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About CANDi and Message from the Founder

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CANDi – Cats and Dogs International, Inc. is a United States 501(c)(3) nonprofit founded by Darci Galati in 2006. CANDi leads Humane Tourism to improve the lives of free-roaming, stray cats and dogs in tourism destinations. Its work includes sterilization, veterinary care and community-centered partnerships.

With local partners, CANDi supports mobile field clinics where veterinary teams provide care in the communities they serve.

Message from the Founder

CANDi was founded in 2006 with a belief that free-roaming, stray cats and dogs in tourism destinations deserve compassionate care. Through our work in Humane Tourism, we continue to put that belief into action.

This year, I am proud of what CANDi and the Camotes Aspin Project, founded and led by Cassandra Cooper, have accomplished alongside local communities, veterinary teams and volunteers. Their dedication has helped bring essential veterinary services to communities across Camotes.

These clinics are possible because of the commitment of local residents, veterinary professionals, volunteers and municipal partners. I am grateful for the people who make this work possible.

As we look ahead to 2027, we will continue working with the Camotes Aspin Project, strengthening local partnerships and developing our Humane Tourism initiatives. Through our Visiting Vet Program, we want to help make veterinary care more accessible and encourage practical, locally supported care.

I am grateful to everyone who has contributed time, expertise and resources to this work.

Darci Galati



Founder and President
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Our Impact in 2026

In Camotes, CANDi and the Camotes Aspin Project work with local partners and visiting veterinary teams to provide sterilization, vaccination and other care for cats and dogs.

410

Sterilizations in November 2026. During a five-community mission, five visiting veterinarians from four countries sterilized 410 animals. The Municipality of San Francisco provided vaccines.

900+

Sterilizations since 2023. Cumulative number of cats and dogs sterilized in Camotes since local field operations began in 2023. This is not a 2026-only total.

2026 clinic activity

Other 2026 activities included sterilization clinics in Barangays Esperanza and Santiago and a trap-neuter-vaccinate-return program.



Camotes Aspin Project

Established in 2023 and based in San Francisco, Camotes Islands, Cebu, the Camotes Aspin Project is a volunteer-led initiative coordinating local animal welfare work in partnership with CANDi. Together with visiting veterinarians and community partners, it supports sterilization and vaccination programs through mobile field clinics.

Local project leadership coordinates venues, works with municipal leaders and oversees post-operative recovery across barangays. These local relationships help visiting teams deliver care in the communities they serve.



Location
San Francisco, Camotes Islands, Cebu

Delivery
Volunteer-supported mobile field clinics

Services
Sterilization, anti-rabies vaccination, fostering and TNVR

Accomplishments with the Camotes Aspin Project: 2026

During 2026, the project continued its field clinics and expanded its work with visiting veterinary teams and local communities.

FEBRUARY 2026	**Barangay Esperanza.** The first international veterinary mission sterilized 69 animals and tested mobile-clinic logistics.
APRIL 2026	**Barangay Santiago.** A single-location clinic sterilized 131 animals, the project's largest event to that point.
MAY 2026	**Pound closure and TNVR.** Following the closure of the municipal pound, the project assumed long-term care of animals housed there. Its first trap-neuter-vaccinate-return (TNVR) program reported 70 animals neutered.
SEPTEMBER 2026	**Doctor Jasmine Marie and her team** from Leyte, Philippines sterilized 50 dogs and cats as an alternative to dog impoundment.
NOVEMBER 6–15, 2026	**Five-community mission.** 410 animals sterilized in ten days, the largest mission of the year.



Local Community Support

The Camotes clinics depend on local participation and coordination. Communities host clinics in venues including covered barangay halls, schools and municipal centers. Community members bring cats and dogs for care, help with outreach and support post-operative follow-up.

Local care, follow-up and repeat clinics help sustain the work of visiting veterinary teams. The Municipality of San Francisco provided vaccines for the November 2026 mission.



Visiting Vet Program

Camotes has no resident veterinarian, so visiting veterinary teams are essential to animal care on the island. Through the Visiting Vet Program, licensed veterinarians and veterinary technicians volunteer their time and clinical skills, working with local teams in temporary field-clinic settings.

Services described across the campaigns include spay and neuter surgery, vaccination, parasite control, wound care and emergency treatment.



Personnel
Licensed visiting veterinarians and veterinary technicians

Model
Volunteer-supported mobile field clinics

Clinical scope
Sterilization, vaccination and other care provided during campaigns

Clinical Supplies and Resources

Veterinary professionals, medicines, surgical supplies and local coordination are all part of delivering mobile field clinics. Clinic operations use sterile drapes, gloves, sutures, antiseptics and medications, supplied through donations and local coordination.



Humane Tourism and the Casa Verde Pilot

CANDi leads Humane Tourism with the welfare of free-roaming, stray cats and dogs at its center. Its approach supports humane care and responsible animal population management in the destinations people visit.

CANDi's Humane Tourism initiative is being piloted at Casa Verde Cliff Resort and Spa in Camotes, in collaboration with the Camotes Aspin Project. The pilot explores how tourism businesses can support community animal care and help build guest awareness of animal welfare.

The Humane Tourism framework

CANDi's framework places humane care and responsible management of free-roaming, stray cats and dogs within the wider context of destination stewardship, community well-being and responsible tourism. It recognizes the role tourism businesses can play alongside local communities, veterinary professionals and animal welfare partners in supporting coordinated, lasting care.



Finances

Full-year 2026 financial information will be available following year-end financial reconciliation.

Leadership and Board of Directors

Founder



Darci Galati
Founder & President



Cassandra Cooper
Co-Founder

Board of Directors



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Ioannis Gaitanakis, Animal Welfare Governance
Shawn Talbot, Hospitality

Looking Ahead to 2027

In 2027, CANDi plans to continue its sterilization and vaccination programs in Camotes with the Camotes Aspin Project and to launch the Humane Tourism Destination Initiative in Camotes.

Planned activities include trap-neuter-return (TNR) and catch-neuter-vaccinate-return (CNVR), with support from local communities, municipal partners, visiting veterinarians, tourism businesses and other supporters.

Building on local partnerships

CANDi's next phase will build on the relationships established in Camotes, connecting community-led veterinary care with tourism partnerships and practical Humane Tourism initiatives. The goal is to encourage a coordinated approach that benefits animals, communities and the destinations people visit.

Exploring future destination opportunities

CANDi is also exploring opportunities to extend its Humane Tourism work to Greece, building on relationships with local animal welfare partners and the potential for future destination initiatives.



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