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Promoting Animal Welfare

JUNE 2021

Your Monthly Newsletter For All Things PAW BVI

We're halfway through 2021 and the year continues to race by. Another 66 dogs/cats were fixed through our spay/neuter programme, bringing the total for the first 6 months to 363. This is almost exactly 2 spay/neuters every day of 2021 so far! Our Paws in the Air programme was slightly less busy in June but we still managed to send 17 pups and kitties off, bringing our total for the year to an amazing 220.

We are seeing a LOT of owner surrenders at the moment which is so sad to see. The Humane Society of the BVI's shelter is over capacity with adult dogs and they just keep coming. Many owners message us after their pets have already had litters, which is frustrating, but we are definitely reaching more people as we are seeing an uptick in the number of requests to fix owned animals and our waiting list continues to increase. We are still in a great deal of debt, but we keep chipping away at it and doing what we can.

These are very difficult times to fundraise in, with Covid restrictions and a lot of people battling financially. We did have one awesome fundraiser this month – Party & Paddle for PAW, which raised almost \$5000, a very welcome amount!

June Stats



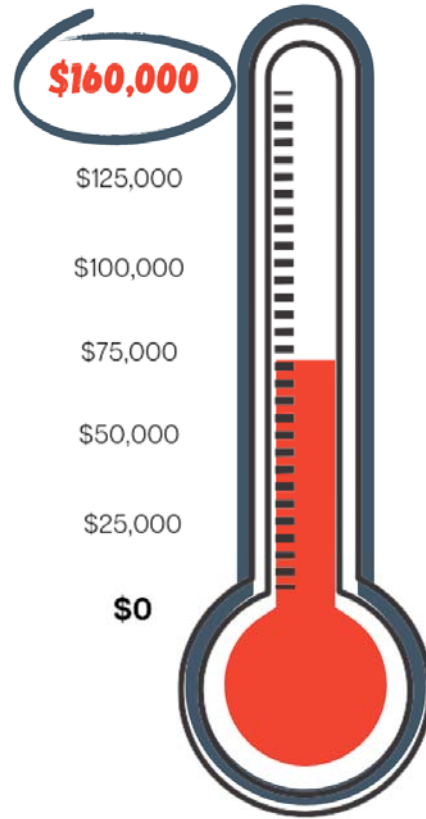
PAWS IN THE AIR



ANIMALS IN FOSTER HOMES



Fundraising Target 2021



CORPORATE CORNER

Jamis Bikes (Again!)

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Thank you!

SPOTLIGHT



As many of you will know, we believe that an effective spay and neuter programme is key in reducing the number of stray/unwanted animals in the BVI. As a result, PAW has a designated 'spay day' at the vet practice each week (PAW will cover the cost of a spay or neuter procedure for those who cannot afford to cover the cost themselves).

We have recently been working with the residents of JVD and so far we have spayed/neutered 16 cats and 3 dogs. A total of 11 kittens have also been taken into PAW foster care.

That's a lot of unwanted litters that have now prevented but we know that there is so much more that could be done!

Atena and her sister had two female mama cats that we were able to spay. We also took in 4 of their kittens, who will be rehomed and also spayed/neutered. We are so happy that the breeding cycle for these cats has now stopped – and this is all because Atena reached out to us and worked with us to make it happen.

Atena said:

'the PAW volunteers are very helpful and communication was awesome. I would encourage anyone to reach out to them – it was a great experience and the animals are in great hands'

Thank you Atena for working with PAW and doing the best by your cats.

You are a hero!

If there is anyone on JVD who would like to learn more, please contact Tiff on 543 7343.

Meet Tito and Luna!

These bitesize babies were found abandoned in a dumpster at around a week old. They were in a terrible state and had no momma cat in sight.

We often get kittens and puppies coming to us in circumstances that have left them without their mothers. With this comes a lot of work and extra care from our volunteers.

In the case of Tito and Luna, they were at an age where kittens still cannot see or move around very well. They need kitten milk every 3 hours around the clock, help with hygiene and must be kept warm and dry.

This means our volunteers are up throughout the night warming formula, feeding, helping them poop (kittens need mums help with this when they are this young) and making sure their bedding is clean and replacing their heat source.

It is a cycle that requires constant extra care, but our great group of volunteers work so well together to give these guys a leg up in life and ready for their next adventure.

None of this would be possible without the kitten and puppy formula that is donated to us through our amazon wishlist. Thank you to all of you who have purchased on our behalf. You are literally responsible for saving some of the most vulnerable animals we rescue.

Without your help, they wouldn't be here.

FOSTER OF THE MONTH



JUNE EVENTS ROUND UP



Party & Paddle for PAW

Unfortunately we had to postpone our event by a day, due to the weather, but we still had an amazing turnout, despite the change in date.

Party & Paddle for PAW (or “PPP”) is a paddle board race from Brewers to Cane, followed by a party at Paradise Club afterwards. This is the third year we have hosted this event, the brainchild of race director (and one of our foster moms) Christine Joseph. This year we had 13 participants in the “Hot Dog” race (long course) & 20 participants in the “Cool Cat” race (short course).

The weather was perfect and conditions much easier than last year. After the main event, the kids got to have a race of their own, in Cane Garden bay, which was fiercely competitive. We’d like to thank all the participants, sponsors and volunteers as well as Paradise Club for hosting.

It was a great day and we raised almost \$5000, which went straight to paying off some of our vet bill.

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