



Promoting Animal Welfare

FEBRUARY 2021

Your Monthly Newsletter For All Things PAW BVI

Happy Birthday to PAW!! 14 February 2021 marked 7 years since the first cat (Rasta Gingies) was neutered through our programme. Our goal for 2014 was to reach 100 spay/neuters. In 2021 we have already passed 100 in the first two months, with 103 so far! Our PAWs in the Air programme continues to grow, with two new rescues agreeing to partner with us this month – which means we can help even more pups and kitties. Alongside our spay/neuter focus and fostering programme, we also help many pet owners in need – whether it's helping them cover the cost of surgery (when the alternative is putting the animal to sleep because the owner cannot afford the vet fees) or getting pups in for life-saving vaccines to prevent deadly viruses like Parvo, we love being able to help caring pet owners.

The reason we are able to help is thanks to our wonderful volunteers, supporters and veterinary partners (Canines, Cats and Critters). We have developed long-term relationships with many people in the community – they know we can be relied on to help if they ask for it. This month, we had two adult dogs surrendered to us – they have only ever known life at the end of a short rope. We have worked with their owners for over 5 years, getting them spayed, providing food and medicine and always gently offering to take the dogs if they were no longer wanted. This day eventually came and we were so excited to get these dogs off their short chains and into our care. They have a long way to go as they are not used to humans BUT they are getting great care at the PAW Barn.

We hope you enjoy this month's Newsletter, we are very proud of what we have accomplished in February – it was another busy and successful month!



This month, we were lucky enough to be chosen as the charity beneficiary for the book sales in second hand corner at Nook BVI.

Each month Nook picks a local cause to donate a very generous 100% of the profits from second hand corner to. This month they raised \$310 for us!

Check out Nook on Main Street or [Nook BVI](#) to go to their facebook page and find out more.

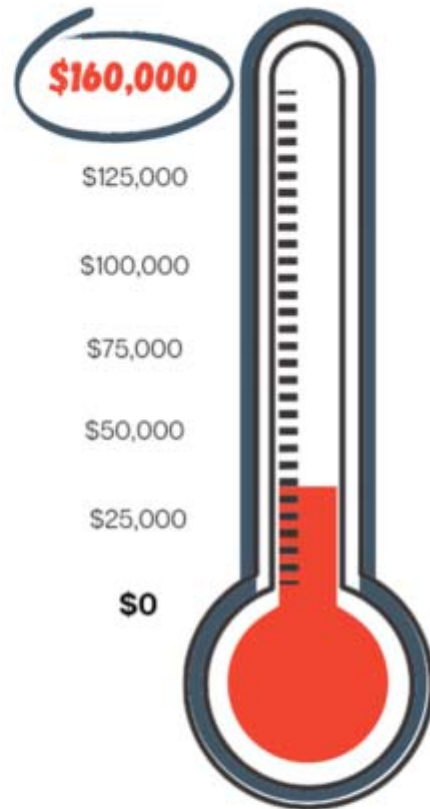
February Stats



PAWS IN THE AIR



ANIMALS IN FOSTER HOMES



CORPORATE CORNER

This month we have been feeling the #BVIlove with donations from Lennox Paton, Conyers, and FTI Consulting.

The donations made will have a huge impact on our budgeted vet bill of \$120,000 this year .

Thank you for being our Valentine's!

SPOTLIGHT



Our PAW Spotlight for February is Sophia Massiah, who lives locally in the BVI and started working with PAW over five years ago.

Sophia has four dogs of her own as well as three rescue dogs. She regularly helps others on the island who are unable to look after their pets due to a number of issues (such as housing).

Sophia has worked with PAW to get eleven(!) dogs spayed or neutered to date, which is a massive achievement and will make such a big difference to the local dog population.

"I would encourage all pet owners to help control the pet population and contact PAW to have their pets spayed or neutered. They provide a safe and professional service."

[Click here](#) to read more about Sophia's story.

THANK YOU SOPHIA!

FOSTER OF THE MONTH

Betty Spaghetti and the pasta litter

A mamma dog and her 9 puppies were surrendered to the Humane Society on 18 January this year. They immediately contacted us to see if we could find a foster and we went and grabbed them from the vet. Due to the extreme amount of worms that both mom and pups had, they were named the "Pasta litter" with the mom being called "Betty Spaghetti".

One of our fosters (Stacey) kept them until the pups were old enough to be separated from their mom – Betty went to the PAW Barn and the pups were split between Stacey and Ruth. Betty could then be treated for the parasites and bacteria that we were unable to treat while she was nursing.

8 of the Pasta pups have flown to the US to partner rescues or forever homes. The 9th pup was diagnosed with Puppy Strangles (a very scary sounding disease that we've actually not experienced before). Luckily, foster mom Ruth got him to Dr Sarah as soon as she saw him swelling and he is doing just fine now and has a few more weeks of treatment to go.

So that just leaves Betty – we always try our best to find a great home for the mom dog but its always a lot more tricky as pups are much easier to home. Luckily, the awesome team at Animal Care Centre in St John, offered to take her and find her a home – so on Thursday 2 March, Betty jumped on a boat and headed to St John where we know its just a matter of time until she finds her family!



FEBRUARY EVENT ROUND UP



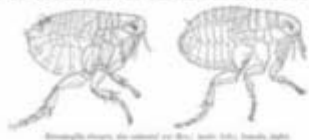
Despite the very windy conditions 27 paddlers turned up for our Valentine's edition Paddle for PAW race around Frenchman's Cay. Our wonderful organiser Christine had to come up with a Plan B route for the not-so-experienced paddlers.

A big congrats to Marty Martinson, Brian Duff, Ewout Franse and Amanda Baker who all placed in the competition. A special thanks to Christine for not only organising but making and donating all of the gift baskets. To the Admiral Pub for being perfect hosts. To Mark and Sally - our pro burger flippers for the day! Finally a big thank you to everyone who was involved in this brilliant event.

We managed to raise a fantastic \$2522 in spite of the high winds! Check out our [Facebook page](#) for the full low-down and some fab photos of the day.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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!

REGISTER

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APRIL

Saturday 10th April - 3PM
Aquathon and happy hour

Multiple races including kids relay
and family relay

Entry fees from \$5

FOLLOWED BY HAPPY HOUR
@ INDIGO HOUSE, Cane Garden Bay

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