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Pets as Therapy Annual Report

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Reflections on the past year ...

Charmaine French, Chairman

- 🐾 Shenzi wins SPCA Mutt of the Year honour!
- 🐾 PAT East London starts up activities!
- 🐾 PAT northern suburbs branches out!
- 🐾 PAT Polokwane develops!
- 🐾 PAT Stellenbosch expands!
- 🐾 PAT Gauteng, Port Elizabeth, Dana Baai, Durban, Kimberley & Tzaneen --- further opportunities to extend!
- 🐾 PAT website enhanced – see www.pat.prg.za
- 🐾 PAT hosts international intern from USA!
- 🐾 Marieanna le Roux, (PAT Stellenbosch) publishes research paper utilising PAT visits!
- 🐾 Tanja Hichert (PAT Stellenbosch) hosts Strategic Planning Workshop!
- 🐾 PAT chats to Cape Talk!
- 🐾 PAT newsletter re-launched!
- 🐾 PAT 2009 Calendar success story!
- 🐾 PAT launches blank greetings cards for every occasion!
- 🐾 PAT *buddy back-up* for members and facilities under new management!
- 🐾 *PAT news continues in the Newsletter!*

Fundraising 2008 - 2009

- 😊 PAT 2008 Cavendish Square book sale raised **R17, 652**
- 😊 PAT 2009 Cavendish Square book sale raised **R13, 060**
- 😊 PAT 2009 Somerset West book sale raised **R11, 400**
- 😊 PAT 2009 Calendar sales raised **R38, 122**
- 😊 *More details in the PAT newsletter!*



SHENZI
CROXFORD

2008 - 2009 PAT facts and figures

135 current members
(Active & non-active)
33 PAT friends
14 honorary members
101 registered dogs
(Active & non-active!)
(No, NOT Dalmatians)
2 registered cats
62 registered institutions
and facilities
9 facilities waiting for
PAT visitors
7 media mentions
9 PAT presentations

PAT in the news

An unexpected call from Connect 1-2-3 earlier this year saw the arrival of Christine Moloney, a talented young undergraduate from Cornell University, USA. With her particular interest in cause related marketing, social work and a B.Sc in animal science, Christine offered PAT some valuable input and ideas to highlight PAT current activities and future benefits in the local market context.

Connect 1-2-3 is an international social entrepreneurship program open to young graduates and students willing to gain hands-on work experience abroad. The service is offered free of charge to the recipient host organisation!

REVIEW OF THE ANIMAL PROTECTION ACT 2009

Pets as Therapy were invited by an independent Review Panel based at Wits University to submit our views and interpretations of the proposed Animal Protection Act, currently under a complex evaluation process. i involving numerous stakeholders in the animal welfare, farming, agriculture, food production and other areas of interest and relevance.

The Chair appointed Taryn Blyth, registered PAT member, professional animal behaviourist and trainer, to read and comment on the documentation, which was then submitted for consideration by the panel.

Changes in the Animal Protection Act and various sub-acts affect us all. So keep an eye on the press for what happens next and let the newsletter editor know if there's something you want to share!

CONGRATULATIONS RENE AND KARL!

Can you believe it!

- Somewhere between a demanding professional career, production, launch and distribution of the 2009 PAT calendar, production of the PAT greetings cards and running a home, René and Karl happily produced a baby boy earlier this year!

Entering the limelight is **Tate Staub**

- a natural born charmer of note!



PAT FORMS NEW ALLIANCES

There's a growing interest in the healthcare and community support sector to learn more about the benefits of PAT visits.

These collaborations include:

- Epilepsy SA
- Heart & Stroke Assn
- Tygerberg Children's Hospital
- Anxiety & Depression Support Group
- Trans 50 Group (retirement facilities nationwide)
- Groote Schuur Academic Hospital

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Face Lift!

The PAT website is proving highly popular and we have received many enquiries from all over South Africa for our volunteer activities! Enquiries have also reached us from Canada, USA and Argentina!

Etienne and Juanita Dempsey are in the finishing phase of upgrading both the website appearance and the technical behind the scenes details.

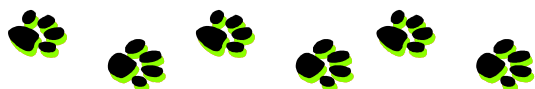
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and see how we are doing – and ensure that your details and photos are there for friends and family to enjoy as well!

The new and stylish PAT newsletter will be uploaded shortly for you to read online and a .pdf version will be sent to all PAT members and friends with e-mail connections.

REMINDER! REMINDER! REMINDER!**JOIN US ON THESE DATES!**

- **3rd and 4th October** – Kilometres for Canines!
Sponsored long distance walk on behalf of the SPCA.
- **4th October** – Annual Animal Blessing at St. George's Cathedral, Cape Town
- **18th October** – Alexandra Hospital One-on-One Open Day. Bring your dog/s, friends and family along and share an hour or so with the Alexandra Hospital patients and Includid residents. You really can make a difference in small, meaningful ways!
- *See the PAT newsletter for more details!*

***PAT EXCO 2009 – 2010***

- *Charmaine French*
- *Marieanna le Roux*
- *René Staub*
- *Avril Cronje*
- *Juan August*
- *Magdie van Heerden*

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PAT OFFERS**SPECIAL THANKS!**

PAT wishes to thank Dogsense for their continued sponsored supply of excellent dog food Blackie and Bobby at the Includid Group Home, Cape Town.

PAT also thanks Intervet for the continued sponsored supply of ECOSPOT flea and tick control for the Includid canine companions.

PAT continues to enjoy the support and encouragement of the Cape of Good Hope SPCA, a relationship that can only be further enhanced with the nomination of Juan August to the PAT EXCO!

To each and every member of PAT, to all PAT friends and supporters - and of course, those canine and feline companions who make it all happen.