



Garden Route SPCA George NEWSLETTER



REFLECTING ON A WEEK OF IMPACT AT SYFERFONTEIN INFORMAL SETTLEMENT 🐾

Two weeks ago, our dedicated team embarked on a mission to Syferfontein informal settlement with a clear goal in mind: to educate, issue necessary warnings, and arrange sterilizations for the animals in need.

It was a whirlwind of activity as we worked tirelessly to make a difference in the lives of our beloved animals. Your support and contributions enable us to continue these vital efforts in our community.

Together, we're creating a brighter future for animals through education, care, and proactive initiatives. Thank you for standing with us in our mission to promote responsible pet ownership and make a lasting impact.

Stay tuned for more updates on our ongoing efforts and how you can continue to support our cause. Together, we can create positive change, one step at a time.

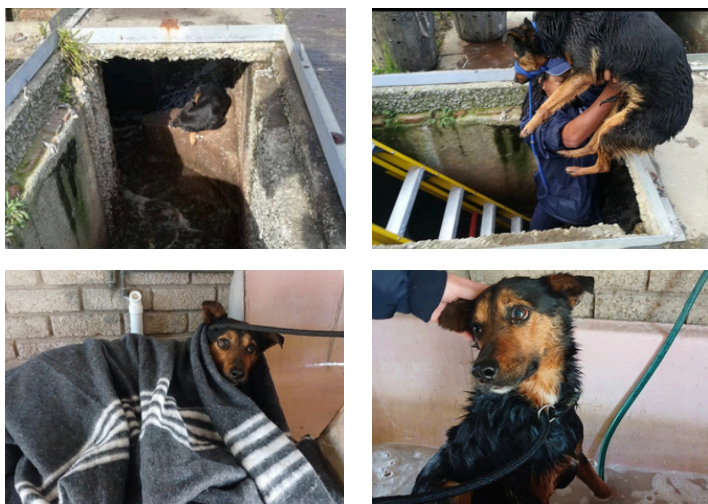
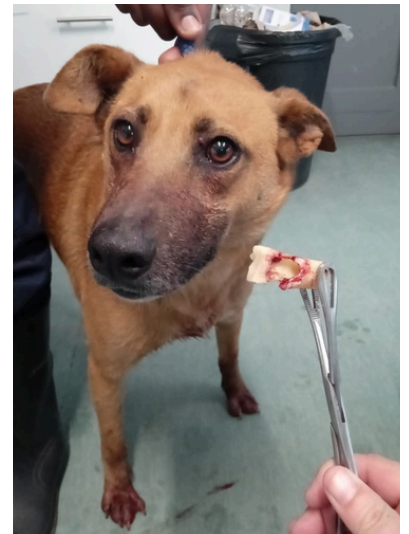
IMPORTANT REMINDER: DO NOT GIVE YOUR DOG BONES! 🚫

We want to remind everyone about the dangers of giving bones to your dogs. While it may seem like a natural treat, bones can pose serious health risks to your furry companions.

Here's why:

- 1 Choking Hazard: Bones can splinter and cause choking or blockages in your dog's throat or digestive system.
- 2 Injuries: Splintered bones can cause mouth injuries, including cuts and punctures.
- 3 Digestive Issues: Bones can fragment and cause severe digestive issues such as vomiting, diarrhea, or even internal punctures.

Instead of bones, opt for safe and healthy treats specifically designed for dogs. Your pet's health and safety are our top priorities, so let's keep them happy and healthy with the right treats and care.



RESCUED: DOG SAVED FROM SEWERAGE PUMP STATION IN BOCHARDS! 🐾

We received an urgent call about a dog stuck at the Sewerage Pump Station in Bochards. Our dedicated team, Elrico Elbrecht and Jason Jakobs, immediately responded to the scene.

With careful efforts and teamwork, we safely rescued the dog and brought him back to the Garden Route SPCA. Thanks to everyone involved, this precious pup is now safe and receiving the care they need.

Your support makes rescues like this possible. If you see an animal in distress, please don't hesitate to reach out. Together, we can make a difference in their lives.



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UNDERSTANDING THE DANGERS OF TWISTED STOMACH IN DOGS 🚨

We want to raise awareness about a serious condition that can affect dogs: Twisted Stomach, also known as Gastric Dilatation-Volvulus (GDV). This condition occurs when a dog's stomach fills with gas and twists, leading to potentially life-threatening consequences.

Here are the key dangers associated with Twisted Stomach:

- 1 Rapid Onset:** A twisted Stomach can develop suddenly and progress rapidly.
- 2 Severe Pain:** It causes extreme abdominal pain and discomfort for the dog.
- 3 Breathing Difficulties:** The twisted stomach can press on the diaphragm, making it difficult for the dog to breathe.
- 4 Shock:** If left untreated, GDV can lead to shock due to the disruption of blood flow and organ function.
- 5 Life-Threatening:** Without prompt veterinary care, Twisted Stomach can be fatal.

Recognizing the Signs:

- Unsuccessful attempts to vomit
- Swollen or distended abdomen
- Restlessness and pacing
- Excessive drooling
- Rapid heartbeat and shallow breathing

Immediate Action is Crucial: If you suspect your dog may have a Twisted Stomach, seek veterinary assistance immediately. Early intervention is critical to saving your dog's life.



ADOPTING A FURRY COMPANION? LET'S TALK BREED CONSIDERATIONS! 🐕

When choosing to adopt a specific breed like the Border Collie, it's crucial to do your research beforehand. Each breed has unique needs and characteristics that contribute to their well-being and happiness.

Take the Border Collie, for instance:

They thrive on daily exercise and mental stimulation. They are highly active and enjoy engaging in various activities.

They benefit from a large garden space to explore and play.

Understanding these requirements helps ensure that your new companion receives the care and environment they need to thrive. It's about setting them up for success and creating a loving, fulfilling home.

At the Garden Route SPCA, we're here to guide you in making informed adoption decisions. Feel free to reach out to our team for advice and support on finding the perfect match for your lifestyle and home.

Let's make every adoption a happy and harmonious one for both you and your new best friend!

ADOPTING A CERTAIN BREED

Adopting a certain breed is not just about finding a pet; it's about understanding their needs, honoring their traits, and welcoming a lifelong companion who enriches your life in ways you never imagined.





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MANDELA DAY 2024 RECAP

This Mandela Day, the Garden Route SPCA was overwhelmed with gratitude for the incredible support and generosity shown by our community. We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who contributed to making this day special for our animals.

Bay View Hospital's Initiative: A special mention goes to Bay View Hospital and Shelbe Van Der Westhuizen from Consultative Forum of Life for spearheading a wonderful initiative. Donation boxes were placed at the hospital, inviting the community to donate unused or unwanted items. Your contributions have made a significant impact on our ability to care for animals in need.



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Eden Willow Preschool's Grab and Go Drive: Eden Willow Preschool organized a remarkable drive-through event on Mandela Day. They sold coffee or hot chocolate with muffins to parents dropping off their children. All proceeds and items collected were generously donated to the Garden Route SPCA. Your thoughtful efforts have made a tremendous impact on our organization, and we are incredibly grateful for your support.

Denneoord Neighbourhood Watch's Community Effort: Denneoord Neighbourhood Watch organized designated donation boxes at Wellington Spar George and Wellington Multisave throughout July. These boxes collected essential items such as cat and dog food, blankets, and toys. On Mandela Day, they gathered these donations and visited our SPCA, spending valuable time with our animals and even taking our dogs for a walk. Your commitment to our cause and the well-being of our animals is truly commendable.

Conclusion: Together, these initiatives and the community's support have exemplified the spirit of Mandela Day—making a positive impact and fostering compassion for those in need. Your generosity has touched the hearts of our staff, volunteers, and, most importantly, the animals we care for.

Thank you once again to Bay View Hospital, Eden Willow Preschool, Denneoord Neighbourhood Watch, and all who participated in making Mandela Day 2024 a memorable and meaningful day for the Garden Route SPCA.

Let's continue to work together to ensure a brighter future for all animals in our community.



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SPCA CHRISTMAS IN JULY ❄️

Heartfelt Thanks to ALL for a Successful SPCA Christmas in July!

We're delighted to extend our deepest gratitude to everyone who supported and sponsored our recent SPCA Christmas in July event! It was an incredible success, thanks to your generosity and unwavering support for our cause at the Garden Route SPCA.

Special thanks go to:

Linda and Bernice at St Augustine's Hall for graciously hosting our event free of charge again, and for their invaluable assistance in sticking 1000 snowflakes – a monumental task indeed!

Our amazing sponsors who contributed prizes, including:

- Ina Meyer (Haycock Attorneys) for sponsoring a R1000 Woolworths voucher and a R1000 You're Worthy voucher.
- Peet Niewenhuizen (Creature of Habit) for the R500 Woolworths voucher.
- Ken Patrick (Decks etc) for the R1000 voucher for The Girls on the Square restaurant.
- Karen Dorfling (Businesses4sale) for document holders and business assessment vouchers worth over R9,000.
- Adie Ceruti (Tan Fabulous) for the spray tan.
- Base Coat Nails for the gel nails.
- Charné Koning for the lashes.
- Ur.bin for the wine vouchers.
- Ange Coleman for sponsoring dog walking vouchers from Aiden.
- Let's Go Bowling in Hartenbos for sponsoring 2 family vouchers.

Your contributions made the event extra special for all attendees!

A huge thank you also goes to:

- Thinus de Beer for providing delightful live singing of Christmas carols and music.
- Thinus de Beer, Ken Patrick, Dawn de Beer, Ingrid Watkins, and Annelie Venter for their invaluable help in setting up and taking down the hall.
- Glen and Ingrid Watkins for crafting and serving the delicious gluwain that added warmth to the occasion.
- Committee and staff members (Cheri Cooke, Andi McDonald, Sam Trietsch, Janice Cox) for their dedication and hard work on the day.
- And of course, to all our attendees and those who sponsored tickets or contributed in various ways.

Your support helps us continue our mission of caring for animals in need, and we are truly grateful for each and every one of you.



A heartfelt thank you to our amazing prize sponsors for making our SPCA Christmas in July event extra special! Your generous support has helped create a memorable and enjoyable day for everyone involved.

Special thanks to:

- Haycock Attorneys
- Chane Koning
- Tan Fabulous
- DECKS etc
- Ur.bin Wine
- Base Coat
- Creature of Habit
- Let's Go Bowling
- AHSS
- Businessess4Sale





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Picture from left: Cecile Knoetze, Bev Hogan, Rita Pieterse and Charmaine Goodman.

Bev Hogan – **Winner of the R1000 Woolworths voucher** from Ina Meyer (Haycock Attorneys).



Tara Mashall and her guests – **Winner of the Best Table** – A R1000 voucher for The Girls on the Square restaurant sponsored by Ken Patrick (Decks etc).

Back row: Tara Marshall, Susan Matthews, Byki Brown, Renta Hoffman, Carla Kellerman.

Front row: Janine Harris, Tracey Kohler, Sharon Ford.



Table décor (done by Moira Gibbs and Delene Simpson) – Partridge in a Pear Tree or Pear in a Partridge Tree!



Charma Hurter (on the right) receiving her **prize of R500 Woolworths voucher** sponsored by Peet Niewenhuizen (Creature of Habit) for the second-best table. From left: Cheri Cooke (Regional Manager of the Garden Route SPCA), Andi McDonald (Chairperson of the Garden Route SPCA Management Committee), Charma Hurter.



Heike Pohl – Winner of the lucky draw R1000 You're Worthy voucher from Ina Meyer (Haycock Attorneys). From left: Andi McDonald (Chairperson of the GRSPCA Management Committee), Cheri Cooke (Regional Manager GRSPCA) and Heike.



Rose Gibaud and guests – **Winners of the most creative food prize** – pose at the sleigh.

Back row from left: Rosemary Broughton, Thelma Ferrell, Ria Morton, Nicky McIlrae, Helen Grant, Alex Graham, Lesley Greeff, Moira Cook.

Front row from left: Rose Gibaud, Delene Simpson, Dawn Brown, Heather Church.



Best food prize: 2 x vouchers from Let's Go Bowling.

SPCA CHRISTMAS IN JULY - PRIZE WINNERS! ❄️