



Promoting Animal Welfare
JANUARY 2021
Your Monthly Newsletter For All Things PAW BVI

Hello 2021! We have hit the ground running with one of our most successful months ever – we are breaking our own records (and the bank!). 2020 was a tough year but there were so many highlights for PAW – we sent 385 animals off island (to rescue partners or adopters in the US), we had hundreds of kitties and pups pass through our foster system, we opened the PAW Barn (a small facility where we can house animals needing to recuperate from surgery/injuries or illness) and we met some amazing people both in the BVI and abroad.

We have THE BEST volunteers – I cannot stress enough how wonderful they are – I am amazed every week at the time, effort and care they give to our PAW babies! We are also extremely lucky to be partnered with a veterinary team (Canines, Cats and Critters) that cares as much as we do and supports our mission – we place them under added stress every week but they continue to go above and beyond. Animal Rescue is DIFFICULT, it breaks your heart and frustrates you on a daily basis, but thanks to our wonderful volunteers, supporters and rescue partners, we continue to grow and help more dogs and cats every year. We don't know what 2021 will throw at us and we began the year owing \$20,000 which is never a good starting position, BUT we are ready for the challenge and if January is anything to go by, its going to be a phenomenal year for us!

- Tash Ruscheinski (PAW Founder)



We really hope you enjoy reading our newly launched monthly newsletter - thank you for signing up! Here, you will be kept up to date with everything PAWBVI! You will see where our funds go, the stats for the month and what events we have planned. This month, check out the blue clouds that explain the things you can expect to see each month.

If you know someone interested in receiving our newsletter, please get them to [sign up!](#)

January Stats



In 2020, we sponsored the spaying/neutering of 464 dogs and cats during the year, bringing our total since inception to 2,371. This is the single most important thing we can do to make a lasting impact and address the issue of stray/abandoned and unwanted dogs/cats in the BVI.

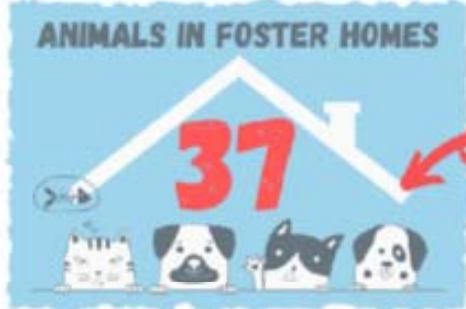


How many animals have been spayed/neutered through PAW this month?

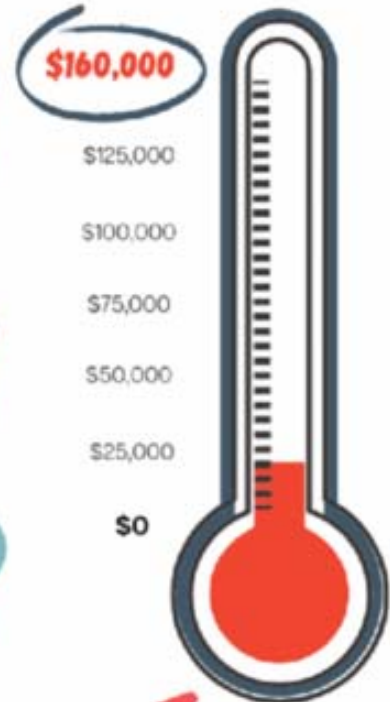
How Many PITA dogs & cats flew to the USA!



How much money was raised and how much was spent this month?



How many animals are in PAW foster care this month?



Where we are in our yearly fundraising goal

We have grown so much since starting out in February 2014 – back then our target was 100 spay/neuters for the year and we were super excited to reach 139 at the end of the year. We were also extremely stressed by our vet bill which was \$15,000 for the whole year (compared to our budgeted bill of \$120,000 for 2021!!) It's great to look back and see how far we've come!

CORPORATE CORNER

A huge thank to the wonderful team at Mourant who are our first corporate donors in 2021, They donated money for our vet bill and dropped off a medicine fridge and horse feed to the PAW Barn!



SPOTLIGHT

Our PAW Spotlight for January is on Abi Hillman, our expert cat catcher for our trap, neuter and release ('TNR') programme! The TNR programme aims to spay/neuter as many stray cats as possible to prevent unwanted kittens and reduce the stray cat population on the islands. Given that the BVI has warm weather all year round, this means that the breeding season for our cats is all year round too!

[Click here](#) to read more about everything Abi does for PAW.

THANK YOU ABI!



PAWS IN THE AIR "PITA"



In 2020 we hit 1000 PITA's!

Sadly, there are just not enough homes in BVI for all the dogs & cats who PAW BVI help to look after.

PAW BVI has connected with a number of amazing partner rescues in the USA who help to find wonderful homes for the dogs and cats that we send to them, through our "PAWS IN THE AIR" programme. There are a lot of costs involved in sending our furry friends abroad, including the vet costs to get them ready to fly, the travel paperwork they need to fly, the carriers they travel in and the airline pet charge.

We always need travellers from BVI / USVI to the States - please spread the word and get in touch if you can help!

Our first dedicated fundraising event for PITA happened this month, read on to hear how it went!



FOSTER OF THE MONTH

Buster has been in foster care since November after a call from a worried resident let us know about his little family of strays. In this short time he has gone from scared and hissing to the biggest cuddle bug with the loudest purr! Buster, along with his mom and sister, is waiting patiently for his fur-ever home xx



JANUARY EVENT SUCCESS



The Sponsored Dog Walk was a smash success! A big thanks to our host We Are BVI at the TB Lettsome International Airport, Eco Adventures BVI, Journeys Health Spa, our big prize raffle donators and everyone who turned out for an unforgettable experience! We managed to raise a whopping \$6,000! Check out our [Facebook page](#) for the full low-down and some fab photos of the day.

UPCOMING EVENTS

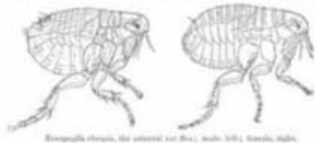
FEBRUARY

SATURDAY 13TH
11AM

♥Paddle for PAW - Valentine's Edition!♥
3 mile race around Frenchmans Cay.
\$30 ENTRY FEE
\$20 Paddle board rental available
FOLLOWED BY PARTY & LUNCH 4 ALL
Register with Christine 3462661



FLEA FREE FLEA MARKET



SATURDAY MARCH 6TH
8AM - 12 PM

MARCH

SPRING CLEAN FLEA MARKET,
\$20 to bring your own car boot or donate
gently used bric a brac, clothes, books,
plants for the PAW stall.

BRUNCH MENU @ JEREMYS KITCHEN.
ARTISAN MARKET ON THE BEACH!
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