

Hundreds Woefie-Wandel for the SPCA

Just over 400 people and 282 dogs of all shapes and sizes took to the streets of De Tijger, Parow, for the first *Purina SPCA Woefie-Wandel* on Saturday 13 February, generating a total of R89 150 for the Cape of Good Hope (CoGH) SPCA.

Two and four-legged walkers started arriving at Hoërskool Tygerberg from 6:30am and were welcomed by Kfm radio presenter, Charmaine Noy, SPCA staff and Hoërskool Tygerberg volunteers, who handed out Purina sponsored goodie bags, which included pet food products and treats.

Popular Afrikaans children's character Lolloos helped Charmaine get the walk started just before 8:45am, amidst a veritable cacophony of excitable barks and woofs from dogs of all shapes and sizes, accompanied by their owners, some of whom had come dressed in their favourite valentine's themed outfits.

The 3,5km route took walkers on a circular route around Hoërskool Tygerberg was thoroughly enjoyed by all, especially the dogs who loved walking with other canine friends whilst their owners enjoyed the scenic views of Table Mountain clearly visible from the leafy suburb of De Tijger.

Regular water points were available every half a kilometer and Coca-Cola offered much needed refreshment to walkers at the half way point. Traffic officials, volunteer veterinarians and a human first aid vehicle helped ensure there were no human or canine injuries along the route.

"We are thrilled at the response to our first Woefie-Wandel and grateful to Purina for helping us make this fundraising event such a huge success. We've received many congratulatory messages from walkers who so enjoyed the event and look forward to making the 2011 Woefie-Wandel bigger and better", said CoGH SPCA event organiser Juan August.

Money raised from the event will be used by the Cape of Good Hope (CoGH) SPCA to establish a satellite centre in the North-West suburbs of Cape Town. Currently the CoGH SPCA has one facility in Grassy Park.