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CAT CARER ... Hilba Junaidi, a Palestinian resident of the divided city of Hebron in the southern West Bank, has been caring for cats for more than 10 years and two years ago turned over her garden to around 50 stray felines, feeding

them and caring for them. Junaidi, a 25-year-old graphic designer, installed a series of 'cat homes' to keep the animals in while she coordinates to have some of the sick cats taken to Israeli territory for treatment.



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COMPASSION ... Nir, a cow fitted with a prosthetic hind leg, gets a hug from a volunteer at Moshav Olesht, an agricultural community in central Israel. The cow lives at 'Freedom Farm', a sanctuary for mostly disabled animals. Part of Nir's right

hind leg was amputated after she suffered a fracture – an injury that would have been a death sentence for most cattle. The 240 animals at the sanctuary include a three-legged donkey, a sheep with leg braces, and a blind goat.

Prehistoric humans loved their dogs to death

• MARLOWE HOOD

Neolithic communities clustered near present-day Barcelona some 6 000 years ago were really keen on dogs, in this life and the next.

Archaeological evidence from at least four sites showed prehistoric humans and their four-legged friends living in close quarters, working together, and sharing a common diet of mostly grains and veggies.

"These animals were fully integrated into the Neolithic communities," Silvia Albizuri, a researcher at the University of Barcelona, told AFP.

And the special status accorded to canines even extended to the grave. Albizuri and her team reported recently in the *Journal of Archaeological Science: Reports*.

In more than two dozen circular burial plots, the partial or complete remains of pooches were carefully laid out next to individual men, women and children.

But the dogs chosen to spend eternity with their masters paid a stiff price for the privilege: they were sacrificed at the time of burial, the study concluded.

The animals ranged in age between one and six years, with a quarter estimated at 12 and 18 months old.

"The selection of puppies and one-year-old animals suggests the intention to sacrifice," said Albizuri.

The Pit Grave people, in other words, loved their dogs to death.

The preference for young dogs may also have stemmed from a reluctance to lose older ones already trained up in their guarding or herding duties.

A lack of cut marks on the dog bones also suggests their flesh was not cut away and consumed before burial.

Canines and humans laid to rest side by side have been found at other Middle Neolithic sites in northern Italy and southern France, but the Bobilia Madurell tomb – just north of Barcelona – has more dogs than any other, the study said.

The remains of all but nine of the 26 dogs examined were excavated there.

Dogs were first used by humans for hunting and probably transport, scientists speculate.

As humans settled and began to practise agriculture some 10 000 years ago, canines became sentinels against upright invaders and wild animals, especially their evolutionary cousins, wolves.

They also learned to herd other domesticated creatures, such as sheep, goats or cattle.

"Dogs played an important role in the economy of Neolithic populations, taking care of herds and settlements," the researchers noted.



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JOINT BURIAL ... Skeletal remains of dogs and humans found at Bobilia Madurell, an archaeological site in Spain, indicate that canines were sacrificed to be buried with their human companions.

The mid-sized dogs described in the study – standing up to half a metre tall, and weighing about 15 kilograms – resemble "shepherd dogs of the current Pyrenees", the mountain chain separating France and Spain, Albizuri said.

Bones from livestock found at the Spanish burial sites were scattered in a haphazard manner, further proof that Neolithic canines carefully laid to rest were in a class of their own.

In the fifth millennium BC, southern Europe was dotted with a few large settlements, along with small villages or hamlets in plains or on hilltops.

Archaeologists have also unearthed the remains of simple farms, temporary shelters, and silos used to store grain. – *Nampa-AFP*



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PUBLIC NOTICE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT FOR SALT MINING AT MILE 68 SALTPAN WITHIN EPL4426

In terms of the Environmental Management Act (No. 7 of 2007) and the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations (Government Notice No. 30 of 2012), notice is hereby given to all potential interested and affected parties that an application will be made to the Environmental Commissioner for an environmental clearance for salt mining at the Mile 68 saltpan.

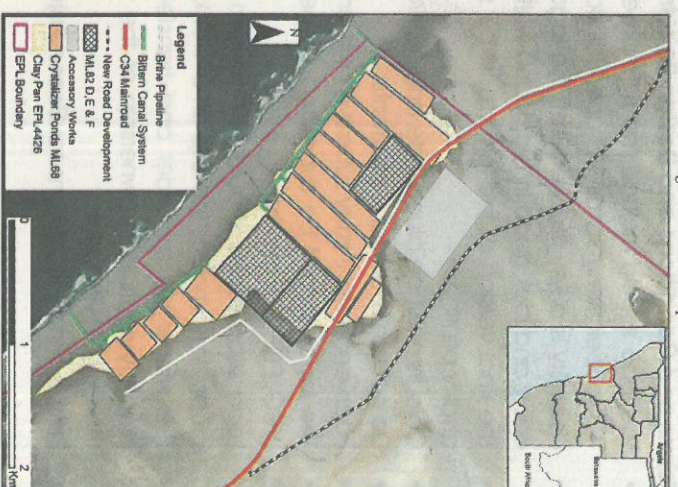


Figure: Project Infrastructure Layout and Location.

Project: Salt mining at Mile 68 saltpan
Proponent: Gecko Salt (Pty) Ltd
Environmental Assessment Practitioner: Mr. Philip Hooks
 Gecko Salt (Pty) Ltd plans to mine salt from the saltpan at Mile 68. The saltpan is located along the central Namib coastline within the Erongo Region, north of Henties Bay. Salt will be mined from shallow salt crystallisers. Brine will be conveyed from Cape Cross in a pipeline. A new road around the pan and processing plant is planned for public use. Historical mining footprint will be used for infrastructure.

Public meetings will be held at the Henties Bay Municipal Town Hall on 4th April 2019 at 3pm and 6pm.

You are hereby invited to share any comments, issues or concerns related to the Environmental Assessment and register as an interested and affected party. The initial consultation period starts on the 28th March 2019 and ends on the 11th April 2019. A background information document is available upon request.

Please address your responses to Mr. Philip Hooks: philip.nigel.hooks@gmail.com

City of Windhoek PUBLIC NOTICE

The Governance Administration
 Vision: To be a SMART and Caring City by 2022

PERMANENT CLOSURE OF PORTION A OF ERF 2298, OKURYANGAVA AS 'PUBLIC OPEN SPACE'. (THE PORTION IS ± 514m, IN EXTENT, AND WILL BE SOLD TO THE OWNER OF ERF 1924, OKURYANGAVA FOR CONSOLIDATION PURPOSES)

Notice is hereby given in terms of Article 50 (1) (a) (ii) of the Local Authorities Act of 1992 (Act 23 of 1992) that the City of Windhoek proposes to close permanently the under-mentioned portion as indicated on locality plan, which lies for inspection during office hours at the office of Urban Policy, Room 519, Municipal Offices, Independence Avenue.

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Objections to the proposed closing are to be served on the Secretary, Townships Board, Private Bag 13289, and the Chief Executive Officer, P.O. Box 59, Windhoek, within 14 days after the appearance of this notice in accordance with Article 50 (1) (c) of the above Act

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