



# **THE FIRST CHEPs CONFERENCE & WORKSHOP**

“Education for community development”

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# INTRODUCTION

COMMUNITY PROJECT FOR ANIMAL WELFARE  
IN WAJIR COUNTY AT GRIFT DISTRICT

# BACKGROUND

Animal welfare is the physical and psychological well being of animal.

The first legislation towards animal rights was developed in 1641 in united state by the ***Massachusetts Bay Colony*** article 92 in its legal code called the “Body of liberties” which says “no man shall exercise any cruelty towards animal which he keeps for use”

There is need to take into consideration the animal welfare as policy stated in Kenya animal act cap 360, and animal diseases act cap 364 which protects against the cruelty of animals in the country through animal policy and legislation.

# BACKGROUND cont...

Communities in arid and semi arid areas are nomadic pastoralist where animals are used as livelihood. The welfare of the animals is not much observed in these areas due to ignorance.

The most suffered animal are donkeys as they are used to pull carts, collect water from far areas, collect fire woods which is the source of their income. The drought animals suffers due to overloading, poor harnessing methods which may lead to injury and mercy less beating of animals while working

# METHODOLOGY

The community has been facing this problem for long time. I managed to identify the problem through direct observations, interviewing of some pastoralist, and by means of questionnaires.

Curiosity got better of me to take an action and bring the matter to an end, I did this by mobilization and networking veterinary personnel and community leaders to support me on educating the pastoral community about animal's welfare as a volunteers.

# METHODOLOGY cont...

I called an official meeting to discuss on how to pass the information to the community where members agreed to educate the community using the following methods:

- Workshop
- Demonstration
- Group discussion

We scheduled the program on when to disseminate the information to the community and assembled all materials that were needed.

On the stipulated date we started workshop which took a period of three days to educate the pastoralist on animal welfare.

# RESULTS

Pastoralist appreciated and adopted the skills and knowledge that we gave them, this were as follows:

- They adopted Proper harnessing of donkeys and camels
- They are practicing animals rights e.g. freedom from thirst and hunger
- The cases of overloading the animals more than their carrying capacity were reduced by 80%
- They understood the important of using anesthesia during castration and branding

All the above results were noted by the feedback from the community and their leaders on better working of animal conditions.

The challenges that I faced are lack of capital, means of transport, since the community are pastoralist.

# DISCUSSION & CONCLUSION

The members agreed that they are going to create and propagate a sense of love in animals; nevertheless the high standard among the veterinarians is necessary to provide the information regarding the latest development in the field. The extension activities were undertaken for dreadful diseases like anthrax and other zoonotic diseases. Finally we are looking forward to ensure the rights of animals are observed in the community and adhered to.