

AAP IN A NUTSHELL – 2025

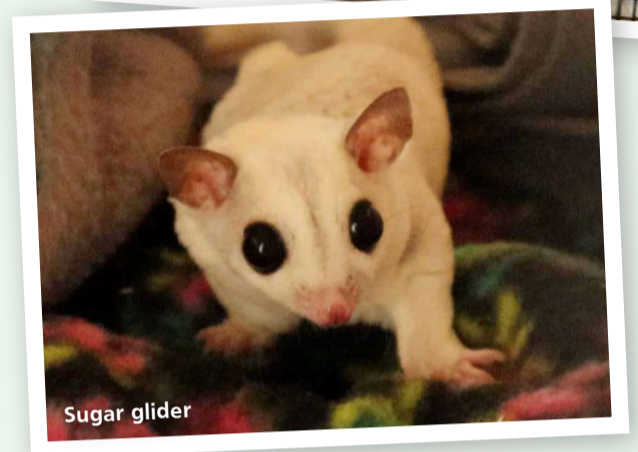
IN THIS 'NUTSHELL', WE SUMMARIZE THE MOST IMPORTANT MILESTONES THAT AAP ANIMAL ADVOCACY AND PROTECTION ACHIEVED IN 2025. THE FULL 2025 ANNUAL REPORT (IN DUTCH) IS AVAILABLE AT WWW.AAP.NL/JAARVERSLAGEN

ANIMALS AT AAP

In 2025, AAP once again helped many exotic mammals to a better life. One of these animals is the young Barbary macaque Chitto, who had been kept as a pet. Chitto was taken from his mother at a young age and given as a birthday present to a private owner in Germany, complete with nappies and a harness. At our rescue centre in Spain, Chitto was given a safe place and was introduced to a caring foster mother. We also rescued nine sugar gliders that had been living under a staircase in a private home in the Netherlands. In addition, silver foxes Mazy and Yzma were taken in by AAP. A Dutch drag hunting club had used their urine and faeces to create scent trails. The animals were kept in very poor conditions. They have since been outplaced to one of our partners, where they now have a comfortable home.



Barbary macaque Chitto







Sugar glider






Tiger Aqua

TOTAL NUMBER OF ANIMALS IN OUR CARE (31 DECEMBER 2025)

 Chimpanzees:	35
 Other primates:	143
 Big cats:	28
 Other mammals:	120
Total:	326
In the Netherlands:	235
In Spain:	91

NUMBER OF ANIMALS RESCUED IN 2025

 Big cats:	2
 Primates:	21
 Other mammals:	75
Total:	98



Silver foxes Mazy and Yzma

OUTPLACED ANIMALS

In 2025, we found a new home for 100 animals (3 chimpanzees, 17 other primates, 8 big cats and 72 other mammals) with outplacement partners both in the Netherlands and internationally. For example, tiger Aqua was outplaced to a beautiful enclosure at Noah's Ark in the United Kingdom. On 31 December 2025, a total of 568 AAP animals were living with 207 different outplacement partners, mainly across Europe.

A BETTER EUROPE FOR EXOTIC MAMMALS

AAP works tirelessly to prevent animals suffering in Europe. We provide a safe haven for animals in need while also advocating for improved animal welfare legislation across Europe.

WE FOCUS ON:

- ◆ Private ownership of exotic pets
- ◆ Wild animals in entertainment
- ◆ Illegal trade (in Barbary macaques)

PRIVATE OWNERSHIP OF EXOTIC PETS

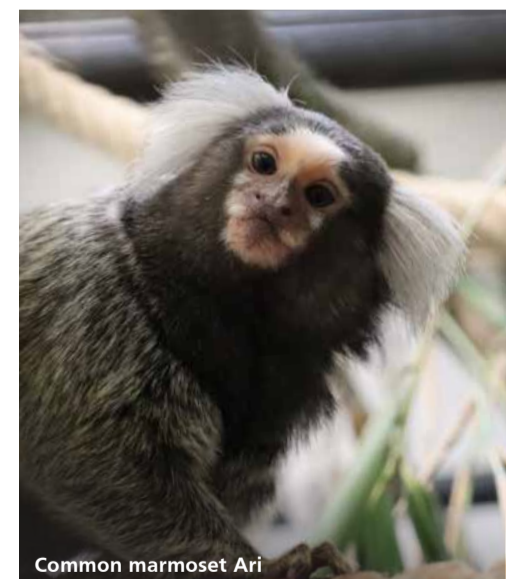
In 2025, AAP once again worked to curb the private ownership of exotic pets. In Brussels, we continued our efforts to build support for an EU-wide Positive List. We launched the #WildAnimalsNotPets campaign in the European Parliament and contributed expert input to the EU feasibility study on an EU-wide Positive List.

In the Netherlands, AAP joined the legal proceedings concerning the Dutch Positive List as an interested party. We used our own research and expertise to underline the importance of such a list. Political attention for AAP also remained high, with visits to AAP Almere from State Secretary Jean Rummenie and Robert Barker, an alderman from the Hague.

In Spain, progress was made on the royal decree for the draft Positive List. We provided expert contributions, feedback on legislative proposals, and input for the new Spanish great ape law.

In Germany, political support for Positive Lists continued to grow, with a key milestone being our parliamentary evening. The national debate was strengthened when the animal welfare spokesperson of the CDU publicly voiced opposition to the keeping of wild animals following our event.

AAP also remains involved in the development of Positive Lists in other EU Member States. We furthermore made great progress on the Model Methodology project, made possible by the Postcode Lottery. This project aims to develop a standard methodology for creating Positive Lists. Although the methodology is not yet complete, several EU Member States have already expressed interest.



Common marmoset Ari

Finally, AAP expanded its international network during the CITES CoP20 in Uzbekistan. During this important global conference, we organised well-attended sessions on our Born to be Wild project, Positive Lists, and data collection related to the trade in exotic pets.

WILD ANIMALS IN ENTERTAINMENT

AAP advocates for a ban on the use of wild animals in circuses across Europe. As part of this effort, we financially supported the Hungarian NGO Una Terra in their research



Tiger Nashik

into the situation of wild animals in circuses. The research is still ongoing but has already led to valuable contacts with political stakeholders who will play an important role in future advocacy.

ILLEGAL TRADE (BARBARY MACAQUES)

Since 2017, AAP has been working in two national parks in Morocco to protect the critically endangered Barbary macaque. Through the Born to be Wild project, made possible by the Postcode Lottery, we work closely with the Moroccan authorities and other partners to stop poaching and illegal trade. And with success: in recent years, many Barbary macaques have been intercepted and seized, and fewer animals are being taken from the wild. As a result, the wild populations are slowly recovering.

Of course, all seized animals must be given a suitable place. That is why we have been working hard on something unique in AAP's history: returning Barbary macaques to the wild. In 2022, 35 confiscated animals were transferred to Tazekka National Park, where they were prepared in a special rehabilitation centre for their return to nature.

In 2025, we reached an important milestone: on 1 October, the first 15 Barbary macaques were released in Tazekka National Park! In the first weeks, they stayed close to the release site, but gradually they began to explore deeper into the park. The animals are monitored using GPS collars by a dedicated monitoring team.

A second group of Barbary macaques was also prepared for release last year and is expected to be set free in the spring of 2026.



Barbary macaques in the wild

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT - WE COULDN'T DO IT WITHOUT YOU!

Our private donors contributed a total of €11,660,467 in 2025. However you supported us, we thank you sincerely – without your help, we would not be able to help animals in need.

DONORS

In 2025, AAP received donations from 59,042 donors. We are extremely grateful for the strong connection so many people feel with our mission.

LEGACIES AND BEQUESTS

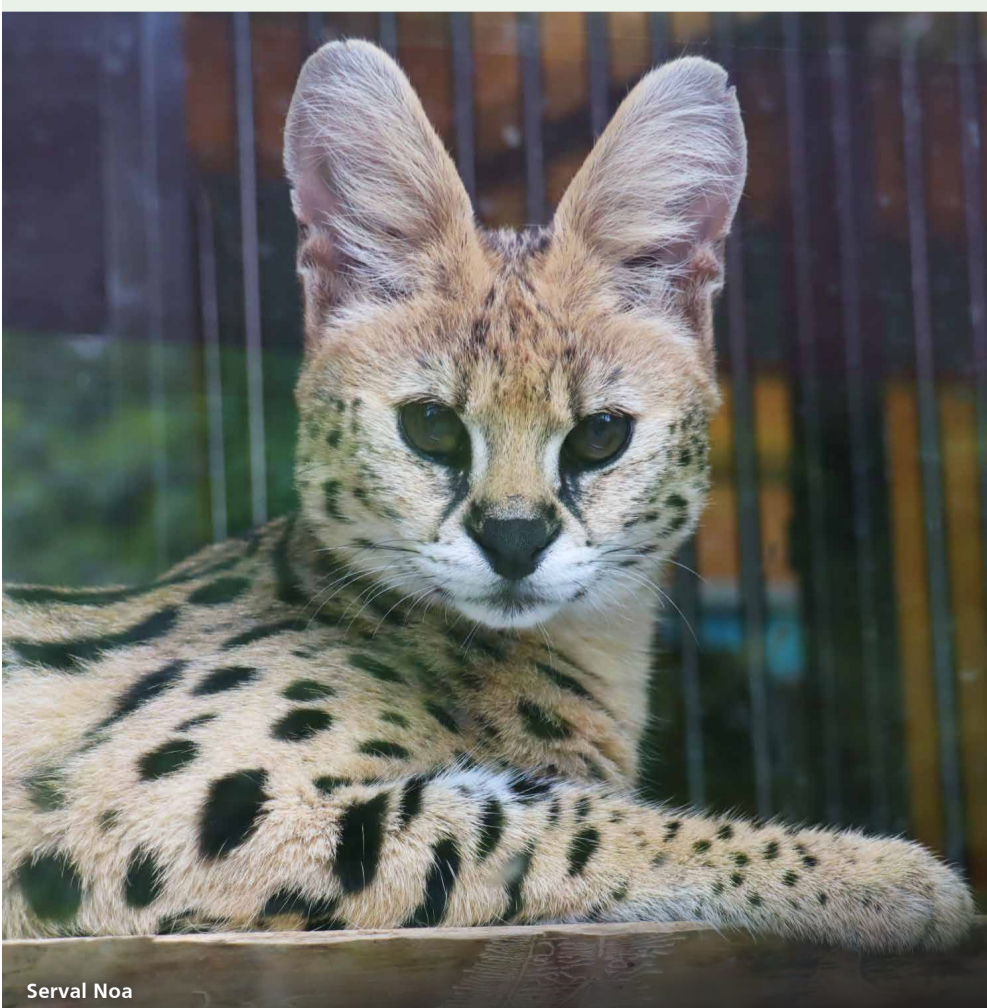
In 2025, we received €6,177,440 in legacies and bequests. This form of giving is invaluable to AAP and constitutes a significant part of our income.



Chimpanzees Julio and Regina



Lions Marley and Elsa



Serval Noa

EXPENDITURE

Of our total expenditure, 80.9% is spent on AAP's core mission: sustainably improving the welfare of exotic mammals. That equals 80.9 cents of every euro spent. This includes rescue, care and outplacement of animals, as well as prevention work and public engagement. The remaining 19.1% is used to ensure the organisation continues to operate.

GOOD NEWS FROM THE POSTCODE LOTTERY

At the start of 2025, we received excellent news: the Postcode Lottery increased our annual contribution to €600,000. In addition, in December we learned that the Postcode Lottery has extended its multi-year partnership with AAP by another five years. Thanks to Postcode Lottery participants, we can continue rescuing animals in need and offering them a new future – something we are incredibly grateful for.

