



Every year world-over 4 to 10 October is dedicated to

Animal Week!

The SPCA movement in South Africa takes this opportunity to reach out to communities to raise awareness to uplift the welfare of all animals. Let's start with a simple question - **"HAVE YOU HELPED AN ANIMAL TODAY?"** Well here are some ways you CAN!



BINGO—3 October

Join us at the George Bowling Club, 7 for 7.30 pm. By popular demand it will be a soup supper. Cash bar. "Out to eat" prizes.

As this is FURRY FRIDAY, everyone will be asked to wear a R10 FURRY FRIDAY ribbon.



FURRY FRIDAY - 3 October

Show that you are an animal 'suppawter' by wearing your paw print ribbon (obtainable from Garden Route SPCA reception, SPCA Charity Shops and various outlets for just R10.00 each)... and why not bring along a tin or bag of cat/dog food which will help feed a few furry friends during their stay at the SPCA?

Companies wishing to be part of this initiative, please contact Vanessa Barnard on 082 444 3712.

BARK IN THE PARK - Sat 4 October— Garden Route Botanical Gardens, George



Treat your 4-legged friends to a **mass doggie walk** (2.5km or 5km) or **5 km run**, followed by a fun dog show with 4 categories of entries: CUTEST—Mr and MISS PERSONALITY—Happiest WELFARE DOG—and a new category for those special one-of-a kind, mixed breed dogs: UNIQUE BREEDS! Please have your fun unique breed name ready! (See next page for some ideas.)

Registration opens at 8.00am (R20 per dog and R10 per adult—children under 12, R5). The **walk/run begins at 9.00am**. The **FUN DOG SHOW begins at 10.30am** in the Garden's tea-garden grounds.



Who could forget the huge elephant puppets who amazed the world in the opening and closing ceremonies of the 2010 World Cup? Well here's your chance to get up close to a rhino puppet as the Global March for Elephants, Rhinos and Lions will be joining us at the walk!

SPCA TREASURE HUNT DOGGIE WALK 12 noon 5 OCT - Mossel Bay

Gather at Santos Beach (in Pirate gear and dogs on leads!) for a fun treasure hunt in aid of the Mossel Bay branch of the SPCA. Medals and prizes sponsored by MB Municipality and Royal Canin. **Entry R5.00 per paw and per tekkie.** For more information call Vanessa 082 444 3712.



UNIQUE BREEDS ^(ONLY) DOG SHOW ! **Sat 11 October**

If you have adopted one of those special, one-of-a-kind dogs with a somewhat 'mixed parentage', then bring it along to the **Wild Oats Farmers' Market** (Sedgefield) plus meet **Patricia Glyn**, author, radio and TV personality and adventurer who will be the main judge and national spokes-person



for the **UNIQUE BREEDS** campaign in South Africa. (You can also buy signed copies of her books.)

ENTRANTS MUST BE PRE-REGISTERED as we can only accommodate a max of 25 dogs in each of 3 categories: Small, Medium, Large! To register call 082 376 5020 or email wildoatsmarket@gmail.com

Entrants must invent a **UNIQUE BREED** name for their dog (e.g. Fluff-tailed Doba-chow) and themselves (e.g. Long legged Rhodesian Round-back!).

The show begins at 9.00am. **Entry fee R25 per dog** in aid of **KAWS** and the Garden Route SPCA



UNIQUE BREEDS DOG SHOW



Karis Nafte back by popular demand!

Don't miss this talk!



THE UNIQUE STREAK IN EVERY DOG!

Learn about different types of dogs and how to **bring out the best** in yours.



SPEAKER: Karis Nafte of Happy Dogs, Knysna with some of her amazing pack.

5.30 for 6.00pm
FRIDAY 17 OCTOBER
York High School Hall
Meade Street, GEORGE
ENTRY R30 (R15 for pre-teens)



Touch, Paws, Engage



But while we rejoice in our pets, bear a thought for the many less fortunate animals...

(Sensitive readers may not want to read on... but unfortunately closing one's eyes does not make the cruelty go away!)

5th September: We received a call from a Rosemoor woman. She caught her lodger allegedly raping her female dog. Inspector Gerda Reynders immediately fetched the dog and a rape test was done. We have laid charges under the Sexual Offences Act and the Animals Protection Act. The dog is currently under our care. (Sadly, most of our bestiality cases are from Rosemoor.)

9th September: Pacaltsdorp Police called. A dog had been beaten with a broom stick in Newdawn Park. Inspector Henrico Pypers joined the Police, the owner and the accused at the scene. The accused claimed the dog tried to attack him—the owner denied this. Back at the SPCA we discovered the dog had multiple injuries and its back leg was shattered. It had to be euthanized. Charges have been laid.

9th September: Inspector Kathryn van der Mescht went to Borchards to fetch dogs for the MASP sterilization. She was shocked when a Pit-bull cross was brought to her— it's ears recently sliced off with scissors! It immediately went in for surgery where our vet found that she had recently been in a fight. Senior Inspector Salome Botha got the dog signed over to the SPCA and has laid charges.



10th September: The Thembaletu Police reported a dog had been beaten to death. The owner had also been assaulted by the accused. Henrico brought the dog's body back for a post mortem. We have laid charges under the Animals Protection Act.

& HERE'S THE GREAT NEWS!

On the 13th August, Jane Simon the Wine Ambassador, organised an SPCA Charity Golf Day and Auction at Fancourt. It was a fabulous day and perfect weather with a field of wine makers from the Cape, plus customers and members of Fancourt. The idea was to interact and above all raise money for this very worthy cause. Johan Marais, Stanley de Beer, John Mitchell and Theo Wessels won the golf with a 1st Prize being magnificent signed Magnums of Waterford Cabernet Sauvignon. After the golf a Dinner was held in the Fancourt Banqueting Hall and a Charity Auction, led by Auctioneer Frederick Bekker who did a fabulous job! Wine was donated by Waterford Estate, Jordan Wine Estate, Buitenverwachting Estate, Hamilton Russell Vineyards, Brampton Wines, Boschendal Wines, Zorgvliet Wines, Thelema Mountain Vineyards, Vergelegen Estate and Steenberg Vineyards.



The princely sum of R40 000 was raised at the dinner and the next morning Fancourt Golf donated another R16000 from green fees. **A total of R56000 was raised at this fabulous event!** A very special thanks to all who contributed of their time and gave so generously.

Above are winemakers, Jane Simon, Deidre Kuhn with Vanessa Barnard (centre) who received the cheque on behalf of the Garden Route SPCA.

FASHION SHOW shows 150 ladies a great time!

Wow, what a stunning event! On Saturday 13 September, 150 ladies were spoiled with a host of gifts, treats, a tasty lunch, cloud-light cup cakes, raffles, bath salts and free facials! The highlight was a captivating array of summer fashion modelled by the cutest toddlers, sultry men and some of the most beautiful girls in George—all from the La Belle Finishing School and Modelling Agency.

All the funds raised went to help Garden Route SPCA—so we owe a **huge** thank-you to all the kind sponsors (especially Woolworths!), the models and to Mandy Vermaak of La Belle who put the whole event together with boundless skill and enthusiasm!



Mandy promises an even **bigger** event next year—a 'high tea' lavished with fashion and beauty spoiling!

Garden Route SPCA shares its unique education projects with other SPCA's

Lesley Welgemoed (left) head of our dynamic Education Unit, was invited to tell other Western Cape SPCA's of our after-school animal care clubs, our highly successful Community Carer project in underprivileged neighbourhoods and the SPCA Cadets courses being run in our best high schools.

Lesley is passionate about making a difference.

"When people know better, they do better!", she quotes.



HAVE PETS - MUST TRAVEL!

For those South Africans who consider a pet part of the family, moving to UK is now much less of an ordeal. Since 2012, cats and dogs entering the UK from South Africa no longer have to spend 6 months in quarantine to ensure against the threat of rabies. However there are requirements that have to be met such as micro-chipping (which must be implanted before the Rabies vaccination), a TITRE Rabies anti-body blood test and a three-month waiting period between vaccination and entering the UK. But the emotional and financial stress of having to place animals in quarantine for six months is over. If all pre-travel regulations are followed, you'll be able to leave the airport with your pet upon arrival. There are reputable SA pet travel companies, (look for an IPATA member), that can assist and be on hand should there be a flight delay.



Love 'puzzling' but don't want to pay a fortune? SPCA Charity Shop launches JIGSAW PUZZLE EXCHANGE

Donate one of your puzzles to the SPCA 'HOME' Charity Shop (York Mall Arcade, 100 York Street) and buy one of ours, and you'll get your JIGSAW CLUB card. Thereafter, bring in a puzzle and get a similar puzzle for HALF PRICE! (My last 1 500 piece puzzle was just R20!)



Available soon - the most awesome 2015 Calendar and Birthday Calendar

Look out for them at our various events, SPCA Charity Shops or order yours by emailing admin@grspca.co.za
A3 2015 calendars: R50
Birthday Calendars: R40



**HAPPINESS IS CARING ...
and BEING CARED FOR!**

JANUARY 2015 **FEBRUARY 2015**

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Loving an animal is natural to most of us... which makes it all the more distressing when we see animals that have been stabbed or burnt with boiling water and left untreated.
Garden Route SPCA inspectors go into underprivileged areas on a daily basis, picking up dogs that are sick or no longer wanted and are being left to starve.
Thank goodness that there are people who have the compassionate face this task... and animal love like YOU who support our cause to prevent cruelty to animals.
"Think occasionally of suffering of which spare yourself the s..."

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

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A/H Emergencies:
082 378 7384

MOSSEL BAY:
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A/H Emergencies:
072 287 1761



Many thanks to everyone who bought buttons at the SPCA stall at the Outeniqua Farmers Market at the end of August.
This is the much needed food that we were able to purchase with your donations.
See you there again on the 20th December 2014!
Photograph by Darra Patrick