Securing animal welfare as a core African value.
Action for Protection of Animals Africa (APAA) is an animal welfare organization working in three program areas:

1. Animals in Disasters
2. Animals in the Community
3. Animals in the Wild

APAA provides support to animals through veterinary care, zoonotic diseases control, feeding, vaccinating, rehoming, and sheltering abandoned and disaster-displaced animals.

APAA promotes animal sentience by advocating for the physical and mental health of community (dogs and cats) and farming animals.

APAA campaigns for the protection of wildlife and their habitats by promoting community coexistence with wildlife, wildlife disaster rescues, and preventing zoonotic disease outbreaks between wildlife, livestock, and people.

APAA provides technical training to communities and animal technicians on animal welfare, disasters, and wildlife protection.
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Our Vision

An Africa where animal welfare is a core value in our communities.
Our Mission

To promote animal welfare in Africa so that our farm animals, companion animals, and wildlife live a happy, healthy, and secure life.
Our Work

Animals in Disasters
We work in policy, direct disaster response, and offer training in disaster management.

Animals in the Community
We work in policy, vaccination programs for zoonotic diseases control, rabies eradication, dog population management and offer training.

Animals in the Wild
We work in policy, protecting wildlife habitat from encroachment and degradation, reducing human-wildlife conflicts, and preventing wildlife exploitation.
What is Disaster Risk Reduction and Management?
Disaster Risk Reduction and Management in the animal resource sector, also referred to as Animal Disasters, is a cyclic process. It involves mitigating, preparing, responding and recovering from animal emergencies.

What are Animal Emergencies?
Animal emergencies are subdivided into:
- Animal Disease Emergencies (animals are the emergency), and
- Animal Disaster Emergencies (animals are in the emergency).

Animal disease emergencies, like transboundary and zoonotic diseases, have similar characteristics to other natural disasters. For instance, some diseases are sudden and unexpected and may have significant socio-economic consequences that impact a nation. These may even threaten food security, endanger human life, and require a rapid national response.

On the other hand, animals in disasters need protection in order to safeguard them against death, diseases, loss of production, loss of animal genetic diversity. Additionally, animals in disasters may suffer from physiological stress, and animal owners may lose their livelihoods.
How we work

- We advocate for disaster risk reduction in line with the Sendai Framework and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG), specifically SDG Goal 1 (poverty), SDG Goal 2 (hunger), SDG Goal 11 (sustainable cities and communities), and SDG Goal 13 (climate action) and the continental policies.

- We provide technical capacity building for veterinary response teams.
- We train farmers on disaster risk reduction on farms.
- We also train animal owners how to protect their animals at home before, during and after a disaster.

- We promote awareness, preparedness, and resilience of animal owners, farming systems, and wildlife habitats.
- We hold public campaigns to support animal welfare and protection.

- We support the rescue of animals in disasters
- We drive the prevention of zoonotic diseases that flare up in animals during disasters and spill over into humans leading to epidemics.
Animals in the Community

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What is the rabies control program?
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Free-roaming and intermingling dogs that are not vaccinated contribute significantly to the spread of rabies to other dogs, livestock and wildlife. They are also a contributing factor to the spread of rabies to human beings.

In Africa, a combination of competing social and economic priorities, the lack of awareness and technical know-how around effective rabies eradication methods, public health concerns around roaming dogs, and zoonotic outbreaks, especially rabies, have all conspired to cull dogs when there is a rabies outbreak. Rabies-instigated culling is emotive, gruesome and crude, as many government departments lack equipment and training. Often, both stray and owned dogs are killed.
How we work

- We promote DPM as a rabies management tactic to contribute to Goals (SDG), namely SDG Goal 1 (poverty), SDG Goal 3 (end epidemics), SDG Goal 11 (sustainable cities and communities), and SDG Goal 15 (stop biodiversity loss) action and the continental policies.
- We promote humane DPM to support the global commitment to eliminate rabies by 2030 (Zero by 30) to improve lives for African dogs.
- We offer training on Humane DPM concepts at technical and community levels.
- We offer child education training in Responsible Dog Ownership and Dog Bite Prevention and Management.
- We promote and strengthen public demand for action on rabies by raising awareness of the disease itself, its properties, its solutions and the benefits of eliminating rabies.
- We promote and support the shift of perception and therefore the value of dogs – from threat/vector of a deadly disease to friend/protector/ally – in major rabies-endemic countries. We do this through advocacy, capacity building, education (institutional & community), and media (traditional & social).
- We support rabies vaccination campaigns for dogs, cats, and donkeys.
- We drive promotion and support the incorporation of disaster risk reduction and management for dogs within disasters by mitigating zoonosis and environmental public health protection.
Animals in the Wild

What is threatening our wildlife?
Wildlife face several enemies that are threatening their survival and driving many species into extinction. These include wildlife trade, zoonotic diseases, consumption as food, sport hunting, cruel entertainment for profit, human-wildlife conflict, destruction of wildlife habitats as a result of human activity and climate change, and climate emergencies.

As APAA, we work to reduce these threats as part of our vision to see wildlife thrive and live in the wild. It is our responsibility, as humans, to protect their natural habitat humanely by making it free from cruel exploitation.
How we work

- We support policy development and implementation that call for the protection of wildlife and their natural habitats.

- We promote community-driven solutions that prevent habitat encroachment and degradation, and protect wildlife from all forms of exploitation.

- We support programs that prevent zoonotic diseases from dogs and livestock infecting wildlife populations and reverse new diseases in wildlife spilling into human populations living around wildlife habitats.
- We support and participate in direct Wildlife rescue in disasters.
Our Values
Animal at the centre.
We put animal freedoms first...

**Freedom from Hunger and Thirst**
By ready access to fresh water and diet to maintain health and vigour.

**Freedom from Discomfort**
By providing an appropriate environment including shelter and a comfortable resting area.

**Freedom from Pain, Injury or Disease**
By prevention or rapid diagnosis and treatment.

**Freedom to Express Normal Behaviour**
By providing sufficient space, proper facilities and company of the animal’s own kind.

**Freedom from Fear and Distress**
By ensuring conditions and treatment which avoid mental suffering.
We believe in Animal Sentience Always...

Animals are Sentient beings. They are aware of their feelings and emotions - both good and bad. We do all our work respecting and recognizing animal sentience to ensure that no harm is done to animals, and that animals live a good and happy life.
Meet the Directors
Dr. Judy Kimaru

Judy is an expert in food security and disaster management, and disaster response in the livestock sector. She has trained as a veterinary doctor and in environmental governance. She has over 25 years of work experience in Africa and South-East Asia. Judy has worked with World Animal Protection, United Nations in various organisations (WFP, FAO, UNDP, and OCHA), Directorate of Veterinary Services in Kenya, seconded under a European Union project. Judy has also been extensively involved with policy development at the continental and national level around animal disaster management and animal welfare, especially with the African Union – Intergovernmental Bureau of Animal Resources (AU- IBAR), where she is a technical expert in the Continental Animal Welfare Working Group for the Animal Health Strategy for Africa 2063.
Kavosa is a public health expert with a speciality to companion animals. She trained as a veterinary doctor and in public health. She has over 20 years of professional experience working with governments, in communities, in consultative workshops and with partners like AU-IBAR, WHO, OIE, FAO and Global Alliance for Rabies. She participated and contributed to the development of WHO Expert Consultation on Rabies third report, and with the Pan African Rabies Control Network (PARACON) partnership in Africa.

Kavosa worked on dog population management rabies programmes and projects in Kenya and Sierra Leone and supported programs with partners in several other African countries. She also has experience in community-based emergency/rehabilitation animal health programs/systems that entailed aspects of gender awareness, community workshops and training of community health workers.
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