



Portuguese dance, back from left: Richmond Hlatshwayo, Thabang Mthimkhulu and Mtimba Ndlovu. Front from left: Camilla Kalashe, Dokky Mashiane and Nokwanda Madlabane.

# living languages

**Rustenburg** – The North West Provincial Language Committee (NWPLC) hosted a celebration of minority languages spoken in South Africa at Manor Hills Lodge on Friday, 6 October.

South Africa is unique in having 11 official languages. The rainbow nation is also made up of a number of minor-

ity languages commonly used in South Africa including: Urdu, Tamil, Telugu, Hindi, Gujarati, Portuguese, Greek and German.

Guests were entertained by the Anavartha Dance Institute with charming dances from Portuguese to Tamil traditional dance and clothing.

Says Pregy Pillay, president of the North West Tamil Federation: "We need to celebrate our heritage to preserve our traditions and cultures to prevent the erosion of our languages in Southern Africa."

Says Minah Shanti-kumar, convenor of

heritage languages for the North West Language Committee: "Our duty is to promote and ensure respect for all languages commonly spoken in communities in South Africa."

## SPCA needs your support



The SPCA team, from left: Cathy-Leigh van Niekerk, Alecia du Toit, Yvonne Hensley with Chuckie the mascot and Monique Swart.

**Rustenburg** – The team of the Rustenburg SPCA were at the Waterfall Mall to raise funds for the animals in their care on 30 September.

Please support the SPCA with a small cash donation, a can or bag of food or even a blanket. Every dona-

tion, big or small, goes a long way to feed or comfort a stray or lost animal.

**The SPCA can be contacted at 071-595 6868 (office hours) or 072-933 7723 (emergency number).**



Tamil and Greek: Kevalin Pillay and Nicholas Panayotowu.