



Enriching lives through animal companionship

Pets as Therapy
South Africa



Summary of chair's report 2015 – 2016

MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING

Distributed before, available on the PAT website, acceptance for the minutes by Charmaine French, seconded by Magdie van Heerden.

NEW VOLUNTEERS:

13 new volunteers (since last AGM)

Current members with new visiting dogs: Freyja (Nici Reed), Anna (Marieanna le Roux), Lucy (Rina Nel). Chloe (Valda Krige)

Total number of volunteers country wide: 74 (only 31 have paid this year and 2 Life Mem)

Total number of Friends country wide: 83

Total number of institutions country wide: 63 (41 on waiting list)

NEW INSTITUTIONS:

4 new institutions

Huis Aristeia, Durbanville

Pikanini Playgroup, Cloetesville, Stellenbosch

Robin Trust, Pinelands

Vue du Cap, Table View

4 Institutions back on our waiting list: Huis Nuweland, Princess Christian Home, Huis Horison, Stellenbosch, Protea Home, Goodwood

LEES – UKUFUNDA – READ program:

3 Schools participating the reading programme, Oklahoma Street Primary School - Macassar, Somerset West (Nici Reed & Juno), Riverlands Primary School - Malmesbury (Bretchen & Lexi and Lita & Spice), Klapmuts Primary School (Lizelle & Tammy),

Sambuca, our reading dog at Weber Gedenk Primary School, Jamestown passed away and we are now looking for a new READ team at the school..

PATRON: Jenny Morris, well known celebrity chef and radio personality, also known as the Giggling Gourmet.

TALKS/EVENTS

- Therapy dog training, companion animal loss & bereavement and AAI workshops (Magdie van Heerden)
- HAI workshop at Stellenbosch University (Magdie van Heerden) 30 people attended
- Radio interview with Smile 90.4FM (Marieanna le Roux)
- CANSA rely in George (Elaine Swanepoel)
- Talk at George Hospital for the Autism Children Group (Elaine Swanepoel)
- Talk to a Ladies Craft Club in Fishoek (Lindy Croxford)
- Article in newsletter of department of Psychology, Stellenbosch University (Marieanna le Roux)
- Happydale Special School & Huis Genot in Port Elizabeth (Glenda Walters)
- Demo by Algoa Frail Care Centre – Bethelsdorp (Glenda Walters)
- Demo at Care Haven Psychiatric Centre (Glenda Walters)

Volunteer passed away:

Volunteer Dalene Martins and her PAT dog Razzle Dazzle

Dogs passing:

Sambuca, devoted READ visitor of Amanda de Wet

Mo Mo, devoted PAT visitor of Barbie Howes

Bosco, devoted PAT visitor of Gillian Lay

RESEARCH PROJECTS:

- Intervention at Alta du Toit School in Kuils River with Lizelle and Tammy, Jean and Gemma, Hans and Blackie, Britta and Duke, Christina and Zak and Bretchen and Lexi, Nici and Juno
- Research project at Dream Tree Autistic School in Somerset West with Jean Lewin and Gemma.

OTHER:

- Amazing Wine Race – R1000.00
- Avril Cronje sponsoring the dog food for dogs at Includid Home
- Cavendish Book Fair: R13 515.00
- Donation of R15 000.00 from Helderberg Sunrise Rotary Club, Somerset West for PAT