



Distemper outbreak at SPCA

Rustenburg – The Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA) Rustenburg was placed under quarantine on Friday 21 February after three dogs were diagnosed with distemper. Canine distemper is a highly contagious virus that affects a dogs' respiratory, gastrointestinal, respiratory and central nervous systems, as well as the conjunctival membranes of the eye. After stating their plea for help, the community jumped to Rustenburg SPCA's aid, including: Geelhout SPAR, Sanitech, Wetchem, RIA Cleaning, Civils Construction, Intermine Agencies and Grenville High School. Additional incidents were later recorded and according to vice chairperson of the

Rustenburg SPCA Martin Coetzee, the quarantine will be lifted on 21 March if no further cases arise. All dog adoptions have been suspended until the quarantine has been lifted and no visitors will be allowed to enter the kennels. Stray dogs will be attended to where possible. Cat adoptions and the inspectorate will however continue as usual. In an interview with *Platinum Weekly* Martin said: "I would like to thank the community for their assistance. Thank you to all the companies that contributed and all the volunteers that donated their time. We are trying our best to contain the virus and all the assistance we received was of great help."



The community also donated brooms and mops to assist in the clean-up process.

Tragic loss of Alisha Bezuidenhout

Rustenburg – Alisha Bezuidenhout was a Grade 10 student at Bergsig Academy who sadly passed away on 22 February. Her memorial service took place on 26 February at the Agapé Gemeente. She was a beautiful young girl with a good heart, a strong love and reverence for God – and always had a smile on her face. We extend our heartfelt condolences to Alisha's family and friends.



The late Alisha Bezuidenhout. Photo: Bergsig Academy Facebook page.



Working hard to clean the kennels.



Cleaning products received from the community.

Mother arrested for assaulting educator

Rustenburg/ Sun City – A 40-year old mother was arrested for allegedly assaulting her son's educator on Friday, 22 February at about 07:00 at Leema Primary School in Tlathaganyane near Sun City. It is alleged that teacher was in the company of two of her colleagues and about to enter school premises, when the mother confronted her at the gate. According to information received, the mother accused the teacher of mistreating her child, and said 'it was time to teach her a lesson'. The educator was still responding when the mother attacked her with an umbrella. The teacher was repeatedly assaulted. She sustained bruises and open wounds, to her hands and head. According to police spokesperson captain Sam Tselanyane, the mother fled the scene after the incident. Police who were called to the school were still obtaining the educator's statement when members of the community brought the mother back and handed her over to the police. She was arrested and investigations continue.



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RLM warns about job scams

Rustenburg – It has come to the attention of the Rustenburg Local Municipality (RLM) that there are criminal fraudsters masquerading as employees of council, asking R5 000 from people for work opportunities within the municipality. RLM would like appeal to the community of Rustenburg to be vigilant and spread the message to other community members, so that they may not fall victim to these criminals. If you have any information regarding the job scam or any suspicious activities relating to these criminals, please contact RLM on 014 590 3838 or 014 590 3221, alternatively inform your nearest Police Station.



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