





## Note from the Chair

Here we are at the end of another successful year.

Pets as Therapy received a generous donation from Sunrise Rotary Club in Somerset West to expand our Lees – Ukufunda – Read program.

Some of our volunteers and their dogs attended the International Day for people with Disabilities at the sport fields of the University of the Western Cape.

This year we had two successful book sales in Somerset Mall and Cavendish with the grand total of R19,825! From the EXCO a big thank you to all our volunteers and friends who helped and supported us in these events.

A big thank you to our area coordinators - Sherri Farinha, Lindy Croxford, Willemien Luckhoff Powells, Mariette du Toit, Louise Botha, Elaine Swanepoel, Glenda Walters, Joan Marshall and Karen Steenkamp - and assessors - Yolande Ginsberg and Jorisna Bonthuys - for all their hard work.

Marieanna le Roux

## ...and a note from Juno, a very special PAT READ dog

Hi Everyone,

I just want to share two of the Thank You letters with you that I have received from the children reading stories to me every week.

My Mom Nici takes me to Oklahoma Street Primary School in Macassar every Tuesday morning and I have three wonderful Grade 3 children each read me a story for about 20 minutes.

I love it and all I have to do is lie still and listen whilst getting lots of cuddles at the same time. Occasionally my Mom asks the child to explain a word to me. They also show me all the pictures in the book. At the end of the session they feed me a biscuit, yummy!

By now I am known throughout the school and some of the teachers from other Grades have asked me to come and visit the children in their classroom. My Mom then tells the children something about me and Golden Retrievers in general. There is nothing better than having 20 plus pairs of hands all giving me strokes all over at the same time. My Mom says that I am getting a power massage.

I wish to encourage all you doggies/cats/rabbits out there to get your owners to take part in one of the READ workshops that PAT offers twice a year so that you can also take part in this very rewarding work.

Love and licks, Juno Reed

For further information on the READ programme please contact Marieanna le Roux at [mclr@sun.ac.za](mailto:mclr@sun.ac.za) or on 021 808 3444 or visit our website at [www.pat.org.za/about-pat/read-programme](http://www.pat.org.za/about-pat/read-programme).



lewe Nici  
Ek het daarvan gehou om  
vir jou stories voor te lees.  
Jy het my so stil gemaak en my  
gehelp om die woorde te  
onthou. Jy is baie spesiaal.  
Ek gaan jou mis.  
Jou siens Nici Ethan

lewe hondjie  
23 June 2014  
Ek wil net vir jou sê dat die  
kwartaal my beste kwartaal was omdat  
ek vir jou ontmoet het. Ek gaan jou baie  
mis in die vakansie en wil jou baie  
weer wil sien. Ek wil jou sien.  
my lees die verduidelikende  
net vir jou sê dat die was vir jou baie lekker om  
jou te gevoel het.  
Van  
Kaisell

## Fundraising Feedback

We had a number of fundraising activities this year which have helped PAT both financially and in raising awareness of what we do.

The **Somerset Mall Book Fair** in June raised R 9335, R2000 more than in 2013. We are very grateful to Marieanna le Roux and Jean Lewin and their team of volunteers for all their hard. Thank you to Charmaine French, Izaan Havenga, Khama Diergaardt, Gillian Lay, Giulia Figenschou, Bretchen van Niekerk, Michelle Gerber, Chanelle Buckle, Sabine Schmid 🐾



Sue Joyce and Marieanna le Roux at Somerset West Book Fair

The **Cavendish Square Book Fair** in September raised R10,490. Thank you to Charmaine French for organising the event this year, and thank you to all the volunteers who helped over the weekend – Sue Joyce, Shannon Neill, Daniel Neill, Ellen Merensky, Eileen Keogh, Heidi Vollmer and Avril Cronje. 🐾

For the first time this year PAT was invited to participate in the **Amazing Wine Race**, and event held in the Helderberg in August. The idea was that PAT would benefit from a percentage of profits. Unfortunately, no profits were made so PAT received no donations but it was still a valuable marketing event and nearly R2400 was raised just from collection tins and raffles! 🐾



Left: The PAT team at The Amazing Wine Race – Marieanna le Roux, Joana du Toit, Nici Reed with Juno and Anene Loots with Lacy.

Below: Marieanna le Roux, PAT Chair, holding Juno Reed, being presented with a cheque for R10,000 by Clive Reed, President of Helderberg Sunrise Rotary Club.

**Helderberg Sunrise Rotary Club** donated R10,000 to PAT, to be used specifically for the Lees-Ukufunda-READ programme. The money is being used to pay the registration fees of the READ volunteers in the USA and to buy new books for the children involved in the programme. 🐾



## News & Gallery



Sebastian & Savannah Walters take a well-deserved break after a busy visit to the Munro Kirk Fete in Port Elizabeth.



Matrix du Toit, PAT's latest visiting cat, owned by Atlantic Seaboard Area coordinator Mariëtte du Toit



PAT at the International Day for Disabilities at UWC.  
LtoR: Avril Cronje, Nici Reed, Mariëtte du Toit with Lily, Marieanna le Roux and Juno Reed

## Retiring and Joining

**Betsy Nel**, beloved PAT dog of Rina, who featured in our Winter 2014 newsletter, will soon be retiring from Huis Luckoff in Rosebank, Cape Town, after 13 years of visiting. Thank you Betsy for all the joy you have brought to the residents at Huis Luckoff and we wish you a long and happy retirement.

We also welcome three new members and hope that you too go on and have a long and happy association with PAT. Welcome to:

- Alison Kruger with Flicka (CT Southern)
- Cathie Garner with Cassidy (George)
- Kristina Eva with Zak (CT Northern)

## Rainbow Bridge ...in memory of PAT visiting pets...



Shelley Rawlins  
2014



Joe du Toit  
September 2014

- 🐾 Heidi Vollmer's Purdey in August
- 🐾 Carole Rawlin's Kahlua in October
- 🐾 Pat Bolus's Jigs in November



Flossie & Rex Gallerini  
September & November 2014



Chester Luckhoff Pouwels  
July 2014



Rusty Campbell  
September 2014

### Who are Pets as Therapy ?

*PAT organises therapeutic visits by pet owners who volunteer to take their pets to visit people in hospitals, hospices, retirement homes, frail care facilities, special needs schools, residential centres, and a variety of other venues. PAT visits bring company, support, comfort, pleasure, stress relief and stimulation to those living either permanently or temporarily in these and other establishments. PAT is run entirely by volunteers.*

*There is a wealth of scientific evidence showing that the interaction between people and pets is therapeutic – physically, emotionally, psychologically and socially.*

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