



Promoting Animal Welfare

MAY 2021

Your Monthly Newsletter For All Things PAW BVI

We're often asked if we can see a difference in the number of dogs and cats on island. Right now the shelter is full of adult dogs and we are taking in unwanted puppies on a frequent basis. We are managing to keep the number

of cats in the shelter low, but that's because our tiny group of cat foster homes are always beyond capacity.

We have sent 200 dogs/cats to partner rescues in the states in the first 5 months and they just keep coming. For example, this month we met a new family, who had 4 female dogs, all pregnant at the same time (20 pups in total).

We have been steadily working to have all the dogs in the family (and extended family and neighbour) fixed and took all the puppies they would allow us to take (unfortunately for one little runt it was too late and he passed away due to the burden of worms and fleas). Thankfully this family is on board and allowing us to get the dogs fixed. But it's a huge and costly undertaking and this is just an example of ONE FAMILY! It's easy to feel despondent when dealing with it on a daily basis and wondering whether all the time and effort we put into spay/neuter is worth it.

### **BUT IT IS!**

Spay/neuter is the only way we are going to solve the problem of unwanted and abandoned dogs and cats in BVI. It feels like there are more puppies and kittens because we are saving more – a lot of pups/kitties that come to us wouldn't have survived and that's one reason it feels like there are more. May was another busy month, with lots of expenses and not a lot of funds raised, but hopefully June will be better from that perspective!

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## May Stats



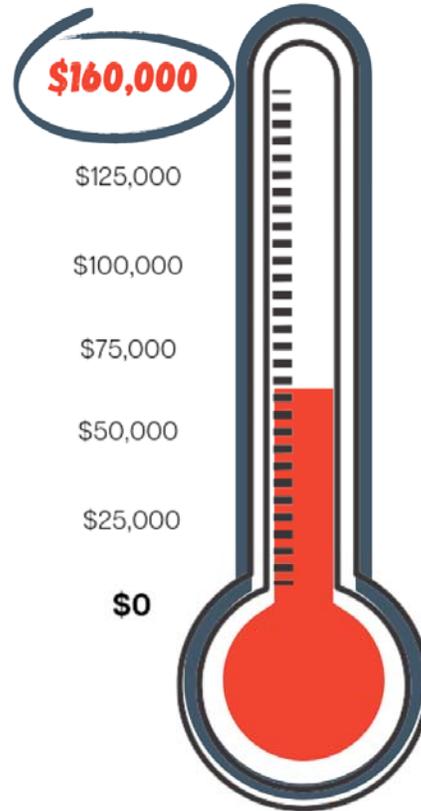
## PAWS IN THE AIR



## ANIMALS IN FOSTER HOMES



## Fundraising Target 2021



### CORPORATE CORNER

A big thank you to **Deloitte**, our corporate sponsor for June!

SOME HEROES WEAR MASKS,  
SOME HEROES MAKE THEM!



### Amazing Mask Donations

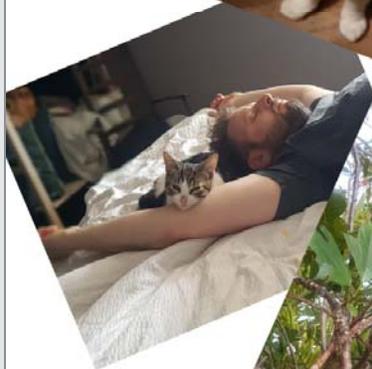
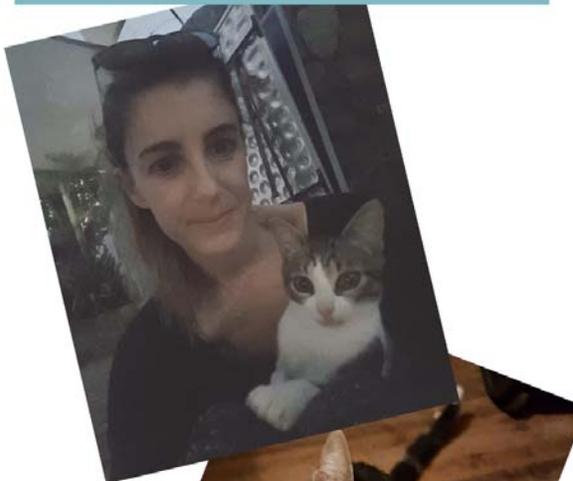
Denise Carson has been super busy since Covid hit, making amazing reversible masks and donating them to various organisations and schools.

She doesn't charge PAW **anything** and has made some specially branded animal prints for us. We have been able to sell her masks to raise a nice amount of money for our fundraising effort – they have been a huge hit!

She has made almost 5000 masks so far which is an amazing feat.

Thanks so much Denise, we appreciate you!!

## SPOTLIGHT



Our PAW Spotlight for May is Charlotte Davis, who is a vet who came to the BVI in early March to lend a hand at the vet practice that we work with.

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). During Charlotte's time in the BVI, she helped us spay and neuter a large number of cats, dogs and goats (!! ) which will stop breeding cycles and help prevent unwanted litters on island.

Not only did Charlotte help us with our spay and neuter programme, but she also went above and beyond for some of our emergency cases and animals in foster care. One cat in particular (that you may remember from last months' Foster of the Month), Twitch, was very lucky to have found himself in the care of PAW whilst Charlotte was on island.

Twitch was brought into the vet practice by a good Samaritan who saw him run out in front of a truck. He was unhurt but was having seizures. After some initial checks at the vet, his condition wasn't improving and his seizures were continuing. It turned out that he couldn't walk and was also blind and so Charlotte decided to take him home so she could monitor him.

Charlotte spent hours researching what could be wrong with Twitch and even reached out to a neurological specialist in the UK for some extra advice. Whilst the cause of Twitch's conditions are still unknown, we were super pleased to hear that (after a number of relapses) his condition (including his legs and his

eyesight) slowly started to improve. Twitch has continued to grow and is now a fully-fledged walking, talking adventurous kitten (and an extremely cute one at that too!!)

Twitch does still need ongoing care however and needed a very special forever home. That is why we were absolutely overjoyed that, when it was time for Charlotte to return home, she decided to adopt Twitch and take him with her!

Charlotte and Twitch have since made the long journey back to the UK and we were so happy to hear that he is settling into his new home well. He's already explored the house top to bottom and is now moving on to the trees in the garden!

Thank you Charlotte for everything you did for PAW and the animals of the BVI (in particular Twitch!)

We love you and please come back soon!

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## Meet Rocky!

The Chonky Prince, Mr Thicc, Cap'n Munch...

Rocky was surrendered to us last month by his owner. Rocky's mom absolutely adored him and for good reason, he is a hunk of love and the king of cuddles!

Sadly for Rocky, and an unfortunately common occurrence here in the BVI, the landlord of the apartment had decided to no longer allow pets in their building.

This has left Rocky's mom heartbroken and having to surrender her sweet boy. It is often harder to house older cats, but here at PAW we make sure to send each animal to a partner shelter that is most suitable for them giving them the greatest chance at rehoming and a second chance to find their furever homes.

Rocky is currently with us in foster and has the other foster cats wondering whether he is a dog in a cat suit or just 5 kittens in a fur coat!

Welcome to the gang, Rocky.

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FOSTER OF THE MONTH



## MAY EVENTS ROUND UP



## May Events

It was a busy month for us with three great events with a fantastic turn out for all!

### Humane Society Dog Show

The Humane Society team kindly allowed us to have a merchandise stall at their annual dog show which was very well organized and really well attended. We had a great booth, close to the action and got to see all the Coconut Retrievers strutting their stuff.

### BVI Theatre Series

After a long covid-enforced absence, the Theatre Series made a return for a one off show. We have had a great relationship with Nadia and her team for many years and they always allow us to sell drinks and baked goods to raise funds. We have some really great bakers amongst our supporters!

As the show was War Horse, we spread the love and split half of the funds raised with BVI Equine Educational Rehabilitation Sanctuary (BEERS) who look after a number of rescued horses (most from the local race track).

### Pop-up Yard Sale

Not everything in BVI goes to plan, so you learn to relax and get creative.

We had been invited by another organization to have a stall at there car boot sale last Saturday. After spending hours loading the cars after sorting through all the donations, we received a message to say the Boot Sale was postponed to the following week due to weather. We don't have a storage facility and couldn't face unpacking and repacking so we hosted a pop-up yard sale at Sue's house. Despite very little notice, we

had a good turnout, sold most of our stuff and raised \$600 (and it was a perfect BVI day with no rain).

## NEW SHIRTS !



## New Paws In The Air Tech Tops

Don't forget to get your paws on one of our new PITA technical tops!

These breathable, Dri-Fit and UV safe (UPF 50+) long sleeve shirts with our beautiful PITA logo on the back come in a range of colours... While stocks last!

Grab them from our PAW merch table at PAW events or contact **Sue** on **540-8468** to reserve yours now.

## JUNE EVENTS



## Paddle & Party for PAW

A paddle board race from Brewers to Cane, followed by a party at Paradise Club afterwards.

There are two distance options - "Big Dog" (long course) & "Cool Cat" (short course). Kids fun race in Cane to follow after the main event.

This is the third year we are hosting this event and its one of our favourite on the calendar!

Look forward to seeing you on the water or at the bar.

**June 26th**

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