Construction begins on our new office buildings

Thanks to the very generous (anonymous) donor, we are proud to announce that after many years of planning and fundraising, we are now able to have a new clinic and offices. Construction began last year with the building of our new hospital wing, which makes up the front part of our existing surgery, store room and conference rooms. This lot of buildings make up what we call ‘Beverley’s Ark’, named in honour of our generous sponsor API Buildings Limited. Construction of our new clinic started on the 15th of January this year. We anticipate that the buildings will be completed by April, 2018. We are crossing our fingers (and paws) that the weather clears up soon enough to allow construction to continue.

Below are pictures taken during the first week of construction work:

Day 1: Day 3:

Day 5: Current Day:

Get your tickets to the Longest Lunch
Contact Brigitte or Hellen for more information.

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The RSPCA of PNG acknowledges the support of all our sponsors, supporters, members and volunteers. Thank you for helping us continue our work to prevent cruelty against all creatures, great and small.

Peanut gets his second chance

Thanks to some very loving people, another furry friend has gotten his second chance at life. The furry friend in question was given the name ‘Peanut’. When he was a few weeks old, he was rescued from the streets. His rescuer found him hairless, starving and needless to say, unhappy.

After weeks of regular baths, feeding, nurturing and lots of sharing cuddles and love, Peanut’s hair loss became a thing of the past. His picture was posted on our face book page with a plea for anyone to give this little fellow a good, loving home.

Amongst our fb friends, a young lady by the name of Zillah came forward & adopted little Peanut. Here is a photograph of Peanut on the happy day when he joined Zilllah to go to his new home.

BINO FINDS HIS FOREVER FAMILY

It is usually difficult to find new, suitable homes for adult dogs and cats. Last year, however, we met a 3 year old dog who, despite having skin problem, had a heart of gold. Bino had the sweetest temperament, always happy to greet people, willing to share cuddles. In no-time, his skin condition improved and a month after he was surrendered to our clinic, he was adopted by the Laufa family.

Pictured to the left is Bino with his sister. (Ps. The smile on her face says it all :) ). Thank you to the Laufa family for giving Bino his second chance.

Think for the month

**WHY I LOVE CATS**

- They like to have head scratches
- They make you feel special
- They are excellent hunters
- They aren’t too needy
- Their tails wag even when they are mad
- They aren’t afraid of stars
- Their hugs aren’t full of germs
- They don’t own me

Adopt. If you can’t adopt, foster. If you can’t foster, sponsor. If you can’t sponsor, volunteer. If you can’t volunteer, donate. If you can’t donate, educate. To make a contribution, contact Hellen or Brigitte on rspca@rspca.org.pg
Meet our new vet
Julius Bautista, DVM

Arriving in the country in October, 2017, Dr. Julius and his counterpart, Dr. Phillip, spent their first weekend in PNG attending our annual Paws Walk.
Dr. Bautista studied at the Cagayan State University in the Philippines, specialising in small animal medicine. Before graduating he carried out his training in clinics around the Philippines including Cruz Veterinary Clinic in Pasay City (Manila), San Lazaro Leisure Park and at the Manila Zoo & Botanical Garden.
“My first job was at a clinic called Pets Recovery and Therapy Center (PRTC) Vet Clinic in Manila. I worked there for 8 months.”
Before coming to PNG, Dr. Julius worked at the Peace Avenue Vet Clinic in Marikina City. He had been practicing there for 6 years and 5 months before applying to work in PNG.
“I decided to work overseas to gain experience and so far, I have found the working environment both interesting and challenging.”
Dr. Julius went on his first provincial vet visit earlier this year when he visited Simberi.

RSPCA Education Program aims to reach out to students in secondary schools

We are pleased to introduce our new education coordinator, Eunice Kanamabae. Eunice has been with our education team for the past four years.

Ms Kanamabae graduated from Port Moresby International School in 2012 and has worked part time with the University of Papua New Guinea as an administration assistant. Her love for animals prompted her to join our education team in 2013. As coordinator, she aims to bring our important message to schools within the National Capital District, including students in secondary schools. Our education program currently reaches out to children in elementary and primary schools only.

“I hope to get sponsors for the education team so that we will be able to visit nearby villages such as Tubuserea, Gaire and Brown River, because our local villages are the ones we should be teaching about wildlife conservation. I really think that Coco’s story would be suitable to teach to the children in those villages.” said Ms. Kanamabae.

We are currently recruiting new team members for our education program. Orientation begins this week. It will be followed by school visits in the coming weeks.

If you know of a school our team can visit, please contact Eunice on 325 2363 or via email: education@rspca.org.pg

Chanchita and Mocha return to Australia

Chanchita and Mocha travelled in from Lihir Island in Kavieng in November, spent Christmas & welcomed the New Year with us at the clinic. They headed out in mid-January to join their parents in Australia. Pictures on right are of them settled in their new home.

Olive and Indiana settle in Australia

The beautiful black and white fur coated kittens pictured on the left were surrendered to our clinic in September of 2017. Their foster mum couldn’t resist their charm and ended up taking them home to Australia with her earlier this year. We received these photographs last month, a few days after they arrived home.

Another ‘mangi’ PNG moves to Australia to be with his forever family

Reggie’s story began in July of 2014, when we first met him and his two siblings. They were only a few days old, eyes barely open. A good Samaritan discovered them and noticed they had been abandoned by their mother. Not sure how to care for kittens, he entrusted them into our care.

We called on volunteers to provide foster care and two wonderful women put their hands up for the task of hourly bottle feeding and nurturing.
A few months later, it was obvious to everyone at the clinic that Reggie had won the heart of his foster carer.

Soon enough, adoption application forms were signed and Reggie joined his family. The rest is, as they say, history. Last month, Reggie flew to Australia to be with his family. Below are pictures of Reggie when he was a kitten and two recent ones of him taken in Australia by his mum.
The RSPCA of PNG is the country’s only community based, non-profit organisation, dedicated to preventing cruelty to animals by actively promoting their care and protection.

**Vision:** All people in PNG Respect Animals

**Mission:** The RSPCA of PNG aims to achieve its Vision through:

- **Animal Welfare:** Providing services that ensure humane standard
- **Advocacy:** Being a voice in the protection of all animals
- **Community:** Transferring knowledge through education, awareness and outreach
- **Sustainability:** Ensuring our organisation has the necessary resources and support
- **Our People:** Developing and supporting effective and efficient employees, volunteers and committee members

**Values:**
The RSPCA of PNG recognises that the following core values are the guiding principles that govern our organisation’s behaviour and actions:

- **Professional:** We are professional in all aspects of our operation, from our dealings with the community, to animal welfare and our dealings with each other
- **Ethical:** We uphold strong moral behaviour, understanding right from wrong and acting in a manner that upholds the policies, procedures and standards of our organisation
- **Leadership:** We are the leaders in our field committed to guiding the community, authorities and other organisations on our Vision and Mission through well-planned activities, advice and programs
- **Committed:** We are passionate and committed to our Vision and Mission and are dedicated, active and motivated team members
- **Caring:** We display kindness, understanding, and compassion in all our dealings with animals, our customers and the community
- **Adaptable:** We understand that the needs of our organisation and community change, and that we must adjust to new conditions, be innovative in our approach and think ‘outside the box’

If you would like to get involved in our volunteer program, make a donation, sponsor our clinic or become a member please contact our marketing coordinator at email: marketing@rspca.org.pg or phone: 325 2363/7198 2200 or send a message to 7196 0436. For general enquiries please send an email to rspca@rspca.org.pg

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**Furry friends in URGENT NEED of homes**

**North**

*Age: 1 year*

North was surrendered to our clinic with his 3 siblings. He is the only one still waiting for his purr-fect human to adopt him.

He is a playful cat and gets along well with cats his own age. He also loves to take naps.

**Zoey**

*Age: 11 months*

She came into our clinic in October of 2017 and since then has won the hearts of our volunteers with her bubbly personality and affectionate nature.

She has a good temperament and gets along well with other dogs.

**Patti**

*Age: 1 year*

We met Patti in July of 2017. Within the first few weeks, she was very cautious around all humans.

Patti is now a happy girl, who enjoys sharing cuddles and especially loves the feel of the grass on her fur as she rolls around on the lawn.