



TAWI NEWSLETTER

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'Healthy Animals = Healthy People'

FATHOMING THE STATUS QUO

While watching a group of village family and friends all pitching in to put mud onto the walls of a new hut, I thought of how much our different cultural and economic circumstances can cloud our ability to really see it for what it is. Here were the whole family from grandkids to grandma all working together to build the most eco-friendly dwelling on earth. Yet many rural folk dream about and aspire to move to the city and get a job working in an office and drive home in the traffic to a house with a paved driveway and high walls in a petrol polluting car. How many city folk would swop that now to live closer to the earth, be closer to their family and live in the most eco-friendly abode by the sea? Maybe there is a middle ground mankind should be aspiring to because the consumer cycle looks like it is far out of balance to me.

THE MOUNTAIN CLIMBERS

Mawethu is our only home-grown Fieldworker at the moment and treats about 300 dogs each month. Through experience and guidance he has grown into a dedicated district advocate of Dog health & Wellbeing. Now Mawethu has a brand new quad bike loaned to TAWI by Round Table, with the help of Transkei Yamaha, which will enable him to reach more homesteads and dogs in the hills and mountains. What a combination and what a difference it will make too many lives and what difference it has already made in our lives, for starters . . . the kombi is now on pension and I have time to get a Newsletter out!! THANK YOU GUYS & GIRLS!

GOING GLOBAL WITH
SURPRISE VISITORS
FROM TURKEY

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NO FENCES, NO CRIME,
NO JOKE!!

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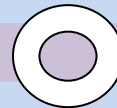


52 SPAYS IN 3 MONTHS

Sterilisations are a rare luxury in this part of the world with the closest Vet & Clinic a round trip of 250km away and a few other challenges thrown in just to keep us on our toes so when 2 separate ladies donated R25,000 to TAWI for sterilisations over Christmas (I became a reborn believer in hanging up a stocking again). We count our blessings in so many ways as TAWI's supervising Vet gives up alternate Saturdays to do the 250km trip and our spays. He meets us at different rural schools where we have organised and set-up a 'mobile clinic' in a classroom. Although the numbers are relatively small compared to others, it is a BIG achievement for us. *Thank you Jacquie Heldson and Tarryn Day from Santa Paws.*



HERE IS YOUR 'ROUND TUIT'



Been meaning to sort out your bottom drawer and storeroom but just have not managed to *'get round to it'*? Well TAWI is giving you this **'Round Tuit'** so you can get started! We are slowly building up the base camp to accommodate volunteers (and visitors) next year. You may have unused or forgotten 'stuff' like old tools, half full paint tins etc that we could make use of. Maybe even in that bottom drawer there are some old clothes, old towels, blankets or even an old motorbike helmet, camera, cell phone, Tupperware with lids or whatever you think we could make use of and is not too bulky and wish to pass on please let us know. A trip to Jhb & Dbn (Northern Suburbs) is coming up soon. Please email or phone 078-022 7417.

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MIGHT YOU ALSO KNOW OF ANY DISUSED OR CHEAP CARAVANS SOMEWHERE?

We are still in the process of applying for a lease on the site we presently operate from. It is an abandoned Hikers Stopover in the Nenga State forest with a 180 sea view and ideally situated for access to the villages where we work. We wish to generate a bit of income by accommodating visitors and International Volunteers and the easiest most affordable option at the moment is to use old caravans.

SURPRISE VISITORS FROM TURKEY

Here is a copy of an email sent by Maggie Celik from KAPSA (a Turkish Animal Welfare Organisation) to WVS (Worldwide Veterinary Society) after a dazzling and encouraging visit.

'Hi Tess and James,

I hope you don't mind me writing to you like this, but I am on holiday in South Africa and have come across a group of people doing the most amazing work with the dogs and rural communities of the Transkei, a very poor and underdeveloped part of the country. You may well be aware of them already but if not please have a look at their fb page <https://www.facebook.com/pages/TAWI-Transkei-Animal-Welfare-Initiative/134625569972543?ref=ts&fref=ts> and this video TAWI (Transkei Animal Wellness Initiative). I have suggested that they contact you but at the moment they don't have internet where they are. We went to visit their set up along a 7km track that felt more like 70!!

They have a programme of neutering but also general healthcare and education and I am sure supplies of medicines especially worming tablets, flea/tick medicine etc would be invaluable.

I have copied them into this email and hope that they too will contact you.

I think they would also be a really interesting subject for the WVS TV series because of their outreach work with the community. Anyway, I hope you will be in touch with them, they definitely are doing a fantastic job and could be a model for other areas'



Mawethu showing a group of kids how to look after their dogs at our base camp

WHAT WE HAVE BEEN DOING WITH YOUR BUCKS



A record 1st Quarter!

We received R41,200 and paid R34,400 out in the first 3 months of 2013.

Paid out;

R17, 200 for sterilisations and medicines

R9200 for Mawethu's Salary

R4100 for petrol, tyres, battery for vehicle

R3900 for food, hardware, perishables and admin

Received;

B.A. Roussouw	J. Heldson	KZN Supreme Dog
Brett Harris	Heather Groenewald	Anne Shahini
Andrew Roy	C.T. Costume Hire	Dieter Thole
B. Smit	Steven Andrews	Tarryn Day
Gary Schach	Santa Paws	Round Table
Entecom	Paul Martin	Anonymous

THANK YOU FROM SOME HAPPIER, HEALTHIER DOGS!

Be the change that you want to see in the world....Ghandi

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