ANOTHER REASON TO STERILIZE DOGS:

KILLER CONTAGIOUS DISEASE

ON THE RISE!

Just as we thought we were starting to get on top of mange—a highly contagious mite that spreads from one dog to another as well as to cats, other animals and people (as scabies), a new threat is emerging — TVT.

TVT (Transmissible Venereal Tumours) is a form of cancer—a cancer that is transmitted from an effected dog to another through mating. Unfortunately the tumours first develop deep inside a bitch’s vagina and at the base of a male dog’s penis and are initially not visible. But the tumours keep multiplying and in months the genitals leak blood and the tumours become visible.

Can TVT be treated? Yes, but it requires a series of weekly injections of chemotherapy drugs at a cost in excess of R2 000. This is obviously too costly for the vast majority of owners of infected dogs.

In reality, the only way to fight this disease is to sterilize all dogs thereby ensuring they are no longer sexually active.

The Mass Animal Sterilization Project has revealed that of the 400 dogs sterilized in Borchards, only 6 had TVT. However our SPCA Inspectors believe that in some of our mass housing areas where infected dogs have gone unrecognised for longer, 10-15% of unsterilized dogs could be infected with TVT.

As a male dog can pick up the scent of a bitch in heat over 5 kms away, TVT can be spread widely and quickly.

Thank you George!

Saturday 26 July was our first street collection day for 2014.

Despite the bitter cold, our freezing volunteers collected a record R32 664.35

Amazing!

Just 'Kidding'!

Inspector Henrico Pypers is another baby richer! When it comes to helping animals in labour, he’s the man!

We received a panicked call from Gromesa, a lady in Thembaletu. Her goat was in labour but the baby was stuck!

Henrico dropped everything and rushed off to help. A little skill later and the little one was out. Mother and kid are doing fine!
When you have FAITH!

Mossel Bay’s receptionist, Mariska Jacobs, fetched a young Border Collie-x puppy for treatment. The young dog had been stabbed with a knife in its upper body.

Although we treated the wound, it refused to heal. Dr Susi Kok then investigated further and discovered that the stabbing had been so ferocious that a bone had chipped and it was a bone fragment that was causing the constant infection! (How we wish we had an x-ray machine!)

When we informed the owner that the operation would cost about R800, they said they no longer wanted her. We were so sad because the SPCA Medical Care Memberships fund for this year had run out so we didn’t have funds for the operation. The solution would be to try and raise money ourselves... but what happened next was a miracle!

Mrs N. Hickman called in to say her beloved Bullterrier, Mich, had been stolen and she was offering a R1 000 reward for her return. A week later, on Friday 13 June, a lady found a Bullterrier running near Ruitersbos. She brought the dog to the SPCA and we immediately phoned Mrs Hickman. It was Mich!

Amazingly the lady who found the dog refused the reward but suggested that Mrs Hickman rather donate the money to the SPCA. We told her about the Border Collie-x pup that needed an urgent operation and she happily offered the R1 000 reward for the op! We were ecstatic! We couldn’t believe how wonderfully things worked out!

But the story did not end there! Mrs Hickman took Mich home, but she was soon back and adopted an adult Maltese that had been at the Mossel Bay SPCA for a long, long time! We were deeply touched by this.

So 3 dogs had a happy ending thanks to Mrs Hickman’s generosity and the lady who refused the reward. Mich is safely back home, the lovely Maltese found a home and the Border Collie-x had her operation which was successful!

We named the Collie pup, Faith, because we didn’t give up on her and believed that she would get a second chance of a great life. And sure enough, a Mrs Terblanche arrived and not only adopted Faith but Button, a fun Labrador, as well! She reports back that the two are inseparable!

These kind of things don’t happen a lot. But when it does, it brings joy to our hearts and gives us new hope to continue doing this work. Happy endings do exist—you just need Faith!

Thank you Mrs Hickman for saving two lives while being reunited with your dog who’s fate could have been terrible!
FORTHCOMING EVENTS

3 October— DELICIOUS BINGO!
Many prizes of free meals and tasty treats up for grabs. Supper and cash bar available. 7.00 for 7.30pm @ George Bowling Club.

4-10 October is Animal Week!
Please do what you can to support animals in need during this special focus week.

3 October is “Furry Friday”
Call Vanessa (082 444 3712) to order paw-print ribbons for your staff to buy at R10 each. All proceeds to your Garden Route SPCA.

Sat 4 October
Come & “Bark in the Park”
Bring your 4 legged friends for a 2.5 or 5km run or walk starting at the Botanical Gardens, George.

5 October, 12h00 at Santos Beach (part of the Mosselbay Sports Festival).
Captain Mutt and his ‘pawrate’ pals have stolen Sasha, the SPCA rescue dog’s, treasure chest of bones and jewels. Please come and help find it at the annual SPCA Treasure Hunt Doggy Walk. Exercise with your best friend while you help raise funds for the less fortunate animals at the SPCA. Dress up in pirate gear and bring your dogs (on leashes). MB Municipality and Royal Canin are sponsoring medals and prizes. Entry R5.00 per paw and per tekkie. For info, call Vanessa 082 444 3712.

5 October

UNIQUE BREEDS ONLY DOG SHOW
This show is for those wonderful, one-of-a-kind, unique breeds usually discovered at the SPCA or animal welfare shelters. So if you’re are lucky enough to have opened your heart and home to a mongrel or mix breed, invent a unique breed name for it and enter this fun show at Wild Oats Farmers’ Market. Entry R25 per dog. Registration opens at 8am.

Fri 17 October, 18h00
Don’t miss Karis Nafte’s talk and amazing training demonstration: “Your dog’s UNIQUE abilities”
Tickets R25 at the door. Venue to be announced.

Dogs making ‘pigs’ of themselves!
Jessica’s owner was distraught. His Spaniel vomited every time she ate and was losing weight fast. He only had R300— not the thousands he had been quoted. Please could the SPCA help? Dr Elke’s diagnosis was a blockage in the colon. Jessica would die soon if it was not cleared. When laxatives did not help, Jessica went under the scalpel. The blockage was lump of mealie cob! Lucky Jessica was soon eating dog-food again - thanks to SPCA Medical Care members for their memberships!

While collecting Lady, a Boerboel bitch in Lawaaikamp, for the Mass Animal Sterilization Project, our Education team saw she’d fairly recently had pups. Then they saw a HUGE pig in the yard. Knorsie (the pig) was nursing a litter of piglets AND a contented wriggle of Boerboel pups! Knorsie and Lady are evidently best friends and had given birth within days of each other. The piglets and pups were welcome to feed from either mommy and have formed one large, happy family in the Squire’s household.

Hi! I’m a Unique Bouvier-Carpet dog!
Have you seen the “UNIQUE BREEDS’ campaign- a first for SA- launched by the Garden Route SPCA?
No longer will mix breed dogs be called a ‘Collie x’ or ‘Spaniel x’... now they will each get a unique breed name that suits their special, one-of-a-kind breed!
Look out for the ‘Unique Breed Name’ competition each week in the George Herald and Mossel Bay Advertiser. Invent the best unique name for the dog awaiting adoption, and win a fun prize. Come and see our ‘unique breed’ dogs up for adoption!
FASHION SHOW, FREE FACIAL and a delicious light LUNCH!
Saturday 13th September
12.30 for 13.00

Have a great time while you show your support for your SPCA - book for you and your friends.

Call Heather 072 877 2911 for tickets while still available. Or get them from Eden Community Church, Eden Place, Knysna Road, (previously Rademachers).

EFT Payments: Body Mind Soul, Nedbank, Branch 153614, Acc No. 1039760821

WOMAN SAVE PUPPIES ON WOMAN DAY!

On Sunday after Woman’s day, Inspector Andre Baartman took a call on the emergency line. Mrs Vrolijk and her husband had been to their parents in Dordrecht, Eastern Cape, and went to visit their grandparents graves. To their surprise they heard puppies crying from an opening in a grave. With no SPCA there and the Police un-willing to help, it took them hours to get 4 puppies out….but there were still two puppies deep inside the hole. Eventually Mrs Vrolijk paid a passer-by to help. Success! On Sunday, the Vrolijk’s drove back to Loerie Park with the 6 pups saved from their ‘grave’ situation. Andre fetched the lucky pups which are now being cared for at the SPCA in George. They’ll soon be ready for adoption!

HELP ASB!

The Garden Route SPCA CHARITY SHOPS URGENTLY NEED your no-longer wanted HATS, CLOTHES, HANDBAGS, KID’S TOYS or any other lovely jumble!

Please drop off at our shops or call Jack/Gill 076 259 5353 (Mosselbay) or Bettie 071 353 7288 (George)

REPORT ANIMAL CRUELTY!

OFFICE HOURS:
Weekdays 9am—4pm
Sat 9am-11am

GEORGE:
044 878 1990
A/H Emergencies: 082 378 7384

MOSSEL BAY:
044 693 0824
A/H Emergencies: 072 287 1761

WANTED—GEORGE

CAT CARRIERS Any style. Needed to carry cats to and from operating theatre. Please drop at George SPCA or call Estelle on 083 292 1190 to collect.

SHOP VOLUNTEERS willing to do a 3-4 hour shift, ideally once a week or once every second week in George. Contact Bettie on 071 353 7288

VOLUNTEERS to attend occasional fund-raising meetings and help at fun events. Contact Heather on 072 877 2911

TWO longish MIRRORS for the George Clothing Charity Shop so customers can see themselves when trying on clothes… if you have one that you no longer need please let Bettie know on 071 353 7288. Thank you!

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