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"However difficult life may seem, there is always something you can do and succeed at."

STEPHEN HAWKING 1942-2018



FREE STERILISATIONS VIA MOBILE CLINICS SET TO REDUCE NUMBERS OF UNWANTED LITTERS.

At the ARO Hospital situated in Ottery, Cape Town, Senior Vet Dr Reuben Kotze & support team average 218 sterilisation cases per month, over and above all the other work done for the welfare of animals. Considering the time logistics related to collection of animals from indigent areas, the surgical procedure and the after care of the patients in hospital, this is an outstanding contribution to the welfare of animals across the Cape. Forcing owners to pay for sterilisation in an effort to teach responsibility, has only created a culture of indifference and more breeding. ARO's new policy, doesn't ask questions, it simply allows for sterilisation to be done quickly and effectively. ARO cannot enforce compulsory sterilisation and we often have a hard time convincing owners that they should sterilise at all. Donor funding to support this critical work is most welcome.

Please use the banking details on this newsletter or call **Karen de Klerk** Head of Fundraising & Communications to discuss how you can help.

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ARO FRIENDS

Office cats: Heksie & Jo-Jo
Office rabbits: Beatrix, Floppy,
Buttons & friends (all sterilised)
Donkeys: Eeyore, Quagga,
Patsy, Lunar & friends
Ponies: Suzie & Storm

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"No one appreciates the very special genius of your conversation as much as your dog does."

CHRISTOPHER MORLEY, US AUTHOR

I want to run when people ask me if ARO is a no kill organisation. What if I say the wrong thing? "Yes, we are No Kill..." is met with "how can you prolong the terrible suffering, you're so insensitive." Or "No, we are not No Kill..." will get a dirty look and, "...you are killers...I will never donate to you again..." I have learnt to say as little as possible, and the art of quick exits!

The term No Kill was imported in the 1990's by an animal rights group who visited the USA and introduced a whole new mind set into South Africa. Euthanasia is a hugely touchy subject which causes Twitter rage & Facebook chaos, with a variety of "interesting" personalities vying for righteousness! "No Kill" is a grossly misunderstood term which labels those who cannot save them all as "killers", while at the same time creating additional platforms for many beautiful pets to find loving homes.

Quite simply, we don't like being labelled. ARO likes to hang out somewhere in the middle. Yes, ARO is forced to euthanase animals, but we will also move mountains to rehome those placed for adoption and have a 100% successful adoption rate for dogs and cats. Ideally, we should have mutual respect for everyone involved in helping animals, including the part where we are forced to euthanase them. I am not entirely comfortable with the idea of an extended cage life, even in a shelter with the best intentions, as this is tantamount to a "life at all costs" situation, which has the potential to fail the overall welfare of the animal. However, I am also not happy with the high statistics of euthanasia in South Africa, nor of ARO being referred to as a "kill shelter" which is insulting, to say the least.

ARO is forced to euthanase unwanted caged pets from pet shops like hamsters, guinea pigs and rabbits - the result of grossly irresponsible commercial trading which makes money for the pet shop and appeases the emotional, mostly unplanned, purchase by the customer. Barely a week goes by where I don't deal with terrified, sickly, unwanted caged pets (often delivered after hours when people have time to dump). Despite a fairly good adoption rate, it is distressing that we cannot save them all. The act of "dumping" takes seconds. No sooner the pet is handed over, the car door slams and they hot tail it down the road, leaving ARO to deal with the high expense of care & adoptions, or the misery of euthanasia. Make no mistake, when the next CoCT Animal By-Laws are ready for redrafting, the "pet shop" trade will be high on our agenda.

Running an animal NGO is all about balancing a variety of sensitive structures which includes being careful financially, saving resources (including the mental health of staff) as well as being grounded. ARO is not taking the easy route out. Putting unwanted animals to sleep is not cruel. It is a sad reality when all the cages are full, a merciful act, especially when the animal concerned is suffering, either physically or mentally.



Karen and Bailey

Our veterinary staff's priority is to prevent and relieve animal suffering and that is what we do on a daily basis. This is our way of addressing the plight of animals. It may not be the whole solution, but it is part of the solution which will, we feel, have a lasting effect. Your support is greatly appreciated by us all.

With love,

Karen de Klerk

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ARO would like to thank the Claremont Rotary Club for their continued support of our work. This contribution to community health is much appreciated by us all.

Contact
Tamsyn Ripsold
for adoption,
online shopping
and general
fundraising
queries.



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THE TALE OF TWO PIGGIES...

The fun side of receiving guinea pigs at ARO is naming them! Simon and Victoria were found in a box on the side of the road. They were in fair health and thankfully Victoria was not pregnant! Gail Brankin from Johannesburg saw the story unfold on Facebook and generously offered them a fabulous home, so thanks to Animal Travel Services, Simon and Victoria caught a flight to Jo'burg to live the high life with Gail and her family.

ARO works very hard to find good homes for unwanted and dumped small pets. Please do not purchase pets from pet shops, but do plenty of research into caring for caged pets and adopt from a reputable welfare organisation.



Simon & Victoria



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on 021 396 5511 to get your
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ANOTHER DAY IN THE OFFICE...



This is ARO's daily reality.
A desperately sad side to welfare
and a story which has to be shared.

The victim of an MVA (Motor Vehicle Accident) with multiple injuries and suffering from Distemper, a highly contagious virus of which there is no known cure. This poor boy was transported to ARO's hospital in a *braai* on a shopping trolley. He was put to sleep to prevent any further suffering. **Your donations are what makes it possible for ARO to stay open and available to help animals like this from impoverished communities.**

THE CAPE ANIMAL WELFARE FORUM

Moonlight Dog Walk

KILLARNEY INTERNATIONAL RACEWAY

Killarney International Raceway in Milnerton hosted a MOONLIGHT DOG WALK on Friday 2 March under a stunning full moon in aid of the Cape Animal Welfare Forum.

ARO will be at the next Moonlight Dog Walk to be held on **Friday 5 October 2018** from 6pm at Killarney and we invite everyone to join in.

For more information, please contact Karen de Klerk on 081 352 0927 or Chantal at 021-3965511. Alternatively, please email karen@animalrescue.org.za



MANDELA DAY AT ARO WEDNESDAY 18 JULY 2018 FROM 9AM - 2PM

Is there ever a time that we don't need help? We will be repairing the bunny run, grooming ponies and donkeys, fixing fencing and cleaning shelters. We need donations of pet care items and volunteers willing to clean paddocks, put up new fencing and clean up generally around the property. ARO hospital staff will be sterilising 67 animals over 2 days (to avoid rushing!). We need window washers, packers, sorters and anyone willing to put an hour into keeping ARO in shape! Email Chantal on reception@animalrescue.org.za or call 021-3965511 with details of your team. We will feed you and sing your praises!

16TH Vineyard Lunch

31 AUGUST 2018

ARO has hosted some interesting guest speakers over the past 15 years including Helen Zille, Patricia Glyn and the fascinating Rod Suskin, amongst many others who have inspired and entertained!

This event sells out very quickly so please get your reservation in early. Tickets are R400 each, and includes a stunning Vineyard 3 course vegetarian lunch as well as loads of giveaways and prizes.

Contact Karen de Klerk on 081 352 0927 or email karen@animalrescue.org.za

Quiz Night

FRIDAY 2 NOVEMBER 2018

The brains are back ~ book your team of 6 for our next annual **QUIZ NIGHT** to be held at WP Bowl Club, Avenue de Mist, Rondebosch on Friday, 2 November 2018.

FOR ENQUIRIES CONTACT
Karen de Klerk 021-3965511/
081 352 0927 or
karen@animalrescue.org.za

Rondebosch Park Market

Fresh coffee, smoothies, pancakes and great gift ideas for every occasion. Support the Animal Rescue Organisation bric-a-brac, books and bargain stall.

Email karen@animalrescue.org.za or call 021-3965511 for collections. The market stays open throughout the year and only closes if it is raining on the morning of the market.

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DAYZERO

In February, representatives from the Cape Animal Welfare Forum attended a meeting with the City at the Disaster Risk Management Centre in Goodwood to discuss the effect the water crisis could have on animal welfare organisations should Day Zero occur.

The SPCA, PDSA, ARO and CAW Forum legal advisor, Tony Gerrans, were able to discuss a range of questions and came away satisfied that another link of support has been established with City. Welfare hospitals have put borehole systems in place and are doing everything they can to collect rain water, to filter borehole water and to effectively get off the grid as soon as possible. However, collection of water for animal hospitals via City's bulk water collection points could be the next option if Day Zero is realised.

We would like to thank everyone who responded to our recent appeal for water and for offering a drop off venue for donations. ARO will gladly accept donations at these places:

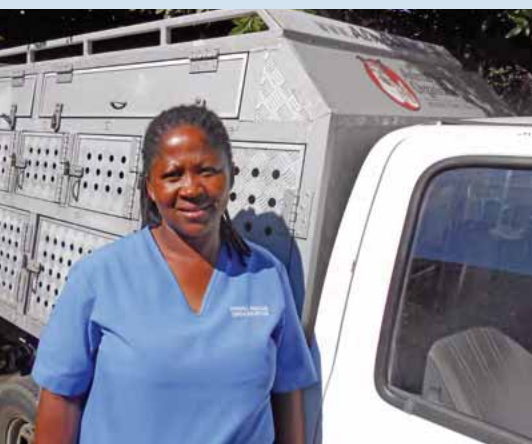
LANDSDOWNE: Revelstone on 021-7619739 situated at Orion Road, Lansdowne **Attention: Jeanine**

MILNERTON: Killarney International Raceway Admin office, Gate 2, Potsdam Road **Attention: Yvette KALK BAY:** ARO Charity shop: Belmont Road, Kalk Bay 021-7881195 **BERGVLEIT:** ARO Charity Shop: Main Road, Bergvleit 021-7157525 ARO has volunteers situated across the Cape area, so if you wish to donate but need more drop off information please contact Chantal on 021-3965511 or email reception@animalrescue.org.za



HOUT BAY BENEFITS FROM ARO CLINICS

ARO's **Prescilla Diniso** is a qualified and experienced AWA who does fabulous work in the Hangberg community of Hout Bay twice weekly. Known for its dog fighting and rampant pitbull breeding, Hangberg & Harbour clinics are responding well to Prescilla who has developed a good relationship with the community which is key to successful work. **To support ARO mobile clinic work, please use the ARO banking details on the front of this newsletter.**



"There is immense power when a group of people with similar interests gets together to work toward the same goals."

IDOWU KOYENIKAN

The next Mass Animal Sterilisation Project (MASP) funded by the City of Cape Town Health Department kicks off on **Tuesday 3 April** in Wallacedene, Cape Town.

ARO joins 5 other Cape Animal Welfare Forum (CAWF) members, being CoGH SPCA, PDSA, Animal Welfare Society Phillippi, Envirovet CVC & the Animal Anti-Cruelty League, in sending experienced teams of field staff door to door in designated areas within the community to meet the families, assist with any problems and sign up their pets for sterilisation. **The outcome of sterilising 1443 animals over a 4 month period between 6 NGO's working together is exhausting, but extremely satisfying.**

Funding from the City of Cape Town does not extend to vaccinations and parasite control, so donations towards these costs are most welcome. For more information about this project please contact Karen de Klerk via ARO 021-3965511 or email karen@animalrescue.org.za



HUMANE EDUCATION THE ONLY WAY FORWARD



By SAVC Community Vet Dr Anouska Rixon

This year is the first year an SAVC Community Service veterinarian has been placed at ARO. There have been many discussions with Dr Kotze (Senior ARO vet) and Fagan Vollenhoven (ARO Hospital Supervisor) on how we could expand ARO's reach to communities in need. It was decided that humane education is the most important and sustainable means to improve the lives of pets living within impoverished communities.

On the 26th of February Fagan, Thabo (Mobile animal welfare assistant) and I presented our first presentation at West Bank Primary to a packed school auditorium. On the 5th of March, Priscilla (Mobile Clinic animal welfare assistant), Fagan and I presented to the Grade 6 and 7 classes of Du Noon Primary School.

The presentations covered topics regarding appropriate pet care, sterilization, animal related careers, dog bite prevention and mobile clinic awareness. The presentations were very well received, especially 'Quiz Time' (with Fizzers for prizes!) and 'Question Time'. These opportunities established a communication channel between ARO and the relevant schools which can be utilized in the future. These two school presentations were the first of many to come and we look forward to further promoting the welfare of animals through education.



ONLINE SHOP

All of these items can be viewed on our shopping page. There are many more goodies to buy too! You can order online or email tamsyn@ripsold.co.za Stock is limited. Orders can also be collected from our charity shops.

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The lovely people at Revelstone in Lansdowne, Cape Town very kindly donated some gorgeous cement frogs, rabbits and tortoises to Animal Rescue Organisation to help us raise funds.

These delightful creatures will fill up on those sandy patches in your garden and require no water! They are for sale at ARO's Kalk Bay shop in Belmont Road, opposite the Trading Post which is on the Main Road in Kalk Bay. Phone **021 7881195**.

Alternatively, contact tamsyn@ripsold.co.za for more information on how to give one a home!



This little lass is like a bouncy ball, jumping 1m high the morning after her amputation which was caused by being knocked over by a car in Pelican Park.

Animals often do very well with just 3 legs and can go on to live perfectly normal lives.

SUPPORT US

Choose the option that suits you best, fill in the appropriate form and send it back to us. All donations are acknowledged.

Post or email your form to:
Animal Rescue Organisation
PO Box 14285, Kenwyn, 7790
aro@animalrescue.org.za



SUPPORT AN ARO KENNEL

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ARO has indoor kennels for dogs to stay warm and safe after surgery and a 15 cage strong cattery. Feel free to donate pet food, litter, blankets and treats for our precious animals.

Ref: kennelsponsor/your name

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SUPPORTING SMALL PETS

ARO continues to help the littlest of pets trapped in pet shops or horror homes. ARO rescues and rehomes small pets regularly and always needs supplies of food, cages, toys and bedding etc. Donate to support the rescue and rehoming of rabbits, guinea pigs and hamsters. Please use my gift for:

☐ Feeding & Care ☐ Sterilising

Ref: smallpets/your name

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ARO was well represented at the annual **Cape Town Unites for Animals** march held in the City on **Saturday 10 March**, both walking and driving at the rear of the march through to Parliament. The event was joined by people from all walks of life who demand change in South Africa for the welfare and rights of animals. A Memorandum of Intent was handed over to Government requesting an outright ban on the slaughter and export of donkey skins from South Africa and for the SA Government to recognise that animals are sentient and to adjust the existing Animal Protection Act (71 of 1962) to acknowledge this fact.



SUPPORT ANIMALS WITH YOUR DONATIONS OF STOCK FOR ARO CHARITY SHOPS

ARO has 2 charity shops that are always in need of stock. Our volunteers and staff can sell absolutely anything from the smallest antique to the largest furniture. Contact Chantal on 021-3965511 to arrange a collection time that suits you.

ARO charity shops are brimming with bargains ~ visit **Kalk Bay in Belmont Road** opposite the Trading Post or on **Main Road Bergvliet**. Both these shops have masses of bargains.



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