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PROLOGUE

It may be April Fools' Day, but there's no fooling around at African Tails (other than the usual puppy antics)! After a long newsletter hiatus, we've decided to resurrect our old format for updates, bringing you all the latest happy endings, as well as our new pups looking for homes.

Last month, we held a three-day mass sterilisation campaign in Du Noon, with the help of SASHA, the SPCA and the Animal Rescue Organisation. The result? 111 sterilisations, 40 acts of kindness for dogs that were too sick or neglected to rehabilitate, and 15 new gorgeous rescues. More sterilisations are coming up, so watch this space if you'd like to participate as a volunteer or food/money donor.

We also held our first African Tails brak-fast walk last month, and it was so great to see all the happy hounds who came to show us their wonderful new families. Didn't get there? Don't worry – there'll be more, and meanwhile, here are a few pics from the day...



Treats for all!



One happy family



All the excitement was too much for Angelina

AFRICAN TALES, MARCH 2009

Meet some of our latest rescues, and the loving homes they've found...

1. Jock of the high-jump

Jock was one of the lucky boys who we rescued during last month's mass sterilisation. Having been abandoned by his owner, he leapt into the arms of a willing volunteer and promptly stole her (and our) hearts. After one night at his new foster home, we discovered he was a regular high-jumper, who could scale any wall without fear (or common sense, for that matter). Now, he has found the perfect home, with a loving family and walls that are too high, even for him... not that he'd ever want to go wandering again...



2. Three eyes, two hearts and one happy home

Remember Jerry? The one-eyed wonder who found his own happy ending with photo-journalist Dana Snyman last year? Well, he just got himself a girlfriend... 12-week old Kleintjie was shivering and shy when she was rescued from Joe Slovo in early Feb. After just a few days of the good life, though, she bounced out of her shell and into the welcoming arms of her new family, where she and Jerry spend many cosy days snuggled up together ... forever.



Jerry (left) and Kleintjie (right) – Best friends forever

3. Peace of Pie

Pie was also found during our mass sterilisation, with a nasty case of Billiary and a sweet dream of a better life... a life she got within just one week of recovery at a foster home. Today, she lives in the lap of luxury, with her very own bedroom and a view of the ocean!



4. Finally – a new mom for Jess

Little Jess was rescued at 2 months old, along with her brother and 3 sisters. Her litter was found wandering the streets on their own, after their mother was knocked over and killed by a car. Although we were already overloaded at the time, we couldn't leave them to fend for themselves in such a wild and dangerous world. Jess waited 4 months for her happy ending, and boy was it worth it! She now lives with her new mom and dad, and will never be abandoned again.

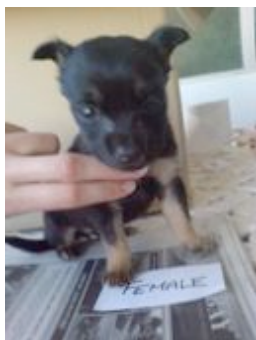


5. Brothers and sisters

These five adorable babies were rescued from Joe Slovo last month. Unfortunately, Gizmo succumbed to parvovirus after 2 weeks of loving care from his wonderful foster mom – at least he had two weeks of bliss and could lay his head in comfort at the end. His four remaining brothers and sisters are doing well (and doing him proud) as they find their own happy endings. Chessie found her family after only one week, while little Eve (the very tiniest of the bunch) found her home with former African Tails graduate, Buzz. Mo has been adopted by his foster mom, while Jake (and his adorable underbite) is still waiting for his happily ever after.



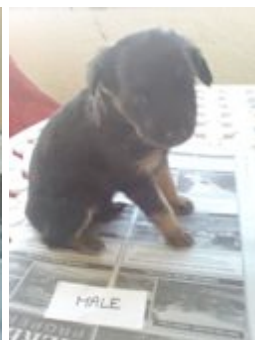
Mo



Eve



Jake



Gizmo



Chessie



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6. Mickey brown eyes

Mickey and his brother Odie (still looking for a home – see below) were rescued from Joe Slovo in early February, where they were found scavenging tidbits from the local dump (typical adolescent behaviour)... Mickey had contracted a mysterious virus, which made him look like his one eye was blind. But that didn't stop his new owner from falling in love with him, eye or no eye. Luckily, he made a full recovery, and can now see his fantastic new home with both adoring eyes.



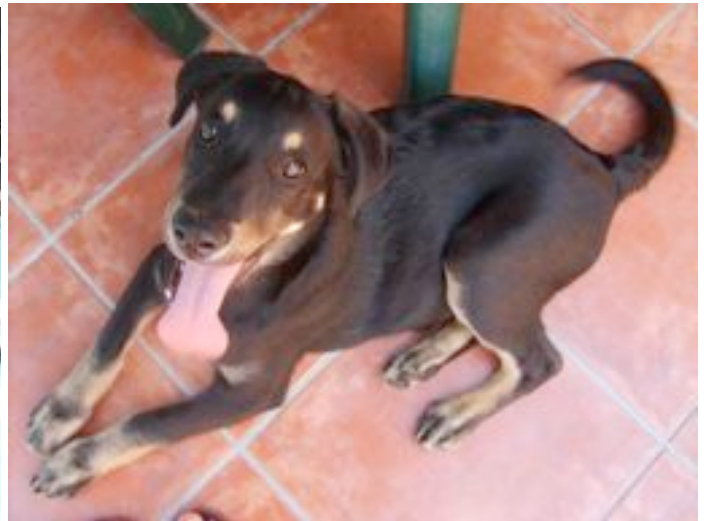
7. Gemma the busking Husky

Gemma the gorgeous Husky female was found outside a popular restaurant in Mouille Point on a beautiful Saturday morning. Being great with kids and other dogs (not to mention a real stunner!), she had no trouble finding the perfect home, where – as you can see in the picture, which was taken on her first day at home – she immediately stole the prime lounging spot!



8. The ultimate birthday surprise

When Shamian lost her puppy (which was given to her just before her birthday) to tick bite fever, we couldn't let her spend her happy day feeling sad. So we rescued a mewling little litter of puppies – found at just four weeks in an unstable hole in the damp winter ground. Jake was the boy that Shamian chose, and look at him now – the perfect companion, whatever the activity!



WHAT WE'VE BEEN UP TO

1. **Sterilization** – African Tails funds sterilisations on a weekly basis through Animal Rescue Organisation (ARO). We have performed 4 mass sterilisations so far, and have successfully sterilized around 500 dogs.
2. **Feeding** – currently feed 150 starving dogs a day within Joe Slovo & Du Noon informal settlements
Food donation bins have been placed at the following locations:
 - Citi Vet – 146 Main Road, Sea Point
 - Tangles– Adelphi Centre, Sea Point
 - Green Point Vet – 86 High Level Road Green Point
3. **Rescue and re-homing** – successfully re-homed over 160 dogs and puppies since our inception. The process includes a site visit, official documentation and ensuring that the dog is sterilized, healthy and up-to-date with all vaccinations.
4. **Education** – presently focusing on educating the urban, economically mobile public about the situation in the townships. We have also recently started educating the Du Noon/ Joe Slovo community about pet care and basic animal behaviour.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

- **Kennels (2nd hand or new):** With the rainy winter months ahead it has become a priority as many of the dogs have no shelter.
- **Food:** We are always in need of dog food donations for the daily feeding of township dogs.
- **Fosters:** While we look for permanent loving homes for the puppies/dogs, fosters homes are essential.
- **Funds:** The more money we make, the more dogs we can save... our banking details are:
Nedbank Sea Point
Account name: African Tails
Current Acc no: 1069401978
Branch Code: 10690913
Please email proof of payment to contact@africantails.co.za
- **Other:** If you can help us with anything else we mentioned in this newsletter – be it the calendar sponsorship or sales, medical equipment or services for the sterilizations, leashes/collars, blankets, cushions or even just spreading the word to a larger audience, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Please call any of the African members (all our numbers are at the end of the newsletter) if you can help with any of the above requirements!

Giving thanks...

We would like to say an enormous thank you to all our fantastic fosters and volunteers, and most of all, Dr Reena Cotton and the fantastic staff of CitiVet Sea Point.

NEW RESCUES!!

Looking for a new best friend? These gorgeous canines are too! Is one of them the one for you?

1. One to go...

As mentioned above (see Brothers and sisters), Jake is still looking for a home to call his own. He is 10 weeks old and a bundle of fun, with the cutest underbite we've ever seen!



Can you take
me home?

2. Mama mia!

Lady and her babies were brought to our mass sterilization, unwanted by their owner. Lady is small-medium sized (like a Jack Russell with long legs), very sweet and loving, and is growing healthier and happier every day in foster care. Her one back leg was irreparably damaged in the township, but she moves around just fine on three legs – she even sits for her food! Four of her puppies have already found happy homes, and five are still waiting to find their own human families to snuggle up to as winter sets in. There are 3 girls and 2 boys left.



Lady, the lovely mommy

3. Never mind the friendly ghost...

Casper is a friendly, playful Labby cross, who loves to be caressed and gives lots of kisses! He is 7 months old, will be medium in size and is aching for a home to call his own. He has already been vaccinated, dewormed and deflead, so he's ready to start his brand new life!



4. Franky-ly speaking

Franky was one of the lucky ones rescued at our mass sterilization last week. He is about 8 months old and really lovely. He is being fostered in a home with cats and is good with them. He has learnt to sit and also obeys NO. He is incredibly loving – so much so that be warned: he'll lick your face and rub against you at any chance he gets!



5. Desperately seeking Garfield

Odie is about 6 months old – a very sweet, friendly and adaptable boy who will grow to be about labby-sized. He is excellent with kids and other dogs, and will be a wonderful family friend and companion.





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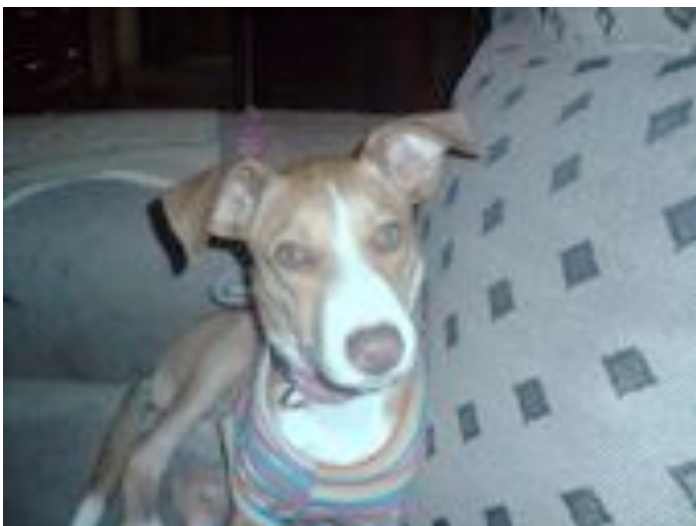
6. A toast to Whisky

Whisky is a beautiful cross-breed young boy who is a real ladies' man! He adores women and is extremely playful, alert and devoted. He is the most well behaved dog when taken out for walks and drives, and can even be taken to restaurants, where he sits quietly under the table and observes the world around him. When people approach him, and they do – his cute factor is ultra high! -- he responds with friendly affection, but remains close to his "family". He is healthy and glossy, and will make a wonderful companion to a loving but firm lady owner..



7. Mia

Mia is about 1 years old, spayed and vaccinated. She loves cats and is a busy dog, but has the most loving soul ever. She stares at you with those beautiful yellow eyes and you can just feel how much love she has. She will be your most loyal and best friend ever. If interested in Mia, please call Monique directly on 084 608 1604 / Monique.Roberts@ICG.EDU.ZA



8. Pavement special x 2



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These two adorable pups (1 boy and 1 girl) are 7 weeks old, and were rescued from a homeless person in mid-March. They are extremely friendly and will be medium-sized.



9. Along came Molly

Molly was found wandering the streets of Epping. She is about one year old, great with cats, very sweet and friendly, and ready for a loving new home.



10. A thoroughbred rescue!

Peanut the Daschund was found around Table View a few weeks ago, and came into our care last weekend. She's great with kids, supercute and remarkably quiet for a little dog. She is about 2-3 years old, has just been spayed and so far, no owner has come to claim her.





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11. One fine Wednesday

Wednesday was found wandering around the Pick n Pay parking lot in Goodwood last weekend (no, not on Wednesday...). She looks like a long-legged Jack Russell – with the cutest cartoon-style ears on the block!



If you are interested in giving any of these puppies or dogs the happy ending they truly deserve, or if you know someone who might be interested, please don't hesitate to call us on any of the numbers below.

Lots of puppy love and African Tail-wags

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