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Newsletter – December 2011 – Distributed by Chameleon Innovation

Friendly and festive greetings from the PetPals team. Please find below our latest news giving you an update on the voluntary work we do to help disadvantaged pets in need. In the spirit of the festive season, this newsletter is joyful and filled with good news and happy endings. For starters, following our September 2011 newsletter where we advertised several pets in need of homes, we are extremely grateful to let you know that all these pets found homes since then.



Seun and Bruno found a home together, they now have a big yard in the Strand and they are very happy (as one can see from the adjacent pic taken at their new home).



The family who fostered Kim (now Koko), our 3-legged puppy, fell in love with her and decided they couldn't be separated from her. Kim is now part of their big and happy family.



The cat who lived on the rooftops near the Strand Hall found a wonderful home with a lavish garden in Somerset West. She now gets attention 24-7.



Maria found a purrrfect home for her two cats. They were rehomed together to a loving family who lives on a farm, the ideal solution for Mini-Me's and Batman's free spirits.



KILIMANJARO CHALLENGE

Please help us to wave the PetPals flag
on the highest point of the African continent

We are extremely excited about PetPals' latest fund raising initiative. Two of PetPals' members are taking up the challenge to reach the highest point of Africa in February 2012. The expedition to climb Kilimanjaro in Tanzania has been paid for by the two members themselves as this is a personal challenge they have wanted to do for a long time. However, they simply cannot take up this challenge without fighting for PetPals' cause of loving and caring for disadvantaged animals in need. Their anticipated climb takes place from 8 to 14 February 2012, entailing 5 days of climbing along the Umbwe route and hopefully reaching the summit of Kilimanjaro on the 6th day (13 February 2012) at a height of 5895m.



We'd like to ask you to contribute towards PetPals' cause by sponsoring us (i.e. two PetPals members) every day in our attempt to summit Kili. Every cent of your contribution will go towards PetPals' cause, but your support will encourage us to make it to the top of the highest mountain in Africa. The more pledges we get, the more assistance PetPals can give to disadvantaged dogs and cats, hopefully leading to more tail-wagging and purring in the poor communities where PetPals operates. There are different options for you to pledge, and there is no amount too little or too large to help us reach our goal.

It is important to note that you will only be requested to actually pay your pledge once we have (hopefully successfully) completed our expedition. We undertake to inform you by means of an electronic newsletter in March 2012 of the outcome of our venture. We will at that stage request you to pay your contribution directly into the PetPals bank account, so you have plenty of time to plan for your contribution. ☺ PetPals can issue Section 18A receipts in terms of the Income Tax Act which means that donations to PetPals are tax deductible – you may request such a receipt upon your donation in March 2012.

If you are interested in supporting us in this venture, please e-mail your request for a PetPals Kili Pledge Form to: info@petpals.org.za

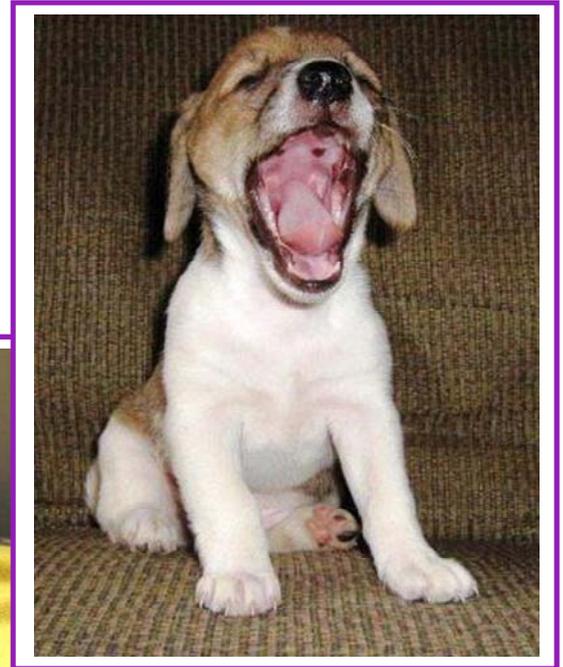
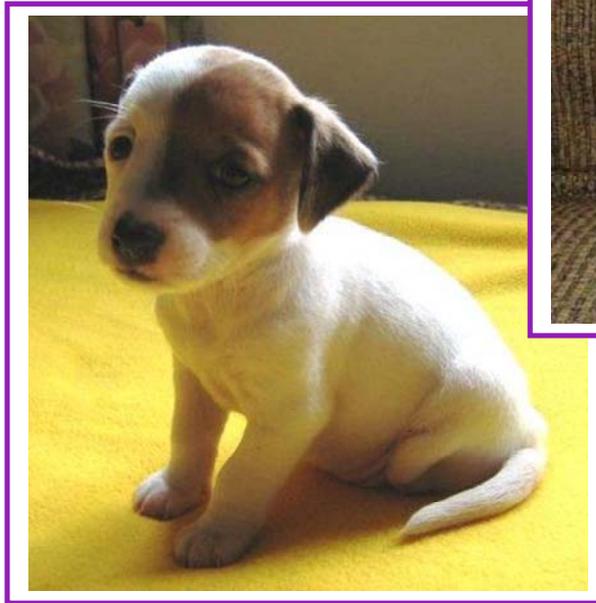
NB. For any donation towards the Kili venture, please use the reference “Kili” when donating funding into PetPals' bank account.

We hope, pray and trust that we will have the strength and health to summit Kilimanjaro in February 2012 in aid of PetPals.
THE PetPals TEAM THANKS YOU IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR SUPPORT !

ANOTHER SPECIAL-NEEDS CASE

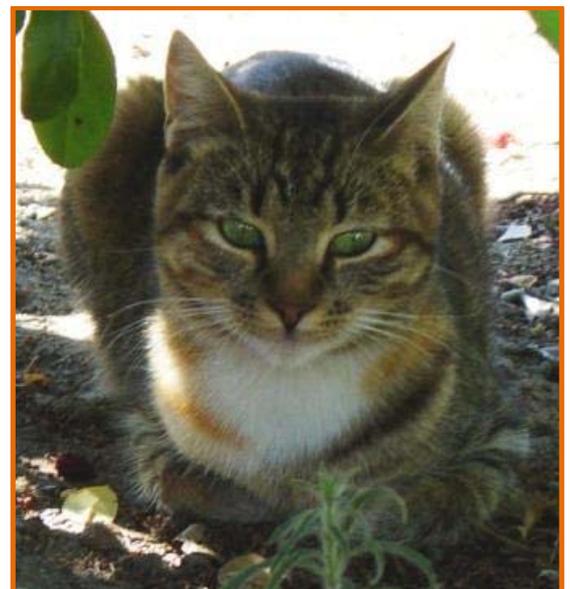
PetPals recently came across a Jack Russell litter in a poor community in the Strand where one of the puppies had only 3 legs.

She lost her hind leg just after birth, we are not sure exactly how, but it has healed completely. PetPals rehomed her together with one of her siblings, and they now also have a Yorkie buddy to play with. We had to share the pics of these two cute Jack Russell pups with you as they are simply too gorgeous for words!



DAILY PET CARE

Our voluntary organisation focuses primarily on supporting pets who have owners, but since they live in extremely poor conditions and cannot always provide the necessary pet and vet care their animals need, PetPals assists by means of feeding, sterilisation, inoculations, deworming, etc. However, sometimes there are animals who don't even have a home and who are not suitable for rehoming either, like the two cats who stay at the place of work of two PetPals members. We first noticed the cats in March 2011 – it was a heart-breaking sight of a mother cat with 3 tiny kittens hiding in a drain. We immediately started to feed them, but they were feral and very scared of humans. Fortunately, two kittens turned out to be tame enough to be rehomed, but we couldn't come close to mommy-cat (see adjacent pic) and her remaining ginger boy.





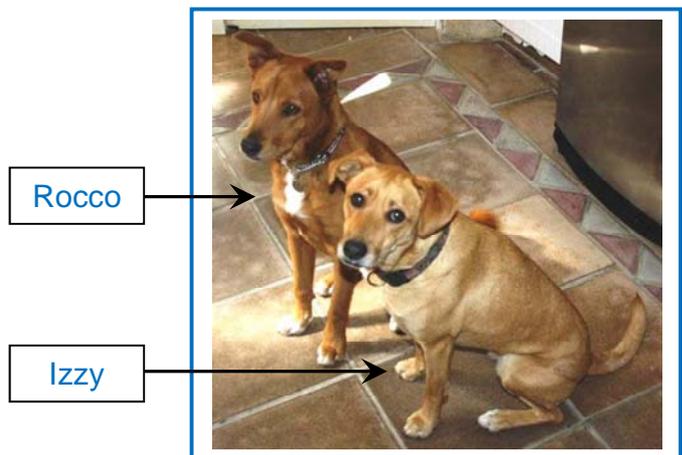
We did the best we could under the circumstances, we created a safe shelter for them by putting a kennel under the bushes where they are screened and warm. We had them both sterilised when the boy was old enough (by trapping them, it was the only way) and we returned them to the place where they feel comfortable. Since March 2011, it is part of our daily routine to give them fresh food and water, and although we still cannot touch them, they do allow us to come quite close when we give them a tasty sachet for lunch... They frequently remind us with spits and hisses that we should not push our luck though. As you can see from the adjacent pic, the ginger boy seems to love their shelter (not that he is the size of a boy anymore ☺).

ADOPTIONS

PetPals currently has a few kittens in need of loving forever homes, they are between 7 – 9 weeks old. The tortoiseshell and black-and-white kittens are female, and the grey tabby and ginger-and-white kittens are male. Please look at the darling faces below and please consider making one or more of them part of your family. Please take note that the kittens have been dewormed, treated for ticks and fleas, and inoculated. An adoption fee of R100 is applicable to contribute towards expenses.



One of the dogs PetPals rehomed some time ago, named Rocco, is now looking for a home again. The family who adopted Rocco also previously adopted Izzy from another welfare organisation, but since the family is moving to a flat in Toronto at the end of January 2012, both doggies are now in need of another home. It would be best for the dogs if they could be rehomed together as they love each other's company and they do everything together.





Rocco and Izzy have both been sterilised and they are healthy and happy dogs. They get along well with children, and they both have great personalities. Izzy is about 2 years old and Rocco is 1 year old. A fee of R200 per dog is requested 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 one or more of these kittens or dogs a loving forever home, please phone:

**Azanne on 073 180 2050 (for kitty enquiries) or
Yolanda on 021 854 6317 / 083 411 0738 (for doggy enquiries)**

On Saturday 26 November 2011, Susan (an experienced dog trainer) was so kind to hold a fun day in aid of PetPals and the Helderberg Animal Welfare Society (AWS). The day entailed fun activities for dogs and their owners, and PetPals took 2 of the AWS' kennel dogs to the day to give them an outing and some exposure. Although Brady and Sweetie Pie have been in the kennels at the AWS for a very long time, both of them were stars on a lead amongst all the unknown people and dogs, and they both loved the car trip.

Sweetie Pie is anything between 3-5 years old. She was brought to the kennels about 6 months ago with a litter of beautiful puppies – as it so often happens, all the pups were adopted but mommy got left behind. She is a 'sturdy' small size dog, she has a caramel coloured coat and an adoring brown nose (not black as usual). Sweetie Pie adores human touch and she loves to sit on ones lap with her front paws on your arms – it seems like she can sit in that position for hours. 😊

Brady has been at the AWS kennels in Gordon's Bay since he was a pup, a whole 13 months to date! He is a medium size dog of about 14 months old. He has a black and tan shiny short haired coat and a lovely curly tail. He only knows the kennel environment, yet he is such a well-adjusted and happy boy.



Brady

Sweetie Pie



Brady is very alert, and he also gets on very well with all the different dogs and people. He craves to be as close to you as possible and doesn't leave one inch of space between himself and the person next to him showing him some love. One of the AWS volunteers recently stated the following about Brady: *"Just to vouch for this lovely dog – we were the one's walking Brady on Sunday, and what a stunning creature. He is such a proud boy, never tugging at the leach once. He responded to every little bit of attention and although he isn't the prettiest I know he will make a very loyal friend. I can almost say for certain that the person who adopts this boy will fall in love with him instantly."*

Both dogs have been sterilised. Please help us to find these two angels a loving family for Christmas and ever after. If you are willing to adopt Brady and/or Sweetie, please contact:

- **Julia, the AWS kennel manageress, on 082 725 4213, or**
- **Susan at sbpanda@intekom.co.za**

THANK YOU !

This section is last, but by far not the least. We do get boring and repetitive here, but we can never say thank you enough. To everybody who has helped us during 2011, we are extremely grateful for your assistance as you have enabled us to help so many animals in need. Thank you to everyone who diligently deposits money into PetPals' bank account and/or vet account (no matter how big or small, it helps!). We are thankful for the other types of donations, such as blankets and pet food, we have received. We are extremely grateful for the handful of families who are willing to foster pets rescued by PetPals until they find forever homes. Thanks to all for your networking and for telling others about us and for forwarding our newsletters. PetPals is also very grateful to the vets and staff of the Strand Animal Hospital and Ebervet Community Veterinary Care for their continuing support of the voluntary work we do. The District Mail (our local newspaper) has been very generous with the number of articles they have placed about PetPals' adoptions in 2011, the exposure was extremely valuable for which we are thankful. We are also grateful for the distribution of our electronic newsletters by Shaun from Chameleon Innovation. Lastly but definitely not the least, a special thanks from our side to every single person / family who has adopted a rescued pet(s) in 2011, you have changed those 4-legged (sometimes 3-legged) orphans' lives forever!

We would like to use this opportunity to wish you and your family a blessed festive season, a merry Christmas, and a prosperous new year. May all the four-legged members of your family swamp you with many licks and purrs over this happy period of the year!

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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