

# Dances with wolves

Students of the Faculty of Engineering, Built Environment and Information Technology are getting more and more creative in the projects that they take on to complete the compulsory undergraduate Community-based Project (JCP) module.

This module encourages students to think for themselves and to apply their practical, theoretical and communication skills to make an impact in a community.

A student's mark is awarded specifically for the quality of learning exhibited and not for the quality or quantity of service provided.

Donovan Risk, Johannes Mentz, Stoffel Fourie and Arne Smit decided to use this opportunity to design and build shadow structures for the huskies and wolves that live at the HuskyRomi rescue and rehabilitation centre in Reitz in the Free State.

HuskyRomi is supported by the farmers in the area, but needs every bit of extra help it can get to stay afloat.

The students spent their weekend mixing cement, putting poles in the ground and attaching shadow nets to create some shelter for the animals. They managed to put all 28 poles in the ground during the first day. They also got involved in the day-to-day operations on the farm over the weekend and had to help move three adults and two pups to new enclosures.

On their blog report, the students write how grateful they are to have been involved in such a project. "We realise that without JCP we would not necessarily have got involved in community service. After an experience like this we are thankful and glad to have participated... We would suggest a weekend like this to all animal lovers and for future community projects," they wrote. 📌



→ The students with the huskies at the rehabilitation centre in Reitz, which benefited from the community project.