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Big dog, little dog

WHEN WE'RE FINDING homes for rescued dogs, one of the most common misjudgments we encounter is the "Big dog, little dog" arrangement. The rationale seems to be that you keep a big dog to frighten intruders and you keep a little dog to yap and make a noise. The Big Dog, (invariably male) is regarded as the watchdog and stays outside, the Little Dog (usually female) is the family pet that lives indoors and enjoys constant interaction with the household.

Sadly, this is based on a misapprehension about dog psychology. The dog, as we all know, is a pack animal, and to preserve discipline, rank order exists in every pack.

In the canine rank order, seniority is accorded to those that are large and those that are male.



Humans are part of this rank order, too, which is why dogs and young children can be a hazardous mix.

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Needing Homes

**ALL OUR PETS ARE STERILISED,
DE-WORMED, FULLY VACCINATED
AND MICRO CHIPPED!**

ALL OUR ADOPTERS are members of the large household called KAPS and are family members. We would be delighted to hear from our adopters to hear how the adoptee is settling in and sharing their milestones. *Please keep in touch.* These are only four of our dogs for adoption, please feel free to contact us for information on other available dogs.



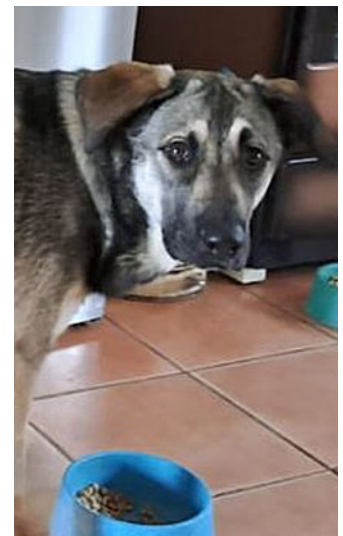
Rory - is a medium in stature and sports a social nature. He is loving and affectionate. Approximately 1 year old.



Hunny - this medium to small girl is a 10 month old bundle of affection and playfulness.



Lindy - is a small, two year old looking for a forever home she can woof her own and lavish her attention on the humans.



ZsaZsa - this intelligent, medium sized Husky cross breed girl is looking for a friend.... Is that you?

Our sincere gratitude

Many thanks to a KAPS supporter, Doria Cucciolillo who nominated us to *Panado* and *Afternoon Express* (SABC 3) "Sharing a dose of Care" campaign. Afternoon Express spent a day with KAPS in August where they experienced first hand what we do and how we do it. In addition to that, we were awarded R5 000 which will be most welcome when it comes to purchasing animal feeds.

Colette further nominated Jeanette Bradley of Ladismith to receive a further R5 000 for all the work she does in that area, which she has been doing for many years.

Thank you, *Panado* and *Afternoon Express*.

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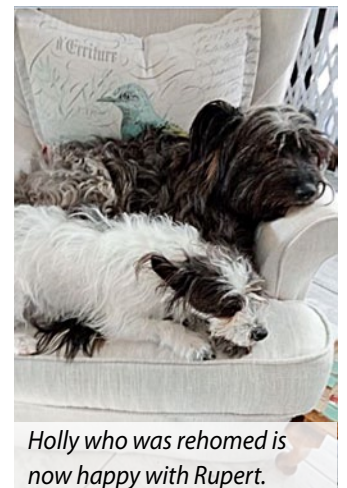
Colette Teal and Jeanette Bradley interviewed during the "Sharing a dose of Care" campaign.



Gloria Pitlo with Jeanette Bradley and the team at the May Bonanza 2023.



Toni Tickton adopted two dogs abandoned on a farm.



Holly who was rehomed is now happy with Rupert.



Thank you to Vetsol, the Swellendam Vets, Hildidge Beer and Kango Rob for their assistance with sterilisations.



Stitches being removed after sterilisation.



KAPS donated this kennel to a farm worker.



Rosemary Berry, David and team at a Charity Bonanza.

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They may romp together happily as playfellows, but a senior dog may not tolerate a child trying to exert authority or dominance over it.

So your Big Dog is psychologically programmed to regard himself, quite rightly, as the senior canine of the household. But what does he find?

Little Dog gets invited to areas of close contact with the family (the house, the car, the sofa, your lap) whereas Big Dog is sternly confined to the yard.

Little Dog gets to be around the food that's prepared in the house. Whether or not she receives any is beside the point – Big Dog knows there are tasty food smells in there and that's where she is!

Little dog gets played with by the kids and petted by visitors. Meanwhile, Big Dog is kept away from visitors because he's not supposed to welcome intruders.

In summary, he finds himself relegated to the rank of underdog, while all the privileges are heaped upon Little Dog – who ought to be junior to him.

To aggravate the distortion of roles, owners of small dogs habitually pick them up (and worse still, carry them around). Now, a dog's perception of it's own size relates quite simply to it's own eye level – if you are able

to look down on other dogs, you are obviously bigger. Hence many pampered small dogs develop a dominant and pugnacious attitude, even daring to confront breeds many times their size.

The relationship between Big Dog and Little Dog is badly affected by this bizarre reversal of roles. Members of a pack reinforce their common bond by interaction, notably while hunting and sharing food. But households with the Big Dog / Little Dog set-up rarely take their dogs for hunts (walks) together and rarely feed them together either. The result is that both are thoroughly confused about their status.

Any dog kept in the yard and prevented from interacting with the household is convinced he has been permanently ostracized by the pack. To a species that is programmed for social intercourse, this is a form of mental cruelty.

What's more, it doesn't bode well for the likelihood that an outside dog will protect your home. The only territory he regards as his, is the yard. If intruders get past him to your house (and their object is to do just that), he has every reason to stay away from an area he knows is forbidden to him.

Should you want a dog to be protective of your house and family, remember this simple fact: a dog that lives with the pack, will protect the pack.

With a sadness we bid farewell



It is with heavy hearts that we bid a sad farewell to KAPS' most stalwart supporter and husband of Colette, Percy Teale, for over 40 years as he passed away on September 18 in his mid nineties. KAPS may not be as renown or/and successful as it is today without Percy's tremendous support and encouragement. As the sun rises bringing on each new day, his memory will be with us as KAPS continues to work on tirelessly.

The KAPS donkey sanctuary

INITIALLY, AT THE inception of KAPS, our concentration was mainly on dogs and cats on the outlying farms. Soon it became apparent that other farm animals were in need of our services as well. 13 donkeys started our Donkey Sanctuary when KAPS rescued them from a farm that had recently been sold and the donkeys were intended to go to a



It's thanks to all the wonderful folks who donate specially to the donkeys, this important work can continue.

crocodile farm!! Donkeys have such endearing characters and their presence in the sanctuary has given way to other large farm animals including cattle, sheep and pigs. There are currently 10 resident donkeys at the sanctuary where they enjoy free roaming, regular meals (including apples and carrots as treats) as well as shelter from the elements. They also receive regular veterinary care as well. We thank all our donkey supporters for their donations.

All donations are welcome

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A horrific ending

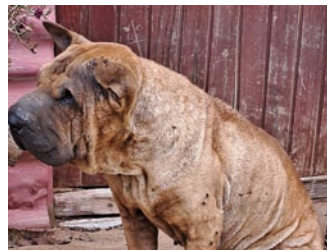
AS IS HAPPENING all too often of late, we came across two dogs, an elderly Great Dane and his companion, a Sharpei, were given away by their long-time owners upon their relocation.

These dogs were given to the farm workers who had neither experience or the resources required to maintain such dogs.

Sadly, by the time KAPS were able to intervene, these dogs were too ill and weak to save and had to be put to sleep. It is imperative that research into whom you are giving your pets to, is undertaken.

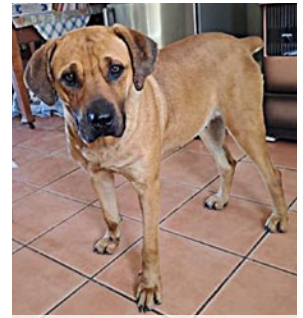


Before relocating, the original owners gave these dogs to an impoverished new owner.



Saved and adopted

MAGGIEWAS CONFISCATED after many warnings as she was in an appalling state and it wasn't too long - about three weeks, and she was as good as new again and in good health. We are proud to announce that Maggie has been adopted by a fabulous family and is now enjoying the life she is meant to.



Maggie in good condition before adoption.



The condition of Maggie when KAPS confiscated her.

2023 STATISTICS FOR ANNUAL REPORT

TOTAL STERILISATIONS	617	This means female pets no longer go through repeated pregnancies... males become easier to handle... diseases including cancers are prevented... and generations of sickly, starving litters are never born.
TOTAL NUMBER OF ANIMALS REHOMED	21	Rehoming is presenting a terrible challenge in today's economic situation; this figure represents the results of rescue, nursing and rehabilitation... foster-care, socialisation and house training... diligent interviewing and inspection of would-be adoptive households... and matching the right animal to exactly the right home.
TOTAL NUMBER OF ANIMALS ASSISTED WITH TREATMENT	1,958	This can be anything from vaccinating, deworming or wound-spray, right through to broken bones and road traffic accidents. Our volunteers will travel hundreds of kilometres to collect an injured dog for veterinary treatment, and then deliver it home again.
WARNINGS ISSUED	1,265	KAPS has to work within the constraints of the law, so warnings must be given before any serious action is taken. Verbal warnings are the norm, but written warnings can precede a confiscation or prosecution.
ANIMALS DIPPED	1,703	Dipping is an important protection against disease transmission to humans, especially children, this service ought to be offered by government, as with rabies vaccination.

KAPS has fed thousands of animals – we do what we can to distribute food all the time, but although we do get donations, our food costs are tremendous – especially lucerne for donkeys and horses – and sadly we can never get enough.