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A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Greetings Animal Lovers

Here I am, once again at the helm of our Society, looking forward to a very productive and fulfilling year. Our newly elected board is made up of individuals who come onboard with great personal skills and a willingness to advance the Society. At our first formal meeting we set out the following goals: An education committee to bring animal welfare to school children; To assist those in the community who require help with the spay/neuter, or general wellness of their animals; To increase our water storage capacity and build a waste treatment system. Of course, our animal rescues and assistance are never ending. All of this requires a great deal of support and money. With the lean financial period affecting our donations and contributions, our upcoming Tea Party fund raiser requires all our efforts to realize it's maximum success.

Please, if you are able to donate an item for auction or raffle, or put a little time into the event do so and your reward will be knowing some animal benefited.

Dewey Morison, Chairman

next Board Meeting
TBA

BHS PROPERTY
by Dewey



For those of you who have been unable to visit the BHS development let me give you a brief tour. Behind Builders Hardware, you turn to your right, onto "Dog Leg Lane" and come to a beautiful cleared 1.25 acre of land. Enter the U shaped entrance drive to the public parking in front of a 6 ft chain link fence. Large gates to your right are the service vehicle access and at center is a public access gate which opens into a 10'x15' holding pen area constructed to allow those entering with animals a buffer before being nose to nose with any animals loose on the property. Once you and your animal feel comfortable, come on in. To your left is a 40'x40' dog run isolation area, containing five 8'x10' gated, shaded runs and a 30'x 40' common exercise area with a 10'x12' shed (donated by Judith Ferrier) storing animal food, leashes, bowls, and property maintenance equipment. The gutters on the roof of this shed supply a 150 gallon rain vat (all of which were donated by Spring Farm C.A.R.E.S). To the right of the entrance is our new 32'x16' Resource Center. (purchased with last years' Tea Party fund raising proceeds). This building, raised 5' off the ground houses our library and meeting hall, eventually to become our clinic. The resource building is still in the reconstruction stage but is used on a daily basis and the area below is where dogs get shade and relax. Next to this building is a 15'x15' vinyl canopy tent covering 2 picnic tables (donated by Cheers Restaurant). A great place to relax with your pet. The property all around is grass and 300 ft towards the rear you see our storage shed where miscellaneous items are kept. Here are many tall cedar and deciduous trees giving shade and a home for our feathered friends. This magnificent piece of land is yours, please come out and enjoy it. We have just completed an estimate to build a septic waste system and an elevated water tank stand at the cost of \$3000. We are in need of plywood, hardwood boards, concrete block, steel. Any material you might be able to donate for the project will be appreciated. In lieu of building materials monetary donations would be gratefully accepted 😊

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

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP RATES

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

Please be aware that May 2009–2010 dues are **due**, both private & Corporate.

Please, make our treasurer happy and continue to support our endeavors

by sending your renewal to P.O. Box 338, Belmopan

In addition to feeling good 😊 the benefits of a membership are:

- 5% off all pet items Builders Hrdwear
- 10% off all items at Belize Pet World
- 5% off all Pet Food at Cardinals
- 20% off spay and neuter prices from Dr. Orlando Baptist 620-1099
- Dr. Edwardo Tesecum 601-3275
- Dr. Jorge Alpuche 669-7876

SPECIAL THANK YOU
Judith Ferrier for the donation of a 2500 liter water vat!!
BMPCITCO for funds toward building materials
Don Thompson for his Pet Taxi services



Cardinal shopping center

What Does a Dog/Cat Rescue Entail?
by Dewey Morison

The call comes in to the BHS office that an animal is in need of assistance. We try to ascertain if the animal is a stray or owned by someone. What kind of assistance is required and can the caller help in any way. If the animal is injured, is a vet available. Now, how do we transport the animal. If we find transport to a vet some one needs to go with the animal. At this point we have not even seen the animal, often it is after dark, and of course, raining. We try to find another volunteer to assist and at this point 5-6 cell phone calls have been made and the animal is still not attended to.

Off we go to assess the situation. There lies the animal, lets say it was hit by a car. Where is the transport? Ok here they come. Can we move it without causing more injury, did you bring towels, a sheet for the blood? On to the vet at which time a thorough exam is conducted. Can the animal be saved? Yes, but requires surgery and some R&R at the vet clinic. Three or four days later the animal is ready to be released to us but will require 3-4 weeks of post operative care by a foster home. Great, Mr./Mrs.? will look after it. Who will transport it.

Finally it is in Mrs ? home and we buy the food and medicine the foster home will need. The vet will make weekly house calls.

Four weeks pass and the animal is recovered and ready for spay or neuter as the owner has not been located through our ad & poster campaign. Who will transport it to the vet and back?

After the surgery we start looking for an adoption home with ads and a poster campaign. Hooray, new adoptive owners want it. At this point over two months have passed and hundreds of dollars have been spent so we want the best home possible.

The time and out of pocket expense by volunteers of BHS is immeasurable. This is partially what your BHS support goes toward and when we do 12-14 rescues such as this per year you begin to see our need for more resources and support.

WHO YA GONNA CALL!



DOG FIGHTING...
ANIMAL CRUELTY... DOG THEFT...
CALL CORPORAL PATT @ 661-9214

ANIMAL, SICK OR BADLY INJURED ON THE STREETS OF BELMOPAN
BELMOPAN CITY COUNCIL
MRS. CHUN @ 822-2271

April 2004: we were pottering in the garden of our new home, when two boys with a bucket appeared. "Wanna buy a parrot?" they said. "Erm, no thanks" we replied, a little puzzled by the request. "You sure?" said one boy, pulling back the filthy rag covering the bucket. Inside was the most pathetic sight I had ever seen and I promptly burst into tears. Two bald, ugly red lored chicks looked back at me expectantly, caw-caw-cawing for food. "I'll give you \$50 to put them back" I told them. Too quickly, and with a wide grin, the boys agreed. Hmmm. Jerry & I decided we had to take the birds. We knew little about parrots, even less about feeding two wild babies, but we took the bucket and fired up the internet.

The following week, an Aztec parakeet joined our flock. At this rate we could become over-run with birds - and bankrupt. We couldn't understand how robbing nests seemed not only accepted, but almost encouraged; a practice so far removed from the teachings of our own youth.

Bonnie, Clyde, and Fatbelly Jones thrived. They became 'cling-ons', insisting on constant shoulder rides. As their flights skills developed, there was no hiding from them - even a trip to the bathroom became a job for 4. It was time to show them the great outdoors.

At this point we realised the limits of our parenting skills. We had a scared parrot in 3 different trees, all looking at us saying 'now what? Help!'. I kept watch while Jerry shot off to purchase a ladder, unaware that it would prove invaluable over the next 5 years as more than 20 parrots would require our unorthodox flying lessons.

A short week of ladder duty and Bonnie & Clyde, with Jonesy tagging along began take day trips to the bush, coming home at dusk to the safety of the shower rail.

The red loreds finally left for good in December, leaving a big hole in our lives, and a bereft Jonesy. She stayed

with us for another 4 years, helping teach our new arrivals to fly, without the aid of a ladder!

We never gave money for birds again: not an easy stance to maintain, believe me. To date we have made 24 successful parrot releases, and currently have 15 more at various stages of the programme.

We work with the Forestry Department, returning injured, orphaned or captive birds to the wild. Through education we endeavour to discourage the practice of keeping wild birds as pets or using them as target practice, and to raise awareness of the needs of all captive creatures, wild or domestic. We believe the key to this education lies within the association between healthy wildlife populations, a humane attitude to domestic animals and a thriving tourism industry.

To report an injured, abused or distressed bird, or to arrange educational talks for your school, call 822 145 or visit www.belizebirdrescue.com



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BECAUSE COMMUNICATION SAVES LIVES



By Lilly

TVT

Transmissible venereal tumor is a sexually transmitted cancer of dogs that occurs most



often in young, unneutered male & female dogs. It is transmitted from an affected dog to a tumor-free dog by sexual contact. Any Breed may be affected. Female dogs are at a greater risk than male dogs.

TVT is most commonly seen in sexually active dogs in [tropical](#) and [subtropical](#) climates. The disease is spread when dogs mate, particularly common in stray dogs, which mate without any control after reaching sexual maturation.

In male dogs, the tumor affects the penis. In females, it affects the vagina. Rarely, the mouth or nose are affected. The tumor often has a cauliflower like appearance. [Chemotherapy](#) is very effective for TVT. It generally takes 4-6 weekly treatments to ensure a cure.

The cure will cost anywhere from \$300.00 and up depending upon the size of the dog and the advanced stage of the cancer.

The spread of this can be prevented by being a responsible pet owner and not allowing your dog to run freely on the streets. Letting them out to run unsupervised at any time puts them at risk. The best prevention is to have your animal neutered or spayed so that these uncontrollable urges are not acted upon. You may be a responsible pet owner carefully confining your sexually intact female when an affected male responding to his sexual drive jumps your fence and mates with your dog. People that cannot afford the treatment have the dog put down or abandon it to the streets.

Leila, the dog in the photo above, has TVT. We rescued her puppies from a dangerous situation and we needed her to feed them for 2 weeks before weaning them. Generally a stray dog with TVT should be put down but after having her and her puppies in our care for 2 weeks we couldn't give her the death sentence

The joys of fostering

By Graciela Diaz

I am currently fostering four puppies, and every morning at



six o'clock, when we wake up to clean the puppies' mess I wonder, why did I decide to do this-? But as soon as I see those cute faces, and the four of them running to me happily wagging their tails, I realize that each one of them is a blessing.

The BHS is giving these puppies a chance, not only to have a healthy happy life, but also to make someone happy, to keep someone company, and to make someone's life worth living. All the cute things they do and all the love they give us make up for any work we may have to do.

The puppies are getting used to the normal noises of a household; they have learned to live with humans and other dogs. They are not only receiving a bowl of food, but petting and play time. They are becoming pets.

Fostering entails giving a little bit of you, the BHS will cover your expenses, and you are only expected to care for your foster dog or cat, and give it a pet experience. Your foster dog or cat will have the opportunity to learn to live in a home, to receive basic training, care, and lots of love. Fostering is a responsibility; you put a lot of you into it, but at the end it is a very fulfilling one.

My family and I have fostered three dogs, the first one was Cody, he stayed with us for three months, when Cody was finally ready to leave, everyone was asking, why we didn't keep him, and even though it was difficult, because we had learned to love him, we focus on the opportunity of giving another dog a chance. In Cody's case it was especially difficult because when we received him, he was very sick, it took a lot of caring, but at the end we felt extremely proud of ourselves, Cody became a healthy beautiful dog. After having no hope, and not standing a chance, Cody got one.

Give a rescued dog or cat the opportunity to have a new chance in life. The BHS needs people willing to give a little bit of themselves—help one cat or dog by fostering.



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and Dr. Baptist kindly offered his services to treat her free of cost. The BHS paid for the medicine. The treatment will take 4 weeks with a chemotherapy treatment once a week. After a week of regaining her strength she will be spayed and we have a good home lined up for her. Volunteers Dewey & Lilly Morison, David & Linda Shumate and Katherine & Bridget Woodye take turns to visit Leila twice a day for companionship and feeding. I have never had the privilege of knowing such a sweet, calm, loving & obedient dog and I am so happy we made the decision to save her.

I would suggest to anyone that has a Shepherd or Shepherd mix male dog within a 2 mile radius of the vicinity of The Lions Den building beside the Garden City Plaza that they visit a vet very soon to check for TVT. Leila had two beautiful healthy Shepherd mix puppies.

USEFUL LINKS on our Web Page for WSPA
BELMOPAN CITY ONLINE
BELIZE BIRD RESCUE
CAROLYN CARR BELIZE

RESCUES update by Lilly



"REXI" grew too big & boisterous for her family but as soon as she was up for adoption she found her forever home.



"JACK" a hit and run victim. His sweet disposition found him a perfect companion in San Ignacio



"BAM BAM" lost and hurt on the street, he now lives in Blackman Eddy and has a sister to play with



"BELLA" the belle of the ball. One of Leila's puppies. Has her mothers wonderful nature. 2 months old & spayed. Hound dog ears!!

ADOPTION OPTION
Help find her a home!!

"FLASH" by Lilly

Driving on the Ring Road on a quiet Sunday I notice a "bag of bones" puppy limping and trying with all his might to keep up with a man walking with a bicycle. As I come closer I see the puppy's leg is horribly infected but that does not stop him from trying to run after the man. I couldn't just drive on, the puppy was not going to make it much farther. I spoke with the man and offered my assistance. I took the puppy to Dr. Baptist the next day who determined the leg was fractured but already mending. The big problem was massive infection. After 3 weeks of Graciela and I visiting the owners, supplying all the medications, food and explanations of how to care for the puppy's leg it was evident that they could not care for the dog and in the end they asked us to take him.

The infection was just too great and Dr. Baptist, upon examination, decided amputation would save his life. What to do with a three legged dog! You have to meet him, he will steal your heart. He is the happiest soul I have ever seen. He has no idea he is missing a part. There he is on the front page of this newsletter. Judith Ferrier has been fostering him since his operation. [He is now more than ready for adoption.](#) Interested parties please call the office 822-0176

WHAT HAPPENED! by Lilly

Since the last newsletter: BHS signed an MOU with BMPCITCO re: coming to the assistance of abandoned hurt animals on the streets of Belmopan.

BHS in an effort to promote Spay and Neutering of pets offers assistance vouchers to eligible residents.

The BHS phone has been buzzing with residents requesting help!

It is encouraging to meet so many concerned, compassionate people. On the other hand, we need concerned and compassionate people to join our foster care program to help us help these unfortunate animals who, through no fault of their own are being mistreated and abandoned.

AGM was held
March 29
let's give the new
board all the support they
need.

