The Jamaica Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (J.S.P.C.A) is a registered charity and was

founded in 1904 by Lady Lumb. It maintains good relationships with the various Societies for the

Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (S.P.C.As) in the United States and the Caribbean. The J.S.P.C.A

operates the only animal hospital in the island that treats all animals regardless of the client’s ability to

pay. It offers outreach spay/neuter programmes. It also inspects all pounds, private and public zoos and

advocates better conditions for all animals.

The J.S.P.C.A operates a full veterinary clinic at 10 Winchester Road, open Mondays to Saturdays, and

it also recently instituted a mobile clinic at Caymanas Track Limited on Saturdays and Sundays. The

veterinarians care for many different types of animals from dogs and cats to birds, horses, goats and

even cows! In many ways, animals are just like us (i.e. they need regular check-ups and visits to the

doctor!). Clients of the clinics make appointments providing their name, contact details and information

about the animal to be treated including the problem and whether or not they will be able to pay for the

service.

The J.S.P.C.A is often asked to remove unwanted animals from public or private areas which can be

anywhere in Jamaica. Members of the public call the office provide the name and contact details along

with the address from which the animal should be removed. This is a heart-breaking job, because

animals left to reproduce indiscriminately and forage for themselves usually are not good candidates for

adoption, and this means they have to be euthanized.

The J.S.P.C.A has advertised for the services of a software development team to provide the society with

an electronic system for tracking the many interventions done on a daily basis. The interventions include

treatment of animals at the clinics at Winchester Road and Caymanas Track Limited, and the removal

services.

When recording an intervention for a veterinary clinic visit the staff records an intervention number (e.g.

20130930-1), date and time intervention request was made. The client’s details including name (first and

last), contact number and whether the client will pay in full, make a contribution or cannot pay. They

also record the type of animal, the breed, gender, the approximate age of animal, reason for visiting the

clinic, the clinic visiting and the intended date of visit.

When a request for removal of an animal is received the staff records an intervention number (e.g.

20130930-1), date and time the request was made. The client’s details including name (first and last),

contact number, the address from which the animal should be removed and whether the client will pay in

full, make a contribution or cannot pay. Once the animal is removed it is either kept for adoption or it is

euthanized, the removal request records the outcome of the removal.

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