

**“Changing a dressing on a wound takes no time at all.  
Changing attitudes and beliefs can take generations.”**

Since 2013 SPANA is active in Zimbabwe and has made, among other things thanks to the huge efforts of Dr. Erick Mutizhe and Dr. Andy Garura big impact in Zimbabwe.

The overall health and wellbeing of the working donkeys has already improved and in the villages they visit, the owners are more educated about how certain practices can be detrimental to their animals’ health.

The scale of the challenge is great but Dr. Erick Mutizhe and Dr. Andy Garura are very optimistic about the future: "There is a great deal of work to do, but we are making significant progress in helping to improve animal welfare and this can only be good for working donkeys and the livelihoods of their owners and their families."

Veterinary care is vital - but so too is compassion. That’s why humane education has been at the heart of their work since the beginning. Each year more than 50,000 school children from across Africa and the Middle East take part at the SPANA – program, learning how to care for animals and equally importantly, developing empathy.



This year SPANA took a major step towards a better future for working animals, children and pet owners in Zimbabwe. Already early in 2015 SPANA Zimbabwe established an education program for children. Among other things Dr. Erick Mutizhe and Dr. Andy Garura go into local schools during the mobile clinic visits to teach the children about animal behavior and welfare.

Moreover, soon the first SPANA training center will be opened in Zimbabwe.

This education program does not only equip children with knowledge about animals but more importantly, promote positive attitudes, build empathy and develop responsible behavior.

At this center schoolchildren enjoy fun and engaging lessons, explore interactive exhibitions and have a chance to get hands on with friendly donkeys, rabbits and guinea pigs.

Furthermore SPANA's educational buses also enable children in remote communities to visit the training center and learn about animal welfare. SPANA is securing the future of animal welfare in Zimbabwe, challenging attitudes and changing behaviors to make life for Zimbabwe's working animal, pet owners and family a little easier.



*At the new SPANA education center in Zimbabwe, the schoolchildren have the chance to get hands on with friendly donkeys and many other animals.*



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