



Dear PAWS supporters PAWS runs on heart — and yours keeps us going. To every donor, volunteer, and street collector: thank you. You are our lifeline. Over the last couple of months many have gone far above and beyond! To name a few:

Wilja Reitz and Olivia for caring for the animals of Kranshoek. Michelle Pieterse for capturing who we are on video. Alice Evans for designing our supporter's t-shirts. Tarquin and his machine operator for finally tackling that road. The Deli Shop for their generous function contributions. Helen, our vet, for joining us during her time here. The BATS for their incredible donation after their plays, Michele Jankelow for the wonderful Golden Oldies Day and the list goes on!

We also salute our daily volunteers — those who walk, run, and train the dogs every single day — and our faithful fosterers, especially Heather Raymond and Marie Gorton. On a harder note. PAWS does not support the use of animals in circuses. We understand they are entertainment, and that for many children these may be the only wild animals they ever see. We respect that. But our position is clear — wild animals do not belong in captivity or in performance. Their transport conditions alone distress us deeply. We were given very little time to lodge objections with the Municipality — the posters were already up before we received any notification. That troubles us.

This is a sensitive issue. We acknowledge that. But it is our standpoint, and we consider it our duty to speak up.

Thank you, Di



Community to the Rescue!

Next to PAWS Kennels sits a dumping nightmare — illegal rubbish of every kind, creating hygiene risks, fire hazards, and uninvited visitors (both human and animal). Not ideal neighbours for a kennel.

PAWS has been pushing hard behind the scenes to get it sorted permanently. But while the wheels of bureaucracy turn slowly, the community moves fast.

A clean-up call went out — and Plett showed up in force. On 24 March, so many volunteers arrived we scrambled for parking. Keep Plett Clean, Craggs & Keurbooms Clean, and even IGS rolled up their sleeves for the unglamorous but essential work. The municipality pitched in with a skip, bags, and collection.

The result? Transformed.

We'll keep fighting to make the fix permanent — but moments like these remind us why we love this community. Thank you, Plett. You never disappoint. 🐾



PAWS for Thought by Ilse Fourie

FROM EMOTION TO BEHAVIOUR - A talk by Ilse Fourie, Companion Behaviour Consultant

Last year, PAWS hosted a talk by Ilse Fourie, titled "The Science of Feeling- The emotional lives of dogs and cats". While she explored the science and neurology behind the emotional lives of our pets, the talk was not aimed at providing solutions to specific problems.

PAWS is delighted that Ilse has agreed to do another talk, this time explaining how those emotions show up in behaviour. She will touch on some key points, including: How emotions drive behaviour; Subtle body language that we miss; early stress signals vs "problem behaviour"; and, why punishment worsens fear.

Ilse is a highly qualified and experienced Companion Animal Behaviour consultant who now lives in Knysna. She is passionate about building a fear-free culture in all fields of animal care. Her training methods have just been officially accredited by the South African Veterinary Associations (SAVA) programme for Continuing Professional Development (CPD).

Please join us at Ouland Royale: Thursday 11 June at 14:00. R200 incl scones and tea. **Booking : Marsja Hall-Green +27 73 645 9476.**



Our impact by the numbers

PARASITE PREVENTION Animals dipped & treated	1,765 ANIMALS
POPULATION MANAGEMENT Sterilizations performed	282 PROCEDURES
NEW BEGINNINGS Animals placed in forever homes	53 ADOPTIONS
TOTAL INTERVENTIONS	2,100

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