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New Year heralds new gratitude

THE FESTIVE SEASON is widely known as a time of giving. Sadly, it is also the time when many animals find themselves being more neglected and forgotten than usual which means not only more work for KAPS, but more heartache too.

Thanks to Old Mutual and Pet Steri for their much appreciated donations, we managed to keep steri's ongoing throughout this period.

Hats off to Jeanette Bradley of Ladismith who ferries dogs to and fro from sterilization clinics, using her own vehicle.

Gratitude extended to Bridget Marshall, who maintains and updates our Facebook page. Bridget enjoys no financial reward for this and has been invaluable on this platform for many years.

Over this period, the Klein Karoo experienced a kaleidoscope of weather, from extreme heat, flooding and thunder – all of which causes some degree of chaos to the animals.

We'd like to make special mention to a Barrydale farmer who assisted in the fetching of animals for sterilizing with his tractor through the mountainous regions which were inaccessible due to flooding. KAPS soldier on through all kinds of adversities, even the weather.



Dr Garth Ryder with his assistant Sampie, performing one of our thousands of sterilisations.



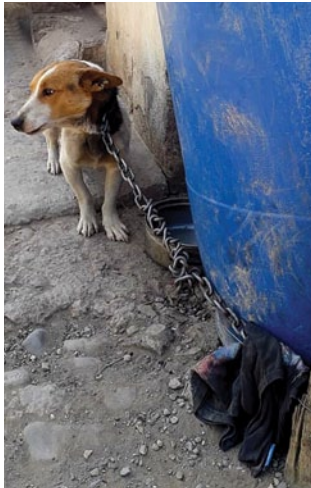
Jeanette Bradley bringing in a patient to one of our many steri drives.



This heroic rural farmer ferried KAPS patients through storm water.

Inspections, fines and findings

INSPECTIONS ARE AN ongoing exercise for KAPS. Whilst educating against a far too heavy chain on a dog far too small for the weight of the chain, it was noticed that an extremely pregnant dog was also on the premises. This was duly reported and our inspector, Francois Plaaityies went the following day to ascertain the situation where it was discovered that the dog in question had given birth. Upon issuing a warning, it was further discovered that said dog did not belong to the people living on the property, but to someone else. It seems to be a trend to “hide” pregnant animals elsewhere to avoid KAPS.



Pictured here is a young female pitbull that was found on routine inspections outside Barrydale. Seeing she had nine pups, law enforcement were called in. The owner was fined R1000, payable before KAPS took the dog to Robertson for sterilization. She was returned back to her home as she is well cared for and not being kept on a chain. The puppies are being closely monitored and regular health checks are carried out. The females will be sterilized once old enough.



Fines are given to owners who refuse to have their dogs sterilized as KAPS do it on a gratis basis, eliminating the cost factor excuse. The fines, from cases like this, go to the municipality and, through word of mouth, are proving to be a major deterrent in illegal breeding.

Approximately sixteen years ago, KAPS were instrumental in bringing in by-laws in two municipalities where dogs have to be sterilized unless KUSA registered.

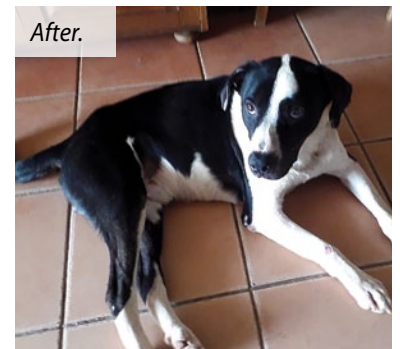
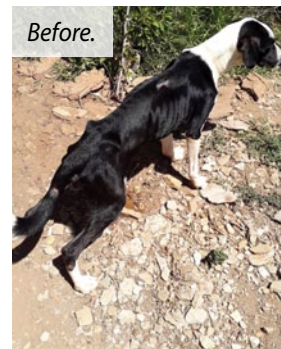
Having no local vets in most of our vast rural areas, where KAPS work, dogs and cats have to be collected and driven far distances to vets for sterilization. Vet fees,

fuel prices and vehicle maintenance (which is a priority due to driving on appalling bad farm roads), all make large dents in the KAPS coffers. Once again, grateful thanks to our many supporters, funders and donors who help make it possible for us to assist these animals.

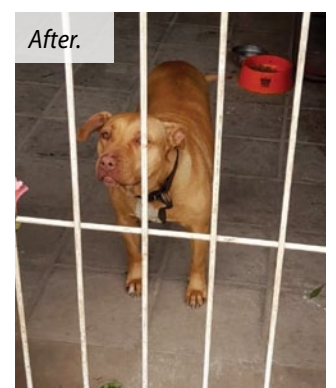
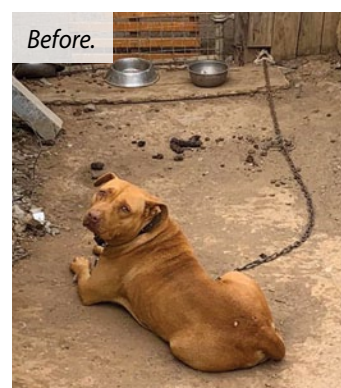
Kudos to Samuel (12) of rural Barrydale whose passion in life is Cindy, his dog. They are often seen together, he in rags, Cindy in pretty collar and a lead. When Samuel goes to the park to play, he always has a bag with him... in which is a small amount of kibble for Cindy, in case she gets hungry. Samuel and Cindy are greatly applauded.



Bradley, a Border Collie cross, approximately 10 months old and extremely thin, had broken loose and was found wandering a busy main road. After just three short weeks at KAPS and Brad is fully socialized and has recovered from his starved self and is now ready to join a forever family who can offer him a home.



A school teacher was found to have a large dog on a short chain and kept in a far too small back yard, and refused to listen to reason. A court order was obtained..... The dog is now off the chain and enjoying more home comforts. Monitoring continues.



Needing Homes

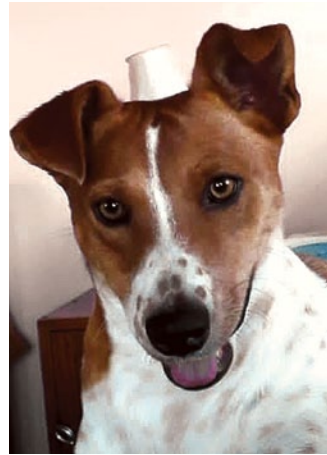
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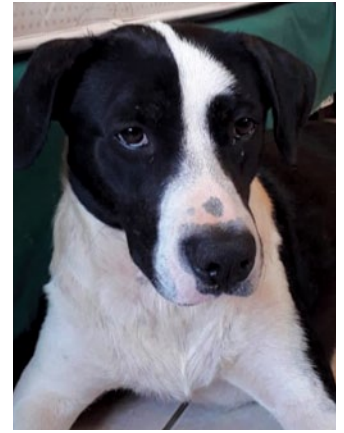
Milo – About 18 months old, this precious small bundle of joy was rescued from a heavy chain. He is fully socialised and looking forward to bring you endless love.



Beanie – This black beauty is about 10 months old, small to medium sized, her heart is big on love, she sports a playful and socialised nature.



Samantha – This docile girl is of small to medium size and around 2 years old. Extremely loving and eager to please. Are you her forever friend?



Bradley – A large breed Border Collie cross, this handsome 10 month old boy is well-adjusted fully socialised and loves to play. He's eager to put the finishing touch to your family life.

Welcoming your new family member home

BEAR IN MIND, your new treasure comes from a previously disadvantaged background and this could be very traumatic or excessively exciting for them.

Be sure to introduce them to their very own bed - in a quiet area of the home where they can feel safe when they feel tired. Blankets are also important as they not only provide warmth, but offer security as well.

Introduction to food and water bowls is essential. Apart from the main meal of the day, these bowls must always be full - full of fresh water and the other, dry kibble. No matter how much kibble is eaten, your dog will never over eat it, nor put on weight.

They should also have a toy box, where the items they are allowed to chew and play with are kept. This will prevent arguments when you discover that your shoe has accidentally been chewed up. A collar and lead are definite musts!

Accidents may occur once introduced to a new diet. Scolding and reprimanding should be kept to a bare minimum. Their system will adjust within less than a week and accidents will reduce as they become more familiar with "outside".

Make sure your cupboards are stocked with treats of various kinds as well as an emergency tin of dog food.

Most importantly, remember that patience, understanding, reassurance and love will get you through the first couple of days into a happy forever after together.



Seen here is Dion Visser (who together with Mum, Joy, are regular donors) with his newly adopted dog, Cindy who was rescued from Ladismith. It was her first time at the beach and her reactions to it, endeared her even more to her already loving Dion.

Creatures great and small



IT IS A well known fact that KAPS rescue a broad spectrum of animals : cattle, donkeys, pigs, goats, dogs, cats and even the odd baboon and tortoise. It should come as no surprise that even small creatures come under our wing (*see stories below*). It's not unusual for farmers to give their impoverished labourers an unwanted bull or other cattle.



These animals aren't normally in the best of health and the labourers certainly unable to manage the upkeep. These animals are kept in the poorest conditions with no proper food, water or shelter. Some are so ill, but are still kept with the intention of making soup! KAPS has sanctuary for these animals once rescued.

IN AN OLD, discarded box a little shrew was found. Upon investigation, it became clear that she had made a nest and there were babies within. Mother Shrew proceeded to care for her young and made many trips through the resident dogs and cats to provide food. At a later date, the box with the shrew family was moved outside, under a tree. A hole in the side of the box was made to allow easy access. All are thriving and doing well.



KAPS WERE ALSO there to give a helping hand to baby bats who fell through a roof. Being so very small, little was known as to how to go about feeding and caring for them. After three days of relentless telephone calls, KAPS transported them to all the way to Pinelands where a bat carer took them in and they now form part of her educational program for young children.



HANDY TIP

IS YOUR DOG extremely itchy, and nothing seems to help? Once ascertaining it is parasite free and the itch persists, bath in aqueous cream instead of shampoo.

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