



NEWS LETTER SEPTEMBER 2011

Spring has really and truly set in with the land turning green and everyone suffering sinus and hay fever with the pollen levels! The CVC office has been kept on its toes – September has been a busy month that has slipped by in the blink of an eye.

GAUTENG CLINICS

3rd of September a clinic was held at Wolmer. The staff for this clinic are very dedicated and I would like to thank Dr Neser, Dr Morris, Sam and Nicky from Menlyn vet and the nursing students from Onderstepoort for their continual support of this clinic.

7th of September a clinic was held at Loate as always this clinic is very busy.

8th of September, we held clinics at Danville and Booyens. At this time we are struggling with getting vets to help out at this clinic so I would really like to encourage the vets in and around Pretoria to think about taking one day a year to help at a clinic. It is very difficult to consider new clinics when we cannot staff the current ones. I would like to thank those volunteers who do make it time and time again for this clinic, and Ali Makgato from the Department of Agriculture who stepped in last minute and helped us out for this clinic this month.

17th September – Cosmo City held a CVC. Karen Loots does a wonderful job coordinating this clinic with Dr Clare Speedy.

19th September – Bon Accord had a CVC. Dr Lina Gerber and her staff are permanent staff of this clinic and are doing a fantastic job.

21st September, we had a second clinic for the month at Loate. This clinic had several students from Onderstepoort come and assist with the deworming, external parasite control and administration for this clinic. We were very short staffed so their attendance made a huge difference. I really hope we continue to have student participation for our clinics.

We also had the Dube CVC on this day, Dr Viljoen and the staff of Pierre van Ryneveld Vet run this clinic and I admire their dedication to this particular community.

EVENTS

The Mobile clinic went on its first out reach CVC to the Richtersveldt. Dr Lina Gerber, Santie Claassens, Imke Clowes and Steffanie Bekker set off smiling on an epic 3000km trip. From the 13th to the 16th of September 2011 they visited areas like Nollothville, Sizamile, Lekkersing, Eksteensfontein and Kuboes, what follows is their feedback.

“We were awestruck by the landscape and welcomed by the friendly people. The dogs and cats were plentiful, and mostly well looked after. (And most sported very interesting names!) We managed to vaccinate and deworm 404 animals. Six animals were spayed /neutered. Some of the challenges we encountered were severe cases of mange (real “brandsiek” animals), severe flea and tick infestations and large numbers of pregnant bitches.

There is a huge and growing need for general health care and sterilisations in the Richtersveld area. It is a very poor area – most of the people make a meagre living from subsistence farming and fishing. Very few have access to transport, and the nearest vet is about 140 km away. It would be ideal, if at all possible, to have a CVC outreach there every 4 months.

We would like to thank: SAVA CVC (head office), Pfizer, Merial, MedPet, MSD Animal Health, the National Lottery and generous clients from Akasia Veterinary Clinic for making this outreach trip possible. We appreciate your on going support.”



The CVC had a table at the “Hope Starts in Hatfield” expo on the 16th of September 2011. We had books on sale as well as lucky packets, notebooks and branded caps to raise funds for the CVC. We handed out brochures and had information packs for rabies awareness with a list of practices supporting the free rabies campaign. We also included the practices participating in the sterilisation special rates campaign. Our stand was amongst a number of other animal charities and this was a good opportunity for us to meet their representatives and get dialog going so that we can work more cohesively with these groups to the benefit of the communities we all serve.



The Winterveldt Dog Show was on the 17th of September and I think that fun was had by all. A full detail email on this event has been sent out, but if there are any persons who did not get it and would like to, please email Debbie@cvetc.co.za



The Spring Show ended on the 4th of September. The CVC would like to thank: Annette Henning, Tania Quarmby, Nicky Swart, Sam Spencer as well as volunteers from Onderstepoort: Eugene Machimana, Charlotte Montja, Sari Lotter, and Maureen Makgae who took time to attend to the CVC stand. The show ran over a long time period and we could not have managed to have representation and complete the routine running of the CVC's without the help of volunteers. A second big thank you goes to the Department of Agriculture, who sponsored our stand.

FUND RAISING AND DONATIONS

Dr Quixi Sonntag was very involved with the initiation of the Loate CVC in the Winterveldt about 9 years ago. Since then she has remained committed to helping the CVC in any way she can. This year she instituted a very novel idea for the celebration of her birthday. All guests were asked to dress as their favourite singer and bring along to the celebration a vinyl record (No tapes, CD's or MP's were permitted!). They were also asked not to bring a gift for Quixie but rather a small item with an interesting story/history that was then auctioned at the celebration. Fun was had by all the "singing Celebs" from Olivia Newton John and Elvis, to Bruce Springsteen and Cyndi Lauper, bidding on the items brought. In the end a whopping R7000.00 was raised and very kindly donated to the CVC.

Thank you Dr Quixie!

The Paw Print Project has been wonderfully supported this year. Many clinics had beautiful displays and quiet a few got articles printed in the local news papers. The final amount raised by the Paw Print project was R37 882.00

A very big thank you to all the participating clinics;

Akasia Dierekliniek –

R212.00

Bakenkop Dierekliniek – R

1 590.00

Bayview Animal Clinic – R

1 428.00

Bromhof Vet – R2 500.00

Brooklyn Dierekliniek –

R410.00

Corlett City veterinary

Hospital – R700.00

Dunnottar Animal Clinic –

R500.00

Eendedam Animal Clinic –

R1030.00

Elarduspark Dierekliniek –

R1 400.00

Evander Dierekliniek – R

260.00

Gillitts Veterinary Hospital –

R400.00

HUmansdorp Dierekliniek –

R450.00

Langverwacht Dierekliniek –

R385.00

Lynburn Dierekliniek –

R600.00

Manors Veterinary Clinic –

R800.00

Moument park dierekliniek –

R751.00

Mooikloof Vet Consulting

room – R55.00

Moreleta Park Dierekliniek –

R755.00

Morelettariff Animal Hospital

– R 1220.00

Noagse Ark Animal Clinic – R

330.00

Oakfields Vetshop and

Veterinary Hospital – R



5 640.00
Pierre van Reyneveld Animal
Clinic – R1 795.00
Ridge Animal Hospital – R2
300.00
Rivonia and Sunninghill
Veterinary Clinics– R 3
485.00
St Francis Animal Clinic – R1
640.00
Val de Grace Veterinary
Clinic – R250.00
Valleyfarm Veterinary
Hospital – R4 500.00
Waterkloof Veterinary
Hospital – R230.00
Westville Veterinary Hospital
– R1 040.00
Willowpark Small Animal
Medicine Specialist hospital
R1 226.00

The status on the “My Village” cards is still not enough applications. To date we have 220 completed applications. Please encourage your staff and clients if they have not yet got a card to fill out a form for us. If they do have a card – they can still fill out a form and have the CVC added as a beneficiary (There can be up to 3 beneficiaries on a card). If you need a copy of a blank application form for your clients please call CVC head office 012 346 1150 or email cvc@sava.co.za and we will ensure you get one.

We will be initiating a raffle with a lovely hamper up for grabs both at the congress and a second one for all entries from practices clients/staff. The entry for this will be a completed my village application form! This is a way to market the card to your clients and once again it costs them nothing but the time taken to complete the form!

THE FUTURE

The CVC will have a stand at the World Veterinary Congress in CapeTown. We would love those who are attending to come and visit the stand. As part of the Congress program we will be holding a CVC in Khayelitsha and delegates from the congress are invited. The Mobile clinic will be on display at our stand.

The Kitty Puppy Haven CVC had to unfortunately postpone their Dog Day for Political reasons. This has been rescheduled to 22nd October 2011.

OTHER

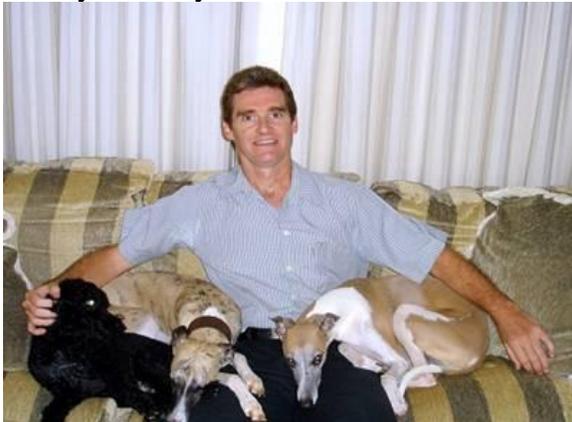
After much difficulty trying to find a loud hailer/megaphone that we could borrow or hire for the Winterveldt dog show, the CVC made the decision to invest in a new asset. Yes, its a megaphone! This will decrease the stress levels around our ability to communicate with a large group of people at any of our shows, clinics and events! We would like to offer this asset up for hire to any of the CVC supporters who should need it for an event their clinics or persons are doing such as fun walks. At this point we are not going to ask a specific fee for use, just a request that the CVC receive some proceeds or the opportunity to promote the SAVA CVC at these events. Should you be interested in utilising our newest asset please email cvc@sava.co.za.

We would love to include news from all our CVC's and supporting practices nationwide, but we need you to send in to us the details from your ventures so we can put them in. If you have any material we can use please email it to Debbie@cvetc.co.za

CVC FOCUS

John Morton

Dr John married Mareuil when still studying 1984. They have 2 children, Moya (24) who is doing honours in busmultimedia (computer media) through engineering faculty at UP, and Angus (21) in his final year bcom (busman) at UP. Currently the family includes four animal members: Tepi (12 years old) and Shadow (9 years), both are whippets, Babolat, a 7 year old poodle and Missy the 6 year old cat.



John qualified as a veterinarian from Onderstepoort in 1986. In 1998 he opened Bult Dierekliek, a mixed animal practice in Potchefstroom. A few

years later the family moved to Durban North (1991) and bought Rinaldo Vet Hospital a small animal practice in Durban North.

In the veterinary field John has a special interest in medicine, intensive care and soft tissue surgery.

He enjoys birding and wildlife but this interest does not extend to working with wild species! On the activity side he enjoys golf, running (he has 3 comrades to his name), paddling (He has completed 2 Dusi Marathons), and scuba diving. As a true KZN dweller he is a sharks supporter!

John has been involved in vet welfare and the CVC for the past 10 years, and is currently a CVC director. He is one of the founder members of the Kloof CVC which is run in conjunction with Kloof SPCA. He is also the Chairman of Durban and Coast SPCA.

KZN is very fortunate to have a Vet who is so involved in the well-being of animals and the CVC thanks him for his dedication.