



Galapagos Program
End of year Report

2025

Presentation

Dear friends and partners,

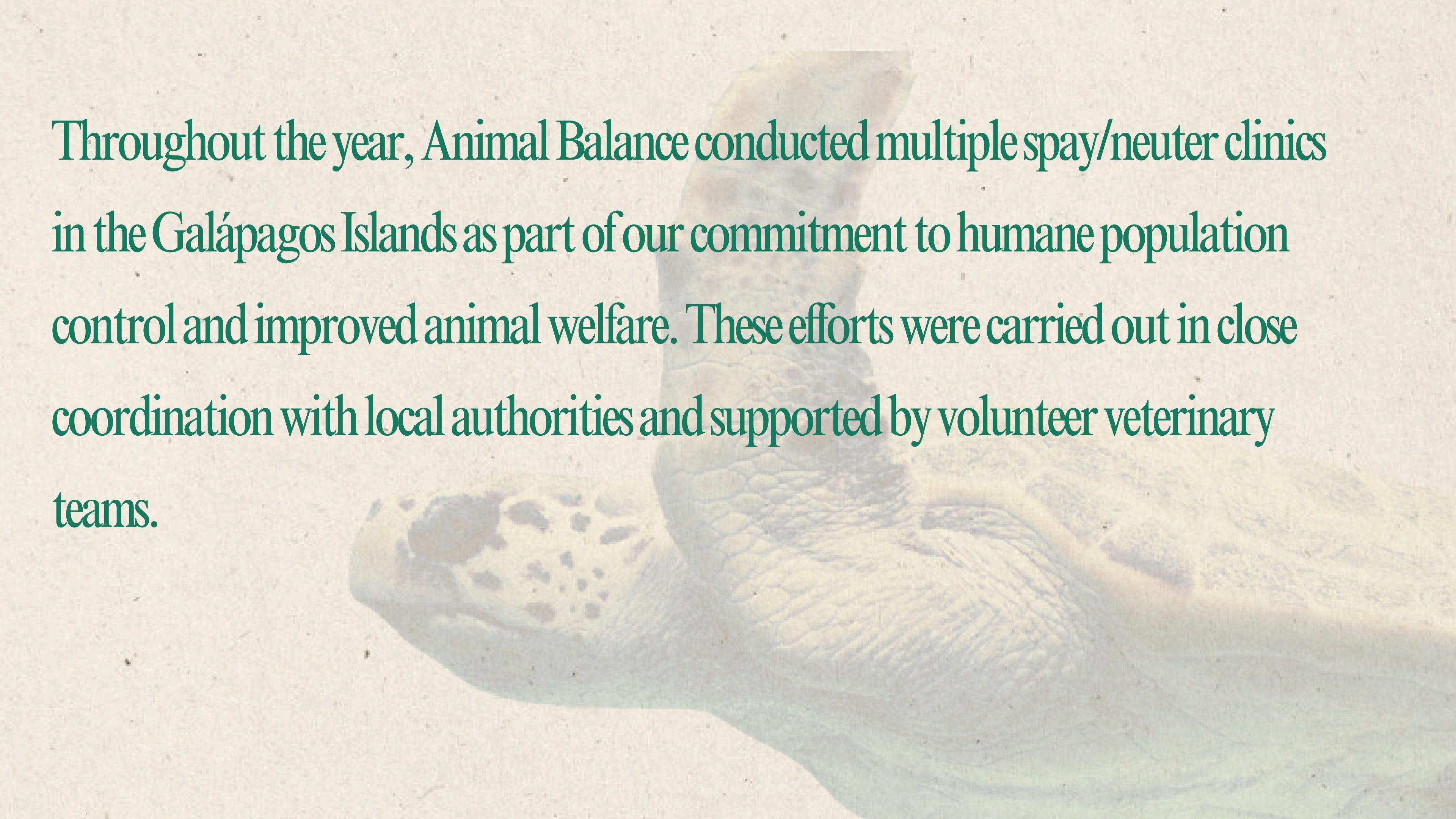
It is with great pleasure that I present Animal Balance's End of Year Report for 2025, reflecting on a year of dedicated work in the Galápagos Islands focused on humane population control and improved animal welfare. Throughout the year, our spay/neuter clinics remained at the heart of our efforts, supported by strong collaboration with local authorities, committed veterinary volunteers, and community members who continue to place their trust in this program. Together, these partnerships allowed us to reach hundreds of dogs and cats and move steadily toward a more balanced and sustainable coexistence.

Each clinic represented more than surgical numbers; it was an opportunity to strengthen local capacity, improve access to veterinary care, and reinforce responsible guardianship. Alongside sterilization, our teams supported complementary actions such as wellness services in Isabela, microchip delivery and implantation, targeted outreach, and logistical solutions that helped ensure animals could reach the clinics. Under the medical leadership of Dr. Eddi Llambo and with the support of experienced volunteers, these clinics were carried out with high standards of care, professionalism, and compassion.

We are deeply grateful to our donors, local governments, institutional partners, volunteers, and the communities of Santa Cruz and Isabela for their continued support and collaboration throughout the year. This shared commitment has made it possible to achieve meaningful progress while laying the groundwork for continued efforts ahead. As we close this year, we do so with optimism, gratitude, and a renewed commitment to working together for the well-being of animals, people, and the unique ecosystems of the Galápagos.



Galapagos Program Director

A large Galápagos tortoise is resting on a sandy surface. The tortoise is facing towards the left of the frame, with its head and front legs visible. Its shell is a light brown color with distinct dark brown scutes. The surrounding environment appears to be a dry, sandy area, possibly a beach or a dry lake bed.

Throughout the year, Animal Balance conducted multiple spay/neuter clinics in the Galápagos Islands as part of our commitment to humane population control and improved animal welfare. These efforts were carried out in close coordination with local authorities and supported by volunteer veterinary teams.

Spay/Neuter Clinics





March

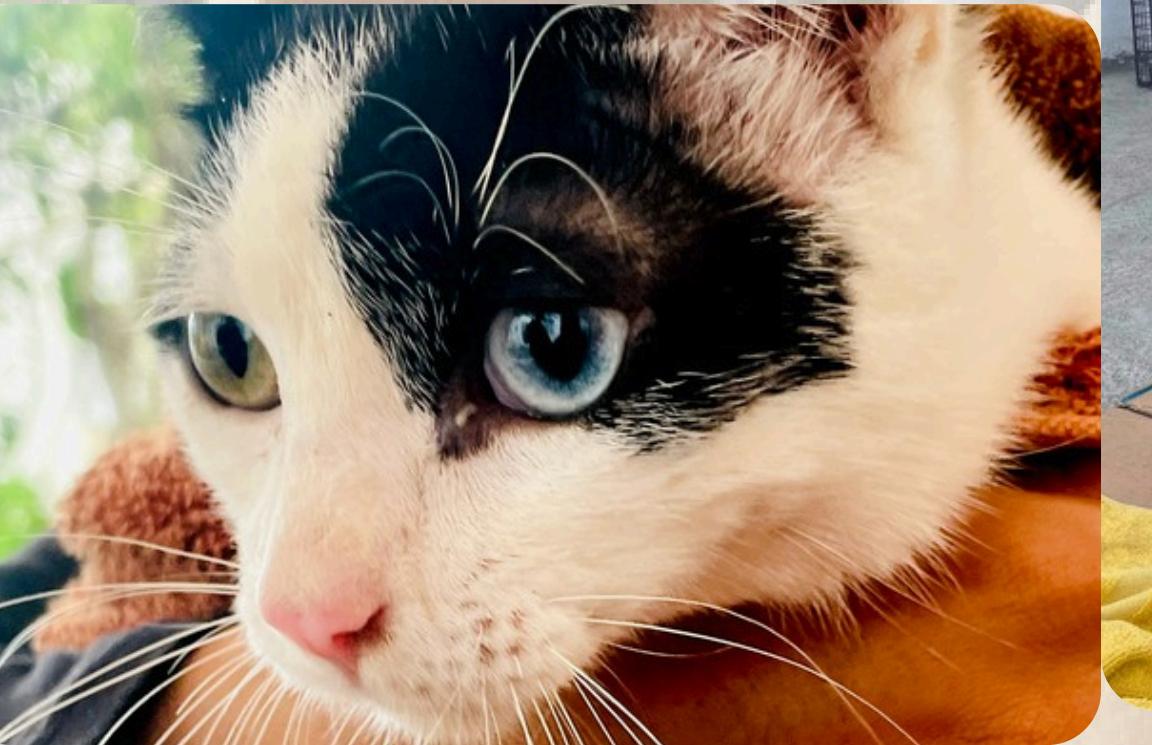
The first campaign took place in March, with clinics held on Santa Cruz and Isabela islands. Over the course of ten days, we successfully performed 112 sterilization surgeries—59 in Santa Cruz and 53 in Isabela—despite significant weather-related challenges. Heavy rains in Santa Cruz caused public transportation disruptions and flooding, which affected attendance. Nevertheless, with support from local partners, outreach efforts were conducted through social media, radio ads, and community WhatsApp groups, ensuring broad community awareness of the services.



May



In May, we returned to Santa Cruz for a follow-up clinic, performing an additional 66 surgeries. As part of this campaign, Animal Balance donated 200 identification microchips to the GAD of Santa Cruz, reinforcing efforts to develop a structured pet registration system in coordination with the municipality. These clinics not only helped reduce the reproductive capacity of the island's pet population but also strengthened inter-institutional collaboration and promoted responsible pet ownership practices. With a total of 178 animals sterilized so far this year, the project is steadily progressing toward its annual goals

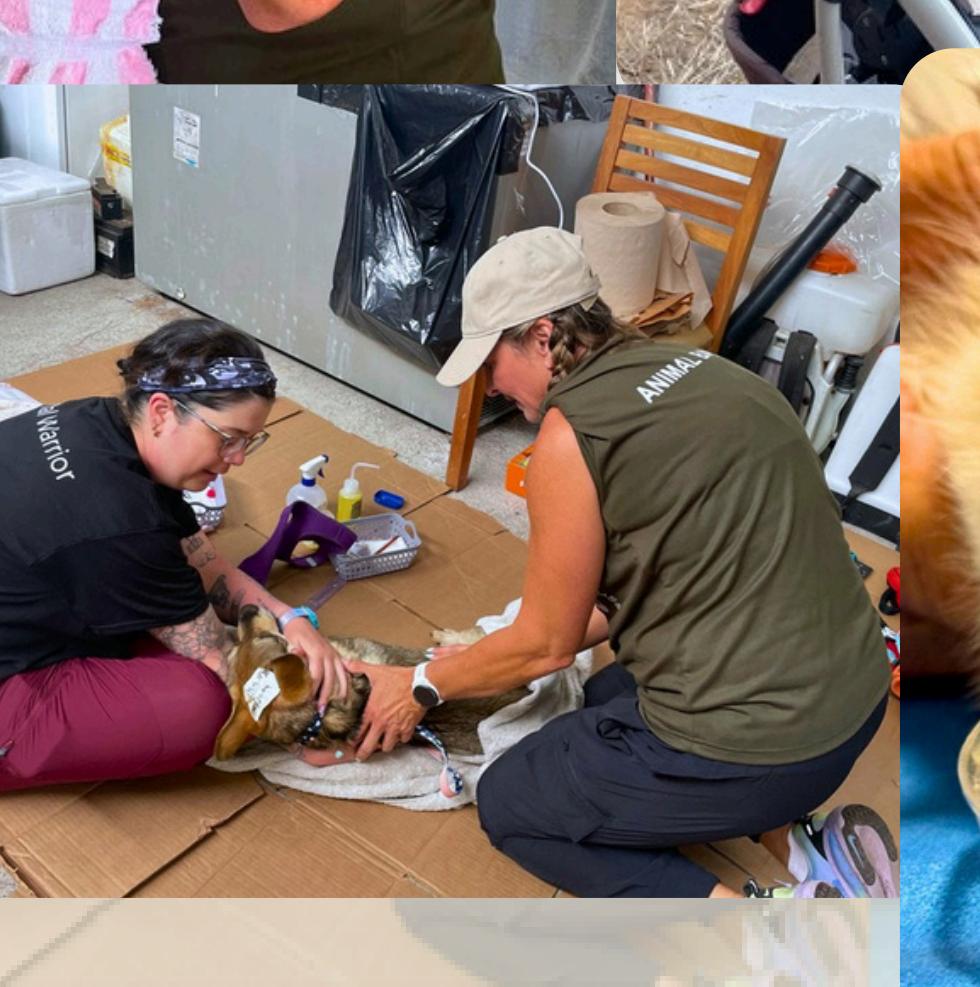


August



In August, Animal Balance conducted two spay/neuter clinics in the Galápagos Islands, one in Santa Cruz and one in Isabela, as part of our ongoing efforts to support humane population control. Across both clinics, a total of 157 sterilization surgeries were successfully performed on dogs and cats belonging to local families, with strong collaboration between veterinary teams, volunteers, and local partners.

During the clinic week in Isabela, dog training classes led by Jorge Melara were also offered to the community. While sterilization remained the primary focus, these sessions provided families with practical tools to improve everyday interactions with their dogs and reinforced responsible pet ownership in a friendly, community-oriented setting.





November



In November, Animal Balance carried out the final spay/neuter clinics of the year in the Galápagos Islands, marking the close of an intensive period of field work. These clinics resulted in a total of 136 sterilization surgeries performed on dogs and cats from local families, reinforcing our commitment to humane population control and accessible veterinary care.

The final clinics benefited from strengthened coordination with local partners and increased community awareness built throughout the year. The steady participation observed reflects growing trust in the program and highlights the importance of maintaining consistent, long-term sterilization efforts to achieve sustainable impact in the islands.

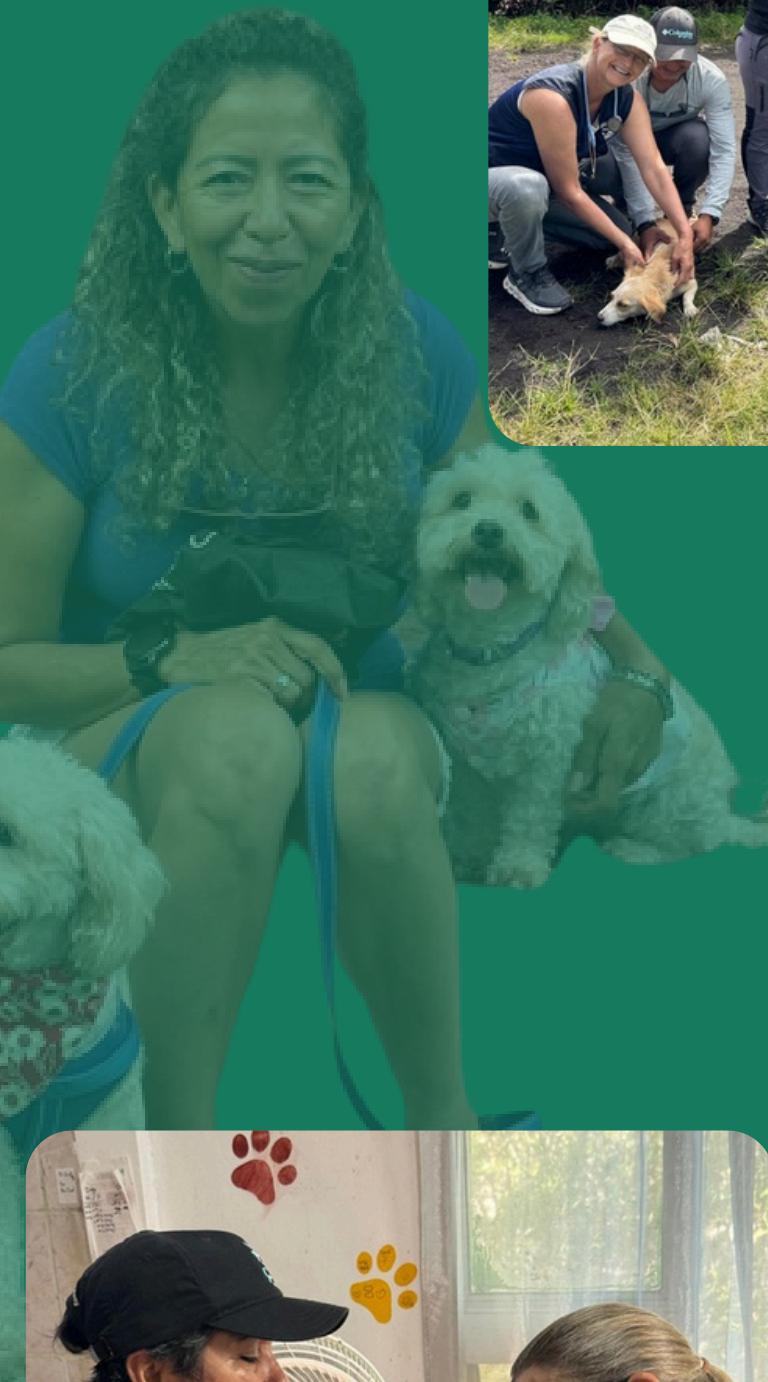


Wellness Clinics



In Isabela Island, the spay/neuter clinics were complemented by wellness clinics that created a strong and lasting impact on both animal health and community trust. Through these activities we delivered 353 vaccines and 1,182 dewormers and parasite control treatments, helping prevent disease, improve quality of life, and protect public health in this sensitive ecosystem.

Our medical teams also extended their services to the highland areas of Isabela Island, reaching dogs and cats in remote farming communities. By traveling farm to farm, the teams were able to provide veterinary care to animals that would otherwise have limited or no access to services, ensuring broader geographic coverage and reinforcing our commitment to inclusive, island-wide animal welfare efforts.

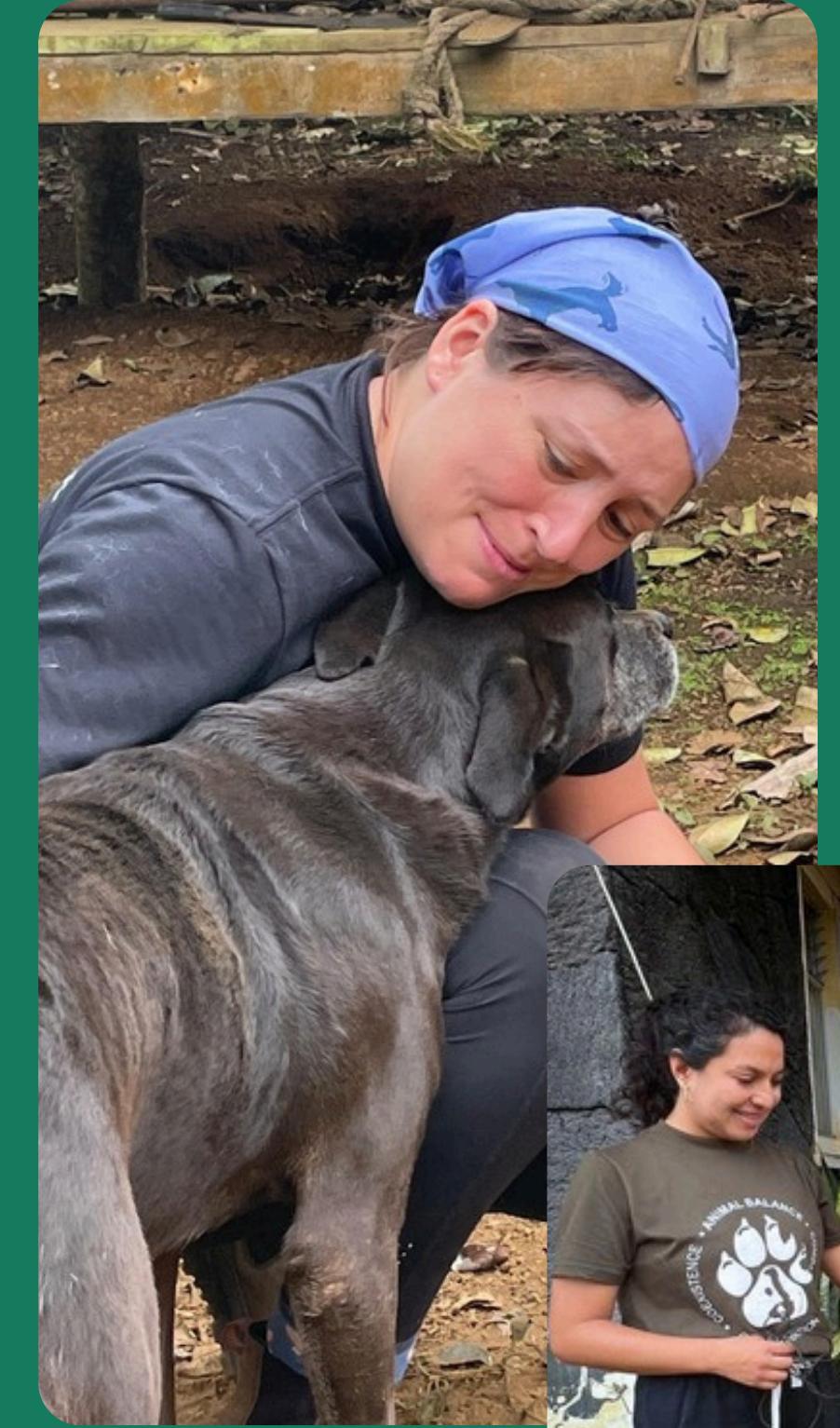


From Health Care to Sterilization

Beyond preventive care, the team provided additional medical and surgical procedures that addressed urgent health needs and significantly improved patient wellbeing. These clinics also served as an important entry point for families who were new to veterinary services; several animals initially seen during wellness activities later returned for sterilization.

In addition to improving animal health, the wellness clinics helped identify households with non-sterilized dogs and cats. Information collected during these activities is now being used to guide targeted follow-up in coordination with local authorities, particularly in Isabela, supporting families in scheduling spay/neuter services and strengthening long-term population control efforts.

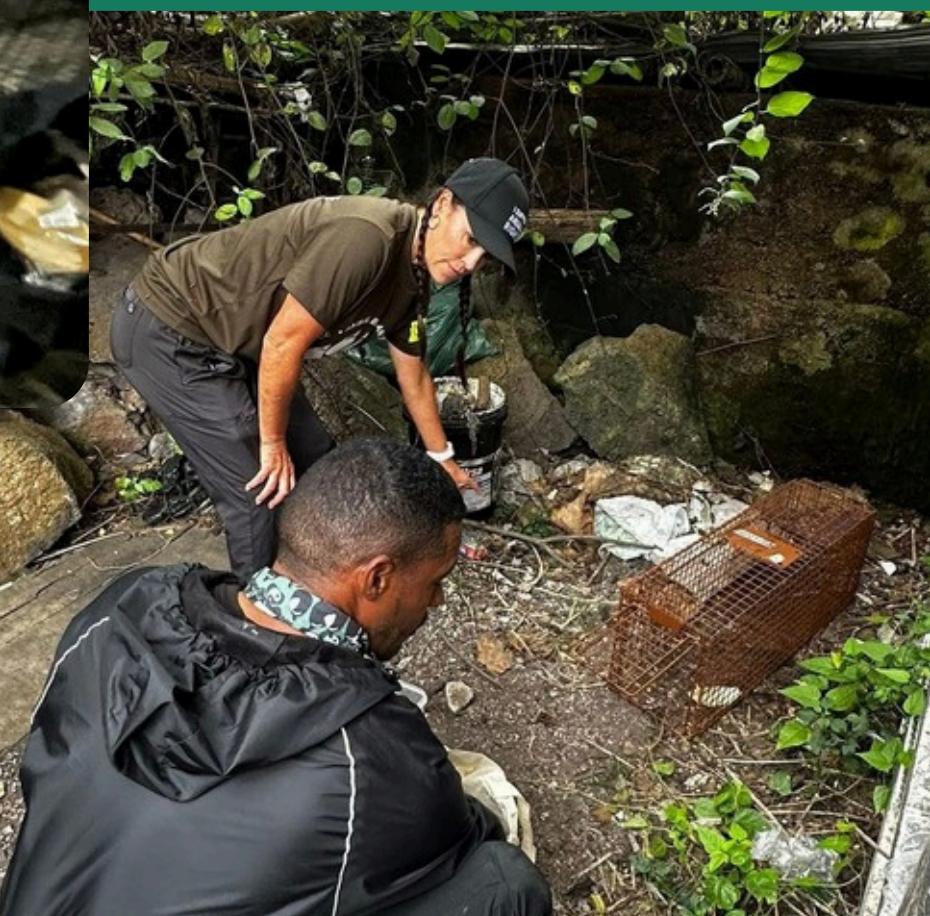
This integrated approach strengthened relationships with the community, increased participation in spay/neuter campaigns, and reinforced responsible pet care practices across the island.



Field Operations & Outreach



Specialized cat trappers played a critical role in expanding access to sterilization services by safely capturing cats that otherwise would not have reached the clinic. Their expertise allowed the medical teams to increase surgical numbers, reduce stress for the animals, and ensure humane handling throughout the process. This work was essential to reaching a segment of the cat population that is typically difficult to serve through standard appointment-based clinics.



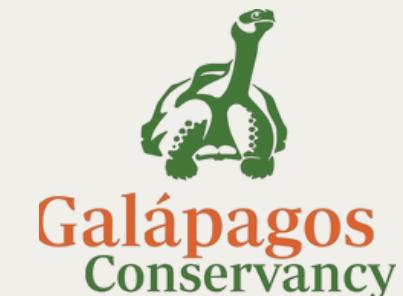
This approach was complemented by targeted transportation for dogs and cats whose guardians could not bring them to the clinic, as well as door-to-door and street outreach inviting families to participate. Together, these efforts reduced access barriers, strengthened community trust, and ensured that population control services reached the animals and families who needed them most.



In collaboration with our allies...



.. and our generous donors



What We've Achieved Together

ID Microchips

400

Spay Neuter Surgeries

470

DHLPP Vaccines

353

Internal and External Dewormers

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Thank You

