

Pawsome stories



2022

Mission

To advance the rights, welfare and health of all animals.

Vision

Our Vision is for all animals to live a life free of disease, cruelty and suffering.

Values

Kindness, respect, compassion, awareness and integrity are sacrosanct in all aspects of our mission and vision for a cruelty-free society.



Welcome



*A note from Allan Perrins
Head of Communications,
Resource Development
and Fundraising*

Dear friends,

I savoured this edition of Pawsome Stories because it brought back so many happy memories of all the animals we have had the privilege of rescuing, rehabilitating and rehoming over the past eventful year.

I was also reminded of the selfless magnanimity of our donors and the gallant efforts of my colleagues, and so this collection of happy tales is a tribute to you as well as all of these behind-the-scenes Heroes.

Four highlights stand out for me in particular this year: The official opening of the Isdell Vaccination Clinic on 18 July (Mandela Day), being chosen as the beneficiary of the 2022 OUTsurance Gun Run, receiving the support of the Mayoral Fund of the

Executive Mayor of Cape Town and the sponsorship of an inverter and state of the art backup power supply for our Hospital. We are very proud of these achievements and recognition and we still have a number of exciting plans in the works to ensure that we stay ahead of the pack as revered animal welfare influencers.

This Christmas holiday season, let us celebrate the inestimable amount of good the Animal Welfare Society of South Africa does, and the abundant joy our pets gift us year-round.

Thank you! Seasons greetings and best wishes from all of us to all of you!

Allan Perrins





*Until one has loved an
animal a part of one's soul
remains unawakened*
- Anatole France

The Animal Welfare Society of South Africa was founded in March 1929. Our organisation is member-based, non-governmental and an autonomous NPO and registered PBO established to ensure the rights, health and welfare of all animals.

Over the past 93 years we have consistently executed our Mission to champion the cause of all animals. We have achieved this through:

- Professional veterinary care
- Inspectorate services
- Humane education, Sterilisation and Outreach projects
- Successful adoption and foster programmes that every year places many animals in loving forever homes

The Society does not receive state funding and relies almost solely on donations. Humane education as a pro-active animal cruelty preventative measure is pivotal in all we do.

We offer a full range of veterinary services to the underprivileged and disadvantaged communities of the Cape Metro. From our base in Philippi, we handle about 4 000 animals per month. Our clinic is open 7 days a week to accommodate those who are unable to bring their pets during the week. We have 4 fully-equipped and very busy theatres where we do sterilisations, orthopaedic operations and many other procedures.

At any one time we can house in excess of 175 sick or injured animals. We are committed to sterilising and microchipping every animal that comes through our hospital as our contribution to reducing the number of strays, homeless and unwanted animals in the Cape Metro.

The Society has an Animal Care Centre, where we take in stray, homeless, unwanted, abused and abandoned animals and find them their forever home. They are medically assessed, vaccinated, treated for internal and external parasites, microchipped and sterilised before leaving our care.

Our Inspectorate Department responds to daily calls for cases relating to animal cruelty and general neglect of animals as well as ongoing reported cases of animal fighting in our communities. We often respond to reports of injured stray animals, large and small on our public roadways by our City's Traffic Department, SAPS and Law Enforcement.

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Mandela Day 2022



Mandela Day 2022 – A huge success

Thank you to everyone who contributed towards the success of our 2022 Mandela Day celebration.

The highlight of the day was the opening of our Vaccination Walk-through Clinic (The Isdell Vaccination Clinic) that was brought forward from 2pm to 9am due to a better than expected turnout of pet owners from across the Cape Metro eager to benefit from our decision to pay it forward with 67 free pet vaccinations.

Congratulations to Patrick Cloete from Mitchells Plain for being first in line with his beloved dog Donatello, and William Bottoman from Philippi who brought his newly acquired puppy Tiger and her

companion Nobby to be vaccinated and booked in for sterilisation.

A super-special thank you goes to the Grades 3 and 5 learners (and their parents) from Wynberg Boys Junior School for their amazing gesture of building our Mascot Ponzo a stunning new kennel, and for spending loads of quality time with the dogs and puppies in our care.

The day saw us hosting numerous individuals as well several corporate groups including a large contingent from the Sandak-Lewin Trust and the amazing Petprints magazine team who gifted us a small mountain of pet food and treats.

Walk-through clinic launch

AWS SA opens a unique pet vaccination walk-through clinic

Parvo Virus, Canine Distemper and Feline Infectious Peritonitis tragically cost many pets their lives annually and, with a guarded to hopeless prognosis, are extremely expensive to treat.

Following sporadic outbreaks of these preventable communicable diseases we decided to invest in a one-of-a-kind pet vaccination walk-through clinic that offers a multitude of value-added benefits for pets as well as their owners. Our blueprint plan called for a dedicated, standalone facility that offered enhanced bio-security and greater efficiency.

To reduce the risk of exposure for unvaccinated – but otherwise healthy – puppies and kittens, it was important that the design eliminated the need for such pets to share the same space with sick animals and we wanted an offering with a hugely reduced turnaround time that precluded the need for appointments and long waiting periods.

Once we had identified an existing structure that ticked most of the boxes and lent itself to conversion, we set about repurposing it with a very generous grant from our Patron, Pamela Isdell. Upon hearing that we planned to officially open the clinic on Mandela Day (18 July 2022), Ms Isdell unhesitatingly offered to sponsor the first 67 vaccinations.

Our initial plan was to open the doors around 2pm but by 9am there was already a queue of eager pet owners waiting to have their pets vaccinated. The fact that we succeeded in emulating the values and legacy of Madiba is a tribute to everyone involved with this life-saving legacy.

The opening was a huge success and the turnout exceeded our expectations. It was unanimously agreed that we could not have chosen a more befitting occasion than Mandela Day to welcome the clinic's first beneficiaries.



2022 OUTsurance Gun Run

After a two-year Covid-enforced absence, the OUTsurance Gun Run started off with a bang at Mouille Point with a 21 km half marathon, 10km race, 15km trail run, 5km fun walk and 5km pet walk spread out over Saturday 17 and Sunday 18 September.

More than 12000 runners, and hundreds of dogs entered to take part in the five events making up the 28th edition of the popular road race.

The biggest winner on the day was the Animal Welfare Society of South Africa – the exclusive race beneficiary. Thanks to the runners R51 522 was raised and OUTsurance, the title sponsor, matched the money raised, bringing the total of money donated to R103 044.

The money will be used to purchase a new six-berth dog trailer and to fund a pet sterilisation project in Gugulethu. The balance will go to purchasing pet food and paying for petcare bills at the organisation's Philippi-based headquarters.





OUTsurance Pet Insurance Plans

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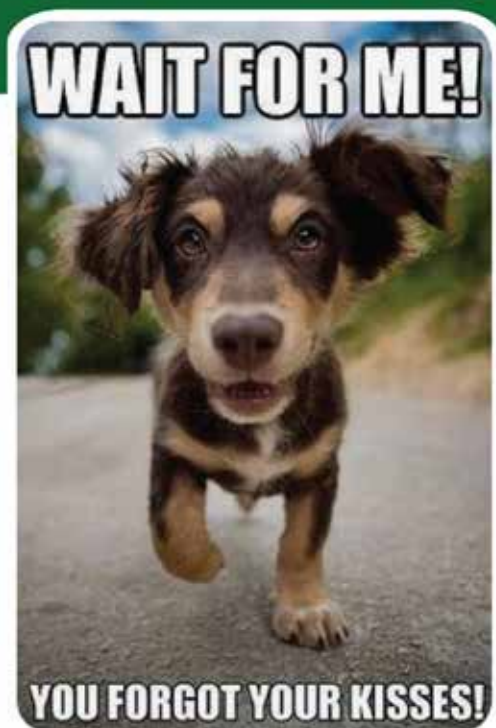
Smooch Booth

On Saturday, 24 September our all-the-rage Activation Station team – together with volunteers from Germany, Italy and Belgium and six of our four-legged best friends – had the pleasure of joining our partners Starke Ayres Garden Centre Rosebank for the celebration of their auspicious 145th Anniversary.

Over and above several lucky visitors to our *Pooch Smooch Booth* (who each won a R200 gift voucher for having their winning snap taken by our enthusiastic 'Pupperazzi'), the biggest winner on the day was Oats. A once neglected homeless dog who, thanks to this tremendous collaboration, found his loving forever home – after spending just over 3 months in our care.



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Joe Slovo fire

AWS SA jumps into action to render emergency relief to distressed pets and destitute people



On Saturday, 16 April a devastating fire swept through Joe Slovo informal settlement in Langa, Cape Town. By the time the inferno was extinguished at least 300 homes had been razed to the ground leaving an estimated 1 200 residents homeless and many pets burnt, injured, traumatised and displaced.

We jumped into action as soon as it was safe for us to enter the affected area and spent several hours carefully combing the area for any animals in distress.

Whilst busy with our search we were approached by a distraught resident named Rasta who related how he had grabbed his dog – who he described as his most treasured possession – and fled to safety just before his house burst into flames. When he spoke about his loss all that seemed to matter to him was his animals and he welled up with tears as he explained seeing some of his pigeons, who refused to abandon their nests, perish in the blaze.

Thankfully our rescue efforts were not in vain and our team returned with two dogs – both surrendered by their owners who explained that it would take a miracle before they were back in a position to be able to take proper care of them.



Pet homelessness



MARS Petcare recently commissioned an in-depth survey into the state of pet homelessness around the world. The results are distressing!

It found that there are 4.1 million homeless companion animals in South Africa comprised of 3.4 million free-roaming or stray cats and dogs and 650 000 pets in shelters. This equates to a homeless companion animal population of a shocking 27%.

Encouragingly it found that 77% of South Africans would consider adopting from a shelter (in the future) which is better than the global average of 65%.

Whilst some may find these figures daunting and throw their hands up in despair, MARS Petcare has the ambitious intention to end pet homelessness by helping to rehome every single adoptable pet.

What MARS Petcare envisions is a better world for pets. A forever healthy, happy and welcoming place where the sentence of animals will be valued and respected. This is exactly what we strive for every single day, so when they invited us to join them for an exploratory meeting we jumped at the opportunity.

At the inaugural meeting held at AWS SA's HQ in Philippi on 21 July, AWS SA's Head of Communications, Resource Development and Fundraising Allan Perrins congratulated MARS Petcare for taking the lead and offered their wholehearted support to ensure the success of their project.

"MARS is an extraordinarily successful family owned company with a proud philanthropic track-record, global reach and value proposition that aligns perfectly with ours. I have gone on record defining our introductory meeting as one of the stand-out best of my 23-year-long animal welfare career."

"Being afforded the opportunity to meet with the dynamic Tumi Masekela, Corporate Affairs Director of MARS Multisales Africa, to discuss our desire to be a part of the solution to secure a better world for pets represents a quantum leap for the welfare of animals globally. MARS is a global company whose iconic brands can be found nearly everywhere on earth and we could not have wished for a better ally in our collective quest to rescue, rehabilitate and rehome all homeless animals."

"Being able to stand on the shoulders of a giant like MARS Petcare will enable us to reach for the stars and accomplish the seemingly impossible."

"A few years ago we revised our pet adoption model to include regular outings to select venues to ensure that the pets in our care are given every opportunity of a second chance. Our adoption rate sky-rocketed and we made many new friends. Just imagine the huge positive difference having the support of MARS Petcare will enable us to make."



Animal Heroes

Zola and Amari

The story of this pair of best friends is one of the most heartening stories we have had the pleasure to tell. Zola Mceka is a Hero for saving Amari – a canine damsel in distress.

He first noticed the little dog scavenging for food on a dump site in Philippi in early June and decided to befriend and save her. He visited her everyday, sharing whatever food he could with her – slowly winning her love and trust until she would allow him to pick her up. Their uplifting story moved a Nation and we promised that we would keep them together.

On Monday, 8 August we got to fulfil our promise and gave Amari a send-off fit for a Queen – with enough food and spoils to last her a lifetime.

Her arrival generated so much excitement in the neighbourhood that the referee of a street soccer match blew half-time early. Her arrival was just too much of a happy distraction and not to be missed. It was as if the whole of Gugulethu had turned up to welcome her home.

Zola, who had just celebrated his 38th birthday the previous Friday, could not contain his excitement and told us that we had given him the most precious gift of his life and that he would be forever grateful to everyone for their kindness and help.



On the frontline

Life in the trenches can be hectic. Battle weariness is something that all Animal Welfare Warriors have to contend with and overcome – but every now and then they are provided with a reason to smile and some 'comic relief'.

Meet 'Captain Cape Flats', who marched into our busy hospital reception area 'demanding' that we fix his cat! He was dressed for battle – hardhat and all – leaving us no option but to surrender to his demand to have his cat sterilised, vaccinated and microchipped. What a character and awesome Animal Welfare Warrior. Let's hope that he soldiers on and manages to make many more animal allies.

Sir – we salute you for being such a caring and responsible pet owner!

Brotherly love extends to helping pets in need

Are we born compassionate and caring, or is it how we are raised that inspires us to want to do good?

There is one thing that we know for sure and that is that acts of kindness cost nothing. Despite the hardship of many families – especially those living in informal settlements, on hopelessly inadequate grants or having to eke out an honest living by doing menial work for a pittance where the word NO is the default response to a reasonable request – there are still many with a kind heart who give selflessly without the expectation of compensation.

Oyiso, aged 12, and his brother Luniko, aged 8, who live in a rusted corrugated iron shed in a nearby informal settlement in Philippi are an example of the huge difference someone with very little other than a kind heart can make. They found a little dog who had been hit by a car lying on the side of the road and stepped in to help her.

They suspected that she had a broken leg so before finding something to carry her in they fitted a crude splint made from what appeared to be a disposable nappy and duct tape to her injured leg.

The area where they live is littered with municipal refuse bags so they grabbed an empty bag and slid her in – making sure that she was comfortable and could breathe – before Oyiso gently slung the bag over his shoulder to carry her to our hospital.



At first they shared the load until Luniko became too tired, leaving it to his older brother to complete the journey with the little dog safely tucked into the bag over his shoulder.

When they took their place in the queue, Oyiso still had the bag slung over his shoulder with the little dogs head just visible enough to our alert receptionist who ensured that they were helped almost immediately.

The brothers stayed by the little dog's side throughout her examination gently stroking her whilst taking in every word of the Nursing Assistant who commended them for helping the dog.

An x-ray later revealed the full extent of her injuries and the excruciating pain that she would have had to endure had it not been for these two young boys whose brotherly love knows no bounds.

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Animal Welfare

Pet shops are our pet hate



During the month of June we conducted unannounced inspections of a couple of dubious pet shops in Mitchells Plain. Our first stop was at a pet shop that illegally traded in indigenous wildlife – more specifically Chameleons which are highly prized by questionable exotic pet owners.

The complainant alleged that the pet shop owner buys them for R5.00 each from local youngsters eager to earn a few Rand, and then sells them on for a small fortune. He further alleged that he pays the youngsters R1.00 for bird's nests which they apparently remove from the trees in Westridge Gardens.

At the time of our inspection the pet shop was sold out of Chameleons and bird's nests but that did not prevent us from issuing the owner with a stern final written warning.

Next on our inspection list was an equally disgraceful pet shop in Rocklands Road, Mitchells Plain. At the time of our inspection we observed a number of scrawny chickens in the road looking for something to eat. We quickly established that they belonged to the pet shop owner.

As soon as one of them found a tasty morsel the chase was on, resulting in motorists hooting frantically, swerving to avoid them and braking excessively – in full view of the pet shop owner who appeared totally unfazed by the commotion.

We concluded our inspection by insisting that the owner immediately remedy all animal husbandry shortcomings (and there were a lot) and managed to persuade him to surrender a pair of neglected Dutch Quacker ducks inhumanely confined to a hopelessly inadequate cage hidden at the back of the shop.

The ducks have since been rehomed and we plan to conduct further inspections of both pet shops as well as several others on the Cape Flats.

Whilst it may be unfair to label all pet shops as 'shady', there is no doubt that profit takes precedence over how animals are treated at many pet shops and we would encourage anyone considering a pet to adopt instead of shop.





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Animal Welfare

Kitten survives surgery to remove embedded fish hooks

In March we came to the rescue of a kitten named Biscuit who had two barbed fish hooks painfully embedded in his mouth and another in his armpit.

His owner, who is a keen angler, suspects that Biscuit was attracted to the bait left on the hooks following an evening's fishing.

The fish hooks appeared to be new, with razor sharp, barbed tips and were quite deeply embedded in Biscuits jaw and armpit, making manual extraction without sedation near impossible and risky. We were also worried that he may have swallowed a hook so decided to sedate and x-ray Biscuit.

Thankfully the x-ray was all clear but removing the fish hooks without causing further harm required some intricate surgery under general anaesthetic. According to his owner Biscuit is doing fine and he has promised us that he will be a lot more careful with where he stores his fishing tackle in future.

Thankfully Biscuit survived his ordeal with no lasting negative side effects. He is a lot luckier than many other innocent pets (and wild animals), especially sea-birds and turtles injured or killed by carelessly discarded fishing gear.



One-eyed Wink

Would you adopt a one-eyed dog?

Several months ago we found Wink, a beautiful tan coloured Africanis Cross with the gentlest of temperaments wandering the busy streets of Delft.

Wink had been in the wars and had sustained a traumatic eye injury (most probably from a blow with a heavy blunt object) that caused his left eyeball to pop out of its socket.

Our presence quickly attracted an inquisitive crowd who were quick to point out his neglectful owner who claimed to have tried to get help for Wink. After some robust discussion she agreed to surrender him to us.

Our hope for Wink is that someone will welcome him into their heart and home where he can live the rest of his life happy and content.

No bones about it: bones are bad for dogs

Over the past year our busy hospital treated several pets with bones stuck in their mouth and throat.

In January we were presented with two challenging cases. The first involved a distressed 12-year-old Husky Cross named Darnell admitted with a large chunk of stew bone painfully embedded in her lower jaw that hindered her ability to eat, drink or breath properly. The second was Archer with a chicken bone dangerously wedged across the width of his mouth causing him extreme pain and distress.

Their distraught owners attempted to dislodge and remove the bones themselves but in their panicked state only complicated matters – quickly realising that they were ill equipped to deal with the delicate procedure.

We thankfully managed to remove the bone from Darnell's mouth without too much trouble but Archer was so upset and fearful that he needed to be sedated before we could safely remove the chicken bone.

In both instances the owners ignored their intuition and admitted to foolishly feeding their dogs cooked bones. They did vaguely consider the dangers of the bones splintering and getting stuck, but never thought that any harm would ever come to their pets. In our opinion all bones (cooked or raw) are potentially dangerous for our pets and we would subsequently encourage all pet owners to add "I promise to never feed my pets bones" to their list of New Year's resolutions.



Daring kitten rescue

On Thursday, 29 January we dispatched a team to Bonteheuvel to rescue an adventurous kitten stuck up a tree. The owner had tried all means of persuasion to get him to come down but the more she tried the higher he climbed.

By the time our three-man rescue team arrived on the scene Crumbs had managed to clamber down to a thick branch above a nearby container that allowed us to reach him without too much fuss. Crumbs was quickly plucked to safety and admitted to our Animal Care Centre for observation.

Other than a lot of noisy protestation about being kept in an enclosure overnight, Crumbs suffered no harm and has been adopted to a wonderful home with an enclosed garden and no trees overhanging a busy road.

When we informed Crumbs' owner that we had managed to find him a home she offered to surrender the rest of the litter and agreed to have his Mum sterilised – making this one of our most successful rescues of the year.



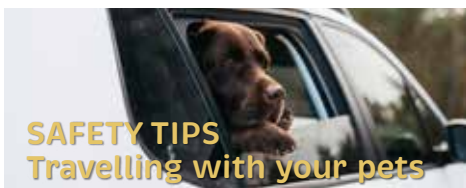
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Mum and puppies found in locked car boot

On Monday, 7 February we took possession of an adult female Husky Cross and her seven 6-week-old puppies that were found confined in the sweltering hot boot of their owner's car. How they survived the suffocating, almost hour-long trip from Rocklands in Mitchells Plain to our headquarters in Philippi is nothing short of miraculous.

When we opened the boot we noticed that the puppies were quite tightly squashed together without any ventilation – another 15 minutes in the boot and they would almost certainly have suffocated to death. Thankfully we managed to get all of the dogs out in good time and the owner to agree to surrender them to us.



SAFETY TIPS Travelling with your pets

The Animal Welfare Society of South Africa offers the following advice to pet owners who enjoy the company of a canine cruising companion:

- Never place your pet in the boot as they can suffocate to death
- Never allow your pet to ride 'shotgun'
- Always 'buckle up' your pet
- If possible install a barrier
- If your pet is restless consider putting them in a travel crate for the journey
- Never leave your pet in the car even with the windows cracked open as they can die in a hot car
- On long trips stop frequently for water and potty breaks

Over and above these precautionary travel tips, we suggest that dog owners invest in a canine seat belt or dog harness to keep their dogs safely restrained whilst in the car.



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Randal

Randal, a tiny ginger and white kitten who we estimated to be about three months old, wandered into his owners lives. They found him in their bath tub! They have no idea why he chose them or how he landed up stuck in their bath.

When he was found his stomach was slightly distended and his eyes appeared hazy, but other than that he appeared to be in good health and quickly settled into a pampered lifestyle.

His owner described him as a stay-at-home kitten who had quickly adapted to their routine – especially feeding time which saw him racing into the kitchen in eager anticipation of being served his dinner. So when Randal did not arrive home for dinner one night the family became very worried.

After a search of the property he was found lying outside during the early hours of the morning clearly suffering from exposure (to the cold) with his neck arched back awkwardly. Randal was flat and almost lifeless upon admission to our hospital. Other than spending a night exposed to the elements his owner was unable to shed any light as to the cause of his condition.



We noticed that someone had tattooed his face with what appeared to be a Henna-type mix and established that the owners teenage sister decided to accentuate his eye brows and lips with a potentially toxic dye concoction that we strongly suspected to be the cause of his partial paralysis.

Thankfully Randal responded well to symptomatic treatment and was reunited with his grateful family with the cautionary message that because a product is certified safe for human use or human consumption does not make it safe for use on or ingestion by our pets.

Lady survives vicious dog attack



Lady is a much loved 3-month-old Africanis puppy. Like most puppies she is inquisitive, playful and (despite her pint size) extremely adventurous.

Lady shares a tiny house in one of the many informal settlements on the Cape Flats that does not offer much play room for a boisterous puppy so she

frequently ventured outside to explore the world. Lady decided to one day visit the neighbour's usually placid dog who did not take kindly to her intrusion and lay into the puppy with menacing intent fracturing ribs and puncturing one of Lady's lungs during the minute-long scuffle.

When we first examined Lady she was very shaken-up and in a lot of pain. Her owner was equally traumatised by both the unprovoked attack and the extent of Lady's injuries and begged us to save her.

Our remarkable Nursing Team sensed that Lady meant the world to her distraught owner and it took every ounce of their quite considerable skill to save her. A few days after admission Lady ate her first meal and since then hasn't stopped.

She is back home now and fully recovered and whilst she was in our care her owner took the last of her meagre savings to build a sturdy boundary wall so that Lady has a safe place to play and run around.

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Jeep



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We are immensely grateful for all the wonderful work you do to save, care for and help our furry friends. Your loyalty and dedication is an inspiration to us all and we are proud of our long-standing association with You - and look forward to continuing being supportive.



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An amaze-wing rescue

Trainee Inspector Sivuyile Kilwa recently rescued a beautiful Spotted Dikkop chick discovered on the sports field of Montague Drive Primary School in Mitchells Plain. Before removing the chick Sivuyile searched for the parents or any other chicks, but it appeared as though they had all flown the nest.

The chick has since been released into the Betty's Bay Biosphere that is home to many of these birds as well as other free-roaming wild creatures who are all fiercely protected by the residents and conservation authorities.

The young chick was slow in coming out of her travel crate but once she plucked up the courage to venture outside of the safety of her crate there was no stopping her as she raced around loudly announcing her arrival.

All creatures great and small

Our newest member of staff Bongani Khumalo, who recently graduated as a UNISA Veterinary Welfare Assistant, came to the aid of an injured Hadida that he found on a nearby field in Philippi.

Bongani noticed that the bird appeared to have an injured wing and could not fly, leaving it in pain and vulnerable to predation.

After a brief run-around he managed to safely catch the injured bird (who he referred to as a 'feathered friend'), admit it to Hospital and arrange for its transfer to a specialist avian rehabilitator for treatment and release back into the wild once it had regained use of the injured wing.





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Pieter Twine - General Manager



Big or small - we treat them all

Birds of a feather flock together

Towards the middle of July a family from Mitchells Plain – who enjoy caring for a small flock of retired racing pigeons – noticed one of the birds limping and in need of medical attention.

According to the family the pigeons had become very tame and developed a dangerous habit of criss-crossing the busy road in search of food, leading them to suspect that he may have been hit by a car.

Pigeon racing is a controversial sport. Many pigeons do not make the finish line. Some perish due to the elements and sheer exhaustion, whilst others simply give up and call wherever they land home.

Being highly adaptable and easily domesticated they quickly bond with kind-hearted strangers who enjoy their company. Winter is a particularly treacherous time for racing pigeons and we suspect that this pigeon may have been one of the lucky ones to have survived being blown off course. Thankfully we were able to treat his injuries and transfer him to a specialist rehabilitation facility.

If you are a pigeon fancier, please don't allow them to fly in adverse weather conditions and if you are fortunate enough to have been chosen by a lost pigeon please exercise restraint and don't harm them.



Big and small we treat them all

In July we sterilised a client's pet rat and his rabbit 'brother'. The owner was quite astonished to learn how quickly these pets multiply and was gob-smacked to hear that a single rat can give birth to as many as 84 pups a year.

We were also handed a beautiful tortoise hatchling that has since been transferred to a specialist facility before being released back into the wild.

The Animal Welfare Society of South Africa caters for all animals big or small, wild or domestic – we treat and save them all!

If you own mice, rats, guinea pigs, rabbits or hamsters then please be responsible and have them sterilised before they reach sexual maturity.

Teddy Toupee back to his cute self



We first had the pleasure of meeting and treating Teddy (Toupee), a tiny hamster with a huge hair loss problem, during the first week of December 2021.

When we first saw Teddy he was balding from top to tail due to an acute Demodectic mite infestation. In lay terms – Teddy was riddled with mange that caused him to itch all over and scratch to ease the itch causing his hair to fall out in clumps.

Treating this playful handful proved to be quite a challenge but after being placed on an aggressive course of treatment to rid him of the mange mites, the results 3 months down the line were quite spectacular – and his owner (who adores him) could not be more pleased with the results.

Teddy is now the envy of one of his balding caregivers who was thrilled to see him looking bright eyed and bushytailed and very well cared for.

Hanover Park hamster hoarder

Earlier this year we admitted 20 unwanted Syrian Hamsters that have since been transferred to specialist rodent rescue group Boggle and Brux.

Their owner took them over from his grandson who “had no more patience for them” about a year ago. Their numbers soon swelled and he claimed that he could not afford to buy them individual cages to prevent them from breeding, fighting and killing one another.

The pet shop owner who sold them the original pair rashly suggested that they be kept in separate 5 litre plastic buckets, but before the owner could take any form of remedial action he went away on holiday leaving the hamsters in the care of his son and free to multiply.

When he returned from holiday the number of hamsters had exploded – with several having given birth to as many as 13 babies at a time – leading him to finally conclude that “he couldn’t keep up” and that “things can’t go on like this.”

The breeding was so rampant that on the morning of their admission one of the hamsters gave birth to a large litter, and literally moments thereafter the male was chasing her around relentlessly.



Unfortunately all of the survivors had some form of injury. Many had infected bite wounds whilst others had skin problems and painful eye infections caused by constant fighting and overcrowded living conditions. We also noticed that they were without exception under-weight and very stressed.

There are so many lessons to be learnt from this story – starting with giving proper consideration to pet ownership, to never buying pets from pet shops, to the infinite benefits of pet sterilisation – but the most important lesson is to take timely action when things start to unravel and the novelty of owning that once cute pet wears off.

Happy endings

Stolen dog recovered unharmed

On 17 August 2021, Lolita Muller from Rocklands Mitchells Plain had to take the heart-breaking decision to surrender her two dogs – Ben, a magnificent Long Haired German Shepherd and Cardi, a docile Pitbull Cross. Lolita had fallen upon hard times and had to move to an area where she feared for their safety.

Both dogs were in great condition and very well behaved so it wasn't long before both were adopted. Ben was adopted by a couple from Grassy Park in September 2021. On Saturday, 15 January 2022 Ben went missing from their home.

Initially it was thought that someone may have accidentally left the gate open and that Ben had wandered off, but it soon became apparent that he had been stolen. The family immediately took to social media and as soon as we became aware of Ben's disappearance we too posted an alert on Facebook and several WhatsApp Groups.

Messages poured in and it was soon confirmed that Ben was in Ocean View. The first report of his whereabouts took the form of an opportunistic ransom demand from an alleged Ocean View gangster who demanded R250 in exchange for information leading to Ben's return.

This report was soon followed by a call from a lady, also from Ocean View, who claimed to have Ben. She alleged that whilst enroute to visit family in Grassy Park she noticed a suspicious looking person walking a somewhat regal looking, but reluctant Ben, so she decided to stop and ask him for the dog – which he reportedly willingly handed over to her.

As soon as we were alerted to the possible whereabouts of Ben, his imminent return, and the alleged extortionist's claim, we contacted the police and made arrangements for them to accompany us to the Grassy Park residence to await his return.

On Monday, 17 January 2022 (roughly 48 hours after his disappearance) the 'stranger' from Ocean View returned Ben unharmed.

In the meantime, a very worried Lolita got wind of the unfolding drama and contacted us wanting to know that if we were successful in recovering Ben she could adopt him.

After considering the merits of Lolita's claim as well as the many aggravating circumstances surrounding Ben's baffling disappearance and equally perplexing return we decided to reunite these two soulmates.



Huge effort required to rescue and reunite tiny Chihuahua



Towards the end of 2021, Trainee Inspector Sivuyile Kilwa pulled-off what was arguably the 'most spontaneous rescue of the year' by saving a lost Chihuahua that he noticed darting frantically in and out of the traffic on busy Weltevreden Road in Mitchells Plain.

What distinguished this rescue from all others is the degree of skill and ingenuity Sivuyile had to employ to coax the frightened little dog to safety whilst motorists sped by, hooting impatiently, as he calmly persuaded the terrified little dog to crawl under his patrol vehicle so that he could gently place a lead around his neck before attempting to pick him up.

After a little while the dog calmed down sufficiently enough for Sivuyile to pick him up and gently place him on the seat next to him. As soon as he started the vehicle the little dog jumped onto Sivuyile's lap gazing lovingly at him as they made their way back to base.

In the meantime, unbeknown to Sivuyile, the Chihuahua's owner was frantically looking for her missing dog that somehow managed to squeeze out of the gate without anyone noticing until much later. In desperation she finally turned to social media and posted a Lost Notice on Cape Town Lost & Found Pets that our Office Manager, Carmen Hoy (who was blissfully unaware of Sivuyile's heroic rescue at that point) happened to read.

As you can imagine, Sivuyile carrying the 'wide-eyed and bushy-tailed' little dog in his arms attracted everyone's attention – including Carmen who mentioned that she had read a Lost Notice that fitted the dog's description to a tee. We immediately notified the owner who arrived within minutes to see if it was Duke, her 10-year-old missing Chihuahua – and to her amazement and relief it was.

Before completing the formalities of the hand-over to an elated Gail Europa of Westridge, Mitchells Plain (an area not too far from where Sivuyile rescued Duke), we wanted to know more about Duke and his escape. Gail explained that Duke meant the world to her. He was 10 years old and quite fragile so she was overcome with worry that she may never see him again.

We noticed that Duke had not been neutered or microchipped and was not wearing a collar so we took the opportunity to explain the need and benefits of owning a sterilised and easily identifiable pet. We are very happy to confirm that Gail unhesitatingly agreed to having Duke neutered and microchipped in the hope that this will stop his urge to gallivant.

Gail understands that it is only thanks to a massive stroke of luck, Sivuyile's animal handling prowess and Carmen's recollection that we were able to rescue and reunite her with Duke so quickly and she wants to encourage everyone who is undecided about the benefits of sterilising and microchipping their pets to learn from her near-costly mistake.



Happy endings

Long-stay dog reunited with best friend



There is no such thing as a less-adoptable dog!

Any dog that can spend a long time in a shelter and maintain their mojo is a paws-down superhero and in the world of pet adoption there really is nothing worth celebrating more than when a long-stay dog finds its forever home.

Gili was admitted into our care after falling ill, on 11 December 2020.

That was the first and last time we saw or heard from her owner who abandoned her.

Whilst in our kennels Gili befriended Kalisi who was adopted earlier this year by AWS SA friend and

donor, Heather Petersen, leaving Gili somewhat heartbroken.

On 17 June 2022 Heather came looking for a second dog as a companion for her beloved Kalisi.

She was very keen to offer one of our long-stay dogs a home, so when we told her of their bond and mentioned that Gili had been with us for 553 days Heather unhesitatingly offered to adopt her.

All good things come to those who wait and Gili waited a very long time before being warmly welcomed into the loving Petersen household and reunited with her long lost best friend.



Our journey toward Winston

It all started one February evening when I reactivated my Facebook account and scrolled by the Philippi Animal Welfare Society (AWS) page, who had just recently shared a photo of Winston. My 5 year old daughter Cadey was captivated by his cuteness and had me promise to take her sometime to visit him. I agreed, contacted the AWS, but also decided to rather take her to an animal shelter closer by.

A few days passed by and whilst on route to a consultation in Grassy Park, our appointment got postponed. There we were, 32km away from home with hours to spare elsewhere. Little did we know that what seemed to be a spanner in our works, was the beginning of a life changing moment. It was a no brainer – off to Philippi AWS we journeyed.

Upon arrival, Lawrence introduced us to Winston who welcomed us with a wagging tail and the cutest one flopped ear. (This ear flop happened to be his only recognizable feature after his first parlour visit- I would have been lost otherwise lol). Lawrence gave us some background to Winston and also took the opportunity to share the importance and need of fostering and adoption. Being reluctant toward either processes, we ended the conversation, and that's when LIFE happened. Winston, upon being returned to his holding gave a hearty whimper. His emotion cut through the barrier of doubt and reluctance and fought its way through to Cadey's heart. Cadey cried profusely for many days thereafter. "He needs our help Mommy" "We need to help him" were the words she uttered night after night.

After some time, my family agreed to foster Winston. Hooray! The hooray however was mellow as our GSD Zasha was not too friendly with other dogs. That's until Winston changed her life! Lawrence led a successful introduction between the dogs where I learnt that Zasha suffered from anxiety rather than aggression. Winston received and responded to Zasha's stress in such a warm manner. He understood her fear and gave her a sense of peace. Zasha till today is so calm around Winston and gets super excited to see him.

Winston's stay with us was packed with health challenges and highs and lows, but despite it all, his



love guage was always on maximum. There was a moment when we believed that he wouldn't return to us but LIFE intervened again. For quite some time we thought Winston needed us but during the days that he was not home, we realized how much it was us who actually needed him more. His medical challenges had him return to the Vets room on numerous occasions and so, it was his absence at home which inevitably led to our realization that he belongs with us and the first opportunity we had to adopt him, we did.

Winston is a quiet, playful little boy who is a master of cuddles. He is happy with his rabbit sister but not a fan of the cats who stalk him. He is the first to call shotgun on drives and a sucker for a soft bed. He LOVES his leash and finds small creatures very fascinating. He isn't a fan of fried chicken but loves cubed apples. You see, Winston reminded me that animals up for adoption have such unique characteristics, their own personalities just waiting to be a part of life outside of their holdings. They deserve a chance too.

I don't know who surrendered /dumped Winston. I do believe though that he/she encountered a moment in life where a decision regarding Winston had to be made. This decision had ultimately ordained our households pathway toward Winston, and for that I am grateful.

Pawing it forward

The Dog Bed Project

In shelters, a soft bed is such a comfort to a rescued dog or puppy. Enter Gabi – proud mom and aunt of a rescued dog and cats from the Animal Welfare Society of South Africa and Mdzananda Animal Clinic via Luna Cat Rescue!

Gabi noticed that good quality soft beds are always needed in the shelters and she set about making some! With off-cuts from local businesses, donations of fabric, and support from friends and service providers, she has quietly made nearly 100 substantial, comforting beds using an ordinary sewing machine in her lounge, and in her spare time.

These quality beds are 1x1m pillows with slip-covers; no zips, no Velcro, no fuss. The covers and inner shells are water and mould resistant outdoor canvas sewn with upholstery thread, and

the stuffing is a mix of textiles and manufacturing waste, shredded to a soft landing place for sheltered souls.

The completed beds are shared between AWS SA and Mdzananda, and countless animals benefit. We sell some at our events and they're popular with pet-loving people like Gabi who takes her inspiration from Themba (a nutty-as-a-fruitcake and adorable pittie-cross) and Clementine and Pear (a gorgeous mama cat and kitten duo).

On World Animal Day (4 October), AWS SA and Mdzananda received a delivery of 60 beds from Gabi. Here are pics from that celebration!

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She will always be fondly remembered for the joy and happiness she brought to her family's life and following her passing, the lives of many other dogs and puppies who will benefit from her legacy.

To honour Gucci's life, her owner kindly gifted us a large quantity of premium dog food and a generous sum of money in loving memory of her best little friend and soulmate; "a feisty lady who never left her side and will forever be missed but never forgotten".

With much appreciation to Gucci's family for remembering the Animal Welfare Society of South Africa in such a wonderful way.



Donate your unwanted Christmas gifts



Got a gift you don't really want or need? The best thing you can do with your unwanted gifts is to donate them to a great cause like the Animal Welfare Society of South Africa.

All proceeds from the sale of donated goods goes directly towards covering the care bills of the hundreds of pets dependent on us and it is also a wonderful way for those more fortunate to provide those less fortunate with a hand-up.

If you are ready to part with a book you've read before or need to make space in your cupboard for another pair of socks then please call Shannon-Lee on (021) 692 2626 to arrange a drop off or collection.

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Bequests are especially important as it promises to fund the future that enables the organisation to plan long-term campaigns and programs. All donations are applied with the utmost prudence to ensure the best care for as many needy animals as possible.

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