

# History of Pets as Therapy

2001 – 2016

2001	Beginning of Pets as Therapy. Hazel Hill (founder), Stan Hobbs, Eileen Keogh, Irene Modlin; Heidi Vollmer; Anton Roux ; (I'm not sure about Tony Davidson) Charmaine French.
2002	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Stan Hobbs appointed as Chair</li><li>• Rhodes Memorial Blessing of the Animals</li><li>• 12 new establishments approved for visiting</li><li>• 1<sup>st</sup> appearance at SPCA Wiggle Waggle Walkathon</li><li>• Wizard's 9<sup>th</sup> birthday bash</li></ul>
2003	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• First participation at Cavendish Square Charity Booksale</li><li>• Application for Registration as a non-profit organisation</li><li>• PAT invited to join Judges Panel at the annual SPCA Mutt of the Year awards</li><li>• Farewell: Hazel Hill returns to UK</li></ul>
2004	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Tony Davidson appointed as Chair</li><li>• Invitation to participate, and assist at the SPCA Wiggle Waggle watering point</li><li>• Cavendish Square book sale</li><li>• Annual Animal Blessing, Rondebosch</li></ul>
2005	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Xmas Ice-cream party at Includid; Father Christmas arrived by helicopter and drove in his red mini</li><li>• E-TV "Free Spirit" shoot at Includid</li><li>• Family Fun Picnic at WP Prep school grounds</li><li>• Assistance at the SPCA Mutt of the Year event</li><li>• Participation at the SPCA WWW event</li><li>• Cavendish square book sale</li><li>• Rhodes Memorial blessing</li></ul>
2006	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Charmaine French appointed as chair</li><li>• PAT logo and letterhead upgraded; Dalmatian image introduced</li><li>• PAT mission statement adopted: <i>"enriching lives through animal companionship"</i></li><li>• PAT radio interview on "Cape Talk"</li><li>• First branch opened in Stellenbosch, with Boxer, Pietie and Bulldog, Joe</li><li>• PAT articles in Discovery magazine, The Cape Argus, local community press (The Echo and The Tatler) and others</li></ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 39 institutions and facilities registered with PAT</li> <li>• Cavendish Square book sale</li> </ul> <p>NUMBER OF REGISTERED PETS???</p>
2007	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Shanti, PAT therapy dog of Irene Modlin, won The SPCA Mutt of the Year competition</li> <li>• PAT fund raising Halloween party held in Johannesburg</li> <li>• PAT articles in various newspaper media</li> <li>• PAT branch opened in Port Elizabeth (Mrs Glenda Walters)</li> <li>• PAT participation at the annual Somerset West book sale</li> <li>• Cavendish Square book sale</li> </ul>
2008	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PAT radio interview on Cape of Good Hope Radio</li> <li>• Various PAT presentations to schools, special interest groups, etc as fund raising and public relations outreach</li> <li>• Cavendish Square book sale</li> <li>• Somerset West book sale</li> <li>• PAT workshop for PAT volunteers by dr. Magdie van Heerden</li> <li>• PAT Polokwane branch with dr Karin Steenkamp</li> </ul>
2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PAT workshop for area coordinators outside of Cape Town, Hermanus, Gauteng, East London, Polokwane and Stellenbosch</li> <li>• First academic article published for PAT in the journal, <i>Psychogeriatrics. Effect of a companion dog on depression and anxiety levels of elderly residents in a long-term care facility.</i> Marieanna C. Le Roux &amp; Rene Kemp.</li> <li>• Shenzi, PAT therapy dog of Lindy Croxford, won the SPCA Mutt of the Year competition</li> <li>• Shenzi appeared in a full stage production at the Artscape Theatre, Cape Town</li> <li>• PAT branch opened in East London (Mrs Gill du Preez)</li> <li>• Cavendish Square book sale</li> <li>• Somerset West book sale</li> </ul>
2010	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SPCA Mutt of the Year participation</li> <li>• Presentation at Leilebloem Place of Safety</li> <li>• READ Program, affiliated with Intermountain Therapy Animals in Salt Lake City, Utah. PAT introduced the concept at Klipmuts Primary School, Stellenbosch</li> <li>• Greater Good SA (GGSA), Epilepsy SA, Stroke &amp; Heart Foundation; Depression &amp; Anxiety Support Group; National Assn for Child &amp; Youth care Workers (NACYW), and others.</li> <li>• R1350 donation from Eljosa bus company</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 188 volunteers and Friends countrywide</li> <li>• Hope Channel produces 4 minute TV programme for children, featuring PAT in action at Kuils River and Robari Lodge! (PAT Stellenbosch)</li> </ul>
2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 10 year anniversary celebration at Khanyisa school</li> <li>• New branch, George started with Elaine Swanepoel as the area coordinator</li> <li>• Radio talks on RSG Dieremanier en Bevonk</li> <li>• 171 registered volunteers and Friends countrywide</li> <li>• Bruce McKee, appointed as chair</li> <li>• Patron Professor Patricia Hartley, from Red Cross Hospital</li> <li>• Introduction of Advisory Panel - Juan August, a fundraiser member of the SPCA, Yolanda Ginsburg, dr Louise Botha, &amp; Taryn Blythe, all animal behaviourist</li> <li>• 237 registered PAT members and Friends at all branches</li> <li>• Cavendish Square book sale</li> <li>• Somerset West book sale</li> </ul>
2012	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PAT on SABC – 3 Hectic 9 programme</li> <li>• Die Burger – <i>Woef help nou met leeswerk</i></li> <li>• Articles in “Die Burger”, Die Volksblad”, &amp; “Die Beeld”</li> <li>• Cavendish Square book sale</li> <li>• Somerset West book sale</li> <li>• Hermanus Whale of a Waggle Fundraising dog walk sponsored by Royal Canine</li> </ul>
2013	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jan 2013 temporary suspension of activities.</li> <li>• The interim caretaker team, Tielman de Waal, Marieanna le Roux, Willemien Pouwels, Bronwynn Douglas, Sue Joyce, Magdie van Heerden, Louise Botha and Maureen Rawlins started the process of getting a new management team together to address our challenges, options and opportunities. Marieanna le Roux, chair of the interim caretaker team for the revival of PAT.</li> <li>• Marieanna le Roux took over as chair after Tielman de Waal passed away.</li> <li>• Implementation of area coordinators.</li> <li>• Lees – Ukufunda – Read program started at Klapmuts Primary School</li> <li>• PAT chair, Marieanna le Roux, completed her PhD studies at Stellenbosch University with the title <i>Die effek van ‘n troeteldier-ondersteunde leesprogram op die leesvaardighede van graad 3 kinders in ‘n Wes-Kaapse laerskool.</i></li> <li>• Cavendish Square book sale</li> <li>• Somerset West book sale</li> <li>• Hermanus Whale of a Waggle Fundraising dog walk sponsored by Royal Canine</li> </ul>
2014	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• READ programme on Kyknet’s Woef en Kie programme</li> </ul>

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2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Boland branch with Magdie van Heerden as the area coordinator.</li> <li>• Publiseer artikel in Tydskrif vir Geesteswetenskappe, <i>Die effek van 'n troeteldier-ondersteunde leesprogram op die woordherkenningsvaardighede van graad 3-kindere.</i></li> <li>• Cavendish Square book sale</li> <li>• SABC 3 "Espresso" presentation with Heidi Vollmer with Olivia and Sherri with Chiquita.</li> <li>• Jorisna Bonthuys and Mandy Gibson (both animal behaviourists) join dr Aileen Pypers (vet &amp; animal behaviourist). They are now doing the assessments of the new volunteer and dog teams</li> <li>• Magdie van Heerden and Heidi Vollmer in John Warner's video on <i>The relationships between animals and people with special needs</i> available on Youtube <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zjVHtCLtbKc">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zjVHtCLtbKc</a></li> <li>• R15 000 donation from Helderberg Sunrise Rotary Club for PAT</li> <li>• R1 000 donation from Amazing Wine Race</li> </ul>
2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Radio interview with Smile 90.4FM (Marieanna le Roux)</li> <li>• Human-animal interaction workshop to PAT volunteers and other interested people</li> <li>• R15 000 donation from Helderberg Sunrise Rotary Club for PAT</li> <li>• 14<sup>th</sup> AGM and 15 year anniversary of Pets as Therapy at Pinelands North Primary School</li> <li>• 157 registered volunteers and Friends countrywide</li> <li>• 63 facilities (41 on waiting list)</li> </ul>