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PROFILE OF WET NOSE ANIMAL RESCUE CENTRE

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Wet Nose Animal Rescue Centre was opened in April 1999 by Tracy Forte who had a belief that all animals deserve a second chance in life and that healthy animals should not be killed just because they are unwanted. A safe haven had to be opened for these precious babies where they stand a chance of getting a new loving home. Wet Nose is a registered non-profit organisation devoted to the rescue, rehabilitation and re-homing of lost, abandoned and neglected animals. They are a **right to life** organisation and do not believe in euthanasia, except in the most extreme cases – they try and re-home all the animals into loving homes after they have been rehabilitated and sterilised.

To date they have successfully re-homed over 20 500 dogs, 1 700 cats, donkeys, a goat, horses, guinea pigs, pigs and rabbits. In April 2000 they became involved in rescuing animals from Zimbabwe which they had great success with; to date over 4 800 dogs and 340 cats have been rescued. In addition to this Wet Nose also rescued horses from Zimbabwe. On Friday 28 November 2002 the first load of 14 arrived safely, and another 28 arrived that December. In January 2003 another load arrived safely. 600 Dogs, 345 cats and a large amount of livestock are presently being cared for at the Wet Nose holding station in Zimbabwe. These animals are all destined for re-uniting or re-homing. To date Wet Nose is still in the process of rescuing and reuniting animals from Zimbabwe. At present Wet Nose is rehabilitating horses, which were placed in their protective custody by the SAPS.

The Wet Nose Animal Rescue Centre is dependent on the animal-loving public for funds, which are raised in numerous ways such as their annual International Homeless Animals Day in conjunction with ISAR and various

other fund raising events. Wet Nose receives no Government nor Municipal funding.

Currently Wet Nose Animal rescue Centre is situated on a plot in the Boschkop area, Lynnwood Road extension, exactly 5.2km from Hans Strydom Drive in the Pretoria East area. These premises are currently being rented and it has come to the point that Wet Nose will have to relocate from these premises in the very near future. We have just put in an offer to purchase a property to relocate to and we have to raise funds to enable us to build kennels, cattery and exercise runs to house and care for all our animals. The aim is to be in our very own premises by 2008 and a lot of work needs to be done as well as finances are very needed to assist us with the move into the final permanent resting home of Wet Nose. If anyone can assist us with building materials, fencing, signage, advertising materials and voluntary help it would be greatly appreciated.

The largest financial layout the Centre has, is the feed of all the animals, at any given time there are at least 180 dogs, 85 cats, and horses in their care. The animals are fed twice daily and the feeding costs are astronomical. A lot of these animals require medical attention and this amounts to large veterinary expenses. When an animal enters the care of Wet Nose it is sterilised, vaccinated, dewormed, microchipped and dipped. - no animals are given to homes unsterilised, except in the case of puppies and kittens, where a voucher is issued whereby the animal must be sterilised at the age of 6 months old. One of our largest responsibilities is to educate public and to prevent unwanted litters. All animals have blankets to sleep on, the kennels are cleaned daily and the animals are taken out into runs or taken for walks daily. Here a huge amount of volunteers are required and we welcome their help and care. So if you would like to become involved as a volunteer please contact our offices.

The third largest financial burden is in staff wages and salaries.

A Board of Directors oversee's the running of Wet Nose. (The Director's are not remunerated for their position as Director of the Organisation and do this job voluntarily and out of a love for animals.) Fourteen full-time staff and an office manager run the Wet Nose Animal Rescue Centre; the tasks not performed by the staff are performed by volunteers, the Directors, committee members and Chairman at little or no remuneration. At present the Organisation owns a little 1400 hundred Nissan vehicle, which after many years of pleading for a vehicle was kindly donated by Global Nissan Silverton. Although this little vehicle really works very hard, she can only cope with the light loads and we are in need of a stronger more powerful vehicle to enable us to pull horseboxes and trailers when we do the donkey and livestock rescue's. Committee members, staff and the Chairman often have to use their own vehicles to assist in many rescues and in these cases petrol costs are carried by the Centre in most, but not all cases. We are desperately in need of a more powerful vehicle to assist us with our Community Outreach projects.

Most community media is sympathetic to the Centre's cause and they advertise all their animals for adoption on a weekly basis in the The Pretoria News Classifieds at no charge.

British Airways-Comair is Wet Nose's major sponsor regarding the rescue of the Zimbabwe animals and a few animal feed supply companies support the Centre where possible with food donations. Cat food however is still a major problem as Wet Nose has a huge financial layout to buy cat and puppy food. They also have a Web site which advertises these animals and the cause and is done free of charge by one of the committee members. Visit the website at www.wetnose.org.za. You can contact Wet Nose Animal Rescue Centre on (012) 809-2106 or (082) 742-2522 or via email at wetnose@absamail.co.za.

Should you wish to make a donation to the animals in our care our bank details are as follows:

Wet Nose Animal Rescue Fund

First National Bank

Lynnwood branch - Branch Code: 252045

Acc No: 62009123126.

All help will be greatly appreciated.

You can also assist us by sponsoring an animal in a kennel monthly at a donation of R150.00 per month. Should you wish to help save an animal, you may contact Wet Nose and the relevant forms will be sent to you.

The Wet Nose Animal Rescue Centre is PBO registered and is audited yearly by MM Kruger and Associates.

The Wet Nose Animal Rescue Centre fills a very important gap in the Pretoria Community as well as Gauteng and their ultimate goal is to promote sterilisation and to care for abused, neglected and orphaned animals. Every animal deserves a second chance in life.

ONLY YOU CAN HELP STOP THEM FROM BEING BORN INTO THIS WORLD, ONLY TO BE KILLED LATER. A PET IS A LIFELONG RESPONSIBILITY.

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