

WILD TURKEY PENTHOUSE



Pet of the Year



Scientists have made a surprising discovery about the Penthouse Pet of the Year contest: it's hereditary.

South Africa's first Pet of the Year was English-born Katrina Maltby. The night Katrina drove away her brand-new Audi Cabriolet, her runner-up was Jacqui De-La-Cruz, who became our second Pet of the Year. Jacqui's runner-up was then-unknown Durban girl, Belinda Hall. Last year - surprise! - Belinda became our third Pet of the Year. Her runner-up was the jaw-droppingly sexy Perlé van Schalkwyk...

And this year, the winner of the 1996/7 Wild Turkey Penthouse Pet of the Year is ... Perlé van Schalkwyk. The petite Stellenbosch drama graduate scooped the honours to enthusiastic applause at a banquet held in the ballroom of the prestigious Johannesburg Country Club. The two runners-up are sultry Gabriella Swartz and ravishing Oksana Alexerbna. And what a night it was! Celebrities abounded, the wine flowed, discerning palates were satisfied, and debonaire Master of Ceremonies Tony Blewitt proved that he's more than just a successful jock behind 5FM's radio mike.

Perlé has amassed a treasure trove of prizes.

- a Sea-Doo SP with trailer, cover and lifejacket from **Waterworld**
- a luxury cruise to Mauritius with **Starlight Cruises**
- beauty treatments from **Madame et Monsieur**
- a range of hair products from **Paul Mitchell Systems**
- gift of **Matis** Body Care products
- Sting sunglasses from **Ken Payne Optical**
- imported shoes from **Wermacht Country**
- gold membership with **Virgin Health Centre**
- accommodation at **Villa Via** in Sandton
- AEG Cellphone from **GSM Renta Phone**
- and of course, the Penthouse key and title that befits such sensuality.



The 1996/7 Wild Turkey Penthouse Pet of the Year ... Perlé van Schalkwyk.



Line-up of winners: former Pet of the Year Belinda Hall with this year's winner, Perlé van Schalkwyk, first runner-up Gabriella Swartz, and second runner-up Oksana Alexerbna.



MC Tony Blewitt with the 1996/7 Wild Turkey Penthouse Pet finalists: Perlé, Oksana, Sabrina, Lilé and Gabriella.

Shortly after the banquet, the finalists were whisked to Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe, courtesy of **Zimbabwe Express Airlines**, to complete a photographic and television shoot for Penthouse and Top Billing on **SABC**. While there, they stayed at the sumptuous **Victoria Falls Safari Lodge**, enjoying all the thrills and spills of bungee jumping and white water rafting, sponsored by **Safari Par Excellence**.

Watch out for Perlé's red-hot photo shoot in next month's issue. Lavish photospreads of Gabriella and Oksana will follow in the December and January issues.