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Friendly greetings from the PetPals team. Following is our latest news to give you an update on the voluntary work we do to help disadvantaged pets in need. We usually have the adoption section at the end of our newsletter, but since our adoptions are really urgent (and very special) this time round, we have placed this section first. However, please don't stop reading as we have plenty 'happy' stories to share with you in the rest of our newsletter.

ADOPTIONS

URGENT HOME NEEDED FOR 2 LABRADOR-SIZED DOGS



BRUNO



SEUN

Bruno and Seun are two Labrador-sized dogs who are desperately in need of a loving home. Originally, PetPals found Bruno tied to a tree with only a few meters to move around. Seun belonged to a lady who had to move to a smaller property. Both dogs were sterilised and rehomed by PetPals about 1½ years ago, and they were very happy together at their new home. Unfortunately, the current owner now needs to move to a smaller property where she cannot keep Seun and Bruno. We are devastated that they need to be rehomed again, and we truly hope there is someone who will open their hearts and homes to these beautiful dogs. An adoption fee of R200 per dog is applicable.



LOST-AND-FOUND:
STERILISED FEMALE CAT
FOUND CLOSE TO
STRAND TOWN HALL



This beautiful young tortoiseshell cat has been living on the roofs of buildings close to the Strand Town Hall for the last few months (we started to notice her in July 2011). At first PetPals thought she belonged to someone and just visited nearby buildings occasionally, but after we started to feed her we realised she was very hungry and that she doesn't have a home. We recently took her to the vet to be sterilised, and the vet discovered that she was sterilised already – she must have been someone's cat at some stage...

The vet estimates that she is about 2 years old. She is extremely loving, she adores attention and craves human touch. We really hope someone is willing to adopt this beautiful cat so that she can be removed from the rooftops and stay in a loving home where she belongs. An adoption fee of R100 is applicable to contribute towards expenses. If anyone is willing to foster her in the meantime, it will assist us in removing her from her current dreadful living conditions (see below) until we find her a forever home.



3-LEGGED SPECIAL NEEDS PUPPY NEEDS SPECIAL HOME

This adorable special needs doggie called Kim needs a very special home. She was hit by a car and apparently Kim's owner wanted to have her operated on instead of putting her to sleep, but the owner later changed her mind. Fortunately, Kim was saved and the operation was successful (her remaining front leg will heal completely), and she was subsequently placed in PetPals' foster care. Kim is about 3 months old and she has been dewormed and inoculated. Kim is a very friendly doggie, and she runs around as if she has 4 legs. She would love to have a canine playmate, and her play area should be big enough to accommodate a medium size dog when she is grown. An adoption fee of R300 is applicable as a donation.



An adoption form needs to be completed before the pets can be rehomed (please visit www.petpals.org.za to obtain the adoption form). Should you find it in your heart to give any of the above mentioned pets the loving forever home they deserve, please phone:

**Yolanda – Tel. 083 411 0738 / 021 854 6317
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TWO MORE ADOPTIONS – BEAUTIFUL CATS

A very good friend and supporter of PetPals has two beautiful cats in need of a loving home. She is a HUGE animal lover and she hates it when people look for excuses to place their animals. However, she took full responsibility of 8 cats, put her flat up on the market trying to buy a house to keep all of them, only to be retrenched thereafter. She is forced to move back to her flat but for obvious reasons cannot take 8 cats with her, so she now has the unenviable task of having to place some. She is keeping the sick / crooked ones, but she is looking for a purrrfect home for the following two cats:

Mini Me (sterilised and approximately 6.5 years old) loves attention and loves being outside. She has oodles of personality, but won't be good with dogs though. She takes a while to settle into a new environment, but once settled she thrives. Batman (neutered and about 6.5 years old) is an independent boy. He is skittish and not interested in being loved by humans, but he loves hanging with other cats (not dogs). He needs someone who will be prepared to take him in and give him a base, i.e. a home where he can come and eat and hang for a bit before going on his next mission only to repeat the same process.

Please contact Maria on 072 154 8083 or ctfloop@gmail.com if you find it in your heart to adopt Mini Me and/or Batman.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY !

On 1 September 2011, PetPals celebrated their third birthday. For those of you who are not familiar with what we do, please note that PetPals is registered at the Department of Social Development as a Non-Profit Organisation (NPO), and the organisation is also registered at SARS as a Public Benefit Organisation (PBO). PetPals is a very small organisation that strives to support disadvantaged pets living in poor communities in the Strand, specifically Morkels Cottage, Beverly Hills and immediate surroundings. The work conducted by PetPals' members and helpers are completely voluntary and nobody receives any profit, salary or incentive.



Since the establishment of PetPals in September 2008, the organisation has managed to build up the following statistics (over and above those animals who are fed and receive pet and vet care on a daily basis):

- 204 dogs/puppies and 215 cats/kittens were rescued and rehomed (total of 419).
- 355 dogs/puppies and 320 cats/kittens were sterilised (total of 675).
- 52 pets had to be euthanized to stop their pain and suffering.

PetPals would like to use the opportunity to thank every single person who supports PetPals – you enable us to help so many animals in need. Thank you to everyone who diligently deposits money into our bank account (no matter how big or small, it helps!). We are extremely grateful for the handful of families who are willing to foster pets rescued by PetPals until they find forever homes. PetPals is also very grateful to the vets and staff of the Strand Animal Hospital and Ebervet Community Veterinary Care for their continuing support. Thank you to every single person / family who has adopted a rescued pet recently, you have changed that pet's life forever! We are also very thankful towards the Helderberg's local newspaper, the District Mail, who frequently places articles about our 4-legged orphans in their newspaper.

SUCCESSFUL VET CARE!

In our previous newsletter, we asked you to help us to help Monkey. You might recall, Monkey is the cat who had a type of hernia since birth and she couldn't be sterilized unless the hernia was addressed simultaneously. The operation was risky and costly, but if the operation was not undertaken there was the risk that the hernia could burst and likely lead to death. Monkey gave birth to 23 kittens over a period of 2½ years (7 litters), so we were desperate to stop her from having any further kittens.

Your responses to fund the operation were amazing, so the risky operation was undertaken by one of the experienced vets at Strand Animal Hospital on 16 May 2011. Fortunately, the operation was a huge success! Thanks to your contribution towards Monkey's operation, as well as the skilled vet's abilities, Monkey's hernia was fixed (no remains thereof is visible) and she has been sterilised. All the prayers have been answered and Monkey will now be able to lead a quality life without the uncomfortable hernia in her way, not to mention the danger should it ever burst. She is now also spared of having kittens again. Monkey's owner, a sweet lady who lives in a very poor area but who really cares for her cats, was in tears with gratefulness when Monkey was returned home.

Below: Monkey (before the operation), the hernia clearly visible



Below: Monkey, now healed, sitting on her grateful owner's lap



Fluffy is the walking evidence of another successful example of vet care. PetPals took Fluffy to the vet after they came across her in the Morkels Cottage township with a bandaged leg. She was run over by a car, and her owners tried to do good by bandaging her leg. Unfortunately the bandage was too tight, and by the time Dawie & Yolanda came across Fluffy and took her to the vet, the vet feared she might lose her leg. Since the bandage couldn't get wet and had to be replaced every day, Fluffy stayed at the veterinary clinic for 5 weeks. While everyone at the clinic got very fond of Fluffy, it was nothing compared to the welcome reunion between the still 4-legged Fluffy, her owners and her canine buddies in the township when she finally returned home.



Rescue & Rehome



One of PetPals' missions is to remove / rescue animals that are living under dismal circumstances and to rehome them, thereby giving them a second chance in life. Recently, this beautiful dog called Tammy was thrown to the ground by someone at the place she stayed, she went into labour after the fall and her premature baby died soon after birth. Dawie & Yolanda from PetPals took her to the vet and fortunately, after an emergency operation, she recovered completely. She has since been rehomed to a home where she is loved and cared for, and she sleeps on the bed with her new owners. ☺

GENERAL PET CARE

While PetPals focuses primarily on the basic needs of disadvantage pets (such as feeding, sterilisation, inoculations, deworming, etc.), it is sometimes necessary to intervene with a pet's 'looks' as well. This poor doggie, who is loved by his owner but not cared for as it should, got so matted and worn down, he was in desperate need of a 'make-over'. After a decent 'service' at the doggie parlour, Snoepie looked like a new dog, and the owner undertook to take much better care of Snoepie's appearance in future.

BEFORE



AFTER



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

Friendly PetPals-regards

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