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Newsletter – 19 December 2008 – 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 am Castello, a PetPals rescued and rehomed kitty. On behalf of all the 4-legged souls out there who have been touched by PetPals and their friends, I would like to wish you a blessed festive season and a prosperous new year. Thanks for your continuous support and love for the less fortunate kitties & doggies out there!!

GREAT NEWS !!!

We are absolutely over the moon to inform you that PetPals now has its own website! We are extremely grateful for Shaun from Chameleon Innovation who approached us and offered his service, time and effort to design and host this website for us without charging PetPals a cent for it all !!! Please visit our website at the following address:

www.petpals.org.za

The end of a year is always a good time for looking back on what have been achieved. In stead of giving you a written report of what PetPals have done since being established, we have decided to give you a portrayal of our activities. The following range of photographs will give you a comprehensive idea of the work that is conducted by PetPals on a regular basis:



Hamman's with food for township pets



Pets awaiting food



Dawie feeding the township dogs



Cats eating the Hamman's food



Yolanda with shelter for dogs



Cat receiving veterinary care



Community waiting on sterilisation day



Dog after spay



Cat after spay



Hand-raising kitten



Puppy care



Bottle-feeding kitten



Bruno-Before Hamman's intervention



Bruno-2 weeks later



Care for nursing moms



Educating community on pet care



Beenies for the community kids



Rehoming township cats & dogs



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 in less than 4 months' time:

KIND OF PET	STERILISATIONS	RESCUED	REHOMED
CATS / KITTENS	41	43	29
DOGS / PUPPIES	49	9	6
TOTAL	90	52	35

In addition to the above stats, we had to have one very old cat from the township euthanized. There are still rescued puppies & kittens in foster care who have not been rehomed as yet, which is why there is a difference in stats between 'rescued' and 'rehomed'. These stats obviously exclude hundreds of animals which 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.).

Also included in the rescued stats are 10 kittens from different litters whom we took to the Cape of Good Hope SPCA from where they were all rehomed. Due to the current 'overpopulation' of kittens looking for homes and since we only have 1 foster home for kitties, we did not have the capacity / resources to rehome them ourselves. We are very grateful for the SPCA who offers a wonderful sanctuary for rescued kitties – over and above the basics of food & shelter, they give the rescued kitties scratching poles and toys, as well as a loving kitty-caretaker who handles and cuddles the kitties throughout the day.

One other inclusion in the rescued stats is a feral mommy cat which we returned to her street 'home' after we had her sterilised and tested for FeLV and FIV (for which she tested negative). Our foster mommy Arlene rehomed all of her 8 kittens, but the mommy was still extremely feral after several weeks at the temp home (and depressed in 'captivity'). Since we do not believe in euthanizing a cat just because it is feral, we decided it is in her best interest to return her to the place where she felt most comfortable with.

ANOTHER BEFORE & AFTER **through Dawie & Yolanda's intervention**

Thanks to Dawie & Yolanda's daily involvement with the people and their pets living in townships & poor communities, residents approach them for help for their pets. This dog from the Rusthof area had severe mange when Dawie & Yolanda first laid eyes on him. Thanks to education and support, they worked with the owner to improve this dog's condition – Dawie & Yolanda give the dog regular mange injections and the owner dips his dog regularly. They also provide the owner with dog food to ensure regular feeding. Just look at the result...

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THANK YOU !!!

We would like to use this opportunity to thank every single person who has helped PetPals in which ever way during the past 4 months to achieve all of the above. Thanks to your donations, time, hand-outs and general support we were able to improve the living conditions of many animals who stay behind 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.

HOW YOU CAN HELP (if you want to... ☺)

If you want to assist us with our **basic needs**, we are always in need of the following:

- ❖ Financial donations for pet care, vet bills, animal medicines, sterilisations, etc.
- ❖ 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!)

If you want to assist us with our **wish list**, we could make good use of the following...

- ❖ Laptop with software (for doing newsletters, adoption ads, general admin, etc.)
- ❖ Wendy house (for storage of bulk pet food, timber & tools, pet carriers, etc.)
- ❖ Colour copier (for copying pet adoption ads, newsletters, etc.)
- ❖ 3G-card Internet facility (for e-mailing and advertising of adoption ads, admin, etc.)

Forever homes needed for the following pets:

(Please note that adoption fees are asked to contribute towards vet expenses – thank you)



This female puppy called Cindy is from the Rusthof community (Strand, Helderberg area) and she is **URGENTLY** looking for a forever home. Cindy is very healthy, because she was treated for ticks, fleas and worms from a very early age. She has been inoculated as well. She is now ± 3 months old and her mother is a medium-sized dog. The adoption fee is R200.



These 7 cross breed puppies from the Rusthof community (9th Street, Strand, Helderberg area) are looking for forever homes. They are healthy, loving and playful. They were treated for ticks, fleas and worms and were inoculated as well. There are 3 males and 4 females available and they are $\pm 7-8$ weeks old. Their mother is a medium sized dog. The adoption fee is R200 per puppy.



These cute kittens (and many others) are looking for forever homes. They are approximately 6 weeks old and they are very sweet and playful. They were treated for ticks, fleas and worms. The adoption fee is R50 per kitten. **PLEASE NOTE: THERE ARE MANY OTHER KITTENS WHO NEED FOREVER HOMES (in all shapes and sizes) !!!** Please just phone us for further information.



This beautiful tortoiseshell female cat literally lived on the street – her home was the parking area outside the municipal building in the Strand. We fed her for many weeks before we rescued her and took her to our wonderful temp home. We will have her inoculated and sterilised soon. She has a very sweet personality and she really deserves to go to a forever home where she will be pampered and loved so that she can forget about her dreadful life on the streets. An adoption fee of R100 is applicable to contribute towards her sterilisation and 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.

Thank you for your valuable time to read PetPals' latest Newsletter. Please feel free to contact us should you have any further enquiries on what we do or who we are.

The PetPals Team wishes you and your family (including all the 4-legged ones) a peaceful festive season and a prosperous 2009 !!

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 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. 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.
- ❖ 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. Since we met Roy & Arlene in mid 2007, they have fostered 56 cats and kittens over time, of which 33 were for PetPals (i.e. since 1 September 2008). 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 **Shaun from Chameleon Innovation** who approached us and offered his service, time and effort to design and host our PetPals website without charging PetPals a cent for it all! Shaun has done an excellent job in designing the site and PetPals is very proud of the website. Thank you also for circulating our newsletters to everyone on our e-mail distribution list on a monthly basis and for all the other general PetPals admin.
- ❖ Thank you to **Ineke** for the donation of cat accessories, cat food and especially for making the necessary arrangements with **Sylco** to provide PetPals with the temporary usage of a bakkie (with a canopy). 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** 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 to their own cost. Thank you also for collecting money & pet food donations for PetPals at Multi Postman Services and 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 Frontline, 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:
 - **Jackie & Nicole de Sousa** for fostering puppies for PetPals;
 - **Susan** for assisting us on one of our spaydays, for all her donations of funding, food & containers, and for collecting those goods from attendees of her training sessions;
 - **Freddie** for her articles about PetPals and pet adoptions in the District Mail, and for collecting containers;

- **Valda** for motivating funding from ECHO, for donating us a cat carrier, and for providing us with many blue blankets;
- **Tertia** for assisting us on one of our spaydays, for assisting PetPals with admin, for sponsoring pet food, and for arranging signage for the temporary vehicle;
- **Naomie & Nico** for regularly making their trailer, cat carriers and clipper available for use by PetPals, for sponsoring pet food, for assisting us on one of our spaydays, and for distributing PetPals' Introduction Letter in September '08.
- **Hester & Okkie** for assisting PetPals with admin, and for their willingness to support us in the future;
- **Marlene Strydom** for distributing PetPals e-mails on a regular basis;
- **Anita Graham** for distributing and collecting money for us by means of money boxes, and for donating many red blankets;
- **Retha from KittyCat** for regularly advertising our kitty-adoptions;
- **SPAR Strand** for providing food for the animals & community;
- **Maggie** for making her vehicle available on one of our spaydays;
- **Robin Morris** for phoning companies for food sponsors, and for collecting containers;
- **Kobus Germishuys** for sponsoring and fitting our PetPals logo to the temporary vehicle; and
- **Cape of Good Hope SPCA in Grassy Park** for taking in rescued kittens, for giving them much more than just a shelter, and for rehoming them to good homes.

- ❖ 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, toys, etc. towards our cause, everything was put to good use among the animals in those poor communities. Our thanks go out to **Resi, Hermie Michler, Lisa Kok, Ronel & Charlene, Rennie's Travel in Stellenbosch (especially Hanneljie Stephens), MCP (especially Durie), AWS Stellenbosch (especially Julia Evans), René & Elmarie, Trevor Mariani, Anita Esterhuizer, Dawn, Karin from Melkbosstrand, Maryke Wentzel, Juan du Plooy, Hanneljie, T.Oosthuizen, Mandi Cramer, Elizabeth & Victoria, Anne Buchan, David Scholtz, Johan Laubser, 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 heart and for giving those pets a forever home.
- ❖ **Thanks 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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