

**Animal Balance will continue to liaise with APS and the Samoan Government, with the aim of conducting a campaign here later this year.**

**Such a campaign would likely involve 15-20 volunteers visiting Samoa for a two-week period, during which they would desex hundreds of animals, provide community education, train local personnel in areas such as dog catching and surgery, and help to implement a dog registration program.**

**If such a visit were successful, Animal Balance envisions conducting repeat campaigns here in Samoa every 6-12 months, to continue to work on the dog problem. While it will take several visits from Animal Balance before a large improvement in the dog problem is likely to be seen, evidence from their other overseas campaigns shows that solving the problem by this method is possible. Animal Balance is very keen to help Samoa, but they said that there was no quick-fix to the dog problem, and for this project to be successful, it would require the ongoing co-operation and support of not only the Samoan Government and APS, but also the entire Samoan community.**