

BARKS

Sick Pit Bull abandoned to the streets, owners no longer willing to care for her



and aggressive adult dog. Once the owner has “given up” on the puppy it can grow into the dog you see in the photo.

Many times the BHS is alerted when these dogs are “put out” onto the street to fend for themselves. They are then targets for mean spirited people as well as the many diseases and problems that street dogs encounter. One of the worst things that can happen is that the dog becomes pregnant and reproduces an even more compromised offspring to roam the streets.

Unfortunately there are no foster homes willing to take in sick mangy dogs, as the treatment for mange can be for an undetermined amount of time and sometimes life long. People wishing to adopt a rescued dog generally do not choose a dog that will need constant medication and treatment for the remainder of its life.

Having a compromised immune system puts these animals at much greater risk for a poor quality and short life. It is heartbreaking to tend to these loving animals, only to watch them deteriorate and all to often die, as many are so badly affected that the kindest thing to do is have them put to sleep.

BeeBee’s story is an all too common and sad tale.

A person wanting a “guard dog” buys a pit bull puppy from a back yard breeder. The breed has been compromised by incorrect breeding and many, if not all, the puppies are born with a damaged immune system. When coupled with poor nutrition and little attention or care, the condition causes the puppy to succumb to the mange mite.

If mange is not addressed early, it can become a very difficult problem to overcome throughout the life of the animal. Mange is a bad looking and smelly skin problem, which causes the owner to not want to touch the animal. This creates a sad undersocialized puppy which can grow into a sick and sometimes fearful

Message from the Chairman



THE NEW 2010—2011 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Greetings Animal Lovers:

Once again I take the role of Chair for our Society and hope to lead forward to a better future for all animals in the Belmopan area. With these increasingly difficult economic times, the humane society becomes the only hope for some abandoned, unwanted and neglected animals in our community. We are getting calls now almost on a daily basis to assist people with their pets.

So many people have animals which they are financially unable to care for, therefore the animals do not receive proper nutrition or medical care. Many people would willingly turn their animals over to us, but we try our best to work with the owners as there are a very limited number of foster homes. Up to now, we have been able to supply advice, food, and medical assistance to most of those seeking assistance, but our funds have been rapidly depleted.

Our Society only exists because of membership donations and fundraising events, so I ask each and every one of you to support our efforts in any way you can.

I look forward to working with the new board and especially our newest and youngest board member, Diana. Her youth allows her to see with a much different perspective than myself, so I will value her input and advice.

I hope to see all of you at our Bull Frog Socials and the fundraisers we plan for the future.

Kids Fun Day at the Resource Center



A 4 p.m. there was a surprise visit by Tuty Kaleski with her two Chihuahuas. Everyone asked questions and were allowed to pet the dogs. For the last hour the children played organized games outside All in all a very successful afternoon.

A special thanks to Dewey and Lilly Morison, Nikki Buxton, Dyana Guillen, Sofia Diaz, Graciela Diaz, Yasmin Espat, Don Thompson, Judith Ferrier, for making it all happen.

On July 21, 2010, 17 children watched “Beverly Hills Chihuahua” ate popcorn, drank juice. Then they all drew a Chihuahua and received prizes.

A presentation was given by Dyana Guillen on behalf of Belize Bird Rescue. After the presentation the children made “parrot toys”, ate peanut butter sandwiches and chocolate bars.

How You Can Help

Want to help your community, but don't have lots of time? Are you an animal lover, but can't possibly give a home to every dog or cat in need? The BHS Rescue Committee needs you! If interested in rescue work, please email Marla Dwyer at marla_dwyer@yahoo.com.

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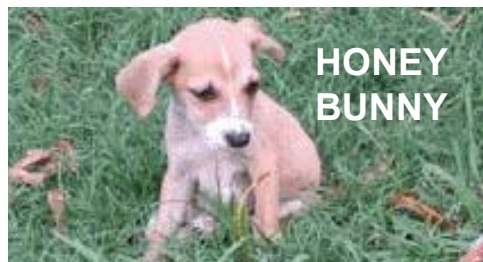
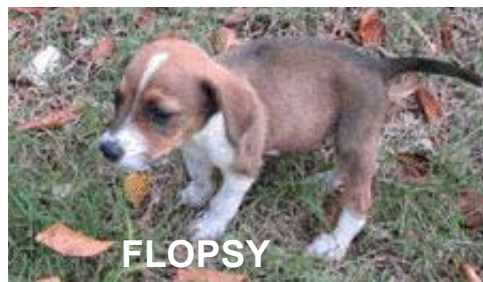
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Thanks for Caring and Sharing!

Seven Puppies (6 males and 1 female) up for Adoption. They have all their shots and are neutered or spayed.



There's 3 more, where did they go???
See Below....



\$50.00 donation toward future rescues is greatly appreciated. Call Belmopan Humane Society at 822-0176 or 602 7947

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Rescues, Adoptions and Assistance

by Lilly Morison



"BAILEY" chained, abandoned, hungry and afraid



"BAILEY" 3 weeks later, happy, healthy and adopted



"PULGA" tiny, mangy puppy abandoned to fend for herself when owners moved



"PULGA" 2 months of foster care later, happy, growing by the day and adopted



"BISCUIT" 10 months old and left behind when owner moved. Guarded an empty yard until BHS found her a new owner.



If you love your pets, don't lose them.

If you haven't yet done so, it is most important to get an identification tag for your dog.

The Belmopan Humane Society has available, ID tags that provide the phone number of our office.

Your name and the description of the animal is kept in our database.

Anyone finding your pet will contact the office and we immediately contact you.

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Fundraiser Updates

TWILIGHT—ECLIPSE

Teen Fundraiser was held Friday the 13th at the Civic Center



Ticket Taker

Many thanks go out to the following...

BMPCITCO Edith Mena
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Peppers Pizza

Stuart Ferrier International Refrigeration
Maria Estella's Salon
Celebrityz Salon & Island Entertainment
Michelle and Sasi

...and thanks to the members who donated their time and money to insure the evening's success.

Just a Buck Campaign



"Just a buck can change their Luck" donation cans are at the following businesses bringing in a constant trickle of money that help fund spay/neuter programs

Builders Hardware
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Ian Anderson's Adventure Lodge

Hurricane Shelter Update

By Dewey Morison

At our Annual General Meeting Mr. Klaus Adamek, Architect, presented a preliminary plan for the proposed hurricane shelter on the BHS property. A lot of discussion ensued and those present thought the plan had merit but more consultation was needed. Other members expressed an interest in design and some discussion was about the funding of the sustainability of this shelter. We are open to any and all proposals. I will keep you all updated with plans and ask you for comments and help in design. The plan by Klaus is at the BHS resource center and present at all the Bull Frog socials.

Low Cost Spay/Neuter Clinic Held at BHS Property



Thanks to Galen University and Dr. Edwardo Tesecum, the BHS was able to provide a low cost clinic for 14 animals and their owners who would not otherwise be able to afford this surgery. 6 Students from USA, taking courses at Galen, assisted Dr. Tesecum in a most professional and caring way.



Community Assistance



\$300 Reward for the Return of Jambo



A \$300 reward is being offered for the return of Jambo, a male dog who is fixed and CANNOT breed. Missing from Camelote. Call 628-9104. No questions asked.

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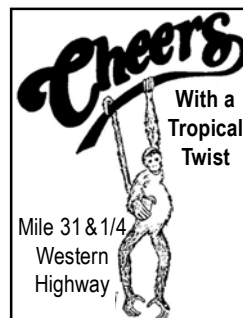
Welcome New Members

Klaus Adamek Sam Buxton
Sonia Neal Michelle MacDonald
Timo Baur Jorge Gonzalez
Thorsten Kahl Dyanna Guillen
Frankie Miller

Please share your newsletter with non-members in the hope that some may care to join or help.

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Solitary Confinement - What Was Their Crime?

by Lilly Morison

When planning to include a dog in your family life, please take a moment to ask yourself, why?

Is it because:

- crime is on the rise and you feel a guard dog will protect you and your possessions?
- you think your children should grow up with a dog, learn the responsibility of taking care of another living being?
- your children want a dog?
- someone has given your child a dog?

Dogs are pack animals and need the company of other dogs or humans to make their life well balanced. People who take in a dog without thinking it through or discussing it with all of the family members may quickly lose interest in the animal. Dogs, especially puppies, are a lot of work, requiring patience and expense. They are not born with the knowledge of what you expect of them. They are babies, so happy and willing to learn. Just as with human babies, repetition and patience is the key to success.

Puppies do not know what is safe or unsafe to chew, so you need to puppy proof the house or yard just as you would for a human baby.

Pups depend wholly on you for food and water and can pick up germs, bacteria, and diseases if not watched constantly.

Dogs are so happy when you come home, they have waited 5 minutes, 5 hours, or 15 hours for you and can't wait to greet you. It is up to you to teach them what the appropriate greeting is.

Many people complain their puppies "play too much" meaning they jump on them. That is what puppies do, until you teach them what you expect from them.

Never yell or hit a dog, rather use positive reinforcement with pats, a toy, or treats to get the reaction you want. You will be surprised how quickly they catch on, as all they ever want to do is please you and make you happy.

By not teaching your pup manners, he will end up being called "rude dog" and all too often these dogs are left alone in a yard, attached to a chain. They are subjected to a life of solitary confinement, when their only crime was loving their owners.

Chaining a dog breaks a dog's spirit. Some dogs bark non-stop, some become neurotic, some catatonic, some aggressive. None of these traits are healthy for a dog or its owner.

A chained dog cannot be a very effective guard dog, being confined to a small area of the yard.

A chained dog cannot play with the children and cannot provide them the opportunity to learn responsibility. Because of the demeanor of a chained dog, children are often afraid and do not interact in positive ways.

Being chained also puts a dog at risk of being attacked by other animals or people. There is a big problem with killer bees in Belmopan and chained dogs have been stung to death because they could not run for cover.

Statistics show that chained dogs often do not have enough water, shelter from the elements, toys for the diversion of boredom, and that after a period of time, the quality of dog food provided slips to unacceptable standards.

If you do need to chain your dog for some periods of time for a variety of reasons, let him loose to explore and exercise as much as possible.

Dogs need exercise, fun, a job to do, and to be part of the family unit.

A SPECIAL THANKS TO

Tom Tullsen for making up the BHS name tags we use at the Bull Frog Socials. Just come to any "second Thursday of every month Social" and get yours. He'll even hold on to them so the dog can't eat it or bury it. These name tags can be used for any of our events and is a great tool for those of us who can barely remember our own name.

Klaus Adamek for taking the time to draw up our initial Hurricane Shelter plan, a work in progress, always available at the Bull Frog Social for suggestions and comments.

Tom and Monica Wallis who donated two wonderful, large and extra large dog carriers that are in use constantly. Right now the largest dog carrier is housing a recuperating kitten that was mauled by a dog and she has enough room to sleep, eat, play and have her own litterbox all in the same carrier.

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Gypsy's Story



"GYPSY" 4th litter, overwhelmed, hungry, dog house has collapsed, 7 puppies to look after, on a chain so I can't relax, no telling what can befall me

or my puppies. Always on the alert, anyone comes near, bite first ask questions later!

"GYPSY" 3 days since BHS visited, "Double rations, twice a day and on a running line away from that collapsed dog house. Phew, now I can follow the puppies around, get them in line. They are now eating chow twice a day so giving me a bit of a break. Everyone seems much friendlier. Haven't had to bite anyone lately."



"GYPSY" a week later, "Ok, everyone gets a drink but then you all go eat your chow, I've got my job as a watch dog to do. Im feeling so much stronger now. Thanks Belmopan Humane Society for stepping in and giving a helping hand. Yesterday all the puppies got their shots and in another week will be spayed and neutered. Hopefully all find good homes soon. Im going into retirement myself, getting fixed in three weeks. What a relief!"

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A Food Bank account has been set up at Reimers in Belmopan for situations like Gypsy's. As the economy deteriorate, animals seem to slip down the priority chain. If we can give a helping hand to some deserving people to help them keep their animals healthy, it would be much better than having to rescue them when they give up on the dog. Please think about others when you shop for yourself, every dollar you donate to the food bank account goes a long way.



Gypsy, Grace, Bailey and all say, "THANKS".