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Editor's Briefing: A Quarter of Reflection and Responsibility

By Nusrat Mohammed, Executive Director

As we close this quarter, we find ourselves reflecting on several recurring and painful realities...each telling a story of neglect, misunderstanding, or systemic failure. The streets of Mombasa remain unforgiving for its most vulnerable: neonatal kittens abandoned at birth, adult strays silently battling cancer, and countless cases of cruelty and neglect that go unseen until it is too late. These are not just isolated incidents, they are symptoms of a deeper problem in how we, as a society, perceive and value animal life.

Neonate Abandonment: A Silent Crisis

Neonatal abandonment is often a result of unspayed female cats giving birth in unsafe areas, only for the kittens to be discarded or orphaned. This is not just heartbreaking, it is preventable. Our work will continue to emphasize early spaying, public education, and the importance of community vigilance in preventing suffering before it starts.

Rise in Street Cat Cancers: A Red Flag

We've also seen an alarming increase in cancer diagnoses in older street cats. From ear tumors to oral cancers, these conditions are often discovered too late, after the animal has already endured prolonged pain. This raises urgent questions: Are there carcinogenic pollutants in our urban environments? Are cats, as scavengers and survivors, absorbing the worst of our waste and negligence? As we fight for cleaner cities, we must include animal health in environmental risk assessments.

Animals Are the Environment Too

Too often, conversations around environmental degradation focus solely on forests, oceans, and air. But let's be honest, what is an ecosystem without its animals? Wildlife, pollinators, scavengers, seed dispersers, these creatures are not side characters in our environmental story; they are central to it.

When activists speak of climate justice and sustainability, let's not forget that protecting biodiversity includes street animals, bats, birds, marine life, and livestock. We must move away from siloed advocacy. It's not environment or animals: it is the environment with its animals.

At PAW, we champion a One Health approach because the health of people, animals, and ecosystems is deeply interconnected. If we want resilient cities, clean oceans, and safe food systems, we must start seeing the animal not as an afterthought, but as an ally.

As always, I thank our team, partners, and community members who rise each day to make a difference. Let's remember: compassion is not an ideal, it is a responsibility, to each other, and to the animals who share this earth with us.

In solidarity and service,

Nusrat Mohammed

Executive Director





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Rescues & TNR Updates

We started this quarter with 42 inhouse rescues and managing 8 stray colonies in Mombasa local areas. Our rescue and trap-neuter-return (TNR) efforts have been both heartbreaking and hopeful:



Markiti Cat Recovery: A female cat rescued from Mckinnon Market after being hit by a vehicle sustained a fractured hind leg. After successful treatment, she was spayed, vaccinated, dewormed, and returned to her territory. Whether it's an emaciated tomcat struggling to breathe or a cat hit and left on the road with no one stopping, the cruelty is often passive, seen but unacted upon. Neglect is a form of violence. We need more community-based accountability: neighbours who report, caretakers who act, and systems that protect.

Tomboy of Ganjoni: Rescued in severe pain with a pinched, infected face and eye. Now on the mend and eating heartily—always a good sign! He will soon be neutered and released, under the care of a dedicated PAW community caretaker.





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Tudor Loss: We sadly lost a frail cat rescued from Tudor with a protruding jaw bone and a septic injury. Despite our best efforts, she was too far gone. Cases like this are a stark reminder of why timely community action matters.

TNR in Bombolulu: With the help of Dr. Charles from Jingi Vet Clinic, three stray cats were neutered, vaccinated, and dewormed. These efforts will reduce litters and minimize disturbances for kiosk vendors.



Cerebellar Hypoplasia (CH) Kittens from Bondeni: These kittens suffer from CH, a neurological condition caused by the mother contracting feline panleukopenia during pregnancy. Though CH isn't contagious or curable, these kittens will need lifelong neuro-care. It underlines the critical need for vaccination.

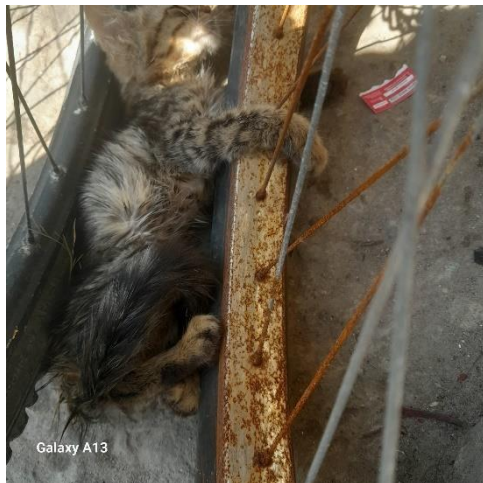




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Majengo Bicycle Shop Kitten: A sickly kitten infested with fleas and ticks is now thriving after treatment and care.



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Rectal Prolapse Mother Cat – Old Town: This nursing mom was rescued with a prolapsed rectum, underwent successful surgery, and has now returned to her alley with her kittens. A kind shopkeeper continues to care for her. This rescue was a collaboration with Cause 4 PAWS Kenya, showcasing the power of collective compassion.



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Kisauni Street Cat Tragedy: A sick male stray with a cheek wound deteriorated after initial improvement. Despite vet intervention and treatment (in partnership with Cause 4 PAWS Kenya), he passed away. A delayed bacterial infection was the cause. Early intervention saves lives.





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KPA Flats Cancer Case: After a month-long effort, our team captured an elusive cat with a bleeding ear. Vet diagnosis revealed advanced cancer in the ears and nasal cavity. Given her age and suffering, she was humanely euthanized. She reminds us of the urgent need for senior cat welfare



Neonates with Catflu & Tetanus: Two unrelated 3-week-old kittens were rescued: one from Nyali with neonatal tetanus (which sadly passed), and one from another location who is now thriving. Another litter rescued near a car dealership in Tudor succumbed to severe cat flu within 48 hours. a common tragedy for kittens under 1 year. Prevention through vaccination is vital.



One Health Youth Program Update

Our youth program is thriving with debates and discussions on climate change, environmental conservation, and sustainability. Students are increasingly seeing these not just as global or western issues, but as local responsibilities. We are proud of the growing youth-led environmental consciousness in Mombasa's schools.



World Day Against Pet Abandonment – June 28

To mark this day, we spoke with residents across Mombasa about why pets are abandoned:

Tina (Market Vendor, Bombolulu):
“It’s financial hardship.”

Shamsa (Teacher): “People don’t know how to care for pets.”



Daniella (Rescue Centre): “Lack of compassion.” Fatma (High School Student): “Vet care is expensive.” These voices reflect real barriers. Together, let’s build empathy and awareness for pet welfare.

New Partnership: Mavuno Ya Bahari CBO – Jomvu

We're excited to collaborate with Mavuno Ya Bahari CBO, which has over 1,500 members and is active in: Mangrove restoration, Turtle protection, Sustainable shellfish harvesting, Youth and women empowerment.

We will work together on One Health, environmental conservation, and community education.

Advocacy Highlights: Wildlife Bill & Uhuru Gardens

On June 3, 2025, our Executive Director, Nusrat Mohammed, joined fellow activists in Nairobi to oppose sections of the proposed Wildlife Bill 2025, which includes: Legal culling/cropping of wildlife, Authorization of wildlife product trade and Sale of live wild animals from ranches.



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Executive Director of Pwani Animal Welfare, Nusrat Mohammed (left), with Elephant Neighbors Center Executive Director Jim Justus Nyamu, addresses the impact of tree cutting by Mombasa County in Uhuru Garden, which is harming bird and bat habitats. This took place during a conservation coalition meeting in Nairobi on June 3, 2025, where groups opposed parts of the Wildlife Bill 2025 allowing counties to control national parks.

We believe these provisions threaten wildlife conservation and could increase illegal trade.

Nusrat also addressed the cutting of mature trees at Uhuru Gardens, Mombasa, which displaces fruit bats, key pollinators and seed dispersers. Bats support fig, baobab, and mango regeneration, essential for biodiversity. Displacement also increases the risk of zoonotic diseases due to stress and habitat conflict.

Photo by David Gichuru



Looking Ahead: AVA Summit 2025

Our Executive Director, Nusrat, will be speaking at this year's AVA Summit in Nairobi, a global conference for advocates working toward systemic change. Her talk:

"Introducing the One Health Concept in African Communities" will showcase how PAW uses a holistic, community-driven



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model to promote sustainable health for humans, animals, and the environment



We Are a Rabies Centre of Excellence!

We're thrilled to announce that Pwani Animal Welfare Organisation has been officially recognized as a Rabies Centre of Excellence for the Kenya Coast by the Global Alliance for Rabies Control (GARC)! GARC's real-time data tools have revolutionized how we track and plan our vaccination and community education efforts—allowing us to respond smarter, faster, and more strategically.



End Rabies Now

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We are excited to introduce you to our newest Rabies Centre of Excellence in Kenya!
Welcome **Pwani Animal Welfare Organisation!**
Thank you for your dedication towards rabies elimination, education and creating awareness in your community.

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Help Us Keep Rescuing – We Need Your Support!

Our trapping equipment, vital for rescuing injured animals and conducting humane trap-neuter-return (TNR) operations, is worn out and in urgent need of repair and replacement. Without safe and reliable traps, we cannot reach the animals who need us most.

Every successful rescue depends on the right tools. From injured cats hiding in dangerous corners to elusive strays needing neutering, our ability to help them starts with being able to catch them safely. Right now, our hands are tied.

If you've ever been moved by the stories we share, of lives saved, suffering ended, and hope restored you can be part of making the next rescue possible.

👉 We're kindly calling on your generosity to help us repair and purchase new traps.

No contribution is too small. Every shilling brings us closer to getting the equipment we need to continue this lifesaving work. Donations can be made via our PAW Paybill. Together, we can ensure no animal is left behind simply because we couldn't reach them.

Thank you for being part of the PAW family.





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Paws Up! PetStore Kenya Lands in Mombasa! 🐾

We're thrilled to welcome PetStore Kenya to the coastal region with their new branch at Greenwood Village Mall, Nyali! Known for their commitment to animal welfare, PetStore Kenya is more than just a pet supply store, they're passionate partners in creating better lives for animals.

As part of their CSR initiative, PetStore Kenya continues to support PAW Rescue Shelter through regular donations, awareness campaigns, and now, a dedicated in-store donation program. You can purchase pet food at subsidized rates directly from their Nyali store to help feed rescued animals at PAW - every bag makes a difference.

Not in Mombasa? You can still support from anywhere in Kenya by shopping online at:

👉 www.petstorekenya.com

Select donation items and they'll be delivered straight to us!

We're grateful for PetStore Kenya's partnership and heart for rescue animals.

Together, we're saving lives, one paw at a time.



♥️ *Thank You*

To our partners, supporters, veterinarians, caretakers, youth champions, and volunteers, thank you for being part of our mission. We believe that through shared responsibility, we can build a safer, more compassionate, and healthier society for all beings.

We also invite **volunteers** from all walks of life to join us, especially **photographers, videographers, veterinary professionals, fundraising experts, and education facilitators**. Your skills and time can make a meaningful difference in advancing our work and creating lasting positive impacts in our communities.

Let us continue creating change - one rescue, one youth, one tree, one voice at a time.

- The PAW Mombasa Team



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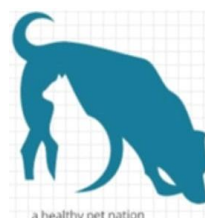
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