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**“Money often costs too much.”**

Ralph Waldo Emerson, US Essayist



## WHAT REALLY HAPPENS ON LIVE EXPORT SHIPS?

The live animal exportation trade breaks every animal welfare law ever written, but yet is allowed to continue, despite tipping the scale as one of the cruellest activities created by man on planet earth.

There are approximately 20 countries which export live animals for slaughter, with France, Canada and Australia exporting the most cattle. Australia has, over the past 30 years, exported over 2.5 million live sheep. New Zealand ceased live exports in 2003 after ongoing public protests, and a series of horror events ending with a ship carrying 57 000 New Zealand sheep being rejected by Saudi Arabia. Unable to port anywhere, most of the sheep died. Survivors were “gifted” to Eritrea, where they were slaughtered in primitive abattoirs. After this atrocity, New Zealand stopped exports. The EU developed laws pertaining to travel conditions and care of live export animals, but there is no humane, or “cruelty free” way of loading, then transporting, thousands of animals in ships for weeks on end, and it is preposterous to think of the hours spent by humans writing welfare laws intended to make it so. The global live animal trade is worth billions of US Dollars, but the extreme cruelty is what the public doesn’t see. Animals which could be delivered “on hook” to feed a community, end up dead en route and are tossed overboard, making them worthless to anyone.

In South Africa, 61 000 sheep were recently loaded onto a ship in East London destined for middle eastern destinations where there are no animal welfare laws at all. The conditions on board were beyond comprehension and again, the South African Animal Protection Act was broken. The SA Government has ignored written reports, welfare concerns, objections and protests, and signed a contract for 600 000 animals to be exported. And so the cruelty will continue. ARO condemns live exportation of animals from SA, and joins with other welfare movements in SA to publicise, condemn and, we hope, ban the live exportation of animals from South Africa. The only way to stop it is to confront it. We ask for your support along the way. Visit [www.animalrescue.org.za](http://www.animalrescue.org.za)

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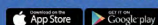


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on how to donate.

## TO ADVERTISE IN THIS NEWSLETTER

Contact Karen de Klerk [aro@animalrescue.org.za](mailto:aro@animalrescue.org.za)



**Qu?zo Night WINNERS**  
Congratulations to THE CRICKETS! Team members Trish & Patrick Young, Karen & Henry van Noort, Dana Saunders and Shiela, who clearly have lots of brain power and won first place at the 5th Annual Quiz Night on 1 November. Our thanks to all the sponsors and to the WPCC for hosting ARO and our merry supporters! To book for 2020 email [avril@animalrescue.org.za](mailto:avril@animalrescue.org.za)

## ARO AGM

The ARO AGM will be held on Saturday  
30 November 2019 at 10am at ARO,  
5 Olieboom Road, off Strandfontein Rd, Ottery.  
RSVP to Charne Hahn on 021-3965511.  
Refreshments will be served.



LEFT TO RIGHT: ARO welcomes Anne Johannes to the team, pictured in the centre here with Tamsyn Ripsold and Avril Thomas.

## FROM THE DESK OF KAREN DE KLERK

ARO has experienced some adjustments and changes in 2019, but we continue to strive towards providing the best possible mobile clinic and hospital services to our precious animals.

Many of the animals we see survive in less than perfect conditions, and ARO staff are trying their best to relieve suffering and improve lives. Behind most patients we see is a human being, which can bring its own set of challenges. Some owners will move heaven and earth to seek care for their domestic pets, while others will allow the family pet to starve to within an inch of his life and appear puzzled when ARO objects!

ARO has been forced to reduce our print newsletter run from 4 copies down to 2 per year as the post office simply does not deliver! The cost of printing and postage is also a challenge. If you have an email address, please contact me personally to change your newsletter delivery to a digital version. Alternatively, we are working on an alternative way to get Newsletters to our members, so please let us know if you need to update your postal details. We love to hear from our supporters and value your care very much.

ARO remains committed to our work within impoverished communities to reach those domestic pets which need help, and we will continue to speak out about the realities faced by animals in South Africa. Your support along the way is greatly appreciated and you are welcome to contact me anytime. ARO will also continue to add our muscle to campaigns protesting cruel animal trade and abusive practises, and ask that you continue to support our efforts to protect and care for animals surviving in South Africa today.

Wishing you all a wonderful Festive Season, and a healthy, happy 2020.

With love  
for now

Karen



## VINEYARD LUNCH REPORT BACK

Our sincerest apologies to those who missed out on tickets this year – we sold out very early. Please call on my cell or email me on [karen@animalrescue.org.za](mailto:karen@animalrescue.org.za) for 2020 reservations. We thank Alderman JP Smith from the City of Cape Town for his time at this year's event. Details of the 2020 Vineyard Lunch will be available on our ARO's website from March 2020.



LEFT TO RIGHT: ARO Senior Vet Dr Reuben Kotze, Tony Gerrans Humane Society International African Director; guest speaker Alderman JP Smith from the City of Cape Town; Patrick Horrigan PDSA CEO, Lindy Lehto from Smile 90.4fm Breakfast Show; Samantha Gray from Grays Matter Films. SEATED: Karen de Klerk Head of Communications ARO & Geraldine Scaife Chairperson ARO.



ARO sends a **huge thank you** to ACANA for the amazing support shown through donations of food for our hospital animals. This relationship with ACANA has been a hugely positive step and we are proud to be associated with a top brand of this calibre. Our animals benefit tremendously too and that is what it is all about!



## ARO GOLF DAY REPORT BACK AND NEXT EVENT

The next ARO Golf Day will be held at  
King David Mowbray on Friday  
8 May 2020.

This year's event raised R75 623 for ARO. Our sincerest thanks to all our players as well as our MC, Trevor Quirk for his auctioneering skills for which we are very grateful! We thank King David Mowbray club and all our lovely sponsors including Audi Claremont, Butlers Pizza and everyone who sponsored prizes and gifts to make the day so successful. For bookings and enquiries email [avril@animalrescue.org.za](mailto:avril@animalrescue.org.za)

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# HOSPITAL & FIELDWORK REPORT BACK



ARO is delighted to report that our new mobile clinics are looking and functioning amazingly well. The old box shaped mobiles had to go, and these beautiful new vehicles have been converted into extremely versatile and functional mobile clinics that operate within township and informal settlement areas daily. Dr Kotze had the challenging task of converting the vehicles himself, so they are designed and fitted by a veterinarian, which is fabulous as he knows exactly what is needed! Well done to Dr and his team on this great achievement which will see countless animals receiving top level care! We are in negotiations with sponsors for a Haematology Analyser which will allow for many more animals receiving the care they need as Dr Kotze will be able to make affordable diagnoses. These machines are extremely expensive (at R189 000) so negotiations continue! Animals remind us daily of why we support welfare work, and why it is so very important that ARO's hospital must continue to strive for excellence for the sake of our animals who need us the most.

## FROM THE DESK OF DR REUBEN KOTZE, SENIOR VET, ARO

It has been a challenging year for the ARO hospital, with a number of staff changes encouraging us to take a closer look at our method of service delivery in the poorest communities of the Cape Flats, and become more efficient in the process. We are certainly a stronger and more motivated team than we were 10 months ago and I look forward to the months ahead. We continue to exceed our goal of at least 200 sterilisations a month, almost all of which are done entirely free to the public. We continue to offer top quality veterinary medicine and surgery to the poor and underprivileged, ensuring that no animal coming through our doors should ever suffer as a result of the socio-economic status of its owner. We continue to add to and improve on our knowledge and skills set, and equip our clinics and hospital to the highest possible standard. We remain the only animal welfare hospital delivering orthopaedic surgery to animals that would otherwise be euthanized, or endure lifelong pain without treatment. As the welfare and rescue community slowly awakens to the reality of saturated shelters, where the supply of



unwanted animals far out numbers the demand, I am proud to part of a team that gives new meaning to the word 'rescue'. A team that gets to the root of the pet overpopulation crisis through mass sterilization efforts and day to day interaction and education of animal owners where it is needed most. A team that rescues animals before they are abandoned and hopeless.

## YOUTH EDUCATION

### MENTORSHIP IS THE WAY FORWARD

A youth mentor is responsible for helping youngsters establish their personal goals like improving academic grades or pursuing a degree in college. A youth mentor is also responsible for guiding and helping children make action plans, to motivate and inspire them. With this in mind, ARO is looking to employ a retired teacher who can work as part of the ARO team, together with other NGO's, mentoring small groups of youngsters within school environments, particularly in areas where it is known that dog fighting takes place. This work is critical to preventing future dog fights, to changing minds and developing a conscience about animals. ARO is looking to influence youngsters to care about the welfare of animals, particularly dogs and cats, but all animals. We are interested in talking to retired male teachers who may be interested in applying for this part time post. **For more information and the project job description please call Karen de Klerk on 021-3965511**



## MOBILE CLINICS REPORT BACK

This year we managed to purchase and convert two new mobile clinic units which are working well and consistently in the indigent communities whose animals need them. ARO's additional animal carrier unit continues to pick up animals for sterilisation, and is a valuable additional resource to reaching animals in need of care. We encourage your support of our mobile clinics as they serve as a critical link between the hospital and the communities whose animals need us the most.



## PUPPIES, PUPPIES, PUPPIES...

*Life in an informal settlement without welfare services would be a living hell.*



This mother dog was sterilised. The owners are refusing to surrender the pups, but are asking for health care services such as dipping and deworming. They also received a tray of sponsored dog food to help the pups stay healthy. **Thank you to Promearl for the sponsorship of 500kg of tinned food for dogs in impoverished communities.** ARO is keeping an eye on this little family and will ensure that the pups are sterilised when they are old enough.

## MILLY

BEFORE



AFTER



**BEFORE** This is the state of so many puppies that come to ARO. Under nourished, dehydrated and weak.

**AFTER** Placed in ARO foster care, with decent food and plenty of loving care, Milly has turned into a lovely family dog who is cherished. Just as it should be! Thank you to everyone who supports our work for the welfare of sick and suffering animals.

## CoCT STERILISATION CAMPAIGN

ARO joined forces with other Cape Animal Welfare Forum (CAWF) members and are sterilising animals in Bloekombos which are sponsored by the City of Cape Town. The City have been sponsoring sterilisations via CAWF for many years and we are proud to be a part of this essential programme.

## CoCT ANIMAL BY LAW

Sadly, we are unable to report any worthwhile developments at all in the re draft of the CoCT Animal By Law. Negotiations between CAWF (the Cape Animal Welfare Forum) and the City continue with no developments since the beginning of negotiations in 2018. We are, however, pushing hard and hope to have more news in 2020. We also continue to advocate compulsory sterilisation as the only way forward. The legal implications of this may be a stumbling block, but we will push on regardless.

## DONATE YOUR NEWSPAPERS TO ANIMALS IN ARO's HOSPITAL

call 021-3965511 or email [reception@animalrescue.org.za](mailto:reception@animalrescue.org.za) to arrange a suitable collection or drop off time.





# ONLINE SHOP

Orders can be collected from our shops or sent via courier for R75. Go to [www.animalrescue.org.za](http://www.animalrescue.org.za) to see our shop online or email [tamsyn@ripsold.co.za](mailto:tamsyn@ripsold.co.za) with any queries/orders.



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## MEMORIAL PLAQUES



Another charming way to support the work of ARO is to buy a beautiful ceramic memorial plaque with your personalised message on it. These custom made, unique ceramic plaques support ARO's work and last for years. You can either place your plaque at ARO or in your own garden. Plaques average size depends on wording (approx. 10x10cm), cost R500 (excl. delivery). Contact Tamsyn Ripsold on 021-3965511 or email [tamsyn@ripsold.co.za](mailto:tamsyn@ripsold.co.za)

## FOOD DONATIONS



ARO would like to thank Promeal for the donations of tinned food for our animals. We will be handing this food out to hungry dogs over coming months, knowing that it will fill a tummy!



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## RONDEBOSCH CRAFT MARKET

The Rondebosch Craft Market will be open and trading throughout December on the following dates: **Saturday 7th, 14th, Wednesday 18th and Saturday 21st.** Please come along and support the ARO stall and feel free to drop off donations of goods if you need to. The market will have a wide selection of stalls including plants, books, refreshments and gifts. ARO's stall will have some giftware as well as our Christmas cards and a great selection of books. For enquiries please email [aro@animalrescue.org.za](mailto:aro@animalrescue.org.za)

## ARO CHRISTMAS CARD

ARO's Christmas card is available from  
**ARO Bergvliet Shop**, 51 Main road  
**ARO Kalk Bay Shop**, Belmont Road  
**Fish Hoek Vet**, Kommetjie Road  
**Sunset Vet**, Bay Beach Road Sunset Beach  
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## CHRISTMAS KENNELS – THE PERFECT GIFT!



Sponsor a cage this Christmas Season, and bring comfort to a little soul. Each kennel is a place of safety and relief from pain for many sick and suffering animals this Festive Season. **For just R200, we will place your personalised Christmas tag with a message on a kennel or in the cattery.** Your message can be to your family or friend/s, or send a message to our animals from yours! This is a symbolic gesture of love to those who are suffering, and we welcome your support. [tamsyn@ripsold.co.za](mailto:tamsyn@ripsold.co.za)

## ARO CHARITY SHOPS

ARO has two busy charity shops situated in Belmont Road, Kalk Bay and at 51 Main Road, Bergvliet. Your donations of household goods and garden ware, (including furniture), would be most welcome to help us raise funds. We also have a busy market stall at the Lansdowne shopping centre on the 1st Saturday of the month, as well as a large stall at the Rondebosch Craft Market in Rondebosch Park (opposite Rondebosch Boys Prep) on the 2nd Saturday monthly. All these busy outlets need support. ARO can collect at a time that suits you. **To book at time please contact Charne on 021-3965511 or email [reception@animalrescue.org.za](mailto:reception@animalrescue.org.za)**

Image by Anita Jeram



## PETSHOPS

We were reminded recently about the plight of caged pets when two unwanted hamsters were offered free on a social group. They were in cages not much bigger than an A4 page, with a wire floor and grossly unsuitable fittings. ARO has seen hundreds of these, and similar cases, over the years. Caged pets really do get the brunt of cruelty as they cannot escape, and are at the absolute mercy of the human. If you see tiny cages being sold or are unhappy with what you see in a pet shop, please email [aro@animalrescue.org.za](mailto:aro@animalrescue.org.za) with the location and details of the outlet.

## FIREWORKS UPDATE



Consider this - just because your own dog, cat/ children are not climbing the walls in terror and anxiety due to fireworks, does not mean that others are not. Do not dismiss the suffering of others because you are not experiencing it yourself. On 14 January 2019, a meeting was held in Durban between animal welfare officials and the South African Maha Sabha President Ashwin Trikamjee. This was a cordial meeting where it was unanimously agreed by all present that big bang fireworks were the cause of much distress not just to animals, but to people who were unable to cope with the noise. Mr Trikamjee was most supportive of the animal welfare movement and agreed that the Hindu community were opposed to the use of the big bang fireworks and they should be banned. The City of Cape Town will be allocating limited designated areas where fireworks will be discharged this year. The discharging of fireworks was not allowed in terms of the Community Fire Safety By-law and contraventions of this By Law are subject to fines.