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instructions for list of charities to appear and find the  
Animal Rescue Organisation logo; click on our logo  
and follow instructions on how to donate.

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*"Animals are such agreeable friends. They ask  
no questions and they pass no criticisms."*

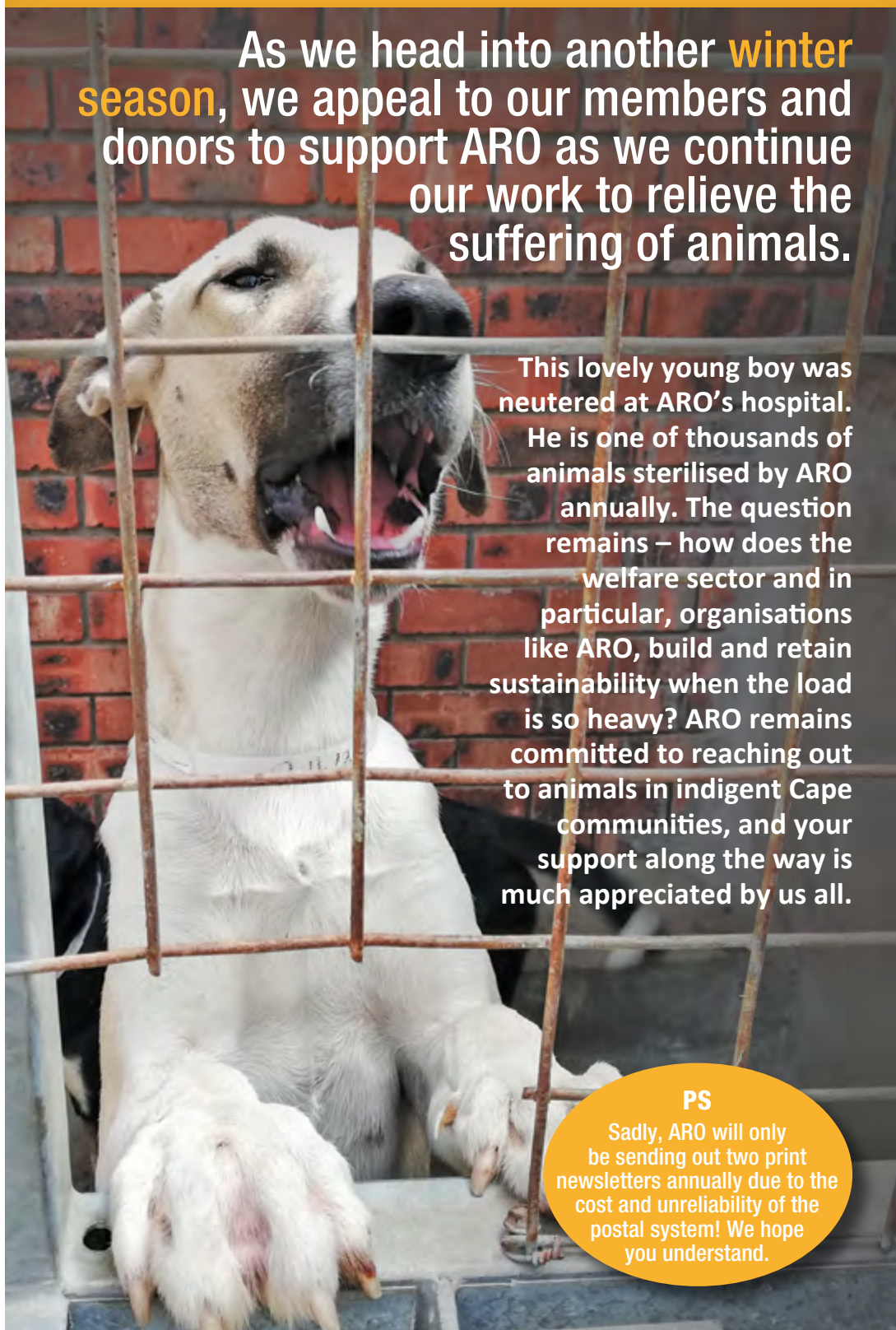
GEORGE ELLIOT

As we head into another **winter  
season**, we appeal to our members and  
donors to support ARO as we continue  
our work to relieve the  
suffering of animals.

This lovely young boy was  
neutered at ARO's hospital.  
He is one of thousands of  
animals sterilised by ARO  
annually. The question  
remains – how does the  
welfare sector and in  
particular, organisations  
like ARO, build and retain  
sustainability when the load  
is so heavy? ARO remains  
committed to reaching out  
to animals in indigent Cape  
communities, and your  
support along the way is  
much appreciated by us all.

### PS

Sadly, ARO will only  
be sending out two print  
newsletters annually due to the  
cost and unreliability of the  
postal system! We hope  
you understand.





## IN MEMORIUM

from Tanya Kohlburg

### FOR ELVIS

To my darling Elvis, my brave precious shadow, thank you for giving me 11 1/2 years of love and dedication. You knew innately when your comfort was needed and you gave it selflessly. We love you and miss your presence every day of our lives. Until we meet again, All our love Mommy, Daddy, Georgie, Benson, Joe, Zucchi, Domino, Rupert and Gina

### FOR BENSON

To our Brave Warrior Benson. Thank you for your love and for always looking after us all so well and especially for always making sure that Daddy was safely home every single day of your Life before you would rest. George is also devastated and misses his brother so much. Till we all meet again our Darling Benson; All our love Daddy, Mommy, George, Joe, Domino, Zucchi, Baby, Rupert and Gina.

## MEMORIAL PLAQUES

Have a beautiful hand-made ceramic plaque made in memory of a loved one. It can either be put in the garden at ARO or for your own garden. Choose between cat and dog design and small or medium. Plaques are R500 each. Dedication can be between 12 - 16 words. Please email [tamsyn@ripsold.co.za](mailto:tamsyn@ripsold.co.za)



*I've seen that look in a dogs' eyes... and I am convinced that basically dogs think humans are nuts.*

JOHN STEINBECK, AUTHOR

While out walking my dogs recently, I met a lady who told me she wished to breed her dog, an unregistered male Schnauzer. I asked her why, but she had no reason other than it might be something that would keep her occupied for a while. I said to her, "Please don't, because the shelters are full of unwanted dogs." a fact which she seemed to dismiss as "not her problem." I have seen this before, the dismissal of societal problems of importance in this way; giving money to street beggars which promotes more begging; buying puppies off street sellers which promotes more illegal puppy selling (rather call City Law Enforcement on 021-596 1999). The work of NGO's to help the homeless and the suffering animals, becomes a little more of an uphill battle when society doesn't support.

Occasionally, I look back at how ARO has grown and developed since its' inception in 1986. Particularly over the past 20 years, there has been an explosion of start-up splinter welfare groups, all of whom have specific areas of work either geographically or with different mandates to do certain kinds of welfare work. Many of these splinter groups have been assisted by ARO along the way, because the animals need that helping hand, and others which ARO has preferred to avoid, usually because their mandate leaves much to be desired. ARO cannot fund these smaller groups, but does try to help here and there. However, overall, all animal welfare NGO's are in this boat together, and we all face that horrible reality called sustainability. Welfare dependent indigent communities of Cape Town have mushroomed since the 1990's, and so have ARO's challenges. As salary and mobile clinic expenses rise, sponsorship opportunities dwindle, and competition to raise funds is extremely tough. However, ARO is surrounded by, run by and governed by highly experienced & grounded people, something which keeps us able to move forward, with occasional bumps in the road, reaching out to as many animals as we can manage. We believe, as an organisation, that the only solution to Cape Town's pet overpopulation crisis remains mandatory sterilisation, endorsed by local Government.



Karen with her dogs Bailey (left) and Ruby.

ARO would like to thank all our lovely donors and supporters. We encourage your support of our mobile clinic and hospital services for sick and suffering animals. Please do not hesitate to contact me personally, if you have any questions or queries which you wish to address ~ my door is always open!

With love for now

*Karen*



## THANK YOU AGAIN ...

to the wonderful Gilbert family who have donated gift packs which ARO can give away to the most indigent and most needy of families.



**We are always in need of saleable stock for our shops and markets. All donations are most welcome. Call 021-3965511 to arrange a pick up!**

## GOLF DAY 2019

The most successful golf day yet, in aid of ARO, was held on 10 May at the stunning King David Mowbray Club. Over R75000 was raised on the day. ARO would like to thank Trevor Quirk for his time and incredible auctioneering skills which raised over R40 000 at the auction. **"Quirkie" the knitted golfer (knitted and donated to ARO via a UK donor), was auctioned off for R4500.** These funds will support those animals who are sterilised free of charge at the hospital ~ animals which are brought to ARO mobile clinics by those who are very poor.



These animals will be brought back to the hospital to be check out, sterilised and returned to their owners free of charge. Thank you to all the players and sponsors who went out of their way to support the event. For 2020 Golf Day enquiries please email [aro@animalrescue.org.za](mailto:aro@animalrescue.org.za)

## 16TH Vineyard Lunch

**Friday 30 Aug from 12pm, The Summer House Conference Centre, The Vineyard Hotel, Newlands**

With guest speaker, City of Cape Town Mayoral Committee Member for Safety & Security, Alderman JP Smith, discussing the City's relationship with the animal welfare sector. With MC Lindy Lehto from the Smile 90.4fm Breakfast Show

R420 per person, booking essential.

Contact **Karen de Klerk 0813520927 or**

**[karen@animalrescue.org.za](mailto:karen@animalrescue.org.za)** Enjoy a stunning Vineyard 3 course vegetarian lunch and stand to win some fabulous prizes in the lucky draw and raffle. All proceeds will benefit the work of ARO for the welfare of sick and suffering animals from indigent Cape communities.



## FUNDRAISING

We welcome Teagan Scherwin to the fundraising team. Teagan has a wealth of experience in fundraising and events so please feel free to get in touch at any time! [teagan@animalrescue.org.za](mailto:teagan@animalrescue.org.za)

*Teagan and her son Max*



## MANDELA DAY AT ARO

**18 JULY 2019 FROM 10AM - 3PM**





## FOOD & BLANKET DONATIONS

Food donated to ARO is supporting the hundreds of animals we see via our mobile clinics and in our hospital monthly, so it is a critical element of our appeals for support and we encourage donations which will help our work. Blankets are always needed. ARO also helps smaller groups who run spay campaigns like the recent campaign in Sutherland by sending donations of food and blankets for the dogs and cats sterilised there. Packing a punch with supporting ARO!



## ARO FIELDWORK REPORT BACK

ARO has undergone some adjustments and changes in the past few years, but can say that our work remains very much focused on reaching the indigent communities of the Cape Town area. These include a host of township and informal settlement areas. Working on a mobile clinic is "not for sissies", and driving through these often dangerous communities can leave a person scarred for life, especially when most of the animals seen are in such a poor state, have clearly challenged and difficult lives and are just outside of the reach of a welfare NGO. Many dogs that fall under this category will have a shelter and a grubby blanket outside, but their circumstances are poor, with no love or compassion, often chained up, with either no decent supply of water and food, substandard food being given or a general uncaring disposition of the caregiver. These animals have horrible lives, but the law does not support much outside of a basic provision of food and shelter.

## ADOPTIONS



**ADOPTIONS  
CO-ORDINATOR**  
**Tamsyn Ripsold**  
tamsyn@ripsold.co.za  
0824117922



**PATCHY** This super cool dude. Loves people and all dogs big or small! He was hit by car as a puppy, so will always limp a bit, but it doesn't bother him much in his daily activities. He is about 9 months old. He loves kids and would make a great addition as a family pet. He is full of life but above all else he is extremely loving and affectionate. Patchy is a clever boy and listens and learns new things easily. If you think you can fit Patchy into your home. Please email tamsyn@ripsold.co.za or 0824117922



**MAX** is a very chilled gentleman. Max only has 3 legs after a MVA. He was abandoned by his owners. He is bit of an old soul at 9 months old and a complete homebody. He gets on extremely well with all dogs and especially cats. He needs very little exercise so would really suit someone who is home much of the time. Max has a lot of love to share and would make a loving companion. So if you think Max would fit into your lifestyle, then please email tamsyn@ripsold.co.za or 0824117922.

## YOUTH EDUCATION ~ WHERE TO FROM HERE

The power is in your hands. Try telling a hardened gangster from the depths of Hanover Park, that he must be more compassionate towards animals, and he will probably fall about laughing as your words waft away in the wind. But take a young child and show him regularly via discussions and hands on activities, the positive pleasure that animals can bring to his life, how he can benefit from a healthy relationship with an animal and how amazing it feels to protect an animal from harm, and you could be preventing a dog fight from happening somewhere in the future. How does one finance this critical work? That is a very good question. ARO has tried & failed to find a decent line of finance that can drive this very basic, but critical element to societal development, but the will to move on the project is poor, and possibly because youth education work is not as glamorous as rescuing sick puppies and kittens, the funding just does not flow into that kitty (pardon the pun!).



At the moment, hundreds upon hundreds of dogs are bred in Cape Town especially for dog fighting. Many more are used as bait dogs, as well as cats and other animals, to create a blood lust in fighting dogs. It is all so utterly sordid, but there is a tiny glimpse of hope floating around out there, that can only be harnessed if funding is made available and the right educators are placed strategically in the right communities.

## NEW MOBILE CLINICS TO HELP SUFFERING ANIMALS



We have said for many years that our link to reaching suffering animals remains the good old fashioned "mobile clinic". People with sick animals cannot get into public transport, and although many people try to buck the system, we will always do our best to reach those who need us most. ARO has purchased and converted 2 brand new mobile clinics which will be used daily to reach the animals we serve in areas like Delft, Nyanga, Philippi, KTC, Wesbank and Du Noon to name a few.

## REPORT BACK

### ON WORK DONE FOR OTHER NGOS



This dog is one of hundreds that have been at ARO from DARG in Hout Bay. He was more than excited to go home again...!

ARO is often called on to support the work of other NGO's and we are happy to assist, so long as the mandate of that NGO is something that ARO agrees with! Unfortunately, there are costs involved, as running vehicles, staff and clinics requires a regular stream of funding. ARO has been sterilising and helping animals from DARG in Hout Bay & Peanut Animal Welfare in Melkbos to name just two organisations.



Community service veterinarian  
Dr Naomi Brand has joined ARO for 2019.



Community service veterinarian  
Dr Kgau Mokoatlo has joined ARO for 2019.



## ADVOCACY AT ARO

### MEDIEVAL TORTURE DEVICE SURFACES IN 2019 – FOR YOUR CAT!

A Chinese plastics manufacturer is making anti-cat scratch boots for cats. They were for sale via Takealot, but at the time of print, we think Takealot has woken up and realised their stupidity. They are knocking around the shelves of Plastics Depot (N1City) and sell for about R65 a set of 4. The Cape Animal Welfare Forum (CAWF) members have been trying to track down the importers/sellers of these items in order to try to stop the trade. The boots are made of hard plastic and are in direct contravention of the Animal Protection Act which prohibits attaching equipment to animals which cause distress.

If you see this horrific product being sold, please contact ARO urgently on 021-3965511 or email [aro@animalrescue.org.za](mailto:aro@animalrescue.org.za)

## DONKEY SKIN TRADE

the fight to stop the trade continues.

Many ARO supporters have followed our attempts to bring publicity to the illegal trade in donkey skins which is rife in SA. Countless thousands of donkeys have been barbarically slaughtered illegally to provide the Chinese with hides which are boiled to produce some form of a medicinal product which doesn't work anyway. The SA Government considered/ is still considering (not sure at this point) setting up feed lots of donkeys especially for the skin trade, which would have sparked a riot in the welfare sector! So far, this plan has been side lined but not cancelled. ARO is watching carefully for any further information and will keep our members posted. In the meantime, our hearts go out to those beautiful donkeys who have suffered horrific deaths due to the demand for hides. If you would like to sign the petition please go to [www.animalrescue.org.za](http://www.animalrescue.org.za) and scroll down on the home page. Print the petition and scan it back to ARO. The SA Government will not accept digital petitions.



## CIRCUS ANIMALS

SA is still without any hope of banning circus animals ~ despite attempts to do so, and the collection of thousands of signatures. Many NGO's and members of the public are actively working together to try and have this archaic madness stopped. South Africa has a tradition of putting humans first, and if a move to ban the use of performing animals threatens the right of a human to earn a living, then the motion to ban the practise will fail. Keep supporting and watching ARO for updates, as we do hope that in years to come, the only remaining animal based circus, McLaren's Circus, will feel the financial pinch enough to call it a day and find something else to earn a living.



Is still bumbling along... This old man is still up to his tricks. Thank you to everyone who sponsored him in 2018. ARO has 4 utterly adorable donkeys who are special characters in their individuality. If you are able to help us support their care and feeding needs, please do send your donation today!



## FIREWORKS

A motion to have big bang fireworks banned will be presented to Parliament in June 2019 by DA MP Michael Bagraim. This move has been welcomed by both Sabha President, Mr Ashwin Trikamjee as well as SA Tamil Federation leader Mr Mickey Chetty. Much of the work to drive this campaign has been steered by Rescue Rehab SA, backed by the Cape Animal Welfare Forum (CAWF) members. We will report back on developments to this critical campaign in our next newsletter. For more information about the Ban Fireworks Campaign please visit [www.rrsa.org.za](http://www.rrsa.org.za)

## ONLINE SHOP



These useful bags are stylish and fun. Orders from [tamsyn@ripsold.co.za](mailto:tamsyn@ripsold.co.za) View all our on line goodies at [www.animalrescue.org.za](http://www.animalrescue.org.za)



## MISS PENNY SPEAKS FOR THOUSANDS LIKE HER

This chatty little love bug is one of the most typical cases seen in welfare. She was brought in to be put down, a desperate act of disposal by the family who just did not want her. But Miss Penny had other ideas and immediately set about stealing hearts all over the building, cuddling and loving everyone in sight. She was so thin and scrawny that she wolfed down 2 sachets of cat food, after which she fell asleep. Miss Penny now lives at ARO, has put on weight. She was sterilised and is now content and safe.

## 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.



please recycle this newsletter



## SPECIAL MEMBERS MEETING

### PLEASE NOTE

there will be a special members meeting to be held on Saturday, 3 August 2019 at ARO at 11am to accept the new ARO Constitution. Please RSVP for directions and attendance purposes. Email [aro@animalrescue.org.za](mailto:aro@animalrescue.org.za)