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The PetPals team hereby greets you for the first time in the new year. We trust 2012 will be a special year for you and your furry companions.

As we usually only distribute newsletters approximately once every 3 months, we know this Newsflash follows quite shortly after our previous Newsletter in December 2011. Please bear with us and distribute this Newsflash far and wide (as you always do so diligently), as your reaction and response to this Newsflash can really help a lot of disadvantaged doggies and kitties.

There are 2 reasons for the distribution of this Newsflash so shortly after our previous Newsletter:

- Unfortunately, we have not received a lot of response to our latest fund raising initiative, namely to wave the PetPals flag on top of Kilimanjaro...

 ® We are extremely grateful towards those of you who have already pledged or donated funding towards this initiative.
- We have some furry orphans in need of loving homes, and they will be great additions to any loving and caring family. ©

In order to keep this Newsflash short and sweet, we have divided it into 4 one-page sections:

1st Page – Summary of PetPals' work

We think one of the reasons for not receiving many responses on our fund raising initiative after our previous newsletter is because some of you might have no idea what the PetPals team really do. We therefore include a summary of PetPals' history, organisational details and daily activities.

2nd Page – Kilimanjaro Challenge

Another reason for not receiving many responses after our previous newsletter is definitely due to the fact that everyone was making festive arrangements in December 2011, with its associated expenses... We are therefore re-distributing the section on our fundraising initiative to climb Kilimanjaro in the hope to get more reaction at the beginning of a brand new year.

3rd Page – Kilimanjaro Pledge Form

To make it easier for you to support the Kilimanjaro initiative (should you wish to), we hereby include the actual pledge form that can simply be completed and e-mailed back to us.

4th Page – Adoptions

Please scrutinize this section as we have some beautiful furry orphans in different shapes and sizes who need loving homes. Please consider making one or more of them part of your family.

Summary of PetPals' work

It all started in 2006 when Dawie and Yolanda Hamman (now two executive committee members and co-founders of PetPals) came across a very skinny and undernourished German Shepherd dog in an settlement informal called Morkels Cottage in the Strand (Helderberg, Western Cape). They stopped and fed him from their car boot where they always kept spare dog and cat food in case of such an emergency.



It soon escalated into the regular feeding of all the animals in the Morkels Cottage township. They also started to arrange spay days in order to control the number of pets, they provided shelter for the dogs, and they educated the people with regards to pet care. Other animal lovers started to support Dawie and Yolanda's efforts. Their 'service area' expanded to other nearby townships (such as Beverly Hills) and surrounding poor communities.



In order to formalise their efforts, the organisation named PetPals was established by Dawie & Yolanda Hamman and Johan & Azanne van Wyk. PetPals is registered at the Department of Social Development as a Non-Profit Organisation (NPO). PetPals is also registered at SARS as a Public Benefit Organisation (PBO), thus we can issue Section 18A certificates for donations received. The voluntary work done by PetPals and a few helpers include the feeding of ± 500 animals per week, provision of general pet care (e.g. mange treatment, deworming, etc.), ensuring sick / injured animals receive veterinary care, ensuring as many animals as possible are sterilised, and fostering and rehoming animals that are unwanted or lost.



The result of this voluntary work done by PetPals implies a continuous dire need for finances to pay for the following:

- Medication (including tick & flea treatment, mange treatment, deworming, etc.),
- Vet bills (including inoculations, emergency care, operations, sterilisations, etc.),
- Dog / puppy food and cat / kitten food, and
- Shelter & kennels (including wood & tools for building kennels, bedding, blankets, etc.).

Donations of goods (instead of finances) are always welcome, like pet food, kennels, old blankets & towels, etc.



Please note that no member or volunteer receives any profit or incentive. All proceeds go towards improving the living conditions of animals in townships and poor communities. PetPals solely relies on ad hoc donations / sponsors and we are very grateful for the support we have received so far. ©





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 supporting 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. While every cent of your contribution will go towards PetPals' cause, your support will also 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 complete the attached PetPals Kili Pledge Form and e-mail it 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.

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PetPals – Kili Pledge Form

I have read the information sheet on the PetPals Kilimanjaro Challenge taking place in February 2012. I would love to make a pledge towards this venture, thereby assisting PetPals to raise funds in aid of their cause to help disadvantaged animals in need. I hereby commit to the following contribution (which is to be paid directly into PetPals' bank account):

NAME OF SPONSOR:		
TEL. NUMBER: E-MAIL ADDRESS:		
AMOUNT for completing each day for the first 5 days: * Example: I pledge R10 for each of the first 5 days completed, thus R50 in total		R
AMOUNT for summiting on 6 th day: * Example: I pledge an additional R50 for reaching the summit on the 6 th day		R
TOTAL AMOUNT of my pledge for reaching goal of the entire trip: * Example: I pledge R10 per day for first 5 days + an additional R50 for summiting, i.e. total of R100 for the entire trip		<u>R</u>
SIGNATURE	DATE	

* Example:

The example indicated in italics in the above table is merely a guideline. There is no amount too little or too large to help us reach our goal. The example shows how you can break down a total pledge of R100 into halves, namely:

- (1) an amount of R10 for completing each day up to the 5th day, thus a total of R50 for the first 5 days, and
- (2) an amount of R50 for reaching the summit on the 6th day.

It is not necessary to break down your pledge, you can simply provide one amount in the 'total' box for reaching the goal of the entire trip. However, since climbing Kilimanjaro holds some threat to one's health in terms of altitude sickness, we do not want to forfeit all PetPals' pledges if we do not make it to the top. We can do little about the health risk, but we can assure you that we will do our utter best with regards to the physical and mental challenges the trip entails.

Please e-mail this completed and signed PetPals Kili Pledge Form to: info@petpals.org.za

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WE NEED HOMES PLEASE

Please look at the faces of the beautiful doggies below and please consider making one or more of them part of your family.



In 2009, PetPals found Bruno tied to a tree with only a few meters to move around. Bruno has since been sterilised and rehomed, but unfortunately there are (very occasionally) some personality clashes between him and the other male dog where he currently resides. Bruno needs a loving home where he has a female or small-breed canine companion, or is the only dog. Bruno is used to having children around him. He is also very alert and therefore he is very effective as a watch dog. He needs to live on a property with a high fence / boundary wall as he is athletic and can jump quite high.

This male puppy was rescued from a person selling the puppy next to Gordon's Bay Road in the Strand. Fortunately the puppy was unharmed and he is now in safe foster care. We have no idea how big he might get, and we estimate him to be about 6 weeks old. He has been de-wormed, treated for ticks and fleas, and he will be inoculated before adoption.





The mommy of this cute male puppy is a white Labrador size dog, but we have no idea what the father looks like. We think James might grow into a medium to large size dog. James is healthy and playful and he is about 8 weeks old. He has been de-wormed, treated for ticks and fleas, and inoculated.

If you consider giving one or more of these doggies a permanent home, please contact: Yolanda on 021 854 6317 / 083 411 0738 or Azanne on 073 180 2050

PetPals has an adoption form that needs to be completed (visit www.petpals.org.za to obtain the form) and an adoption fee of R250 per puppy and R200 for Bruno is applicable to contribute towards vet expenses.

We advertised Sweetie Pie from the Helderberg Animal Welfare Society (AWS) in our December 2011 Newsletter and she is still in dire need of a loving home... Sweetie Pie is anything between 3-5 years old. She was brought to the kennels last year 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. ©

If you are willing to adopt Sweetie Pie, please contact:

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



Thank you for your valuable time to read PetPals' latest Newsflash. Thank you for your ongoing support of the voluntary work we do. Please feel free to visit our website (www.petpals.org.za) or contact us should you have any further enquiries about our endeavours.

Friendly PetPals-regards

Dawie & Yolanda Hamman and Johan & Azanne van Wyk

PS We do not distribute newsletters on a regular daily or even weekly basis. However, if you want to unsubscribe to this newsletter, please send an email to **info@petpals.org.za** with **UNSUBSCRIBE** in the subject or body of the email.

