



HISTORY

Kenya Women Veterinary Association



KWVA IN THE PAST



Pioneering the future of veterinary women
in Kenya. The 1993 KWVA workshop.



Dr. Rachael Masake(Left), the first Kenyan woman to graduate as a veterinarian, Impact Beyond Borders - Strengthening Veterinary Practice, in Cote de Ivoire, West Africa.

The Beginning

The story of the Kenya Women Veterinary Association (KWVA) is one of resilience, vision, and the relentless pursuit of equality. It reflects the determination of women who, despite societal constraints, dared to step into a male-dominated profession and forge a path for future generations. Women have historically played a crucial role in family care, animal husbandry, and food production. However, they often lacked access to education, resources, and decision-making roles in the agricultural and veterinary sectors. Traditionally, men owned livestock while women were responsible for their care, creating a gap in knowledge and skills transfer for women.

After Kenya gained independence in 1963, efforts to promote girls' education increased, but deep-rooted cultural norms made it challenging for women to pursue careers in science especially veterinary medicine.

The journey was lonely for early pioneers like Dr. Rachael Masake, who, in 1971, became the first Kenyan woman to graduate as a veterinarian. Her achievement came nearly a decade after independence. Dr. Masake often shared how she had to prove herself repeatedly, facing skepticism from male colleagues and farmers alike. Yet, she persevered, fueled by her passion for animal health and her belief that women had a critical role to play in veterinary medicine.

In March 1993, a small group of twenty female veterinarians came together to form KWVA as a branch of the Kenya Veterinary Association (KVA). Their goal was simple, to amplify women's voices in the profession, inspire young girls to join veterinary science, and support the professional growth of female vets. They understood that empowering women in veterinary

medicine would in return, improve animal health, community livelihoods, and food security.

Working with limited resources, KWVA members contributed their own money to fund activities, often traveling long distances to reach remote communities. They collaborated with local organizations and international partners, drawing inspiration from the World Women Veterinary Association (WWVA) to offer education, extension services, and career development opportunities for women in the field.

The presence of female veterinarians was instrumental as many female farmers felt more comfortable consulting with women extension officers. In turn, rural communities became more receptive to female veterinarians, likely due to the natural connection between animal care and family well-being.

KWVA's Principal activities:

1



Organize workshops and professional meetings for knowledge sharing and career development for members

2



Support women in livestock industries through extension (field days), education and dissemination of professional information

3



Provide a platform for women veterinarians to voice their concerns and advocate for equal employment and leadership opportunities.

4



Promote mentorship and role modeling for young girls interested in veterinary medicine.

5



Strengthen KVA's activities by enhancing female participation.

Challenges in Career Advancement

One of the major barriers to career growth for female veterinarians was the work-family conflict, which often prevented them from pursuing further training. Male colleagues were prioritized for advanced training, leading to better career progression opportunities for men. Other challenges included the following:

- Women veterinarians were under-

represented in leadership roles and decision-making positions.

- Societal expectations discouraged women from working in distant locations or challenging environments.
- Veterinary work required extensive travel and fieldwork, which was seen as unsuitable for women with family obligations.
- Women lacked financial support

to establish private practices due to land and property ownership biases.

To address this, KWVA members sought sponsorships for training through partnerships, such as with Winrock International Institute for Agricultural Development, enabling some women to access specialized veterinary education and compete for higher roles within the profession.

Beijing Conference & International Recognition



Prof. Susan Mbugua, Dr. Rachael Masake, and other international delegates during a visit to a veterinary institution in Beijing, China, as part of the 1995 Beijing Conference on Women.

A milestone for KWVA came in 1995 when the association participated in the Fourth World Conference on Women in Beijing. This event provided a global platform for discussions on gender equity across various professions.

Dr. Rachael Masake presented a report on KWVA's veterinary workshops across Kenya, while Prof. Susan Mbugua shared research findings on indigenous livestock treatment

methods, funded by the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations. Their contributions sparked international discussions on the role of women in veterinary science and traditional medicine.

Following the conference, Dr. Masake became the President of WWVA in Africa, using her platform to advocate for policy reforms whilst Prof. Mbugua was appointed

Regional Coordinator for Eastern Africa.

These leadership roles significantly enhanced KWVA's visibility and mission. KWVA pushed for change, advocating for policy reforms and greater recognition of women's contributions to the veterinary profession.

Workshops & Field Days



A farmer training session in Elburgon, empowering communities with important skills in animal care and welfare.

To address knowledge gaps in animal husbandry, KWVA organized workshops and field days tailored to specific community needs. These training sessions covered a range of topics, including:

- Calf rearing
- Livestock disease management and prevention (cattle, sheep, goats, pigs, poultry)
- Artificial insemination and infertility
- Meat and milk hygiene
- Public health concerns related to zoonotic diseases

To ensure continuous learning, informational pamphlets on key

livestock health topics were distributed to farmers.

Challenges in Community Engagement

- Women farmers, though heavily involved in animal care, were excluded from decision-making processes.
- Female vets often had to prove themselves twice as capable as their male counterparts to earn farmers' trust.
- Limited funds and transportation issues made it difficult to provide consistent follow-up support to farmers in remote areas.

Mentorship & Outreach Programs

KWVA understood the power of storytelling and personal connection, increasing mentorship programs to inspire the next generation of female veterinarians. The association launched school-to-school mentorship visits, where women veterinarians shared their experiences, challenges, and career opportunities with students.

In addition, KWVA used agricultural shows and veterinary exhibitions to:

- Provide career guidance and role modelling to aspiring veterinarians.
- Offer extension services to farmers.

The association also embarked on projects such as writing books, magazines, and training materials to further enhance outreach efforts.

Eastern Africa Women Veterinarians Regional Workshop: Beyond the Year 2000

The Eastern Africa Women Veterinarians Regional Workshop took place in Nairobi, Kenya, from November 2nd to 7th, 1998. Representatives from Tanzania, Zambia, Botswana, Malawi, Kenya, Uganda, Ethiopia and Zimbabwe convened to assess the achievements of women in veterinary medicine, address ongoing challenges, and outline strategies to enhance the role of female veterinarians in the region and globally.

The workshop highlighted the multifaceted responsibilities of the veterinary profession in Africa, which include improving animal productivity, ensuring food safety, and controlling major animal diseases that threaten public health. Participants emphasized the need for proactive measures to maintain high standards of animal health and safety across the continent.

Country reports presented during the workshop detailed both the obstacles and progress within the veterinary sector, leading to the development of a strategic action plan. This plan aimed to establish a regional network to tackle emerging challenges, such as food security, the increasing demand for animal products, and the restructuring of animal health services. It also highlighted the need to understand women veterinarians' lives and careers to promote inclusive growth and leadership in the profession.

Training of Pastoral Women in Animal Health and Production (2003-2005)

A project that equipped pastoral women in Magadi with practical animal health and livestock production skills. Supported by the Commonwealth Veterinary Association, the program enhanced local veterinary capacity, improved household livelihoods, and remains a beacon of sustainable pastoral practices.

Pictorial



Dr. Susan Mbugua's contributions to veterinary medicine at the University of Nairobi Clinic.



Spaying a dog during a KWVA field outreach program



A farmer training session in the 1990s, where men formed the majority of attendees as women were occupied with household chores.



The first KWVA workshop in Wangige, Nov 28, 1993—empowering women and educating on rabies



Professor Susan Mbugua alongside fellow veterinary professionals at a Women in Science Exhibit.



Farmers engage in an interactive session on disease management, vaccination, and breeding best practices.



Dr. Susan Mbugua's contributions to veterinary medicine at the University of Nairobi Clinic.

Sustainable farming starts with animal welfare. Training farmers on proper donkey harnessing.



A 1995 training session in Kibwezi, knowledge sharing under a tree.



KWVA TODAY



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As of 2025, the Kenya Women Veterinary Association (KWVA) represents nearly 200 women veterinarians working across diverse sectors. The association has grown into a dynamic force, driving

initiatives that empower women veterinarians while promoting One Health, animal welfare, gender inclusivity, and environmental sustainability.

Our Vision and Mission ►



A world where optimal animal welfare, human health and environmental sustainability are assured.



To unite and empower women veterinarians to promote animal, human and environmental health.



Strategic Objectives



Mentorship

- Develop structured mentorship programs to guide and inspire female veterinarians at all career stages.
- Build platforms for ongoing professional development, knowledge exchange, and leadership training.



Policy Influence

- Advocate for gender-equitable policies in veterinary practice, education, and public service.
- Collaborate with national and international partners to ensure women veterinarians have a seat at the decision-making table.



Community Engagement & Animal Welfare

- Organize community programs focused on improving livestock health, disease prevention, and public education.
- Extend veterinary services to rural areas, promoting sustainable animal care practices.



Environmental Advocacy

- Champion tree-planting initiatives to promote environmental sustainability and ecosystem health.
- Integrate environmental awareness into community outreach programs, linking animal welfare with conservation efforts.



Research Advancement

- Support research initiatives addressing local veterinary challenges and innovations.
- Encourage knowledge dissemination through publications and workshops.



Organizational Growth & Sustainability:

- Strengthen KWVA's internal structures and ensure financial stability.
- Embrace digital tools to connect with members and build global networks.



KWVA Structure and Meetings

Management:

The day-to-day affairs of KWVA is managed by Executive Committee Members (ECM) who are elected during KWVA Annual General Meeting and serve for a period of two years.

Executive Committee Members Meetings:

Normal meetings of the executive committee are held regularly on a monthly basis or as the committee deems appropriate.

Annual General Meetings:

KWVA holds an Annual General Meeting (AGM), in addition to any other meetings in that year. Special General Meetings are held in case the AGM is not held within the stipulated time.

Sub-committee Meetings:

The executive committee members allow for formation of ad hoc committees in line with the Association's objectives to oversee implementation.



University of Nairobi Veterinary Medicine Students pose for a photo with KWVA members after a mentorship forum .

Major achievements and impact

Mentorship Program

KWVA has mentored over 500 young female veterinarians through structured programs, workshops, and career development initiatives, helping them grow and lead in their fields. Since March 2023, the mentorship program has expanded significantly. KWVA reaches out to female students in colleges and universities, particularly at the University of Nairobi and Kenyatta University.

Key Activities:

- **First-Year Orientation:** For the first time in 2023, KWVA began mentoring first-year vet students, addressing gaps in guidance that students had expressed.
- **Final-Year Support:** Since 2019, KWVA has mentored final-year students, contributed to their graduation

celebrations, and sent representatives to offer career advice.

- **Primary School Outreach:** Mentorship extends to Mbagathi Primary, Vet Lab Primary, and even remote schools in Turkana, encouraging early interest in veterinary sciences.
- **Local Contacts:** KWVA designates members within institutions as points of contact for ongoing support and feedback.
- **Nationwide Expansion:** Plans are underway to place more mentors across the country to sustain and grow the program.

KWVA also enhances visibility through its website, showcasing projects and inviting new members to join the cause.

Sponsorship Opportunities

In 2023 KWVA introduced scholarships. The first recipient, a master's student researching rabies, received partial funding—a small but impactful gesture to encourage academic excellence. KWVA began supporting regular members, not just executives, to present research and

articles at KVA's scientific conference, doubling as a World Veterinary Day event. This democratization of opportunity amplifies the voices of ordinary members and models leadership for future generations.



A rich display of Turkana culture. KWVA members engage with the community and connect with womens groups that craft beautiful beaded dog collars, blending tradition with animal welfare.

Projects and community impact

Adopt-A-Girl Campaign:

KWVA champions menstrual dignity through sanitary donations, addressing period poverty and empowering young girls to stay in school. In 2023, KWVA distributed 504 sanitary towels and delivered menstrual hygiene education to 500 girls at Our Lady's Girls Secondary School in Kakuma, Turkana County.

This program underscores KWVA's belief that every girl deserves an uninterrupted education, regardless of her circumstances. In 2025, Ksh 101,600 has been raised through KVA members contribution that will be used to support needy girls.

Adopt-A-Kennel & Cattery Projects (2019):

As a corporate member of the Kenya Society for the Protection and Care of Animals (KSPCA), KWVA fundraised to build shelters at KSPCA, providing comfort to stray and abandoned animals. This initiative promotes humane care and reinforces KWVA's dedication to animal welfare.

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Partnership(2019–2025):

KWVA signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the University of Minnesota Center for Animal Health and Food Safety that promotes collaboration in the following areas:

- Knowledge sharing and networking among stakeholders.
- Identification of potential trainees and training opportunities for members of the veterinary services.
- Organization of joint conferences or symposia.
- Monitoring and evaluation of progress and impact of the collaborative activities.
- Strategic and sustainability planning.

Spay Sisters Collaboration (2021–2022):

KWVA partnered with Spay Sisters, TNR Trust, and Nairobi County for a 9-day sterilization and vaccination campaign across Nairobi, covering areas like Ruai, Kayole, and Kibra. This reinforced KWVA's commitment to

sustainable animal welfare and humane dog population control.

Environmental Conservation and Sustainability:

KWVA launched tree-planting initiatives in Turkana, Kajiado and Nairobi counties. These campaigns included community awareness sessions on reforestation and biodiversity, contributing to a greener Kenya.

Resilience Through the Pandemic:

Despite COVID-19 disruptions, KWVA remained active through online education presentations, virtual collaborations, and steadfast member support. This adaptability showcased the association's strength and unity.

Kick Rabies and Hydatidosis out of Turkana (2022-2026):

A Story of Compassion, Collaboration, and Lasting Impact: KWVA and the Turkana County Government launched a collaborative project that integrated

Projects and community impact

rabies and hydatidosis control with community empowerment. The project was conducted in two sub-counties (Turkana West and Central) between 2022 and 2024.

Key components of the project included rabies vaccination and deworming for dogs, population control through spaying and castration, community education on rabies and hydatidosis, and empowering women by supporting beaded dog collar production.

Additionally, the project provided menstrual hygiene education to

schoolgirls and sanitary towels to one school, along with planting trees as part of environmental conservation efforts.

During the project period; 795 dogs were vaccinated and dewormed, 196 surgeries (spay and castration) were conducted, 200 children were educated on the diseases, 3 women groups were supported through beading of the dog collars and 50 trees were planted.

This project serves as an innovative, gender-sensitive model for

addressing health and empowerment challenges in similar pastoral communities.

The project was made possible through the support of partners including the Directorate of Veterinary services, the Brooke East Africa, Agency for Cross-border Pastoralists Development, World Organization for Animal Health, Turkana Pastoralists Development Organization and Ultravetis.

Engaging the Next Generation in Animal Care - Children proudly holding puppies and a kitten, showcasing community involvement in responsible pet ownership and animal welfare education.



Elevating Member Welfare and Professional Growth

A Penny a Day Fund:

Originally launched as A-Dollar-A-Day, this welfare project encourages members to contribute as little as one shilling daily, building a collective financial safety net for emergencies and community investment.

Mental Health Support:

Post-pandemic, KWVA organized webinars with mental health experts, equipping members with tools to navigate stress, maintain emotional wellness, and sustain their passion for veterinary service.

International Engagement and Advocacy

World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH) Continental Conference (Nov 2024): KWVA showcased its Turkana project, sold

200 beaded dog collars handcrafted by Turkana women, and participated in gender discussions - elevating the association's profile and creating market linkages for local communities.

Regional and Global Collaboration:

On March 8, 2024, KWVA and the Female Veterinarians Association of Nigeria (FEVAN) held their first joint virtual meeting, exchanging ideas on inspiring inclusion and uplifting women veterinarians across Africa.

1st Kenya Women Veterinary Association Regional Animal Welfare Conference (Nov 2019): Held at Lake Naivasha Resort, this conference brought together 63 participants, including CVOs and animal welfare experts from across Eastern Africa.

The discussions encouraged collaboration and produced

recommendations on policy, capacity building, humane animal transportation, public awareness, and resource mobilization. The event culminated in the formation of an Eastern African Women Veterinary Association to coordinate regional animal welfare efforts.

Today, KWVA remains committed to;

- Expanding mentorship and career guidance programs for young girls.
- Strengthening networking opportunities for women veterinarians.
- Generating sustainable income for the association's programs.
- Advocating for better representation of women in veterinary leadership and policy-making.

KWVA'S Impact within Kenya Veterinary Association (KVA)



KWVA strengthens KVA through collaboration and visibility:

- The Association of Professional Societies in East Africa (APSEA) Awards recognized the Kenya Veterinary Association (KVA) with a leadership and excellence award, thanks to the strong impact of KWVA's mentorship programs. These programs have helped many young women grow in their veterinary careers and boosted gender equality in the field. Through KWVA's mentorship, young vets are paired with experienced professionals for guidance. Many mentees have gone on to take up leadership roles, lead community animal health projects, and contribute significantly to the veterinary profession. This kind of one-on-one mentorship, combined with

career workshops and continuous learning opportunities, shows just how committed KWVA is to shaping the future of veterinary medicine in Kenya.

- **Continuous Professional Development (CPD) Activities:** Partnering with organizations like WOAH, ZOETIS, and the University of Minnesota, KWVA facilitates continuous professional development through workshops, online meetings, and training sessions.
- **Gender Study Project:** A 2023 gender equality study conducted by KWVA revealed that 58% of respondents believed gender influenced missed career advancement opportunities, while 73% agreed that more work was needed to improve diversity in veterinary leadership. The research highlighted persistent gender biases within the profession and advocated for policy changes to enhance equality.

Pictorial



KWVA collaborating with the Spay Sisters team to promote responsible pet population management through spay and neuter programs.



KWVA team in a strategic meeting with the Governor of Turkana County, discussing key community initiatives.



Community members participate in dog care education, with beaded collars promoting responsible pet ownership.



KWVA members leading by example in environmental conservation through tree planting. Every tree counts in creating a greener, healthier future



A KWVA veterinary professional carefully performing a sterilization procedure as part of KWVA's initiative to promote responsible pet ownership and control stray dog populations.



Dr. Lucy Muthui and Dr. Rose Owada during Adopt A Girl session at Kabete Vet lab Primary/Junior School



KWVA

FUTURE OUTLOOK



WHAT'S
NEXT?



KWVA future outlook



The heart of KWVA beats through its incredible members - past and present - whose loyalty and dedication fuels the association's progress.



Women like Dr. Rachael Masake, Prof. Susan Mbugua and so many others laid the foundation of KWVA, proving that when women unite, they create lasting change. Their legacy is a reminder that courage, commitment and vision can break barriers and open doors for future generations.

KWVA carries this torch forward, dedicated to uplifting the next wave of female veterinarians. Growth isn't just about number, it's about mentorship, support, and creating a space where every woman feels seen, heard, and empowered.

As more women join, they bring fresh energy, new ideas, and the drive to push boundaries. Through strong partnerships, both in Kenya and beyond, KWVA will continue to expand opportunities, build knowledge, and make a real impact. But more than anything, its future is shaped by the unwavering belief that together, women can transform veterinary medicine and change the world.

Honoring the Members of KWVA

The heart of KWVA beats through its incredible members - past and present - whose loyalty and dedication fuels the association's progress. These remarkable women, driven by passion and purpose, have selflessly given their time and talents to uplift others, creating a nurturing environment for aspiring veterinarians.

KWVA members are mentors, tirelessly guiding young girls and early-career vets, sharing knowledge, and inspiring confidence. They contribute ideas to strengthen the association, enhancing a culture of growth and adaptability. Every year, they come together to celebrate occasions like International Women's Day and World Rabies Day, not only commemorating global events but actively participating in activities that make a tangible impact on communities. Their presence in various forums, both regionally and internationally, continues to elevate KWVA's reputation, showcasing Kenya's expertise and leadership in veterinary science. Their skills,

perseverance, and collaborative spirit resonate deeply with KWVA's mission, reinforcing the association's role as a beacon of empowerment and progress. Through every event, every policy discussion, and every community service project, KWVA members embody resilience and unity, demonstrating what's possible when women come together to create lasting change. Their contributions echo far beyond Kenya's borders, influencing veterinary practices and policies.

Celebrating Leadership & Unity

The history of KWVA is a testament to the dedication of its chairpersons, each of whom has brought a spirit of progress and inspiration to the association. Their leadership has nurtured growth, strengthened collaboration, and elevated the status of women veterinarians in Kenya. Through their collective efforts, they have built a lasting legacy of respect, perseverance, and excellence, paving the way for future women veterinarians to thrive.

KWVA Pioneering Members

These remarkable women have not only shaped the history of KWVA but have also paved the way for future generations of women veterinarians to thrive and lead. Their collective legacy is a testament to the power of commitment to advancing veterinary medicine in Kenya.

Dr. Rachael Masake

A fearless pioneer, Dr. Masake broke barriers in the field, advocating for inclusivity and professional excellence. Her relentless efforts to support young female vets have left an indelible mark on the Kenyan veterinary landscape.

Prof. Susan Mbugua (Past Chairperson)

A leader in veterinary medicine, Prof. Mbugua's unwavering dedication laid the groundwork for KWVA's formation. Her vision for a space where women veterinarians could thrive has inspired generations, and her mentorship echoes through the lives of countless veterinary professionals.

Dr. Cathryn Wanjohi (Past Chairperson)

A passionate supporter of KWVA's mission, Dr. Wanjohi's work to promote visibility and recognition for women veterinarians has helped elevate the association's profile.

Dr. Charity Gichuki (Past Chairperson)

A passionate advocate for women in leadership, Dr. Gichuki's work within KWVA has expanded opportunities for mentorship and professional growth, helping many young women navigate their veterinary careers.

Dr. Esther Ng'ethe (Past Chairperson)

Dr. Ng'ethe's legacy of enhancing connection and solidarity among female vets remains a cornerstone of the association, her efforts helped establish KWVA's supportive culture.

Dr. Tabitha Kimani

A foundational figure in KWVA, Dr. Kimani's commitment to mentorship and creating professional development pathways for women veterinarians continues to inspire.

Dr. Sabenzia Wekesa (Past Chairperson)

A dedicated pioneer, Dr. Wekesa's continued support from abroad through global connections and outreach has expanded KWVA's influence beyond Kenyan borders.



Dr. Romona Ndanyi (Past Chairperson)

A steadfast contributor to KWVA's formative activities, Dr. Ndanyi's work in amplifying the voices of women in veterinary leadership has been transformative.

Dr. Marilyn Karani (Past Chairperson)

A dynamic leader, Dr. Karani's tenure as chairperson saw KWVA flourish, with her legacy of growth and innovation continuing to guide the association's future.

Prof. Lilly Bebora

A respected academic and researcher, Prof. Bebora's contributions to veterinary science and her commitment to empowering women in the profession has strengthened KWVA's mission and uplifted the broader veterinary community.

Dr. Elizabeth Waithanji

A champion of gender equity, Dr. Waithanji's research and advocacy have amplified the voices of women veterinarians, making space for their contributions to be recognized and celebrated.

Dr. Mary-Anne Ihiga (Past Chairperson)

A steady supporter of the association, Dr. Ihiga's early contributions to KWVA helped build a nurturing network for women, promoting collaboration and collective progress.

Dr. Teresa Gichane

A tireless advocate for continuous learning and community engagement, Dr. Gichane's influence has helped shape KWVA's approach to capacity building and professional development.

Dr. Purity Nguhiu (Past Treasurer)

A dedicated pioneer and current committee member, Dr. Nguhiu's sustained involvement in KWVA reflects her deep commitment to the association's growth and the advancement of women in veterinary medicine.

Dr. Joan Magero

A passionate advocate for public health and veterinary excellence, Dr. Magero's advocacy for women's inclusion in all aspects of veterinary practice has shaped KWVA's core values.

Dr. Patricia Wasike

A firm believer in equity and fairness, Dr. Wasike's efforts to push for gender balance in leadership and decision-making have been instrumental to KWVA's evolution.

Dr. Mary Teresa Agutu (Past Chairperson)

A pillar of strength in the association's early days, Dr. Agutu's contributions to policy development and advocacy have left a lasting impact on the veterinary profession.

Dr. Jacqueline Kasiiti (Past Secretary)

An early member with a global perspective, Dr. Kasiiti's efforts to connect KWVA with international veterinary networks have enriched the association's development strategies.

Dr. Joyce Thaiya

A foundational member, Dr. Thaiya's commitment to creating opportunities for women veterinarians and impacting the community remains a guiding light for KWVA's ongoing work.

Dr. Josephine Wright

A passionate advocate for education and veterinary research, Dr. Wright's contributions helped build KWVA's foundation, ensuring knowledge-sharing remained central to the association.

Dr. Elizabeth Koroti

A devoted champion of animal welfare, Dr. Koroti's efforts to intertwine veterinary practice with empathy and advocacy have enriched KWVA's collective mission.

Dr. Jacinta Mwirigi

A key figure in supporting rural veterinary outreach, Dr. Mwirigi's work helped bridge the gap between professional practice and community service, inspiring future generations.

Dr. Tabitha Mugethi

An early advocate for continuous professional development, Dr. Mugethi's dedication to equipping female vets with evolving skills has been invaluable to the association.

Dr. Sophycate Njue (Past Chairperson)

A relentless voice for grassroots veterinary initiatives, Dr. Njue's contributions have helped extend KWVA's impact to communities across Kenya.

Dr. Lydia Nzoka

A tireless advocate for public health integration in veterinary science, Dr. Nzoka's vision has strengthened the holistic approach KWVA takes to community health.

Dr. Jane Githinji (Past Secretary)

A pillar of mentorship, Dr. Githinji's guidance and dedication to nurturing young veterinary talent continue to shape KWVA's vibrant community.

Dr. Grace Gachacha (Past Secretary)

A visionary leader, Dr. Gachacha's efforts to enhance policy advocacy for female vets have amplified the association's influence in national conversations.

Dr. Eunice Ndegwa

A compassionate advocate for wildlife conservation, Dr. Ndegwa's work has helped expand KWVA's scope to include Kenya's rich biodiversity.

Dr. Eunice Nderitu

A steadfast contributor to research and capacity building, Dr. Nderitu's legacy is woven into KWVA's dedication to scientific excellence.

Dr. Elizabeth Ouko (Past Treasurer)

A vocal advocate for gender parity in the profession, Dr. Ouko's contributions have empowered more women to pursue veterinary research and teaching.

Dr. Judy Kimaru

A passionate community builder, Dr. Kimaru's efforts to strengthen unity and collaboration within KWVA have been important to the association's growth.

Dr. Annie Lewa

An ardent supporter of veterinary ethics and integrity, Dr. Lewa's leadership has helped uphold KWVA's commitment to professionalism and moral practice.

Dr. Monica Wahinya

A leader in veterinary policy, Dr. Wahinya's influence has helped shape the regulatory landscape, creating more opportunities for female veterinarians.

Dr. Abuga Mary Adhiambo

A tireless advocate for sustainable animal health solutions, Dr. Abuga's work has enriched KWVA's efforts to create lasting change in communities.

Dr. Joyce Gakombe

A beloved mentor, Dr. Gakombe's nurturing spirit and dedication to empowering young women vets have left a lasting impact on KWVA's culture.

Dr. Jane Wachira

A steadfast advocate for mental health and wellness, Dr. Wachira's work has helped prioritize well-being within the veterinary profession.

Dr. Monicah Maichomo

A champion for gender equality in academia and research, Dr. Maichomo's contributions have empowered more women to pursue veterinary research and teaching.



Other KWVA Members (Past and Present)

1. Dr. Agnes Maina
2. Dr. Alice Mwangi
3. Dr. Alice Njehu
4. Dr. Alice Okello
5. Dr. Alice Seda
6. Dr. Alice Wambui Mwangi
7. Dr. Amuguni Hellen
8. Dr. Anima Sirma (Past Chairperson)
9. Dr. Ann Muthoni Njeri
10. Dr. Ann Ndeke
11. Dr. Anne Olang'o
12. Dr. Brenda Cherotich Kimetto
13. Dr. Brenda Machoka
14. Dr. Bridgit Muasa
15. Dr. Buke Wako Yussuf
16. Dr. Caren Ndeti Wambua
17. Dr. Carol Nakhumicha
18. Dr. Caroline Bunyesi
19. Dr. Caroline Muneri
20. Dr. Catherine Gatome
21. Dr. Catherine Kaluwa Kaingu
22. Dr. Catherine Mutunga
23. Dr. Cecilia Ngugi
24. Dr. Charity Karimi
25. Dr. Charity Njoki Nguyo
26. Dr. Chebet Joice
27. Dr. Chege Hannah Wambui
28. Dr. Chepkwony Maurine Cherotich
29. Dr. Cherotich Edinah
30. Dr. Christine Mbindyo
31. Dr. Christine Wachira
32. Dr. Coleta Cheroni Sang
33. Dr. Damaris Mwololo
34. Dr. Debora Mbotha
35. Dr. Deborah Owira Otieno
36. Dr. Emily Kathambi
37. Dr. Emily Muema
38. Dr. Emily Mwai
39. Dr. Esther Wangari
40. Dr. Esther Wanjiku Macharia
41. Dr. Eunice Atieno Omondi (Past Treasurer)
42. Dr. Eunice Chepkwony
43. Dr. Eva Katile
44. Dr. Eva Mwikali Musyimi
45. Dr. Evalyn Wanjiru Muihia
46. Dr. Faith Gakura
47. Dr. Farzana Karim
48. Dr. Florence Kanini
49. Dr. Florence Kinyanjui
50. Dr. Francisca Ngatia
51. Dr. Gladys Mugambi (Past Chairperson)
52. Dr. Grace Atieno Mboga
53. Dr. Grace Gikungu
54. Dr. Grace Maina
55. Dr. Grace Watene
56. Dr. Harriet Atyang Obela
57. Dr. Harriet Oboge
58. Dr. Jackline Merab Wasonga
59. Dr. Jamila Zulfikar Mamujee
60. Dr. Jane Kamau
61. Dr. Jane Lwoyero
62. Dr. Jane Mburu
63. Dr. Jane Mugure Kiarie
64. Dr. Jane Mutuku
65. Dr. Jane Mwithaga Gitonga
66. Dr. Jane Njeri Njuguna
67. Dr. Janet Mwadime Mghambi
68. Dr. Jaquinviah Gila
69. Dr. Jeniffer Gachago
70. Dr. Jessicah Kurere
71. Dr. Joan Muchai
72. Dr. Joan Muraya
73. Dr. Joan Wairimu Maluki
74. Dr. Josephine Ongoma
75. Dr. Joyce Macharia
76. Dr. Joyce Shamshudin
77. Dr. Joyce Wanjiru Ndirangu
78. Dr. Julia Kinyua
79. Dr. Kaiba Wairimu Grace
80. Dr. Karega M'Aburi
81. Dr. Karen Macharia
82. Dr. Keziah Maina
83. Dr. Khadija Chepkorir
84. Dr. Leah Ndungu
85. Dr. Lekan Koech Angela
86. Dr. Lesley Sercombe
87. Dr. Lilyan Wanjiku Mathai
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