

PET FAIR REVIEW

Message from Pet Fair Coordinator Lilly Morison

What a wonderful event – We can all be very proud to have orchestrated such a successful first time event. Having the entire country cut off from telecommunications on the day before and the day of the event certainly presented it's challenges but everyone fell into their positions and gave of themselves tirelessly that day.

A BIG thank you to the “early birds” who helped move tons of “stuff” onto the GG Field and then help set up and decorate and THEN help take it all down and move it back. The kids loved getting removable tattoos and the lineup was endless the whole day. The voluntary pet registration has 16 pets registered and is a good start on our data base of pets in Belmopan. The Carnival games, horse rides and contests were very popular and it seems there were a lot of happy dogs and kids overall. The

Bake Sale and Flea Market did very well and we even sold all the seats out of our “new to us” bus.

I'd like to give special mention and thanks to Anna Lopez Smith for making our wonderful banners. Also to Michelle Rodriguez for somehow convincing the Ministry of Agriculture to pay for the printing of 500!! wonderful Belmopan Humane Society Coloring/Activity books.

Thank you Linda Shumate, Tershia Lambrechts and Pat Saldivar for the hours of work put into creating our educational pamphlets on responsible pet care for dogs, cats, rabbits, guinea pigs, turtles, birds, and even white mice. They will be a big



Mobile Animal Clinic

teaching aid for years to come.

All the members who put up elaborate displays and made the Fair look so festive and their friends who pitched in where we needed them, donated “stuff” and just generally were there, WELL DONE!!!



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NEXT BOARD MEETING

MONDAY MAY 30th

7:00 PM

Morison Residence

Board of Directors

James Saldivar Chair

Dewey Morison Treasurer

Corie Johnson Secretary

Lilly Morison

Peggy Rasp

Hugo Lambrechts

Dick Rasp

Efrain Aldan

Jeffery Perriott

Treasurer's Report

Dewey Morison

Greetings Fellow Animal Lovers, Any of you who were able to participate or attend our first annual pet fair will welcome the news that it was a financial success!! Our prime objective in introducing ourselves to the Greater Belmopan populous while raising a little money worked out very well. Of course you couldn't not notice the Big White Bus with our banner displayed on the side of it. Well I'm happy to report It has now been paid in full for and most of the interior seats stripped out and sold which will now allow us to begin the interior renovations as a mobile animal clinic. Anyone wishing a detailed breakdown of monies raised from the numerous activities and events of the fair please contact me directly. I know from talking with you there are as many ideas of direction the society should take as there are members but of course all require funding. Great Job everyone and hope to see you all personally at the May Meeting at the Oasis.

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Dogs Are All Winners

The day ran hot, the volunteers and the dogs struggled to hang in there, but there were plenty of hilarious and interesting moments at our first dog show. One moment, in particular, was when Takara (Vicky Coverdale) and Lady (Kelly Dueck) decided that they did not want to make any effort to do their trick, only to eat the treat. Chica (Marga Miller) became the star when she preformed her twirling and singing dance to the sound of an accordion. One moment we remember vividly was when the Boston terrier, Tootsie (Katie Davison), could not hold her bowels any longer and picked center ring to use the bathroom.

I remember feeling a tap on my shoulder several times throughout

the day, only to turn around to Eli Miller, who with big bright eyes, would ask, "Miss Corie, am I still the only one in the Obedience category?" My reply was always a "yes." Knowing he still had first no matter what, he would do a few skips and a leap and then run off screaming with glee. His dog Spike was very exhausted from the heat and excitement, but completed the course and took first prize. Two outstanding dogs that we encountered at the show were Hitler (Ivor Zuniga) and Arwen (Simon Walling). Hitler, a gorgeous Rottweiler, portrayed the best characteristics for his breed and won Best in Show. There were several more breeds and dogs that entered and we made sure no one went home empty handed.

Corie Johnson

Before I finish I would like to list my favorites in the show. Pepe (Kai Rahm) and Tucker (Michael Coverdale) were absolutely adorable. Pepe is a Basenji mix who is always alert and ready for action. Tucker is a big Labrador who welcomed all hugs and kisses. I would like to send a special shout out to Sophia Diez (Whiskey) and Justin Wade (Lion) for being good sports and showing Belize what loving a dog is all about.

Thank you for supporting the Pet Fair 2005. It was our first, but certainly won't be our last.

Rank	Category	Dog Name	Breed	Owner
1 st	Best Dressed	Chica	Min. Jack Russell	Marga Miller
1 st	Best Trick	Chica	Min. Jack Russell	Marga Miller
1 st	Best in Obedience	Spike	Jack Russell	Eli Miller
1 st	Toy Group	Takara	Bichon/Shih-Tzu mix	Vicky Coverdale
2 nd	Toy Group	Chica	Min. Jack Russell	Marga Miller
1 st	Companion Group	Tootsie	Boston Terrier	Katie Davison
2 nd	Companion Group	Pepe	Basenji/Chihuahua	Kai Rahm
1 st	Working Group	Hitler	Rottweiler	Ivor Zuniga
2 nd	Working Group	Arwen	German Shepherd	Simon Walling
1 st	Best in Show	Hitler	Rottweiler	Ivor Zuniga



Best In Show Owner Ivor Zuniga

Vote of Thanks from the Chairman, James Saldivar

It is the greatest honor to thank all of the hardworking members of the Belmopan Humane Society for bringing about our first very successful Pet Fair. There are too many people to name for their efforts at making this Pet Fair the event of the season in Belmopan. Each of you who did your part know that you have my greatest appreciation for bringing the Fair into being.

We are truly fortunate to have so many members dedicated to the well-being of animals and the education of the general public into the proper care and attention to our pets and compan-

ions. I must specifically acknowledge the tremendous efforts of Lilly and Dewy Morison who did a brilliant job of coordinating the overall effort and for bringing the right people to the task.

Children, parents, grandparents and pets all had a wonderful time, coming together on behalf of animal welfare. Surely, we look forward to next year's event with anticipation. So to all who participated, on whatever level, a very big hearty thank you.

**A very special thank you
To Reimers Feed Mill
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Of dog food which we used
as prizes in our Dog Show!!**

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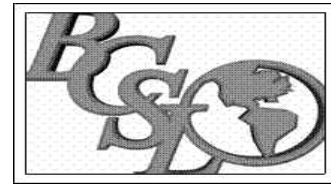
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www.belmopanhumanesociety.org
To view an extensive photo recap
of the Pet Fair. Courtesy of member
Yukiko Nishikawa

General Membership Meeting

SUNDAY MAY 15

Oasis Riverside Restaurant Belmopan



All members are urged to attend, please bring your whole family and of course your pets are welcome. Invite friends and acquaintances who have an interest in animal welfare and are interested in learning more about the BMP Humane Society. We would like this to be a social event starting from 11:00 am with the actual business meeting at 2:00 pm. sharp. The Restaurant will accommodate those wishing to purchase lunch/snacks or beverages. This is a time to meet new members and exchange ideas about the future and direction of the Society. We need your ideas and involvement.

Please reply at your earliest convenience, either by e-mail or telephone (822-0176), as to how many will be attending .

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Pet Fair Commentaries

Vet Comment—Hugo Lambrechts

At the Veterinary station at the fair, a total of 47 dogs were vaccinated against rabies. The vaccine was donated by the Department of Health, and administered by Dr. Alpuche and Dr. Lambrechts. Quite a number of people also came for advice about their pets health. Feedback was positive, and many thought that the fair should be an annual event.

Member Comment —Dick and Peggy Rasp

We are as proud as can be of the Belmopan Humane Society for it's first annual Pet Fair. Until one has organized an event of this sort, one cannot imagine the amount of thought and work that goes into making it happen. Special kudos go to Dewey and Lily Morison. The BHS Pet Fair was the success it was in large part because of the energy they put into it. At any rate, we thought it was great fun—of a sort that is sometimes difficult to find nowadays—and are looking forward to next year. Because of the money raised, the BHS can envision being of more service to the community from here on. As we would say in our home state of Hawaii, Mahalo nui loa everyone—thank you very much.

FROM ALL MEMBERS

Huge thanks to James Saldivar for all his hard work and to Pat who made sure he did it.

Member Comment —Susan Shaffer

I was sitting in for Elsie Alpuche at the Pet Fair, running the Children's Treasure Hunt. After all her weeks of planning, she was called out of town on the day of the fair and had to miss all the fun. She really planned a very clever and exciting event. The children were divided into groups that would work as a team. There were people that the children had to go to all around the fair. When they got there, they were asked to do a task, such as make animal sounds, waddle like a duck or sing a song about pets. All the kids had a lot of fun with this part of the game. When they finished their tasks, they were given a piece of a treasure map. After they got all their map pieces they could go dig up their treasure, which was a buried dog biscuit. When they handed it in, they got their prizes. Each group that went out, had a different treasure to find, so there were no squabbles over the bones. Elsie's treasure maps were really wonderful and all the children that participated really had a fun time. Everything went very smoothly except that a few people parked cars over our hunt area. They all moved them when we asked, however, so no harm was done. All in all, it was a terrific event, and I think we should definitely get Elsie to do it again next year!

Member Comment —Efrain Aldana

I, like most of you, have seen a dog show on the Animal Planet. Some of us have seen dog shows during the Agricultural Trade Show. But this was the funniest dog show I have seen in Belize. We were there for amusement and to laugh and this is what we got, a belly full of laugh. Best of all, it was fun for the whole family. At times, I thought it was better to video the laughter instead of the dogs. The dancing dog "Chica" was quite an amusement, and a seven year old boy could not stop laughing. Another dog was supposed to be the most obedient dog (the only one in this category), yet he did everything opposite of what the owner wanted. The display of toy dogs was excellent, although the names of the breeds were often difficult to pronounce. What surprised me most is that there are so many people who love dogs. You could see it in their faces when you ask a simple question as "what is its name or what breed is it? In other circumstances, strangers seldom talk to each other but these questions opened the door to long friendly conversations. The bottom line is it appears we are incomplete without our dogs. Dogs make us friendlier, more approachable and were the bridge to new relationships. Bravo to the Belmopan Humane Society! You have just cracked the shell. Keep it up!!

Pet Photo Contest

BELMOPAN HUMANE SOCIETY is having a "PET PHOTO CONTEST". The first eleven winning photos will be featured in our 2006 Pet Calendar. Now's the time to get out your cameras, capture your animal friends at their best and submit your photos today!

Photo Submission Rules

- ◆ All photos become the property of BELMOPAN HUMANE SOCIETY and may be used in other media.
- ◆ All photos must be either hard copies(4"× 6" or larger) or digital data on CD or floppy. (We cannot accept email entries.) Hand in to any board member or send to the following address with the entry form below.

BELMOPAN HUMANE SOCIETY

P.O.Box338, Belmopan City, Belize

- ◆ Only amateur entries will be accepted.
- ◆ Entry fee is \$15.00BZ (members \$10.00BZ) per entry. Multiple entries encouraged!
- ◆ The closing date for entries is June 30, 2005. Winners will be notified by July 30, 2005.
- ◆ The prize for The Best Photo is dinner for 2 at Galleria Art Gallery Café.

If you have a question about the contest, call us at 822-0176

---Entry Form

Name: _____ Card number (members only)_____

Address: _____ Telephone: _____

E-mail address: _____ Your pet's name: _____

I understand and agree to the Photo Submission Rules.

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