



Global Outreach Programs for Animal Welfare - México
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Columbus, OH (April 21st, 2025) — Central Ohio's Programs for Animal Welfare is proud to announce the launch of its international outreach program, Global Outreach Programs for Animal Welfare (GOPAW) to provide comprehensive veterinary services and data collection efforts to support improved public health in underserved regions, with the pilot program being established in rural Oaxaca, Mexico. Underpinned by a dedicated mission to enhance the lives of both animals and local residents, GOPAW offers a wide range of complimentary services—sterilization, vaccinations, diagnostic testing and parasite control—in addition to creating stable employment, providing advanced surgical training for local veterinary professionals, and presenting educational youth programming to help mold the next generation of animal advocates.

Mission Statement

Global Outreach Programs for Animal Welfare - México is dedicated to enhancing the lives of animals and improving public health in Mexico's underserved communities through our comprehensive and complimentary veterinary services. Our mission is to administer vital care and educational programs that advance animal welfare and community health. We provide essential services such as complimentary sterilization, vaccinations, and parasite control, each designed to address and mitigate the spread of preventable diseases and zoonotic risks. Furthermore, our efforts in permanent animal identification and extensive data collection on animal health and zoonotic diseases aim to inform and elevate public health initiatives. By offering these services at no cost, we ensure accessibility and effectiveness in our interventions, promoting a healthier future for both animals and humans in vulnerable areas.

Program Objectives

Global Outreach Programs for Animal Welfare - México aims to provide accessible veterinary care to vulnerable areas of Mexico through a comprehensive suite of services. Our objectives are as follows:

- To administer complimentary sterilization procedures for cats and dogs in underserved communities, reducing overpopulation and improving animal welfare.
- To deliver complimentary core vaccination services, safeguarding against common and preventable diseases among the local canine and feline populations.
- To implement complimentary deworming and ectoparasite control programs, mitigating the spread of parasitic infections and enhancing overall animal health while minimizing zoonotic risk.
- To offer accessible pet care education to community members, fostering understanding and compliance with veterinary recommendations, thereby positively impacting herd health and local animal welfare.
- To facilitate permanent identification (such as microchipping or ear notching) of sterilized animals, enabling effective data collection for research purposes and long-term tracking.
- To conduct comprehensive data collection on zoonotic diseases, including stool sample analysis to determine prevalence rates and identify common intestinal parasites among the studied animal population.
- To gather data on prevalent ailments such as transmissible venereal tumors, heartworm disease, and miscellaneous injuries, providing insights into pressing veterinary needs in the target regions.

The overarching goal of this data collection effort is to raise awareness of public health risks and advocate for increased grant funding to support larger-scale projects aimed at improving the health and welfare of animal populations in underserved areas of Mexico.

Opportunities for Involvement

- **Sponsorship & Partnerships:** Individuals, businesses and organizations are invited to sponsor clinics, equipment, and research or partner with GOPAW in events that raise awareness and drive community engagement.
 - **Donations:** Contributions directly support complimentary veterinary services, community education programs, and the ongoing gathering of critical public health data.
- Volunteer Participation:** Individuals can travel to or support GOPAW's field clinics in Mexico, assisting with animal care, community education, and data entry.

About Central Ohio's Programs for Animal Welfare

Headquartered at 2584 Billingsley Road in Columbus, Ohio and founded in 2020, Central Ohio's Programs for Animal Welfare is a registered charity organization, dedicated to providing accessible veterinary care to those who need it most—both locally and abroad. COPAW maintains a low-cost surgical center and wellness clinic at its main office and operates a foster-based rescue program serving the Midwest.

For questions, comments, or more information on volunteer opportunities, sponsorships, or partnership possibilities, please contact:

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