



The CVC project is a National project of the South African Veterinary Association, where private veterinary practitioners donate their time and skills to render primary veterinary services in the indigent communities, or to those pet owners who have no access to veterinary services in South Africa.

Almost 200 vets participate in this project. Currently there are 15 active CVC's in the country. For more information and pictures visit the website www.sava.co.za and click on community veterinary clinics. We work in collaboration with other welfare organizations. They handle the abuse cases while the CVC clinics educate pet owners and look after the wellbeing of the pets.

We are trying to create a culture of paying for services and ask the pet owners to donate or pay a minimal fee. This is not viable in most cases, but they then help with crowd control or the dipping of the dogs. All patients are examined by the vet, then vaccinated, dewormed and frontlined or dipped by the nurses. Vaccination cards are issued and sterilization candidates are transported to various veterinary hospitals in the region for operation.

Although the basic overhead costs are covered by the sacrificed income from veterinarians donating professional time to the CVC's, the establishment and maintenance still require funding. We also have several fundraising projects. The veterinary Industry donates products and staff to help at the clinics, but **professional nurses and**

administrative persons are needed to maintain the infrastructure of the project. The CVC relies on the public and corporate sector to strengthen the subsidy fund and to establish more clinics. The CVC has obtained an A18 status from SARS where we are now able to issue a certificate to donors which is tax deductible.

We have obtained a contract with the Provincial Government of Gauteng to run the pet care project. We would like to introduce this concept to other Provinces as well.

The members of VNASA are most welcome to visit some of the clinics in their area, and Erna Klopper will gladly do the necessary arrangements.

**Nurses are needed for these clinics – if you can donate your time even if it is one clinic per year!
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