

Gauteng, Mpumalanga, Limpopo, Northwest Province

Charity/ Organisation

Paws and Purrs



The team make a site visit

From left to right: Erica (P&P), Kerry van Niekerk, Sediapelo Matlhakoane, Lorraine Swanepoel, Christian Moko, Lexi (P&P), Noku Khumalo



Giving treats to some of the in-mates

From left to right: Erica (P&P), Noku Khumalo, Lorraine Swanepoel

In-mates: Thor, Twilight, Lakia, Margo and Mickey

Paws and Purrs – A journey of healing and hope

Our recent visit to the Paws and Purrs NPO was both touching and eye-opening. Nestled in a farm in Hekpoort, Paws and Purrs is dedicated to rescuing and rehabilitating animals, particularly dogs that have endured unimaginable hardships. The organisation's mission is to reintegrate these animals into society and, with time, find them loving forever homes.

The farm, though secluded and peaceful, is still a work in progress. The dedicated team at Paws and Purrs is tirelessly working to ensure that the animals are well taken care of in their temporary sanctuary. Despite the challenges, the love and care that the staff pour into their work is evident in every corner of the facility.

During our visit, we had the opportunity to meet and interact with some of the dogs that had been rescued from dog fighting rings. These dogs had been exploited for profit, forced into brutal fights that left both physical and emotional scars. The road to recovery is long for these animals, and some still bear the deep psychological wounds of their past.

One such dog stood out—a gentle soul who, despite all efforts, remains haunted by the trauma of its past life. This dog becomes visibly distressed at the sight of a male wearing caps, hoodies, or shades—reminders of its previous owners who mistreated it. Because of this, the team at Paws and Purrs decided to hold off on putting the dog up for adoption until it is emotionally ready.

Despite the sombre moments, our visit was filled with joy and warmth. The dogs were eager to play, wagging their tails as we showered them with treats and affection. The cats, too, enjoyed some much-needed cuddles, purring contentedly as they enjoyed the attention.

Our team came bearing gifts—blankets, toys, and pet food—all generously donated by the staff at the JHB office. The joy on the faces of the Paws and Purrs team was instantly recognisable, as these items will go a long way in helping them care for the animals.

Overall, the experience was not only fulfilling but also a reminder of the resilience of these animals and the importance of the work that organisations like Paws and Purrs do every day. As we left the farm, we carried with us a renewed commitment to supporting their efforts, knowing that every little bit helps in giving these animals a second chance at life.