



**Pets as Therapy**  
**Annual General Meeting Minutes**  
 10 June 2017

1	<b>Opening, Welcome &amp; Apologies</b>	<b>Judith Dodds</b>
	<p><b>A warm welcome from the EXCO at AGM</b>  <b>Special welcome</b> to the founder of Pets as Therapy, Hazel Hill.          Welcome to area coordinators, volunteers with their dogs, Friends of PAT and Stellenbosch University students          Welcome to sponsors Regal Health          Welcome to guest speakers, Liesl Kruger, Mandy Gibson and Lou-May Immelman.</p> <p><b>Apologies</b>          All the names on the list.</p>	
2	<b>Chair's Report</b>	<b>Marieanna le Roux</b>
	<p><b>NEW BRANCH:</b>          Durban with area coordinator Dr Leigh Tucker</p> <p><b>NEW VOLUNTEERS:</b>          17 new volunteers from last AGM (plus last weekend)          Total number of volunteers country wide: 88          Total number of Friends countrywide: 88          Total number of institutions countrywide: 65 and 46 on waiting list.</p> <p><b>NEW INSTITUTIONS:</b>          10 new institutions          Irene Residence, Stellenbosch          Stikland Hospital, Cape Town          Carpe Diem School, George          Martha Hofmeyer Old Age Home, Polokwane          Enrichment Centre, Polokwane          Twianga Retirement Village, Durban          Emmersen House, Durban          Waterfall Gardens, Durban          Headway, Durban</p> <p><b>LEES – UKUFUNDA – READ program:</b>          Workshop for new READ volunteers. 9 Volunteers attended the workshop.          2 Schools participating the READ programme, Oklahoma Street Primary School - Macassar, Somerset West (Nici Reed &amp; Juno), Riverlands Primary School - Malmesbury (Bretchen &amp; Lexi and Lita &amp; Spice).</p> <p><b>TALKS/EVENTS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hand in Paw article – published by Happy Tails</li> <li>• Leer lees met honde-hulp, Helene Booyens, Desember 2016, Landbouweekblad.</li> <li>• Honde wat help – Vrouekeur, October 2016 (Marieanna le Roux &amp; Magdie van Heerden).</li> <li>• Human-animal interaction talk at Helderberg Village, (Marieanna le Roux)</li> </ul>	

- Oues en hul troeteldiere. Marieanna le Roux on “Met ‘n huppel in jou stap” programme on Kyknet Kanaal 144.
- Human-animal interaction presentation to Rotary E Club One of South Africa (Marieanna le Roux)
- Therapy dog training, companion animal loss & bereavement, AAI workshops and staff training at Hospice (Magdie van Heerden)
- November & December publications in “Lig” and “Tuis (Magdie van Heerden)
- CANSA walk for life in George (Elaine Swanepoel)
- Article in newsletter of department of Psychology, Stellenbosch University (Marieanna le Roux).
- Visit Happydale Special School during May 2016 and Savannah & Sebastian entertained the children with an Obedience Demonstration (Glenda Walters).
- Walmer Service Centre, talk on Pets as Therapy and Savannah & Sebastian accompanied us (Pets as Therapy) (Glenda Walters).

#### **DOGS PASSING:**

Blackie, devoted dog of Included, owner Joseph (thanks Avril & Irene)

Dash, devoted dog of Patricia McCullum.

#### **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. Khama Diergaardt graduated in December 2016.
- Research project at Dream Tree Autistic School in Somerset West with Jean Lewin and Gemma. Charis Hawridge graduated in March 2017.
- Research project in two Halfway Houses in Cape Town with Avril Cronje and Morris. Juliette van Besouw graduated cum laude in March 2017

#### **WORKSHOPS:**

- Area coordinators and EXCO held in Stellenbosch.
- Lees-Ukufunda-Read programme

#### **OTHER:**

- Donation of R15 000.00 from Helderberg Sunrise Rotary Club, Somerset West for PAT.
- Wine2Whales – driving cars from Grabouw to Onrus. Thanks to Nici, Marieanna, Dick and Joana for helping with this project (Helderberg Sunrise Rotary Club). They earned R4000 for PAT.
- Wine2Whales – driving cars from Houhoek Hotel to Hermanus (Nici & Marieanna) (Helderberg Sunrise Rotary Club) earning R1200 for PAT.
- Training video for area coordinators.
- **Lunch with Jenny Morris**, well known celebrity chef and radio personality, also known as the Giggling Gourmet, was held on 27 August 2016
- **SMS to donate**
  - SMS DONATE PAT to 48748 R10 p/sms
  - SMS DONATE PAT to 40580 R20 p/sms
  - SMS DONATE PAT to 42646 R30 p/sms
  - Free minutes do not apply. Errors are charged for. Only on SA Networks

**LIFE TIME MEMBERSHIP** certificate for Rina Nel

**THANK YOU GIFT** for Hazel Hill, founder of Pets as Therapy, who is now moving to Australia.

**THANK YOU GIFT** for Lou-May Immelman

<b>3</b>	<b>Guest Speaker</b>	<b>Liesl Kruger</b>
Liesl Kruger, an animal communicator, animal behaviourist and have an animal communication practise. Animal communication is not a specialty we can all do it. Older people lose the ability to connect with animals. Animal communication is Telepathic		

	communication and is a feeling across distances. Direct transmission of feelings and thoughts, mental images and thoughts. Life energy the same for all animals - humans included. Before we speak, the thought in our brain sparks the energy. We need to become aware of the energy around us to be able to communicate to our animals. Animals are tuned into the present. Quiet yourself if you want to work with animals	
<b>4</b>	<b>Financial Report</b>	<b>Margie Wood</b>
	<p>Financials are looking much better this year  Nett income: R42 239.89 this year  Donations: R16 985.00 this year excluding Lou-May's funds  Donations: R 46 895.00 include services which were given to PAT, free of charge last year</p> <p>Savings account balance: R192 0000  R3503.74 was earned as interest on the investment this year</p> <p>Event: Jenny Morris Cooking demonstration/Lunch - R7000 profit</p> <p>Lou-May Immelman bought in R11 540</p> <p>Financial report will be available on our website after auditing.</p>	
<b>5</b>	<b>Questions on Financial Report</b>	<b>General</b>
	Marieanna asked about the income from the SMS lines – nothing has come in at this point. About 50% comes to PAT. Margie will apply for My School card.	
<b>6</b>	<b>Guest Speaker</b>	<b>Mandy Gibson</b>
	Animal behaviourist and Tellington TTouch practitioner. She is also a member of our assessment team. Used to do PAT visits with Daisy. Enhancing the relationships between animals and their humans. Used with any animal. Working with nervous system. Benefits - improved behaviour, develop trust. Physical and emotional trust.	
<b>7</b>	<b>Feedback from Tankwa Karoo walk</b>	<b>Lou-May Immelman</b>
	Lou-May Immelman, a PAT friend, reported on her 256km Tankwa Karoo walk. She used this as a fundraising opportunity for PAT. Lou-May showed the audience some of her photos of the walk. Final income for PAT R 11 540.00.	
<b>8</b>	<b>New Durban branch</b>	<b>Dr Leigh Tucker</b>
	Leigh Tucker reported that the new Durban branch now has 5 volunteers and 4 facilities. Pam Naude, animal behaviourist, is doing the assessments. Leigh encourages volunteers to use social media.	
<b>9</b>	<b>EXCO and Committee Elections</b>	<b>Charmaine French</b>
	<p>Same EXCO members are standing for re-nomination  Marieanna le Roux (Chair)  Casper van Vuuren (Vice-chair)  Nici Reed (membership secretary)  Margie Wood (Finances)</p> <p>Accepted and seconded</p> <p>The same Non-Executive members are standing for re-nomination  Dr Leigh Tucker nominated as new member of the non-executive committee – accepted and seconded.</p>	
<b>10</b>	<b>Thank you from the vice-chair</b>	<b>Casper van Vuuren</b>
	<p><b>MC:</b> Judith Dodds  <b>Guest speakers:</b> Liesl Kruger, Mandy Gibson, Lou-May Immelman (gifts for the speakers)</p>	

	<p><b>Other speakers:</b> Leigh Tucker  <b>EXCO:</b> Nici Reed, Margie Wood, Casper van Vuuren, Marieanna le Roux  Avril Cronje &amp; Bronwynn Douglas all the way from London for all the extras.  <b>Area Coordinators:</b> Sherri Farinha, Charmaine French, Annemarie van Vuuren, Kristina Eva, Louise Botha, Magdie van Heerden, Karen Steenkamp, Elaine Swanepoel, Glenda Walters  <b>Assessors:</b> Aileen Pypers, Mandy Gibson, Jorisna Bonthuys.</p> <p><b>Students:</b> Carla van Schalkwyk, Nadja Goosen  <b>Newsletter:</b> Bronwynn Douglas  <b>Food:</b> Jenny Morris  <b>Photos:</b> Joana du Toit  <b>Sponsors:</b>  Jenny Morris  Regal Pet Health  Rouge Day Spa  The Lapa Log Cabins in Durbanville  Doggobone  Mount Nelson Hotel (Mariette du Toit)  Megan Durand  Vondi's</p>	
11	<b>Raffle prize draw</b>	<b>Avril Cronje, Nici Reed &amp; Marieanna le Roux</b>
	List of all the prize winners available on the website	
17	<b>Close and refreshments</b> All are invited to join us after the meeting for refreshments	<b>Judith Dodds</b>