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The PetPals Non Profit and Public Benefit Organisation hereby greets you nearly at the end of 2012. We cannot believe it is time for our Christmas newsletter already, time has flown since our last newsletter in August 2012. To pick up from that previous newsletter, we want to showcase how our Gold medal winner in our August newsletter has grown...



GOLD

Coolest pup



This is the extract from PetPals' August newsletter, awarding Jess the 'Coolest Pup' award.

Please find below pics sent from Jess' owners showing how she has grown. Jess shares her life with canine Jock, and owners Reinhardt and Shelley, who sent us the following update:

"Her and Jock have also started going to obedience classes as I feel like my arms are being stretched each time I walk them! But otherwise they are still being very spoilt, even sleeping IN the bed with us when it's really cold!"

- Reinhardt & Shelley



STATS

It has been a while since we provided stats regarding the voluntary work undertaken by PetPals. Our animal welfare organisation was established in 2008, and although our organisation is very small, we have managed to build up the following stats from September 2008 to December 2012:



CATS:

- ❖ Rescued & Rehomed: 267
- ❖ Sterilisations: 405



DOGS:

- ❖ Rescued & Rehomed: 279
- ❖ Sterilisations: 476

TOTAL # OF PETS HELPED:

- ❖ Rescued & Rehomed: 546
- ❖ Sterilisations: 881

Please help us with some marketing

PLEASE NOTE:

We have added an additional attachment to the distribution of this December 2012 newsletter, which looks like this. →

This attachment provides a short summary of the voluntary work we do, and it is in the format of 2 identical brochures on an A4 sheet.

If possible, we would really appreciate it if you could print this attachment on A4, cut it in 2 to become 2x A5 brochures, and distribute it far and wide.

Your networking will assist us to continue with what we do, and it will help us to keep adding numbers to the stats above. In the end, it is the neglected pets who get the advantage of your support. Thank you! ☺

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PetPals is a small organisation which has been established to improve the living conditions of animals in some townships and poor communities in the Strand. **PetPals** voluntary daily work in those areas includes **sterilisations, vet care, emergency care, feeding, provision of shelter, general pet care, and fostering & rehoming** of neglected, lost or unwanted pets.

Our largest expenses are **vet bills** for: sterilisations, vet care, general pet care, and emergency situations. **PetPals'** undertakings are completely **voluntary**, so no **PetPals** member or helper receives any salary or profit for the work they do.

PetPals is registered and approved as a **Non-Profit Organisation** with the Department of Social Development. **PetPals** is also registered with SARS as a **Public Benefit Organisation** (See top for valid registration numbers).



PetPals solely relies on ad hoc donations and sponsors. All proceeds go towards improving the living conditions of animals in townships and poor communities.



BEFORE



AFTER

<http://www.facebook.com/PetPalsAnimalRescue>

Our own rescues...

Everyone who is involved with animal rescue related activities will tell you that they wish they could help ALL the animals in need. They will also tell you that they wish they could adopt them all... Although there are obviously many reasons why we can't adopt them all, the temptation is sometimes simply too strong to resist. During 2012, both couples from PetPals made additional rescued pets part of their own families. I suppose you will not be surprised to hear that both cases started off as 'fostering only', but we are very glad that we were 'foster failures'! ☺



SHEBA joined the Hamman clan in January this year (for fostering) and was formally adopted on 28 February 2012 (on Dawie & Yolanda's anniversary). Someone found this young puppy wandering next to the busy Gordon's Bay Road in Strand, and fortunately was able to safely remove her from the streets and surrendered her to PetPals. She was very tiny, and it was originally believed she would grow into a Jack Russell size doggie. She turned out slightly bigger, which was not necessarily a bad thing as she is now able to fully stand her ground amongst the rest of the Hamman canine clan. I suppose you can clearly see who is the rescued doggie in the pic below...



PIXEL joined the Van Wyk clan in September 2012. PetPals rescued this tiny 1,5kg (but fully grown) doggie from Morkels Cottage township where he was living in dismal circumstances during the entire winter – he was kept under a crate most of the day! Since the Van Wyk household was run by felines only over the last nearly 11 years, the introduction of canine smells (not to mention the sounds) into the house was not received favourably... However, time fixes nearly everything, and it looks like the Christmas spirit of sharing (a house in this instance) is slowly rubbing off on at least 2 of the 3 cats. Hopefully by the end of 2013, the alpha cat will surrender as well. ☺

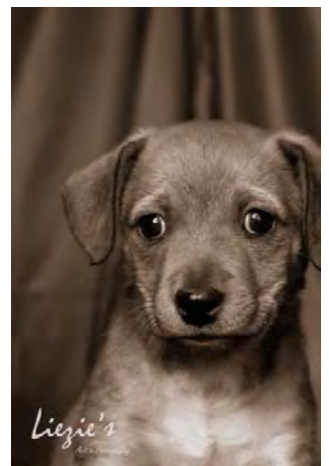


Happy Endings

The best way to conclude the end of 2012 is to showcase the faces of some of the 4-legged pets whose lives transformed into “happy endings” over the last view months. One very special case is Juliette and her 5 babies who were brought to the vet approximately 3 weeks after she gave birth to them. The vet asked if PetPals could assist, and thankfully a foster family made themselves available to us. The kittens all found loving homes when they were old enough, and the foster mom was also a ‘foster failure’ as her family kept 2 of the kittens for themselves. As always, mommy cat was the last to be rehomed, but we are ecstatic that she found the most wonderful loving home recently with a true cat-lover as her human mommy, as well as a new kitty-sibling. Please find below pics of Juliette and her 5 kittens.



Please find below pics of just a few of the doggies who were rehomed by PetPals in 2012. The photos below were taken by Liezie from *Liezie's Art & Photography*.



Another type of rescue...



Yes, these are goats you are seeing...

Some time ago, PetPals was involved with another type of rescue operation. PetPals was very surprised when they came across these 2 goats wandering Main Road in the Strand, opposite the Strand taxi rank and railway station, on a busy weekday morning. At times, the goats were in the street, and other times on the narrow side walk, and nobody seemed to notice anything extraordinary. The poor goats were disorientated and scared, but fortunately we managed to get dog leads over their heads and loaded them into the back of a bakkie. The Helderberg AWS was so kind to temporarily keep them while they contacted the SPCA for further assistance.

ADOPTIONS

PetPals has beautiful kittens (2 tabbies and 1 tortoiseshell) available for adoption – please phone us if you are interested.



PUPPIES GALORE

PetPals is currently trying their best to find homes for a litter of unplanned, special crossbreed puppies. Their most amazing mommy was unfortunately killed (presumed poisoned) when they were only 3 weeks old. Mom loved her 11 puppies and cared for them very well. She was actually found dead amongst her babies with them still suckling her. PetPals will, in remembrance of their mom, rehome each and every one of her puppies to good loving homes.

PetPals also has 3 rescued pups from another litter available for adoption. All the puppies are now about 7 weeks old and in desperate need of loving forever homes. They are happy, healthy and playful, and they enjoy their cuddles. We presume they might grow into medium size dogs. The puppies have been treated for fleas, and they are de-wormed and vaccinated.

PetPals has an adoption form that needs to be completed before the pets can be rehomed (visit www.petpals.org.za to obtain the form) and adoption fees are applicable. If you consider giving one or more of these pets a loving forever home, please contact Yolanda or Azanne on:

021 854 6317 / 083 411 0738 (Yolanda) or 073 180 2050 (Azanne)

THANK YOU!

We want to thank all of you for your continuous support. PetPals is extremely grateful for every single financial contribution, pet food donations and other offerings we have received during 2012. We also want to express our sincere appreciation to those who were willing to open their homes to our orphans by fostering cats or dogs until they found their forever homes. Also, a special thanks to every single person / family who has adopted a rescued pet during 2012 – you have changed the world for those unwanted 4-legged furry beings. PetPals is also very grateful to the vets and staff of the Strand Animal Hospital, Ebervet Community Veterinary Care, and TEVA for their on-going support of the voluntary work we do.

**Thanks to your assistance and networking,
we were able to bring relief to many animals in need during 2012.**

Thanks so much!

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!

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 about the voluntary work we do.

*Friendly PetPals-regards,
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