

BIKERS AGAINST CHILD ABUSE

Rustenburg – Saturday 1 February was a day of fun, laughter and joy for the young kids who receive care and shelter at Child Welfare Rustenburg. Approximately 20 bikers affiliated to the Live Ride Dream (LRD) club visited the facility, which helps to rehabilitate and care for young victims of physical and sexual abuse. The visit was part of LRD's ongoing efforts to bring hope and optimism to the disadvantaged young members of the community by encouraging them to recognise their dreams. The children were all visibly excited as the bikers revved up their machines, took them for short

rides and joined in on fun games and activities. During the fun and games, everyone enjoyed hamburgers and cooldrinks. In an interview with *Platinum Weekly*, LRD president Henk Uys said: "We do these charity events to make sure that the children are happy. To us, it is very fulfilling to be able to be involved with issues that uplift society. As bikers, we care about helping those in our community." Biker Barbara Pretorius explained the significance of the visit. "The circumstances of some of these children are heart-breaking and this is why we are

happy to brighten up their day," Pretorius said. She also thanked Toledo Spur Steak Ranch and Stephen Venter for partnering with LRD to bring smiles to the faces of the children. The children's home, located close to the Waterfall Mall, currently takes care of 32 young victims of abuse. Child Welfare Rustenburg caregiver Hester Calitz received donations of vegetables, sugar, pasta, flour, milk and other basic supplies. **If you would like to assist, contact Marilize Lloyd on 082 609 6613. You can also contact the home on 014 537 2015.**



LRD president Henk Uys (left) and Barbara Pretorius enjoyed giving the children rides on their motorbike.



LRD bikers enjoyed interacting with caregivers at the children's home.

WE ARE UP FOR ADOPTION!

For more information contact the Rustenburg Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA) office on 014 592 3181 or admin@spcartb.org.za



Female kitten, around six weeks old.



Male Maltese Poodle, around two years old.

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WHY I CHOOSE TO ADOPT [Letter to the editor]

Rustenburg – After reading the article in the *Platinum Weekly* issue of 24 January about the Rustenburg Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA), I would like to share my story of the SPCA. In 2012 we decided it was time to get a dog, we knew exactly what we wanted. A pure-bred English Cocker Spaniel. After searching the internet, we found so many, but all were way above what we were willing to pay. Someone suggested that we try the SPCA. We didn't give it much thought because we wanted a pure-bred. After a few weeks and a big data bill, we went to the Rustenburg SPCA and found Alfie. It was love at first sight and we took our eight-year-old, pure-bred English Cocker Spaniel home. He was the most amazing dog and had such a calm temper, which is not common for spaniels. We were just lucky, or so we thought. Last year Alfie passed away, but we found comfort in the fact that we gave him a better life. Once again, we turned to the internet to find a dog. This time we were looking for a puppy, not Jack Russel related (they are just so busy) and small enough to fit through our burglar bars. We couldn't find anything on the internet and again turned to the SPCA. As we walked through the kennels, we almost gave up hope. That was until we saw him – a Jack Russel crossed with a bigger dog (we suspect it might be a Beagle), that will not fit through

the burglar bars, eight months old. Everything we didn't want, but for some reason we knew he was perfect for us. Neelsie has been part of our family for about eight months now and it has been the best eight months. He just fits into our home and our lives. It is like fate brought us together. Through this I learned the valuable lesson that rescued dogs are the best. I am sure that anyone who has ever adopted a pet will tell you the same thing. I would like to encourage anyone looking for a pet to go and visit the SPCA. They might not always have what you want, but there is a big chance that they will have what you need. I have heard almost all the excuses not to adopt. "I would love to save a dog, but I want a puppy,". News for you - the SPCA has puppies. "We only want pure-bred dogs," guess what, they have pure-breds. "We don't want our dog to be spayed or neutered." That is not an excuse, spay and neuter your pets! "But it's so expensive to adopt." The average fee to adopt a dog is R900 that includes spaying or neutering and vaccination. That sounds like a lot but if you take into consideration that you paid about R1000 (if you were lucky) for your pure-bred puppy, the average price for vaccination is R350 and spaying or neutering is about R1,000...you do the math. "I can't go to the SPCA, I would adopt all of the animals." Cool, then go and adopt all of them. If you can't adopt, give a donation. If you don't have money, give a bit of your time. There are so many pets that have so much love to give. All they need is someone to give it to. Go to the SPCA and find your soul pet today! **Proud rescued dog owner.**

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2018/19 DRAFT ANNUAL REPORT

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is given in terms of Section 127(2) and (5) of the Local Government: Municipal Finance Management Act (Act No. 56 of 2003), read together with Section 21 (a) of the Local Government: Municipal Systems Act (Act No. 32 of 2000) as amended, that Madibeng Local Municipality during a Special Council meeting held on 31 January 2020 tabled and adopted the 2018/19 Draft Annual Report, as per **Resolution: No: A.0473**.

The Municipal Public Accounts Committee will in due course communicate with members of the public, the process of probing the Draft Annual Report in preparation of the Oversight Report.

Copies of the 2018/19 Draft Annual Report are available on the municipal website, www.madibeng.gov.za, or the Library at 53 Van Velden Street, Brits, or Municipal building, PMS Office, 5th Floor. All enquiries to be directed to Mr Sammy Mphoane on 012 318 9447 during Office Hours (07:30 – 13:00 to 13:30 – 16:00) Monday to Friday.

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2019/20 MID-YEAR BUDGET AND PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT REPORT

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that Madibeng Local Municipal Council, during its Special meeting held on 31 January 2020 adopted the 2019/20 Mid-Year Budget and Performance Assessment Report as per **Resolution: No: A.0472**, in fulfilment of the requirements of Section 72 and 54(1)(f) respectively of the Local Government: Municipal Finance Management Act (Act No. 56 of 2003).

The publication of the 2019/20 Mid-Year Budget and Performance Assessment Report is done in compliance to Regulation 34(1) of the MFM: Municipal Budget and Reporting Regulations, read together with Section 21 (a) of the Local Government: Municipal Systems Act (Act No. 32 of 2000) as amended

Copies of the approved report are available on the Madibeng Local Municipality's website, www.madibeng.gov.za, or the Library at 53 Van Velden Street, Brits, or Municipal building, PMS Office, 5th Floor. All enquiries to be directed to Ms Banny Ramaswe on 012 318 9206 (PMS Component) or Mr James Motaung on 012 318 9228 (Budget component) during Office Hours (07:30 – 13:00 to 13:30 – 16:00) Monday to Friday.

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Neelsie, our rescued dog.