

## Hi Everyone

Today we want to share with you the story of one of the most extraordinary kittens we have ever come across. We received a call from a concerned member of the public who spotted a kitten on Malibongwe Rd, with something stuck around its neck. **We immediately rushed to the scene and found a young ginger kitten with a piece of a plastic cup stuck all around her neck.**

Fortunately we managed to trap her with our cat trap and took her to our vet, Dr Shelagh Hahn (Bluebush Animal Clinic). Fortunately the cup did not hurt her, **but she must have been extremely uncomfortable especially when trying to sleep!**



But, Dr Hahn soon discovered that the cup was not in fact this kittens main problem, **this poor kitten was suffering from two very serious hernias!** Once again we were faced with the difficult decision, do we try and save her or do we put her down? According to Dr Hahn it is quite possible that she had been born like that, which means she has been surviving like this for quite some time, so it really seemed like a crime not to at least give her a chance, she obviously **WANTED TO LIVE! IT WAS INDEED A MIRACLE THAT SHE WAS ALIVE AT ALL!**

Dr Hahn operated successfully on the umbilical hernia where the intestines pushed through a hole in the muscle, but it was too difficult to operate on the hernia on the groin at the same time, so she will need another operation shortly.



**Our miracle kitten is recovering in Dr Hahns care.** As soon as she has recovered, she will be looking for a very special home. If you can offer her a home, please contact us.

**We are in desperate need of funds for her medical bills and those of the many other animals in our care, please help us by supporting our fundraising initiatives or making a kind donation and please forward this email to all your friends and family?**

Thank you and kind regards,  
Merinda Brits

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## WAYS TO SUPPORT:

**Support us at the SAINTs book sale this Saturday 7 May**  
Northriding Square, Bellairs Dr, Northriding  
Sat 7<sup>th</sup> May 9am till 2pm

(Please note it is NOT the Bellairs Mall on the corner of Malibongwe, but 3 robots down in Bellairs Drive)  
A very wide selection of new, nearly new, all sorts of books that you can imagine! Not your average charity book sale!

You can also ORDER a Long-sleeve t-shirt:

**Now that winter is here (way too early!)**

We can offer *I Support Shelter Animals* shirts in long sleeves too.

Kiddies (unisex) at R110.00 and adults (unisex) at R150.00

If you would like to support, be trendy and warm, please send a mail to [amyg@mweb.co.za](mailto:amyg@mweb.co.za) for an order form (stating it is in aid of Four Paws).



**And there is still time to buy tickets to win the FOSSIL WATCH:**



Win this stunning, valuable Fossil Watch which we are raffling at R20.00 per ticket, just make an EFT into our account with *your name and watch* as reference and send us an email attaching the EFT proof with your cell number. For every R20.00 paid in, you will receive one chance in our lucky draw. The winner will be drawn on 31 May and contacted via cell phone and announced in our next newsletter thereafter. Tickets can also be purchased at the SAINTS book sale on 7 May, of which we are a beneficiary. You will also be able to view the watch there.

**Lastly, we are always appealing for dog and cat food, blankets, everything that animals need, as well as human jumble that we can sell: clothing, linen, shoes, handbags etc. Please be so kind to bring these at the SAINTS book sale or contact us regarding a drop-off.**

**Thank you all for all your ongoing support, help us to help those without a voice!**