



# Cayman Islands Humane Society Newsletter



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### New Book Loft Manager

Please drop by and meet Linda Smith; she has implemented some nice changes and improvements.!

## Second Major Hurricane - Paloma Hits Islands

The majority of the land mass in the Cayman Islands lies at sea level. Although the Grand Cayman Shelter is not on the coast, it is prone to flooding during the Hurricane season.

For the second time this year, the Cayman Islands Humane Society had to prepare for a major storm. Windows were boarded, animals fostered, and all items secured.

Last year, the law firm of Appleby's included a special room to house any excess animals that the shelter was unable to foster; they provided a safe place for both animals and staff. The Cayman Islands Humane Society

has now become a permanent part of Appleby's Hurricane Plan.

Crates and supplies are stored at the firm year-round to allow us to set up on short notice. The animals are then transferred to their facility to be housed in a hurricane resistant building.

Paloma did not allow much time to move into the hurricane plan, but the Shelter staff performed their tasks flawlessly. They are well aware of the dangers such storms can potentially have and work tirelessly, until all animals are safely evacuated.

Shelter Manager Sugar Evans, who has been in charge of the shelter since 2005, keeps complete records of every animal that is fostered prior to the storm. Following the "all clear", she then supervises the return of the animals to our shelter.

Following a hurricane, we have found one very positive aspect to the fostering program. Quite often, a foster parent finds they have fallen in love with the animal they have cared for during a storm and then apply to adopt the animal! Following Paloma, this happened once again and we are delighted!

## Happy Holidays to All!!!



## Membership Fees Due

Membership to the Cayman Islands Humane Society expires on December 31st of 2008.

Our by-laws only allow for two types of membership that of "Full" membership or "Associate" membership. The difference between the two types is only a full member is eligible to serve as a director, where an associate is not. All members are entitled to

receive the quarterly newsletter.

The Society relies entirely on memberships, donations and fundraisers to support our efforts; we encourage all to join and help to raise awareness, increase education, increase funding with the main goal to help keep the animals of the Cayman Islands happy and healthy.

Membership fees for both the

"Full" and "Associate" are CI\$ 30.00 per year. This fee assists in allowing us to continue to provide both the animals and the residents of the islands a wide range of programs and services such as the financially assisted Spay and Neuter Clinic at the Shelter.

Email [info@caymanhumanesociety.com](mailto:info@caymanhumanesociety.com) to obtain the 2009 Membership Application Form!



## Brac Branch - Paloma aftermath



Hurricane Paloma hit Cayman Brac with wind speeds of 140 to 150 miles per hour and gusts over 200. Along with the high winds, torrential rain and high seas took their toll on almost 95% of the buildings on the Brac.

The Pet Hurricane Shelter “Noah’s Ark” was opened and housed 20 dogs and 5 cats in safety. The shelter received no damage at all! Due to the massive destruction of the buildings, Karen Fraser kept the shelter open for an extended period of time, but all animals were quickly retrieved by their owners shortly after the “all clear” was announced. Power, water, and phones were completely non-existent following the storm; only some cell phones were working. Contact was made through the police with Karen Fraser who informed us of the damage and needs.

Grand Cayman residents moved quickly to organize relief efforts for the Brac. The Humane Society was able to get immediate relief to Karen on the first two boats that docked in Cayman Brac. Both cat and dog food, a refrigerator to keep medications, and other essential items were in Karen’s hands within days of the storm. Cayman Airways allowed the continued supply of pet food to be shipped over, once full air service had been restored.

Thanks to all who have and who continue to take part in the relief effort for the Sister Islands!

**This is Pheobe, she is Heartworm positive and needs a foster home to start treatment!  
Can you help?  
Call 949-1461**



## Heartworm Positive Animals In Shelter

It is very sad to say that although Heartworm is preventable, so many animals on the islands do not receive a monthly medication to protect them. We currently have approximately fifteen dogs who are Heartworm positive and this condition cannot be treated while in the shelter. The treatment requires a calm, quiet environment, unlike that of the Shelter!

A media campaign called upon the public to foster these animals to allow them to get the treatment in a safe, quiet home. To date, five of the animals are now in foster care and some have started treatment. Once cleared of the Heartworm, the animal can then return to the shelter for adoption.

Our adoption board continues to carry the animal’s

photograph with a note that they are currently in foster care and receiving the treatment.

Unable to provide a foster home? You too can assist this program by providing funds dedicated to cover the cost of the treatments. Each animal’s treatment is CI\$ 150 and anyone wishing to contribute to this program please contact the shelter.

## Bursting at the Seams

Despite having performed over 1800 surgeries at the spay/neuter clinic since 2006, the shelter continues to suffer from being a “Full House”.

In addition to the current shelter numbers, several animals have been rescued from the Brac just prior to and after Paloma. Adoptions continue to be good but the number of animals coming in out numbers the animals going out .

In direct relation to the number of animals

in the shelter is the removal of sewage from the animals. The building was never designed to be a shelter and was a veterinary clinic prior to our acquiring the building. The sewage system was originally set up for a house and as the animal population in the shelter grew, additional sewage tanks were installed. The Planning Department has now required us to install an additional tank to match the effluent needed to be disposed of. The tank is scheduled to be fully functional by the New Year and ready to handle the number of animals in the shelter.

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## Dogs Horsing Around

A mini dog show was held in conjunction with the Caribbean Equestrian Association Junior Jumping Competition at the Equestrian Center in George Town.

Over one hundred entries registered to compete in this first time event. It was a fun day for kids and animals alike. The animals competed in categories including Pranciest Dog, Only a Face Mother Could Love, Mini Me (owner and dog dress and lookalike) and an obstacle course.

Registration for each event was CI\$5.00. Prizes for each event were donated by Animal House, the sponsor for the show.

Volunteers brought several shelter dogs to enter and the crowning glory of the day, was a shelter dog Chester winning the obstacle course!

The equestrian riders from Cayman jumped against riders from Bermuda, Jamaica, and Trinidad and Tobago. The horses and their riders began at 9 am and the dogs

got to horse around during the lunch break between 11:30 and 2 pm.

Volunteers manned the registration booth and the judge from Bermuda was very impressed with the agility and good manners the dogs who attended.

Our thanks goes out to Mary McTaggart of the Cayman Islands Equestrian Federation and to Maggie Baldino for organizing this really fun event. They have invited us to do this again.



**Obstacle Course!!!**

## Price Waterhouse Coopers Volunteers

Peter Harris, Jodi Jones, Fayola Blair, Jody Carroll, and Frances Leese spent the day clearing the new cat room and prepping the walls to be painted. Not only did they spend the entire day improving the condition of the room, they also hired a local trucking firm to remove all unwanted items from the room and haul them away. What a difference their attention to detail made. Walls

were scraped of the old paint and fittings were removed.

The day's outing was organized by Jaslyne Bridges. The group had chosen the Humane Society as an employee project and offered to assist in any way possible. The cat room having just been divided into a quarantine room and an adoption room was the perfect project for them to undertake.

They arrived with a cooler full of drinks and all the tools necessary to take on the task.

The Society is very appreciative when groups such as PWC donate their time and money to improve the shelter and make the lives of our animals more comfortable.

Thank you Price Waterhouse Coopers!

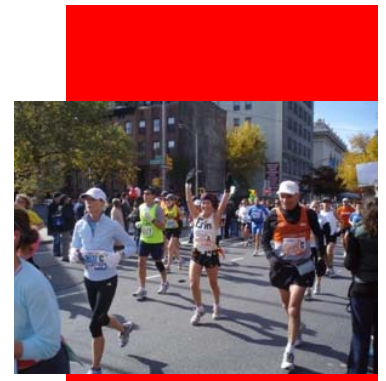
## Erin Lynch Raises Funds

The New York City Marathon, one of the world's greatest road races, took place this year on Nov. 2nd. Erin Lynch, a resident from Grand Cayman, was proud to be one of the 39,000 runners who participated. Cheered on by over two million spectators and over 315 million worldwide television viewers, Erin's run spanned over five boroughs - Statten Island,

Brooklyn, Queens, the Bronx, and Manhattan. Erin crossed the finish line in 21,084th place with a time of 4 hours and 16 minutes. Sponsored by many individuals and her employer, Fortis Bank, Erin used the marathon as an opportunity to raise CI\$ 2047 for the Humane Society! Erin is a huge animal lover, having adopted two cats from the CIHS. She cur-

rently is fostering Rosco and she hopes that he will be adopted soon. Rosco has won her heart and it will be a big challenge to let him go, but she knows he is a fine animal and will make someone a great companion.

Anyone wishing to adopt Rosco, please contact Sugar @ 949-1461.





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**We're on the Web!**

## Mission Statement

The Mission of the Cayman Islands Humane Society is to provide shelter, care and attention to all unwanted companion animals, and seek out responsible and loving homes for them.

To assist the community in all aspects of animal welfare and responsible pet ownership and help combat the problems of pet overpopulation and animal abuse through our Spay and Neuter clinic, financial assistance and education within the community.

**Please be a responsible pet owner!**



My name is Toutsy and I'm one of many animals still looking for a permanent home. If you want to meet me, come down to the shelter and ask!

## Fashion Show Sold Out!

There are two major fundraisers each year for the CIHS. The Gala which is held in the Spring and the Fashion Show That is held in the Fall. These two events take almost six months of work to organize. Two committees work very hard to make these a success. Thank you Ladies!

The Fashion Show was sold out but the best news of all was every animal in the show is adopted and now living with their new owners.

Thank you Tiffany's again for being a sponsor!

## Help Our Puppies Fly



Cayman Airways has recently implemented a new program called **'Miles Ahead'** which creates accounts of Frequent Flyer miles which Non Profit Organizations/Charities can use. The Humane Society have joined this program and our **'Puppy Miles'** are used for the Broward Transfer Program. We encourage members who wish to donate to fill in the Frequent Flyer form which is accessed via their website:

[www.caymanairways.com](http://www.caymanairways.com)

Please be sure you include our account **100101713** in the name of the Cayman Islands Humane Society on the completed forms and just click the submit button to send.

## Deloitte Spends Impact Day at the Shelter

Impact Day is an annual event which was started 9 year ago by a Deloitte office in Hungary. In 2005, one year after the passing of hurricane Ivan Deloitte Cayman implemented this project into their calendar of events. Locations were chosen as they were recognized as areas in the community where we could improve and make an IMPACT.

Deloitte certainly made an impact on the shelter, when eleven staff members came to spend the day with the animals! Josee Savigny's team consisted of Kristi Anderson, Andrew Douglas, Alison Dunkley, Bryan Durano, Anthony Fantasia, Sonya Govan, Amanda Kong, Norm McGregor, Indira McLaughlin, and Andrew Rutherford. They arrived early to begin

walking the dogs. Once all had been taken for a stroll, the team started washing the animals in the outside kennels. The team had a lunch break of pizza and cool drinks and discussed the special qualities of the animals they Impact Day is organized to assist charities with employee participation.





# Christmas Shopping Ideas From CIHS



## Christmas Postcards For Sale!!!

Help Support The Cayman Islands Humane Society And Keep In Touch With Your Family and Friends

Package of Ten Postcards \$8: **NOW ONLY \$5**

The new fabulous, colourful design was donated by a volunteer/member. These postcards measure 6" by 9" and postage is considerably less than a regular Christmas Cards! Postage to the UK is 80 cents and the US is 75 cents as opposed to \$1.60 and \$1.50 for regular cards.

Cards are available for sale at the CIHS Shelter and the Book Loft on North Sound Road, phone 949-1461. They will also be sold at the gift wrapping tables outside of Kirk Home Center on December 13th and 20th.



## Donation Gift Cards

Have you ever wondered what to get your animal-loving friends and family for Christmas, Birthdays or 'just because'? The Humane Society has a solution for you!!!

Why not make a donation to the Cayman Islands Humane Society in their honour? We carry three designs of Donation Gift Cards at the Shelter: Birthday, Sympathy and General Donation. Each of these cards has sufficient space on the back to write a personalized message. For a minimum of a \$5 donation we will send a card on your behalf, or you can hand deliver it yourself!



## Donations Always Accepted

Have you finally cleared out the house to make way for new items, toys and gifts at Christmas? The Claws-It Thrift Shop and The Book Loft will always accept donations of clothing, household items, toys, books, etc. Proceeds from these two shops make up a large part of the funds which are used to cover the day-to-day expenses of running a non-profit animals shelter.

If you have a spare dollar or two, monetary contributions are also welcome!

## Our Shelter Wish List

- Dog Food
  - Pedigree
  - Other Brands Welcome
- Cat Food
  - Science Diet
  - Other Brands Welcome
- Toys and Rawhides
- Bleach
- Paper Towels
- Dryer Sheets
- Strong Smelling Candles
- Laundry Detergent
- Garbage Bags
- Towels
- Crates



## CIHS Merchandise

Great Gifts and Stocking Stuffers!!!

Stop by the Shelter and check out our assortment of branded merchandise! We have t-shirts in multiple sizes, styles and designs; for dog and cat lovers alike. For those coffee lovers, we have both ceramic and travel mugs. Perfect for the home, office and everywhere in between.

We also have many products for your animals: travel bowls, collars, name tags, toys, harnesses, etc!

For stocking stuffers, try our pencils, magnets, hats, bumper stickers and more!!!