



Garden Route SPCA Mossel Bay NEWSLETTER



A MESSAGE FROM THE SPCA:

Our Mission and Vision for Animal Welfare

At the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA) Mosselbay, we are driven by a profound commitment to safeguard the well-being of animals. Our mission is clear: to prevent cruelty, alleviate suffering, and ensure every animal is treated with the respect and compassion they deserve. Every day, our dedicated teams work tirelessly to create a better world for animals, and we want to share with you the heart of what we do and why it matters.

Rescue: A Lifeline for Animals in Need

Rescue is at the core of our efforts. Each year, we respond to countless calls about animals in distress, from those abandoned on the streets to victims of abuse and neglect. Our shelters provide a safe haven where these animals receive urgent medical care, nutritious food, and the love and attention they need to heal. Our ultimate goal is to find every rescued animal a loving forever home. We believe every animal deserves a second chance at a happy, healthy life. With the necessary in place we ensure this second change is with the perfect forever family.

Education: Building a Compassionate Community

Education is a powerful tool in our mission to end animal cruelty. We aim to teach responsible pet ownership, the importance of spaying and neutering, and how to recognize and report animal abuse. Through speaking to the community directly, school programs and community workshops, we aim to foster a culture of empathy and compassion for all living beings. An informed community is a compassionate community, and through education, we can prevent cruelty before it starts.

Support Services: Helping Pets Stay in Loving Homes

We understand that sometimes loving pet owners face financial hardships that make it difficult to care for their animals. To support these families, we provide basic animal welfare services to prevent cruelty and suffering such as vaccinations and spaying and neutering. We also offer deworming, ticks and fleas products. By offering these resources, we help ensure that pets can stay with their families and receive the care they need. Our goal is to reduce the number of animals surrendered to shelters and keep pets in their loving homes.

Community Engagement: The Power of Volunteerism

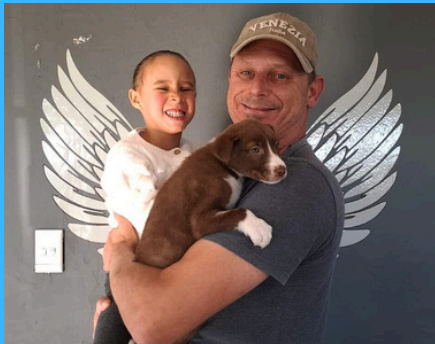
Our work would not be possible without the support of our incredible volunteers. Community engagement is vital to our success, and we are fortunate to have a dedicated network of individuals who share our passion for animal welfare. Volunteers assist in our shelters, participate in fundraising events, and help spread awareness about our mission. Their dedication and generosity amplify our impact and demonstrate the power of collective action. We invite everyone to visit us, to get involved in the work we do, to be part of us and to help us make a difference in the lives of all creatures big and small.

Join Us in Our Mission

We invite you to join us in our mission to protect and cherish the lives of all animals. Whether through volunteering, donating, adopting a pet, or simply spreading the word about our work, your support makes a significant difference. Together, we can create a world where animals are free from suffering and cruelty.

Thank you for being a part of our community and for your unwavering support. With your help, we can continue to make strides towards a more compassionate society for all animals.

Warm regards,
The SPCA Team





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Our newest member to our SPCA family, Inspector Mariaan Wentzel! 🌟

Mariaan brings a wealth of experience, passion, and dedication to animal welfare. Her commitment to protecting and advocating for our furry companions makes her a perfect fit for our team.

Herewith, is an interview with Mariaan to help us get to know her better:

****What inspired you to join the SPCA and work in animal welfare?****

I was inspired all my life to become part of the SPCA. I never thought I would become an Inspector, but I have been one now for 15 years and am proud to be one.

****Can you share a bit about your background and how you got involved in this field?****

I am just a plain boere meisie with a farm background and a deep love for animals.

****What are your main responsibilities as an SPCA inspector?****

As an inspector, I made an oath to protect all animals.

****What aspect of your job are you most passionate about?****

I have a great passion when it comes to education and have a huge soft spot for pigs and bats.

****What do you find most challenging about your job?****

There are many challenges, including education, and language barriers. The world has changed, and become advanced, but the way that people still recognise animals as a necessity has not, as it is a luxury and a privilege to own an animal. Financial distress is also a huge problem.

****What's the most rewarding experience you've had while working with animals?****

My biggest accomplishment was my Blaauwbosch case in Uitenhage. The high court ruled in my favour, and 13 elephants, black wildebeest, buffalo, and giraffes, were relocated. I also had a victory in court for a donkey case and several other cases. It is always rewarding to improve a situation and to make a difference in any animal's life.

****What advice would you give to someone looking to get involved in animal welfare?****

I will always support any person who wants to get involved. You need to have a strong personality, be compassionate, and never hesitate to fight for animals that can't speak for themselves.

I always say. Never say never. You may not like the SPCA, but you might need them one day. Please support the SPCA and the Inspectors in any way you can.

****How can the community support the SPCA and the work you do?****

Even a 500 ml of sunlight liquid can make a difference! We are not supported by the government, and most people do not realise this! They expect all our services for free and that is just impossible. The SPCA will never refuse to take an animal. Please do yourself a favour and come make a turn and meet all of us at the Mosselbay SPCA!

We give Mariaan a warm welcome and can't wait to see all the amazing things we'll achieve together!

Welcome aboard, Mariaan! 🌈

Honoring Kurt Remas: Our Field Officer in Training! 🌟

We want to shine a spotlight on one of our own, Kurt Remas, our dedicated Field Officer in Training. Kurt is the epitome of a team player, always ready to jump into action to assist animals in need. Whether it's picking up strays, rushing to aid injured animals, or collecting unwanted animals, Kurt's commitment and compassion truly make a difference. ❤️

Thank you, Kurt, for your unwavering dedication and hard work. Your passion for animal welfare inspires us all!





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A Heartfelt Thanks to Cherise Young and the Nobs Club! ★

We want to extend a huge thank you to Cherise Young and the wonderful members of the Nobs Club for their incredibly generous donation of blankets! Your kindness and support mean the world to us and will make a huge difference in keeping our beloved animals warm and comfortable during these colder months.

Thank you once again for helping us in our mission to provide love, care, and comfort to all the animals at Garden Route SPCA.

Thank you to Lihet Butler from Icehaven! ★

We are immensely grateful to Lihet Butler from Icehaven for their generous donation of much-needed puppy food!

Thank you for your kindness and making a difference in their lives. Together, we continue to strive for the welfare of all animals in our community.



Ronel Eitz (on the left) is pictured here with our dedicated receptionist, Lavern Joseph (on the right).

We are beyond grateful to have supporters like Ronel Eitz, whose generosity and kindness never cease to amaze us. ★

For over a year, Ronel has been donating a substantial amount every month, helping us continue our mission to protect and care for animals in need.

But Ronel's support doesn't stop there! She always brings our team delightful treats, and this time, she surprised us with a delicious carrot cake that brightened our day.

Ronel, your unwavering support and thoughtful gestures mean the world to us and the animals we care for. Thank you for being such an incredible part of our SPCA family! ❤️



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🐾 Here's why sterilizing your pet is so important:

Did you know that an unsprayed female dog and her puppies can produce a staggering 67,000 puppies in just 6 years? And an unsprayed female cat and her kittens can have up to 370,000 kittens in 7 years?

These numbers highlight the importance of sterilization. It's not just about preventing overpopulation and crowded shelters; it also reduces the risk of cancers and infections in pets, prevents them from roaming and getting lost or injured, and even improves their behavior, making them even more lovable companions.

Sterilizing your pet is a simple, responsible choice that has huge benefits for their health and the community as a whole.

🐾 Transformation and ADOPTED!

We're sure everyone remembers this poor, neglected boy Jasper (previously known as Snowy). Well, look at him now! 😊

Jasper is absolutely living his NEW and best life with his new brother Napoleon. Also, a rescue from this very SPCA.

THANK YOU, Stian de Jager, for changing these two lives and supporting our SPCA.

We literally cannot do what we do without the support of our community.



Petal's Journey 🌸

This is Petal, a sweet little girl who arrived at our doorstep trembling with fear but as beautiful as a flower in bloom. Her name, Petal, seemed a perfect fit for her delicate yet resilient spirit.

When Petal first arrived, she was so scared that she wouldn't even venture out of her kennel to eat. It took patience, understanding, and gentle encouragement to help her overcome her fears. Gradually, with time and the loving care of our staff and volunteers, Petal started to heal emotionally. Seeing her personality emerge and watching her play with other dogs brought us immeasurable joy.



Along came the Odendaal family!

Petal is now officially a cherished member of the Odendaal family, where she receives all the love, care, and cuddles she deserves.

We extend a massive thank you to the Odendaal family for opening their hearts and home to Petal.





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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.



EDEN WILLOW PRESCHOOL'S GRAB & GO

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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