

2011 started out on a very wet note. Especially at the kennels where both residents and staff were literally ankle deep in water! Not that any of our furry friends minded a bit of water and lots of mud - no way! Some made good use of the opportunity to play and get dirty and others decided the roof of their kennel was the safest place to hang out and not get their paws wet! Luckily their kennels were dry on the inside and most chose to sleep through the rainy weather. (See photos below)



With all this rain and humidity comes a new army of fleas and ticks that can make both owner and pets' lives a bit complicated. Make sure you check your pet regularly for any unwanted visitors and dip your most loyal companion at least once a month. Apart from that, another problem that seems to affect dogs lately is allergies. So, if you suspect your four legged friend might be suffering from constant scratching and biting (occurring even if he doesn't have fleas), red patches on his skin, etc. it's best to have him checked out by your vet.

A DELICIOUS CHRISTMAS GIFT

Last year Christmas was to be a special one for all the residents at our kennels. As our longest serving, most devoted volunteer, Carol Heeger bought goodies for a tasty Christmas dinner. Prepared with a lot of love by the staff the afternoon before, both cats and dogs were in for a tasty treat!

Unaware of the cooked meal they were about to receive, both dogs and cats were waiting to be fed when, low and behold, instead of their normal meal, a dish of rice and bone meal were set before them. Delicious!

Well, all I can say is, that they all enjoyed it very much and from all of them a big THANK YOU to Carol. Your Christmas gift was much appreciated by all!

CLEANING TIME IS PLAY TIME!

I wanted to share some pictures taken while cleaning the cats' bowls. And it's not an unusual sight to see these little guys taking a nap or just relaxing in any available space. The smaller the better, it seems. And boy, do they love to play! On a happy note, the little girl in the bowl, Cracker, found a home the very next day.



And relaxing after a hearty breakfast...



This little guy had the hiccups too!

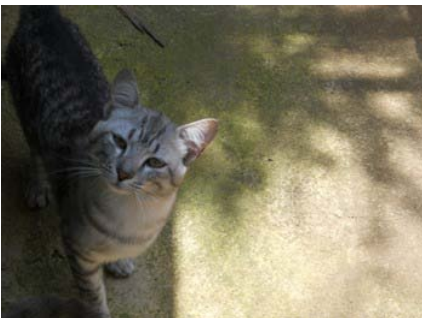
DESPERATE PLEA

And now on a serious note, these beautiful cats are in need of a loving home. Somewhere they can be safe, to spend the rest of their lives bringing joy to their new adoptive family.



MATEWIS

This big girl is very loving and playful. Rubbing up against you to get your attention, she likes it when you scratch her under the chin and between the ears. She is 1year old.



KATTEBOL

This cool guy is very curious and friendly by nature. A real attention freak! As one can see, his colouring makes him a very handsome young lad. He is 1 year old and doesn't seem to have any problem with dogs.



MONTY

Monty is an adorable little fellow - friendly and purring out his heart's delight if someone pays him special attention. He is 12 weeks old.



ALICIA KITTEN

This little girl has been here at Haws for quite a while now. And even though she may not be the most beautiful thing in the world she does have a very sweet personality and will adore you all her life. She is 5-6 months old.

These cats and many more are available for adoption. If anyone is interested in one of the above mentioned candidates or any of our other feline friends, please phone HAWS on 076 455 0322.

THANK YOU!

From everyone at HAWS we would like to give our deepest thanks to the following people for their generous donations that are much appreciated!

- Inanda Country base – Valentina Isidore for your very generous donation!
- Zelda Dyke lift club, Gerhard, Sharleena Heeralall, Christa, V.D Vyver, Net Cash, Meg B.M. Bester, Janet Catherine, S.M Lubbock, Anne Shahini, Vmazis F, Felicity Gallager, Biemme, Domian, Mkolo Olive farm, Mrs. Pickworth, Cats third party – PBI Metier, Toussaint, KW & MI Young, Kotie Visagie, Mcleod, Debbie Tiley, Kelly-Ann Pita, E. Swart, Weber, T. Redelinghuis, Christmas for the Dogs, GAH, Reis Neto, G. Tucker, Grewar & Squires.
- Greta – for hosting the Auction
- Lettie, who donated a lot of books on Saturday (29 January 2011) and everyone else who has donated either old books or jumble.

HAPPY HOME TALES:

Here are some photos of some of our adopted doggies from January that were kindly sent in by their new owners:



Michael with his new mommy – ooh, still a charmer!



Meisie and Juby having a nap with their human brother...



Meisie watching the cooking channel on her TV!



Seun with his new girlfriend out for a drive.



Charlie in his comfy bed at his new home.

UPCOMING HAWS EVENTS:

Helping Hands Love Pugs Day

In aid of: Haws

On Sunday, 13 February 2011 at 12:00

Where: Walkhaven dog park (www.walkhaven.co.za)

R85 – Adults, R40- children (Entrance only)

- Live entertainment
- Haws and helping hands stands
- Pooch fancy Dress (Best male, female, couple)
- Kissing booth

For more information/RSVP phone Claudia at 082 828 5597 or send an e-mail to jchelping.hands.sa@gmail.com

From everyone at HAWS, we would like to wish you a very prosperous, safe and blessed 2011. May we all grow stronger in our quest to aid our furry friends and spread awareness as we journey on.

FRIENDLY PURRS AND WAGGING TAILS,

THE HAWS TEAM