



CART HORSE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION

07 August 2018
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
for year ended 31 March 2018

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Veterinary Social Worker
"Breaking the cycle of violence: What can each of us do?"

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MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Held at The River Club, Observatory on 25 July 2017

Present: Adele Bain, Alison Feinhauer, Ann Catchpole, Ashley Deelman, Barney Shapiro, Chevonne Harmse, David Bancroft, Dawn Brosens, Diana Henning, Eily Bates, Glynis Coetzee, Hazel King, Jeanette Shapiro, Jennie Bancroft, Jill Mortimer, Jim McNamara, Jonathan Sherwin, Joyce Beeton, Julia, Ranzani, Karen Gottschalk, Karin Paschen, Lauren Brewis, Liz Hodes, Margaretha van der Meijden, Marike Kotze, Mark Levendal, Marlon Pienaar, Melony Edwards, Michael Anhauser, Michele Rixon, Nicolas Dupper, Nicoli Natrass, Penny Lankester, Philip Henning, Rhyno Meyer, Rob Stokell, Robert Weinek, Rodney Scheepers, Rhyno Hendricks, Sharon Hill, Sue Freeman, Tanya Kroon, Tony Jones, Torey Westgarth-Taylor, Yvonne Blomkamp, Zelda Erasmus, Waleed Abdurahman, Howard Kaye, Ian Tichart, Estelle Coetzee, Martin Coetzee, Roni Snitcher, Jane Yeats, Allan Lutge, Sid Beeton, Bridget Horowitz, Andrea Auerbach, Bonani Mangali, Diana Truter, Donnex Nyama, Holly Filday, Megan White, Melony Lindt-Os, Steven Auerbach, Vicki Strydom, Xan Shapiro, Chad Dean, Hudith Os

Apologies: Andrea Rubin, Sihlalo Dingiswayo, Clifford Webb, Ann Vonk, Jan Vonk, Vic de Valdorf, Mrs Finlander, Yve Leslie, David Leslie, Gillian Borel-Saladin, Sheila van Blerk, Peter van Blerk, Brenda Wessels

Absent: Bridgitte Verwey, Mark Richards, Paul Fletcher, Ryan Ord, Stephen Cridland, Victor Tanzen

Welcome

Chairperson Holly Filday welcomed all present and thanked The River Club for generously sponsoring the venue. Introduction of guest speaker Jonathan Sherwin from the Karoo Donkey Sanctuary.

Guest Speaker's Address – Jonathan Sherwin - Global persecution and decimation of donkeys for Chinese donkey skins trade.

Right now, millions of donkeys from Asia, Africa and South America are at risk of being stolen and slaughtered for their skins – the gelatin in the hide being a key ingredient in the prized traditional Chinese medicine called ejiao (e-gee-yow). A new report by The Donkey Sanctuary reveals the shocking scale of this global demand for donkey skins – a demand that is unsustainable, whilst simultaneously causing mass-scale suffering to donkeys and risking the livelihoods of millions of people who depend on them.

2016 Estimated Global population of donkeys 44 Million - As a beast of burden, the role of the donkey has changed very little over the centuries. The donkey continues to fulfil its age-old role of carrying goods to market, cultivating land, fetching and carrying household essentials or pulling carts.

Most notable within the last two years has been the emergence of large-scale global trading in donkey skins, with estimates of a minimum of 1.8 million donkey skins being traded per year. In turn, global demand has been conservatively estimated to be up to four million, with some sources reporting upper limits of demand in China to be 10 million skins per annum

Why Donkey Skins... What is "Ejiao" Donkey skins are used to produce a traditional Chinese medicine (TCM) called ejiao, otherwise known as Colla corii asini or 'donkey hide glue', which is based upon extracts of donkey gelatin in the hide mixed with herbs and other ingredients, often to form a gelatinous bar, pill or tonic.

Ejiao is a medicine with ancient roots and has been promoted as a product worthy of emperors. Wide-ranging health benefits are claimed for the products, including anti-ageing properties, an increase in libido and a reduction in reproductive-organ disease in women...

Production and marketing of ejiao products has been undertaken by a number of China-based enterprises, the largest being Dong'e Ejiao which was founded in 1952. It currently has over 10,000 employees

The Donkey Skins Trade – In the Sub-Saharan context - In 2016 trade to China from Sub-Saharan Africa represented approximately 25% of all trade IE 450,000 donkeys lost their lives to the chinese trade. Africa's huge donkey population is a key target for the skin trade. The recent history of cooperation between African governments and China speaks for itself...

Recommendations – for government to impose an immediate ban on the trade. The Donkey Sanctuary and KDS call for a halt to the trade in donkey skins used to produce ejiao until the impact of the trade can be assessed and shown to be both

humane for donkeys and sustainable for the communities that depend on them.

A brief overview of the work carried out by the Karoo Donkey Sanctuary, rescues and residents.

Minutes of previous meeting

Minutes from the previous AGM held on 26 July 2016 were accepted.

Proposed by Tanya Kroon, Seconded by Jonathan Sherwin

Chairperson's Address – Holly Filday

I wish to thank all CHPA staff from the bottom of my heart. Despite the intensity of the work and ever looming compassion fatigue, our entire team is absolutely dedicated to uplifting conditions for the working horses of the Cape Flats. The Management Committee is always awed at the challenges faced on a daily basis and conditions in which our team achieves amazing outcomes. It is an honour to be a part of this incredibly effective team.

The past year has been good to CHPA. Our steadfast donors have made a significantly positive contribution to our work, our team and our Strategic Plan. We are hugely grateful to our amazing donors, both corporate and individual and especially to those who have passed on and bequeathed generous donations to our worthy cause. We acknowledge the immeasurable support provided by the team at World Horse Welfare from funding key programmes to assisting us with farriery and strategic planning.

As a direct result of these generous donations, CHPA has finally been able to increase staff capacity to include three trainee Equine Welfare Practitioners (EWP) and two additional fundraisers, providing much-needed capacity to effect growth.

With the mandate given to us, by you, our donors, to implement new strategies (outreach, adoption and training), we have spent much of this past year recruiting and implementing on-the-job training. We are delighted that Penny Lankester has smoothly taken over the general management reins, which has freed Megan White to begin the important task of ensuring that our current income budget is met. She will be working hand in hand with Karin Paschen and Marike Kotze (our new fundraising team) to strengthen and improve our excellent fundraising foundation in order to achieve future funding for key areas of outreach and equine welfare, as identified in the Strategic Plan.

With Megan White and Penny Lankester taking care of income and operations, Senior Inspector Diana Truter has been working intensively on imparting knowledge and skills to trainees via our Equine Welfare Practitioner Training Programme. This additional capacity in the field has impacted positively on CHPA's ability to visit stable yards more frequently and to make well-thought out improvements to long-standing systems and procedures.

The adoption programme is in its 5th year and we are pleased at the high rate of successful re-homings carried out under the guardianship of Vicki Strydom, Recovery & Rehabilitation Centre Manager. Our inspectorate team has done well in getting specific horses removed from the carting industry and we are grateful to all the kind folk who support these special horses with fostering and adoption.

We extend our sincere gratitude and appreciation to staff and management of the River Club for graciously hosting our Annual General Meeting.

From all of us on management committee, we thank staff, donors, volunteers and all the friends of the organisation for their unwavering support and generosity and we look forward to a better world for all equine.

Chairperson's Report – Proposed by Dawn Brosens and Seconded by Jill Mortimer

Financial Overview and Report – Tanya Kroon

I am pleased to announce that the audited financial accounts show a net surplus of R3.7m - an increase of R2.8m in comparison to the previous financial year.

Despite traditional sources of income coming under pressure we were blessed to receive significant bequests from donors which amounted to R4.7m. Bequests remain an important source of income for the organisation as donor fatigue increases. Additional sources of income are interest received, VAT rebates and fair value adjustments on investments.

Expenses increased by R1m in comparison to last year. Staff costs together with training and development contributed to this increase, as a result of organisational restructuring which is in line with the new Strategic Plan.

Capital expenditure amounted to R560k, being spent on 2 motor vehicles as our staff capacity increased the need for more

vehicles was realised. This resulted in a depreciation charge of R254k.

As we face a tough year with increasing uncertainty and greater demands on not just the cart horse owners but the organisation and its donors, the need to keep expenses under control will become vital.

I would like to thank all our donors for their continued support both financial and in kind. To the staff at Cart Horse your continued and unfailing commitment to the organisation, does not go unnoticed, a big thank you, to you all!!

Copies of Annual Financial Statements for year ending 31 March 2017 are available.

Financial Report – Proposed by Alison Feinhauer, Seconded by Lauren Brewis

General Manager's Address – Penny Lankester

I would like to open with the words from Ambassador Matthew Rycroft of the UK Mission to the UN: 'How society treats its most vulnerable is always the measure of its' humanity.'

The success of an organisation can be attributed to the quality of the people it has working towards a common goal. I believe that our success at Cart Horse is largely due to the dedication and passion with which each and every member of the team pulls together for the same purpose. There isn't anyone who doesn't go above and beyond the call of duty, on a daily basis. Of course, the organisation experiences tough times and there are challenges, but ultimately, everyone overcomes those limitations to ensure that the main objective remains in focus.

Recently we experienced a traumatic end to the life of a horse involved in a motor vehicle accident. It was a horrific thing to witness and I am sure that those on scene will live with those images and sounds for a long time to come. In the wake of this unfortunate experience, the value of our people was highlighted by their ability to understand and reflect on how this incident impacted the broader community. They were able to move beyond how it affected them, to the space of how it affected the organisation. This example is just one of many our team face in the line of duty. The ability to remain positive in the face of adversity, to remain hopeful that the work we do **DOES** make a difference, is in large part indicative of the calibre of people Cart Horse has working for it.

The ability to embrace challenges beyond our mandate shows a level of empathy and caring beyond what is required. In September last year we built Joey Solomon's stable yard in Green Park (Delft). It was a day of physically hard work which we took on as a team. While in the yard, we witnessed welfare issues beyond that of his horses, so, together with another animal welfare organisation, we intervened to address the serious welfare concerns we had regarding the dogs and pigs in that yard. We were also very concerned about the welfare of his children, so we contacted social services too for their intervention. **WE SEE, WE REACT AND WE DO WHAT WE CAN**, in every aspect of the daily interactions we have in the communities we work in.

Whilst our mandate and our donor funding is focussed on the working Cart Horses, we realise that this can't be achieved in isolation, that the horses are part of the community and if we are going to look after the horses we need to engage all aspects of the communities in which these horses are found.

Every member of the team is touched, on a daily basis, by an aspect of their interaction with the horses and the communities they live in; the depth of the impact varies, but it's our ability to put things into context which makes the difference in continuing with our important work in order to get things done.

The adoption program is the final link in the chain of the work done on the ground and it is a very rewarding to see horses going to their forever homes to be loved and treated with kindness. They deserve a 2nd chance and we facilitate that, with genuine thanks to our donors who make that possible.

If we are to be critical about ourselves as an organisation, it would be that there are times we allow the harsh realities of what we do to detract from the importance of remaining united in our common purpose. I am inspired on a daily basis by the people who surround me, wearing their Cart Horse uniforms with pride and doing their duties with tireless dedication.

Thank you for making a difference in the lives of those without a voice. In closing, I would like to share with you a quote from Sir Winston Churchill: 'There is something about the outside of a horse that is good for the inside of a man.'

Inspectorate and Field Operations Presentation – Diana Truter, Ashley Deelman and Waleed Abdurahman

Power Point presentation showed the work carried out by the field staff in this reporting year. Patrol and Call-out Officer Waleed Abdurahman explained his role at Cart Horse in terms of enforcing the City's By Laws, patrolling, road blocks and

how he works with the cart horse owners. Ashley Deelman spoke about the clinics and farriery and attending to horses at home for farrier needs when required. Inspector Diana Truter reviewed home visits, Tankwa outreach, visit to Coastal Horse Care Unit in KZN, assisting cart horse owners to build stables, veterinary cases, Equine Welfare Practitioner Training Programme, workshops, complaints and the implementation of the Zero Tolerance Policy

Thank you to our donors, Management Committee and staff for their support and help during this year.

Recovery & Rehabilitation Centre Presentation – Vicki Strydom

Vicki shared successful adoptions in the past year, Tellington Touch workshop held at the R&R, assistance with evacuating horses from the fires in Somerset West in January, volunteers and donations received.

Amendments to the Constitution

No amendments recorded.

Election of the Committee

All existing committee members – Holly Filday, Joyce Beeton, Tanya Kroon, Michael Anhauser and Alison Feinhauer and agreed to stand once again. Dr Lauren Brewis and Xan Shapiro agreed to join the Management Committee. This was accepted by all present at the meeting.

Questions

Dawn Brosens noted that she sees a lot of horses working in the Khayelitsha Site B area without ID plates. Unclear if these are working horses or not. To be investigated by Waleed and Diana and feedback.

Jill Mortimer noted that she sees a lot of horses being exercised on sand dunes in Macassar. We have received complaints, these are show horses in training. These cases are referred to the SPCA.

Liz Hodes noted that during fires as was the case in Somerset West – why are horses not ridden out instead of loading them in a horse box. She has recently returned from Australia and many of the large animals there are tagged for identification. An option worth looking into?

Jeanette Shapiro noted that horses should be micro-chipped. Cart horses are micro chipped for identification.

Eily Bates noted that our AGM is always positive and encouraging. She attends every year and always leaves uplifted and inspired. Holly responded – Cart Horse adheres to the directives as set out in the King Report regarding good governance.

Meeting adjourned

Holly Filday thanked everyone for attending and invited guests for refreshments.

Appendix 1 - Management Report – Submitted by Penny Lankester

This past year was one of growth for Cart Horse, especially in terms of staff capacity. I started as General Manager in April, we employed two apprentice farriers Bonani Mangali and Marlin Pienaar, three Trainee Equine Welfare Practitioners (EWP) Melony Lindt, Andrea Auerbach and Hudith Os and Patrol and Call Out Officer, Waleed Abdurahman. Fundraiser, Karin Paschen and PR/Marketing and Online Fundraiser Marike Kotze were recruited in March, to join the fundraising team at the beginning of the new financial year.

Ashley Deelman continued to run the weekly clinics assisted by the trainee EWP's who used this opportunity to get to know the carties and their horses. Sadly farrier Austin Samukange resigned in February, to go back to his family in Zimbabwe. Senior Inspector Diana Truter, multi-tasked between her position as Inspector and EWP trainer. Zelda Erasmus continued with veterinary and the Home Visits Project. Torey Westgarth-Taylor, successfully completed her EWP training in November 2016 and obtained her magisterial rights, giving her the authority to act as an Inspector. Vicki Strydom managed the Recovery & Rehabilitation (R&R) Centre along with four grooms Rhyno Meyer, Mzimkhulu Bomvana and Sihlalo Dingiswayo. Dewald Pretorius, who left us after a few months to explore a farriery career was replaced by Donnex Nyama. Carl Naude remained in his role as reception and administration and Megan White moved into her new role as Major Funding and Development Officer after stepping down as General Manager.

The production of new harnesses and repairs was carried out by Ashley Deelman, who also trained the apprentice farriers and assisted Elroy Wyngaardt in the cart building and repair workshop. We are still distributing free shavings from our Epping clinic in a continued effort to improve the stabling conditions of the horses. Due to the success of the bulk oat hay order in November 2015 a further order for 8400 bales was placed to see us through this next financial year. The drought has made feed availability unpredictable. The bulk order will ensure that we will always have feed for our horses both at Epping and the R&R. The owners and drivers education workshops were run every month at Epping until December 2016.

For the new round of workshops, we are looking into changing the style and location, in an attempt to increase attendance and thereby extending the education and relationship building within the industry.

Waleed Abdurahman, our Patrol and Call out Officer completed the City of Cape Town Auxiliary Peace Officer training in April 2016. He has created good networking opportunities with a number of Neighbourhood Watches and Community Policing Forums. He is on the road to ensure that cart horse owners and drivers comply with the Working Equine by-law and Animal Protections Act.

Diana, Zelda and Torey provided 24/7 veterinary support to the working cart horses under the supervision of Blue Cross and Cape Veterinary Practice. Cart horses received free de-worming and tetanus vaccinations and we assisted the State Vet with drawing blood samples for disease screening on a regular basis. We are working hard at convincing the owners with stallions to geld. I had the dubious pleasure of watching a procedure at the R&R, what an experience! We intend continuing this focus into the coming year to try and reduce breeding within the carting industry.

We embarked on a new way of inspecting and reporting on stable yard visits in an effort to streamline the process thus ensuring that every yard is seen in a 6-8 week cycle. 'Problem yards' will be visited more regularly in order to monitor improvement and provide ongoing education and support. The 23 areas in which the working cart horses live were split, geographically, and shared between Zelda, Torey and Diana and the trainee EWP's. We introduced a new monitoring and evaluation tool in order to measure the welfare of each yard and area. This tool will also assist with management and reporting.

I attended all the Cape Animal Welfare Forum (CAWF) meetings held throughout the year. One of the aims of CAWF is to have an animal welfare body (speaking with one voice) to draft an Animal Welfare Policy for the Western Cape.

Vicki, our R&R Centre Manager, took a few months off to have a baby in 2016. Diana helped with management and back-up while she was on maternity leave. The Centre has been filled to over capacity for most of this year, Vicki and the grooms are doing an amazing job caring for all these rescued horses. The adoption programme has been successful, however, as soon as a horse is adopted out, the space seems to get filled almost immediately. This is largely due to the Zero Tolerance policy we have updated and are implementing to ensure that the owners and drivers of working horses are being compliant and that the horses are not suffering.

The whole team took a day out of the Epping Clinic in September 2016 to assist Joey Solomons, of Green Park (Delft) rebuild his stables. This was a great team effort, hard work on a very hot day but we enjoyed it immensely and Joey's 5 horses are now provided with adequate shelter.

We did some staff team building in October - the Epping staff hosted by the River Club in Observatory and the Gordon's Bay staff at a venue in Somerset West. They were very successful sessions, bringing some good insights into the individuals' values to give us a basis for agreed team values by which to operate on a daily basis. We look forward to more training in the coming year, this time focussing on Compassion Fatigue and Leadership.

We continued with outreach in the Tankwa, visited by Diana, Megan and Ashley in November in partnership with Afrika Burn and we are exploring a possible training opportunity on animal welfare legislation with EARS in the Greyton.

At our Strategic Planning Meeting held in December we set new objectives for the coming year which were presented to the Management Committee and staff in January 2017 for ratification.

Our Trainee EWP's are halfway through the training programme with Diana at the helm, assisted by Course Developer Wendy Walton. This project, supported and funded by World Horse Welfare (WHW), has potential to be taken to other equine welfares in the country. WHW, who also support the Coastal Horse Care Unit in KZN, requested that we visit them to discuss their training needs and present our course material. Diana, Megan and I went to meet them in March; it was a very enlightening visit. We spent 3 days in KZN, visited their 'head office' located at their adoption centre in Cato Ridge, met with some of their board of directors at Greyville Racecourse and had a day out in the field with their Rural Outreach Team. The day spent with the team running several clinics across 4 different areas in deep rural KZN was the highlight of the trip; wound care, tack replacements, farriery and deworming (covering internal and external parasites) are the main needs attended to at these clinics. We saw over 120 horses in a day, covering an area of roughly 250km's. We also managed a home visit to an owner of 15 horses. One of the units' biggest challenges is the distances travelled to reach the horses used in these rural areas mostly for herding cattle and bush racing.

Thank you to the Management Committee for their guidance and support in my first year at Cart Horse. Thank you to my team for embracing me in this new and exciting role. They have been supportive and patient while I have learned the ropes and generous in imparting their vast knowledge and experience. I am in awe of the dedication with which each and every one I work with carries out their duties. I would like to make special mention of the unwavering support and guidance from Megan White as she has been mentoring and teaching me throughout the year. Her patience is admirable, thank you for answering my endless questions. And last, but certainly not least, to our donors and volunteers who make our work possible, if it wasn't for you the lives of the horses we care for would be considerably worse off. Thank you for your generosity and for enabling us to continue on this journey.

Appendix 2 - Fundraising Report – Submitted by Megan White

Despite very low capacity in the Fundraising Department this year, we made every effort to implement the activities and meet our targets set out in the budget. Fundraising activities raised a total of **R4 762 551.00** in this year.

Fundraising highlights for 1 April 2016 – 31 March 2017:

- We received lasting legacies left by Estate Late Ethel Angel, Estate Late Margaret B Dixon, Estate Late J Emerson, Estate Late EN Cockcroft, Estate Late JMJ Kay, Estate Late Ian Bramwell Greer, Estate Late Adeline Allchin and Estate Late MC Ridgard.
- The debit order donation base decreased by a few donors again this year. We are not growing this fundraising project instead we encourage donors to put stop orders in place from their side, this way they can manage their giving and also save on bank charges
- Donors were kept up to date with news from the field and developments in the organisation through our monthly printed newsletter CHPA News and electronic E-Bulletin.
- People's small change continues to make a difference to lives of the working cart horses with collection tins placed at various outlets. Distribution, collection, counting of monies and banking is a mammoth task which would not be possible without our tin convenors. For many years Jean & Tom Kirkaldy managed the Tableview / Milnerton area but hung up their tin openers this year. We thank them for their years of dedicated service to this initiative.
- Annual reports and financials were sent to our major funders for the 2016 financial year. This year we received grants from PS Policansky Will Trust, The Edward Daniels Trust, World Horse Welfare, The Leers Charitable Trust, Allan & Gill Gray Trust, Percy Bilton Charitable Trust, Gillian Gillian Hofmeyr Family Trust, Cecil Jowell Family Charity Trust, Clifford Harris Trust, Mary Oppenheimer & Daughters Foundation, Cyril & Rochelle Ginsburg Trust, Bob Langham-Carter Memorial Trust and MySchool MyVillage MyPlanet.
- The National Lotteries Commission notified us that our 2015 application for funding was successful.
- Veterinary cases seen by Blue Cross Services and Cape Veterinary Practice were funded by the Western Cape Department of Agriculture via CASIDRA. The Department continued their support of our free de-worming campaign with a donation of 180 tubes of Pegaforte.
- Social media is core to our marketing, it enables us to share stories and extend our reach. Followers and interest on all our platforms has increased. At the end of March we had 6361 Facebook fans, 1041 Twitter and 179 Instagram followers.
- The website received a complete makeover in July when we took part in the 2016 WordPress Charity Hackathon. We had a team of developers, content managers, social media managers to name but a few at our disposal for one day. The result was a clean, informative updated website. Hetzner and Rocketseed renewed their sponsorship of hosting our website and email banner marketing.
- Donors were also able to donate by clicking on links to our GivenGain Cause Page and we introduced SnapScan as an easy way of donating via mobile phone.
- We participated in the Animal Blessing at St Georges Cathedral on 02 October. Cart horse Violet walked calmly into the Cathedral, all the way to the altar and after receiving the blessing with all the other animals, she munched on her oat hat throughout the service.
- Cart Horse was one of 16 beneficiaries of the Horses 4 Causes fundraiser on 11 February at Kenilworth Race Course. Each participating charity had to host an activity at their promotion stand on the day. We chose horses and art, which proved very popular with the children, who could choose between painting and horse shoe decorating.
- Presentations were given to schools and service clubs on request, students and schools were hosted at Epping and community service learners at the R&R.
- There are 930 My School card holders from across South Africa who swipe to support the working cart horses.
- We received BEE donations from SSB Transport CC, CPI Engineering Services SA, Viva Formwork and Scaffolding, Worth It Engineering Supplies and Blue Crane Contractors CC, Blocksolid Trading & Investments, Skollie Apparel and Schuurman Lasercut (Pty) Ltd.
- Donations in kind, second hand tack donations, promotion item sales, calendar sales, collection challenge and third party events continue to raise funds.
- Brenda Wessels once again hosted the Firlands Christmas Show in aid of Cart Horse. The event grows each year and is held in conjunction with our R&R Open Day.
- St James Global and Morningstar nominated us the beneficiary for their event – an evening with the renowned political analyst and author of South Africa's bestselling book "How long will South Africa survive? The looming crisis" RW Johnson.
- We participated in and were nominated as beneficiaries of a number of events – Yours Truly Café donated R1.00 of every cup of coffee sold in the month of July, Travel Bags Cape Town birthday lunch, two events hosted by Club Travel and their Day at the Races and the Hout Bay Riding Centre Birthday Show to name a few.

A heartfelt thanks to members, donors, volunteers, staff, committee, media, business, schools, sponsors, members of the public and anyone who contributed to the success of this fundraising year.

Appendix 3 – Field Report – Inspector Diana Truter

Without the services provided by the field staff, our vision of healthy, fit cart horses happy in their work would not be a reality. The of supplying feed, professional farriery, free shavings, cart & harness repair, veterinary care, de-worming, vaccinations, stable yard inspections, enforcement of the Animal Protection Act and City By-laws, cart horse owner and driver education and training workshops, patrols, road blocks and regulation are important cogs in the wheel ensuring that all registered horses are monitored and protected and their owners supported.

This year 377 clinics were held, we distributed 4618 bales of oat hay and 1145 bags of 10% horse meal. Our farriers put on 1142 full sets of shoes and 2024 inspections of cart horses attending the clinic were carried out.

The farriers have been very active beyond offering their skills beyond the weekly clinics. The team, Austin Samukange and Bonani Mangali provided farrier services to foals and horses unable to access the clinic services under the leadership of Ashley Deelman. Austin with his calm 'gentle giant' manner became an expert at trimming foals and nervous youngsters, which is vital for their conformation.

The clinics continued every morning at Epping and afternoons at Kallie, Moosa, Symphony Way, Sweet Home Farm and Plantation Road. Cart Horse owner Elroy Wyngaardt joined the Epping team three days a week to assist with harness and cart repairs. The 'combo' – two bales and one bag of 10% for R180.00 was made available to the cart horse owners for three months to assist and motivate the owners to feed more 10% horse meal. This was extremely well received and the results of the 'combo' sales could clearly be seen with the improvement in condition. The supply of free shavings contributed to keeping backyard stables warm and dry and improved hoof condition.

It was a tough year for the Inspectorate, who while having to enforce the provisions of the Animal Protection Act, were faced with gang violence and threats. Together the Inspectors and the Patrol and Call-out Officer permanently confiscated fourteen horses. Charges of animal abuse were laid against two owners and three drivers when three horses, in carts were caught in Sir Lowry's Pass - they had driven all the way from Delft. The wheels of the justice system grind very slowly especially when animals are concerned, the prosecution is pending. It is concerning that despite our workshops and E53 Permit training we still find it necessary to confiscate so many horses.

In January the stable yards were split between Torey Westgarth-Taylor, Zelda Erasmus and Diana Truter (who was assisted by the three EWP trainees, Hudith Os, Melony Lindt and Andrea Auerbach). They were allocated areas and had to conduct stable yard inspections of all the stables in their designated areas, providing education and support to owners. We received generous donations of roof sheeting, pallets and building materials. And in September the entire Cart Horse Team assisted a cart horse owner in Delft to rebuild his stable yard. It was an extremely rewarding day – leaving five horses in warm dry stables.

Veterinary cases keep us very busy every year. Colic, lameness, lacerations and other diseases are part of a day's work. We are very fortunate to have the support of excellent veterinarians from Cape Veterinary Practice and Blue Cross Veterinary Hospital. We thank them for their kind assistance, support and advice. Although it is not our mandate we provided emergency veterinary relief to non-working cart horses that were referred to us.

We continued with the workshop program but gang violence affected the number of cart horse owners and drivers attending. We made use of visual aids – photographs and YouTube videos - to get our message across. Although it seems that the cart hoowners and drivers enjoy the workshops, one cannot help but wonder how much they remember once they are out on the road.

Torey Westgarth-Taylor successfully completed her Equine Welfare Practitioner training, passed her Inspectorate, received her magisterial authorities and her registration as an Animal Welfare Assistant with the South African Veterinary Council.

The three new EWP trainees – Andrea Auerbach, Hudith Os and Melony Lindt Os had three months to find their feet before their formal training started. Classroom training takes place on Wednesday mornings and the practical work during the week. Course Developer, Wendy Walton assists with preparation and acts as observer during training to give feedback on training methods and approach. The trainees have found their feet and have been accepted and welcomed by the community.

In November the Megan White, Ashley Deelman and Diana Truter went back to the Tankwa Karoo together with our sponsors Afrikaburn Outreach. We travelled a total of 1080kms and focused mainly on the area north of the Tankwa Padstal, the majority of their time was spent in the Northern Cape visiting farms on both sides of the R355. At each stop where they encountered equines, they engaged with the owners by completing a brief questionnaire, discussing the health and welfare of their equines and carrying out a welfare assessment of the group. Advice was given on how to repair harnessing and when and how to use the Vet Care Packs. The biggest welfare issue remains the harnessing. Almost all the harnesses that were seen were beyond repair. A follow up tri is planned for May 2017 where brand new full harnessing will be distributed.

In March Penny Lankester, Megan White and Diana Truter conducted an exchange visit to the Coastal Horse Care Unit based in Cato Ridge, KZN. The purpose of the visit was to introduce the Equine Welfare Practitioner Training Programme and discuss ways in which this can be rolled out to other areas in South Africa.

A kind thank you to our generous donors who keep CHPA afloat, the Management Committee, general manager, colleagues, Cape Veterinary Practice, Blue Cross Veterinary Hospital, Cape of Good Hope SPCA Inspectorate Manager Moyo

Ndukwana and his team, Epping City Improvement District Ryan Ord and his team, District Watch, Lesley Martch and last but not least, our supportive families.

Appendix 4 - Recovery & Rehabilitation Centre – Vicki Strydom

This past year has been exciting, challenging and very busy. Horses that have been returned from adoptions and the implementation of the Zero Tolerance Policy by the field staff in Epping has meant that the R&R was filled to capacity.

This year sixteen horses – **Roosie, Joey, Sparton, Blondie, Victalgo, Queenie, Tienie, Midnight, Ice, Milo, Tessa, Eddie, Stella, Pluto, Springs** and **African Dawn** found their forever homes through our Adoption Programme.

Groom, Dewald Pretorius left to start his career as an apprentice farrier. He was replaced by Donnex Nyama as the fourth groom, a welcome relief to the team. The smooth running and excellent care of the special horses at the R&R can be attributed to the amazing team of grooms, who work tirelessly, making sure that every aspect of their welfare is paramount at all times.

Ashley Deelman and his team of apprentice farriers attend to the farriery needs of our horses every six weeks. Post home checks were carried out in Hermanus, Worcester, Wellington, Sir Lowry's, Napier, Malmesbury, Klapmuts, Joostenberg Vlakte, Klipheuwel, Kuils River, Bellville and Penhill.

Rehabilitation and training of our horses to get them adoption ready was carried out by Sharon Geater in the first half of the year. Newton Phillips from the Western Cape Equine Trust visited the R&R and provided advice on setting up a structured training programme. However with the ever increasing number of horses being admitted, it became increasingly difficult to implement.

In March four of our horses - Diamond, Queen Claudia, Kassifa and Andrea thoroughly enjoyed being participants in a 10-day Monty Roberts Course with Kirsty Jenkins Stellenbosch. We also hosted a Tellington-Touch Equine Awareness Methods weekend workshop with Catherine Williams.

Maintaining and repairing the infrastructure to ensure the safety of the horses and staff is ongoing. A large part of the N2 boundary wall was blown over in a storm – repairs and a security guard was covered by insurance. Razor wire was installed on top of this wall and burglar bars to the grooms cottages to improve security. The two big mare and foal paddocks were divided to create more space, in the hope that we could rest some long enough for the grass to grow a little. Alas, with the drought and influx of horses that was not to be.

The Mary Oppenheimer and Daughters Foundation remained a major funder of the R&R and the Sponsor a Stable Campaign is growing steadily. Hosting community service learners and volunteers lightened the workload for the grooms – many hands making light work in their time spent with us. Our annual Open Day was held in conjunction with the Firlands Equestrian Club Christmas Show which is held in aid of Cart Horse. The Firlands Christmas Show is a wonderful opportunity to create awareness of the R&R, our work as well as raise funds – the sale of second hand tack this year raised over R4000.00. It is also a wonderful opportunity to connect with our neighbours.

Thank you to the 'fabulous four' - grooms Rhyno Meyer, Mzimkhulu Bomvana, Sihlalo Dingiswayo and Donnex Nyama, my colleagues in Epping and General Manager Penny Lankester for their support and guidance.

One only has to look into the eyes of horses that we have been successfully adopted out to know that they are thankful for a second chance - a life out of the shafts. Your continued support will ensure that we can keep our gates open to their safe haven.