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Q4 Summary

The beginning of 2026 has been defined by momentum, growth, and an unwavering commitment to improving animal welfare across the globe. For Worldwide Vets, Quarter 1 has been one of both expansion and consolidation—strengthening our teams, building new partnerships, and delivering impactful veterinary interventions in challenging environments. From the continued response in Ukraine to the early preparations for major wildlife conservation initiatives, this quarter has demonstrated both the breadth and depth of our work.

Across all areas of operation, a common theme has emerged: collaboration. Whether through new volunteers joining our mission, partnerships with international organisations, or the dedication of local veterinary teams, this quarter's success has been driven by people working together towards a shared goal: reducing animal suffering and creating sustainable, long-term improvements in animal welfare.

Education remains a cornerstone of Worldwide Vets' mission. In March, our Volunteer Coordinator Danielle Herbst gave an extracurricular talk at the University of Nottingham, UK, while Baily Romi spoke to students at Missouri State University, USA. These sessions highlighted the value of undertaking volunteer placements abroad and the unique learning experiences available to aspiring veterinarians. Students were introduced to the realities of veterinary work in diverse settings, including high-volume sterilisation campaigns, wildlife conservation projects, and clinical work in low-resource environments. The impact of our university outreach extends far beyond a single event. By exposing students to these experiences early in their careers, we encourage them to think globally, develop adaptability, and consider how their skills can be applied to real-world animal welfare challenges.



OPERATION UKRAINE



Ukraine has remained a central focus of our work, and Quarter 1 has seen major developments within our Operation Ukraine programme. One of the most significant milestones was the grand opening of our new clinic, providing a dedicated space to deliver consistent, high-quality veterinary care in a region where services are urgently needed.

We have been fundraising to equip the new clinic, thanks to your incredible support. So far, we have acquired a brand new heated surgical table (to keep our patients warm during the bitter winter months), new holding cages, an anesthesia machine, and patient monitoring equipment. After four years of nomadic work, this high-quality equipment is truly a dream come true.

Early in the year, we were also delighted to expand our team with the addition of experienced vet Tanya and nurse Kathya. With years of experience in high-volume spay and neuter programmes and having previously worked together in the animal rescue sector, their arrival significantly increases the number of animals we can help. Once the new team is fully settled, we will be able to run two separate teams simultaneously, working both in the clinic and maintaining our mobile missions on the frontline.

New Staff

With additional funding and stability, we have been able to hire new team members, allowing us to treat more animals every day. Introducing our 3 new staff members.



Kathya
Vet Nurse



Tanya
Vet



Svitlana
Reception

Donate-a-Day

A standout achievement this quarter was the Donate a Day 2026 campaign, launched in conjunction with World Spay Day on 24th February. Our global team united with other vets, clinics, and charities to sterilise as many animals as possible within a 24-hour period.

This year, World Spay Day also coincided with the four-year anniversary of the war in Ukraine, presenting a unique and urgent challenge. We set an ambitious goal: to sterilise and vaccinate 500 animals across Ukraine in a single day, combining high-volume veterinary care with a message of hope and resilience during a very difficult time.

This initiative brought together veterinary teams, volunteers, partners, and supporters in a coordinated, high-impact effort. In just one day, 488 animals were successfully sterilised across six locations spanning the four corners of Ukraine—an extraordinary result and the largest coordinated sterilisation effort on record in the country. Our teams and colleagues worked tirelessly in extremely challenging conditions. On the frontline, vets and nurses worked around air raid sirens and bombings, operating from dawn till dusk to ensure every procedure was completed safely.

Our incredible partners—including Animal Rescue Kharkiv, Ukraine; Tiernothilfe Ukraine e.V.; Доступна Стерилізація; Suteu Ioan Razvan; Wildlife & Welfare; Бродівський Центр Адаптації Тварин "СТЕП"; КітПес; SPCA International; U-Hearts Foundation; and Ann Polianskaya—played a crucial role in coordinating and delivering this achievement. Together, we proved once again that when animal lovers come together, united by a shared cause, great things can happen.

Vet's charity mission to save 500 cats and dogs in Ukraine
 Attempt to sterilise and vaccinate animals in a day to mark war's anniversary
 By MATT MARSHALL
 A CHARITY run by a vet from Southern is taking on a monumental challenge to save 500 Ukrainian cats and dogs in a single day to mark the anniversary of the war.
 Dr Gemma Campbell, a veterinary charity, Worldwide Vets will aim to sterilise and vaccinate the animals today, while tackling brutal winter conditions and an ongoing war.
 Working at sites across all corners of the eastern European country, including heavily affected Kharkiv and Mykolaiv, the charity are determined to achieve the left goal.
 Dr Campbell said: "It [the war] really adds a whole other level of challenge to what we are doing.
 Sometimes if they are bombing the area we have to wait for the bombing to stop. And there are other things like having to work on the opposite side of the building, they hit the building first, then the other side of the building. The team are undertaking...
 Dr Campbell said due to recent Russian attacks on energy infrastructure in Ukraine, the team have limited resources.
 She said they only have around two hours of power each day, meaning the team have to do almost all of their work in freezing cold temperatures.
 "All power goes into helping the animals," she said.
 The charity has a base in UK all year round in UK and is operating in six other countries across five continents.
 Dr Campbell set the organisation up 15 years ago while she was a second year vet student to bring free care to animals, from working horses to pets and wildlife.
 This challenge to vaccinate and sterilise 500 dogs and cats is to mark the fourth anniversary of the war in Ukraine, a date which coincides with World Spay Day, an awareness campaign promoting the practice of neutering animals to prevent overpopulation and the spread of disease.
 Dr Campbell said it costs £40 to sterilise and vaccinate one animal, and the team are very grateful for the backing they have had so far.
 "Everyone is excited about doing an amazing thing and the team are very thankful for all the support they are receiving," she said.
 You can find out more and donate at <http://www.worldwide-vets.org>

Animal hospital meets students
 An animal hospital in Bristol met aspiring students, vets and nurses during a recent careers fair.
 Southfields Veterinary Specialists spent the afternoon discussing career pathways and the opportunities available after graduating at the Royal Veterinary College.
 A spokesman said: "We had the opportunity of being at the Royal Veterinary College careers fair and met lots of eager-to-learn students and staff.
 "Thank you to the Royal Veterinary College for having us."

Tech careers open evening
 YOUNG people on Camry can explore cutting-edge digital careers as XTEND Digital Campus hosts an open evening.
 The event on February 25 (8.30pm to 10pm) at the campus will showcase pathways in gaming, animation, UX, AR and virtual production.
 A spokesman for USP College said: "If you're into gaming, animation, UX, AR, virtual production or motion capture, this is the one event you don't want to miss."
 Free tickets at <https://onlyv.com/onlyv/PS10Ylink>.

Last call for nominations
 THERE is less than a week left for businesses to be nominated for a popular awards event.
 The Wickford BID will celebrate excellence across a range of categories including Best Server, Outstanding Customer Service and Small Business.
 All businesses within the Wickford BID area are eligible. Nominations must be submitted by February 25.
 A spokesman said: "Please forward your nominations to wickfordbid@gmail.com."

Consulting over improvements
 RESIDENTS in the Stansted Hope area are being asked for their views on proposals aimed at improving safety and accessibility.
 The plans include widening footways near the station, adding safer pedestrian crossings, installing raised tables, better lighting, and creating a new bus stop on King Street.
 A spokesman for Thurrock Council said: "Thank you to everyone who takes the time to share their views."
 Visit <https://tfdh.gov.uk>



WILDLIFE IMPACT

The start of the year is always a time for planning our wildlife work. This year, we will be working with a significant number of elephants and rhinos, alongside our ongoing wildlife courses that focus on capture and medical interventions for smaller species such as zebra, antelope, wildebeest, and warthog.

Preparations have begun for one of our key wildlife programmes of the year: the Elephant and Rhino Medicine Course, scheduled to run in August. Many animals will benefit from this mission, primarily at the Mabula Reserve in South Africa. Elephants requiring contraceptive implants and rhinos in need of ear-notching for identification and conservation management will form the primary focus of our hands-on practical work, providing essential skills for both conservation and veterinary management.

Contraceptive programmes in elephants help manage population growth in areas where natural ecosystems cannot sustain large herds, reducing the risk of habitat degradation and human-wildlife conflict. Similarly, ear-notching in rhinos allows for accurate identification and monitoring, supporting anti-poaching efforts and enabling more effective conservation strategies.

In parallel, we strengthened our conservation impact through a new partnership with the Mzuri Wildlife Foundation, becoming recipients of their grant. This funding will directly support rhino dehorning operations in Namibia later this year—an essential measure to protect rhinos from poaching. By removing the horn, the incentive for poachers is significantly reduced, offering these animals a greater chance of survival.



EGYPT VET CLINIC



This quarter, our impact in Egypt has continued to grow, now helping 4 shelters on a rotation, as well as injured stray and street animals. We were thrilled to welcome back returning volunteer Jo Westley, who was an important team member last year, providing the initial training for our local veterinarians. As you can imagine, it was very special to welcome her back, and reflect on just how far we have come in the last few months.

In the early part of 2026 we have prioritised vaccination campaigns for four main shelters, ensuring that a large population of shelter animals receives critical protection against preventable diseases. We have also seen a number of sick street puppies and dogs, which, whilst being very sad, is a good sign that people are now bringing them in to us for care.



GUATEMALA WILDLIFE COURSE



We are delighted to have formed a new relationship with a highly ethical and impactful team in Central America. ARCAS run one of the busiest and most advanced wildlife clinics in the area and with a high caseload, are focal to conservation initiatives in the country.

In 2026 we are partnering with ARCAS to lead a hands-on wildlife veterinary project in Guatemala from 6th–18th July. Delegates will gain practical experience caring for primates, psittacines, and reptiles, including safe capture, blood sampling, fecal analysis, administering treatments, and assisting with surgeries and necropsies.

The programme also includes routine animal care, enclosure maintenance, and lectures on anesthesia, transport, neonatal care, and field lab procedures. This 12-day course offers a unique chance to develop clinical skills, work alongside experienced wildlife vets, and make a real impact on conservation and animal welfare in Guatemala. Find out more and join us for this unforgettable adventure. [HERE](#)



USA CONFERENCES



This quarter, Worldwide Vets was proud to attend the World Veterinary Conference (WVC) 2026 in Las Vegas, a major highlight of our professional calendar. The event offered an invaluable opportunity to connect with both past and future volunteers, share insights from our global programmes, and showcase the impact of our work across clinics, shelters, and wildlife initiatives.

Meeting with previous volunteers allowed us to celebrate their contributions, reflect on the successes of our missions, and explore ways to further strengthen their engagement in the year ahead. Equally exciting was connecting with aspiring volunteers, who were inspired by the breadth of opportunities available to join us around the world.

The conference also provided a valuable platform to connect with our generous donors and sponsors, whose support enables our work to thrive. Earlier in the year, our CEO, Dr Campling, was interviewed on an internal podcast with Antech. We were then delighted to deliver an in-person talk, highlighting how the digital X-ray machine they donated is enabling us to provide vital veterinary care in underserved regions.

Our “Just The Tip” stickers, promoting ethical trap-neuter-release (TNR) were a huge hit last, and went like hotcakes! Maybe they need to make an appearance at the next conference!



VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR



Announcing our 2026 Volunteer of the Year

The Volunteer of the Year Award recognises an individual who has made an outstanding contribution to the work of Worldwide Vets. Founded in 2026, this award will be presented each year to a truly exceptional supporter whose dedication has made a meaningful impact on animals and communities around the world. Each year, this award will honour someone who has shown exceptional dedication, professionalism and compassion while working in challenging field conditions alongside our local veterinary teams.

This year's Volunteer of the Year is:

Dr Colleen Lambo

We were delighted to present the award to Dr Lambo in person at the WVC conference, where we presented her with the beautiful Worldwide Vets trophy. Through her commitment, teamwork, and passion for helping animals in urgent need, Colleen embodies the values that define Worldwide Vets. Her work has not only supported frontline veterinary care but also strengthened local capacity and improved animal welfare for the future.

Here's what Colleen had to say about receiving the award: "Being named Volunteer of the Year by Worldwide Vets was a real surprise. I first connected with Worldwide Vets because I wanted to help in Ukraine, but I kept coming back because the work is meaningful and the people are exceptional. Working alongside Dr Gemma, Dr Olha, Lisa, and Dr Reem is the real privilege. The award is an honour — but being part of this team is the reward." Colleen, thank you for your dedication, compassion and the incredible difference you continue to make.



THRIVE MENTAL HEALTH COURSE

2026 marked the fourth running of the THRIVE Mental Health Retreat and Professional Development Course. In March, we welcomed 10 delegates and 6 partners to Zimbabwe for what proved to be a truly life-changing experience.

Set against the breathtaking backdrop of the mighty Zambezi River, the week began with delegates immersing themselves in a RACE-accredited, 20-hour course. The first half of the programme focused on positive psychology and resilience, effective communication, and conflict management. Led by the incredible Andi Davison of Flourish Veterinary Consulting, discussion-based lectures began aboard a boat drifting along the Zambezi. Surrounded by the distant spray of the falls, and hippos surfacing nearby, the natural rhythm of the environment shaped a truly unforgettable learning experience. Subsequent sessions were hosted on the deck overlooking a nearby waterhole, where coffee breaks were often dictated by the arrival of passing wildlife.



The second half of the week invited delegates to explore the Enneagram personality framework—an opportunity for deeper self-awareness and insight into how individuals perceive and engage with the world. In true THRIVE fashion, even these moments were extraordinary—one session paused as a herd of elephants approached the deck to drink and feed just metres away.

As THRIVE continues to grow, we are increasingly confident in the unique experience we offer—one designed specifically for veterinary professionals. Our mission remains clear: to equip professionals with the tools and resilience needed to navigate the demands of the industry in a healthy, sustainable way—all within an unforgettable setting.

In conclusion

Quarter 1 of 2026 has been a period of growth, impact, and collaboration for Worldwide Vets. Across all programmes, our teams, volunteers, and partners have worked together to deliver meaningful change for animals and the communities that care for them.

In Ukraine, the Donate a Day 2026 campaign was a standout achievement. In just one day, 488 animals were sterilised and vaccinated across six locations, the largest coordinated effort in the country. Despite challenging conditions, including ongoing conflict and air raid sirens, our teams, local rescue organisations, and international partners demonstrated extraordinary dedication. In Egypt, we continued supporting four shelters on a rotation, as well as injured street animals. Returning volunteer Jo Westley brought essential supplies, assisted with vaccination campaigns, and provided free consultations, strengthening both our clinic and local capacity.

Wildlife conservation initiatives also advanced this quarter. Preparations for the Elephant and Rhino Medicine Course in South Africa are underway, targeting contraceptive implants and rhino ear-notching, while a partnership with Mzuri Wildlife Foundation will support rhino dehorning in Namibia. In Central America, our collaboration with ARCAS offers hands-on experience caring for primates, psittacines, and reptiles, combining clinical learning with conservation impact. Professional development through THRIVE at the Zambezi equipped veterinary professionals with resilience and leadership skills in an immersive wildlife setting.

Gemma Campbell

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