



A VOICE FOR THE VOICELESS: LADYBRAND ANIMAL RESCUE MAKES A DIFFERENCE

Correspondent

In February 2025, a dream was brought to life by three compassionate women from Ladybrand who saw the desperate need for animal rescue in their community. With nothing but heart, determination, and a shared vision, Ladybrand Animal Rescue was born—a registered non-profit company dedicated to giving neglected and suffering animals a second chance at life.

Founders and directors Eldré Ludick, Nadia Beharie, and Marlene Haven-ga have poured their hearts and souls into this initiative.

From the very beginning, they made a conscious decision not to rely on kennels or shelter buildings—resources they simply did not have. Instead, they are putting every effort into creating a community-driven network to respond to animal emergencies and care for rescued dogs in foster homes and safe spaces with the help of local volunteers.

The organization primarily focuses on dogs in distress, whether due to abuse, neglect, or situations where owners are forced to leave them behind. Outreach is a big part of their mission. Eldré and her team regularly visit informal set-

tlements around Ladybrand to support pet owners, identify animals in need, and offer medical assistance where possible.

Amid the challenges of the recent Foot-and-Mouth Disease outbreak, Ladybrand Animal Rescue has been fortunate to work closely with local veterinarians—Dr. TJ and Dr. Martie from the Ladybrand Animal Clinic—who have shown

incredible support by offering special rates to help with urgent treatments and sterilizations.

The backbone of this organization is undoubtedly the local community. Without their generosity, the dream could never have been realized. Community members continue to donate cash, dog food, toys, blankets, and other essen-

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Mr Riyaz Bacus opened his heart and home to help a dog in need



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FIRST TIME EVER FOR A+ STUDENTS LADYBRAND

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Ladybrand A+ Students

are extremely proud and very excited to announce that Miah van Rooyen from

Clocolan Primary School achieved a Champion Trophy at the National Competition in Gauteng on the 11th of October.

She also qualified and earned a place in the team to represent South Africa at the 23rd PAMA Global Competition in Malaysia on the 21st of December 2025.

Miah van Rooyen joined the program as a Grade R

Student in 2018 and her dedication, love for the abacus and hard work paid off.

She even practised and worked during holidays to achieve the required levels for qualification.

Her dream came true in her Grade 7 year not only to be chosen for the Free State team but, also to be part of the PAMA South African Team.



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BAKED POTATO SKINS WITH MUSHROOM, CHEESE & BACON

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Ingredients:

5 large potatoes
250 g bacon diced
1 bunch spring onions, finely chopped
1 Knorr creamy Mushroom Sauce
200 ml boiling water
125 ml cheddar cheese, grated



Method:

- 1 - Preheat oven to 180°C.
- 2 - Place potatoes onto an oven tray and bake in the oven for about 45 minutes or until tender.
- 3 - Fry bacon in a pan until crispy, remove from heat and stir through the chopped spring onions.
- 4 - Mix the sachet of Knorr Creamy Mushroom Sauce with the boiling water and stir until well mixed then pour the sauce over the bacon and mix well.
- 5 - Remove potatoes from the oven, allow to cool slightly, cut in half.
- 6 - Using a spoon scoop out some of the flesh leaving about a 5 mm layer of potato.
- 7 - Mix the flesh with the bacon and spoon back into the skins.
- 8 - Top with cheese and grill in the oven, 5 minutes to melt the cheese.
- 9 - Serve with sour cream.

Weekend Weather

Friday
October 17



Sunshine

28° Lo 12°

Saturday
October 18



Cloudy & thunderstorms

19° Lo 7°

Sunday
October 19



Partly sunny and warmer

23° Lo 7°

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tials that help keep the rescue efforts going strong. A special word of thanks goes to kind-hearted supporters like Heidi Mansfield, Karen Mollenkamp, FNB, Blue Bottle, Ladybrand Spar, and many anonymous donors whose contributions have made a real difference.

Thanks to these donations, Ladybrand Animal Rescue has been able to spay and neuter many dogs and cats, helping control the stray animal population and improve the overall well-being of pets in the area.

Those wishing to support this worthy cause can drop off donations at Rocky Animal Foods—every little bit helps, and every donation brings hope to an animal in need.

The vision and commit-

ment of these remarkable women have already led to countless success stories—tales of recovery, hope, and happy new homes. Amid the heartbreak of animal suffering, there is also triumph: the joy of seeing a once-neglected dog thrive in a loving home.

The Ladybrand community is encouraged to continue supporting this vital work. Together, we can be the voice for those who cannot speak for themselves.

Well done, ladies. We salute you!



Dink 'n Bietjie

Vrouens bederf hulself soos konings met 'n kroon – net die kroon is nou 'n stel gel- of akrielsnaels wat blink soos disco-ligte. Elke sessie neem drie ure, 'n termynplan en waarskynlik die helfte van 'n spaarklubsalaris. Permanente grimering? Dis die droom – wakker word met perfek getekende wenkbroue en lippe wat altyd soos “berry blush” lyk,

al is jy in jou pajamas.

Mans? Hulle kyk verstom. “Jy't R800 betaal... vir naels?” vra hy, terwyl hy sy R1200-rugbytrui aanhou. Hulle verstaan nie dat dié naels nie net naels is nie – dis selfvertroue, glamour en 'n stille protes teen daaglikse chaos.

En ja, die gewoonte kos amper 'n tweede verband op 'n huis, maar jy kan nie 'n prys sit op 'n vrou wat voel soos Beyoncé met elke handgebaar nie. Dis nie net bederf nie – dis oorlewing met styl!



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YOUNG MARTIAL ARTIST FROM LADYBRAND SHINES

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Jason Swart, a dedicated member of the Ladybrand Tae Kwon Do Club, recently delivered an outstanding performance at the SAK-MAA National Championships held in Randburg.

At just ten years old, Jason showcased his skill and determination by earning a silver medal in Combat and a bronze medal in Traditional Weapon, placing him among the top young martial artists in the country.

In addition to his national success, Jason also made a strong impression at the Free State Provincial Championship, where he walked away with two gold medals and two bronze medals—a remarkable achievement for someone his age.

Tae Kwon Do is a demanding sport that requires tremendous self-discipline, focus, and countless hours of hard work and training. Jason's achievements are a reflection of not only his natural talent but also his strong commitment to the sport.

His success is also supported by a strong team behind him—his parents, who play a vital role in encouraging and motivating him, and his coach, Mrs. Hester Fourie, who has helped guide his development and passion for martial arts.

Jason's journey is an inspiration to other young athletes, proving that with dedication and the right support, excellence is within reach—even at the age of ten.





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