



## CVC Newsletter December 2012

The festive season is on us and I am sure all are working really hard towards getting a little well-deserved family and self-time over Christmas. The SAVA CVC is in process of wrapping up what seems to have been a really good year. During 2012 we grew with the addition of 8 new CVCs. We have also had some amazing sponsorships over the year. I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to each and every person, practice and organisation that participated in our fund-raisers and contributed to, or supported us. Without our volunteers, sponsors and donors there is no way the CVC could make the impact it has in the disadvantaged communities.

### NEWS

A special welcome to a new addition to the CVC Principal family: Nathan Anderson was born on the 4<sup>th</sup> of August this year (3.94kg and 58cm tall). Congratulations to Dr Mary-Anne Anderson of the Ubombo CVC. We hear he is already in the veterinary mind set with a favourite passtime being watching the dogs sleeping.



We have a new CVC in the establishing phase in KZN. Dr Sanissha Venkatrathnam has opened the "Durban South" CVC with assisting the large number of disadvantaged persons in and around Durban in mind. This is an area in desperate need, especially in light of the rabies problem. Getting vaccination and education into these communities is vital for controlling, and ultimately to eradicate this disease.

One of our Directors, Dr Nenene Qekwana, is becoming somewhat of a common face on Agri TV. The CVC has been a feature on Agri TV a few times over the year and Dr Nenene has been very accommodating and making himself available for interview for the various features done

on the CVC. The most recent was in November where we were invited to talk about our creative writing competition and the reasons why fund-raising is necessary for the work done by the CVC. The CVC is really grateful to Agri TV for assisting us by creating awareness for what we do and basic animal care through the television medium.

On the 18<sup>th</sup> of November 17 riders took part in the Momentum 94.7 Cycle Challenge in CVC cycle shirts that were very kindly sponsored by ABSA Agribusiness. We also had 2 riders participate in the 40km ride on the 11<sup>th</sup> of November. Not only did these riders expend plenty energy participating in the race to create awareness for the CVC, but they also went to the effort of getting sponsors to pledge money for the distances they rode. In total R18,676.55 was raised for the CVC in pledges. We would like to thank each and every person who rode for the CVC as well as those who pledged. A very special thank you to Eukanuba for pledging for all the CVC riders a total of R1965.00.



Another big thank you goes to Valley Farm Vet and their clients, who have done an amazing job of raising R14 365.00 for the CVC in the last few months by simply asking a small contribution from each and every spay and vaccination done. This is a very subtle fund-raiser but as you can see it has incredible results and I want to applaud the practice for its dedication to assisting the CVC.

V-Tech have also been really supportive to the CVC. They have not only provided several staff members on a regular basis to assist at a CVC (this is manpower that we desperately need), but have also sponsored stock of their Healthtech range for the cases that need it. In terms of the rural CVC in Gauteng where there are big problems with fly strike and also plenty biliary, their Buzz off and Boost products have been extremely useful.

### **FUND-RAISERS**

The SAVVA CVC has been donated a number of white stinkwood trees to sell to raise funds. These trees we are selling for R100. The normal retail price in nurseries for the same size of tree

is around R300. Should anyone be interested in purchasing a tree, please contact the CVC central office 012 346 1150 or [cvc@sava.co.za](mailto:cvc@sava.co.za)

We also have Christmas cards and books that could make really nice Christmas gifts available:

*Tales of an African Vet* by Roy Aronson – R180

*It's a Vets Life* by Roy Aronson – R165

*In Fool Flight* by Chrystal Sharp – R85

*Dog in my Footsteps* by Chrystal Sharp – R85

Christmas Card Special: R20 per pack of 12 (normal price R25.00)

Please take note that we have extended the closing date on several of our fund-raisers:

1) The photo competition for the Richtersveld CVC has extended their closure date to the end of the year

2) The creative writing competition is extended to end of January 2013

3) The Name our Mascot competition has also been extended to end April 2013.

If you are not aware of these fund-raisers or require more information, please contact the CVC central office

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### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

There will be World of Dogs and Cats in 2013 held in Durban from the 22-24 February. The CVC has once again had their stand at WODAC sponsored and we are looking forward to this event. Come and greet us at our stand (stand no 58) and find out more about our organisation or how you can assist us in making a difference in the health and welfare of pets from disadvantaged communities.

