

Animal Outreaches

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Touching Lives Constantly

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Sterilisations

Please consider donating to our Sterilisation Fund in order to relieve the suffering of our Township Tails. To sterilise a dog or a cat is R250.00, which will change its life for the better forever. Please use the reference SPAY when making a donation.

Income Tax Certificates

Please request an Income Tax Certificate in terms of Section 18A of the Income Tax Act, at the time of donating, should you require same.

B-BBEE Certificates

Level 4 B-BBEE Contributor
100% Recognition Level
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Website

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PAW PRINTS

November 2015 Edition

Around the World

A heart-warming story from Donald and Renee Cameron, a newly married young couple who relocated to Istanbul, Turkey, from Sydney, Australia. Donald works with a TV news program and Renee does volunteer work with refugees.

This is their story ↪

After moving to Turkey this year, we found ourselves looking after a colony of street cats. We were cat lovers back home, but we never imagined we'd end up being colony caretakers! Here in Istanbul, we live on a street corner and cats from three different streets pass through regularly. We know there are over 50 street cats nearby (half are male, half are female), but we mostly interact with about 30 regulars.

As our surname is Cameron, one of our friends affectionately nicknamed the cat colony 'The Catmerons' and the name has since stuck. We have given almost all the Catmerons names – it's the only way we can talk about them without getting confused about which one we're referring to. We've had fun naming them, and have a few naming 'themes', like outer space (Galaxy, Pluto, Stella, Venus, Jupiter), literary references/authors (Ernest Hemingway, Jules Verne, Jane Austen) and snack foods (Snickers, Milo, Pancakes, Maltesars).

The Catmerons don't usually turn up all at the same time, though in the late afternoon we do get anywhere between 5-20 cats waiting for us at the bottom of the stairs! Usually they come and go at different times, so we often stay down on the street corner for a while to make sure everyone who wants some gets some. Cat food is unfortunately a bit expensive here, but we have found a helpful pet supplies store



that gives us a relatively good price. Others in the street also feed a few of the cats, so we're not carrying the cost alone, thankfully. It usually costs us around 100 Turkish Liras per month to feed the Catmerons one meal a day.



← THE CATMERON
CAT COLONY →

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THE CATMERONS

To keep track of how they're all doing, we keep a spread-sheet document with details like the cats' appearance, age, any medical issues, when they were last seen, and whether or not they have been sterilised. Sterilisation is still fairly taboo in Turkey. Unfortunately, a lot of people believe that it is 'against nature' to sterilise a cat. Neutering a male cat is particularly controversial. Vet clinics also wait longer to sterilise cats – back home in Australia, vets would neuter/spay cats at 2 months old, but here they wait 6 months for females and 1 year for males. As a result of these factors, overpopulation is a huge problem. Animal rescuers estimate that there are over 1 million street cats in Istanbul alone. Most trap/neuter/return efforts are done by individuals like us who are just trying to do their part.



Donald and Renee with cat carriers and treats to trap prospective “clients”

Sterilisations to date:
16 Females spayed
2 Males neutered

Conversion Rate
1 Turkish Lira = R5.02
Spay = R1 255.00
Neuter = R1 004.00
Food = R502.00 per month

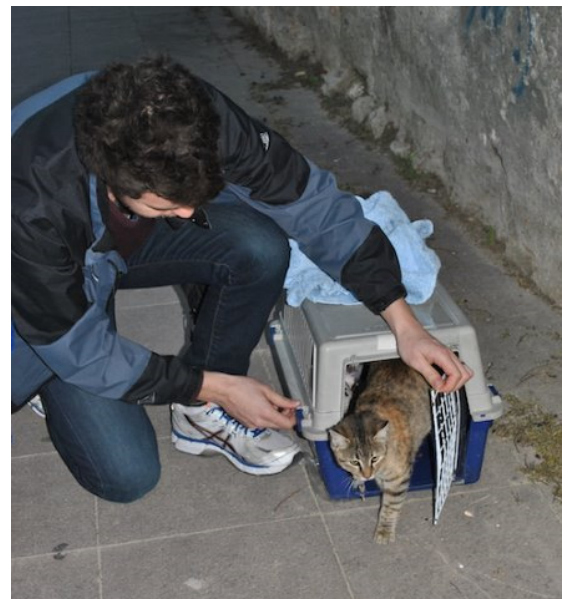
Outside the Vet Clinic with two “clients” in the cat carriers



When we moved here, only two of the street cats were sterilised. We are on a mission to trap, sterilise and return as many Catmerons as we can! Unfortunately some pet owners on our street won't neuter their male cats, so we've made spaying female cats our priority. So far we've sterilised 16 female cats and 2 male cats. We hope to sterilise the whole colony eventually. While some of the government clinics will sterilise for free, they are often inundated so waiting lists are long (you may have to wait 1-2 months before getting an appointment). When you're trying to manage a colony, time is of the essence! Infection control is also a problem at the government clinics, so we choose to have our cats sterilised primarily at a private clinic nearby. Even with a discount for street cats, it is not a cheap exercise – 250 Turkish Liras for females and 200 Turkish Liras for males. But it's worth it! Our very kind vet also looks after the cats during recovery, giving them antibiotics and vitamins.



The “Very Kind Vet” checking out Jules Verne before surgery



Releasing Pluto

THE CATMERONS

We have to catch the cats ourselves, and most of them are not friendly enough to touch. At first, we were both apprehensive about how we were going to catch any of them, but since then we seem to have found a way of trapping that works for us. We put something tasty (tuna, wet food, 'Dreamies' treats) in the back of a cat carrier, cover the carrier with a towel (so that a cat inside can't see us move to shut the door), and place the carrier on a step (so that a cat has no choice but to walk right in if they want the treat). Then it's just a matter of waiting patiently...once they forget we're there and go inside, we shut the door! Usually, Donald is the one on 'door-closing' duty and Renee's job is to distract all the others. The cats often try to compete to get into the carriers, especially the ones who've already been to the vet and realised it's not that bad! Lately we've even had to set up 'decoy carriers' with food in them just so the greedy sterilised cats stop getting in our way!

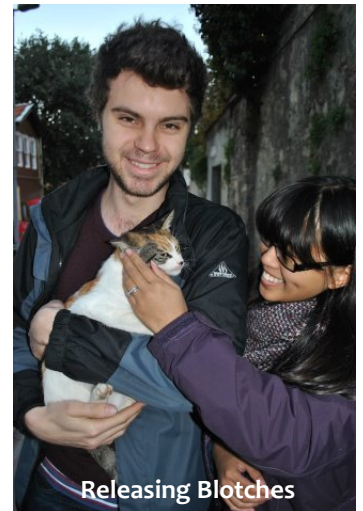
Our other focus right now is preparing some shelters ready for when the winter hits. We contacted a fellow cat-lover who had designed a fabulous cathouse for another colony, and her carpenter is currently working on a model for our street. It'll be weatherproof and waterproof, and hopefully a nice place for them to sleep in colder months.



Moo-Moo, Aslan & Mr B



Galaxy, Jules Verne & Blotches



Releasing Blotches

In September, our neighbour told us that a kitten had turned up on their doorstep and had been meowing for two days. We decided to take the 8-week-old kitten inside that night and work out what to do later on. Of course, the rest is history, and she has become an indoor Catmeron. Her name is Pamuk and she is a female ginger and white coloured cat. We named her after a famous Turkish author, Orhan Pamuk. The word 'Pamuk' also means cotton in Turkish, and little Pamuk is lovely and soft. A little while after we took her in, we worked out which street cat was her mother. There was only one other kitten in the litter – a black and white male who is not socialised and won't let us get very close (though we are working on befriending him, and he has become part of our regular colony!).

Pamuk is turning out to be quite the energetic terror, and thoroughly enjoys destroying random possessions of ours. Her favourite past-times include tearing tissues from the tissue box, climbing whatever surfaces she can, kicking kitten litter all over the ground, and wrestling with her favourite stuffed toy Tigger. We love her dearly, and are so blessed to have her as an indoor family member.

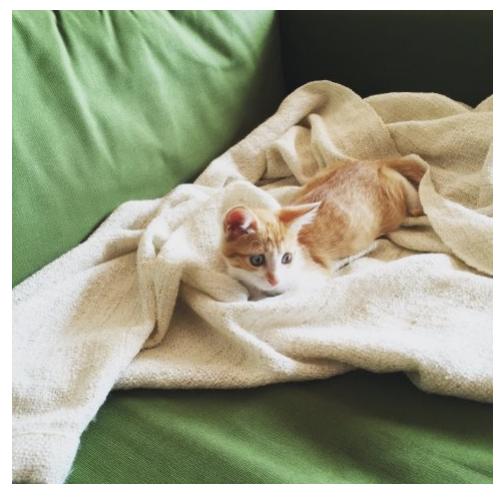
To follow our cat colony adventures, you can visit our Instagram account, [ortakoy.kitties](https://www.instagram.com/ortakoy.kitties) (www.instagram.com/ortakoy.kitties)



PAMUK

From being a street kitten, Pamuk has landed with her bum in the proverbial butter with both her Daddy and Mommy being passionate cat lovers.

She even has her very own kitty house and knows that she is the boss!



TOWNSHIP TAILS

In November 2015 we undertook Outreaches in Valencia, Bergsig, Motherwell and Langbos

The reason we need to bring as much as food possible with us on Outreaches



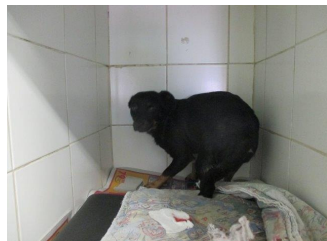
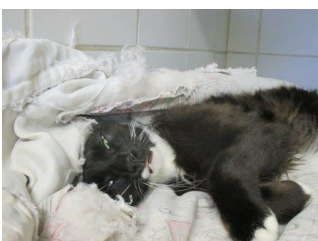
We treated:

508 Dogs, 170 Puppies, 15 Cats and 2 Kittens for fleas, ticks, worms, mange and minor ailments, making a grand total of 695 animals.



NO MORE LITTERS

15 Animals Sterilised in November



CHRISTMAS



PARTY



Our sincere and grateful thanks to everyone who contributed towards the Christmas Party for the children. They were given a scrumptious lunch followed by a huge slice of cake. They were all excited to see Father Christmas and enjoyed posing with him for photographs. And of course the highlight of their day was opening their presents with squeals of delight—their faces spoke volumes! Without the generosity and kind hearts of those who donated this would not have been possible. The children certainly had a day to remember which they will be dreaming about until next Christmas. Our sincere thanks to all the volunteers who worked like Santa's little elves behind the scenes to make it a great day for the children. Thank you so much!

DOG WALK AT FAIRVIEW



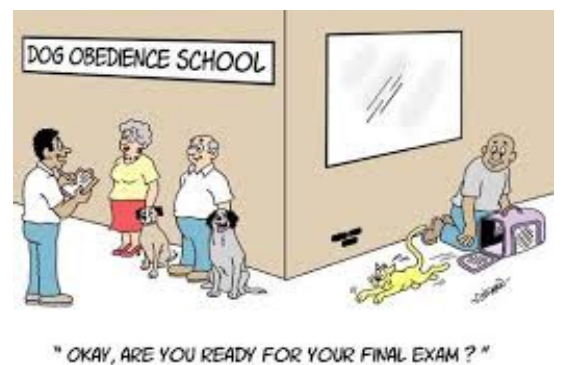
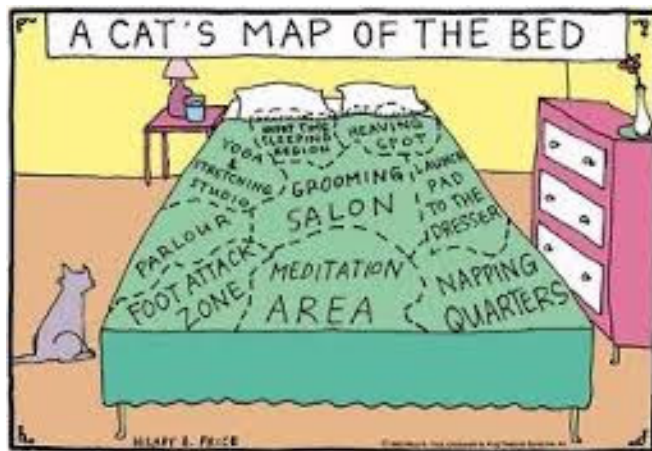
We would like to thank Traci Vink from the bottom of our hearts for going the extra mile in organising a Dog Walk at Fairview for the benefit of our ***Township Tails.***

Traci raised an amount of R1 160.00 as well as a huge donation of cat and dog food on the day to the value of R2 390.00. Well done!

We salute you for your kind heart and generous spirit. Thank you so much!



ON THE LIGHTER SIDE



SEASON'S GREETINGS



Our *Township Tails* wish to thank everyone who donated food, collars, leads, bowls, blankets and kennels during the year. For those who donated towards the Sterilisation Fund we cannot thank you enough for converting "sad" tails into "happy" tails.

We wish you and your pets a happy Holiday Season. May the New Year be one of contentment and serenity.

UNTIL NEXT TIME, THE

