

BARKS



INSIDE THIS ISSUE

A freak accident.....2
Clinic reviews and thanks.....2

Zimba being Cool..... 3
David Ferrier wins Derby.....3
Fundraising.....3

Quark's Journey.....4
Bus on the Move.....4
Classifieds.....4

BELMOPAN HUMANE SOCIETY

PO BOX 338 BELMOPAN
Ph. 822-0176

belmopanhumane@yahoo.com
www.belmopanhumanesociety.org

BOARD MEMBERS

Chairperson Lilly Morison 822-0176
 Deputy Chair Dewey Morison 8220176
 Treasurer Graciela Diaz 822-0083
 Secretary Judith Ferrier
 Director Beverly Swasey 822-2270
 Director Peter Wolf 824-2509



2007—2008 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Seems like a happy lot.

MESSAGE FROM YOUR CHAIRPERSON— Lilly Morison

I am very proud to be working along side these dedicated people and we will, with your support and assistance, work towards creating a safer and healthier environment for both human and animal residents.

Welcome New Members

Dr. Orlando Baptist
 Helene Cam
 Yannick Cam
 Dr. Courtney Gibbs
 Toni Baker
 Tuty Kalisek
 Dr. Jorge Lopez
 Christian Mendez (Jr)
 Bep Nijssen
 Jo Monday
 Dr. Ray Schaaf & family
 Lola Simon
 Dr. Annerose Yamaguchi

New Corporate Sponsor
UNIQUE CO., LTD.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR 2007-2008

AUGUST — BELMOPAN DAY—A small dog, Dog Show FUNDRAISER

SEPTEMBER— INDEPENDENCE DAY Parade with the Mobile Clinic

DECEMBER— Christmas Bake Sale FUNDRAISER

FEBRUARY 2008— PET FAIR on the BHS property FUNDRAISER

If you are interested in participating or assisting with any of these projects please contact any of the Board Members.

A FREAK ACCIDENT—by Lilly Morison

May 12 our BHS property caretaker Naima Ra moved onto the property with her two beautiful male dogs, Chico and Sid. Late in the afternoon the two dogs were checking out the territory just down the road from our property when they came upon a large tar spill. One of the dogs fell in and was stuck up to his collar. The other dog alerted his owner and Naima ran to the rescue. With incredible strength she pulled her 100 lb dog out and managed to walk back with the two dogs to the property and phone Dewey. We were in the company of Graciela Diaz and her family who immediately pitched in to help.

We arrived at 7 p.m. and in the light of our car headlights, we saw a dog completely encased in road asphalt and it was hardening into a cast. The 6 of us worked non stop with our bare hands using gasoline (to soften the asphalt) and scrap off as much tar as we could. We then used straight dish soap and water from containers that were stored in the BHS Bus. The dog was having trouble breathing until Graciela cut off the fur with the most tar still attached around his chest area. By 11 p.m. the dog was somewhat stable though in incredible pain. The dog was covered in mineral oil and put into his dog house. Naima stayed up all night with him and the next morning, Mothers Day after collecting Dr. Orlando Baptist, Graciela, Francisco, Dewey and I continued to bathe the dog in gas and soap and cut as much of the clumps of tar off until the dog could stand no more.

One of the biggest problems was no access to water! We made many trips to haul water. The dog is somewhat stable, doing better every day, He is a miracle dog. He was so patient and trusting it broke your heart to look into his eyes. How totally unfair that someone had illegally and thoughtlessly dumped a large amount of road asphalt in an area they deemed deserted when in fact many people, especially children use that road as a shortcut. It could just as easily have been a child riding his bike through. The City Council is dealing with the matter.

This incident has brought to light the necessity of finishing the fencing, putting in gutters on the shed and installing a rain water vat as soon as possible if we intend to utilize the property.

I appeal to the membership and Corporate Sponsors to please renew your memberships and give any donations you can towards the completion of this project. Anyone who can come up with a good fundraiser for this project [please speak up](#)

Volunteer Doctors at Roaring Creek



A FEW OF THE MANY VOLUNTEERS AT LAS FLORES



OVER 400 DOGS A FEW CATS AND 5 CHICKENS were examined, treated and medications dispensed at 6 free animal health clinics. These clinics were conducted to encourage and assist residents that cannot easily carry their pets to a Vet for annual general health care.

Volunteers came specifically for these planned clinics from all over:

Dr. Ray and Jessica Schaaf and daughter Sarah from Kentucky USA

Dr. Courtney Gibbs from Kansas USA
Ms. Candace Sumrall from Texas USA

Dr. AnneRose Yamaguchi, Belize City

Dr. Edwardo Tesecum, San Ignacio

Dr. Jorge Lopez, San Jose Succotz

Dr. Hugo Lambrechts, Belmopan

Dr. Orlando Baptist, Roaring Creek

Dr. Jorge Alpuche, Belmopan

Local volunteers—Adriel, Connor and Giovanni from BANANA BANK LODGE, Dr. Tesecum's family and friends, Graciela and Sophia Diaz, Jeff Perriott, Judith Ferrer, Corie Banner, Jennie Patterson, Patsy Johnston, Cynthia Larder, Karen Sterrit,

Edith Quan, Tuty Kalisek, Dewey and Lilly Morison, Beverly Swasey, Lindy Jeffery, Dr. Omitade Adediran, Donna Madarang, Graciela Zeledon, Elsie Alpuche, Heather and Stephanie duPlooy, Alfonso Baptist, Jose Hernandez. Please forgive if I have forgotten to include someone. The willingness to come out to help was overwhelming.

The generous local donors are: Banana Bank Lodge, Belmopan Bed and Breakfast, Brodies Belmopan Supermarket, Body and Soul Ministries, Cardinal Pharmacy, Cardinal Shopping Center, City Pharmacy, Clorix and Sunshine Bleach Co., Garbutt Texaco Gas Station, Lopez Pharmacy, Nelson Machinery, Prosser Agrotech, St. Martin Government School, Reimers Feed, Richard Smith My Refuge Radio, Roaring River Golfcourse.

International Donors are: Bonnie Reynolds, Spring Farm Cares, Candace Sumrall, Dr. Ray Schaaf and family, Dr. Courtney Gibbs

The success of these clinics was accomplished by the numerous donations received locally, from abroad and the untiring work by kind and generous volunteers.



ONE OF THE MANY REASONS FOR THESE CLINICS. This may be the only checkup by a Veterinarian this dog has ever had. The dog had a tumor on his leg that was successfully operated on and this child was given food, medication and information for his pet. Our work enriches lives!!





ZIMBA BEING COOL by DMO

Two months ago, my fiancé and I came to Belmopan and settled in at the wonderful Belmopan Bed and Breakfast. We were scouting for a place to rent and Lilly, the owner of the B&B, suggested that we check out Yoli's B&B. We went to meet Yoli and we also got to meet her cute, little dog, Zimba. We chose to stay at Yoli's for many reasons, but Zimba was a big selling point. I am very fond of dogs, and I miss my dog back home. Zimba has a similar welcoming attitude, like my dog Patty, that reminds me of home.

The very first time I saw Zimba, I knew he would be a darling. He is so friendly and sweet, and we did not see any sign of aggressiveness from him. Since I moved to Yoli's, I would always play with him. I talk to him if ever I get lonely. I feed him and I bathe him. In short, I spoil him.

Zimba has his own funny ways, but I must admit that this dog is very smart. One time, I was going to Zury's Store, just a block from Yoli's. Zimba was laying down and I asked him if he wanted to go with me at the store. He looked at me and got up and started to follow me. Since then, every time I would go to Zury's he would go with me and wait for me outside the store and walk back home with me. He is a very good companion to me and a source of our laughter much of the time.

Sometimes Zimba can be too smart for his own good though. He would go wandering into other dog's areas looking for a lady friend for himself and sometimes came home beaten up. That is why we decided to have him neutered at the **Belmopan Humane Society free animal health clinic** in Las Flores. Now we don't have to worry about him wandering off and getting in so much trouble and he is much happier and healthier.

Zimba is a special dog to me. He has gotten much closer to me since we got him fixed, and I was glad he recovered fast and he is back to normal now. It was hard for us to find him a good partner, as his girlfriend is taller than he is, so he couldn't reach her. Now, we don't need to worry about Zimba having those urges any more.

He would even roll over in the days after his surgery to show off to everyone that he got operated on. He has become more spoiled, but what can I do, he is so adorable that I can not resist him. My fiancé is even jealous sometimes because I call Zimba "baby," so I have to always remember that I can't call Zimba "baby" when my real Baby is around. I will surely miss Zimba when we leave Belize, and only here in Belmopan is it that I feel very much like home, especially that I don't get to miss my dog so much here because I have Zimba.



DAVID FERRIER WINS BHS DERBY

Those of you who attended the first ever Demolition Derby in the country of Belize saw David Ferrier in his well prepared Oldsmobile "98" not only win his heat division but go on to smash out Paul Martin in the main event!! The event had a huge turn out with people lined up at the gates awaiting tickets to go on sale. The long wait was rewarded by some crazy antics of stunt and Quad bike riders raising dust and giving a exhibition of skillful riding. The Derby was set up in 2 heat events with any who could run to enter the final main event for the big trophy, prizes, and the cash! Paul Martin driving a Mercury owned by Jennie Patterson won the 1st heat knocking out Hernan Alcoser in his Chrysler Park Avenue sponsored by **Banana Bank Lodge** and our BHS Lincoln Town car driven by Christian Blanco. The next heat saw Ferrier wipe out the **Cheers** Oldsmobile driven by Juan Pacheco and the Mercury of Delmar Dueck . A 15 minute period of time was allowed for the mechanics to coax their worse for wear vehicles onto the field but only Martin and Ferrier limped out with the MONSTER "98" making short work of Martins Merc. Congratulations David and thank you Paul and David for your heat winning contribution to the Humane Society!

Next Year Bigger and Better.


HELPFUL HINT—ON GARBAGE DAY
 Sprinkle your garbage can or bags with ammonia and the dogs will leave it alone


FUNDRAISING—Lilly Morison
 WAY back in December after the last newsletter, we had a very successful Pre Christmas Bake Sale which put \$800.00 toward the clinics in March and April.

I would like to thank Bonnie Reynolds of Spring Farm Cares, an Animal Shelter in New York State for her very generous cash donation toward the clinics Check out her web page !!! [Www.springfarmcares](http://www.springfarmcares.com)

THANKS TO COMET PROMOTIONS for organizing and putting on the Demolition Derby as a Fundraiser for the BHS.

I'd like to thank our Corporate Sponsors who supported the cause—**BCSL, CARDINALS SHOPPING CENTER, CHEERS RESTAURANT, BANANA BANK LODGE,** and the people who worked at the ticket sales and behind the scenes.

IF YOU ARE HAPPY WITH THE  DIRECTION THE BHS IS GOING PLEASE RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP BY THE END OF JUNE



located on Constitution Dr. Belmopan



Cardinal Shopping Center



34/36 Cardinal St.
 Belmopan



HOME IMPROVEMENT WAREHOUSE
 Constitution Drive Belmopan
 Tel: 822-1071 & 822-0501 Fax: 822-1458

Quark's Journey by Leslie Kerns

A couple of years ago I packed my little car to the gills, grabbed my best friend Quark and drove from Canada to Belize. This story is about Quark's part of the journey and the trials and tribulations a loyal pet will put up with for his flighty human companion.

Quark is a 20 pound male tabby who absolutely HATES riding in cars. This could be a personal cat type phobia or maybe it's the fact that every time he gets in a car he knows we're either going to the vet or moving again. I guess 8 different homes in one cat lifetime is a little excessive but I assured him that this definitely would be the last one. Oops, there have been 4 more since arriving in Belize. Sorry Quark!

Anyway, back to the story.

The car is packed and I've made a nice little cozy corner for Quark on the back seat where he can easily access litter and also have food and water right at his paw-tips. A little piece of mobile kitty heaven, right? Wrong!

To Quark the only really safe place in a moving car (rule #1) is right under the driver's feet. Rule #2 is never eat or drink while being driven in a car. Rule #3 of course is never, EVER use the litter box when it's in a vehicle; moving or un-moving, period!

Since I am only the food lady and door person, concessions must be made for the head of the household who just happens to be Quark. Or in this case I guess it's the car-hold.

Rule #1 unfortunately could not be accommodated since my 1996 Hyundai Elantra has a 5 speed manual transmission that would leave Quark eventually creamier than mashed potatoes before we even got to the highway. Sadly the harness had to be used and he was banished to his comfy little hideaway in the back seat.

Rule #2 wasn't really a problem because he made up for lost eating time when we stopped for the night.

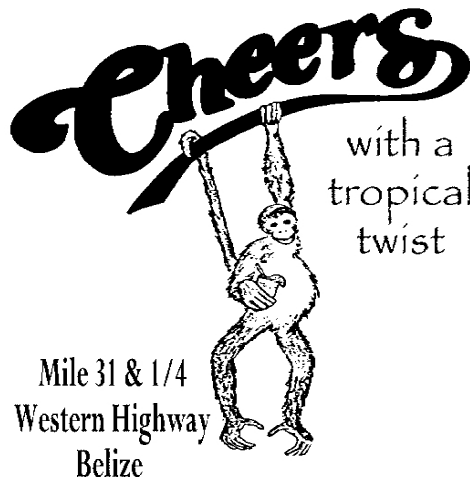
Rule #3 was a little more problematic. At each pit stop or lunch break the litter box had to be taken out of the car necessitating the removal of about 1/2 of the tightly packed personal items from the back seat. It would be used, or not, depending on whim more than necessity. You would think that being in the great outdoors; a litter box wouldn't even be necessary, right? Wrong again! I'll bet that those of you who have a spoiled mostly indoor city cat know of which I speak.

For the most part all was good with the world and the trip went by smoothly. One exception to this was stopping for the night. At each new destination, Quark would quickly adapt to his new home and start to get comfortable only to be ripped away (gently of course) the next morning, tossed back in the car and confined to his little hidey hole again. After 10 days of being on the road, you'd think he'd be getting used to the idea of being a vagabond feline. Yeah, right!

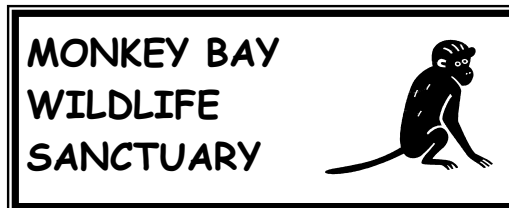
Toward the last leg of the trip it began to get very hot. Quark indicated that this was not his cup of tuna by sticking his tongue out and panting profusely while shedding his long thick fur until my eyes, nose and mouth were feeling much like the morning after an all night drinking binge.

Having just crossed the border into Mexico this called for immediate action.

How do you say 'Mucho ice please' in Spanish? I pulled over at a machine and making frantic gestures managed to buy two bags, then filled up a large plastic container and placed it where the food and water had been. This elicited a 'Is that the best you can do?' look from Quark, but it did seem to help somewhat and the flying hair thinned out enough to drive on. Belize at last! A new home and a whole jungle to roam and explore. Perhaps for Quark this trip was worth all the trouble after all. I know it was for me and although it was a rough road for Quark, I couldn't imagine being here without him.



The Humane Society Office desperately needs a 2 drawer file cabinet. Anyone able to help call 822-0176



AVAILABLE on LOAN
For use after surgery
ELIZABETHAN Collars
Various Sizes
Contact the BHS office



BUS ON THE MOVE by Dewey Morison

Those of you who attended our AGM, any of the mobile clinics or the Demo-Derby got to see the great potential of this valuable asset we have. It sure doesn't look like much at first glance but over the last couple of years the society has found it invaluable for the required work.

Prior to our mobile clinics, the interior was given a super cleanup by Lilly, Jennie & Judith. With the newly upholstered seats by Graciela & Lilly and some other improvements, it is what we had envisioned. A few additional things need to be completed. **With your help** these will be achieved. If you would like to contribute to this worthwhile project, please contact Dewey at 822-0176 or by email.

CLASSIFIED—I am looking for a female German Shepherd, less than one year old. Please contact Toni Baker email tonimdr1@mac.com



PET IDENTIFICATION

If you haven't yet, you may want to get an identification tag for your dog. The Belmopan Humane Society has available ID tags that give the phone number of our office. Your name and the description of the animal is kept in our database. Anyone finding a pet can contact the office and we contact the owner immediately. This great service is available to members for a mere \$5.00.

