

# LSPCA Newsletter: *Paws for Thought*

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## URGENT APPEAL: Seeking Adoption/Foster

**The LSPCA urgently needs accommodation for the unprecedented amount of dogs at its centre.**

Currently, 17 dogs are being cared for at the LSPCA, ranging in age from one-month old puppies to mature dogs aged around 2-years old.

We are urgently seeking permanent or short-term foster accommodation for the dogs, all of which have been dewormed, deloused, vaccinated and spayed and have all been deemed suitable for re-homing.

We are fast running out of kennel space for the dogs and LSPCA resources are being stretched to their limits. If you can help, please contact us ASAP to come and view our available

## LSPCA unveils a new Veterinary Clinic In Lilongwe

**The LSPCA now has a veterinary clinic, Acacia Road, Area 9!**

The new clinic will offer veterinary care from Monday to Saturday and will also feature a holding facility for cats and dogs in the coming months.

The new clinic will include a consultation room and a surgery, with a full-time resident vet and volunteers. The property will also serve as new LSPCA HQ with spacious parking space for our customers.

Prices for vaccinations and other veterinary care will be competitive. All money raised will go towards the various LSPCA's community projects.

### Clinic Hours

**Monday to Friday:** Open 8am-1pm and 2-6pm by appointment

**Saturday:** Open 8am-1pm

**Out of hours:** For emergencies

## HAPPY NEW HOMES

THE LSPCA HAD A FANTASTIC FEW MONTHS FROM APRIL THROUGH TO JUNE, REHOMING SEVERAL ANIMALS.

WE WISH TO THANK THE COMMUNITY FOR THE SUPPORT YOU HAVE AVAILABLE THROUGH GIVING THESE ANIMALS A BRAND NEW LEASE ON LIFE. FOR ADOPTION, EMAIL OUR OFFICER ON [ADOPT@LILONGWESPCA.ORG](mailto:ADOPT@LILONGWESPCA.ORG)



## LSPCA Dog Show - June 11th, The Shack



**The Annual LSPCA Dog Show was a great success, with more than 60 people turning up to support the cause.**

Competition was fierce as 16 dogs competed for first place in the categories of obedience, grooming, best trick, fancy dress and the crowd's

favourite event; the obstacle course.

Congratulations to Border Collie Django, owned by Luca Guitink, who won the Ultimate Top Dog title.

Kids were kept entertained with free face-painting and a jumping castle.

And our BBQ and Cake Sale contributed to the total amount raised, which was a fantastic \$1,400!

A huge thank you to all who took part in the event, from the organisation, to the judg-

ing panel, cooks, competitors, cake bakers and spectators.

A special thanks to this year's sponsors, Pedigree & Whiskas, and the team at Cold Chain. Without their generous support, the LSPCA Dog Show could not



## Dog Tyre Beds for Sale

MK 3200 Small  
 MK 4000 Medium  
 MK 5300 Large  
 All profits to LSPCA





Grace, 6 months



Sam, 6 months



Mouse, 1.5 months



### Farewell to Tracey Dettmer

In June, we sadly bid farewell to one of the LSPCA's founding trustees and an integral part of the organisation, Tracey Dettmer, who moved to South Africa.

Tracey has been the LSPCA's Adoption Officer and general dog's body (excuse the pun) since the LSPCA began in 2008 and her tireless work has ensured that scores of dogs and cats have found loving new homes with families across Malawi.

Tracey will be hugely missed at the LSPCA and we wish her the best of luck for all future projects.



### NEW MEMBERS NEEDED FOR the LSPCA Projects Committee

The LSPCA need new people and new ideas to help organise events and fundraising in the last half of 2011 and throughout 2012.

Love animals? Got great ideas? Have some spare time and lots of enthusiasm? Please join us at the LSPCA!

Call Bev Trataris 0999957261 to find out how you can get involved.

### LSPCA to the Rescue!

On May 25th, the LSPCA rescued a starved and mangy dog from Area 22. It was reported that he'd had boiling water poured on his back and he had certainly suffered some severe abuse.

Now renamed Buddy, he's been recuperating at LSPCA HQ in a comfy bed with plenty of healthy food and baths. He loves cuddles and has put on weight. He has also grown hair back to cover up his scars.

He has a lovely temperament and we are hoping rehome him with a caring and patient owner soon. If you think you and Buddy could make a good team, please contact us ASAP.



**BUDDY BEFORE:** (L) Skinny, timid and mangy

**BUDDY NOW:** (R) Looking handsome and behaving like a gentleman!



#### Join the LSPCA!

Our fantastic membership programme offers great benefits to supporters. To find out more, contact [adopt@lilongwespc.org](mailto:adopt@lilongwespc.org)

### SKIN COMPLAINTS

**Dr. Richard Ssuna is the Project Manager for the LSPCA**

#### Skin Deep:

Animal skin problems are a common complaint and can vary widely in their causes and treatments. Often difficult to diagnose, the following is some information about the causes, symptoms and treatments of some skin irritations.

#### Parasites:

These are by far the most common culprits. They can be visible to a naked eye or microscopic and include ticks, fleas, biting flies, warble flies (maggots), lice, mites and worms.

Ticks, fleas and lice, can transmit specific diseases such as Nairobi Disease (in dogs), Heart worm (in dogs), Tick fever/Babesiosis (in dogs) and Haemabatonella (in cats).

#### Treatment:

The good news is that most are easily controlled with "one of all" regular treatments like community Amitraz dips around Lilongwe and preparations like Promeris, Frontline (spray/drop on), and Spot-On.

#### Other Causes:

Animals can also be affected by bacterial infections, trauma (fly bites or injuries), psychogenic/compulsive disorders, biochemical disorders (diabetes, Cushings syndrome etc.), or allergies (pollen, bites etc). Most of these can be tested with blood samples or other lab tests.

#### Diagnosis:

Report symptoms like hair loss, itching, licking, scooting, colour changes, wounds, loss of elasticity, sloughing, or rolling to your vet ASAP for effective diagnosis and treatment.



Scout, 5 months

Belle, 4 months



Jez, 4 months



Introducing Muzzy (left), the LSPCA's new Education Mascot and officially 'The Cutest Dog in Malawi', as awarded at this year's LSPCA Dog Show.

**Vet's Corner**