

BRANCH NEWS



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Annual branch family weekend



All vets, vet nurses and their families are invited to join us on 20-22 Feb 2015 at Tieties Bay for a beach weekend of fun in the sun, with good food (notably crayfish on Saturday evening), friendship and two hours of CPD. Further details including costs and how to RSVP will be communicated in the next issue of the newsletter.

Looking forward to seeing you there.

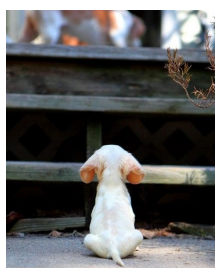
Trends in pet diseases diagnosed in the Western and Southern Cape



Rumors of an increase in distemper cases have been heard. As distemper, parvo, strangles etc are not controlled diseases, no information is currently available to verify such claims.

MSD hosts a companion animal reporting portal with fantastic trend reports. It is, however, unpopulated with data from the Western and Southern Cape. All vets are encouraged to [register](#) and contribute once every 4 months to enable this valuable resource.

Disaster tip of the month



The human-animal bond is powerful and pets are becoming increasingly important members of the family unit. Emergency responses will vary depending on the community. Rural communities have a tradition of working together, to respond to an emergency. Urban communities are less closely knit.

Read more on our [Facebook](#) group or SAVA webpage

Except from: [Veterinary Disaster Response](#) by Wingfield and Palmer

Export certification for pets



Taking pets out of the country can be stressful for both the family and pet (and in some cases the vet!)

If you are unsure of anything, rather double check before making a mistake that could end up being very costly. Mail the [State Vet Boland office](#) for template certificates, infosheets and general enquiries or phone 021 808 5253. For more complicated queries please cc [Aileen Pypers](#) or [Gary Buhrmann](#).

Family news: [Letter](#) from the Nordic lands by [Michelle Adam](#)

Updated African horse sickness [movement controls policy](#) on our [Webpage Interview](#) in Afrikaans with SAVA MD, Banie Penzhorn, on CCS for vets Disease outbreaks and [Epidemiology reports](#)

Welfare news: The City of Cape Town [announced](#) the next spay campaign

Disaster tip Jan 2015 on our [SAVA webpage](#) or our [Facebook group](#)

Interesting articles for this month on our [FB group](#) or our [SAVA webpage](#)

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