



Pets as Therapy
Annual General Meeting Minutes
 09 June 2018

1	Opening, Welcome & Apologies	Judith Dodds
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A warm welcome (on a very wet day) from the EXCO of PAT • Welcome to all the volunteers and their dogs, friends of PAT and Stellenbosch University students. • Welcome to our guest speakers: Charissa Bloomberg, Radio and TV psychologist and Dolphin-assisted Therapy Specialist; Lindy James, Branch Manager of Regal Pet Health (our sponsors) and Nadja Goosen, Masters Student at Stellenbosch University • Special welcome to Pam Naude, PAT area coordinator from Durban. • Welcome to the Representatives, to those who help and assist PAT, including our sponsors Regal Pet Health. • Reminder for all to sign the attendance register. • Reminder to purchase raffle tickets <p>Apologies All the names noted on the attendance list.</p>	
2	Chair's Report	Marieanna le Roux
	<p>Minutes silence for Margie's husband who passed away earlier in the year.</p> <p>NEW AREA COORDINATORS: Peter Neethling from Tableview (area may be called West Coast) Pam Naude from Durban. There are vacancies for co-ordinators in the Northern Suburbs, Worcester and PE.</p> <p>NEW VOLUNTEERS 22 New volunteers since the last AGM in 2017. Total number of volunteers countrywide: 94 Total number of friends countrywide: 91 Total number of institutions countrywide: 75 and 52 on waiting list.</p> <p>NEW INSTITUTIONS 11 New institutions.</p> <p>LEES – UKUFUNDA – READ programme: Workshop for new READ volunteers was held again (24 March 2018)</p> <p>TALKS/EVENTS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alexandra Hospital Spring Walk Sheri & Irene. • Been on TV twice (Kyknet) • Networking with Story Dogs Australia, who visited South Africa. • Article in Creature Comforts JUMP magazine from Momentum Health. • We started visiting Stellenbosch University Campus. First for Western Cape having PAT dogs visit students for exam stress. 	

	<p>DOGS PASSING (7)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shade (Wilna Campbell) • Guinness (Amanda Gordon) • Raka (Johan Herbst) • Magnum (Liesel Schultz) • Busby (Magdie van Heerden) • Jasmine (Patricia Bruwer) • Bella (Gillian Lay) <p>RESEARCH PROJECTS</p> <p>Nadja Goosen (SUN student) to share her research with PAT Therapy Dogs Volunteers.</p> <p>OTHER</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There have been many injuries/operations among volunteers, but all seem fine now/ under treatment > Dick Crane (hip), Nici Reed (shoulder), Avril Cronje (dog-bite injury), Paula Tavolari from Durban (Cancer diagnosis). • Good news, Rita de Beer, had a baby girl. • Wine to Whale event moving cars fundraising for PAT. • Donation from Mike's funeral R1500 to PAT. Thanks to Margie. • Leigh Tucker and Megan Durant represented PAT at Cape Town Unites for Animals March. • New Postal and Street address. Current Post Box is now in Mowbray, and the street address is now Claremont. Requests for volunteers to alert if any documents have errors. <p>Previous Minutes proposed by Margie Wood and seconded by Avril Cronje.</p>	
	<p>Raffle prize draw (round 1)</p>	<p>(EXCO) Nici Reed, Leigh Tucker, Margie Wood</p>
<p>3</p>	<p>Guest Speaker</p>	<p>Charissa Bloomberg</p>
	<p>Charissa Bloomberg, radio and TV Psychologist, and Integrity Leadership Specialist, sharing her experiences of Dolphin Assisted Therapy in the wild. Overview of interspecies communication, and social justice for animals. Personal experience of the discovery of dolphins and dolphin therapy, as experienced in Mozambique, as not done in South Africa. Explanation of what the therapy is (echolocation), the healing power of sonar (physiological benefits). Discussion of Research findings. Questions invited from the audience.</p>	
	<p>Raffle prize draw (round 2)</p>	<p>(EXCO) Nici Reed, Leigh Tucker, Margie Wood</p>
<p>4</p>	<p>Financial Report</p>	<p>Margie Wood</p>
	<p>Last Financial year was audited (2017/8) Nett Income R27840 (via membership Fees & other Fundraising, i.e. Tankwa, Rotary driving) Interest R12000 (Money invested in Liquid account) Surplus of R70000 (This amount is high because we didn't buy any stock)</p> <p>This year at this point (June 2018) Income R27000 (via sale of Shirts/Membership fees = R12300) Interest (March-June) R4600 Expenses R13000 (buying stock) Surplus of R6000 PAT is now paying for Web hosting (R115 a month). Additional expenses = buying flowers for sick/injured volunteers and friends of PAT.</p>	

	<p>AUDITED FINANCIALS are on the Website. Accessible for members.</p> <p>R2160 in membership fees is still outstanding. One member has paid but correct reference is not reflecting</p> <p>Opportunity for questions. There were no questions on the Financial Report.</p>	
6	Guest Speaker	Nadja Goosen
	<p>Nadja Goosen, Masters Student at Stellenbosch University, Psychology Department. Topic: PAT Volunteers Loss experience after their Therapy dog passed. Participants included those whose dogs had passed more than a year before data collection started, to allow for the grieving process. Various participant excerpts shared with audience.</p>	
7	Guest Speaker	Lindy James
	<p>REGAL PET HEALTH (major event sponsor) Discussed the range of products on offer (herbal products). Request to do more events linked to PAT.</p>	
	Raffle prize draw (round 3)	(EXCO) Nici Reed, Leigh Tucker, Margie Wood (with assistance of SUN students, Michelle & Leandri)
8	Thank you from the Chair (outgoing)	Marieanna le Roux
	<p>Message from Marieanna: <i>“After 5 years, the time has come for someone with fresh ideas to take Pets as Therapy forward. Sincere thanks to the EXCO and all the volunteers for their support throughout my term as chair. It has been a somewhat challenging five years, but personally always rewarding journey for me.</i> <i>Thank you to all the other EXCO members that I have worked with: Avril Cronje, Charmaine French, Casper van Vuuren, Lizelle Openshaw and all the students that I have worked with over the years.”</i></p> <p>Vote of thanks Guest speakers: Charissa Bloomberg, Nadja Goosen, Lindy James Students: Leandri Burger, Michelle McKenzie Music: Clive Staegeman (Worcester) MC: Judith Dodds Area Coordinators: Sherri Farrinha, Charmaine French, Annemarie van Vuuren, Kristina Eva, Louise Botha, Magdie van Heerden, Karen Steenkamp, Elaine Swanepoel, Glenda Walters, Mariette du Toit Assessors: Aileen Pypers, Mandy Gibson Food: Jenny Morris</p> <p>Sponsors & Prizes: Jenny Morris Regal Pet Health Rouge Day Spa The Lapa Log Cabins in Durbanville Doggobone Megan Durant Sighthound Rescue Vondi's</p>	

	<p>A Pet's Life Wolf & Women Orapets Ginger & Lime Food Studio Leigh Tucker</p> <p>EXCO: Nici Reed – membership secretary Margie Wood – finances Leigh Tucker – Twitter & Facebook</p> <p>Bronwynn Douglas – newsletter and emails from London Reminder: Animal Assisted Therapy Conference is happening September 2018 (Durbanville).</p>	
10	Thank you present for Marieanna le Roux	Presented by Margie Wood
11	Volunteer Contribution	Peter Neethling
	<p>Warning for dog safety regarding discarded toothpicks (choking hazard) and chip packets can cause suffocation. General Information: Pet-sitting (with Abdul), Canine Good Citizenship training opportunities, available for recommendations regarding pet-friendly accommodation.</p>	
12	EXCO and Committee Elections	Judith Dodds
	<p>Nominations for EXCO and COMMITTEE elected: CHAIR: Chrisna Richard VICE CHAIR: Leigh Tucker EXCO: Marieanna le Roux Margie Wood Nici Reed</p> <p>Accepted and seconded The same Non-Executive members are standing for re-nomination Few words from Chrisna Richard (new elect)</p>	
	Raffle prize draw (round 4) List of all the prize winners available on the website	(EXCO) Nici Reed, Leigh Tucker, Margie Wood (with assistance of SUN students, Michelle & Leandri)
13	Tankwa Karoo Camino Feedback	Lou-May Immelman
	<p>R11000 raised for previous event in 2017 Upcoming event in August 2018 is the Botterkloof Enduro (120km). Lou-May is participating again as a fundraiser for PAT. Volunteers to speak to Lou May if interested in participating or wanting to follow on social media.</p>	
14	Close and refreshments Photos: Jason Tucker (expression of thanks) A special thanks to all the volunteers for attending. All are invited to join after the meeting for refreshments	Judith Dodds