



Mission statement

About

DARG is a charitable non-profit organization, established as a pro-life animal shelter and adoption facility in Hout Bay. Our focus is on rescuing, sterilizing, rehoming and caring for previously abused, neglected and abandoned cats and dogs. We aim to serve the communities of Imizamo Yethu, Hangberg and the greater Hout Bay area. We do not receive government assistance and solely rely on the goodwill of members of the public. For us to achieve our goals, the help of the community is required in the form of donations, adoptions and volunteering.

DARG is currently home to some 300 dogs and cats. Our facility also provides basic medical care and support for animals in the surrounding lower income communities of Imizamo Yethu and Hangberg. Other outreach programs are included in our mission.

Mission

- Reduce the number of unwanted animals and pet overpopulation issue through dedicated spay/neuter programs.
- Provide for the medical, emotional and medical well-being of every animal, while adhering to our pro-life policy, and find adoptable cats and dogs a loving home.
- Provide shelter for stray, abandoned and surrendered animals.
- Improve the quality of life for our shelter animals.
- Offer affordable wellness services and resources to pets and owners in need, targeting underserved communities, to support whole-life care.
- Provide educational programs based on the ethical and humane treatments of companion animals.
- Promote the animal-human bond through outreach, education and therapeutic programs.
- Serve as compassionate advocates for all animals and instil in our community that all living beings have a right to be treated with respect.
- Utilize the donations and funding offered to give the animals the best care and facilities available.
- Prevent cruelty to animals.
- Advocate on behalf of all animals in crisis to uphold their rights and protection through education and law enforcement efforts.
- Working with The Underdog Project to help 'at risk youth' in the community.
- Partner with the UBUNTU Vegetable Garden to create an opportunity to change the lives of children, youth and their families.
- Recruit and train volunteers who will save lives by increasing pet adoptions at DARG, improve the quality of life for the shelter animals, promote spay and neuter, and facilitate outreach and educational activities about the humane treatment of companion animals wherever possible.



Vision

DARG strives to be a proficient shelter, setting an example and sharing innovative business ideas with the pet and shelter industry. Our vision is for all adoptable animals at DARG to find a loving home and to ensure the well-being of all companion animals. DARG would fulfil its greatest vision when there is an end to overpopulation, abuse and unnecessary euthanasia through extensive education and continued dedication to our goals.

Values

- Practice collaboration and cooperation.
- Embrace diversity and open-mindedness.
- Practice open, direct and prompt communication.
- Deal with conflict proactively and responsibly.
- Promote trust.
- Demonstrate respect.
- Support a safe and healthy workplace.
- Acknowledge the emotional aspects of our work.
- Show appreciation and gratitude.