

The following items were raised and discussed:

- Schedule monthly event with local veterinarian to perform sterilizations for dogs/cats (example first week of the month)
- Advertise/announce event in a certain area of town – different area every month
- Provide services free for locals (Amigos pay local veterinarian for services provided at an agreed discounted rate)
- Provide chance to win raffle prize for doing the right thing (example: chance to win 200 pesos – one raffle ticket for each animal brought in)
- Budget for a maximum number of animals – first 20 animals only.
- Only animals from Lo de Marcos.
- Provide free supplies, medicines, shampoos – only when there is a financial need. Do not take dollars from local veterinarian(s).
- Promote local veterinarian (s).
- Promote local animal boarding and grooming businesses.

David attended a 'special' meeting to discuss his suggestions as above – held on 23th December at 2:30.

All of the above suggestions were thoroughly discussed by David and members of the Animal Committee and the outcome is as follows:

Facts:

It was acknowledged managing a monthly clinic is labour intensive and requires many volunteers.

Availability of volunteers is generally during the months of November – March only.

Conclusion: –

It is unreasonable to expect Ana to organize seven monthly clinics on her own.

Fact:

Ana consulted with the local vet. He said he could handle 2 operations per week at the rate of \$350 pesos per female** and \$250 pesos per male.

The local Veterinarian is qualified as a large animal specialist only. He also sells farming equipment and is on the road a great deal of the time. He has no surgery or facility and is not qualified, or set up to handle small animals. He does however assist wherever possible, with small animal emergency situations.

** He can only perform a tubal ligation not a hysterectomy and therefore the animal still goes into heat and transfers the venereal cancer.

When funding is available we can easily fit into the PEACE schedule and advertise accordingly. When funding is uncertain, we have to respond quickly to any available and funding and accommodate their scheduling.

Conclusion:

P.E.A.C.E will spay or neuter up to 100 animals for the fee of \$16,000pesos (\$160 pesos per animal) which is much more cost effective and efficient.

Confirmed funding will enable us to be scheduled by PEACE early and allow for adequate advertising and announcements throughout the LDM community.

Fact:

At the most recent clinic held in December 2010, 94 animals were handled. Of those only 4 were not local. In the meantime, 31 animals from LDM were transported and accommodated at other local clinics (April to October).

Conclusion:

We benefit by our association with JBAR (Jaltemba Bay Animal Rescue) by way of:

- (a). They foster and socialize street animals until adoption can occur (housing, grooming & feeding).
- (b). We utilize their cages for clinics (we only have 2).
- (c). Their residents volunteer at our clinics and provide expertise i.e. sanitizing utensils, training volunteers in the recovery area, pick and delivery of animals, funding the December clinic and the cost of sutures and relevant surgical supplies.

Fact:

The local residents approach Lupita and Ana on a regular basis and ask "when is the next clinic?" Even the children report injured animals to them.

Conclusion:

No incentive is therefore required.

Fact:

Ana purchases supplies, (her own money) such as antibiotics, euthanasia drugs, flea & tick treatments. At spay/neuter clinics, animals are given internal and external parasite medication. Ana feeds and supports street animals as and when she has money to buy the food.

Out of country adoptions requiring certification and inoculations are referred to the local Vet.

Conclusion:

We are supporting the local veterinarian as much as possible. There is not sufficient money available to accommodate ongoing requests for help with medications, food and flea & tick treatments. Requests are now being made by residents to have the product necessary to spray their homes for fleas and ticks.

Fact & Conclusion:

Any enquiries regarding boarding and grooming are referred to the local 'Beach Dog' facility.