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# ABOUT PAL

PAL was founded in 2011 by a group of Palestinian youth workers who recognised the damaging impact that the military occupation of the West Bank of Palestine was having on its young people. Growing up in an environment where violence was all around, the children often took out their frustrations on each other and animals. In a bid to break this negative cycle of violence, the PAL team began to teach human rights and animal rights as a combined discipline.

Now established as the only locally-run animal protection organisation within the occupied Palestinian territories, PAL's work continues to focus on the empowerment and education of young people, while also tackling some of the major animal welfare challenges in Palestinian society.

With a dedicated team of volunteers, the group is building an effective movement for animals in Palestine from the ground up.

## SAVING STREET DOGS

In 2015, PAL began to implement the very first spay and neuter programme for street dogs in Palestine. This groundbreaking project is the first locally-run initiative of its kind and will save the lives of hundreds of dogs, who are currently targeted by lethal control methods; including poisoning and shooting.

Working closely with local communities, the project seeks to implement long-term change by coupling humane treatment of animals with capacity-building within Palestine. In addition to carrying out the procedures, final year vet students will be trained on spay and neuter surgery. These young professionals will then take their new-found skills out into private practice and promote responsible pet ownership.

In addition the team will carry out public engagement activities to demonstrate how people can better understand dogs and be safe around them. These activities will lead to a reduction in deliberate attacks on dogs.

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Within the occupied Palestinian territories, working horses and donkeys are used in a number of different contexts. All uses of working equines present a number of potential welfare issues for the animals in question and, in the absence of proper husbandry and effective veterinary care, simple ailments and problems can develop into serious – sometimes life-threatening – conditions which can seriously impact the health and wellbeing of the individual animals in question.

In late 2015, PAL began a pilot project working with the owners of working equines in order to identify needs and potential solutions.

Working closely with a dedicated vet team and students from a local veterinary school, the project seeks to build capacity among both practising and student vets as well as owners of horses and donkeys in the region.

## YOUTH EDUCATION

Youth education and empowerment remains a cornerstone of PAL's work and is perhaps no better demonstrated than by the organisation's "Young Journalists for Animal Welfare" programme.

The programme, established between the PAL and three universities in the West Bank, began work in March 2015. The PAL team trained university students to act as mentors in a project which seeks to encourage schoolchildren to identify, understand and tackle animal welfare problems in their local communities by creating child-led campaigns to remedy problems.

Over 40 university students were trained in leadership skills, animal welfare science and animal ethics. They also learned how to plan and deliver successful animal protection campaigns. The students then passed their knowledge to over 280 schoolchildren, in 14 different schools and community groups throughout the West Bank.