



Cayman Islands Humane Society Newsletter

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Hurricane Gustav hits all three Islands

In September 2004, the devastating Category 4 Hurricane Ivan hit Grand Cayman. Since that time, the Cayman Islands Humane Society pays close attention to all possible storms coming our way. The Shelter in Grand Cayman sits in a very low lying area and is prone to flooding. Last year, prior to Hurricane Dean, a local Law Firm—Appleby's offered to take animals into their hurricane resistant building. Twenty animals and two staff safely resided in their building until the storm passed

Appleby's has now placed the safety of our animals into their hurricane plans. With the approach of Hurricane Gus-

tav, public service announcements asked for volunteers to provide foster homes for the shelter animals. CIHS volunteers moved into action and found foster care for all but ten animals, and these ten were taken to Appleby's.

Prior to the storm's arrival, the staff worked to secure the building and prepare the animals to be fostered. All foster care volunteers are provided with crates, food, and any medications the animals might need.

Thanks to the tireless efforts of the staff and volunteers all animals were able to be housed and cared for.

Shelter Manager, Sugar Evans and her staff are to be commended for the magnificent job they did in getting these animals to safety and securing the building.

We are in the height of the hurricane season and we must be prepared by stocking supplies for the members of our families and also planning for our companion animals. Since hurricane shelters on Grand Cayman do not accept animals, they should not be forgotten, left or abandoned. If you are going to a shelter, you should identify someone who might be able to take your animal into their home.

Helpful suggestions to be prepared for a storm

Never leave an animal tethered inside or outside. This is a death trap for an animal unable to seek refuge and flee from rising water and projectiles from fierce winds.

Plan your evacuation well ahead of time. Do not leave cats and dogs in the same room

Never give your pets tranquilizers as they will need to be alert and aware of any danger.

- Pet medications and medical history should be stored in a water proof container/bag.
- Make sure your animals have a collar with identification on them.
- Keep leads in a zip lock bag. Make sure all crates are big enough for the animal to stand up in and turn around.
- Set aside old blankets and bedding for your pet. Keep a photo of you animal in case you are separated. Canned food and water for at least five days together with a bowl and manual tin opener.
- Newspapers, paper towels, trash bags, grooming items, toys and bleach will also come in handy.



“Noah’s Ark” on Cayman Brac

Hurricane Gustav was the first time the hurricane animal shelter “Noah’s Ark” (located on the Agricultural Grounds on the Bluff in Cayman Brac) went into use. The longtime dream of Karen Fraser, the head of the Brac Branch of the CIHS, is now a reality. Just completed last month, eighteen dogs, one cat and 4 birds stayed in the shelter during the storm. The facility held up perfectly! Two volunteers Bonnie and Gene Edwards stayed with and cared for the animals.

Space is limited and strict protocols are being set to allow the maximum number of animals to be housed in the facility. Be prepared for the next storm and register your animal if you reside in a low lying area on Cayman Brac. All animals applying to be accepted must be spayed or neutered. They must have a collar and a dog license. Dogs and cats must be free of ticks and fleas to enter the shelter. Noah’s Ark is not a boarding facility, but a place of safety for your pets in time of danger.

Applications are available through Karen Fraser at 948-2625. Applications are also available at Market Place, Paws and Claws Thrift Shop and the Department of Agriculture office.

New CIHS Website

www.caymanhumanesociety.com

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Jerry (above)

Dolly (right)

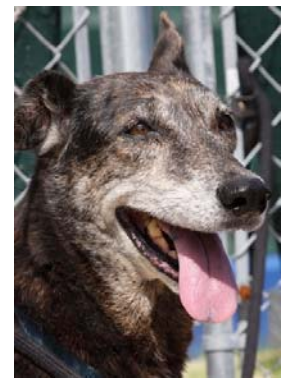
Senior Citizens Need Homes

When Dolly and Jerry arrived at the shelter a couple of months ago, they were both found to be heartworm positive. Most animals found with heartworm are treated in a foster home as they need to be calm during treatment. Because of their age, treatment becomes more complicated. Jerry is currently in a foster home and needs to gain weight before treatment begins. Dolly is still looking for that someone special who will offer to be a foster parent, so that she can begin treatment as well.

After their condition is treated, a permanent home is needed for these animals. Senior animals make fine companions as they do not have the excess energy of the younger animals.

They are simply looking for attention, love, and a soft bed to call their own.

If you are interested in either providing foster care for Dolly’s treatment or can offer a permanent home for these lovely animals, please contact the shelter.



Dolly was a stray and Jerry has suffered neglect and abuse. Give them a 2nd chance!

**Come See Our
Animals;
Here is Buster**



Come and Shop With Us!!!

As many of you know, the CIHS is mainly funded by donations and our volunteers. What you may not know is that we exist from the resale of donations made to our Thrift Shop and Book Loft.

There are two collection boxes located at the main entrance of the Shelter on North Sound Road. One box is designated for books, periodicals and newspapers; the other is for any other items such as clothes, household items, etc.

Currently, the Book Loft is open from 11am—2pm Tuesday to Friday; Saturday from 9am—3pm, with evening hours on Thursday from 5:30pm—7:30pm. Please call 946-8053 for more information.

The Thrift Shop is currently open from 10am—5pm Monday to Friday and 8am—4pm on Saturday. Please call 945-5596 for more information.

For more details, please see the article in the Observer of Sunday August 31, 2008!



Splat the Cat

On Tuesday August 26th, the Cayman Islands Humane Society was invited to the book signing of "Splat The Cat" held at Books and Books in Camana Bay. Children's author Rob Scotton, traveled all the way from England to autograph his latest book "Splat the Cat".

On hand for the book signing were Rooney (a puppy) and Ron, aka Garfield (a cat) who are both up for adoption. Approximately 30 children attended the event and all enjoyed meeting the animals.

The educational film "Pet Playhouse" was shown to the children. This series of films created for Caribbean Children by Mitzi Allen, teaches youngsters how to properly care for pets. Coloring books were also provided to the children with helpful hints on proper animal care.

A scavenger hunt was then held and prizes given. The questionnaire also tested the children's knowledge on animal care and the Humane Society.

Light refreshments were served and the grand finale of the event was the appearance of volunteer, Channing Guenther. Channing, a Canadian magician gave the children a magic show that was very popular. Following the show, he made balloon animals for those in attendance.

Early education of proper animal care makes for good potential pet owners of the future. The CIHS welcomes any opportunity to visit with children and give a presentation on pet care.



Fashion Show Date Changed!

Please mark your calendars! Change of DATE!

The Humane Society Fashion Show will be held on the October 17th, 2008 in the Ballroom of the Ritz Carlton Hotel.

The change of date came about when organizers realized that the schools were on break on the weekend that had been scheduled for the event.

Delaying the show would only put it into conflict with Pirate's Week and Halloween.

Wonderful prizes and items are already being accepted by the fundraising committee and things are shaping up for a spectacular evening.

Several of our adorable, adoptable dogs are beginning training for their night on stage.

Tickets will be on sale at the Shelter, Le Classique, and Fosters Food Fair at the Airport and Strand locations. Should you have anything you wish to donate for the evening, whether it be clothing, handbags, or a raffle prize; please contact Pam Hart at 949-9264.

Please join us for this evening of wonderful fashions, great bargains and glamour.

Gentle Leader Training

For all our wonderful volunteer dog walkers—we have good news!

Some of our animals are very excited when they leave the shelter to go for a walk. To help change their attitudes and resolve many control issues, we have purchased a collection of Gentle Leaders. These head collars offer the best control and most hu-

mane handling of unruly canines.

Training classes were conducted with the staff. A special core of volunteer walkers have been selected to be trained in the techniques required to assist our animals becoming accustomed to the new collars. This pilot program aims to train both the dog and the handler.

Gentle Leaders are regarded as an excellent way to allow shy and fearful animals to become more secure and to overcome aggression problems.

Should you be interested in being a volunteer, please contact: cihsvolunteer@hotmail.co.uk Volunteers are always appreciated.

**Dog Walking
Schedule
Wed. Sat. & Sun.
9 am**



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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 **Lassie**, I am in need of a good home either foster or permanent!! I have heartworm and need to be treated in a quiet environment. Can you help me?

Please contact the Shelter on 949-1461!



Happy Tails

Last year, Janet & Brian Smith were visiting the Cayman Islands from Scotland and came to the shelter to volunteer. While there, they fell in love with Willy who then traveled to Scotland and now resides with them just outside of Aberdeen.

Please send your story, along with a picture, as we have a section on our new website devoted to our "Happy Tails".

Email Trina at trina_legge@hotmail.com

Cat Quarantine Room and Cat Adoption Room

Help Our Puppies Fly



Through the participation of Cayman Airways Rewards Program, your donated Air Miles can go a long way in helping us find homes for dozens of homeless companion animals.

If you would like to make an Air Miles donation and are already a Cayman Airways Frequent Flyer Member, all you have to do is visit the Cayman Airways Website at www.caymanairways.com.

Click on the Frequent Flyer tab and choose the Miles Donation Form. Fill in your information and in the Donate To dropdown tab choose Humane Society ... and click 'Submit'.

Work has now begun on the new Cat Quarantine room and the Cat adoption room located in the old Thrift Shop.

A quarantine room is necessary to provide cats with an area with limited accessibility. A private entrance will prevent cross contamination between healthy animals with those who are ill and being treated.

The old Thrift Shop is being divided and will create a brighter and larger space for the cats available for adoption to be seen and interact with prospective families.

The current cat adoption room does not have any natural light and the new one will be a great improvement.

All renovations are being undertaken to provide our animals with a better living environment. All isolation changes are being made under the guidance of Dr. Brenda Bush.

Since a passing motorist crashed into the area around the external door, that had to be inspected for structural damage prior to any work being undertaken.

Local cat lover Patrick

Harrigan just celebrated a milestone birthday and in lieu of presents, asked that donations be made to the Humane Society to help provide new cages for cat room.

This new room is fondly referred to as "Patrick's Cathouse". These new cages are being sourced and will make the new facility much nicer than the existing room.

Cat lovers who wish to support these efforts and care to sponsor a cage are invited to join Patrick in this project. We always appreciate your donations!!!