



**Newsletter**

**March 2011**

### *Love pugs day at Walkhaven*

On the 13<sup>th</sup> of February the Hartbeespoort Animal Welfare Society attended a fundraiser held on their behalf by Judd and Clawd's Helping Hands Foundation at the Walkhaven Dog Park in Muldersdrift. The day was a huge success with many a visitor contributing towards the event. Dogs and their owners alike enjoyed the cool summer's day while supporting the various proceedings. Among the festivities was a fancy dress competition which was the highlight for every pug owner and fun to watch for every spectator. The winner was undeniably Batdog who sported a cape and headgear to match his rugged persona! The kissing booth was equally successful with each of the HAWS dogs getting their fifteen minutes of fame and a kiss or two from the public.

HAWS brought along four of their residents to be adopted on the day - a French poodle and three puppies. One of the puppies, a little cross boxer named Oats, was the lucky one to be adopted that day and has gone to a very happy home thanks to Ms Gaile Spark (*from Muldersdrift*). The dogs were well received and had all onlookers impressed. HAWS was also given their part of a big donation from the Santa Paws Drive that was held during the month of December and which consisted of numerous goodies, including dog beds, bowls, collars and leads, cat litter trays as well as a cheque for over R7 500! The drive is an annual event that takes place over the Christmas period and is primarily aimed at raising the much needed funds that animal shelters require over their busiest season. Tarryn Day and Shelley Afargan, former employees of Royal Canin and all-around guardian angels, delivered the goodies along with the cheque, which was received by the HAWS chairperson Linda Spencer-Coye.



HAWS would like to thank everyone who attended the event and helped make it a sparkling success – your small acts of kindness are felt in a big way!

### *Santa paws goodies enjoyed!*

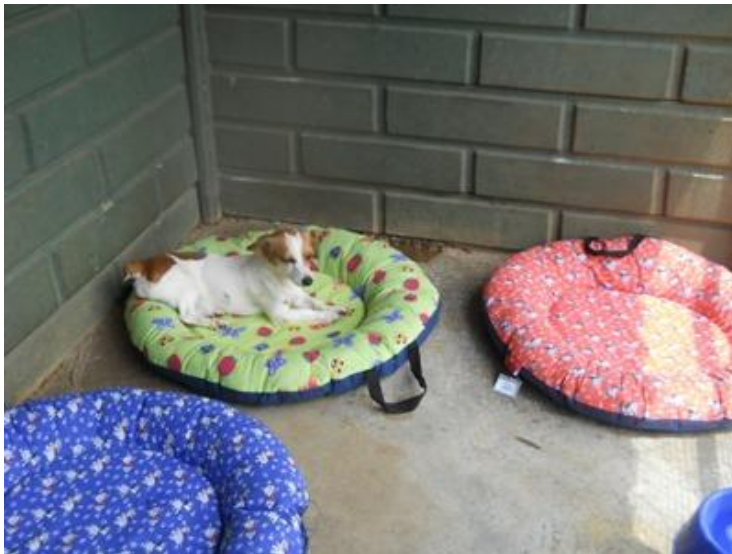
It really felt like Christmas in the kennels as new beds, water and food bowls as well as stunning new leads were tried out for the very first time. Raz clearly didn't waste any time as he made himself comfortable on one of the comfortable beds. With a bit of a hip problem due to an injury sustained just before he came to Haws, this was a welcome relief for him. His friends on the other hand just enjoyed the attention as well as investigating the new goodies.



*Playing around in our new soft beds!*



*Jonty looking good as he goes for a walk.*



*Raz just loves his new bed.*



*This is the life!*



*Snorre takes a break after all that excitement.*

### *Charity Fun Day at Bushveld Pub and Grub*

On the 26<sup>th</sup> of February the Bushveld Pub and Grub held their first Charity Fun Day of the year to help the needy in the community. Everyone was invited to bring their unwanted household goods, clothes, tools, furniture and books to give to the needy. Anything not distributed directly to underprivileged families, is sold at the charity day held on the last Saturday of every month.

Numerous citizens of Hartbeespoort and Broederstroom came together on this day to help with this worthy cause and the day was a great success. This monthly event is sponsored by Jaco van Wyk and hosted by Trevor Pretorius, and various charities will be supported throughout the year. HAWS would like to thank them for the wonderful donation of R 2 000.00 that this weekend's charity day brought in.

We can sterilize 4 dogs for this amount - which may not seem like much - but 4 dogs in one year, having 2 litters of 4 pups each and those 32 dogs having litters of 4 pups each around 8 months later gives us a total of 128 births prevented in one year and all from a single donation. Jaco and Trevor, HAWS is most grateful. Thank you.

To be a part of the next Charity Fun Day on the 26<sup>th</sup> of March, go to the Bushveld Pub and Grub on the R104 just past Roos se Oord and make a difference to your community.

### Thank you:

We would like to thank the following people for their contribution towards Haws and making life a bit easier for our four legged friends. Know that your kindness doesn't go unnoticed!

Audrey, Happy, Stuart and Peter: thank you for helping out at the kennels by clearing our fence.

Santa Paws, Tarryn Day and Shelly Afargan: for the wonderful donation and goodies and your love of animals. We appreciate all you do.

Everyone who made a contribution this past month. Either in the form of food donations, jumble, money or your time – thank you.

### Upcoming events:

**Where:** Northern Farms Equestrian Eventing Show

**When:** 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2011 from early morning to late afternoon.

**What:** We will be doing the refreshments at the eventing show and we are hoping the day will be a great success with young and old enjoying the last bit of summer.

### Dog days Calendars:

# DOG days calendar 2011&2012

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### *Wishlist March 2011:*

We would be grateful if anyone would be willing to donate any of the following items, which are much needed at this time of the year:

- Tick and Flea shampoo
- Flea collars for cats and dogs
- Old plastic swimming pools or plastic kiddies sand pit shapes – for doggies to cool off in

*A BIG thank you to every one of our donors and sponsors for all their acts of kindness throughout February!*

*Friendly purrs and wagging tails,*

*The HAWS team*