

# BARKS



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## HAPPY HOLIDAYS



*WISHING ALL CREATURES, GREAT AND SMALL  
 A MERRY CHRISTMAS, PEACE AND GOOD HEALTH FOR ALL*

*Thank you for the support, enthusiasm and encouragement you all give in one way or another throughout the year.*

*The BHS has made a positive difference in the lives of many animals and people in Belmopan and surrounding areas through your acts of kindness and generosity.*

*Lilly Morison—Chairperson*

### Welcome New Members

Felicita Finney  
 Dana Madsen Calcutt  
 John Simpson  
 Sylvia Carillo  
 Candy Powers

### WELCOME BACK

Audrey Curling Newsham  
 Simone Hunt  
 Jackie Greer

Next Board Meeting  
 January, 2008  
 to be announced

The first BARKS (Belmopan Animal Rescue, Kennel and Shelter) newsletter

was printed exactly 3 years ago.

It is hard to believe how much has been accomplished in 3 years!

At this moment, we have two wonderful rescued dogs ('WALTER' and 'SCAMP') safe in their pens on the BHS property waiting for the right person to come along and give them a decent life. It is their trusting, loving eyes that make this uphill challenge all worth it. We have moved forward and slipped back with some issues, but at the end of every year we can proudly say we are ahead and strong.

2008 will introduce Special & Exciting Educational Programs

## 2007 IN REVIEW -

by Lilly Morison

### STRYCHNINE POISONING

After countless letters and meetings with the Belmopan City Council, we have come to the conclusion that they are not able, at this time, to address the problems with roaming animals in the City other than embark on a strychnine poisoning campaign at various times of the year.


The latest poisonings were conducted throughout the month of October. The poisonings are routinely done late at night. The loose aggressive dogs that seem to be the biggest health and safety threat in Belmopan have not been poisoned as they are residents' "pets" and are safely locked in their yards during the night guarding their masters' property. Generally, the stray sick dogs that roam throughout the market area are not poisoned as they will not take the bait humans throw to them from the back of a truck at night; they somehow just know. So, often it is the unfortunate pet that jumps the fence in search of some excitement, and, is trusting of humans, that takes the strychnine pill placed inside some stew chicken or beef.

After all, his owner often throws a piece of table scraps to him.

If you are at all concerned that this practice of strychnine poisoning is still going on and want to see a change, please contact your Area Representative and the City Council and make an official complaint in writing. It would be helpful if you cc it to the BHS as well. They will need these statistics in order to apply for an increase in budget to allow for changes in procedure. The Councilor in charge of Community Liaison at the Belmopan City Council is Ms. Olga Meyers. Any animal control issues may be directed to her.

**Following the ingestion of strychnine, some of the following symptoms take from 15—30 minutes. Apprehension or fear; painful muscle spasms; uncontrollable arching of the neck and back, some animals are found with their backs broken; difficulty breathing; initial consciousness and awareness of symptoms and finally respiratory failure and death.**



Judith Ferrier—Foster Mum of the Year   
Scamp's checkup by Dr. Alpuche in his new Animal Health Center located near the BHS property. See his sign across from Builders Hardware. **PLEASE NOTE!!!** Dr. Alpuche's new cell # 669-7876

## OUTREACH CLINICS 2007

Thanks to the Vets from the USA bringing their expertise and much needed medicines; our local Vets with their special local expertise; local businesses donations, your fundraising money, the blood, sweat & tears of the volunteers and the cooperation of BAHA, the BHS was able to provide 6 free outreach clinics in the surrounding areas and treated over 400 dogs, a bunch of cats and a few chickens. It was an extremely rewarding adventure for everyone involved. We look forward to holding more clinics in the New Year, some of them on the property. The mobile clinic served us well.



### Web page

Thanks to Peter Wolf for the regular updates on our web page. All the newsletters from day one, events, photos, pet products, discounted Vet Prices, and now the Dog Laws of Belize are there for your info. and enjoyment.

### AVAILABLE on LOAN

For use after surgery  
ELIZABETHAN Collars  
Various Sizes

## PROPERTY - by Dewey Morison

The Humane Society property has seen huge changes over the past year! We started out the year with fencing at the front of the property. We now have a 10'x12' supply building, a 10'x10' storage building with gutters and a rain vat attached. A 40'x40' fenced area containing 5 gated 8'x10' pens each with a cement pad and covered with shade cloth provide temporary housing for rescued dogs. Fencing completed to 2 more sides of the property and posts cemented in place for the remaining side. Numerous shrubs and trees planted and two drive-ways graded into the property by Mr. Ruiz. We also have a resident caretaker living on the property, Ms. Naima Ra. All of this has come about with your assistance and support; physical, financial, or in kind.

With all of that said, what more to do? Well, first of all, the last uncompleted fence section will require about \$1100.00 to finish. It seems our adjacent neighbor, who had agreed to share in the cost, is short of funds. We will endeavor to complete it ourselves though we do not have the funds at this time. Any financial donations toward this project will be very much appreciated.

Sometime in the future, electricity and water will happen.

Huge strides this year with lots still to do!!



'WALTER', undergoing a neuter operation by Dr. Orlando Baptist in the mobile clinic on the BHS property two weeks ago. That day two operations were performed successfully. By next Spring we hope to be able to offer low cost subsidized clinics on the BHS property to people that could not otherwise afford veterinary care for their animals.

# FUND RAISING



'SID' 'CHICO' and their companion NAIMA—caretakers of the BHS property and rescued dogs. Sid fell into a pool of illegally dumped tar and almost lost his life. Thanks to the unrelenting 12 hours of work by Dr. Baptist, Graciela and Francisco Diaz, Naima, Dewey and Lilly, Sid is once again a healthy 100 lb bundle of joy.



## 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 for a mere \$5.00.



We had a fun, though wet, day at Belmopan's Birthday Fair. A small, Small Dog, dog contest was the main attraction and we had a big tent full of fundraising and awareness raising activities.

COMET PROMOTIONS and BHS put on a first ever Auto Demolition Derby as a fund raiser. It was quite successful and in 2008 we will be putting on a bigger Demo Derby event together with the Rotary and Rotaract Clubs of Belmopan.

Our BAKE SALES are always a good money maker, last Christmas we brought in \$800.00.

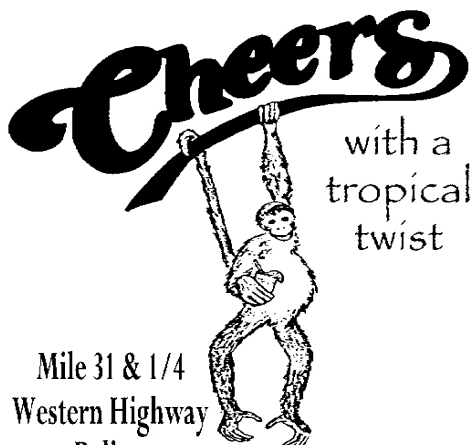
We hope this years pre Christmas Bake Sale will be just as successful.

## JUMBLE SALE

If you have anything laying around the house or business that you could donate to the Humane Society throughout the year, please drop it at CRUNCHY'S CONSIGNMENT. It will be sold and the proceeds will go to the BHS.

PLEASE! No Adult clothing or shoes. Children's clothing & shoes OK All items must be clean and in working order . Questions ? call 620-6014

support this fundraiser! buy some for the BHS property.....  
**MOPAN DWARF COCONUT TREES (1-2 ft. in height)**  
**XMAS SPECIAL \$5.00 EACH**  
 call 620-6014



Mile 31 & 1/4  
 Western Highway  
 Belize

## Cardinal Shopping Center

34/36 Cardinal St.  
 Belmopan  
 822-2119



PLEASE SHARE YOUR NEWSLETTER WITH NON MEMBERS IN THE HOPE THAT SOME MAY CARE TO JOIN OR HELP.

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### ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP

#### RATES

Junior	\$10.00	Adult	\$20.00
Family	40.00	Patron	150.00
Corporate	\$150.00 +		

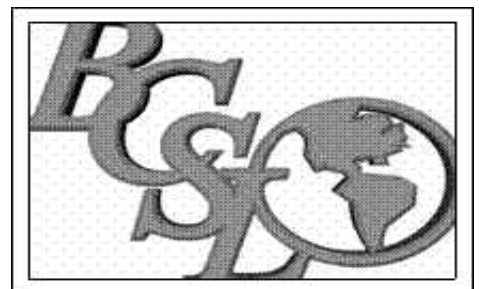


THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING this March was held on the BHS property. 22 people and 3 dogs enjoyed the freshly mowed property. The new Board was installed. All the Vets that assist the BHS throughout the year were acknowledged with Honorary memberships.



Judith Ferrier donated a wonderful 10 x 10 shed. Dewey and Peter moved it on to the property and thanks to a cash donation from SPRING FARM CARES, (our friends in the USA) a gutter and a rain vat were installed.

THANKS TO TUTY KALISEK for the donation of a medium size pet carrier. If anyone has any carriers to donate, they are very much appreciated.



## HOW TO SET "STRICT" TRAINING LIMITS FOR YOUR DOG...

1. The dog is not allowed in the house.
2. Okay, the dog is allowed in the house, but only in certain rooms.
3. The dog is allowed in all rooms, but she has to stay off the furniture.
4. The dog can get on only the old furniture.
5. Fine, the dog is allowed on all the furniture, but she is not allowed to sleep with the humans on the bed.
6. Okay, the dog is allowed on the bed, but only by invitation.
7. The dog can sleep on the bed whenever she wants, but not under the covers.
8. The dog can sleep under the covers by invitation only.
9. Fine, the dog can sleep under the covers every night.
10. The humans must ask permission to sleep under the covers with the dog.



Miss Kitty—do you see what our dog training advice has regressed to.

Perhaps you would consider the occasional article in the New Year.

THANKS TO THE BRITISH HIGH COMMISSION FOR THE DONATION OF A WONDERFUL COMPUTER DESK !!



## GENERAL MEETING

November, 2007

Our special guests were:  
 Dr. Edwardo Tesecum  
 Dr. Orlando Baptist  
 Dr. Patricia Vargas from Biomed's  
 Police Inspector David Chi  
 Olga Meyers—BMP City Council



A power point presentation of the history of the BHS was shown. Treasurer, Graciela, gave the financials.

Ms. Olga Meyers advised that she is the Community Liaison and would try to deal with animal related matters to the best of her ability. She is very open to working with the BHS. Inspector Chi commented on the problems associated with dog fighting and the reluctance of people to get involved in giving evidence. He also voiced his concern regarding potential rabies outbreak.

Lindy Jeffery spoke about the benefits of having our newly acquired NGO status.

Drs. Tesecum and Baptist gave a slide presentation on General Health Care for Dogs and Cats. They were open for discussion period. Jeff Perriott took care of the Biomed Pet Product sales. Sue Williams donated some animal related books to the BHS library. Refreshments were served.

23 people attended and the meeting lasted 2 hours. It was a very informative and entertaining meeting and anyone wishing to read the minutes please contact the office for a copy.



## BUS REPORT



The BHS "BUS/MOBILE CLINIC" was put to full use this past year and has proved to be an invaluable asset to BHS.

Clinics in and around Belmopan and up as far as Bullet Tree Falls gave the bus a workout. Community events such as Belmopan Day and Independence Day parade gave the BHS great exposure. Parked on our property it continues its use as an operating theatre and temporary site office. This year we reupholstered the seats (thanks Graciela), installed some shelving and configured the interior to better serve our purpose.

With the price of gas reaching \$10 per gallon and a fill up costing \$1000.00!!, less miles will be put on in 08! We have explored butane conversion but it is not cost effective at this time so until we find a reasonable solution to fuel prices we will be very conservative in movement of the bus.

Thanks to everyone who helped with the bus this past year, it has and continues to play its role in animal welfare.

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*WISH LIST*

- A safe home for "Walter"
- towels for the shelter
- Dog Houses or carriers
- grant writing assistance
- a load of gravel for the BHS property driveway