
LETS SAVE
THE STRAYS
INTERNATIONAL
2025 ANNUAL REPORT
Humane Solutions for Free Roaming Dogs in Myanmar
Sterilization ▪ Vaccination ▪ Education ▪ Community Engagement

Founder's Message

To those of you who stood with us this year and supported this work, thank you.

Let's Save the Strays International was founded to build something that did not previously exist in Myanmar: a humane, locally led solution for managing free-roaming dog populations while protecting both animals and the communities that live alongside them.

Throughout 2025, our veterinary teams expanded TNVR programs in Mandalay and Yangon, strengthened rabies prevention education for children, and continued building a growing network of local volunteers and Community Animal Guardians who help monitor and care for dogs in their neighborhoods.

We also made important progress in strengthening the systems behind this work. Our teams adopted new technology to track sterilizations, vaccinations, and treatment outcomes, allowing us to better measure impact and guide future expansion.

At the same time, LSTSI continued to grow as an organization. We expanded our Board of Directors, deepening the leadership guiding our work, and launched the **Stray Guardian Circle**, a recurring giving program that provides consistent support for TNVR clinics, veterinary training, and community education. We also strengthened our fundraising events and campaigns, building a broader community of supporters committed to humane dog population management in Myanmar.

This progress did not come without challenge.

In March, a devastating earthquake struck Mandalay, causing widespread destruction across the city. As animals were left injured, displaced, or without reliable access to food and care, our team stepped in as first responders for free-roaming dogs and cats affected by the disaster. In the midst of crisis, the strength of our locally led model became even more clear — our teams were able to respond quickly, provide urgent care, and continue their work on the ground.



I spent the month of November 2025 in Myanmar working alongside our team, and I have never been more inspired to continue this mission than I am right now.

Thank you for continuing this mission with us.

Amy A. Shroff, VMD
Founder and CEO
Lets Save the Strays International



Why Myanmar?

Myanmar is home to millions of free roaming dogs.

In Myanmar, the historic absence of veterinary infrastructure for the millions of free-roaming dogs has led to a series of preventable crises: unchecked population growth causing widespread animal suffering, escalating conflict between dogs and people, and serious public health risks – rabies vaccination among free-roaming dogs is estimated at only about 20%.

Let's Save The Strays International is filling this void by operating the country's only high-volume, TNVR (Trap-Neuter-Vaccinate-Return) program. In 2025, we made the strategic decision to concentrate our resources in Yangon and Mandalay to maximize impact. Our work helps humanely manage the size of free roaming dog populations while increasing vaccination rates. Our education program helps promote healthy human-animal interactions, reducing the likelihood of incidents that cause injury or spread rabies.



2025 Program Impact



30,000
animals treated since 2018

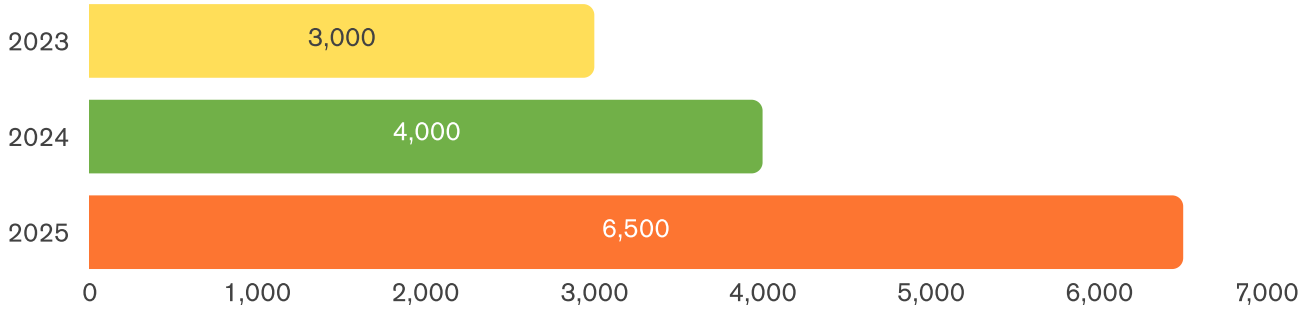
6,500
animals spayed/neutered and vaccinated (a 62% increase over 2024)

78%
spayed/neutered and vaccinated, within our 70–90% target

1,200
school-aged children educated on TNVR, rabies, and humane animal care, with knowledge increasing to nearly 100%

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veterinary students trained in high-volume, high-quality spay/neuter techniques

Animals Impacted



Our Strategic Framework

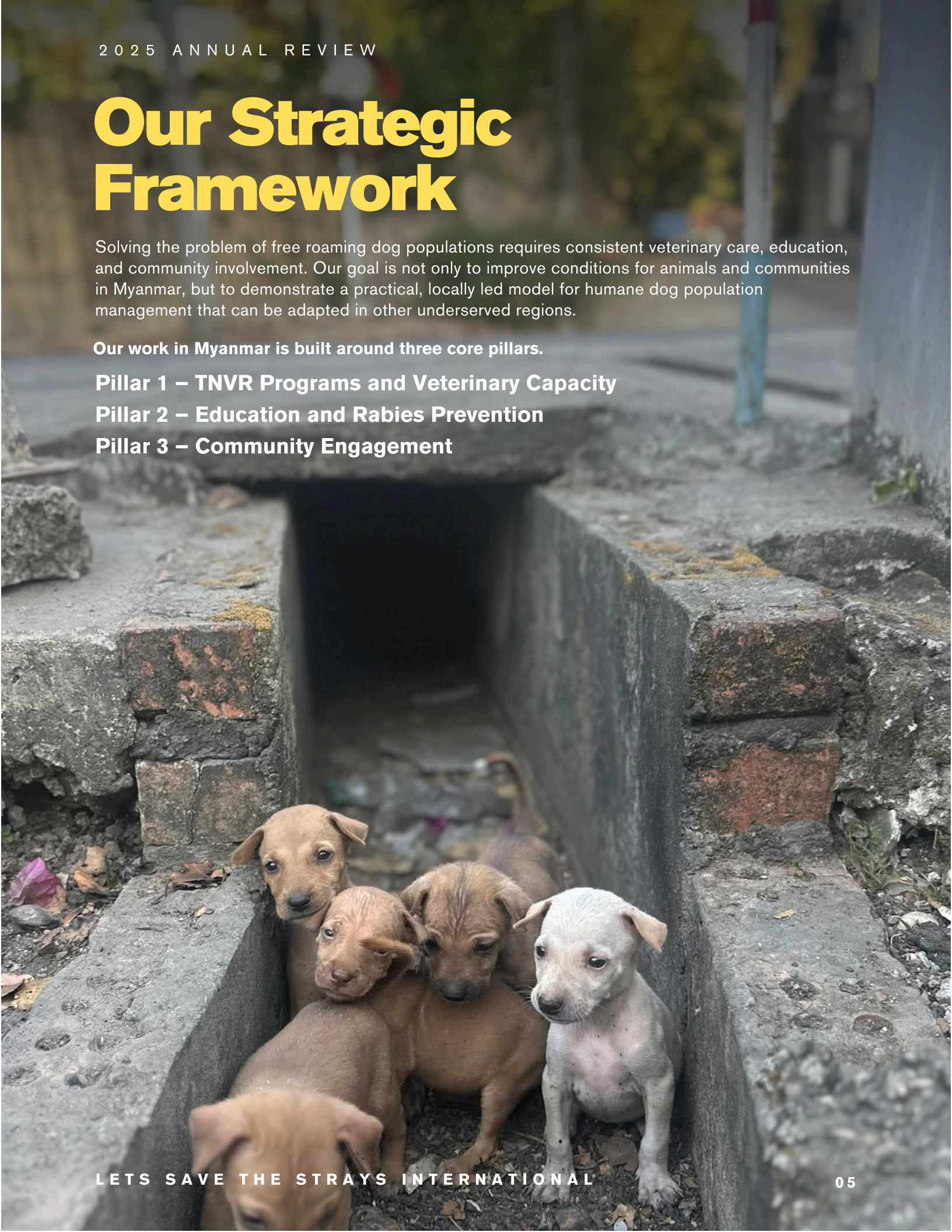
Solving the problem of free roaming dog populations requires consistent veterinary care, education, and community involvement. Our goal is not only to improve conditions for animals and communities in Myanmar, but to demonstrate a practical, locally led model for humane dog population management that can be adapted in other underserved regions.

Our work in Myanmar is built around three core pillars.

Pillar 1 – TNVR Programs and Veterinary Capacity

Pillar 2 – Education and Rabies Prevention

Pillar 3 – Community Engagement



Pillar 1

Support TNVR Programs and Resources

LSTSI supports consistent, large-scale sterilization and rabies vaccination aligned with **international best practice**

LSTSI strengthens humane dog population management by creating and expanding high-quality, high-volume TNVR programs and ensuring that Burmese veterinary teams have the training, mentorship, equipment, vaccines, and supplies required to operate independently and sustainably. Through ongoing capacity building and partnerships with experienced organizations and suppliers, LSTSI supports consistent, large-scale sterilization and rabies vaccination aligned with international best practice. Dogs are not only sterilized, but vaccinated against rabies while receiving other needed veterinary care.

2025 Highlights

Monthly TNVR clinics

Veterinary teams conducted regular sterilization and vaccination clinics in Mandalay and Yangon.

95% coverage at Yangon University

High sterilization coverage led to measurable reductions in dog numbers and rabies risk.

New data systems

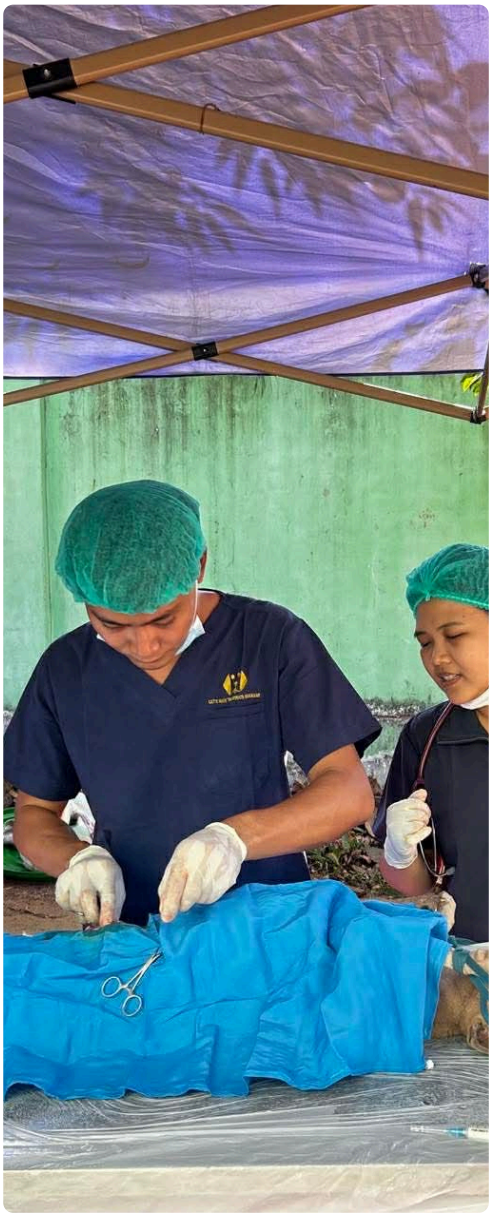
The Talea mobile platform now tracks surgeries, vaccinations, treatments, and geographic coverage in real time.

Veterinary training and mentorship

Team members completed advanced surgical training in Thailand.

Building the next generation of veterinarians

Veterinary students from the University of Veterinary Science volunteer at clinics and many join the team full time.



Pillar 2

Enhance Public Awareness and Advocacy

By the end of 2025 we had educated more than **1,200 children.**

LSTSI raises awareness of rabies prevention, humane dog management, and the benefits of TNVR as a One Health solution. Through education, outreach, and advocacy, the organization works to replace ineffective practices such as mass poisoning with humane, science-based approaches show to promote safer coexistence between people and dogs. A key focus of this work is education for vulnerable communities, particularly children who face a higher risk of dog bites and rabies exposure.

2025 Highlights

School-based humane education launched

LSTSI began a monthly education program in government schools serving vulnerable communities.

1,200+ children reached

Since August 2025, more than 1,200 students have participated in sessions on dog safety, humane behavior, and rabies prevention.

Rabies prevention and dog safety training

Children learn how rabies spreads, how to safely interact with dogs, and why sterilization and vaccination protect communities.

Simple, scalable community program

Education sessions are designed to work without technology or expensive materials so they can be easily delivered in local schools.

$5 educates one child

A small investment allows LSTSI to reach children with lifesaving knowledge about rabies prevention and humane dog management.





Pillar 3

Foster Community Involvement

We work with approximately **60 volunteers** and more than **80 Community Animal Guardians.**

LSTSI works closely with communities to manage free-roaming dog populations through collaboration and shared responsibility. By building networks of volunteers, street feeders, and local veterinarians and advocates, the organization creates important feedback loops that help identify dogs in need of care, support TNVR activities, and monitor animals after treatment. This community-centered approach strengthens local ownership, improves program effectiveness, and supports long-term sustainability.

2025 Highlights

140+ community partners engaged

LSTSI works with approximately 60 volunteers and more than 80 Community Animal Guardians.

Community Animal Guardians network

Local volunteer caregivers help feed and monitor dogs, identify animals needing surgery, and assist with transportation to clinics.

Post-surgery monitoring

Guardians track dogs after sterilization and report any complications or health concerns to the veterinary team.

Stronger local ownership

Community participation helps ensure the program remains responsive to neighborhood needs.

Sustaining long-term impact

Local volunteers and caregivers play a critical role in maintaining stable, healthy dog populations over time.







How We Target and Measure Impact

LSTSI combines **field data**, **veterinary expertise**, and **community knowledge** to guide where TNVR programs expand and to measure long-term progress toward **stable**, **healthy** dog populations.

Step 1: Monitoring Impact

In 2025, LSTSI began using the Talea app, developed by the International Companion Animal Management Coalition (ICAM), to track population sizes vaccination coverage, animal body condition, new puppies, pregnant females, and diseases such as transmissible venereal tumor (TVT) and mange. This information helps veterinary teams understand where dogs remain unsterilized or in need of treatment, and where additional clinics are needed, while allowing them to measure the impact of our efforts.



Step 2: Strategic Expansion

Using this data, LSTSI expands TNVR coverage into neighborhoods surrounding previous project sites rather than selecting locations at random.

Step 3: Achieving Population Stability

This approach allows sterilization coverage to grow across entire areas and helps communities move toward the internationally recognized goal of approximately 80% sterilization, the level needed to stabilize dog populations and reduce rabies risk.

What We're Seeing on the Ground

Across four communities, we surveyed 1,042 dogs after TNVR:

78%
spayed/neutered and vaccinated against rabies

73%
in excellent body condition with healthy skin

This level of coverage falls within the **70–90%** range needed to **stabilize populations** and **stop rabies transmission**.









Earthquake Response

MANDALAY, MYANMAR
MARCH 2025

In March 2025 Mandalay experienced a devastating earthquake. Reports estimate that between 4,000 and up to 10,000 people died, and many families remain homeless and jobless. Animal populations have increased in several areas as families struggle to care for pets. Because our teams were already operating TNVR clinics in Mandalay, we were able to respond immediately.

Working with local veterinarians and volunteers, we treated more than 2,000 dogs and cats for trauma, wounds, shock, and various other illnesses and distributed food for over 7,000.

We are now working with the International Fund for Animal Welfare to develop Myanmar's first disaster response plan for animals.

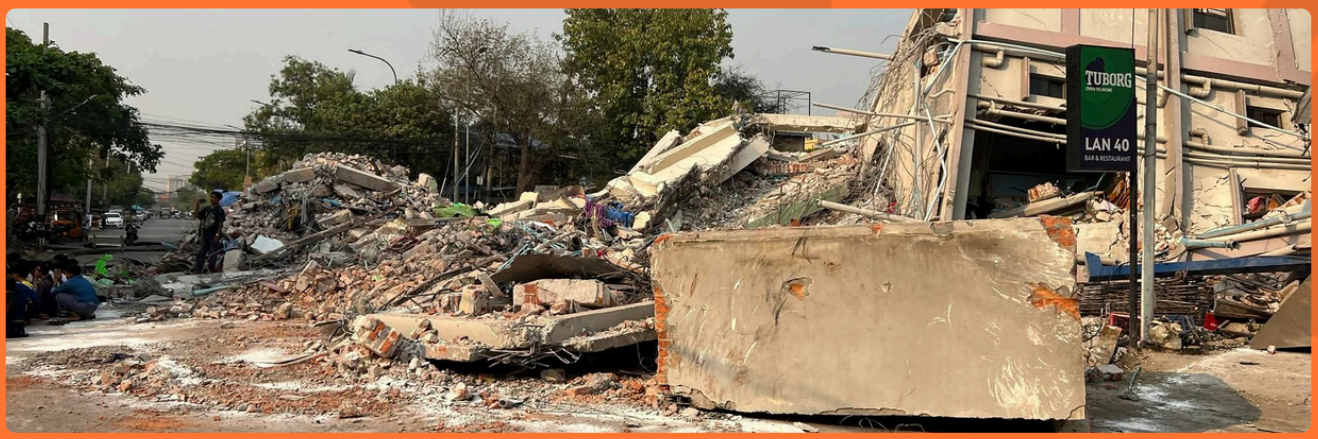
2,000
Animals Treated

7,000
Animals Fed





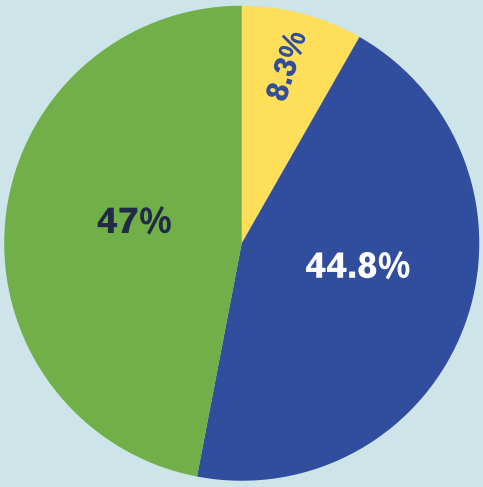




Financial Overview 2025

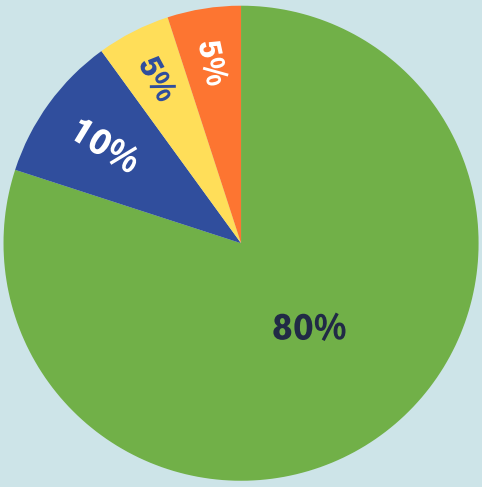
In 2025 Let's Save The Strays International raised **$314,000** to support programs in Myanmar. As a volunteer-led organization in the United States, **90%** raised goes directly to supporting veterinary programs, education initiatives, and emergency response work in Myanmar. Support for this work came from individual donors, institutional partners, fundraising events, and corporate support.

Funding Sources



- Individual Donors
- Grants
- Events

Program Spending



- TNVR and Field Medical Care
- Training
- Education
- Equipment & Operations

$314,000
Total Raised in 2025

90%
Directed to Programs

Stray Guardian Circle

In 2025 we also launched the Stray Guardian Circle, a structured monthly giving program designed to help sustain long term TNVR programs and education initiatives.

Monthly donors provide the steady support thatallows our teams to plan clinics, train veterinarians, and respond when emergencies arise.
What your support makes possible

$5
educates one child

$30
sterilizes and vaccinates one dog

$100
supports a veterinary student for one month of training



Looking Ahead

In 2026, LSTSI will continue expanding TNVR programs in Mandalay and Yangon while strengthening rabies prevention education and deepening partnerships with the communities that make this work possible. Using improved data and monitoring tools, our team will target areas where sterilization coverage can have the greatest impact.

Our goal remains clear: to build a sustainable, locally led model for humane dog population management in Myanmar and demonstrate how this approach can work in underserved communities around the world.

Priorities for 2026

Expand TNVR coverage

Increase sterilization and rabies vaccination across priority areas in Mandalay and Yangon.

Grow humane education programs

Reach more schools and children with rabies prevention and dog safety education.

Strengthen community networks

Support and expand the Community Animal Guardian program to ensure long-term monitoring and care for street dogs.

Join the Mission

The progress described in this report is possible because of a growing community of supporters who believe in humane, sustainable solutions for animals and people. There are many ways to help expand this work.

Become a Stray Guardian

Join the Stray Guardian Circle, our recurring giving community that provides reliable funding for TNVR clinics, veterinary training, and humane education programs.

Share the mission

Help expand awareness of humane solutions by sharing LSTSI's work with friends, colleagues, and your community.

Support emergency response and special campaigns

Throughout the year, supporters help fund urgent veterinary care, food distribution, and targeted TNVR initiatives through special campaigns.

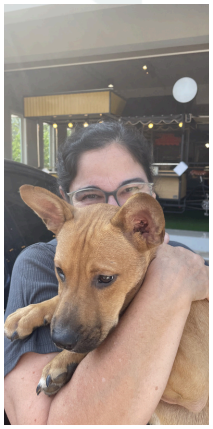
Participate in events and community initiatives

Fundraising events and awareness campaigns help grow the community supporting humane dog population management in Myanmar.













Thank You to Our Partners

The work described in this report would not be possible without the organizations and supporters who believe in humane solutions for managing free roaming dog populations.

