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# PetPals



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

Friendly greetings from the PetPals team and welcome to the 9<sup>th</sup> newsletter (since our establishment in September 2008) regarding the voluntary work we do. The entire PetPals team would like to wish you and your family a blessed festive season and a prosperous new year. The blessings obviously include all the four-legged members of your family as well!

On that note, we want to appeal to you to have a look at the sweet faces around the PetPals Christmas tree who desperately long for forever homes as their ultimate gift for 2009. Many of these pets have been in PetPals' foster care for months and really deserve loving families of their own. Please read our adoption section for more details about each pet. They are all so special and precious to us, we guarantee you the ultimate feel-good experience if you would make one or more of these pets a permanent member of your own family... ☺



# DAILY UNPREDICTABILITIES...

There are many things in our day to day voluntary work that are totally unpredictable. One of those is the shape and size of a rescued puppy where the parents are unknown... This adorable pup was brought to us some time ago by a lady who bought the puppy at a traffic intersection at Klapmuts after feeling sorry for the pup's unsure future. We were convinced that this pup was a 95% Bullterrier cross, for obvious reasons judging from the pic below...



The proud new parents of this pup came to visit us a few months later down the line. Oops, no Bullterrier signs to be found, but still extremely adorable!



However, some other unpredictable things in our daily voluntary work are a bit more serious, like expenditure and income. For example, the month of October 2009 our vet bills alone escalated to more than R8000 mainly due to unforeseen medical emergencies. In that month, one dog from a township was put through an expensive emergency operation to remove an unknown swallowed object and the dog unfortunately did not survive. In the same month, a steel pen was inserted into another rescued dog's leg and fortunately she recovered magnificently (see adjacent pic of Brandy). Struggling with the uncertainty of whether the funding in our bank account will be sufficient for the next month or the next year is part of our daily work, but the reward of these happily helped animals makes it all worth the while!



*BRANDY WITH A STEEL PEN – SHE HAS SINCE BEEN REHOMED TO A WONDERFUL FOREVER HOME*

# ANOTHER 'BEFORE' AND 'AFTER'

You might remember this 'before' photo of Bruno from our September 2009 Newsletter where we mentioned that we found this dog tied to a tree with only a few meters to move around. As mentioned in the previous newsletter, he has been rehomed to a wonderful home in Paarl where he not only has a yard where he can run around freely, but also a Maltese playmate to keep him busy. The owner recently visited the Helderberg and 'showed off' the results of her TLC (Tender Love & Care). We especially love the wide smile on Bruno's face!



BRUNO - BEFORE



BRUNO - AFTER

## WE URGENTLY NEED FOSTER HOMES IN THE HELDERBERG AREA !!!

We desperately need foster homes for cats and dogs in the Helderberg Area. We are in the middle of kitten-season, but we currently only have one foster home for cats / kittens. We also need foster homes for puppies / dogs. We will provide the food, bedding, etc. – you just need to provide love and shelter. Even fostering only 1 or 2 pets at a time will help us a lot! If you and your family can look after some of our rescued pets until we find them forever homes, please phone us @ 021 854 6317 / 083 411 0738 / 073 180 2050.

**Thanks so much!!**

# STATS: 1 SEP 2008 - 30 NOV 2009

As you know by now, our Non Profit Organisation is quite small (consisting of 5 official members and a few volunteers). Although the stats below might not seem earth-shattering, we are very proud of the huge difference we were able to make to date to so many animals in need.



Our sterilisation stats mostly consist of animals that still live in townships and poor communities. The above stats exclude hundreds of animals who are touched by PetPals on a weekly basis by means of feeding and general pet care.

## PLEASE ADOPT A RESCUED PET

My name is Sophie and I was literally rescued from the streets where I was wandering around looking for food and shelter. I was permanently hungry, so I was extremely grateful when PetPals took me away from the dreadful street life. I hate the photos that were taken back then though...

I love every person that I meet (including the vet) – I overheard them saying that I was given a second chance in life due to my stunning personality. I love all humans that are kind to me, including children. I adore doggie company and I love to play. I am currently staying at a foster home in Somerset West sharing the home with my kind foster parents and a cat.

I was treated for mange (which had cleared completely) and I am sterilised as well. I am about knee-height and approximately 4½ years of age. I heard people describing me as a Husky X, I suppose that is the closest match they could find to represent my looks. 😊

My biggest wish is to become part of a loving forever family soon.





My name is Sammy. I am a 2 year old spayed female with the best characters of all breeds in me. I am knee-height and have shades of black and dark brown. My heart is made of gold.

I was rescued by PetPals from a sure death experience where I could easily have drowned. I was found huddled on a small ledge below a river bank in the Strand. I was rescued by PetPals and a man from the Animal Anti-Cruelty League.

They thought I was lost, but nobody ever claimed me. I am now placed in loving foster care where I have doggie friends and children friends. I love walking (with or without a leash).

I hope to find a forever home soon!

I was rescued by PetPals in September 2009 from a rubbish dump, together with my five 1-week-old babies. My foster mommy calls me Venus, because I am very loving and I am purring all the time. My favourite thing is to sit on my foster mommy's lap and to enjoy her attention. I also enjoy playing with all my children.

I was a very dedicated mommy and my kittens grew into beautiful youngsters. They were all rehomed to forever homes, after which I was sterilised. I was also tested for feline aids, leukaemia, and FIP and all tests were negative.

I really missed my children after they left, so I decided to transfer my mommy-love to another rescued child. Pirate came to our foster home a few weeks ago, and my motherhood immediately kicked in when I met this special-needs kitten (see her story below mine). Pirate and I love to cuddle together, but we also love to play.

I truly wish that I will find a forever home soon. It would be first prize if Pirate and I could go to a forever home together.





I am an 8-week old kitten and they call me Pirate for obvious reasons. PetPals rescued me and my siblings from a poor community in the Strand, but I could not be rehomed straight away because I had a sore eye. They gave me a lot of medicines to fix it, but unfortunately there was no cure for the infection and the vet doctor had to remove my one eye. Luckily my other eye is 100% fine.



I do not understand the fuss about me having only one eye though, because I am just like any other kitten. I loooooove playing, I love my new kitty-mommy, and I love to get tummy-rubs from my foster mommy. My foster mommy says I am very friendly, because I am permanently winking. ☺

They say I need a very special home, because I cannot see danger like normal kitties. Apparently I need supervision when I am allowed outside, but I am not scared at all!

I hope Farther Christmas brings me a loving forever home, and maybe my kitty-mommy can even go with me!



We are 6 week old twin brothers who were rescued by PetPals. We are adorable, loving and we loooooove to play!

We really hope that we will find our own forever home very soon.



**Please take note that all of the above animals are fostered in the Helderberg area (wider Cape Town). Please also note that adoption fees are applicable to contribute towards 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:**

**021 854 6317 / 083 411 0738 / 073 180 2050**

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 !

The entire PetPals team would like to thank every single person who has helped us during 2009 in whichever way to achieve our goals. We have asked a few of our 2009 rehomed rescue-pets to thank you personally:



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

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