

# KAPS NEWSLETTER June 2024

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## A time to say Hello...

### *I Rescued a Human today*

Her eyes met mine as she walked down the corridor, peering apprehensively into the kennels. I felt her need instantly and knew I had to help her.

I wagged my tail, not too exuberantly, so she wouldn't be afraid.

As she stopped at my kennel, I blocked her view from a little accident I had in the back of my cage. I didn't want her to know that I hadn't been walked today. Sometimes the shelter keepers get too busy, and I didn't want her to think poorly of them.

She read my kennel card, I hoped that she wouldn't feel sad about my past. I only have the future to look forward to and want to make a difference in someone's life. She got down on her knees and made little kissy sounds at me.

I shoved my shoulder and side of my head up against the bars to comfort her. Gentle fingertips caressed my neck; she was desperate for companionship. A tear fell down her cheek, and I raised my paw to assure her that all would be well. Soon my kennel door opened and her smile was so bright that I instantly jumped into her arms.

I would promise to keep her safe. I would promise to always be by her side. I would promise to do everything I could to see that radiant smile and sparkle in her eyes.

I was so fortunate that she came down my corridor. So many more are out there who haven't walked the corridors.

So many more to be saved. At least I could save one! Are you in need of an emotional rescue? We're right here. (Foster homes are also welcome).

## Emotional Rescue Available

**ALL OUR PETS ARE STERILIZED,  
DE-WORMED AND FULLY VACCINATED**

**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.**



**Amber** – loving Ridgeback cross breed approximately 18 month old girl is willing to give you a shoulder to cry on and a great hug.



**Stella** – this enthusiastic 12 month old girl of medium size, is ready to share with you the wonder of being relieved of chains.



**Charlie** – approximately 18 month old Border Collie boy cross, ready to give you an ear and to share all the joys tomorrow promises.



**Pretzel** – an 8 month old vibrant, loving girl. She's well socialised with both dogs and cats. She reaches her paw out to you.

# KAPS donkey's foot spa treatment

**THE KAPS HERD** of resident donkeys that now total ten animals, were treated to another regular pedicure and full podiatric check up, that was undertaken by John Gatt a Farrier from Robertson with his professional team.



## Stabbed dog now recovering

**THIS DOG WAS** rescued after being stabbed when it wandered onto a neighbouring farm in Montagu. The injured dog was rushed to Robertson veterinary clinic who successfully treated it at largely discounted rates on a Sunday.

A legal case has been opened against the perpetrator in this matter and we are awaiting a future court date.



## Rescued from an appalling state

**PENNY WAS RESCUED** by KAPS where she was found locked inside this shed without food or water. She was also heavily pregnant at the time of her rescue.



## In reality...



## A heron visits

**A HERON TOOK** a breather and came to greet us.



# Our gratitude

**KAPS IS A** non-profit organization and relies fully on donations to keep running. We have donors who raise funds and help us on a very regular basis on which we have become comfortably au fait with. Thank you Gray family for constantly fosters dogs for us. Thanks go to Maria in Swellendam who has been making fabulous jewellery to sell at the Cape Town fund raising stalls. A huge thank you to Jess Thompson who undertook to swim the shark infested waters to Robben Island from Cape Town to raise funds for KAPS.



## No dog parenting training

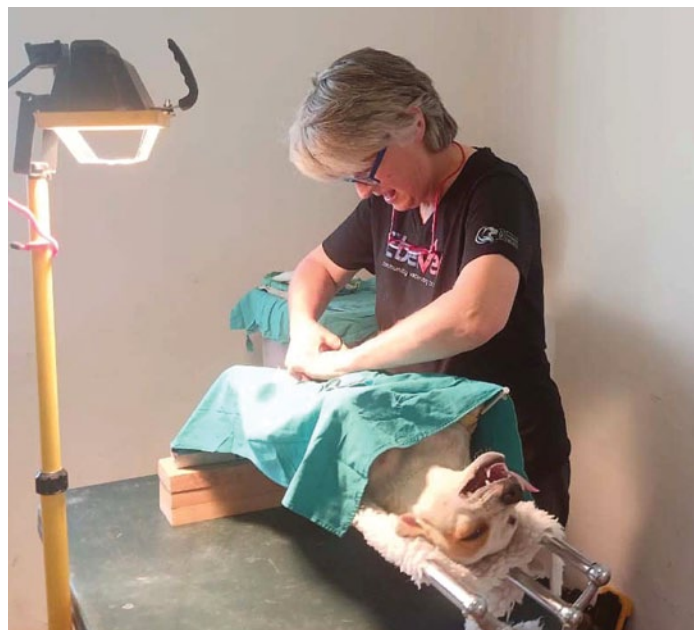
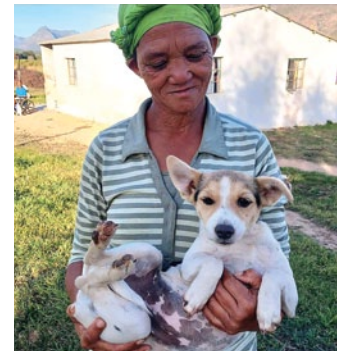
**ILL EDUCATED DOGS** are a product of unhappy dog parents – and it upsets me, a happy dog, when I see humans with unhappy dogs. The canine-human bond can be healthy for dogs and humans, but it needs to be nurtured - just like parenting a child. Should dog people not treat their dogs like fur children (at whatever age), it will take a toll on our patience. That means we may act out and dig holes or howl songs to show our unhappy feelings.

**Grrrrr-eat Solution:** Happy parents share their dog stories with other happy parents. Should they work out the house, they make sure that we are taken care of (like a doggy day care or dog – friendly workplaces). They know that sharing their life with a four-legger takes time, energy and money. This, in turn will allow them to fulfil their need to grasp the rewards of being proud parents.

# Another successful sterilization drive

**KAPS STERILIZED** 25 animals in the Zoar and Ladismith area with the assistance of Dr Hildidge Beer and her caring team.

KAPS has a pick up and return procedure where pet owners who do not have access to transport, have their pets picked up, sterilized and returned back home to them afterwards.



## ... A time to say Goodbye

**DOGS' LIVES ARE** short, too short, but you know that going in. You know the pain is coming, you're going to lose a dog, and there's going to be great anguish, so you live fully in the moment with her, never fail to share her joy or delight in her innocence because you can't support the illusion that a dog can be your lifelong companion. There's such beauty in the hard honesty of that, in accepting and giving love while always aware that it comes with an unbearable price. *Dean Koontz*

This is for all who have lost a dear, dear friend... KAPS too, have lost... Gracie, Gizmo and Bailey to name only a few.

# Our Saving Grace

*A view from a dogs point of view regarding inspections, loggings, dipping and sterilizing.*

It all started the day I barked furiously at the people who were taking a dog away in a car from the neighbouring house. I couldn't investigate fully due to the heavy, short chain that tethered me... despite the weather, the distraction was welcome. To my astonishment, the very next day, the very same car stopped outside MY house!! The people got out and spoke to my human and lo and behold, off came my chain – it was a fantastic feeling being unburdened by a heavy, restricting chain. I was then taken for a walk down the road where other people and their dogs were gathering... I was "dipped" – this was most refreshing and, even better – I was relieved of the ticks and fleas that were making my life a total misery.

The following week, I was not at all perturbed at seeing this now familiar car stop outside my house. I was given a name tag and was crated into the car. It's my first time in a car and I guess I was pretty nervous, but the people in the car kept talking to me in a soothing voice. We disembarked and I was led into a large building where there were lots of crates with canine occupants. I too, got to occupy a crate and I was given a sedative...

Then I woke up and felt most groggy, but relaxed as I was covered with a blanket and there were gentle hands and a soothing voice which reassured me that all was well. A little later, I was crated and put back into the car and taken home where I was happily reunited with my humans. I had been sterilized and had a tummy shave. This means that I can now take myself for walks without the fear or possibility of creating further unwanted pregnancies and therefore preventing a lot of cruelty for the next generation. *Thank you, KAPS!*

## HANDY TIP

**DOES YOUR DOG** enjoy digging? Should digging be a problem, fill the offending hole with doggy poop and cover with rocks. They will not dig there any further.



Humans need exercise, should they not get it they become "chubby". It's up to you to save them.

- Allow your human to tether themselves to you. This keeps them from wandering off, running away and getting lost.
- Your human probably needs breaks. Be considerate and stop to sniff often.
- Bark frequently. Humans have a short attention span.
- When you go to the bathroom, walk away. If you have trained your human correctly, they will pick it up. Good aerobics.
- Periodically drag your human as fast as you can. This is called interval training.
- Do not allow your human to shorten the walk. They are being lazy. Sit in protest, if you must.
- Once you are aback home, allow your human to remove the tether, then lick their face many times. This is positive reinforcement for a job well done.

## DogScents of the matter

**IT IS A** well known fact that a dog's nose is more sensitive than ours... How, exactly so?

A dog uses its nose in very much the same way we use our eyes. With approximately 300 000 000 (yes, that's 300 million) olfactory receptors (compared to our 6 000 000), and with 40 times more greater than our part of the brain that analyses smells, each sniff for them, tells a story all of it's own – they "see" the world in a whole new way, from health to moods – each sniff is a secret... It's a Super Power.

So next time you're out with your fur baby, try to understand why it's so important to walk with their noses to the ground – they're getting the latest news in their world.

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