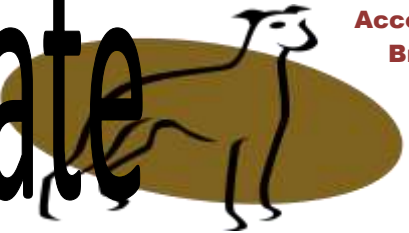


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THE BEAUTY AND THE BEAST

A Gauteng visitor on his four-wheeler, that watched us treat dogs on a hill in a Transkei Village, remarked with awe: "There is nothing here, no fences, no electricity; only mud huts and cattle tracks. It is the same as it must have been 1000 years ago – it's awesome!" Yup! That's for sure, but with that comes the isolation from most 21st century vices and virtues. It is almost impossible for suburbanites to grasp such contrasts, for example, how +/-200 dogs can live in the same village with no fences. Unfortunately, however, this poses challenges that most of the other animal welfare organisations do not face. Thankfully the 3 of us seem to be making a difference to both the cultural attitudes and the +/- 280 dogs we treat throughout 13 communities on a monthly basis. But, **the beauty is dulled when we must walk past!** Then you take the shelter dogs for a walk on a 5km un-spoilt, Wild Coast beach and watch them swim and romp in absolute freedom though freedom has its cost...

Talk about balance...

Just not the bank balance please! To those of money. You also encourage our belief in what

A MGODOYI Story



Twiggy & Santa

Twiggy was a perfect example of a dog about to die from a simple worm infection combined with neglect and ignorance. SANTA Paws donated 900 worm pills in April (and enough meds to spay 80) which is helping to treat hundreds of similar cases. These 'free roaming' dogs have to mostly scavenge to survive and they are susceptible to picking up worms. A month later Twiggy is spayed and healthy, but alas, carries scars of abuse. But we will find a good home for her!

So much Beauty and so much Beast...

voice book.

But hey, it's

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are ever in

our minds.

- Seeing how little people have and knowing how little their dogs get.
- Getting zero support from the inept local Municipality.
- Running a small shelter/rehab where the dogs are able to go for a free run and swim on the beach.
- Trying to explain to an idiot that the Mgodoyi is just as important as his thoroughbred Alsatian and deserves the same.
- Being able to be a part of a process towards improving mans responsibility of his dominion over animals.
- Seeing how many people do care as much as they do.

Snaring by the barrowful

On our last Outreach we came across one of the many who breed 'Hunting Dogs' to sell. Lots of rural households 'hunt' to feed their families **using dogs and wire snares**. We have approached WESSA and others as we estimate at least **1000 snares are set each month in each village** (many of them just left there) and there has never been any evaluation done. Yes it is a thorny cultural issue, but so are the Chinese herbalists.



He breeds them by the barrowful but at least he brought them for treatment...small steps!!!

Courage is not the absence of fear, but rather that something is more important than fear.

Please forward to a friend who may have an oil field or doesn't have an overdraft!