

UPDATE (JULY 2010)

Our first six months!

We try and focus on the good news and leave out the bad to accommodate sensitive readers.

To our Dear Supporters, interested parties and others. . things are moving along well and a clearer path is emerging between balancing the needs between the funds we can get and just "Doing It". . . the table below shows the progress so far this year.

SINCE LAST UPDATE.

- *Did a 3 week roundtrip awareness "Road Show" and visit to Jhb & Kzn seeking potential funders and doing the shopping centre fundraising thing . . but just covered the costs of getting there and back.*
- *The Internet and the "Animal Angels Network" (just my name for the people we do this on behalf of) is proving a saving grace. . . thank goodness there are people like you on this planet!*
- *Sterilisations are happening fairly regularly when the Voluntary Vet is available. So far we are grateful to be averaging 11 p.m. (We are the only ones doing this in the Transkei beside 1 pvt Vet).*
- *Our learning curve into the AWO world has been hectic especially where the "rules" preclude the right of these rural animals to receive basic treatment . . . but we get the job done anyway.*
- *A Funding Proposal has now been completed focusing on our basic approach of "Healthy Animals = Healthy People". . The NPO application has been submitted*
- *We will now start applying for CSI funding that supports this profile. . So anyone with contacts in a corporate business. . Please pass these on to us.*



ACHEIVEMENTS

- *The 3 of us, our awesome supporters, lots of enthusiasm and an involuntary veterinary hostage have managed to achieve the following in the last 6 months. . I think WE CAN ALL BE QUITE CHUFFED!*
- *We currently work in 12 areas treating worms, mange and encouraging fewer, healthier dogs.*

2010	Outreach Programme	Dogs treated	Temporary Facility & Clinic	Dogs treated	Education	Other
Jan	1 Community visit with SPCA	12	24 sterilisations 1 amputation	34	1 school programme	4 boxes*
Feb	4 community Visits	28	18 sterilisations	38	2 school visits	2 homed 8 births
Mar	8 community visits	70	9 sterilisations 4 inoculations	24	NONE	Taken in 5 dogs
Apr	5 community visits	33	10 inoculations	22	NONE	2 kennels*
May	14 community visits +1 dip tank	45	12 inoculations	24	NONE	Taken in 2 strays
June	11 community visits + 2 dip tanks	32	7 inoculations 10 sterilisations	30	NONE	3 homed
July	11 community visits + 1 Dip tank	42	13 sterilisations	23	NONE	6 homed

TOTALS 60 visits 262 treated. 74 sterilised. 195 treated. **Total dogs treated 524**

670000 births (and deaths) prevented!

IN THE (short) PIPELINE

- *Mthatha SPCA are sharing the costs and arranging with the Voluntary Veterinarian to hold enough stock for +- 60 spays for Psj. This will make things a lot easier for us. . Thank You Mthatha.*

- We will hopefully be arranging our first "Sterilisation Outreach" soon by combining resources and trying to get the Govt Mobile Animal Clinic to do some work.
- Combining "Outreach Programmes" with the Dept of Health on de-worming children and dogs and highlighting the risk of other Zoonotic diseases are underway.
- We are awaiting a decision from our first potential Corporate CSI donor which will hopefully give us a bit of room to breathe instead of gasping from one month to the next.
- Two Canadian Veterinary Volunteer Students are visiting us next month for a few weeks.

Last month's ANIMAL ANGELS (both horned and winged)

The Golden Retriever Club	R500	Louise Botha	R250	Anonymous	R50
Jacque Heldson	R500	Heather Groenewald			R500
Elsip	R200	Twini Dog Training Club			R2000
Anonymous	R50	M Geldenhuys			R1000
Colleen Sneedon	R600	The Dawson's			R1000
Gary Schach	R250	Valerie Thole			R400
Andrew Roy	R200	Opinion News			R200
Cremorne Estate (Juan)	R716	Jacque Heldson		R250	THANK YOU!!

SAD NEWS JUST RECEIVED . . . OUR STERILISATIONS HAVE BEEN HALTED.

While I was writing this I had a call to say that any we cannot continue doing sterilisations unless we comply with the **South African Veterinary Council standards** (*There legislation is designed to protect PRIVATE Veterinary Practices*). This has just made it that much more difficult and expensive to be able to provide this service to dogs in **POOR SOUTH AFRICAN RURAL COMMUNITIES** yet there are professionally acceptable and safe ways to do sterilisations cost affectively . . . but it is prohibited! THAT IS ONE OF THE REASONS THERE IS A HUGE PROBLEM IN S.A... . CATCH A WAKE UP! *I wish I could get their decision makers to come and hold any one of the 6 month old puppies while it dies in their arms after being hit by a car because we . . . could NOT sterilise its mother. . .*

But we shall overcome this hurdle. as we have many others. It just irks plenty because now we have to WASTE time and money we could use alleviating the unnecessary suffering of animals!!!! . .

To the above, and other donors. . Don't worry, We WILL FIND A WAY TO CONTINUE DOING THIS!



Quote : Properly trained, man could become dog's best friend.

Needed: Contacts for 2nd hand anaesthetic/oxygen machine and agricultural quad bike with carrier.

We are grateful that we have the opportunity to do this work and humbled by the spirit of the donors, the dogs and the people.. . but now it is back to work applying for exemption from SAVC so we can carry on with what should be a part of their constitution.

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