

Women Demand Dignity take animals under their wing too



Athena Sotomi (above), Campaign Coordinator for one of the leading coalitions for the prevention of violence against women and children in the Western Cape **Women Demand Dignity**, has urged women to include animal well-being as part of their campaign.

Women Demand Dignity (WDD) put violence against women and children into the spotlight with its punchy television advertising campaign **Real Men Don't Rape** featuring film star Charlize Theron and celebrity Romeo Khumalo. One of the highlights of the WDD campaign is the men's march, led by **Archbishop Njongkulu Ndungane**. This is done in conjunction with the women's rally on 25th November each year.

"We have come together as a coalition to create awareness of the pandemic of violence against women and children in this country," says Athena. "But women can proudly take on cruelty and violence against animals as part of their banner. Women are nurturers by nature. That is part of who we are," says Athena. She adds: "Dignity is not just for people. It extends way beyond that."

Please telephone WDD on **(021) 761 8082** if you wish to join.

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