



2024 ANNUAL REPORT

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ABOUT ANIMALS FIJI

WHO WE ARE

Animals Fiji is a registered Fiji and U.S. 501(c)(3) charity with a focus on animal welfare. We ensure animal services and education are available to people throughout Fiji. We provide veterinary care for pets, livestock, and wildlife.

Animals Fiji was established in 2011 and have been in operation for over ten years. There are four permanent clinics based in the Western and Northern Divisions of Fiji; in Nadi, Lautoka, Savusavu, and Labasa.

In addition to the permanent locations, Animals Fiji performs outreach to communities in Fiji that lack access to veterinary and animal welfare services. The Nadi clinic also has a shelter which takes in stray, injured or abused animals, who are then treated and re-homed.

Animals Fiji is funded exclusively through donations and subsidised treatment fees, with no financial assistance from the Fijian Government.

OUR GOAL

To reduce the epidemic of stray dog and cat populations that plague villages, towns and rural areas, through de-sexing (spay/neuter) programs.

OUR MISSION

To improve the welfare of all animals domesticated & wildlife - resulting in better lives for both the animals and humans of Fiji, while helping to build a society without animal cruelty.

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PROGRAMS & SERVICES



Veterinary & Welfare Services



Community Outreach



Adoption-Guaranteed Shelter



Population Management



Exports & International Testing

Desexing & Vaccinations



Grooming & Boarding





Research & Innovation







MESSAGE FROM OUR CO-FOUNDER

Ni sa Bula Vinaka!

I am immensely proud of how far Animals Fiji has come since 2011. This year brought challenges and triumphs, but our dedicated team, volunteers, and supporters remained steadfast in improving animal welfare. Your passion, resilience, and commitment are the driving force behind everything we achieve.

A major milestone this year was the launch of our mobile clinic bus, which conducted its first outreach in Sigatoka, expanding veterinary access. This achievement would not have been possible without the generosity of our supporters-VINAKA. We also strengthened regional collaboration, leading efforts toward a Pacific animal welfare alliance that will drive long-term positive change for both animals and people, with more developments planned for 2025. By working together, we are creating a stronger voice for animals and advocating for sustainable solutions to challenges like overpopulation, limited veterinary care, and the need for humane education.

Our targeted desexing and outreach programs continue to create lasting change by reducing unnecessary shelter intake, helping pets stay with their families, and maximizing veterinary resources. These successes are a testament to the dedication of our veterinarians, staff, and volunteers who give their time, skills, and hearts to ensure every animal receives the care they deserve.

We also strengthened public awareness through our weekly articles in The Fiji Sun and a special feature at the Drua vs. Crusaders home game, where the Puppy Bowl was on the big screen and our on-site presence promoted responsible pet ownership.

With the support of our community and partners, we continue advocating for policy change and expanding services. Every act of kindness, every shared message, every hour volunteered—it all contributes to a better future for Fiji's animals. Together, we are making a difference, one animal at a time.

Thank you, vinaka vaka levu, & dhanyavaad!

Casey | Co-Founder & Managing Trustee



Organisation Trustees & Board

Active Fiji Trustees Casey Quimby

Amanda Sofield

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WHERE WE ARE NOW



Animals Fiji continues to make a profound impact, despite the sometimes overwhelming challenges faced daily. From helping injured animals, providing veterinary care to remote villages and adoption programs, our team remained steadfast in our mission.

Each month, we accomplished many things to be proud of—whether it was expanding our mobile vet services, reuniting lost pets with their families, or successfully rehoming animals in need. None of this would have been possible without the dedication of our team and the unwavering support of our donors, volunteers, and community.

2024 MONTHLY HIGHLIGHTS

JANUARY	Animals Fiji & MOA collab for Dog Overpopulation Cattle attacks in farms
FEBRUARY	Launched new designs of locally-made Animals Fiji merchandise
MARCH	Community Activation tent, Mobile Clinic, & TV commercial at the Super Rugby
APRIL	Adoption of Harmonia our longest staying shelter animal at 890 days
ΜΑΥ	Animals Fiji Shelter & Visit listed on Tourism Fiji Website
JUNE	Adoption of Goldie, paralysed shelter dog, to her forever home in NZ, ICAM presentation.
JULY	2nd Annual Shleter Adoption Drive in partnerhsip with all Fiji Shelters
AUGUST	Animals Fiji Mission to Tonga
SEPTEMBER	James the puppy found on the side of a road finds his forever home in Belgium
OCTOBER	Outreach at Mana Island, FNU Open Day, & tree planting with Westpac Fiji
NOVEMBER	Animals Fiji Staff Spartan Race 2 years in a row + 1 year anniversary of Reforestation Project
DECEMBER	Inaugeral Plantation Golf Tournament Fundraiser

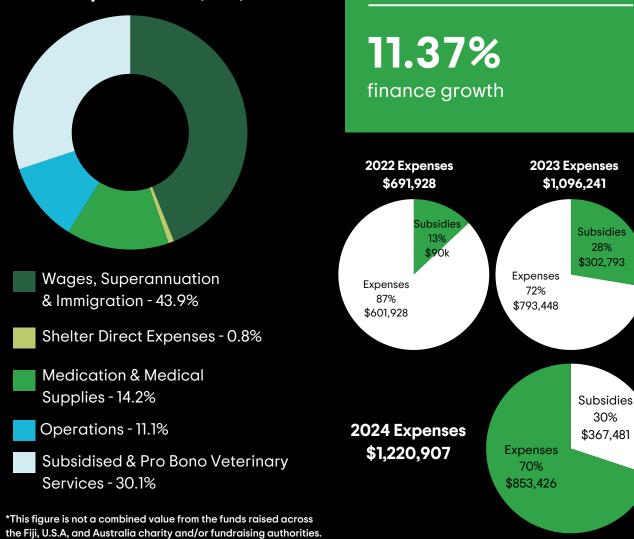
HARMONIA'S NEW HOME AFTER 890 DAYS

- Harmonia's story began in October 2021 when she arrived at our Nadi shelter. Surrendered by a resident in Lautoka, Fiji, she was described as quiet, scared, and needed medical attention. We provided her with the care she needed, including desexing and treatment for ticks.
- For over two years, Harmonia waited patiently at the shelter, featured on our adoption profiles and online platforms. In October 2023, a video showcasing her personality went viral, reaching over 200,000 views across our socials. Harmonia's story resonated with audiences worldwide, even being featured in articles by <u>MSN</u>, <u>Newsweek</u> (USA), and <u>Waimz</u> (UK).
- The viral attention led to a potential adopter in Florida, USA. We spent months preparing the
 necessary paperwork and medical treatments for Harmonia's international travel.
 Unfortunately, despite initial enthusiasm, the adopter stopped responding in December 2023.
 This was a disappointment for our team who work tirelessly to find loving homes for our shelter
 animals.
- However, hope wasn't lost. Long-time supporters of Animals Fiji, Thomas and Danielle, heard about Harmonia's story. Having previously adopted Kiki, another dog from our shelter, Thomas and Danielle welcomed Harmonia into their loving home in Taveuni, Fiji on April 4th, 2024. Harmonia now enjoys a wonderful life with her new family and their other furry pets.
- A heartfelt vinaka (thank you) to Thomas and Danielle for giving Harmonia the forever home she deserves.



2024 FINANCES

Total Expenses FJ \$1,220,908*



13.14%

increase in animals helped

KEY INSIGHTS

- Investing in Our Team: 43.9% of expenses go toward wages, superannuation, and immigration, including accommodation for veterinary teams—essential for sustaining skilled professionals in Fiji.
- Maximizing Every Dollar: We operate on a highly subsidized fee model, ensuring affordable care while covering essential costs.
- Unwavering Commitment: Despite financial constraints, we have never turned away an animal. We work within our available resources and collaborate with owners to ensure animals receive the best possible care.
- Medical Supply Challenges: 14.2% of expenses cover imported medications from New Zealand, Australia, the U.S., and India to secure the best value and quality.
- Efficient Shelter Management: Only 0.8% of expenses go toward shelter food, while cleaning costs are covered under Operations (11.1%).
- Broad Scope of Operations: Operations cover clinic utilities, outreach travel, transportation, marketing, and admin costs.
- Subsidized & Pro Bono Services: 30.1% of our expenses support low-cost and free veterinary care, allowing us to help more animals.

ADVANCING EQUINE CARE WITH NEW EQUIPMENT AND TRAINING

In 2024, Animals Fiji made a major leap in equine care with the support of Tim and Victoria from TRH Equine Veterinary Services, who trained our staff and those at The Horse Sanctuary - Riding, Rescue, and Rehabilitation in equine dentistry. This training, paired with a generous donation of dental equipment from Greg Grant Saddlery and Oliver Liyou from Equine Veterinary & Dental Services Pty. Ltd. (EVDS), allows us to become the first clinic in Fiji to perform dental procedures on horses.

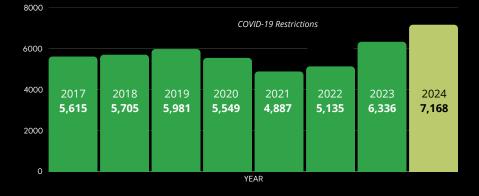
This milestone significantly enhances our ability to care for horses, ensuring better health and quality of life for the animals we treat. We are excited about the impact of this new equipment and grateful for the partnerships and donations that make this vital work possible. This collaboration strengthens our commitment to improving animal welfare in Fiji.

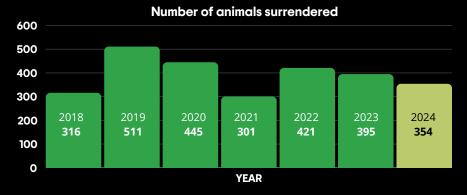




IMPACT BY NUMBERS

Building off of last years' major progress, we have continued to help more animals in Fiji. Our impact extends greater than our clinic locations in the Western and Northern Divisions of Fiji. Number of animals helped each year





NEW & CREATIVE WAYS TO RAISE ANIMAL WELFARE AWARENESS

In March 2024, we partnered with the Fijian Drua Super Rugby team to kick off their first home game of the season. Animals Fiji was honored to be the first Community Corner organization featured at a Lautoka home game, bringing animal welfare to the heart of Fijian sports.

Our community tent was a crowd favorite, featuring playful puppies in their own mini match, alongside our team raising awareness, selling new merchandise, entertaining fans, and cheering for the Drua right by the field! Adding to the excitement, we had our very own TV commercial air on the stadium's big screen, further amplifying our message. Our Veterinary Outreach Mobile Clinic (bus) was also proudly on display—at the time, it was still awaiting the final funds needed to get on the road.

Thanks to our generous supporters, the bus is now operational! After a trial run in Sigatoka, it will deliver vital veterinary care across Fiji in 2025. To keep it on the road, we need one more annual sponsor (FJ \$7,500) for fuel, maintenance, and operations—join us in making a difference today!



JAMES' INCREDIBLE JOURNEY: FROM NADI TO BELGIUM

It all began when a woman was driving her children to school along the back roads of Nadi. A small object caught her eye, and upon closer inspection, she discovered a tiny puppy, barely escaping the path of her car.

With quick thinking, she rushed to save the trembling pup, who was small, covered in sores, and in desperate need of care. Her daughter held the pup as she rushed him to the Animals Fiji Nadi Clinic. There, the medical team began treatment for his injuries and malnutrition. The staff named him James and soon fell in love with his resilient spirit.

Soon after, a couple of volunteers from Belgium, Nico and Marine, arrived at the clinic and formed a deep bond with James. Unable to leave him behind, they made the life-changing decision to adopt James. James embarked on a remarkable journey, first traveling to Canada and then to Belgium, where he was welcomed into his forever home.

James' transformation from a neglected puppy to a beloved family member is a testament to the power of compassion and the life-changing impact of adoption. Today, he lives a life full of adventure, love, and joyproof that every animal deserves a second chance.











DONORS & FUNDRAISERS

Over the past 13 years, the generosity of our donors has been essential in driving our mission forward. We rely solely on subsidized treatment costs and donations, as we have received no government funding to date. We are incredibly grateful for the unwavering support of our community, as each contribution plays a crucial role in helping us provide care and support for animals in need. Your support enables us to continue making a lasting impact, and we could not do this work without you.

EMERGENCY SURGERY TO SAVE GOAT



An urgent situation arose when a farmer from a nearby village rushed his struggling mother goat to our Savusavu Clinic. The goat had been in labor for an extended period, and her condition was rapidly deteriorating. The Ministry of Agriculture staff had already attempted to assist, but in the process, they accidentally caused a serious injury—the baby goat's leg was broken, and the kid remained trapped inside the mother.

Faced with a life-threatening situation and no time to waste, our medical team quickly assessed the situation and made the difficult decision to perform an emergency C-section. This life-saving procedure was essential not only to relieve the mother's suffering but also to give her a chance to survive. After a careful and precise surgery, we were able to safely deliver the mother goat from her pain.

While we were successful in saving the mother, tragically, the baby goat did not survive due to the injuries sustained. This case underscores the urgent and often complex nature of the work we do, where quick decisions and skilled medical intervention are needed to save lives.

This situation highlights the financial strain emergency surgeries can place on farmers. Given the farmer's limited funds, we offered significant discounts to make the procedure affordable. Donations, volunteer efforts, and belief in our mission allow us to provide subsidized services and be there in urgent times of need.

25 STAFF

Animals Fiji is powered by an incredible team of dedicated staff members who work tirelessly to improve animal welfare across the country. From skilled veterinarians and compassionate animal carers to hardworking support staff, each team member plays a vital role in rescuing, treating, and advocating for animals in need. Their passion and commitment make everything we do possible.



Alongside our dedicated team, volunteers play a vital role in supporting Animals Fiji. From community members who walk, feed, and care for shelter animals to vet students gaining hands-on experience and visiting vets providing expert care, their generosity and hard work make a lasting impact. Every volunteer helps improve the lives of animals in need.





















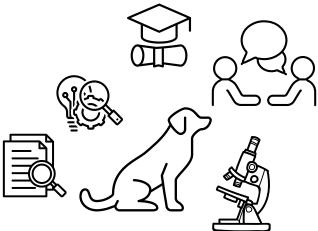
RESEARCH & INNOVATION

In 2024, Animals Fiji made significant strides in research and data collection to drive positive change for animals and people in Fiji. Our baseline data on ecology demographics and Knowledge, Attitudes, and Practices (KAPs) provides valuable insights to inform future animal welfare strategies. Additionally, our involvement with the University of Adelaide's heartworm research highlights our commitment to tackling critical health issues.

Since 2012, we have assisted research on canine genetics, and in 2015, we facilitated, managed, and collated data on the horse population, KAPs related to horse care, and other critical aspects of animal health and management. Our research efforts have continued to expand, with ongoing and future projects aimed at driving meaningful change. These initiatives play a key role in shaping population management and health strategies. We prioritize not only collecting data but also ensuring its accessibility to support evidence-based decision-making. Learn more about our research efforts at <u>Animals Fiji Research</u>.



Animals Fiji's Research initiatives focus on advancing knowledge to improve the lives of animals in Fiji and beyond. We collaborate with researchers, universities, and institutions to conduct studies and gather insights that drive positive change for animals. Through research, we aim to find innovative solutions to challenges in animal welfare and advocate for evidencebased practices that benefit animals and communities alike.





ADVANCING DOG POPULATION MANAGEMENT THROUGH RESEARCH & COLLABORATION

In June 2024, Animals Fiji, represented by Dr. Jessica Hoopes and Casey Quimby, presented findings at the ICAM Conference and later shared insights via a G2Z webinar. The study focused on Tavakubu Ward of Lautoka City to assess dog ownership trends and factors influencing free-roaming populations.

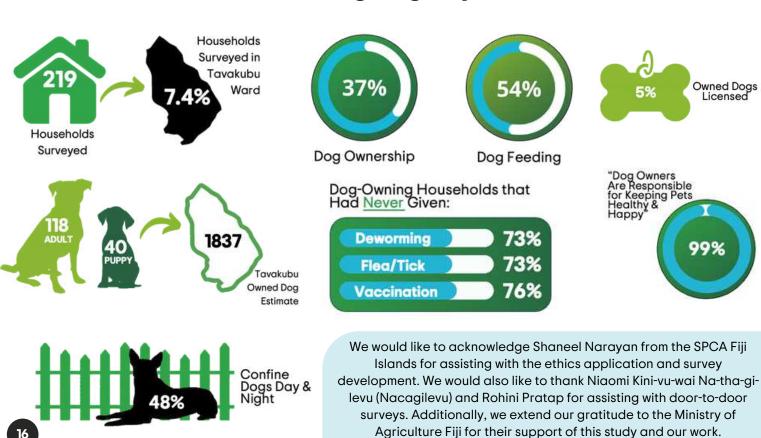
As part of baseline data collection, Animals Fiji conducted a structured household questionnaire to assess the demographics of the owned dog population and public knowledge, attitudes, and practices toward dog ownership. The survey was administered in Tavakubu ward between July and September 2023, with data collected through door-to-door interviews by trained volunteers. The study highlighted how human behaviors, including ownership apathy and indiscriminate feeding, contribute to the persistence of free-roaming dog populations.

Pathways to Sustainable Solutions:

- 1. Promoting Responsible Pet Ownership Emphasizing comprehensive care and sterilization.
- 2. Education & Community Engagement Encouraging long-term behavioral change.
- 3. Strengthening Policies & Enforcement Advocating for licensing and sterilization laws.
- 4. Collaboration & Resource Mobilization Partnering with stakeholders for sustainable action.

Addressing dog overpopulation requires shifting from reliance on free services to fostering responsible pet care. Strengthening community engagement and sustainable interventions will create lasting change.

Who Let the Dogs Out? Understanding Human Contributions to Fiji's Free-Roaming Dog Population



SUFFERING TO HOPE - ELLEN'S STORY

Meet Ellen, a dog who was rescued with the help of The Greater Good Foundation - Fiji and brought into our Nadi clinic. Ellen had endured the excruciating pain of a metal chain embedded around her neck for over a month.

Thanks to the dedication and expertise of our medical team, Ellen underwent surgery to remove the chain. The procedure was a success, and her wound was sutured and closed.

As you can see in the photos, Ellen has fully recovered and was adopted on Valentine's Day 2024. Every life-saving surgery we perform is made possible by your generous donations. Thank you for helping us continue to save lives like Ellen's and make a lasting difference in the lives of animals in need.

Her rescue serves as a powerful reminder of the critical need for education in responsible pet ownership and the importance of early intervention to prevent neglect and abuse. We are committed to not only providing immediate care but also creating a more compassionate community through outreach and awareness programs.



DOP'S STORY - ANIMALS FIJI IN TONGA



In August 2024, Animals Fiji teamed up with <u>Tonga Animal</u> <u>Welfare Society (TAWS)</u> carry out dog population management through spaying and neutering clinics, sponsored by Australia in Tonga. During this outreach, something special happened: an American tourist visiting Tonga, Emily, found a tiny, weak puppy on the street who was alone, scared, and on the brink of death. Unable to leave him there, she took him in for the night and brought him to our joint clinic the next day.



Our team, alongside TAWS, immediately began his recovery with fluids and basic medical care. But he needed more than just medicine, he needed love. That's when TAWS found Charli, a wonderful foster mum, to take him in. And with her care and TAWS' guidance, he made a drastic recovery. Over the months, Charli feel in love and decided to adopt him forever, giving him the name "Dop."

Now, Dop is a joyful, healthy dog, surrounded by love and safety. His story is a reminder of the difference we can make together.





LOOKING AHEAD

2025 looks to be another year of big milestone achievements for Animals Fiji. Here's a glimpse of what's ahead:

Rescue Readers After School Program - In collaboration with International School Nadi, students will have the opportunity to read to shelter dogs and cats, improving their literacy skills while fostering empathy and compassion for animals.

New Zealand South Island Bike & Car Rally - Goldie's human mum and dad are organizing an exciting bike and car rally around Christchurch to raise funds for Animals Fiji.

The Pacific Islands Animal Advocacy Alliance (TPIAAA) - 2025 will mark the official formation and launch of TPIAAA, uniting on-island organizations from across the Pacific to drive meaningful change for animal welfare.

Strengthening Community Engagement & Responsible Pet Ownership - Animals Fiji is expanding its efforts to promote responsible pet ownership through community education programs, including workshops, school visits, and media campaigns. These initiatives will focus on desexing, parasite prevention, and humane population management to improve animal welfare and public health.

Plantation Island Resort Golf Fundraiser Tournament - We're excited to return to Plantation Island Resort in November 2025 for our annual fun-filled day on the 9-hole greens, raising funds to provide life-saving care to animals across Fiji.

Flint's Journey to a Forever Home – Looking ahead, we remain hopeful for Flint, who has been in shelter since November 2021. Despite a tough start, he is affectionate and playful, eagerly awaiting his furever family. We are optimistic that 2025 will be the year he finds the loving home he deserves.









HOW YOU CAN HELP

GIVE

DONATE www.animalsfiji.org

PAYPAL www.paypal.me/animalsfiji

WESTPAC FIJI ACCOUNT:

Account Name: West Charity Trust Society Bank Account: 9803624577 BSB: 039019 SWIFT CODE: WPACFJFX

AUSTRALIAN BANK DETAILS:

Bank: ANZ, Bank Address: Pitt Street, Sydney Account Name: Animals Fiji Fundraising Account Account #: 207111293 BSB: 012110

ADOPT

Give the gift of a second life by adopting one of the many dogs, cats, puppies or kittens at the Animals Fiji Nadi Clinic.

Visit our website for information on adopting.

VOLUNTEER

Donate your time and skills by volunteering either in-person or remotely.

Visit our website for information on volunteering.

FUNDRAISE

Help raise awareness and funds for Animals Fiji by starting your own fundraiser.

MPAISA: Search for the business "Animals Fiji"

BSP FIJI ACCOUNT:

Account Name: West Charity Trust Society Bank: Bank of South Pacific (BSP) Bank Account: 8280636 BSB: 069017 SWIFT CODE: BOSPFJFJ

VENMO

www.venmo.com/u/animalsfiji

FOSTER

Fostering a shelter animal is an incredibly rewarding experience and makes our shelter kittens, puppies, cats and dogs very happy. Visit our website for information on <u>fostering</u>.

<u>BUY</u>

Buy our merchandise including t-shirts, hoodies, hats and more! Wear it and help Fiji animals. Browse our <u>merchandise store</u>.

SPONSOR

Sponsor a dog, cat, vet or a village visit. Visit our website for information on <u>sponsoring</u>.

<u>VISIT</u>

Come behind-the-scenes of our Nadi clinic to learn how we help animals in our tropical paradise. Visit our website for information on <u>tours</u>.









<u>SPONSORSHIP</u> OPPORTUNITIES

FIJI'S FIRST OUTREACH MOBILE CLINIC

Thank you to McDonalds, Flame Tree, and Fiji Water Foundation for being an annual sponsor of Fiji's first mobile clinic. Your company's logo will be proudly displayed on the clinic, showcasing your commitment to animal welfare as it travels throughout the Viti Levu.

One sponsorship spot is still available! <u>Contact us.</u> Annual Sponsorship Cost: \$7,500 FJD

COMMUNITY OUTREACH CLINICS

Our outreach clinics provide vital veterinary care to animals in unders=erved communities, including remote areas that our mobile clinic can't reach. Sponsors help cover medical supplies, transport, and staff costs, ensuring more animals receive the care they need. <u>Contribute today.</u>

REFORESTATION PROJECT

Help restore Fiji's endangered Dry Rainforest, where only 3% of this unique ecosystem is protected. Join us in planting native trees to expand and safeguard this vital habitat.

Corporate and family tree planting is free—simply book in advance to take part in this crucial conservation effort. Or become a bi-annual naming sponsor, funding a protective fence, educational signage, and environmental awareness on our tours. Your company or family name will be featured at the forest entrance, in social media, tours, and promotions.

Two-Year Naming Sponsorship: FJ \$20,000 <u>**Contact us**</u> to book a planting day or learn more about sponsorship opportunities.

SHELTER RENOVATION

Our shelter urgently needs a new roof, structural repairs, and facility upgrades, including improved animal enclosures, isolation rooms, and a better-equipped kitchen to make shelter animals meals. These renovations will create a safer, more comfortable space for the animals in our care.

Major sponsors receive three-year naming rights for the shelter, with recognition on-site, in social media, adoption alerts, and tours. Naming rights sponsorship: FJ \$100,000

<u>Contact us today</u> to discuss how you can help rebuild and transform lives!

MERCHANDISE

In 2024 we designed a whole new line of Animals Fiji merchandise so our supporters can show their love of animals and have an another way to help us raise funds to help animals in need.

Browse our merchandise store.



Our Animals Fiji branded bags are made by Rise Beyond the Reef, a charity that empowers Fijian women in rural and coastal communities. These women create the bags using locally sourced materials, and the proceeds help fund programs that improve their livelihoods and promote sustainable development. The bags are available for purchase at our Animals Fiji clinics as well as the Volivoli Beach Resort Boutique.





Thank you Vinaka vaka levu Dhanyavaad



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