manager of Pietermaritzburg SPCA and his Field Officer gave a presentation to the collective dog school in May 2021 and we also acquired excellent educational leaflets on the topic which clearly explains in isiZulu the responsibilities of owning a Pit Bull. These leaflets are issued to every learner registering with the dog school as well as those that attend the clinic or support our dog shop.



# **Volunteers and Community Assistants**

Volunteers and community assistants are an essential part of the dog school and we had an average of 22 helpers, in addition to our 5 staff members, assisting at our Friday afternoon training sessions. The team members assist with distribution of juice and fruit as well as dog food to the children, sales of collars, leads, dog food and kennels, preparing treat bags for our handlers, primary veterinary care, stock control, photos for media releases, and class instruction. Our community assistants are from the local community of Mpophomeni, while volunteers come from the surrounding areas of Hilton and Howick. Our Community Assistants all receive a monthly stipend in appreciation of their commitment and contribution to the initiative. In view of the ever- present risk of rabies in KZN and the high risk associated with the handing of unknown dogs, all our dog school team members are regularly given the recommended prophylactic rabies treatment as a precaution. Six new members of the team were given this treatment at our cost as the state no longer provides a free service prior to rabies exposure. Thirteen team members were given the required boosters to maintain protection against the virus. Our community assistants were all delighted to be gifted with a new pair of sturdy boots thanks to a wonderful donation from Bata Shoes. Our team were also given Funda Nenja branded shirts and caps to wear when representing the organisation either for work purposes or at the dog school.





# **Education and Skills Development**

The up-skilling and development of our community assistants continues to be a priority and we held an internal workshop on canine body language in June. In August we were delighted to host Sandy Inggs, an experienced dog trainer and educator from Johannesburg, who ran a full day workshop on teaching skills and training techniques for our dog school team.

Funda Nenja believes that the welfare of the children attending the dog school programme goes hand in hand with the welfare of the dogs so every child attending the classes on Friday afternoons was given a juice and a piece of fruit each week, thanks to the ongoing sponsorship of 2 local supermarkets.



At Christmas the children were treated with a gift bag filled with treats for both themselves and their dogs thanks to the support of kind local donors.





# Conclusion

Funda Nenja aims to not just impart knowledge, but to change social behaviour through our outreach work. The dogs attending our venue on Friday afternoons are mostly in very good condition and the handling skills of the majority of the owners indicate that the past 13 years of our presence in Mpophomeni has had a very positive impact on this community.

The Dog School team continues to strive to improve all facets of the Friday afternoon programme and remains flexible and adaptable to the constant challenges that present themselves. We remain committed to our vision and are most thankful for the support of all those who contribute to the success of this vital component of the Funda Nenja initiative.

Adrienne Olivier Dog School & General Manager





As Covid-19 continued to present us with challenges, we managed to continue operating for the most part of the year. Thanks to our dedicated team and with the usual protocols in place, Funda Nenja soldiered on.

We were fortunate to have received our usual financial support from donors which enabled us to continue our success in the Mpophomeni community.



# **Administration & Funding**

In order to comply with relevant authorities and donors Funda Nenja policies and procedures are reviewed annually. Although the organisation is still relatively small in comparison with most NPO's, we take the guidance of the King III report on governance seriously and are attempting to implement relevant policies in decision making and in financial management. Donor funds are utilised according to the terms and conditions set out in contracts.

Staff and volunteer suitability is reviewed and parent indemnity is secured.

We are very grateful for the support received from both local and international donors. Without their support, Funda Nenja would not be able to continue the work that we do. For this, we are extremely grateful. Special thanks going to Dogs Trust Worldwide for their continued support.

# **Community Outreach:**

# **Animal Welfare:**

Our community outreach program has proven extremely beneficial in ascertaining problem areas that Funda Nenja needs to focus more on. In order to do this, our Animal Welfare Education Officer, Nomonde Dlungwane, continues to conduct home visits for all the Funda Nenja participants, where she monitors and educates families on the following:

- Getting dogs off short chains
- Providing adequate shelter
- Providing clean drinking water on a daily basis
- Providing food on a daily basis
- The importance of sterilisation
- Calling for assistance when dogs are ill
- Cleaning the area in which the dogs live

# Animal Welfare Report:

2021 has proven to be a successful year despite its challenges. There is a great need for animal welfare education in the community especially in areas surrounding Mpophomeni. We have found that there is a need to educate the older and younger members of the community on the basic welfare of animals. With the help of Dr Dannie we were able to provide assistance in vaccinations, deworming and also sterilizations. The places we have been able to cover for now are Haza, Mashingeni and Mafakathini. We are looking forward to being able to reach other communities in need of our assistance. I conducted a total of 538 home visits last year.

I hardly see dogs that are stray, malnourished or even abused during home visits. This goes to show how much of an impact the education of animal welfare has had on the community. The dogs in the community are in good physical condition. I have continued to do home visits for the new intake children as well as follow up visits to children who have been in the programme for some time.



Once a month I held lessons to the 3 intake classes and covered topics such as

- •The 5 basic freedoms
- ·Understanding dogs body language
- ·Safety around dogs
- ·Rabies awareness(importance of vaccines)
- ·Correct handling of dogs and puppies
- ·Importance of sterilizations
- ·Dog fighting
- ·Being a responsible dog owner



In the past year we have seen the increase of pit bulls in the community and have had to also start incorporating pit bull education in the lessons as well.

We were able to hold holiday workshops and had a good turnout but unfortunately we were not able to do lessons within Sifisesihle School where we are based. With the New Year we are hoping to be able to continue with these lessons.

Nomonde Dlungwane Animal Welfare Education Officer



# Veterinary:

Dr Daniela Steckler (Hughes), has continued to run our Friday afternoon veterinary clinics. She treats any minor medical issues as well as doing rabies vaccination, tick & flea control, de-worming, 5-in-1 vaccinations etc. For any major medical issues such as broken legs, parvo, biliary, these dogs are taken through to the Howick Small Animal Clinic for assessment and treatment. Dr Dannie usually sees between 30 and 50 dogs in an afternoon.



Dr Lee Pachonick, our veterinarian in charge of our sterilisations has continued to run our monthly clinics. Thanks to Dogs Trust Worldwide, we were fortunate to once again receive funding for our monthly sterilisation programme. Dr Lee, and her wonderful team of volunteers, Di Santoro and Debbie Cook, run these steri clinics like a well-oiled machine. Their professionalism and caring nature ensures that the dogs are all well taken care of and discharged once they have recovered sufficiently. Each dog is driven home at the end of the day, with a bag of dog food, by our driver, Vincent Mncwabe.

#### Veterinary stats:

Vaccinated against rabies : 1103 De-wormed : 811 Treated for ticks & fleas : 108 5-in-1 vaccinations : 17 Sterilisated : 98





# **Family Support:**

Our Aux. Social Worker, Zinhle Msimango, has continued to work with the community in several ways. She has a very difficult job dealing with a variety of physical and emotional issues.

#### Social Worker's Report:

We have provided the following services:

- Individual and Family Counseling
- Advice on parenting practices
- Support groups
- Access to information
- Maternal Support
- Health Education

Ways in which we provide these services:

1. Home visits:

We visit 10 to 12 homes a week.

- This enables us to Identify children and families in need of social assistance.
- Promote positive parenting practices and parenting advices
- Do counseling
- Share available opportunities
- Make needed referrals
- Monitor progress
- · Check the well being and supportive environment for children and elders
- Provide basic assistance including food parcels etc.

New Mothers:

- Regular visits for both teenage and older mothers
- · Referrals to support group within their areas
- Maternal support and clinical schedule reminders
- We gave feeding formulas, nappies and baby clothing in three months after the riot period in KZN. This was from the support of donors who gave assistance to us in helping mothers in need. 12 mothers received this assistance in 3 consecutive months.





#### 2. Community Workshops:

- Gender Based Violence Awareness
- Children's Protection Week awareness
- Children's Rights
- Human Rights Awareness
- Substance Abuse Awareness

#### 3. School Presentations:

We conducted lessons within Sifisesihle Primary school where we covered the following topics:

- Children's Rights
- Teenage Pregnancy
- HIV/ AIDS issues
- Sexual Diseases
- 4. Community Services & Friday Lessons:

We have involved our children in Life skills and volunteer work to:

- A. Build their self-confidence and self-esteem
- B. Create a sense of belonging
- C. Increase social and healthy relationship skills
- D. Raise environmental awareness
- E. Find ways of thinking and problem solving



#### 5. Holiday Clubs:

During the school holiday we have provided our services to community children for:

- Giving them a safe space
- Providing play therapy
- Doing art and drawing skills
- Enhanced learning
- Learning social skills



These activities were made part of our programme to improve cognitive, social and emotional wellbeing of children and for them to learn about themselves and the world around them.

Zinhle Msimango Aux. Social Worker





Another project which falls under social welfare, is our annual Winter Warmth Campaigne. Last year, with the support from the Stitch & Bitch Charity Projects and Beanies for Beings, which are 2 groups of ladies from Johannesburg, who sewed / knitted / crocheted various items such as beanies, blankets, ponchos, dog jerseys, dog beds etc, for the children of Funda Nenja. We received an abundance of these knitted items which we distributed to the children just as the winter was approaching.





Since the beginning of the Covid-19 pandemic, we have been assisting various families with food parcels. These families have been identified by our social worker as very poor / desperate situations, and funding dependant, we have been able to give them regular food relief throughout the year.





## In Conclusion

All in all Funda Nenja has managed to continue servicing the Mpophomeni community in both animal and social welfare aspects, and we are extremely proud of what we have accomplished and blessed to have an amazing team of like-minded and dedicated people.

We are also enormously grateful to all our sponsors and donors as their support makes it possible for Funda Nenja to grow and to continue the valuable work that we do.

Due to many communications received from people all around South Africa and even from some abroad, requesting information on how to start and run a similar organisation in other parts of the country, we will be holding a 2 day seminar in the coming year. We are excited about being able to share our knowledge with others and look forward to seeing more much-needed education programmes setting up all around South Africa.

Our Facebook page is still very popular with just over 8,000 followers and just over 1,000 followers on Instagram. These numbers are increasing annually.

Lisa Button Project Administrator





# Accounting Officer's Report

#### FUNDA NENJA

THE TOWNSHIP DOG TRAINING INITIATIVE (NPO reference 085-038)

#### STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

#### As at 28 February 2022

	Note	2022	2021
ASSETS			
Current Assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	2	958 568	911 416
Total assets		958 568	911 416
RESERVES AND LIABILITIES			
Reserves			
General reserve		817 716	710 740
Earmarked funds	3	94 190	138 672
		911 906	849 412
Current liabilities		511 500	040 412
Accrued expenses		46 662	62 004
		958 568	911 416

#### Detailed Income and Expenditure Account for the Year Ended 28 February 2022

2022	<u>2021</u>
1 167 725	1 237 613
596 528	614 299
93 750	221 000
402 528	227 799
100 250	165 500
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Corporate Funding	124 990	
<i>Goods in Kind</i> Hilton & Merrivale Spar R C L Foods	-	6 910 118 080

Individual Donors	420 022	384 043
Individual supporters	420 022	384 043

Fundraising Campaigns	43 547	45 745
My School, My Village Competition	16 441	17 700
Kennel Drives	0	23 095
Amber Valley	120	2 000
Kurt Artin Raffle	13 600	0
Ulwazi show	7 864	0
Other fundraisers	5 522	2 950

Other income	107 628	68 536
Interest received	19 661	19 867
Sundry income	87 967	48 669

FUNDA NENJA THE TOWNSHIP DOG TRAINING INITIATIVE (NPO reference 085-038)

TOTAL EXPENDITURE	1 060 749	1 226 081
ANIMAL WELFARE	590 423	697 917
Dog School		
Staff Salaries	319 813	323 832
Staff: (Community Assistants)	47 076	38 231
Training: Children's nutritional packs	1 998	6 910
Training Children's Back Packs	4 535	1 615
Training: Dog Treats	0	834
Training: Dog Food	65 704	216 755
Training: Blankets, Bowls, Collars , Leads	7 292	31 665
Training: Equipment	5 825	2 285
Training: Kennels	43 230	52 400
Brochures & Flyers	1 084	0
Training: Staff Development/Travel	1 785	2 600
Training: Uniforms / Jackets	10 000	12 000
Driver	64 081	0
Vet Friday	18 000	0
Winter warmth drive	0	8 790

#### Community Outreach Veterinary Clinic, Home visits & education

	150 021	151 163
Staff	80 115	76 200
Sterilisations Veterinary Treatment	51 086 17 776	32 600 33 223
Sundry Running Chains	541 503	8 910 230

FAMILY SUPPORT	45 605	75 860
Staff	45 226	44 607
Education Material	379	0
Wendy house	0	31 253

GENERAL OPERATING EXPENSES	274 700	301 141
Stationery	11 956	9 156
Advertising	2 946	0
Bank Charges	6 881	10 008
Insurance	14 897	11 916
Building and Equipment & Maintenance	10 440	54 071
IT and Telecommunications	15 557	17 411
General Office Administration	802	5 634
Finance Admin & Accounting Fees	101 208	96 865
Fundraising & Marketing	6 279	9 050
Licence	611	0
Travel / Vehicles /Transport	45 389	81 815
Staff Medical	8 592	5 215
Seminar / Conference	10 000	0
Sars Penalty	21 193	0
Sifisesihle School Rent	17 949	0

SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR	106 976	11 532

# CORE DONORS:

Dogs Trust Worldwide N3 Toll Concessions Hilton Quarry SuperSpar The Do More Foundation Gabrielle Faickney Charitable Trust Merrivale SuperSpar Howick Small Animal Clinic Montego Pet Nutrition My School My Village State Veterinary Dept.

Thank you to all who donate on a regular or once off basis. Without your support, Funda Nenja would not be able to continue the work that we do.

Thank you for all the anonymous financial donations, and donations received from special calls via Facebook for kennels, winter warmth, food parcels, calendars, collars and leads, dog food, etc, and all those who leave donated items at collection points.



# Funda Nenja Action Committee:

Neil Button - Chairman Glynn Harborth - Treasurer Adrienne Olivier - General Manager Lisa Button - Secretary

# Funda Nenja Full Committee

Neil Button Glynn Harborth Adrienne Olivier Lisa Button Winnie Sangcosi Nomonde Dlungwane Vincent Mncwabe

# Funda Nenja Staff membeers:

Adrienne Olivier Lisa Button Nomonde Dlungwane Zinhle Msimango Vincent Mncwabe

We would like to say a huge thank you to all our community assistants and also our regular volunteers who assist on Friday afternoons.

#### Bank Details:

First National Bank - Howick Acc. No. 6245 8766 197 Branch No. 220 725 Swift: FIRNZAJJ

# **Community Assistants:**

Doreen Zondi Thandeka Zondi Vuyo Lakani Sbonelo Mdletshe Yandiswa Mnguni Luyanda Mbanjwa Goodluck Myelase Winnie Sangcosi Bongani Makhathi Power - Mnikathi Sbusiso Makhava Sthembele Makebe Jabulile Ndlovu Hlamulo Mkhubeka Mr Nene Izwi Nxumalo Tawa Hwata



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# Funda Nenja Learning with the dog



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