

animalsaviors

Registered Public Benefit Organisation No: 930 025 719

PETS Primary Purpose:

To alleviate pain and suffering to lost, abandoned, neglected, abused and forgotten animals in less privileged areas.

PETS' volunteers going into under resourced communities to assist animals and pet owners, witness the following almost on a daily basis due to a lack of education, lack of resources, lack of skills or disregard for animal life:

- a) Emancipated dogs and cats that are not getting the adequate nutrition or access to fresh water;
- b) Injured animals for example animals that are run over by cars, being bitten by other dogs, tied up or hurt by people deliberately;
- c) Sick animals that pick up viruses and diseases, spreading them to other animals, because they are not vaccinated against these diseases and do not receive any medical attention;
- d) Animals getting caught up in domestic violence disputes, for example dogs being kicked or stabbed;
- e) Dogs chained up on too short leashes not giving them adequate room to move or play;
- f) Aggressive, fearful animals that were not adequately socialised or were traumatised in some way;
- g) Dogs being used in dog fights, leading to injuries or even death;
- h) Dogs and cats having multiple litters, because they are not sterilised or dogs that are used in puppy mills for financial gain. In-breeding leads to puppies born with disformities;
- i) Dogs not getting adequate shelter, being left out in the cold, rain or blazing sun;
- j) Animals running loose on the streets, getting lost or getting into dangerous situations like running onto busy roads;
- k) Animals left behind and chased away by neighbours, when pet owners abandon them;
- l) Dogs and cats getting sick due to a lack of parasite control, for example getting intestinal worms, lice, fleas, mange and ticks;
- m) Animals being abused or killed on purpose.

PETS' BACKGROUND AND KEY PRINCIPLES

- a) To address the above needs, PETS was founded in 2007 by founder member, Anoux Massey.
- b) PETS (Pet Empowerment in Townships) is a registered, non-profit, pro-active, pro-life animal rescue organisation that strives to empower animals and pet owners in under resourced communities.

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- c) PETS was registered in 2007 as a public benefit organisation and rely solely on public and corporate donations, as well as fundraising initiatives to fund PETS projects.
- d) PETS now has about 10 people running a very well-organised and structured admin department.
- e) Fundraising departments help to raise funds for monthly mass sterilisations and a team reads through all adoption forms to make sure an applicant meets the PETS requirements.
- f) PETS has a pro-life focus and only euthanise if it is in the animal's best interest or where a good quality of life for the animal is deemed unlikely. However, every attempt possible is made to save animals' lives and to give each individual a fighting chance.
- g) PETS also has a pro-active approach by going into under resourced communities looking for animals in need, rather than waiting for animals to come to PETS.
- h) PETS believes in and promotes the following animal freedoms:
 - Freedom from thirst, hunger and malnutrition
 - Freedom from discomfort
 - Freedom from pain, injury and disease
 - Freedom to express normal behaviour
 - Freedom from fear and distress
- i) PETS has launched strong sterilisation campaigns since 2009, educating pet owners on the need for sterilisation, organising montly sterilisation days and having sterilisation outreaches to under resourced communities across the Western Cape and beyond.
- j) PETS believes in a free-range policy promoting foster care until permanent homes can be found to give animals the best chance to flourish and to adapt into sociable family pets as opposed to be in kennel situations. Only in the event where no foster parents are available and all other resources are exhausted, will animals be hosted in kennels until suitable foster parents or permanent homes can be found.
- k) When a family is approved to adopt an unsterilised animal, they have to prebook the animal's sterilisation. PETS follow up on this strictly to make sure we are not encouraging more breeding.
- l) All rescues that are older than six months are sterilised before they go to new homes.
- m) PETS educate new pet owners on vaccinations and diet.
- n) No PETS animal may be surrendered to another welfare organisation – if there is a need to return an animal, it must come back to PETS.
- o) PETS works hand in hand with pet owners in under resourced communities to instill responsibility and pride for their animals, by not only assisting animals to live better quality lives through animal care, but also by educating pet owners about pet care in order to create unity, trust and stability for all.

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