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Non Profit Organisation  
Number : 063 - 126 - NPO

# PetPals

## *Newsletter – May 2009 – Distributed by Chameleon Innovation*

Friendly greetings from the PetPals team. Following is our latest newsletter to give you an update on the voluntary work we do.

I was previously known as Blackie from the Beverly Hills township area. My previous 'owner' approached Dawie & Yolanda some time ago asking them to put me to sleep because I had ticks & flees... Fortunately, Dawie & Yolanda took me to their own home, they gave me a 'spring-cleaning', and then I was rehomed to a wonderful forever home in Cape Town. I did not only find a wonderful new human family, but also a great doggie buddy. My new owners emigrated recently to the UK and there was no other way for them but to take the 2 of us with them. Thanks to Dawie & Yolanda's intervention, I progressed from a previously flea-covered dog from a township in the Strand to a tail-wagging citizen of the UK! *WOEF-WOEF !!!*

I am so glad Blackie was rescued by Dawie and Yolanda and that she joined our family – I just love my doggy buddy and it is great that she has moved with us to the UK !!!



# 5 Fundraising Project : GOLF DAY 5



We are extremely excited about our very first fund raising project: a golf day! The best part is that PetPals did absolutely nothing to initialize or organise this event – the initiative came from Ockie & Hester Vermeulen from The Pro Shop (situated at the Somerset West Golf Village and Driving Range). They wanted to support an animal welfare organisation by means of a golf day, and PetPals was chosen as the lucky beneficiary. Words can not express our appreciation towards Ockie & Hester for this wonderful initiative – they took the organising of the whole event upon themselves, which is so comprehensive it is hard for us to grasp...!!! We want to sincerely thank Ockie & Hester for their initiative – their generosity will go a far way in helping PetPals to improve the living conditions of animals in townships and poor communities.

FOR THE GOLFERS OUR THERE, PLEASE JOIN IN THE FUN...



*Come on guys, what better excuse will you ever get to play a round of golf... Not only will you be playing your favourite game, but you will actually be contributing to the wonderful cause of improving the living conditions of animals in townships and poor communities. And for the girls out there who want to show the guys how to play ball, you are obviously also welcome.*

*THIS DAY CAN ONLY BE A SUCCESS IF THERE ARE GOLFERS TAKING PART, SO PLEASE JOIN IN THE FUN*

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## WHAT?

- Fourball Betterball Stableford ●

## WHEN?

- 12 JUNE 2009 ●

## WHERE?

- STRAND GOLF CLUB ●

## HOW MUCH?

- SINGLE PLAYER: R300 ●
- PER FOURBALL: R1200 ●

## HOW CAN I JOIN IN THE FUN?

**TO BOOK CONTACT: OCKIE VERMEULEN**  
**TEL. 083 664 8309 / 021 852 8598**

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# WE LOVE HAPPY ENDINGS!

You might remember the mommy cat from our December Newsletter who lived in the parking area outside the municipal building in the Strand. We fed her for many weeks before we managed to rescue her and 2 of her 3 kittens (at that stage about 10 weeks old). The mommy was rehomed to a wonderful home in Muizenberg, and her 2 kittens were rehomed by the SPCA in Grassy Park. However, the not-so-happy part was that her 3<sup>rd</sup> kitten ran away during the rescue operation. Although we did our utterly best to find the 3<sup>rd</sup> kitten, the only thing we could do was to notify all surrounding land owners of her disappearance. She miraculously survived nearly 3 weeks on the street and then returned to the same house where her mom and siblings were rescued. Thanks to the help of the land owner, we managed to rescue her and then we took her to our wonderful temp home in Somerset West.

At that stage we thought that being on her own at such a tender age would have negatively affected her trust in humans forever. At first, Cleo was hissing and spitting like a wild cat, but as soon as she met the other kittens in foster care, she calmed down immediately. Within 24 hours, Cleo was held by her temp (human) mommy and within 48 hours after her rescue she was rehomed to a wonderful forever home (together with kitten Toby). It just goes to show that even a kitten who has never experienced human touch in her life (who would have been dismissed as 'feral' by most people) just wanted some tender love and care...



*Cleo's mommy (before being rehomed)*



*Toby (left) and Cleo (right)  
[Spot the mom-&-daughter resemblance...]*

During Dawie & Yolanda's daily excursions through the townships and poor communities, they recently came across this 4-5 week old puppy in the Rusthof area. He was carried around by children in an empty 5l paint tin, cold and curled up at the bottom of the tin... Dawie & Yolanda immediately took him to their home, gave him the standard spring-cleaning, and named him Plascon. During his vet check-up the vet confirmed that he would definitely not have survived if he stayed much longer in that tin...

After about 3 weeks in foster care, Plascon was happy and healthy and got rehomed to a wonderful forever home. ☺

PLASCON



# SO WHAT ABOUT THE STATS...

Since 1 September 2008, when PetPals formally started to operate as a registered Non Profit Organisation, we are proud to say that we have managed to build up the following stats:

KIND OF PET	STERILISATIONS	RESCUED and REHOMED
CATS / KITTENS	88	100
DOGS / PUPPIES	126	57
TOTAL	214	157

In addition to the above stats, we had to have 10 animals euthanized due to old age or unrecoverable illnesses / injuries. The above stats obviously exclude hundreds of animals who are touched by Dawie & Yolanda on a weekly basis by means of feeding and pet care (such as provision of shelter & bedding, treatments for ticks, fleas, worms & mange, etc.).

## PLEASE HELP US (if you can...😊)

We are, as always, in dire need of your support. We are really struggling to help the many disadvantaged animals in the townships and poor communities due to very little funding available to us, while the needs among those animals are ever increasing. Money is mainly used to pay for vet bills, animal medication, and sterilisations. We REALLY don't want to start showing animals in need away...

WHILE THE GOLF DAY WILL HOPEFULLY BRING IN (A VERY WELCOME) ONCE-OFF INCOME, WE DESPERATELY NEED CONTINUOUS FINANCIAL SUPPORT. WE MAINLY RECEIVE AD HOC DONATIONS (FOR WHICH WE ARE VERY GRATEFUL), BUT **WE NEED A STEADY FLOW OF INCOME OF AT LEAST R5000 PER MONTH TO COVER OUR MONTHLY EXPENSES. IF YOU OR YOUR COMPANY / BUSINESS CAN SET UP A MONTHLY STOP ORDER TO THE BENEFIT OF PETPALS, IT WILL MAKE A HUGE DIFFERENCE TO US. ANY CONTRIBUTION WILL BE APPRECIATED, IT ALL ADS UP IN THE END...😊 PLEASE HELP US TO HELP THE ANIMALS IN NEED – THANK YOU !!!**

### IMPORTANT THINGS TO REMEMBER WITH REGARDS TO DONATIONS:

- PetPals is a registered Non Profit Organisation (063-126-NPO).
- No PetPals-member or volunteer receives profits / benefits / salaries for the work we do, all proceeds go towards improving the living conditions of pets in townships and poor communities.
- We will gladly provide bank statements and vet statements on request.

If you want to assist us in other ways than financially, we always need the following:

- ❖ Dog / puppy food and cat / kitten food.
- ❖ Material for shelters, including timber, bedding, blankets, kennels, carriers, etc.
- ❖ Foster Homes (in the Helderberg Area) and Forever Homes (always needed!)

**WE CURRENTLY DESPERATELY NEED A WENDY HOUSE (FOR STORAGE OF BULK PET FOOD, TIMBER & TOOLS, PET CARRIERS, ETC.).**

We can also make good use of a laptop with software (for doing newsletters, adoption ads, general admin, etc.), as well as a 3G-card internet facility (for e-mailing and advertising of adoption ads, admin, etc.).

# THANK YOU !

We would like to use this opportunity to thank every single person who has helped PetPals in which ever way to achieve our goals. Thanks to your donations, time, hand-outs and general support we were able to improve the living conditions of many animals in townships & poor communities. PLEASE take your time and read through Annexure A for a list of everyone we would like to thank for their contribution towards PetPals' cause.



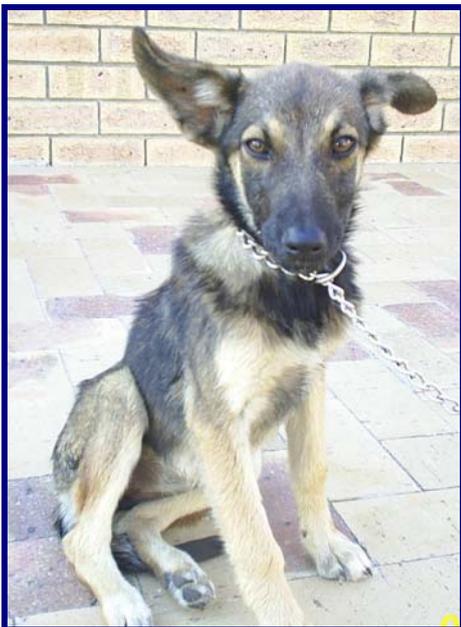
THANKS  
VERY  
MUCH !!

WE REALLY  
APPRECIATE  
YOUR HELP !!



## FOREVER HOMES NEEDED FOR ...

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PIPPA  
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AFTER

Two friends who walked along the Strand beach early in March 2009 came across an undernourished and very sick young pup which had been abandoned on the beach. The pup's coat was wet and the thought crossed their minds that someone had tried to drown the puppy. They called Dawie (PetPals) who immediately came to the rescue of the foundling. The female pup (now called Pippa) was infested with ticks and fleas, so Dawie and Yolanda 'frontlined' and washed the pup and removed more than 200 ticks from her ears and body. Pippa was also running a temperature and was taken to the vet for a check-up. The vet diagnosed tick fever and said the pup would certainly have died had she been left on the beach. Fortunately, Pippa survived this bad ordeal and has been in foster care since the day of her rescue. Her name originated at her foster home where she was at first called Puppy, but it soon became Pippy Longlegs, and later just Pippa.

Pippa is a healthy and loving pup who is **URGENTLY** looking for a forever home – she really deserves a wonderful home where she would get all the love and attention she deserves and where there would be other dogs that she can play with. She is well socialized and gets along very well with other dogs, cats and children alike. She has been sterilised and her inoculations are up to date as well. She is now approximately 5-6 months old and will grow into a medium sized dog. The adoption fee is R200 to contribute towards her vet expenses.



## SHEBA

This cute female puppy was rescued from the Sir Lowry's Pass area where she would probably have been put to sleep if Colleen (doing animal welfare work in that area) did not inform Dawie & Yolanda about her and her siblings' existence. All her brothers and sisters have been rehomed already, so Sheba is the last remaining puppy looking for a forever home. She is approximately 8-9 weeks old and will probably grow into a medium-to-large sized dog. She has been treated for ticks, fleas and worms, and has been inoculated as well. The adoption fee is R200 to contribute towards her vet expenses.



## SKY

This beautiful male Alsatian / Labrador cross of 8-10 months of age had been restricted to an extremely small yard in the Rusthof area since he was a tiny puppy. His 'living' space was so small, he could hardly turn his body around... Sky was very recently rescued by Dawie & Yolanda, because the 'owners' didn't want him anymore since he had become too big... We are urgently looking for someone in the Helderberg area who can foster Sky, but if we can rehome him to a forever home straight away it would be first prize. Sky has been sterilised and inoculated, therefore an adoption fee of R200 will be applicable to contribute towards his vet expenses.

If you find it in your heart to give any of the above pet(s) the loving and secure forever home they deserve, please phone:

Yolanda (Tel. 021 854 6317 / 083 411 0738) for doggie-enquiries  
Azanne (Tel. 073 180 2050) for kitty-enquiries

Once you have completed our pet adoption form (and we have considered your circumstances favourably in terms of this specific adoption), we will make the necessary arrangements for the pet(s) to be fetched and taken to their new forever home.



## ARE YOU AN ACCOUNTANT ?

Since PetPals is registered and approved by the Department of Social Development as a Non Profit Organisation (063-126-NPO), we need to submit a financial report (amongst other documentation) to the said Department after our organisation's financial year-end (i.e. 30 April of each year). Since we formally started to operate in September 2008, our first financial report only needs to be completed for the 8-month period from September '08 to April '09.

According to the said Department's requirements, the financial report must be completed by a registered accounting officer or an auditor (an accounting officer is a person who is registered in terms of Section 60 of the Closed Corporations Act).

Our 'books' are not very complicated, and Yolanda has kept very good records of all income and expenditures, so it will not be a mammoth task for clever people like you who work in the field of accountancy to compile this financial report. If you or your company are registered in accordance with the Department's requirements and you would be willing to assist PetPals with this report, please phone:

**Azanne – Tel. 073 180 2050**

**Thank you !!!**

*PS. We will gladly promote your services / company / business in our upcoming newsletters and on our website if you would like us to do so... ☺*

Thank you for your valuable time to read PetPals' latest Newsletter. Please feel free to visit our website ([www.petpals.org.za](http://www.petpals.org.za)) or contact us should you have any further enquiries on what we do or who we are.

Friendly PetPals-regards

*Dawie & Yolanda Hamman and Johan & Azanne van Wyk*

**PS** We are not anticipating the distribution of e-mails on a regular daily or even weekly basis. However, if you want to unsubscribe to this newsletter / ad(s), please send an email to [info@petpals.org.za](mailto:info@petpals.org.za) with **UNSUBSCRIBE** in the subject or body of the email.

# ANNEXURE A

We would like to express our sincere appreciation for the following support towards PetPals' cause of improving the living conditions of pets in townships & poor communities:

- ❖ Thank you to **Dawie & Yolanda** (the main founders of PetPals) for their daily hard work, effort, time and energy to improve the living conditions of so many animals out there, without receiving any form of compensation. They feed ±500 animals per week, they drive animals to and from the vet for sterilisations and vet care, they listen to the community's pet problems and provide pet care and education, they collect meat and bread at local supermarkets and hand it out to the community, and the list goes on and on. Thank you so much for offering all your recreational time of being a retired couple to the service of so many disadvantaged animals.
- ❖ A huge thanks to **Ockie & Hester** for all their time and effort to arrange a golf day to the benefit of PetPals. We are extremely grateful for the months of work you have put into making this fundraising project a reality. Thank you also for helping us on spaydays, for assisting PetPals with admin, and for driving around to take pics of rescued animals and for advertising them.
- ❖ Thank you to **Roy & Arlene** for opening their home to foster our rescued kitties. They are always ready to care for and love the neglected cats and kittens out there who deserve a second chance in life. Thank you Arlene for all the TLC (tender love & care), and thank you Roy for all the scratching poles for the kitties.
- ❖ Thank you to everyone who foster rescued puppies and kittens for PetPals, including: **Jackie & Nicole de Sousa, Hester & Ockie, Nico & Naomie, June & Adrian, Renie & Heidi, Engelize van Wyk, Freddie van Sittert, Marlene Strydom, and Susan le Roux.** We are very grateful for all the love and full tummies you and your family members give to those 4-legged orphans until they find their forever homes.
- ❖ Thank you to **Shaun from Chameleon Innovation** who designed and hosts our PetPals website without charging PetPals a cent for it all! Thank you also for circulating our newsletters to everyone on our e-mail distribution list on a regular basis and for all the other general PetPals admin.
- ❖ Thank you to **Ineke** for regular donations of funding, dog and cat food, cat litter, and for the arrangement with **Sylco** to use their vehicle every day. Without Ineke and Sylco's intervention, we would literally be stranded and Dawie & Yolanda would not be able to conduct their daily charity activities. We are extremely grateful for this generous arrangement.
- ❖ Thank you to **Zelda and her team from Multi Postman Services in the Strand** for their continuous support, time and effort to assist us with the drafting and printing of adoption ads, for making colour copies, for pinning up ads of PetPals in the shop's windows - everything at their own cost. Thank you for collecting money & pet food donations for PetPals at Multi Postman Services in the Strand and thank you also for the public who leave those goods with Zelda, it is greatly appreciated.
- ❖ Thank you to the veterinary clinics and all their staff who support our charity work and provide their friendly and helpful service to us, especially the **Strand Animal Hospital** and **EberVet Community Veterinary Care**. Thank you for the vet care, medicines and regular discounted sterilisations, without your professional care we would not be able to support those disadvantaged animals. Thank you also for the extra hand-outs such as pet medicine, pet food, pet food containers, etc., we really appreciate your help.
- ❖ Thank you to those of you who support PetPals in many ways on a regular basis, including:
  - **Susan Vosper (and Bentley Vosper)** for all their donations of funding, food & containers, and for collecting such goods from attendees of her dog training classes;

- **Tracy & Dawn Nairn** for their huge financial donations (twice) and for adopting our special-needs 3-legged kitten from our Valentines Newsletter;
  - **Freddie** for her articles about PetPals and pet adoptions in the District Mail, and for collecting containers;
  - **Valda** for motivating funding from ECHO, and for continuous donations of items such as blankets, food, containers, etc.;
  - **PETS** for the huge donations of dog food, and for sponsoring two of our spaydays;
  - **Kelly & Sonja** for their time and effort to assist PetPals with the transportation of dog food;
  - **MCP, especially Durie and Simbo**, for donations of dog and cat food;
  - **Colleen Pienaar & Sylvia Hoft** for incorporating PetPals in their sterilisation programmes;
  - **Naomie & Nico** for regularly making their trailer, cat carriers and clipper available for use by PetPals, for sponsoring pet food, and for assisting us on spaydays;
  - **Marlene Strydom** for distributing PetPals e-mails on a regular basis;
  - **Retha from KittyCat** for regularly advertising our kitty-adoptions;
  - **SPAR Strand** for providing food for the animals & community;
  - **Nicolette and Jana from Work Travel SA** for their willingness to assist with internship programmes to the benefit of PetPals;
  - **Hottentots Holland AWS, i.e. Julia Evans and her team**, for working together with PetPals in cases where we can not help / rescue / transport animals in need on our own, and for lending us some of their cat carriers on our spaydays;
  - **Anita Graham** for distributing and collecting money for us by means of money boxes;
  - **Kobus Germishuys** for sponsoring and fitting signage to our temporary vehicle;
  - **Howard & Lauren** for their offer to fit signage to our trailer;
  - **Helderberg Fencing, especially Marguerite** for fencing.
- ❖ Thank you to every single person who donated funding towards our cause, your contributions have made it possible for us to help the animals. If you donated anonymously or we have slipped up to include your name, please know that we are still very grateful for your donation. A special thanks to everyone who donates funding to us on a regular basis. Thank you also to everyone who sponsored pet food, pet medicines, kennels, bedding, blankets, containers, toys, etc. towards our cause, everything was put to good use among the animals in those poor communities. We are grateful for those who have offered to help us in the future too. Our thanks go out to **ECHO, Ronel & Charlene van der Walt, J Uys, Michele Collins-Keil, J Carter, R Brink, L B du Bruyn, Zanli van der Merwe, A Nelson, H Vermeulen, A Buchan, A van Wyk, John Oxenham, Daphne, Elenora Laurim, Andrea Bellingan, Maria Fox, Sharon Yerman, Tertia, Mr & Mrs Conradie, Janene Grundlingh, Margie Frey, Hamman & Andriessa Ferreira, Julia Evans, Karien & Shawn Basson, The Kingdom Light Church, Robyn Morris, Elizabeth Millington School of Ballet, Kurt Mealing from Horizon Pools, Johann, Adele Steenkamp, Braam Erasmus, Loraine, Karen, and everyone else who helped PetPals.**
- ❖ Thank you to **every single person / family who adopted a rescued kitty or doggie** from us, you have given those animal(s) a second chance in life. Thank you for opening up your hearts and for giving those pets a loving forever home.
- ❖ **Thanks to everyone for your networking**, circulating e-mails, and for spreading the word – indirectly you have made a big difference in helping many disadvantaged animals.
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