

BARKS



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BOARD MEETINGS

2nd Thursday of every month at the
Bull Frog Inn 5:30 p.m.
just ahead of the

MONTHLY SOCIAL MEETINGS
at 7:00 p.m.

ALL ARE WELCOME

Welcome New Members

- Phyllis Kadle
- John Vandermark
- Becci Foster
- Damaris Carranza

Belmopan Humane Society Honors its Corporate Sponsors

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- CHEERS RESTAURANT

Thanks for caring and sharing!



BHS proudly receiving a BZ\$20,000.00 grant enabling us to teach the "BE KIND BELIZE" after school program starting mid January 2011.

Happy New Year

As we begin this new year, we can look to our humble beginning— a few people with ideas and vision have grown to a membership nearing 100.

Our property development is progressing smoothly and we enter 2011 with our 'youth at risk' education program "BE KIND BELIZE".

This is a very ambitious undertaking by your society and well over 300 youths from Teakettle to Belmopan will experience and learn about humane treatment of their fellow man and all of the creatures we share this world with.

We are a volunteer group and we may ask your assistance in the future so please help when you can. Our friends without voice need you.

There are so many of you who have donated your time, energy and money and as we move into this new year we hope to improve on all the projects we are involved with.

Thank you for your continuing support and confidence.

Chairman *Dewey Morison*

rescues, rehab and rehome

Throughout 2010 many residents took the time to find our office to ask for assistance with a sick, abandoned or abused animal. This adds up to hundreds of animals throughout the year. Most times we are able to offer advice and help stabilize the situation. The following are some cases where we became involved with long term care.

3 very young abandoned puppies survived against all odds. After much medical care and lovingly fostered, "Claire" moved to Honduras, "Georgia" to Teakettle and "Jordan" adopted in Belmopan.

2 exotic looking kittens "Pearl" and "Forrest" rescued and fostered by two different foster homes were adopted together and are frolicking about in Calla Creek area.

February brought in "Honey" and her 5 puppies. They were lovingly fostered by 3 different foster homes and now all have homes. "Wilson" in Camalote, "Shadow", "Tyson", "Sweetie" and "Tony" all in Belmopan.

"Biscuit" - left behind when her owner moved connected with a great 'forever' companion.

"Prosper" - assisted with meds and love still with his owner and being monitored on a regular basis as he lives a life tied to the end of a chain.

"Grace"- left in the care of an incompetent caregiver, almost starved to death. Was reunited with her owner and is doing well.

BeeBee- turned out into the streets because she was sick. We couldnt save her.

Bailey" - abandoned on the end of a chain in a back yard. He now lives free and easy with a smile on his face.

"Cheers Restaurant" adopted two of our finest dogs, "Gypsy" & "Honey" and in return gave us a lovely cat that had been abandoned in their parking lot. "Mr. Leo" found a home in Belmopan and his best friend is now, Retsi the dog.

"Pulga" weeks old puppy left behind to fend for herself when her owners moved has found the ultimate companion and home in Cayo.

"Gypsy 2" and her 7 puppies were assisted by the BHS , all the puppies were taken into care, fostered and 6 have found homes. This handsome male puppy, "Dini", is up for adoption.

Please spread the word.



Web page

Thanks to Frankie Miller we not only have a new web site up but it is monitored and updated as news happens!

Visit us at

www.belmopanhumansociety.com
we are also on Facebook !

"LILY"
available 4
adoption



3 little kitties barely 4 weeks old were found abandoned in a tiny cardboard box. After 4

weeks of fostering they all found loving homes, the female, "Pricilla" now lives with her best friend a rescued dog named "Elvis".



A horrible act of violence was committed against this dog named "Jugo"

He was doing his job guarding his family and was viscosly chopped in the flank and neck. Thanks to some competent emergency surgery this dog is alive and well. BHS paid for the surgery as the family did not have financial means.

AVAILABLE on LOAN

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

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 +		

LOW COST SUBSIDIZED CLINICS—Lilly Morison



FUND RAISING



more FUND RAISING

Realizing we will never be able to rescue all of the abandoned animals on the streets the BHS is attacking the problem from a different angle by encouraging residents to spay and neuter their pets. People that care for their pets but cannot afford the normal veterinary fees may be eligible for a subsidy whenever the BHS has a clinic for our own rescues.

Dr. Edwardo Tesecum from San Ignacio kindly lowers his rates to us for these special clinics and comes to the BHS property to perform the surgeries.

Both Dr. Orlando Baptist and Dr. Jorge Alpuche always make themselves available to help with our rescues & emergencies

In the year 2010 the BHS subsidized 26 dog spays, 22 dog neuters, 14 cat spays, 11 cat neuters.



"Santa Paws" event held at **Garden City Plaza** brought in \$890.00, thanks to the many volunteers, donors & customers. There were games of chance, craft making, jumble sale, bake sale and of course photos with Santa. Lots of prizes, fun for the kids, dogs and Santa



Our "second Thursday of every month, **'BHS Socials'** at the **Bull Frog Inn** have become a popular meeting place for animal lovers and take the place of General Meetings.

We have had interesting guest speakers such as Belize Bird Rescue, Panthera (Jaguar conservation), Greg Call (dog training), Veterinarian Dr. Orlando Baptist and our own informative and entertaining slide shows. Our monthly raffle always brings in around \$100.00.

Anyone wishing to contribute to the filling of these raffle baskets it would be greatly appreciated.

This month, Thursday Jan. 13 a representative from Forestry will speak on Belize Wildlife conservation.

Spread the word and see you there.

Thanks to the British High Commission we held a very successful & profitable Valentines Cocktail Party bringing in \$6,000.00

Thanks to our committed volunteers we held a Twilight "Teen" event, a Belmopan Day Adoption Fair and had a food sale table at the Rotaract Children's Halloween "Walk in the Pumpkin Patch" party.



Our few trusty donation cans always bring in donations that go directly toward the subsidized spay and neuter clinics.



CLINIC RECOVERY AREA

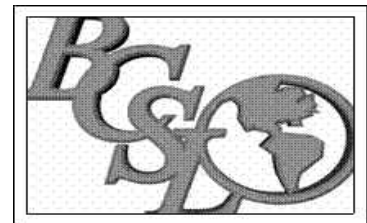
PET ID

If you haven't yet, you may want to get an identification tag for your dog

Dogs that normally never leave their yard can become terrified during times of fireworks or electrical storms & in their attempt to find safety sometimes find themselves on the unfamiliar streets & become lost.

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.



Belize Healthcare Partners Limited



NEW YEAR HOPE

by
Nikki
Buxton

Belize
Bird
Rescue

January 19, 2010 the Belize Bird Rescue took delivery of a fully-grown keel-billed toucan. The bird was apparently found wandering down the street in Belmopan and was picked up by some TV Cable installers. Luckily, BHS member, Tom Tullsen overheard about the capture and called Dewey Morison who 'liberated' this beautiful creature from certain caging. He counseled the men about our National Bird and the illegality of owning and caging one.

After asking for and seeing his ID they surrendered it.

BHS happened to have a clinic that day and Dr. Tesecum gave the bird a brief examination and could find no breaks in the wings or feather damage. Belize Bird Rescue was asked to take the bird and see how it would fare in an aviary. After a couple of days on a good diet in a small enclosure, the toucan was moved to a larger aviary so that it's flight ability could be assessed. After a day or so, the toucan was all over the cage, hopping, flapping and getting airborne with height. It was clear that it was ready to get out into the forest, so on New Year's Day we opened the door, and away it flew. Thanks to Tom, Dewey and Don for a fabulous rescue of Belize's National Bird.

Since Hurricane Richard, food for toucans, and many other birds has become very hard to find. Many friends in Belmopan are feeding the toucans on papaya and banana; this is great for the birds to get them over this hurdle, but it does make them susceptible to sling-shots or car strikes. As usual we face that difficult choice between helping & interfering, but in this instance I think the toucans will benefit in the long run.

Many THANKS

We take this opportunity to thank the following individuals for the extra special donations that have helped the BHS move ahead in leaps and bounds this year.

*US Embassy
BMPCITCO*

Bmp International Women's Group

Belmopan Men's Group

British High Commission

Phyllis Kadle

Denyse and Rod Tustin

Tom Tullsen

Frankie and Graham Miller

Barbara Clark

Candace Sumrall

"Be Kind Belize"



These children and adults attended a 3 day workshop presented by Colette Kase the founder of the program. This after school program will give 300 children between the ages of 8—12 eight action packed hours of humane education spread over 40 weeks. Thanks to the US Embassy grant we are able to hire top quality teachers who are passionate about the subject themselves and provide all the materials needed.

Humane education is not only about teaching kindness to animals but is based on the concept that all life is precious and is practiced by teaching young people the value and importance of treating all living creatures with kindness, promoting empathy and respect for all life.

It helps children develop better interpersonal skills such as speaking and listening while improving their attitudes towards caring for others.

The first classes start mid January and we will be providing regular updates.

PROPERTY REPORT AND REVIEW - Dewey Morison

The BHS property has undergone significant upgrades in the last year. Needing a source of water required the construction of a water vat stand to hold our 600+gallon tank. We raised the resource center to a height that would allow rain water from a gutter system to fill it. This also allowed the area under the center to be partially cemented and a room constructed for our property caretaker Mr. Don Thompson. Of course we need to mention the rehabilitation of the toilet module donated by the Ministry of Public Works which gives us a working toilet, sink, shower and a separate space which has been used for three low cost spay neuter clinics. A solar system has recently been installed which now gives us electricity. Additional landscaping with trees, shrubs and bushes has greatly added to the property appearance and numerous birds have welcomed these additions. What will be done in the next year? We have plans to build bookshelves capable of holding our growing library, reconstructing the stair access to the resource center and improving the wiring.

You, our society members, have made all of this possible and I thank each and everyone of you for your valuable donations whether it was in cash or kind. I feel confident that all of the work done on this property will be viewed by future members of this society as well planned and useful.

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