

January & February, 2019

Dear Friends,



This is our little Friend Ed who comes to visit and play with the cats in our Cattery 7 and also the other Catteries. When he first came to the KSPCA as they drove in past Cattery 7 he said 'this is my dream, this is my dream'. I'm not sure who is enjoying the attention more, Ed or the cats. The bowl in the foreground is their sand box – shocking pink was the only colour we could find at the time!! We really encourage children to come and interact with our cats and the puppies and to come and volunteer too. The Aga Khan students are regular visitors and one Saturday we had 2 bus loads from their Kindergarten – that was a bit chaotic but their teachers were wonderful and managed to keep law and order.

I would like to take this opportunity of thanking all of you who contributed to our Staff Christmas Fund. This made such a difference to them, having that extra cash – I hadn't told them so it came as a wonderful surprise. As you know we are open 7 days a week and holidays are just like any other day so they were all working over Christmas, Boxing Day and New Year's Day.



We received a report about a cat in a very serious condition at 'Pirates'. Our Chief Inspector went there immediately and when he saw the condition of the cat he just took it straight to our Vet to have him put to sleep. It was heart breaking to see this little cat and to realize just how much he had suffered. He had lost most of his bottom jaw to cancer, was totally blind in one eye and with very little sight left in the other. There was simply nothing that we could do for him but to release him from his pain and misery. These things just reduce me to tears. That is why the KSPCA is here and we seriously need your help and support so that we can deal with cases like this, of which we get far too many regarding both dogs and cats. As you know, we are a Charity and have to do our own fund raising, which just gets more and more difficult. We get no Government or outside funding.

During 2018 we admitted 211 dogs and 522 cats. We treated 286 dogs and 349 cats. We dealt with 115 investigations and we visited 11 slaughter houses.

I think this should be printed and sent home with every dog adopted from a rescue or shelter. People sometimes put way too much, way too fast on these poor dogs. We need to look at it through their eyes.



Many people who 'adopt' a dog or cat from here will ring us up the next day to say that they have an issue with them. That they are not eating, or are very nervous and hiding or not getting on with their other pets etc. We explain to them that this is actually very normal. Their new pet is facing a lot of different things all at the same time, a new environment, and people and other pets they have never met before. Everything is different for them, including the food. They need to be patient, loving and understanding of the new comer and give them time to adjust. Some of these animals have been mistreated in a previous home and it may take a little time to get their confidence back in humans. Please just give them time to adjust and you will have a very loyal friend indeed.

We have so many very lovely cats and dogs looking for kind, loving, forever homes. Please do call in and see what we have. At the moment we have a lot of dogs and cats to choose from and our greatest wish is to find them loving homes. All our dogs and cats have had their rabies vaccinations, been de-wormed and neutered. If any are too young to be neutered before they go to new homes, we let the new owner know when to bring them back for neutering. Just come and visit us and see what we have – you never know, you may find something that you really bond with!

I would like to take this opportunity of reminding everyone to please pay their Memberships for 2019. In the next few days I shall send out the details, but the fees do remain the same as last year. Please also try and encourage other people, friends and relatives, to become Members. The more people who become Members and support us the better able we are to keep the Mombasa KSPCA office running.

Another reminder. Just a few days ago we received a report of a suspected rabid dog in someone's compound in Nyali. Unfortunately, the dog disappeared into some thick bush and could not be found. However, they found the dog the next day but it had already died. We collected the dog and the head will be sent to Mariakani to the Government Vet Labs to be tested. **Please make sure that all your pets' Rabies Vaccinations are up to date. There are a lot of rabies cases at the moment.**

The weather down at the Coast is crazy hot and humid at the moment. It is not advisable to take your dogs for walks in the heat of the day. Dogs can over heat very quickly – remember they can't perspire like humans and get rid of their heat through panting, which is not very efficient. If your dog is showing signs of heat stress you should take it to a vet immediately but also put a cold wet towel over the dog – this will help initially. Always make sure that there is plenty of water available for drinking.

My very sincere thanks to all our wonderful supporters who help us in so many different ways. Those who give us donations, bags of rice, the hotels who give us all their left over food, biscuits for the cats, tin foods for the cats and dogs and so many other ways.

Di Purchase, the staff at Mombasa KSPCA, our fantastic Fund Raisers and all our hot furry friends trying to keep cool.