

February 2013 NEWSLETTER

Mission: To improve the quality of life of underprivileged animals. We are concentrating on squatter camp animals and feral cats. Read more about both in our column **WHAT FOUR PAWS IS ABOUT.**

Vision: To expand by obtaining more vehicles, employing more fieldworkers and operating from our own clinic.

Shelter news:

Our shelter is slowly but surely coming along, but we still do not have enough funds to complete our shelter. **Please consider giving our homeless animals a Christmas gift by making a kind donation towards our shelter?**

Unfortunately, we once again have to rely on YOU, our supporters to help us to continue our necessary work and continue building our shelter!

If everyone who receives this e-mail donates only R100, we will be able to continue.

Please help us to help them by making a kind donation and please forward this email to all your friends and family?

Please, we are also desperate for dry cat food. Please contact us if you can donate cat food to us.

UPDATE: We recently shared with you the story of the dog in a Township in Brits, who was attacked with a panga. He has made a **full recovery** and he also **found the most loving home!** Our sincere thanks to Chrissie for giving this dog such a special home.



We were contacted by the staff of Dimension Data who found these one day old abandoned kittens in their garden (below). Their unbiblical cords were still attached! Our sincere thanks to Nikki and Lauren for fostering them for us until they are old enough to go to our shelter.



PLEASE, we desperately need homes for all the many kittens in our care. Please contact us if you can give a kitten a good home.

Other ways to assist us:



We have a raffle of this beautiful quilt for R20 per ticket. Please e-mail us if you are interested in buying tickets.

Please sms the word "4paws" to 38111 and donate R10 to us.

Please donate all your jumble, household items and appliances, garden equipment, etc to us.

Join 4Paws for a day of creativity

Mosaic @ Memories is hosting a fundraiser on behalf of 4Paws on Saturday 16 March in Crowthorne

**Materials included: 20x20cm board, tiles, mirror, glue and grout
Refreshments will also be available**

Cost: R 450.00 per person (proceeds to go to 4Paws)

When: Saturday 16 March from 10h00 - 14h00

**Where: Mosaic Memories, Memories Corner
cnr of Neptune ave and Whisken ave, Crowthorne**

**Book with Nicky on 083 381 1695 or nicky.cam@mweb.co.za
R200.00 deposit required to secure your seat.**

WHAT FOUR PAWS IS ABOUT:

Our aim is to improve the quality of life of underprivileged animals. In our urban surroundings there are two main categories: squatter camp animals and feral cats.

Squatter camp projects:**The problems with our underprivileged dogs and cats are:**

- Malnutrition, insufficient shelter & a lack of food and water.
- Animals become sick and injured and there is no medical care available.
- Animals are knocked over by cars on the roads, because there are no fences.
- Dogs are put on chains mainly due to a lack of education and also because there are no fences.
- Animals are multiplying uncontrollably because there are no sterilisation programmes.
- Communicable diseases like distemper, parvo, snuffles, etc. are spreading, because animals are not vaccinated.
- Unwanted animals, especially litters of puppies and kittens, due to overpopulation.

What we do:

- Dipping and de-worming to prevent internal and external parasites.
- Intensive sterilisation campaigns to prevent overpopulation and straying of animals over the roads in mating seasons.
- Removal of unwanted animals and re-homing to suitable homes.
- Vaccination to prevent deadly diseases.
- Veterinary treatment for injuries and diseases.
- Education about proper pet care.
- Humane euthanasia of terminally ill animals.
- Instilling awareness and respect for animals and the environment.
- Confiscation of animals where intentional cruelty occurs.

Feral Projects :

Feral cats are a direct result of humans irresponsibility not to have their cats sterilised, starting many years ago. This has resulted in a huge overpopulation of cats and kittens living on the streets, multiplying even more.

The facts and problems with our underprivileged cats are:

- People want to get rid of ferals, when in fact it is impossible to get rid of them. There are many thousands of ferals living all over in our surroundings.
- Where ferals are removed, a void is created and ferals from other areas soon fill that void.
- A sterilised feral colony will not allow other ferals to move in
- Ferals keep the rat population under control, as rats are attracted to the same areas as ferals, normally where food is thrown away.
- Feeding ferals will ensure good health and minimize the spreading of diseases.
- Feeding ferals will not stop them from hunting rats, as hunting is a basic instinct.
- Ferals who are forced to live on rats, mice and left over food only, suffer from malnutrition and diseases.
- Ferals are being shot, poisoned and trapped & drowned all over by people.
- Ferals pose NO threat to humans
- Ferals cannot be re-located due to their nature, removing ferals therefore means killing them.

What we do:

- Trap, sterilise and release ferals.
- Educate people about ferals.
- Encourage people to take responsibility for ferals in their area and feed them.
- Trap as many feral kittens as we can, tame and re-home them, instead of letting them grow up on the streets. It is however, a very difficult and time-consuming process to tame feral cats.