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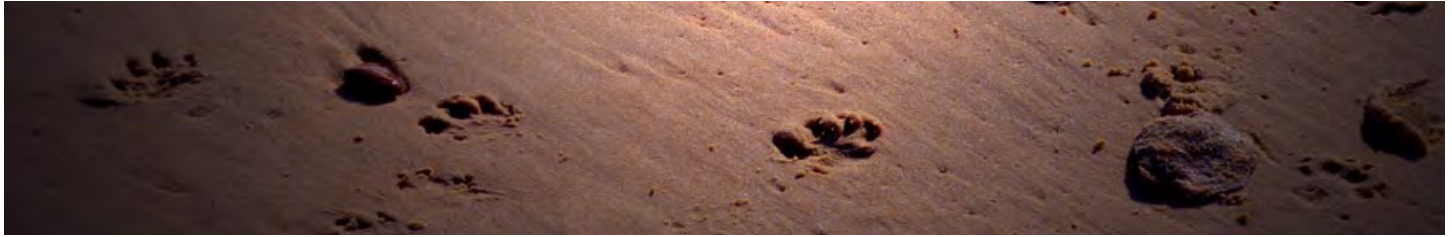


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## FROM THE SHELTER PRESIDENT

Dear Animal Lovers,

Happy Holidays to all our supporters, we are grateful for your help and couldn't take care of our four footed friends without you.

2011 has been an interesting year—We started out with a smaller, more streamlined board of directors, and a new shelter administrator bringing new talent to the day to day operations. I can unequivocally report to you that both changes have been successful! My sincere and heartfelt thanks to all the directors who were able to work tirelessly and as a team all year, and to Sally Nelson and Kimber Marnen for the joy and love they have brought to St. John's needy animals. We also have a cadre of volunteers whose efforts can't be ignored—they totally rock!

Despite economic woes all around the world, we have some successes to report to you. We have signed a memorandum of understanding with the VI National Park that any dogs or cats found or trapped on Park land will be delivered to the ACC for processing. With many in-holdings (private land within the park) this is important to reunite wandering pets with their owners. We are investigating an opportunity in the country for a larger facility (long-term rental) where we might become more financially self-sufficient, with an on-going flea market. We have already gotten promises from contractors and material suppliers for unspecified "help". As Don Corleone said, "Some day I will come to you and ask you to do something for me..." We applied for two grants and received them both! Purina awarded us a \$2,000 non-specific grant, and PetSmart Charities awarded us a two year grant totaling \$45,450 which is very specifically for the homeless cat spay/neuter program – this one because of our successful existing program. We are still waiting for the \$13,500 funding from the Department of Agriculture

and hope that arrives soon, because our operating account is depleted and our donations are down by a whopping \$30,000 this year. We already operate on a shoestring, so you can imagine what a devastating effect that is having on us.

And that is why, in the middle of this holiday season of giving and good cheer, I beg you to think of the animals and make a loving contribution of any size to the St. John ACC, so our dedicated staff and volunteers can continue their good work—it's for the animals!

Thank you for your support.

For the animals,

B. J. Harris, President



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## THE ACC GOALS

- To spay/neuter and medically clear all the homeless animals on the island
- To educate the public on the importance of spaying and neutering their pets
- To prevent pet over-population, alleviating the suffering of unowned animals
- To supply food and water to unowned animals in the bush
- To care for and find good loving homes for abandoned animals
- To provide the funds for medical attention to abandoned animals in need
- To save enough money to build a boarding kennel and sustainable shelter

The Animal Care Center of St. John, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to the well-being and care of homeless, abandoned and abused animals on our island.

For more information about the animals please stop by the ACC or call us at 340-774-1625

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# The Adoptables



## Oliver

- Male Pit Mix - About 1 and a half years old
- Oliver was brought in as a stray, very starving and very scared. He has gained over 20 pounds in our care and is a very healthy, happy dog. He has a mellow temperament and gets along with most of the other dogs. He is shy at first, and once he gains your trust he will follow you anywhere. A true beauty and best friend.



## Eva

- Female Kitten - About 6 months old
- There are many cat and kitten 'Adoptables' at the ACC. Some of these cats are especially sweet and sociable and many of these cats are especially beautiful. Eva has about the most gorgeous and mesmerizing eyes we have ever seen. If you are a cat lover and have not stopped by the ACC you may be surprised at the many special animals.



## Flossie

- Female Terrier mix - about 1 years old.
- Flossie arrived with her brother Freddie who has recently been adopted. She is a very sweet girl who has lots and lots of energy. She could definitely win any high jump contest she enters. She is very ready to find her forever family. She has been socialized and does very well with other dogs. She loves all her toys and is looking for someone to play with.



## Nahla

- Female Rottweiler/Shepherd mix - 1 yr old
- Nahla is very sweet dog who has lots of energy. All she is looking for is a family to love her. When she first arrived she did not know how to walk on a leash and learned quickly. She loves Buster and plays well with him. She loves kids and is really hoping she gets a family who will take her on long walks and spend lots of time with her. She deserves lots of love.

Dogs come to us in a few different ways. Some are brought to us as strays; we try and reunite them with their owner or keep them as residents until adopted. Some are brought to us by their owners who are not able to care for them properly, and some are seized by the police if they are in a bad situation.

Regardless of how they get to us, once they arrive they get much love and attention (some of them for the first time) from the moment they check in.

If they are stray, we post their photo in designated locations for 5 days. If no one has claimed them, they become ours. They receive a full checkup and evaluation at the vet, and if they are healthy enough, are immediately spayed or neutered. Many of the dogs that come to us test positive for heart worm. Depending on their health, they get treatment in a few different ways.

Our dogs spend their days in very comfortable kennels (about 5 feet by 10 feet), get walked for a half mile twice a day, get fed lots of food and can have all the treats they want. Many have doghouses and because of your generosity, all have dog beds. Their kennels get a thorough cleaning once a day and they also get to socialize and play with each other (usually two or three at a time).

# The Adoptables



## Moose

- Male Pit mix - about 3 years old
- Moose was found at the starting line at 8 Tuff Miles and brought to the shelter. He spent most of his life tied on a short chain and has learned how to go on walks. He is very aloof but is gaining more and more trust in people. He needs someone who is patient and loving. He needs lots of room and a well fenced-in yard and no cats. He loves hot dogs.



## Coco

- Female Terrier mix - 3 years old.
- Coco is a very sweet terrier mix who has had 3 litters of puppies already. She came to us exhausted. She is now spayed and ready to finally start her life as someone's pet. She has no idea what its like to be a dog, only a mother. She plays well with kids and other dogs and has lots of energy. She would make a great companion.



## Angel

- Female Pit mix - 3 years old.
- Angel was rescued with Delta. She is extremely grateful not to be tied to a tree anymore and is so happy with all care she has received. The extra love and attention at the shelter has helped her during her recovery. She does not like to share her attention with others dogs, so she needs to be an only dog.



## Delta

- Female Coconut Retriever - 2 years old.
- Delta was rescued with Angel, tied to a tree on a short rope, hungry and exhausted. She loves to play and tumble. She didn't know how to go for a walk at first, but now she loves her walks and meeting new people. She loves other dogs and is a great playmate. Her best friend is Buster.

## CONTINUED...

Our dog-walkers wear bright shiny vests so everyone knows who they are walking: an ACC dog and up for adoption.

While they are with us, we try and get them adopted into their forever homes. We hold an adoption clinic at the Marketplace every Tuesday where two dogs get to go meet people, and show everyone how well-mannered they are. They get to sit for a photo shoot with our volunteer photographer Yelena Rogers and then have their picture put on the adoption poster that goes up all over the island.

Our employee in charge of the care and comfort of the dogs is Kimber Marnen. Kimber is the one constant person in their lives and they all love her dearly. She walks them, bathes them, feeds them, socializes them, keeps on eye on their health and comfort and knows if anyone is getting sick or needs something, basically watching over them until they find their new home.

Kimber gets greeted every morning by wagging tails and enthusiasm; there is no other job that we know of where everyone is so thrilled to see you the moment you walk in the door.

If you see Kimber out on the street walking her dogs, stop by and say, "HI".



### Puppies

- Male and female - 10 weeks old
- We have 2 male and 2 female shepherd/terrier mix puppies. They were not taken care of properly by their owner, and since we have had them, they have become very healthy. They are absolutely adorable and love all the attention they get at the ACC. They will kiss you all day long.



### Calabash

- Female Pit mix - about 1 1/2 years old.
- Calabash (we call her Cally) was found in Coral Bay starving and very scared. Although we think Cally was abused as a bait dog, she is a very happy and loving dog who has gained almost 20 pounds since she arrived and can't stop wagging her tail. She is in need of a home where she will be loved and get lots of exercise. She is full of energy and very playful.



### Daisy (puppy)

- Female terrier mix - 4 month old
- Daisy is part of Coco's last litter. She is extremely well behaved and can walk on a leash and has already started her training. She would make an excellent addition to anyone's family. She loves everyone and other dogs and her favorite thing to do is grab an afternoon burger at Woody's.



### Nutmeg (special needs)

- Female terrier mix - 4 months old
- Nutmeg is part of Coco's last litter. She was born with a problem with her hind leg and she has little use of it. As she gets older, a Vet will determine what the best course of action is; until then, she uses her leg and has no pain. She is a cuddly sweetheart who needs a special home with lots of love.



### Rocky

- Male Island mix - age unknown.
- Rocky is a stray with a heart of gold. He was brought to us very sick and very hungry. He is so grateful for the care and love he is getting at the Shelter. He is shy at first due to past abuse, but once he gets to know you, he trusts you with all his heart. He needs a good home with lots of attention and love.

# The Adoptables

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Anyone on island - residents or visitors - is encouraged to come and meet these wonderful animals. They are very happy and absolutely love guests.

To see all of our Adoptable Pets click here for... [PetFinder.com](http://PetFinder.com)



Photography by Yelena Rogers

# Abuse and Neglect



## Please Don't Chain Man's Best Friend...

All too often, "man's best friend" is left to spend his entire life in solitary confinement, trapped at the end of a chain. Chained dogs are often deprived of adequate care and are left to suffer through extreme heat with no shelter when all they want are scratches behind the ears, walks around the block, and the opportunity to curl up at their guardians' feet at night.

The best way to help chained dogs is to work with legislators to ban chaining. Speak out for all chained dogs or help an individual dog in need.

The photo above is from the PETA website. We know the people reading our ACC e-magazine are not the ones chaining their dogs but when we received this email from PETA, not one of the dogs in the photos is in as horrific condition as the chained dogs that have been rescued on St. John!

One dog, at Pastory, was on a tow chain (the kind local tow trucks use). A dog in Coral Bay's chain was so heavy, he could not stand up. Frequently, the chains are so short, the dogs cannot stand up or move. Many have been double chained with locks on the chain.

To add to the suffering of these dogs, in all cases, there was no water or food.

Anne Marie Porter

## Moral vs. Legal...

*"My neighbor has a dog he keeps tied up all the time. Can't you do something?"*

This is a question that we often hear at the ACC. Unfortunately, according to Virgin Island law, this is neither abuse nor neglect. The abuse laws, which are felonies, focus on killing, maiming, and torturing that is commonly found in dog fighting. The neglect laws, which are misdemeanors, focus on animal abandonment (something that happens more often than you'd think), failing to provide "adequate care", and leaving an animal confined without food or water for more than 24 hours. While the owner of an animal is required to provide "adequate care," the legal definition of this is as follows:

"The provision of adequate food, clean water, shelter, sanitary conditions, exercise, rest, and veterinary medical attention in order to maintain the animal in a state of good health."

"State of good health" is defined as freedom from disease and illness and in a condition of proper cleanliness, body weight, and temperature for the age and species of the animal, unless the animal is undergoing appropriate medical treatment.

The problem with this is that there is no legal definition of how much exercise is needed. The same goes for veterinary care. It does not require vaccinations or heartworm prevention. And, love & affection, the things that dogs and cats need the most, are not required at all. Another problem is the way people are raised to view their dogs & cats. Some people, like me, treat their pets like they are their children. Others see animals as property; things that are owned and nothing more or less. Most people fall somewhere in between.

The only thing we at the ACC can do is to try to teach people that their pets have feelings just like we do. And since most attitudes are like concrete - the longer they set, the harder they get - the best way to go about this is to reach children at an early age.

Kimber Marnen - STJ ACC Staff

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ST JOHN'S ANIMALS NEED YOUR HOLIDAY HELP.

# Creature Feature



## Cheeso...



Cheeso is our only cat with enough character to warrant his own logo. Cheeso was named by the staff after Cheetos due to his orange color.

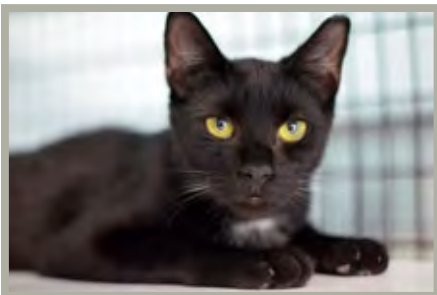
Cheeso is probably the ACC's only permanent resident. He is a beautiful and interesting little orange and white cat that came to us well over three years ago. Actually very few people have even seen him and we hardly know he's there. He is unusually shy and immediately upon arrival made his home behind the washing machine and rarely lets anyone see him come out. We know he does as when he is spotted he looks perfectly happy and healthy.

Having mis-heard his name, most of the volunteers think his name is Jesus. They thought that because they had never personally seen him that the name made some sense, and they don't question that he exists.

If you stop by the ACC, be sure to take the time to try to catch a glimpse of him. If you stand out of view behind the office door you might catch him sneaking out of his hiding place always with an eye on the door. If you see him, then you can be a believer too.

# Orphan Kitties

## Our Sweet Little Orphans



By July of this year we had an influx of cats. Over the last few months we have had over 20 cat and kitten adoptions and 3 of them have gone to the states. Our cat population has gone down from about 60 to about 45 cats, but recently we have had a lot of orphan kittens arrive from between 2 days old to 3 weeks old.

These kittens require around the clock care and need to be fed every few hours with an eyedropper and a special formula. Out of the 8 orphan kittens that have come in, seven of them have all been taken care of by Shelter Manager, Sally Nelson. She takes them home every night and keeps watch over them 24 hours a day.

One kitten was fostered by one of our great supporters, Jess Severence, and she will continue to keep her until she is old enough to come back to the Shelter and be ready for adoption. We need more volunteers like Jess who could take an orphan kitten upon arrival and assist with nursing them back to health.

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### INFORMATION

An un-spayed female cat, her mate and all of their offspring, producing 2 litters per year, with approx 3 surviving kittens per litter can total:

- 12 cats in 1 year
- 67 cats in 2 years
- 376 cats in 3 years
- 2,107 cats in 4 years
- 11,801 cats in 5 years
- 66,088 cats in 6 years
- 370,092 cats in 7 years
- 2,072,514 cats in 8 years
- 11,606,077 cats in 9 years!!

# Top Dogs



Jennifer Troisi  
 Jenn Dale  
 Kate Norfleet  
 Karen Radke  
 Craig Roub  
 Laurie Crandall  
 Craig Crandall



## Thank You...

'Top Dogs' is a group a little off the grid. A group most of us know that work quietly behind the scenes doing great work focused entirely on helping the animals here on St. John. Collectively they have over a hundred years of helping the cause to rescue and help the Animal Care Center of St. John.

You've all met the members of Top Dogs as you've stood in line drooling over the smell of delicious food at the various ACC events. This is not an easy job considering the typically remote locations we routinely hold our events. Weather has been known to make their efforts even more difficult as dates have been known to shift at the last moment. They keep their heads up and their smiles apparent through it all.

Top Dogs' motto is 'Wag Don't Bark'. They quietly accept hands-on responsibilities for numerous challenges including; providing foods and aid, informational ads in our magazines and newspapers, helping out with our cat stations, fostering animals, rescues, volunteering at the shelter for various tasks, and the list goes on.

The members tend to exist slightly under-the-radar, avoiding accolades, attention and agenda. Their entire mission is simply to raise moneys for and to help the animals.

As much as the ACC respects the Top Dogs anonymity, we certainly appreciate all of their hard work. They help make our island a better place.

# Voluntourism



## Looks Good, Feels Good & Does Good

These days, the hot new way to travel is not so much defined by the means of the vacation--i.e. the flight, the hotel, the gorgeous destination--but by the end result of a trip. Voluntourism is sweeping the world as the trend for travelers in the know. The idea is simple, and it's catching. Everyone from college students to retired couples is finding a way to lend a hand and spend their vacations helping others in the communities they are visiting.

There comes a point — generally when you're on your third Cruzan and Diet, sunburned over 60 percent of your body and the kids are screaming in the infinity pool — when you start wonder if there is more to the whole vacation concept than lying on a beach getting toasted. A way of showing thanks for your own good fortunes, perhaps. You want a chance to contribute more to a local economy than buying overpriced trinkets that neither you nor your friends back home really need.

Voluntourism's recent upswing might be a reaction to significant world events. Tourism dollars are essential to bringing back a weakened local economy, so voluntourists help with both their hands and their money. And many travelers want to interact with a culture in a more meaningful way than tramping through its tourist attractions.



Lisa and Val



Lindsey, Casey and Sydney Gordon with Delta, Dawn and Buster



New Yorkers



Vacationers Kelly and Christine with Sasha and Hailey



Kolbs from Pennsylvania



Lindsey Bathing Angel

## Voluntourism

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**Be the change...** Enjoy a voluntourism adventure in St. John and return with treasured memories and incredible stories, knowing you have touched lives of loving animals in need. And don't forget maybe the best reason -- people feel good when they're helping. Studies have shown that there is a positive relationship between health and volunteering.

Contact the St. John Animal Care Center before or during your next visit to the islands and see why our volunteers feel that they take away more than they give.

Come visit St. John and be a Voluntourist!



Taylors from London

# Time again for Bar Wars!

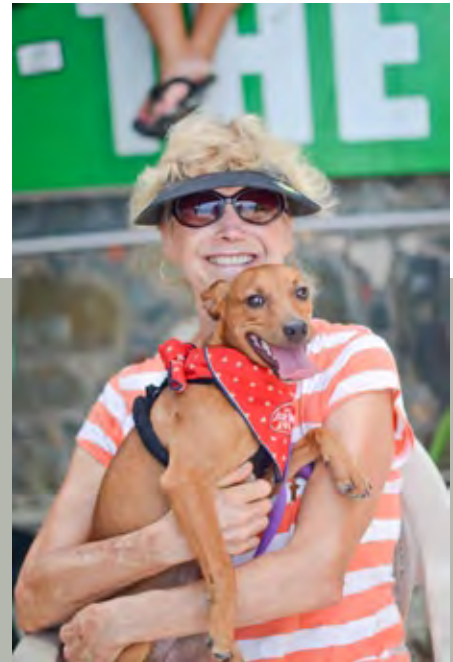
What, you ask, are bar wars? Every year bartenders from all around the Virgin Islands congregate in St. John's Cruz Bay on the beach in front of The Beach Bar to compete for the title of best bar. Teams race to complete a series of relays which consist of overcoming obstacles, mixing drinks, and downing brews. The teams of four to six people put up \$25 entry fees per team. Bar Wars is an endurance event of sorts, an obstacle course contest on the beach designed to test the bartending and service skills of the teams who enter. Bar Wars is a Beach Bar fundraiser with all the proceeds going to the St. John Animal Care Center.

If the thought of competing makes your head hurt don't worry, there were plenty of enthusiastic bar people prepared to bring a win and Bar Wars pride back to their respective joint. These were most likely the same people that lay out like limp noodles on a beach Sunday afternoon.

Dogs lolled in the shade on Cruz Bay Beach on Saturday afternoon, unaware the people running around the shoreline in a frenzy, cheering each other on, were doing it all for the animals.

The winners of the event, 'Intoxication Station', were the same team to win last year. Intoxication Station is not a team from one bar, but rather a combination of talent led by Waterfront Bistro bartender Allen Lancaster, Mike Lord and Mike Lane from Sweets, a West Indian hangout in Johns Folly, and Mike Lane's brother, Tory.

This year Bar Wars raised \$3,100, nearly twice as much as last year. Thank you so much to all the participants, the Beach Bar, and St. John Brewer's Tap Room, the sponsor for this year's Bar Wars.



Jane Kyser with Freddie



Sadie Visiting with the Locals



Buster and Delta Watching the Mayhem



Kimber Kept an Eye on Delta as She Climbed a Tree



The Crew on the Beach

## Bar Wars

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The Beach Bar often hosts cool events, and is definitely a cool place to hang out even when they're not invaded by crazy people! They are right on the water in beautiful Cruz Bay, go check them out..



# Animal Abuse

## Dogfights

To be responsible and conscientious the St. John ACC E-Magazine didn't want any time to pass before we speak about one of the most concerning issues threatening our dogs here in the Virgin Islands.

48 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and **the Virgin Islands have made dog fighting a felony offense**; 47 states, the District of Columbia, and **the Virgin Islands prohibit the possession of dogs for fighting**; and 48 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and **the Virgin Islands prohibit being a spectator at a dogfight**.

Depending on the level of cruelty and injury to animals, pet owners who engage in dogfighting throughout the territory can be arrested and fined \$5,000 to \$20,000, as well as sentenced up to 10-years imprisonment if found guilty of dogfighting.

"It's cruel, it's wrong and it's against the law," **Moises Carmona, St. Croix Animal Welfare Center** said. "People should not be putting these animals to fight."

"Anyone capable of this kind of violence poses a serious risk to humans and non-humans alike", said PETA's **(People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals)** Suzanne Barnard. "Communities should be deeply concerned when animal abusers are found in their midst. Research in psychology and criminology reveals a consistent pattern of cruelty to animals among perpetrators of violence towards humans."

A recent scientific examination "**Animal Cruelty: Pathway to Violence Against People**", was published that evaluated both qualitative and quantitative data to identify correlations between childhood cruelty and adult violent behavior, utilizing interviews and criminal records of violent and nonviolent inmates in maximum security prisons.

In this study of animal cruelty history in incarcerated prisoners, 56% of violent offenders had committed acts of cruelty to animals. The study revealed that animal abuse was reported in 88% of homes with physical abuse of children. In a relevant recent St. Croix study "**Corporal Punishment and Personality Traits in the Children of St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands**" it was noted that of the 'Violent Inmates' in a maximum security prison, that exactly 100% of the inmates had been abused as children. Another survey of women in domestic violence shelters, 70% reported that animals in their households had also been abused.

PETA has sent courts a report that details the connection between cruelty to animals and violence towards humans. **The American Psychiatric Association** identifies cruelty to animals as one of the diagnostic criteria for conduct disorders, and the **US Federal Bureau of Investigation** uses reports of these crimes in analyzing the threat potential of suspected and known criminals.

There has been remarkable progress since the NFL quarterback, Michael Vick's arrest on dogfighting charges

two years ago, securing 23 new laws against animal fighting. Any idea that these new laws don't affect residents of our Virgin Islands is mistaken. These laws are severe and possibly misunderstood.

Pit Bulls often attract the worst kind of dog owners—people who are only interested in these dogs for fighting or protection. While Pit Bulls were once considered especially non-aggressive to people, their reputation has changed, thanks to unscrupulous breeders and irresponsible owners. And because the Pit Bull population has increased so rapidly, shelters now struggle to deal with an overflow of image-plagued, hard-to-place dogs.

**The St. John Animal Care Center** encourages people to report animal cruelty or neglect to the ACC as soon as they see it. The shelter does not ask the caller's name, just the location of the animal that needs help. Once the location of the dog in need is determined, the ACC contacts law enforcement officials and does the leg work to remove the animal.

If everyone will just be aware of the dogs in their immediate environment and make a call, so much suffering can be prevented. Anyone who sees a dog being abused or neglected, a dog confined to the same space day after day without being walked or cared for, should call the ACC at 774-1625 and report the location of the animal.

## Animal Abuse

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**Anne Marie Porter** was a part of creating the roots of compassion and care to animals, which grew into the St. John Animal Care Center. She continues to be one of its greatest supporters. She is the founder of the **St. John Kindness Club** whose goals are: "to open the hearts of children to animals, realizing that when their hearts are open in kindness they will become more compassionate, responsible and kinder human beings to each other."



### CASH REWARD

To submit an anonymous tip on animal abuse or dog fighting, call 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or visit [www.crimestopper-susvi.org](http://www.crimestopper-susvi.org). If your tip leads to an arrest or the recovery of an abused animal, you will receive a cash reward".

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# US Virgin Island Law

## Animal Abuse and Neglect Laws in the US Virgin Islands

### Animal ABUSE In the First Degree Section §181

Any person who maliciously or unnecessarily: kills any animal; or tortures, maims, mutilates, disfigures, wounds, or inflicts unjustifiable pain on any animal; or forces, causes or induces a minor to maliciously or unnecessarily kill, torture, maim, mutilate; maliciously disfigure, wound or inflict unjustifiable pain on any animal; or causes or permits the cropping of any animal's ears or the docking of any animal's tail by a person other than a licensed veterinarian; or uses or traps to use domestic dogs, cats or any other animal as bait, prey or target or other malicious activities, including for the purpose of, but not limited to, training dogs or other animals to fight, excluding adult, male fowl used for the sport of cockfighting; or administers any poison to an animal or exposes any poisonous substance with the intent that the substance be taken or swallowed by the animal shall, for each offense, be **GUILTY OF A FELONY PUNISHABLE BY IMPRISONMENT** not exceeding 2 YEARS and fined not less than \$2,000, but not exceeding \$5,000.

### Animal ABUSE In the Second Degree Section §182

Any person who intentionally or knowingly causes, permits or inflicts unjustifiable or repeated physical pain, suffering or injury to any animal shall, for every such offense, be **GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR PUNISHABLE BY IMPRISONMENT** not exceeding 1 YEAR or a fine of \$500.

### Animal NEGLECT In the First Degree Section §183

Anyone who abandons an animal or causes an animal to be abandoned in any place without making provisions for the animal's adequate care shall, for every such offense, be guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not exceeding \$3,000 and up to 500 HOURS of community service.

### Animal NEGLECT In the Second Degree Section §184

Any person who intentionally, knowingly, recklessly or negligently fails to provide adequate care for an animal in such person's custody and such failure causes the animal needless suffering shall, for every such offense, be guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of up to \$500 and up to 100 HOURS of community service.

If any domestic animal is at any time confined and continues to be confined without necessary food and water for more than 24 consecutive hours, it is lawful for any person designated by the Department of Agriculture, or any peace officer from time to time, as may be considered necessary, to enter into and upon any pound or area in which the animal is confined, and supply it with necessary food and water so long as it remains so confined. Such a person is not liable for the entry and may collect the reasonable cost of the food and water from the owner of the animal and the owner is subject to enforcement of a money judgment for the reasonable cost of such food and water.

# Be Kind

## Be Kind to Animals...

Anyone on St. John (resident or visitor) can see 'BE KIND in memory of ...' bumper stickers on many cars. So many people ask what they are.

**BE KIND**  
IN MEMORY OF LOUISE & BUDDY

Anne Marie Porter is well known as St. John's Barefoot Minister. She is also one of the Animal Care Centers greatest supporters. Back in the 1980s, Anne Marie along with St John residents Gina Burns and Cherie Mulder were regularly seen feeding starving cats and saving small kittens as well as taking in homeless and abused dogs. They created the roots of compassion and care to animals which grew into what is now the St. John ACC.

The first Be Kind bumper sticker "BE KIND in memory of Louise and Buddy" is homage to Anne Marie's beloved dogs who were killed by a neighbor. Rather than being bitter, she became proactive in her efforts to spread awareness of animal cruelty, to educate younger generations against it, and to help foster in others her deep love of all animals. "The message," she explains, "is to be kind to animals but also to be kind to each other."

Over the years, other BE KIND bumper stickers have been made to honor the dogs who are gone but not forgotten. People will often stop us and ask us to tell them about the dog whose name is on the bumper sticker. We recently put "In Memory of Sable" on the bumper stickers. Although Sable went naturally after many great years as a St. John gypsy, we honor her by reminding people to Be Kind and consider adoption of an adult dog or a senior dog.

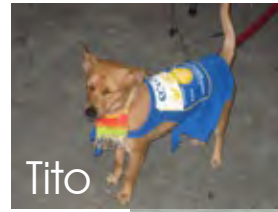
If you are on-island, stop in the ACC and get your BE KIND bumper sticker or pick one up at the Tuesday Adoption Clinic, located at the Marketplace 11AM to 2PM. If you are off-island, call or e-mail us and we can send you one.

Spread the word BE KIND to ANIMALS.

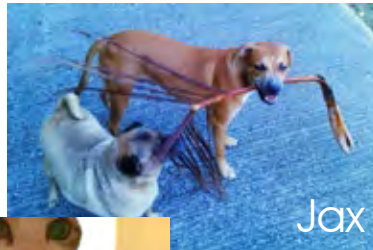
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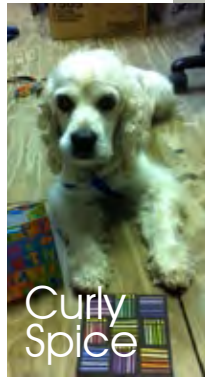
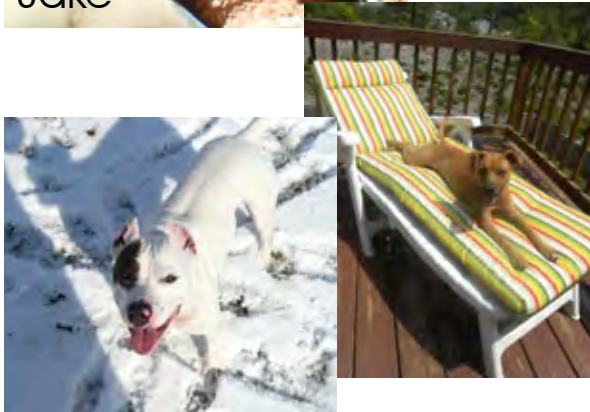
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## Limin'...

Would you believe, sailing, celebrating Cinco de Mayo, winning blue ribbons, playing in the snow, boating, dressing up and just limin'.



Curly Spice



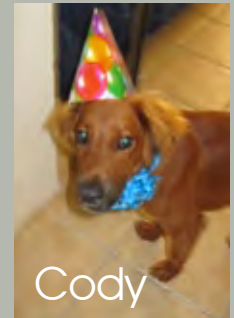
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Henry



Cody



Maclee



# St. John ACC 2012 Calendar

## It's Here...

Each year we create a St. John ACC Calendar commemorating some of our best animal friends. The calendar will be available at the Animal Care Center. Please stop by for your copy and when you do be sure to take the time to go down stairs and visit with all our friends.

**ACC**  
St. JOHN  
ANIMAL CARE  
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# The ACC on Facebook

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**Animal Care Center of St. John** Like

Non-Profit Organization

Animal Care Center of St. John  
Eva says, "This girl here at the ACC waiting for my forever family to come in and adopt me. The very patient but hope you are coming soon." This sweet kitten has personality plus and loves people and attention. She is about 5 months old, and you just can't look at her without smiling. She will brighten you day every day. She is very ready for adoption and hopes you come in and meet her soon.



41 minutes ago · Like · Comment

Sherris Cartwright, Webb and Valerie Holtz like this.

View 1 comment

Rebecca Kuhnman Kriebel  
Brie, my wonderful pup adopted from the ACC last summer (and looks like she could be Freddie's sister). I am so grateful for the ACC and that we have Brie in our family!



Thursday at 5:55pm · Like · Comment

Chris Kallrikasbigshot Reinbold, Susan Silverman and 2 others like this.

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Nanci Bassman  
Here's Fatty Max and the lovely Marina and Mariah. He weighs 13# now.



September 4 at 4:02pm · Like · Comment

Terrisa Gray Cummings, Susan Silverman and 2 others like this.

View all 2 comments

Animal Care Center of St. John  
Meet Lucy. She is a 23 pound terrier mix who is desperately looking for her forever home. She was brought to the ACC a few months ago because her owner moved and his landlord would not allow pets. We are amazed she has not been adopted yet. She gets along with other dogs and cats, is housebroken, and loves to go for walks. She is one of the sweetest little creatures you could ever meet. She needs a home. Please consider making Lucy your new best friend, she will be faithful to you forever.



23 hours ago · Like · Comment

Lesley Galachis Nancy Selig, Jan Hoffmeyer and 3 others like this.

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342 people like this.
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99 people like this.
- Here ↓

As many of you may know, the St. John Animal Care Center has a Facebook page. It's updated daily and can keep you posted on the daily activities involving the ACC and its friends.

Facebook was founded in February 2004. Facebook is a social utility that helps people and companies communicate. Anyone can sign up for Facebook and interact with the people they know in a trusted environment. If you choose you can also go to Facebook without signing up and keep up with the latest most current news at the St. John Animal Care Center.

The St. John Animal Care Center's Home page includes a personalized feed with daily updates about the animals and friends of the ACC. The Profile displays the most current information about the animals and interaction with the friends. The Home Page includes photos, current events, updates, etc. all to let people connect and share.

Check us out and become a fan. It is our goal to have 1000 fans by the end of the year.



# Creature Feature

## Cody...



### Cody is a Sweetheart in Desperate Need of an Operation

Cody has a bad back leg that can be easily fixed with an operation. He's a sweet, fun little puppy and we would like help to give him a long and healthy life.

Please Help Contribute to  
**Cody's Operation Fund**

Cody is one of four puppies that recently came into the ACC. You can probably see that Cody has a bad injury to his back left leg. When he stands he puts no weight on it. Despite his injuries he is always happy and focused on whomever has come to visit.

Every week the ACC has an Adoption Clinic where we set up at the St. John Marketplace. A few weeks ago we brought this poster and in a few short hours besides our regular donations we received enough donations just for Cody that he will have his operation.

Thank you so much to all of the people that went above and beyond to help this sweet little puppy live a long, happy and healthy life.

Cody went into foster care after his surgery with island resident Jane Kyser. How did it turn out? Cody has never left her home and Jane adopted him officially a few days later. He has since had another surgery and Cody is finally a very happy and healthy little guy who is doing great and walking better than he ever had, and with no pain.



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**manfred**  
of sweden

Many of our local customers have asked us to carry high-quality dry dog food, and after considerable research, we chose to carry VF, or Veterinarian Formulated. This holistic, highest quality food is all natural without artificial color, preservatives or unidentified by-products and its first ingredient is protein dense chicken meal with no corn, wheat, gluten or soy. We carry puppy and adult food in 17 and 33 pound bags, and we'll do curbside delivery at Wharfside. Just give us a call!

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# How Children Can Be Volunteers

So many of our supporters are the children of St. John and our young island visitors. Many ask us what they can do to help. Here is a list of a few things that can be fun for kids and would allow them an opportunity to play a huge role in helping the Animal Care Center. Our supporters come in all ages, and we are grateful to our youth who care so much that they want to help.

If coming into the Shelter isn't possible, but you want to help, the following is a list of opportunities you can complete outside of the shelter to benefit the animals in our care by raising funds or collecting supplies. We encourage both children and their parents to get involved in these projects.

## ORGANIZE a BAKE SALE / HAVE a LEMONADE STAND

Organize a bake sale at your school, church, or office. Recruit people to help you make delicious treats and sell them at the bake sale. You can also set up a lemonade stand in front of your house or in your neighborhood. Advertise that the money collected at the bake sale or lemonade stand will be donated to Animal Care Center of St John. You might consider making posters to advertise these events in advance. Before planning to host one of these events, remember to seek permission at the desired location in advance.

## MAKE GIFTS for SHELTER DOGS / CATS

Pick any of the following projects to complete for the shelter dog or cats.

### Sock Cat Toy

Supplies: Infant or child's cotton sock, polyester fiberfill, non-toxic permanent magic marker, needle and thread and/or Velcro. Optional: Catnip or small craft bells

Directions:

1. Optional: Stuff the toe of the sock with catnip or a craft bell.
2. Follow with the polyester fiberfill for stuffing.
3. Fill to the start of the ribbing on the sock.
4. Tuck the ribbing into the sock top.
5. Sew the top closed or sew Velcro to inside of sock.
6. Decorate sock with non-toxic magic markers so no kitty can resist them.

### 'Adopt Me' Bandanas

These colorful bandanas can be worn by shelter dogs and cats to get noticed by potential adopters!

Supplies: Colored fabric/permanent non-toxic markers, Solid-color bandanas.

Directions:

1. Place the folded bandana on the table. Draw only on the side that faces up.
2. Your bandanas should be colorful and fun. It's a good idea to include some words or phrases on your bandanas. (Examples: "Adopt Me!", "I'll be your best friend!", "Help me find a home!")

Packed and Ready for His Foster Home Visit



This Photo was the Most Popular ACC Facebook Post Ever

# Creature Feature



Buster was Found with No Water or Food



Buster's First Home



Pure Heaven



Buster's First Christmas at His New Home with Kelly



Not a Water Bowl .... Not a Beach?



## Buster...

Buster was rescued from deplorable conditions, locked in a small space without any water or food and left to sleep in his own mess. He came to us over a year ago. It took some doing but he became a very happy member of the ACC, one of the sweetest creatures we have ever met.

Those who know Buster, know him to have an impossibly huge smile and a willingness to share it with every person or animal he meets.

Although Buster looks to be a very strong and imposing dog, he could always be trusted around even the most timid child and the most aggressive animal alike.

Just before Christmas, Buster received an impossibly wonderful gift and was temporarily fostered for a weekend.

5 Days later Buster was adopted and now has a permanent home.

We are incredibly happy for Buster and we will miss his company and ever present smile.

# Holiday Open House

## The ACC Holiday Open House...

The St. John Animal Care Center hosted its First Annual Holiday Open House on Tuesday, December 13, to a huge crowd and overwhelming success.

It took a team and a team rallied. It was all-hands-on-deck. Board Members, Employees and Volunteers showed up in full-force to share some holiday cheer all for the sake of the animals.

The ACC was festively decorated for Christmas and the crowd grew larger by the minute.

By the end of the night, the stockings were stuffed and the tables and shelves were overflowing. Mountains of gifts piled high with necessities, treats and play things for all of the animals to share. There were smiles and hugs and not a dry eye in the house.

Guests and Helpers alike seemed to enjoy every minute and rode a high for days to come.

Thank you all for all of the kind help and donations. We will look forward to sharing the holiday cheer next year, and the love and fun that was shared with the ACC family of cats and dogs.

## Animal Care Center Holiday Open House



**Tuesday December 13 from 5pm to 7pm, please join us for some holiday cheer at the St John Animals Care Center.**

**Come and meet all the animals and help stuff their stockings with a treat or a toy.**

**You can sign up to be a member or re-new your current membership, meet our staff and volunteers, register to become a volunteer, and let the animals spread some holiday cheer your way.**



**Meet Buster Under the Mistletoe**



**Visit with Shelter Manager Sally Nelson**



**We are located next to the library. Enter at your first right after Tamarind Inn.**

**We promise you will leave with a smile on your face and know that you made a Huge difference in an animal's day.**



Come Celebrate with Us and Say Hi to our Homeless Animals  
They will Love You for it!

# Giff Hill School and The ACC

**A**s a graduate student, I chose to write my thesis on the benefits of integrating animals into children's lives. I didn't know that one year later I'd have the opportunity to do just that here on St. John.

I moved down from New York this summer to teach second and third grade at the Giff Hill School. I decided before the school year even started that I wanted my class to have a close relationship with the Animal Care Center. Not only is there a great need for children here to be educated about animal care and welfare, but working with animals has so many educational, social, and emotional benefits for children. Working directly with animals teaches children empathy, that animals are living beings rather than objects.

The obvious and most often cited gain for children is that caring for animals teaches them responsibility. While this is certainly true, children can also grow in other ways as a result of having animals in their lives. In the classroom, there are endless possibilities for curriculum integration. To name just a few: math becomes more meaningful and real as students learn to calculate the cost of keeping a pet or running their science curriculum animals first hand; incorporated into social studies scores and confidence increase after students an animal. Education Animal Care Center's overpopulation and



a shelter; students see come alive as they study animal history can be incorporated into lessons; and reading have been proven to spend time reading to will also help further the goals to reduce animal abuse on the island.

The students in my class am to get our ACC project—they've come up with can help the animals in signment: a naming contest for Coco's puppies. Next, we have plans to take a field trip to the ACC to meet the pets we will be helping. On November 10, the school's official "Giff Hill School Gives Back" Day, the students will be hosting a fundraiser, making and selling doggy and kitty treats. Of course, we'll save a few for the dogs and cats at the ACC!

are just as excited as I

ects underway. So far, lots of ideas for how we need. Our very first as-

I consider myself lucky to be able to share the experience of helping animals in need with my students. It is my hope that they'll share the message with their peers and families, enriching both their futures and the futures of all the animals at the Animal Care Center.



Jill Dray aka "Miss Jillian"  
Teacher - Giff Hill School



## We Need Your Help

### ST JOHN - We need your help!!

Every year the St John Animal Care Center holds 3 events for fundraising, 'Christmas for the Animals', 'Wagapalooza' and our "'No Fleas Please" Flea Market'. These events help support our shelter; however we still have a deficit of \$60,000 per year which we rely on from supporters and sponsors.

Although we understand not every family can commit to adopting an animal, there are still ways to help support our Shelter. If you haven't become a member of the ACC yet, please consider joining. For as little as \$35 per year, you can become a member of the ACC. As a member you will receive our newsletters and on-line magazine, be invited to the annual meeting and stay connected to issues facing the shelter.

We rely on our wonderful St. John Business Community for help too. Many local businesses host fundraisers to help raise money for the ACC. The Beach Bar and St. John Brewers hosted "Bar Wars" this past summer (an annual event) and made a generous donation to us from the proceeds they received. Love City Car Ferries designated us their Charity of the month in June and 20% of their proceeds for one day were donated to us. Last Year, Asolare Restaurant hosted a special dinner "Whiskers and Wine" in our honor and raised much needed funds to help us to continue to support our furry friends. The Middle-Aged Majorettes gifted the ACC \$100. On-stjohn.com, one of the local blog websites, continues to post and promote us and get the word out about us to their many followers. Our gratitude and thanks to all of these businesses are posted on our Facebook page for all our fans to see.

We are so grateful for all who assist in raising funds for us to help the animals. We do as much as we can, and thank our supporters, fans and community for helping to reach our goal every year.



We are so fortunate to have a number of business owners here on St. John that help raise money for the Animal Care Center.

Missie Hensel, who owns the store 'Nest' located at Mongoose Junction has 2 of our shelter dogs, Buddy and Ruby. She sells a messenger bag at her store with a dog on it that says "Live Adopt Love". For every bag that is sold \$10 goes to the ACC.

We encourage our business community to consider us for a fundraising event or partnership. Please call us and let us know if you are considering hosting an event or selling a product so we can promote it throughout our website, Facebook page and local community.

Please call our Shelter Manager, Sally Nelson, at 340-774-1625 for membership and fundraising information. Many show their support with much needed items for the shelter. If you would like a list of items that we are in need of, please call Sally and she can provide you with a list.

Thank you ALL who support us and follow us on Facebook. It's thanks to all of you, that we are able to continue to do what we do for all of St. John's wonderful animals.



# Miracles Do Happen

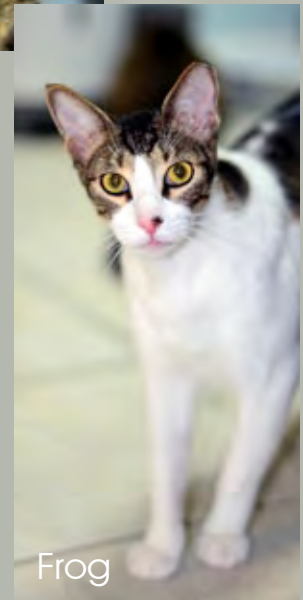
## MIRACLES DO HAPPEN...

We have many cats that live with us inside the building. Many came as kittens, or adults trapped at feeding stations. The adults that were trapped and seemed to be friendly and welcome attention were kept at the shelter and put up for adoption. The kittens that grew into adults and not adopted were also deemed adoptable and kept at the shelter seeking a new home.

Because we are a "no-kill" shelter our cats are allowed to stay with us for as long as they need. Many have been there well over a year.

We celebrate our no-kill status and so do 3 of our Cats; Precious, Toad and Frog!! Precious is a one-eyed cat who has lived at the shelter over 2 years. We posted her photo on our facebook page during "adopt a less adoptable pet week" – and on-island resident, Brandi, saw the photo and came in the next day to adopt Precious. During the same week, Toad and Frog found a forever home and moved to Virginia. Toad and Frog came in together over 3 years ago when they were trapped. After having them fixed, it was decided that instead of releasing them back to where they were trapped, they had the potential to be adopted; and so moved in with us. After a couple of years, it appeared that maybe the ACC was going to be their forever home and we were all their permanent family. They certainly loved us all and the attention they received daily from the staff. Then, vacationer, Susan C. stopped in to say hi and leave a donation and met Toad and Frog. A few weeks later we received an e-mail from her that said she was coming back for a visit and would like to take Toad and Frog home with her. We all got a little teary eyed. Imagine – after 3 years at the shelter, these 2 cats were not only getting adopted, but staying together. We never give up hope that these creatures will find their forever home, and we celebrate every day that we are a no-kill shelter.

Toad, Frog and Precious settled well into their new homes and have wonderful families. Thanks to our staff who loved them every day and gave them lots of attention, they were able to make the transition from shelter life to forever home very easily.



# Take a Kitty or a Puppy Home



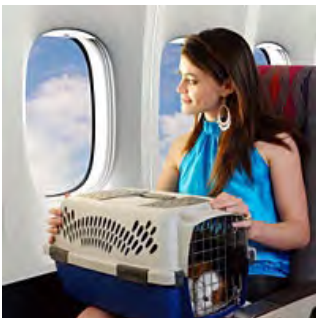
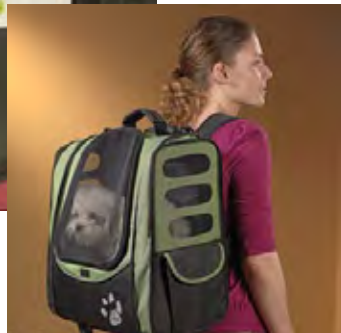
## Off-Island Adoption Is Easy...

1. Island vets can provide rabies shots and health certificates.

2. Puppies, small dogs, cats, and kittens can be carried in the airplane passenger cabin, eliminating the stress of riding in cargo. Larger dogs can fly cargo from October to May.

3. Escape-proof, over-the-shoulder pet carrier bags can be purchased at Canines, Cats and Critters in Palm Plaza. The ACC shelter normally has a few used carriers for sale inexpensively.

4. One-way airline fees for a pet ticket varied per airline. You must call and make a reservation for the animal before flying.



The ACC staff and volunteers are available for advice, encouragement, and help. For more information call the ACC at 340-774-1625.

# Feral Cat Program

In a letter to the St. John Tradewinds dated September 5th -18th, a St. John resident wrote about concern for the Animal Care Center Feral Cat Program.

B. J. Harris, the President of the Animal Care Center of St. John wrote the following for clarification. We feel that it may be helpful for all our readers who may have similar misunderstandings.

The ACC has just over thirty feeding stations for feral cats across St. John. We distribute ten tons of food and neuter approximately three hundred cats from these stations each year. The stations are each manned by caring volunteers in the community; they are not manned by paid staff. The cats who frequent these stations do not belong to the ACC or to the people who man the stations. For the most part, they are feral--or wild—cats, who have grown up in the bush or been left by humans to make their way in the bush. Occasionally a tame cat visits the station, but normally house cats don't feel as comfortable at one of our 'wild' stations as they do at home.

First and perhaps most important, the ACC has not released a single cat to a station which was not originally trapped there since the beginning of 2011. This is our policy—the cats go back where they were trapped. So if a house pet makes its way into one of our traps on Tuesday night and has not been neutered, then it will go to the vet's office by ten on Wednesday. It will be neutered, have its ear clipped and be returned to the SAME feeding station on Thursday. There is no way for the station master to tell if a cat in a trap at a feeding station is feral or a house pet unless it is wearing some kind of identification. That's one more reason why we always return the adult cats to the same location.

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of loving and dedicated people  
with a great concern for the  
welfare of St. John's animals.

The ACC feels the program is working quite well to reduce the number of feral cats on St. John. We did trap two bush kittens at a station and sent them out to a station in Coral Bay at that station master's request. Since the beginning of this year there have only been a total of 5 kittens trapped at feeding stations --- all the other dozens of kittens have come from different properties — indicating that the program is, working.

What we at the ACC cannot control, is trapping done by individuals not associated with our program. It is probably a reality that people trap cats they find troublesome in their neighborhoods and then release them close to dumpsters throughout the island. If these cats find one of our feeding stations, they will hopefully become part of the program. We do not "abandon" or "dump" animals in any neighborhoods. We are painfully aware of the difficulty in finding station masters and welcome any volunteers that would like to volunteer and help out.

Our feeding stations are designed according to national guidelines, which reduce (but cannot eliminate) the possibility of farm animals or rodents entering them. They may also be crowded, and are maintained. All animals who are trapped are examined by the vet and for any who are obviously ill, the vet works with the ACC to determine the appropriate course of action.

The ACC is made up of loving and dedicated people with a great concern for the welfare of St. John's animals.

We hope this information helps our readers better understand our Feral Cat Program and invite anyone to help us continue to make a difference.



# Feeding Stray Cats

## Both Good and Bad

Who can't resist the urge to put out a dish of fresh food and water for the stray cat that knows you look out the window to see if she is there every night? It actually gives you a feeling of accomplishment and fills our human need to care for those whom we deem as less fortunate. Whether you are feeding cats abandoned by those moving off-island or those you found hungry at your doorstep - you are not alone.

You may assume your efforts help, but do they? If the cat has not been neutered and vaccinated against disease, the answer may be a surprising NO. Feeding is NOT enough. Left unaltered, free-roaming cats continue to reproduce creating more homeless kittens. With more kittens to feed, it can become overwhelming and unsustainable as the population grows.

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If you would like to participate and register with our official STJACC Homeless Cat Station Program and manage a Cat Feeding Station, please contact the St. John Animal Care Center to receive a registration form and become part of the solution.

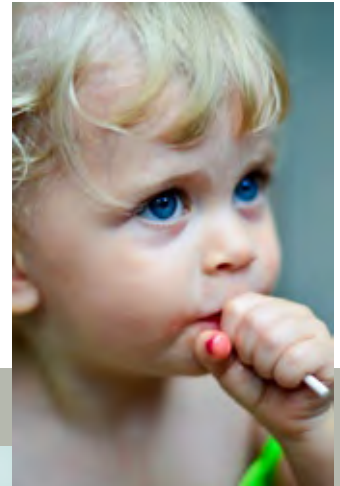
## Solutions are Simple...

If you are feeding stray or homeless cats on your own, you can take some simple steps to make a huge difference and have peace of mind too:

- 1) Register your fledgling feeding station with the ACC of St John.
  - a. If you need emergency help, we'll be in a better position to help out.
  - b. We'll provide you with free advice to identify any unaltered or sick cat.
  - c. We'll lend you a trap so you can get them to the vet for neutering and shots. (at your cost)
  
- 2) Sign Up to be considered for acceptance into our official STJACC Homeless Cat Station Program.
  - a. As an official STJACC Homeless Cat Station, WE WILL PAY within our guidelines:
    - i. For free cat food every week (if you need it or to just augment your own supply temporarily when you run out, regardless of the size of your cat colony.)
    - ii. For free trap(s) to be used within our program guidelines.
    - iii. For construction of a cat shelter to place on your property
    - iv. For 100% of the cost to neuter and vaccinate any unaltered cat you trap
  - b. You simply agree to maintain your STJACC Homeless Cat Station within our guidelines, and provide us with a monthly written update (a verbal option is possible) of the status of your colony.
  
- 3) Become a Foster Parent for a stray kitten. Sadly, we see kittens abandoned near dumpsters or STJACC Homeless Cat Stations through the deliberate acts of uncaring islanders.
  - a. Kittens that are young enough can be socialized and adopted. Foster parents are always needed to help care for these young kittens until they can be neutered and placed into adoption
  - b. As your cat colony ages and dwindles in size, you'll find it both enjoyable and easy to incorporate new kittens into the colony and know you are making a real difference to the animals on the island.

We are facing a cat crisis on St John, sadly in part due to those who thought they were helping by just feeding the animals. Together, we CAN make a difference.

# Trick or Treating at Mongoose Junction



Happy Halloween

Every year the businesses at Mongoose Junction host a Halloween party for anyone on island. This includes the residents at the ACC. This year Buster, Delta, Sadie and one of our newest orphans, Coco dressed up and joined the crowd.

The dogs received lots of attention and were as sweet as the treats. The merriment and mayhem lasted throughout the day and was enjoyed by all. Sadie got a new vest and received donations for treats to be shared by all her friends at the ACC.

Blue Eyes  
and a Sucker



Delta...

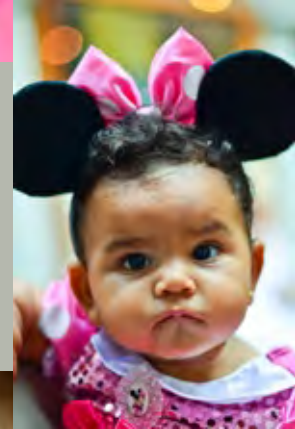


and Buster

Costume Malfunctions



Coco as the Fruit of the Loom Guy



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Sadie the Donation Dog



See You Next Year !!

## The Future Dream

The future of the St. John Animal Care Center has been in the 'Dream Phase' for many many years. We hope to be able to report that those dreams may soon become a reality. The ACC has a building fund that has grown for years. It is well understood that the St. John ACC has outgrown its current location. There have been discussions with the local government for the consideration of a larger land parcel and the future home of the St. John ACC.

The New Animal Care Center will be a place where families and children can come visit dogs and cats, take the dogs out to play and walk, or even bring their own pets for bonding. Facilities will include dog walking areas and paths for exercise and obedience training.

The New ACC will incorporate expanded kennel facilities, quarantine and health care, adoption reception area, pet retail, and much more.

It is the St. John Animal Care Center's intention that we will be a model facility with goals to bring health and safety to the animals of St. John as well as a special awareness to the people of St. John and St. Thomas.

Please continue to keep us in your thoughts. With hard work and your donations, we will do our very best to help realize the dream and be able to help every dog and cat on St. John in need of help.



# HOW THE SHELTER WORKS?



Shelter Manager, Sally Nelson with Jeremy

What goes on at the Shelter... anything and everything. A typical day can range from cleaning cat cages and walking dogs, to so much more and actual fun. Sally, Kimber, and Stephanie work hard at keeping it all together.

Everyday all dog kennels are thoroughly cleaned, all cat cages and litter pans are cleaned, dogs get walked and fed twice each day, and all the cats get fed twice and medicated if necessary. We have a big pen and each day pairs of dogs are put together for some play time with their buddy. It helps them to be more social around other dogs and they get have some activity during their day.

In addition to that, we are so lucky to have many visitors stop by for a tour and to meet the animals. We spend Tuesday mornings getting ready for our weekly adoption clinic. Wednesdays is spay and neuter day at the Vet. Thursdays and Fridays we take anyone who needs attention to the vet. In addition, our Feeding Station Volunteers come by to pick up cat food. We continually do what we can to take care of the dogs and cats and get them adopted.

On any given day, we can be brought stray dogs or cats or called about animals in need of rescue. An intake of an animal can vary depending on the situation. One morning Kimber spent over 2 hours removing ticks from a neglected dogs ears. In all cases we get them to the vet as soon as possible, to make sure they are OK. Some are desperately in need of care and our on island vets are always ready to help.

When all the work is done and we have a little extra time, we take our doggies out for some fun and socializing. Hiking is our favorite.

## What goes on...

Nothing uneventful ever goes on at the ACC...

Without a little help from our friends.



Kimber Marnen with Moose

# Creature Feature



Sadie in Beach Heaven



Sadie at Bar Wars



Sadie Loves to Go On Walks and Go Hiking



Sadie in Her Kennel



## Sadie...

Sadie loves the beach and loves to go for walks. She came to us over a year ago and is currently our longest resident. The ACC may be the only home she remembers.

It is common knowledge at the shelter that people generally are not attracted to black Pit Bulls. In fact they hardly stop to notice her.

Sadie is not pure pitt and is actually a mix. She has been one of the sweetest dogs we have ever had. She is full of love and appreciation for any attention she can get. She is not demanding at all, which doesn't seem to help her cause, but at the first sign of love she is quick to make friends.

Sadie is the favorite of Laurie Damron, one of our volunteers. Laurie is pictured in the adjacent photo. Although Laurie has 4 dogs and 3 cats, not many days go by that she doesn't try to figure out how she can take Sadie home. After every walk, Sadie will stop at Laurie's truck with hopes of the same.

In the mean time, Laurie is at the shelter visiting and walking her favorite dog sometimes twice a day with any free time she has.

We are so happy to be able to report that as we go to publication, Sadie has been adopted. She is currently spending her time playing at the beach in Coral Bay, meeting and playing with other animals and comfortably sitting on the couch with her new family watching movies.



We wish her a wonderful life full of love!



## "Who's Walking Who"

It's hard to tell who's having the most fun!

# How You Can Be a Volunteer

**A** HUGE part of what we do wouldn't be possible without our Volunteers. We appreciate them every day. Some come and walk dogs, some help with cleaning the cat cages, and we have behind the scenes volunteers who help with so many things (posters, internet communications, donation box collection, general office assistance, fund-raisers, painting, etc). The list is endless on what our amazing volunteers assist us with. We are ALWAYS seeking people to help. Whether you live on island or just vacationing for a week, we love when people show up to help and show their support.

If coming into the Shelter isn't possible, but you want to help, the following is a list of opportunities you can complete outside of the shelter to benefit the animals in our care by raising funds or collecting supplies. We encourage both children and adults to get involved in these projects.

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## THROW A PRIVATE PARTY TO BENEFIT THE ACC of STJ

Have a birthday coming up? Looking for a reason to get your friends and family together? Want to celebrate a special occasion? You can throw a party to benefit the St John Animal Care Center for any reason! Here's how:

1. Decide on a theme and reason for your party.
2. Send invitations to your guest list (friends, family, classmates etc.)
3. If it's a birthday party for you, ask for a donation to ACC of St John or for items off of our Wish List instead of presents.
4. If the party is just for fun, let the attendees know that you're having the party to benefit the ACC and invite them to bring a donation or items off of our Wish List. Depending on party, the ACC can supply you with information about our shelter and stickers. Please contact us for more information.

## ANIMAL CARE CENTER SCAVENGER HUNT AID WISH LIST

You are encouraged to collect the items below from friends, family members, and neighbors in order to increase the community's awareness of The St John Animal Care Center. Do not feel limited by the quantities listed. This is a great activity for school groups, youth groups, or girl/boy scout troops to participate in.

Keep in mind that this activity is not intended to be a shopping list but rather a challenge for you to reach out to others and ask them to contribute these items to help you complete your scavenger hunt.

### Scavenger Hunt Items

- 12 rolls of paper towels (on island only)
- 5 bags/packages of moist dog treats
- 5 bags/packages of cat treats
- 2 boxes of steel wool sponges
- 5 used bath/beach towels
- 3 Bath Mats (no rubber backing)
- 10 used hand/kitchen towels
- 5 used blankets, no fitted bed sheets
- 10 "like new" cat toys
- 10 "like new" dog toys
- 1 or more Dog Beds – any size
- 1 \$25 gift certificate to a pet supply, grocery, or home improvement store
- 5 bottles of bleach (on island only)
- 1 new Gentle Leader® Easy Walk Harness, any size
- 1 roll of stamps (100 stamps/ per roll)
- 5 new or "like new" nylon dog collars, any size
- 5 new or "like new" nylon dog leashes, any length, No retractable leashes
- 5 packages of white printing paper (500 sheets per package)

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## BECOME a FAN on FACEBOOK

We use facebook.com to help spread the word about the animals in our care. Feel free to recruit more fans for our page! Please note that children should ask their parents before using the Internet and logging on to... **Facebook**.

# Soon Come and Now Open



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Accommodations for dogs, cats, birds, ferrets & pocket pets.

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Home away from home for your loved ones.  
Call 693-7780 for details and to make Reservations  
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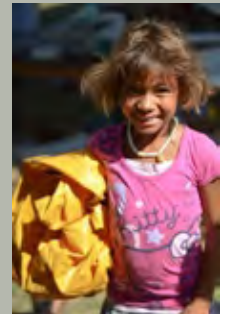
# "No Fleas Please" Flea Market



Lots of Treasure

This year's fifth annual "No Fleas Please" Flea Market held on October 22 was a huge success. Over \$8000 was raised for the Animal Care Center and it was our best and most successful flea market to date.

All year long residents donated slightly used items to us and we kept them stored in our storage trailer by Giff Hill School. By the time the gates opened everything was sorted and ready for sale. Fantastic food provided by Jennifer Troisi's Top Dogs! It was a great day all around. Many of the residents of the Shelter got to make an appearance and socialize. A heartfelt thanks to all who participated through donations, volunteering or just shopping with us. We can't wait until next year.



Photography by Yelena Rogers

# No Fleas Please



Some Face Time

A Little Music



Good Eats



Some Taste Treats



...and Somebody Got a New Bike!



See You Next Year !!



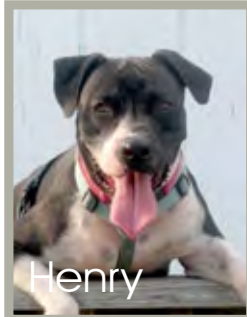
# St. John ACC Alumni



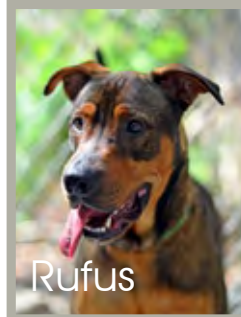
Pablo

There are many wonderful stories and happy endings for many of the adopted animals of the ACC.

Pablo's living the dream and a sea-faring life in Cruz Bay.



Henry



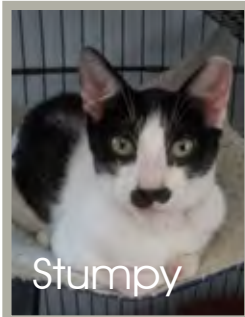
Rufus

Domino spent her first 8 months being abused and now has forgotten all that and is living the dream here on St John with one of our volunteers who fell in love with her on her first day at the ACC.

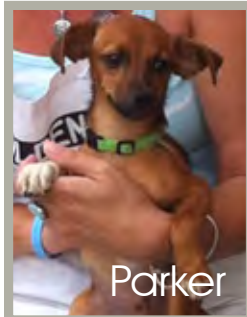
Henry was a big lovable character. Many of you may see him immortalized on the outside of the Animal Care Center in a framed painting.



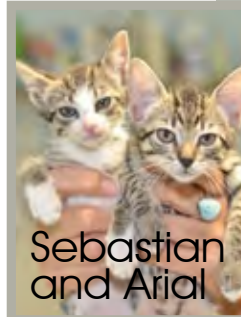
Jake



Stumpy



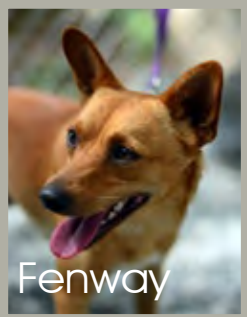
Parker



Sebastian and Ariel

Carly was our three-legged Rotty who was overlooked for some time until some loving St. Johnians fostered her and fell in love.

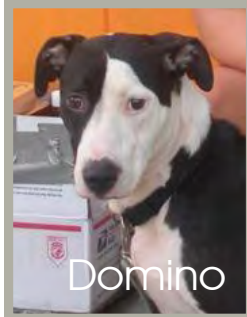
Parker moved to the states with honeymooners and loves his new life. He was the best memory to bring home from St John.



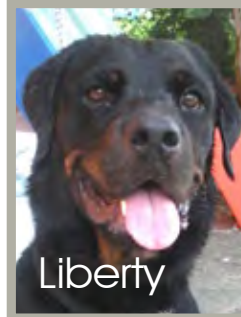
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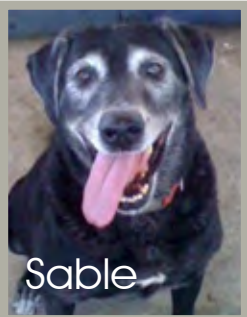
Domino



Liberty

Two weeks after Keider was adopted he won Best of Show at Wagapalooza.

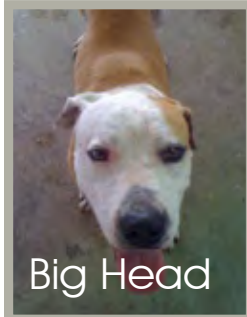
Charlie got a new sibling Penny and can be often seen hanging out at The Marketplace.



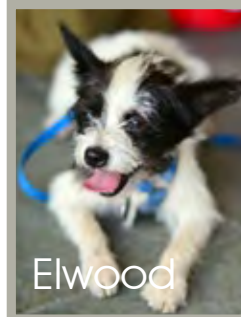
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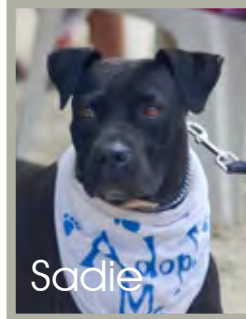
Carly



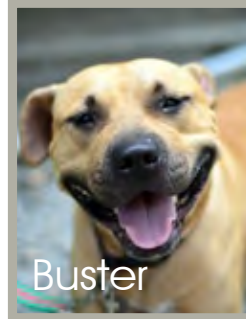
Big Head



Elwood



Sadie



Buster

## Alumni Continued...

Curly has become St John's biggest celebrity and you can find him most days at St. John Spice. He even has his own Facebook Page - Curly Spice..

Roxy fell in love with Diana Ripley during her weekly walks and now lives with her and best friend Magnolia.

Lucy is now living the life on St Thomas and goes boating and even has a pink polka-dot life preserver.

Teddie is now Cheeseburger and spends his time just chillin'.

Billy moved to St Thomas is is loving his island life.

Bear stayed on island and his favorite thing to do is hike the L'Esperance Trail

Stumpy our three footed little cat, often mistaken for Charlie Chaplin, has taken his act on the road and moved to Kansas City.

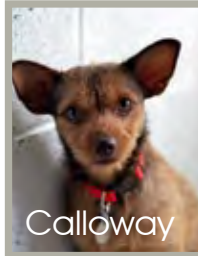
We have many more past friends and wish them all the wonderful lives they so richly deserve. Thank you to all of their adoptive parents. Please continue to stay in touch.



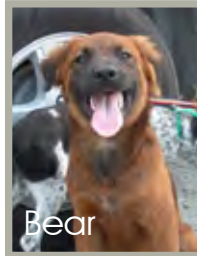
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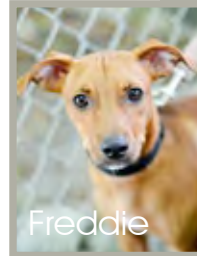
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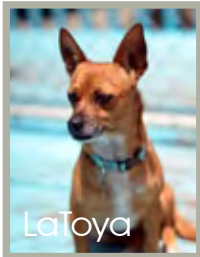
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Bear



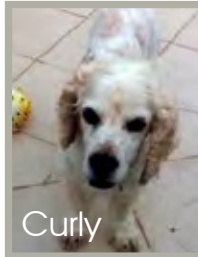
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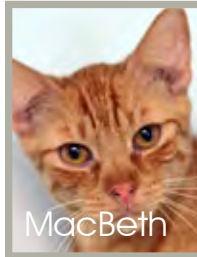
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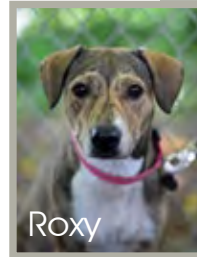
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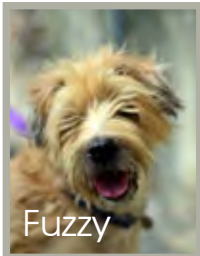
Curly



MacBeth



Roxy



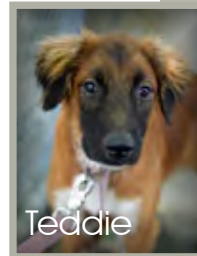
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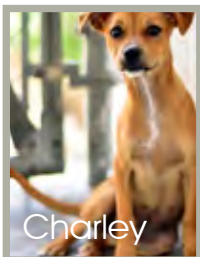
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Cody



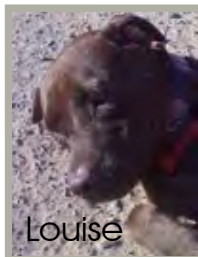
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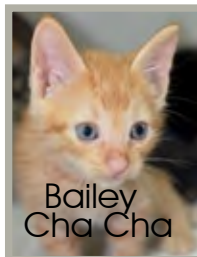
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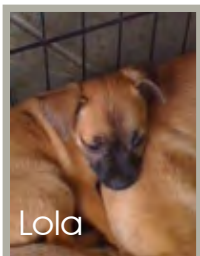
Jeremy



Louise

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Lucy



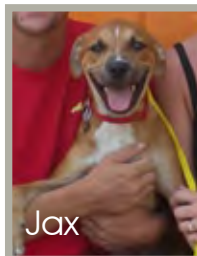
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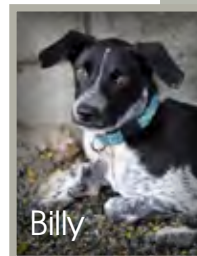
Sierra



Sabrina



Jax



Billy

# Calendar of Events



The ACC conducts three major fund-raisers each year; 'Wagapalooza' in May, a "No Fleas Please" Flea Market' in October and 'Christmas for the Animals' a gala for the animals in December / January.

## WAGAPALOOZA

Wagapalooza was a huge success this year despite the weather giving us difficulties and a resulting last minute postponement. Pet owners of all ages came out with their furry friends to take part in the Islands Biggest Dog Show and have a lot of fun. We enjoy categories to compete in like Best Puppy Love, Best Look Alike, Best Lap Dog (the bigger the better) and lots more. The event raised close to \$25,000, nearly reaching the ACC's fund-raising goal.

To view all of the photos from this year's event visit:

[Wagapalooza Photos](#)

## CHRISTMAS FOR THE ANIMALS

Our biggest annual fund-raiser is our 'Christmas for the Animals' event. Every year a generous St. Johnian graciously donates the use of their fabulous home and many on-island caterers and restaurateurs come together serving up amazing delights.

The wide array of mostly donated raffle prizes never disappoint and we were able to raise \$14,000 during this last years fabulous event. This year's goal is \$18,000. This year we're having a Snow Ball, a Winter Wonderland on January 21, at A La Mer in Cruz Bay.

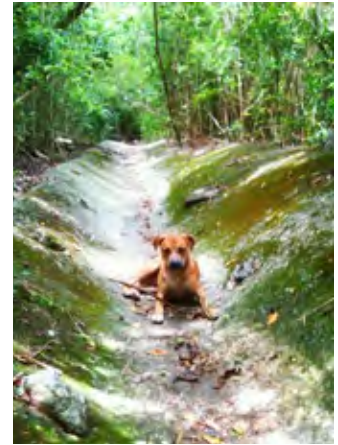
To view all of the photos from this last year's event visit:

[Christmas for the Animals Photos](#)

# Send Us Your Photos



They Grow Up too Fast



Jax on a Hike



Lucy in Lights



Happy Dreams



A Beach Dog from Costa Rica...  
in St. John



HoverDogs



Baby Rufus



Have a Great day!



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