



Kloof & Highway SPCA

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Summer Newsletter

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#meatfreemonday

Every Monday is #meatfreemonday at the Kloof and Highway SPCA's Marilyn's Tea House. Get 10% off your meal every Monday when you order any of the Fry's vegetarian meal options on our restaurant's menu - courtesy of The Fry Family Food Co. . The Fry's menu options are in addition to our existing vegetarian options and are absolutely delicious - it's good for you and good for the animals.



"1 year ago I was told about a beautiful hazel eyed girl in kennel 63. I enquired with Brigitte and immediately reserved her. I visited her every day and called non-stop throughout the adoption process and finally I got to take her home. She's with me wherever I go and there's not a single moment when I'm not smiling because of this beautiful animal I call my best friend.

Thanks Brigitte and Kloof and Highway SPCA for everything, she is spectacular!"



Volunteers Needed

We have 11 Charity Shops situated at our beautiful SPCA. Our Charity shops are our major source of fundraising income and help sustain the daily functions of animal welfare at our SPCA. We are appealing to our caring community of animal lovers to volunteer and give of your free time to help us have our Charity shops open every single day. The decision to volunteer at our SPCA will change your life, you will not only make many friends but you will be joining our family where every day is different and the reward you get for helping animals and being part of the team is priceless. There is an amazing comradery between the volunteers who have made lifelong friends, shared many laughs and made special memories together. We would love for you to become a part of our team.

NOTICE BOARD

Village Green SPCA Charity Shops

all open on Mondays; Thursdays & Saturdays

8am to 12noon & Sundays 08:30 to 12:30

MAYTIME THRIFT SHOP

Mon to Fri 08:30 to 5pm and Sat 8am to 2pm as well as the first Sunday of the month from 9am to 12noon

HILLCREST THRIFT SHOP

Elangeni Centre, 9 Inanda Rd
Monday to Friday 8am to 5pm
and Saturday 8am-1pm

PINECREST THRIFT SHOP

Monday to Friday
9am-6pm, Saturday
9am- 5pm and Sunday
9am- 4pm



QURBANI 1 – 3 September 2017

21 staff members and 3 volunteers monitored the slaughter of approx. 2470 sheep, 175 cattle and 30 goats during the Muslim festival of Eid. 7 sites were monitored on Friday, 1 and Saturday 2 Sept 2017 from just after sunrise to sunset when slaughtering stopped for the day. On Sunday, 3 Sept 2017 only one site was still operating and 5 staff members and 2 volunteers monitored the slaughtering of the remaining animals from until 17:00.

Monitoring included:

- The humane transport of animals
- The humane off-loading of animals
- The welfare of the animals on the premises waiting to be slaughtered
- Animal handling
- That slaughtering is done as humanely and quickly as possible



The Kloof & Highway SPCA Inspectorate would like to thank the volunteers and staff members from all other departments who assisted with the monitoring of Qurbani. Without their efforts, it would be impossible to monitor all sites effectively.



.....because every life is precious....

Caring for all animals

On the 8th November 2017, a caring couple found a very distressed Night Adder in the road, in a very sticky situation as she was entangled in a long piece of duct tape. Thankfully they brought her straight to the Kloof and Highway SPCA, and the staff immediately tried to assist the very stressed snake, under the guidance of Inspectorate Assistant Israel, who tried to cut off the tape with no success.

The snake was then referred to our Clinic, who made the decision to transfer her to a Herpetologist (reptile specialist) who sedated her and after 2 hours of work, safely removed the tape. The Night Adder spent a few days in recovery and was successfully released.

The Kloof and Highway SPCA urges everyone to please respect our environment and to never litter as this affects all animals, from the smallest to the largest, and our world. Should you be concerned about any animal in distress please contact the Kloof and Highway SPCA immediately or bring the animal to our SPCA as soon as possible.



Rex makes a full recovery from a severe snare wound. Rex, a cross breed dog, was admitted into the Kloof & Highway SPCA Clinic with a severe snare wound around his underarm area. His owners explained that he had disappeared for seven days and when he returned home, he had a wire snare around him.

Rex was extremely aggressive when he came in, this was probably due to the severe pain he was in. The wire from the snare had cut right into his skin and caused a very deep cut under his underarm area and around the side of his neck. Rex had to have surgery twice, and stitched up by Dr Carl, who was then able to repair his terrible wound. After four weeks of intensive care at the Kloof & Highway SPCA Clinic and daily wound management, Rex was eventually able to go home.



Kerrie, from our Clinic, spent time with Rex every day, slowly he began to trust people again and by the time he left, he was not the same scared and aggressive dog as when he arrived.



A pet monkey was recently signed over to the Kloof and Highway SPCA by its owners due to it's aggressive nature. It was decided under the guidance of the NSPCA to send her to Monkey Helpline where she will remain until such time that she has undergone rehabilitation and is released back into the wild. Thank you Monkey Helpline and we look forward to monitoring her progress and release.



The Kloof & Highway are excited to report that we now have our very own Owl Boxes and a Bat Hotel from EcoSolutions.



2018
Calendar

R150 each
To order email
marketing@kloofspca.co.za



Thank you to each and every school that visits our SPCA and to whom we have visited to create awareness about the humane treatment of animals and our responsibilities to our pets. Our local schools have been a wonderful support and have often made donations of cash; dog and cat food; treats and toys as well as blankets. If your school would like to visit the Kloof and Highway SPCA for a guided tour and puppet show, please contact our Marketing Department on 0317641212 or email fundraising@kloofspca.co.za

The Kloof and Highway SPCA Clinic

FACTS:

- We receive NO funding from the government and rely solely on the income generated from fundraising and the kind-heartedness of our donors.
- There are 84 SPCAs in South Africa, only 27 of the SPCAs have a clinic. We are fortunate to be one of the SPCAs who can offer PRIMARY ANIMAL HEALTHCARE to our community.
- Our clinic runs at a LOSS of approximately R100 000 per month. This is not sustainable.
- The Primary mandate of an SPCA is to prevent cruelty to animals. The responsibility of owning a pet relies solely on the owner, and the SPCA cannot be held responsible for the veterinary accounts of privately owned pets.

Why do I have to make an application to qualify for making use of the services of the Kloof and Highway SPCA Clinic?

Our mandate is to assist members of our community who cannot afford to make use of a private veterinarian. The pet owner who qualifies for assistance at our clinic is responsible for the payment of all accounts. The minimal fee which is charged to the underprivileged pet owner has been subsidised by funds generated from fundraising efforts and donations. The public, who donate money to the SPCA or support our fundraising efforts, expect us to ensure that the money is used ONLY for those pet owners who genuinely cannot afford private veterinary fees. It is also our duty to ensure that these owners are responsible, and that they genuinely do care for their pets.

What documentation do I need to submit in order to apply for registration as a client of the Kloof and Highway SPCA clinic?

- A copy of your Identification document
- Three months bank statements
- A salary slip
- Pensioners card (if applicable)
- Referral letter from original veterinarian



Once all of this information is submitted by all members of the household earning an income, an application form can be filled out at the clinic reception. Acceptance of the client is based on the documentation submitted, the number of dependants, bond repayments and disposable income. The documentation is to be updated annually, failing which, the client will not be able to make use of our services.

Why will the clinic only register THREE pets on my file?

Responsible pet owners are aware that the cost of owning an animal is extremely high. Before adopting a pet, careful consideration should be made about the financial implications involved. We are often told "but I rescued this dog, you have to help me"... you have NOT rescued the animal if you cannot afford to pay for basic veterinary care. The SPCA has to have limitations with regards to the number of animals we can assist each client with – this is to promote responsible pet ownership and to respect the donors who support our cause. When a client registers with our clinic, he is declaring himself as underprivileged and he is asking the SPCA for assistance. These limitations are put in place so as not to burden the SPCA clinic with any further patients.

Why do all of the patients registered at the clinic have to be sterilised.

Overpopulation is one of the main reasons why domestic animals suffer unscrupulous abuse. By sterilising every animal that comes into the clinic, we are preventing more unwanted animals from being born into a world where they are exposed to abuse or ultimately from ending up in our kennels and desperately looking for homes. If a client is not willing to sterilise their animal/s we will have no option but to revoke their registration at our clinic.

I am a pensioner, why do I not get a discount at the clinic?

The fees that are charged at the clinic are already subsidised by donors. Our clinic runs at a loss of approximately R100 000 per month. We cannot afford to subsidise the fees any further as we have a responsibility towards our donors and sponsors.

I adopted my dog from the SPCA, why am I not allowed to register as a client at the clinic?

When making an application to adopt a pet from the SPCA, members of the public are requested to declare that they are able to afford the services of a private vet. This ensures that our clinic is not burdened with more clients who will ultimately cost our SPCA money.



THE IMPORTANCE OF STERILISATION

An unspayed female cat, her mate & all their offspring, producing 2 litters per year, with 2.8 surviving kittens per litter can total:

1yr	12	5yrs	11,401
2yrs	67	6yrs	65,088
3yrs	376	7yrs	370,092
4yrs	2,107	8yrs	2,072,517
		9yrs	11,606,077

Be wise & sterilise!

To own a pet is such a privilege... It is not a right! Our clinic strives to promote responsible pet ownership wherever possible. Our rules may seem stringent, but ultimately we are working towards the prevention of cruelty to animals in our community.