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# PetPals

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← → Friendly paw-shakes from the PetPals team

We hereby would like to give you an update on the voluntary work we do, so we hope you enjoy reading PetPals' latest newsletter.

If you are wondering what the festive theme is all about, we want to share the happy news with you that PetPals turned **5 years old** in September 2013!

Our organisation is very small, with basically just Dawie & Yolanda doing all the hard work on the ground (in the Morkels Cottage, Beverly Hills and Rusthof informal areas in the Strand). However, we believe that the stats below show that PetPals has made quite a difference over the last 5 years. These stats show the results of PetPals' voluntary work since September 2008, although Dawie & Yolanda have been involved with animal welfare activities in the area since 2006.

**TOTALS from SEP 2008 – SEP 2013:**

**Rescue & Rehome: 629**

**Sterilisations: 1004**

We would not have been able to accomplish these stats without your support, so we want to thank all of you for your continuous assistance. PetPals is extremely grateful for every single financial contribution, pet food donation and any other type of support we received (such as media exposure, networking, and photography like Liezie's photo above). Thank you also to those who were willing to foster rescued pets, and to those families who adopted a rescued pet. PetPals is always 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.



# Canine Content



PetPals has a few cheerful doggie stories we would like to share with you.

## The cross wire-haired Ami

Earlier this year, PetPals was collecting two kittens in Rusthof, Strand for their vaccines when Ami was spotted in the street. She was sterilised through PetPals a while ago, and her stitches needed to be taken out. Dawie & Yolanda stopped quickly to remove the stitches, and were shocked to hear from people in the street that Ami's owners had moved and simply left her behind... Ami was filthy and covered in fleas and ticks. Ami was immediately taken for a dip, bath and cut, and through amazing networking, Ami was adopted on that very same day!



At the time, Ami had an elderly Jack Russell companion at her new home, but unfortunately the old doggie died not long thereafter. They had not been together for long, but Ami was very fond of her canine friend. PetPals worked together with the AWS in Gordon's Bay to find a suitable doggie companion for Ami as soon as possible, and it was not long before another rescued dog (also a Jack Russell) joined Ami and her family. All went exceptionally well right from the start, as can be seen from the pic above. These two rescued doggies are loved and spoiled rotten, we are so glad for both of them, and obviously very grateful for the wonderful family who adopted them both!

# German Shepherds Galore



These two beautiful German Shepherd dogs had to be rehomed after their owners moved to a premises too small for the big dogs. It is very difficult to find a home for large-breed adult dogs, but fortunately wonderful people living on a two acre plot just outside Somerset West decided to adopt both dogs. Tessa and Mika are spoilt with lots of love and attention. In the attached pic, it looks like Tessa is pushing PetPals' vehicle away so that we can get off her new property... ☺

The same misfortune of owners who had to move to a smaller premises happened to Ceasar as well, but for some or other reason it took much longer to rehome Ceasar. He is such a gorgeous, well socialized, loving dog that we thought he would easily find a new home, but we advertised his story for months before he finally went to a wonderful home in Somerset West. Ceasar (now called Cody) finally found the doggie heaven he deserved, with a plush and spacious garden, a canine playmate called Bella, and a loving human family.



*Ceasar in old home*

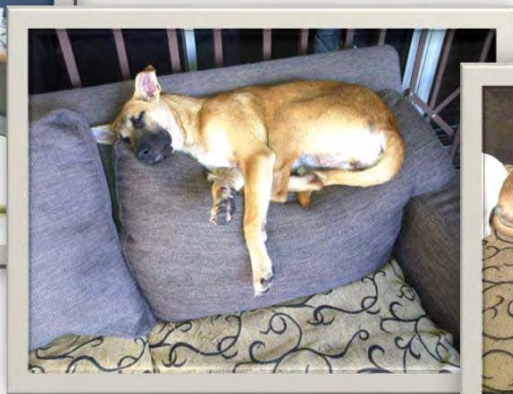
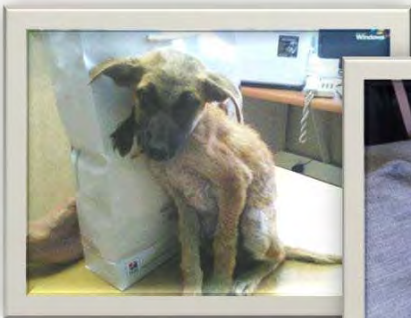


*Ceasar in doggie heaven*

# Another dog called Tessa

This Tessa is not a PetPals-rescue, but since we all love happy endings, we just had to share her story with you. Wendy and Andre, who adopted a rescued doggie from PetPals long ago, contacted PetPals earlier this year from Richards Bay for advice on possible adoption organisations in the area after they rescued a starving puppy (now Tessa) from the middle of the N2 just outside Richards Bay. Wendy's version of the story goes as follows:

*"She seemed to be oblivious to the trucks driving past her at 120kph as she ravenously searched for insects to eat. We immediately picked her up and headed for the nearest vet in Richards Bay. Her examination revealed severe biliary and hook worm which had made her very anaemic and unable to control her own body temperature... The vet said she was in a very bad condition and probably wouldn't make it. I named her Tessa and we put her in hospital on a drip for 2 nights. During this time her story went onto Facebook and a wonderful lady by the name of Delia (who already had 11 dogs and several cats) offered her a loving home in Richards Bay. Thank you Delia, for being Tessa's angel..."*



Wendy kept us up to date on Tessa's progress, and these pics showing the difference between the day of her rescue versus now speak for itself.

## FUNDRAISER

<p><b>HAT</b> Festival Hathersage House <b>24 Nov '13</b> 10:00-16:00</p>	<p>Featuring Unplugged Performances by</p> <p><b>GIAN GROEN Akkedis JESSE JORDAN Craig Vee HEATHER WATERS</b></p> <p><b>Adults R20 Children Free</b> <small>All day Games ticket R10</small></p> <p>Donation of Pet food welcome food and drinks for sale &amp; remember your blanket</p>
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Please take note of the fundraiser initiative that is taking place on Sunday 24 November 2013 in Somerset West. The annual HAT Festival strives to raise funds for Animal Welfare in the Helderberg and Grabouw areas. PetPals is not the organiser of this event, but we will man a refreshment stall of which PetPals may keep all proceeds. As the logo says, let's Help Animals Together.

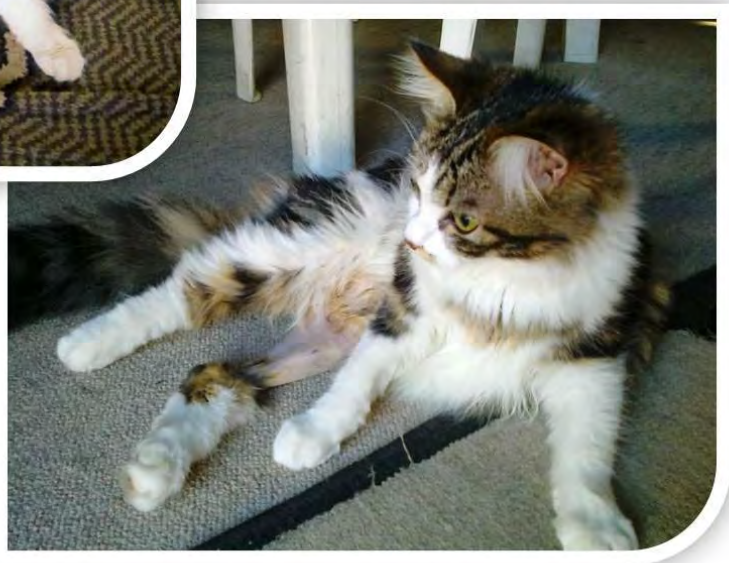
# GAT POSTS

PetPals has some cat posts (as in announcements, not scratching poles ☺) to tell you about.



**Snowy** is less than a year old and lives in Kays Caravan Park in the Strand. Snowy is dearly loved by his owner, and in turn he is the sweetest kitty, but he has been struggling with a dislocating hind leg that subsequently caused him pain and inhibited his movement.

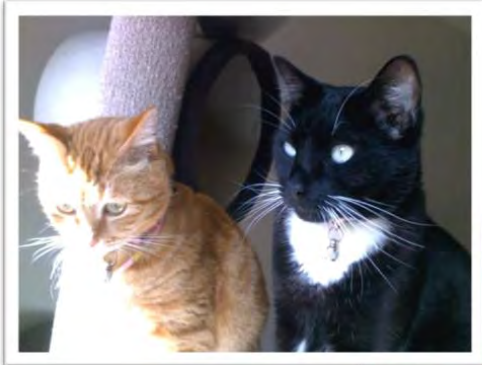
The people living in Kays cannot afford expensive vet procedures, but fortunately PetPals could assist so that Snowy was able to undergo an operation to fix his leg/knee. The vet, who only charged PetPals welfare rates for the opt, was very satisfied with the outcome of the procedure.



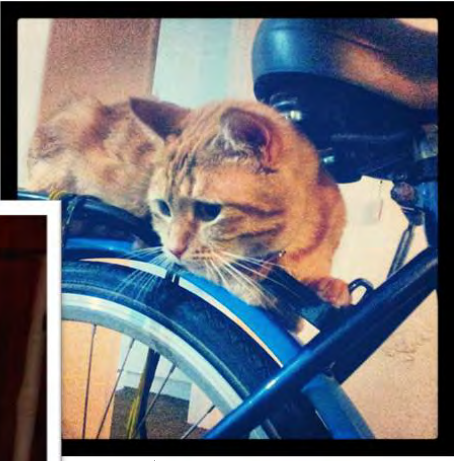
Snowy is now up and running again after the stitches and cone have been removed, but he is not very impressed with his latest nickname – we think Chicken Leg is just so appropriate... ☺

## Juliette & Max

In a PetPals newsletter distributed earlier this year, we told you about Juliette whose 5 kittens were all adopted before she finally found a wonderful forever home as well.



The reason why her new home is so special is that she shares her life with another rescued cat called Max, who was adopted from PetPals many years ago.



↑ Juliette

As with most adult cats being introduced to share a household together, they pretended at first not to like each other, but were soon caught on camera which proofed otherwise...



# Factory Cats

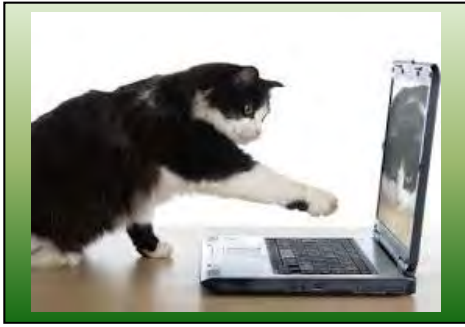
For the past few years, one of PetPals' dedicated volunteers has been feeding stray cats at his place of work in Helderberg Industrial Park. Although he does not work over weekends, he even goes there on Saturdays and Sundays to feed them.

PetPals provide the food for their daily meals. In 2012, PetPals trapped the 3 cats at separate occasions to have them sterilised. Since then, they became less timid and warmed up towards their caretaker, whom they now await at the gate of the factory every morning. Although two of the cats are too timid and wary of strangers to be rehomed, the tortoiseshell cat (middle one in pic where they are eating) is very tame and friendly.

She is looked after very well at the factory, but she loves human attention and therefore could go to a real home if someone would be interested in adopting her. If you would like to make her part of your family, please contact Yolanda or Azanne on:

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# **Vacancy: Facebook Update Specialist**

**We desperately need volunteer(s) who are willing to become a “Facebook Update Specialist” for PetPals, but unfortunately this position comes with no remuneration package... ☺**

As you might know, PetPals has a Facebook page which is very useful for updates such as recent adoptions, fund-raising events, happy endings, etc. However, since our organisation is so small, we do not have enough hands / man hours to update the PetPals Facebook page ourselves. The one or two volunteers who currently assist us with Facebook updates could do with extra hands to share their ‘workload’ at times.

If anyone of you have access to a pc and the internet and is willing to assist us with this task, please let us know. We will send you relevant photos and basic information, but we need your assistance to write up the stories and to upload the posting on Facebook in whatever creative format you deem fit. We do not need 10 updates a day, only a few updates per week, so this is definitely not enough work for a full day job... Maybe you want to volunteer for the cause of animal welfare, but you do not have the time or means to foster rescued pets or to go to a shelter to provide assistance. This is the ideal way of making a huge difference from behind your desktop. Networking helps to find forever homes for rescued animals, and it gives exposure to animal welfare organisations who in turn help the animals in need.

If you want to see what PetPals’ Facebook page looks like at the moment, please follow the link below:

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

## **PLEASE ADOPT LIAM**

Liam is urgently in need of a loving forever home, so please consider making him part of your family. Liam spent the first 4 months of his life locked up in a backyard where he had no interaction with people or other animals. Everything terrified him to the extent that he would wet himself when a bird flew overhead. Luckily for him, he was rescued from those nasty conditions and has learnt to trust.

Loving came naturally for him, and he is now well socialised with dogs and cats. This very loyal doggie is now about 6 months old and will grow into a medium to large size dog. Liam walks well on and off a leash, and he is house-trained. This gorgeous boy has loads of energy and needs to go to a home that will take him running or on regular walks with other playful dogs. Liam has been sterilised, vaccinated, dewormed and treated for fleas and ticks.



Liam is currently in Lynne's dedicated foster care in Somerset West. Although he was not rescued by PetPals, Liam's foster mom is a dedicated PetPals volunteer and has asked us to share Liam's story with you. Please note that an adoption process is applicable, and Liam's adoption fee is R550 (AWS Helderberg tariffs). If you are interested in adopting Liam, please contact Kim at [info@ces-recruitment.co.za](mailto:info@ces-recruitment.co.za).

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*Friendly PetPals-regards,  
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