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Dear Friends,

I do hope that you are all finally enjoying some much needed rain. I could almost hear all our dogs and cats sighing with relief. It was so crazy hot and dusty, made worse by the matatus flying down the side of the main road and all the dust ended up in our premises!



As you can see from the pictures another section of our ceiling in the office fell down – what a mess. Loads of it landed in my handbag which was immediately underneath. Fortunately, no one was actually in the office at that moment. Huge quantities of cement in all shapes and sizes came down as well. I don't think that we get danger money in this job! What with the risk of getting bitten or scratched by our many occupants and now the ceiling attacking from above – seriously! We now cover our lovely (donated) monitor with a large cardboard box when we leave in the evening in case another section comes down during the night.



We paid another visit to Mamba Village which was very distressing. The horses are slowly putting on some weight and now that we have had some rain hopefully, they will soon be able to graze. Unfortunately, the weather at the coast is not ideal for horses and we are also dealing with horses in Kakambala and Mshomoroni, all for the same reason. However, we found that the crocodiles were suffering very badly. Most of their ponds had no water and where there was water it was very muddy and stagnant. We reported this immediately to Kenya Wildlife Service (KWS) who went round there straight away to deal with this situation. A very sad state of affairs and totally unacceptable. We shall continue to monitor the situation and keep you updated.

Many of you may not be aware, but our Chief Inspector was sponsored to go over to America to do a course in Animal Welfare and all that that entails. So, he is well qualified and after 22 years of working for the KSPCA has an enormous amount of experience on the ground too.

We have had 3 more cases of rabies and once again, please check that your dogs and cats are up to date with their inoculations. There was a lot of concern when it was put out by the County Government and the Department of Livestock and Veterinary Services that they were going to poison stray dogs. We voiced our concern and had a meeting with them to discuss this matter, especially as the use of poison is actually banned in Kenya. They are now holding meetings with various organizations and everything has been put on hold until a suitable method has been decided on.



A plea for financial help. Our Toyota Hilux Pickup which was donated to us by the RSPCA and WSPA (the World Society for the Protection of Animals – now called World Animal Protection – WAP) has a dire rust problem between the cab and the pickup section. I have visions of it parting company with my Chief Inspector left driving the cab with the rest of it following on behind, unattached! I have received a very special quotation to get this all welded up again and the various parts that will be required, together with a service, which is now due, will cost the KSPCA in the region of K.Shs. 50,000/-. We struggle just to meet our monthly expenses so any donations towards these costs would be very much appreciated. We really need a second vehicle. We have two drivers and only one vehicle and when this is off the road they use my little Toyota IST. Also, with only one vehicle we cannot cover all the work that we would like to do. At some stage we would like to get a Probox which would be adequate and cheap to run, but where we would find the finances for this is anyone's guess! Any suggestions? We cover a very large area from beyond Lamu, down to the Tanzania border, Taita Taveta and past Mtito Andei and everywhere in between, and with only one vehicle this is simply not possible. We also check on Slaughter Houses throughout that area and this work is done at night.



We often get people coming in to borrow one of our cat traps because they say that a wild cat is causing havoc with their chickens. I always ask them 'are you sure it is not a mongoose'. They assure me it is a cat. I tell them to bring in whatever they catch. We have now released, I think, about 8 or 9 mongooses into the Nature Trail, through our back gate!! Joseph at the Nature Trail is always delighted. It is always the white tailed ones. There was a family of 4 living between 2 apartment blocks in Nyali. It is lovely to know that they are still around.

We have also been asked to deal with monkeys hit by vehicles near our office. These are normally taken straight to our Vet for attention.

There will be a Summer Craft Fair at the Bahari Beach Hotel in June but the dates are still being worked on. Once a date has been decided I shall let you know.

Our Ngutuni Game Count Drive is being held on Saturday the 6th July this year so please put that date in your diary. This is always fun and a great chance to get away from the madding crowd for the weekend. A poster will be sent out in due course.

A gentle reminder for all those who have not yet renewed their Memberships.

From Di Purchase, her Staff, Fund Raisers and loads of dirty muddy paw marks which we are all delighted about!