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# APPEALING FOR YOUR HELP

**Animal Rescue Organisation is open during the COVID-19 Lockdown and will continue to provide the much needed essential healthcare to animals from impoverished communities within the Cape. We need to be there for the sick and suffering animals during this critical period and for us to do this, we need your help!**

When families are thrown into chaos, without income and with confusion all around, animals are often left to fend for themselves. While many people have actively sought out care for their pets, others have abandoned their animals to find their own food. In a lockdown disaster scenario, farm workers and the very poor who survive on hand to mouth lifestyles, are unable to feed their animals, so ARO has been handing out pet food where possible to help mitigate the effects of this disaster. However, until the lockdown period is over, travelling on mobile clinics into the areas we serve is not possible, while ARO will respond to emergencies.

We are all in this together, uncertain of what is to come but together, with YOUR help no matter how big or small, we can be there for those animals that need us most. We appeal to you, our members, donors and supporters to support ARO in this critical time of need. You can also help and win one of three amazing prizes in the annual ARO raffle.



“It is not the strongest of the species that survives,  
not the most intelligent... It is the one that is the  
most adaptable to change” – CHARLES DARWIN

After 26 years of service, Karen de Klerk has handed her ‘reins’ over to me. Karen will remain as an active ARO Board member and will focus on advocacy work, as well as continuing as Chairperson of the Cape Animal Welfare Forum (CAWF) for 2020. In February, ARO also bid a sad farewell to Tamsyn Ripsold, as she takes some time out to focus on her family after 11 years of dedicated service to ARO. I am so grateful to both Karen and Tamsyn for sharing all their pearls of welfare wisdom with me over the last year since I joined the ARO team. Thank you for all the blood, sweat and tears you have both given to the Animal Rescue Organisation. You have changed THOUSANDS of animal’s lives!

Adaptability has been a skill that all South Africans have had to learn. The last few months have been a daunting time for us all, but I can honestly say that I am extremely proud to be a part of such a dynamic team who genuinely care for the well-being of our poorest community animals with such dedication. With all the uncertainty about the future, ARO has been forced to put the brakes on our traditional fundraising events like our very popular Golf Day, which will be postponed until later in the year. Sadly, this means that the 17th annual Vineyard Lunch will also be postponed

to 2021. In place, we are appealing to our loyal Vineyard family to help the ARO hospital and buy a SPAY TICKET instead of a lunch ticket! These funds will go directly to the sterilisation of animals in the hospital.

The ARO hospital and mobile clinic expenses remain the unchanged, and we have a duty to continue to reach sick and suffering animals around the Cape, especially at this difficult time, so we encourage all your support where possible including donations of pet food and charity shops goods which we can collect from you.

I send a personal thank you to everyone who continues to support our work for sick and suffering animals, and for believing in the work of ARO. My door is always open and I would love to hear from you via telephone or email. In the meantime, we will continue to serve the animals we love so much.

Be safe.  
Teagan



Teagan with her Lab Andy.

## BEQUESTS & LEGACIES FOR ANIMALS

Including a legacy to an NGO you trust is a deeply personal choice. At ARO, we pride ourselves on making sure that your legacy gift to our animals is used exactly how you intended it to be. Therefore, gifts to benefit elements of our work for animals will be directed to do just that, including the support of mobile clinics, development of new hospital equipment or the sponsorship of sterilisation cases. If you would like to have a confidential discussion about leaving a legacy to the Animal Rescue Organisation, please call **Teagan Schwerin 021-3965511** or email on [teagan@animalrescue.org.za](mailto:teagan@animalrescue.org.za)

## ARO CHARITY SHOPS HAVE EMPTY SHELVES!

Please remember ARO when clearing out your clothes and general household goods. ARO also has a full house clearing service, and can collect on weekdays, as well as weekends and public holidays with special arrangements depending on the area and goods to be collected. Please call 021-3965511 and ask for more information. All goods sold at the markets and charity shops raise funds for the work of the ARO hospital and mobile clinics.

### ARO Bergvliet Charity Shop

51 Main Road, Bergvliet  
(next to Babygoaround)

### Kalk Bay Charity Shop

70 Main Road, Fish Hoek  
(Opposite the Trading Post)



*Special visit from Shadow who politely napped while his owners browsed at our Kalk Bay Charity Shop*



## Meet ARO’s new General Manager, Anne Johannes and her beloved cat-son Quasi

Anne is an avid runner and cyclist who recently participated in her fourth Cape Town Cycle Tour race. Her love for animals is evident as the cat magnet in the office.



## POSTPONED

17<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL

*Vineyard Lunch*

STERILISATION PROJECT

Due to Covid-19, the inevitable postponement of the 17th annual Vineyard Lunch to 2021, has been accepted as a sad reality. However, not to be beaten, ARO cordially invites you, our loyal Vineyard guest, to be a part of the solution, by donating your lunch ticket funds to our *Vineyard Sterilisation Project*. Every lunch ticket gift of R400 donated will help ARO to finance a catch up sterilisation project within some of the most poverty stricken communities in the Cape. These are the animals that ARO would have reached had Covid-19 not crippled our mobile clinic work.

For more information, please feel free to email either [teagan@animalrescue.org.za](mailto:teagan@animalrescue.org.za) or [karen@animalrescue.org.za](mailto:karen@animalrescue.org.za) Thank you for understanding, and for supporting ARO’s hospital. **Section 18a Certificates** are available on request. Thank you!

**RONDEBOSCH CHARITY STALL:** ARO is at the Rondebosch Craft Market with a wide variety of must haves on every second Saturday monthly. Call 021-3965511 for enquiries.

# Rondebosch Park Market

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Email [rondeboschmarket@gmail.com](mailto:rondeboschmarket@gmail.com)





# ONLINE SHOP



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[www.animalrescue.org.za](http://www.animalrescue.org.za)

## NACHO'S HAPPILY EVER AFTER

Nacho was brought to one of our mobile clinics with an open facial wound that was badly infected and he was just skin and bone. His owners said he disappeared and came home in this condition. They wanted him treated and returned after Dr. Kotze had fixed up the wounds on his face. Nacho spent a week in recovery in the ARO hospital was ready to go home but his owners never came to fetch him. Our efforts in contacting them failed as they had given us incorrect details. He went into foster care and after a few days, he seemed to struggle breathing and could only walk a few metres before needing to rest. It was then discovered that he had a very bad hernia, his organs had shifted and his left lung had collapsed. He was not strong enough for such major surgery but he would die without it so we had to take the risk and he MADE IT! He spent two months in foster care recovering and building up his strength with good food, exercise and lots of love and attention. Throughout his whole ordeal he wagged his tail and gave everyone kisses and licks when he went in for his checkups. Nacho discovered couches and beds and the joy of regular meals and just sleeping in the sun. He is an absolute gentleman. A lovely family had already met Nacho when he was in recovery and they waited patiently until he was ready to be rehomed. Nacho is full of lumps and bumps and scars but it only takes a few minutes to see that he is an absolute darling. Thank you Philip and Ruth for giving Nacho the life he so deserves and to our donors for making it possible for ARO to help these needy souls.



BEFORE



AFTER

## HOSPITAL & FIELDWORK REPORT BACK

From Dr. Reuben Kotze, Senior Veterinarian



2020 Has not arrived without its fair share of challenges, but that is how it is with animal welfare. ARO's hospital team will always embrace the difficulties that come our way as we know that our efforts will always have meaningful rewards. Mobile clinics continue to operate in the poorest communities of the Cape Flats providing essential health care to animals that would otherwise be left to suffer. Every animal collected and delivered in notorious Cape Flats traffic, every hostile negotiation with notorious Cape Flats gangsters, and every careful consultation with impossibly aggressive patients gives our hospital team a unique sense of pride that keeps us going through the toughest of times.

One such issue we have had to negotiate recently was encountered when one of our mobile clinic operators was held up at gun point whilst collecting animals for free sterilisation from a local informal settlement. He was lucky to escape with his life, but he lost his cellphone in the process. This is but one incident of many in the past year and we have had to rethink our approach and apply extra safety measures. One such measure has been the introduction of mobile assistants that work with our existing mobile operators. The response has been great in that these assistants help with crowd control on busy days and on quite days they are encouraged to move out on foot and look for animals in need with a door to door approach. We have two brand new mobile clinics that are now

fully operational with some very positive feedback coming from both staff and owners. Patients have also reported an overall pleasant experience in transit with plentiful tail wagging on arrival at the ARO hospital!

In December 2019 we were sad to say goodbye to our Dr.'s Mokoatlo and Brand, who completed their compulsory community service year with us. After some unexpected complication within the internal workings of the Department of Agriculture Forestry and Fisheries, our allocated CCS veterinarian for 2020 was posted to a different position. That left me on my own at ARO for the months of January and February. So I was understandably very happy to welcome Dr. Christopher Fielding to our team at the start of March. Dr. Fielding is an Onderstepoort graduate of 2018 and comes from East London. We look forward to seeing him in action as he upholds the high standard of veterinary medicine delivered at the ARO hospital. On that note, I should also mention that we are proudly putting our new IDEXX laboratory setup and Mindray Ultrasound unit to use in patients that would otherwise never have access to such diagnostics. These additions have come at considerable financial cost to us, but we do so gladly knowing that we continue to offer the high end health care that we have become known for. We firmly maintain that no animal should ever have to suffer inferior medicine because of its owner's financial position.



Dr. Christopher Fielding  
examining a sick cat brought  
into the clinic.

## MOBILE CLINICS REPORT BACK



The ARO Mobile Clinics are working well and consistently within the poor communities where they are a pivotal link for animals to be treated by ARO. We have had the support of generous donors and a Foundation that donated the fridges for both units that holds all the vaccines and medication needed to treat animals on a daily basis. Without the specialised fridges, our Mobile Clinics would not be able to operate effectively.





Thank you Marisa for sponsoring Eeyore.  
He absolutely loves your special care.

## ARO DONKEY LOVE

Anyone who has visited ARO will have been introduced to Eeyore, Granny, Lunar and Quagga. At the moment, Granny, Lunar and Quagga are without sponsors, so we are inviting anyone with a love of donkeys to sponsor a bale of Teff at R100 per bale! These gorgeous gentle souls eat about a bale every day between them, so your help with their maintenance and care is greatly appreciated. Email [karen@animalrescue.org.za](mailto:karen@animalrescue.org.za)



## CAPE ANIMAL WELFARE FORUM (CAWF)

ARO is a member of the Cape Animal Welfare Forum (CAWF) which is an umbrella body for 33 registered animal welfare organisations in the Western Cape. ARO will be taking part in the City funded CAWF driven Mass Animal Sterilisation Campaign in 2020 and will report back on the progress when the campaign happens.

For CAWF information contact [info@cawf.co.za](mailto:info@cawf.co.za)

The newly formed Coalition to Stop Live Animal Export has been started and will be working hard to engage the relevant parties in negotiations regarding the welfare of tens of thousands of animals including sheep and cattle which SA is exporting to the Middle East. Already 2 shipments of around 60 000 sheep have suffered 3 weeks of horror on ships to Kuwait. The main function of the Coalition is to make known the truth of what happens on these ships; the crowded, stressed and unhygienic conditions suffered for weeks related to the Zoonotic risks involved, as well as a host of other matters related to the trade. For more information email [cawf@cawf.co.za](mailto:cawf@cawf.co.za)

## ANIMAL BY LAW REPORT BACK

The CoCT Animal By Law is progressing well this year, with the first draft being scrutinized by CAWF representatives and other key role players.

We will report back on the progress of the By Law later in the year. We are hoping that this By Law will take a number of lacking welfare matters in the Cape Metropole in hand and enable welfare organisations to get a firm grip on the situation. We thank the City of Cape Town and CAWF for the hard work put into this vital document.



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## HELP US TO HELP THEM

You can make a difference in the lives of suffering animals who need our help through our clinic and Mobile Clinics in poor communities with a monthly gift of giving.

Visit our website to sign your Debit Order to ARO [www.animalrescue.org.za](http://www.animalrescue.org.za)



## FOOD DONATIONS

ARO would like to thank Pack Leader Products for their continued food donations of quality, premium food to all the animals that are treated at ARO.



## ARO BUNNY HAVEN

The upgrade of the Bunny Haven has been completed with thanks to some generous donor's assistance. These rescued floofs are sterilized before being introduced gradually to the group; they are happy and content in a fully paved 11 x 5m enclosure with burrows and hiding areas, covered in soft straw. That is what rescue work is all about! Donations to support the Bunny Haven are much appreciated by everyone at ARO, especially the buns.

## PLEASE SPONSOR



Every donation of R500 sponsors a new kennel.

Help ARO get as many dogs as possible through our kennels for sterilisation and veterinary care.

ARO is there to help animals in need. By sponsoring a kennel you can provide a place of safety while animals are under our care.

For info email [aro@animalrescue.org.za](mailto:aro@animalrescue.org.za)

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