



Founder  
Laura's original  
Coco - RIP



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NEWSLETTER #10



## COCO'S 1ST ANNIVERSARY COCKTAIL PARTY!



OUR 1<sup>ST</sup> ANNIVERSARY COCKTAIL PARTY WILL BE HELD AT THE BLUE PARROT (CALLE 12 AND THE BEACH) FROM 8 TO 11 P.M. SUNDAY, MARCH 21<sup>ST</sup>. ADMISSION WILL BE \$250 PESOS IN ADVANCE OR \$300 PESOS AT THE DOOR. YOU CAN BUY YOUR ADMISSION TICKETS THROUGH PAYPAL FOR US\$25 OR (VERY SOON) AT *KITXEN*, ON AV 5 BETWEEN CONSTITUYENTES AND CALLE 20. ADVANCE TICKETS WILL BE AVAILABLE ONLY UNTIL MARCH 19<sup>TH</sup>.

YOUR ADMISSION WILL INCLUDE AN OPEN BAR (BEER AND NATIONAL DRINKS) AND HORS D'OEUVRES, BOTH SUPPLIED BY OUR GENEROUS HOSTS AT THE BLUE PARROT.

AS WELL AS OTHER FEATURED ARTISTS, WE ARE *THRILLED* TO ANNOUNCE THE ENTERTAINMENT WILL INCLUDE SPECIAL GUEST **SAÚL HERNÁNDEZ** OF *CAIFANES AND JAGUARES FAME!*

BRING YOUR WALLETS, BECAUSE THERE WILL BE A **SPECTACULAR SILENT AUCTION** DURING THE FUNDRAISER, WITH **THIS** AS OUR PREMIERE AUCTION ITEM:

***A FULL WEEK'S STAY AT CASA MANANTIAL*** IN PLAYACAR PHASE 2, A GORGEOUS, UPSCALE PRIVATE HOME WITH PRIVATE POOL – CHECK IT OUT!

[CASA MANANTIAL ON CARIBE SUNRISE SITE](#)

BECAUSE THE CHOSEN WEEK COULD INCLUDE CHRISTMAS (AT THE OPTION OF THE SUCCESSFUL BIDDER), THIS ITEM IS WORTH UP TO U.S.\$4,000! DETAILS ON AVAILABILITY WILL BE PROVIDED PRIOR TO THE AUCTION AND ***YOU'LL BE ABLE TO BID ON THIS PROPERTY ON-LINE!!!!***

TO OUR FAMILY, FRIENDS AND FANS: PLEASE CONSIDER DONATING ONE OF YOUR BEST TREASURES FOR OUR SILENT AUCTION. E-MAIL US AT [INFO@COCOSCATRESCUE.ORG](mailto:INFO@COCOSCATRESCUE.ORG) FOR PICK UP OR TO ARRANGE A TIME TO DROP ITEMS OFF.

**STAY TUNED, MORE DETAILS COMING SOON!!**

# Kitten Cuddle Day!

Our first kitten cuddle day was wonderful! There were 16 of us giving tons of love and attention to the kittens in the shelter:



And an unexpected, delightful adoption! Dena is filling out the adoption form below left, and then she and Mauricio took Tom (our oldest kitten!) home! Right, Maia and Sandra cuddle Crunchie.

**WEEKLY KITTEN  
CUDDLE DAY  
EVERY FRIDAY  
FROM 2 - 4 P.M.!**

*Please send an  
email to*

*info@  
cocoscatrescue.org*

*and we will send  
you a map and  
directions on how  
to get here. Taxis  
from town cost 30  
pesos and it's easy  
to find. Then taxis  
pass by all the  
time so it's easy to  
get back to town.*

**THE KITTENS  
WOULD ADORE  
YOUR LOVE AND  
ATTENTION!**

**EVERYONE IS  
WELCOME!**



**Hamish and Solavina, happy and tired out from all the attention!**

## *Our mission*

*Coco's Cat Rescue is a rescue charity in Playa del Carmen, Mexico focusing on the spaying and neutering of feral cats and the care & re-homing of kittens in need of rescue. We provide free or low-cost spay and neuter surgeries to low income residents, as well as vaccinations and basic animal care. We are also committed to education which encourages responsible pet ownership and challenges negative associations with feral cats and consequent cruelty.*

# Urgent needs

Coco's uses these supplies every day as we trap, neuter/spay, and return cats to their environment. As you know, all kittens are rescued and placed in the shelter or foster homes to become socialized. All cats and kittens receive the health care they require. The use of tunnels, cubes and scratching posts encourages young cats to explore and teaches them to use their claws on something other than furniture!

- ✚ **Cat traps:** Not available in Mexico - <http://www.animal-traps.com/animal-trap-cats-tc.html>
- ✚ **Sutures: Over US\$4 each** in Mexico!  
<http://www.suturedirect.com/product/SA-2-0-C-Synthetic-Absorbable-Suture-2-0-Cutting-Needle-Each/635>
- ✚ **Cat safety snap release collars:** About US\$14 each in Mexico - [http://www.amazon.com/Sandia-Pet-Products-Safety-Collar/dp/B0002117C8/ref=pd\\_sim\\_k\\_4](http://www.amazon.com/Sandia-Pet-Products-Safety-Collar/dp/B0002117C8/ref=pd_sim_k_4)
- ✚ **Cat tunnels and cubes:** not available in Mexico - available in all pet stores, online and at Wal-Mart in the US and Canada
- ✚ **Cat trees and scratching posts:** not available in Mexico - available in all pet stores and Wal-Mart in US and Canada; also available online.
- ✚ **Soft sided carriers: These cost over US\$70 in Mexico!** Any brand is great and they are available online and in most pet shops – here's one type: [http://www.amazon.com/Bergan-Comfort-Carrier-Soft-Sided-Large/dp/B0015AFZZ4/ref=pd\\_bxgy\\_k\\_img\\_c](http://www.amazon.com/Bergan-Comfort-Carrier-Soft-Sided-Large/dp/B0015AFZZ4/ref=pd_bxgy_k_img_c)
- ✚ **KMR kitten powder milk:** extremely expensive and often not readily available in Mexico.

**You'll read later about a kitten named Juanito and, when you do, just imagine the vet time, supplies, medicines and care needed to bring a healthy body to this precious life.**

If you're coming to Playa, come and see us with your supplies and donations – we'd love to see you! If you can purchase supplies but aren't planning a trip just now, please contact us and we'll arrange for your generous gifts to be brought here.

**PLEASE HELP.**

**WITHOUT YOU, THERE WOULD BE NO COCO'S CAT RESCUE ...**

## More sweet kittens are available for adoption!

Is your new pet in this group? Have a good look and when you can see a kitten or two in your home, just get in touch with CCR at [info@cocoscatrescue.org](mailto:info@cocoscatrescue.org) and we'll bring you and your new pet(s) together.

**Never forget, two kittens playing and living together are even happier than one! And sooooo darn cute too ...**



**Tom – male, 5 months  
(adopted on first Kitten Cuddle Day!)**



**Solavina – female, 3 months**



**Crunchie – male, 4 weeks**



**Raylee – male, 7 weeks**



**No name cutie – male, 10 weeks**

**Crunchie is the only one not quite ready for adoption  
but the rest are good to go!**

**Contact Laura at [info@cocoscatrescue.org](mailto:info@cocoscatrescue.org) when you're  
ready to bring one of these darlings home!**

***And now for Juanito's story:***



# Donations

Your donations are **SO** important and a little goes a long way! Here are just a few options if you are considering donating to CCR every month:

**Fluffy Kitty** (\$10)  
This will provide a parasite treatment for one kitten every month.

**Meowing Kitty** (\$25)  
This will feed **and** de-parasite one kitten every month.

**Purring Kitty** (\$50)  
This will pay for cat milk for a newborn kitten for one month **or** spay/neuter two kittens every month.

**Fat Kitty** (\$100)  
This will feed and de-parasite, including coccidiosis and flea treatment, **PLUS** spay or neuter a kitten every month.

(figures in U.S.\$)



This is Juanito ~ he is male, about two months' old.

Juanito could be the poster kitty for why Coco's Cat Rescue even exists. Found by our friend Juan just days ago, Juanito has an extremely serious, contagious mange, with lumps and bald areas over his whole body. He also has intestinal parasites which prevent

him from retaining nourishment from the little food he's had available to eat.

Juanito was born on the streets. His mother is probably dead already. He is unhealthy and starved; as a result, he is skin and bones. If Juan hadn't rescued him, Juanito would have been dead within a week.

We're doing everything we can to help Juanito recover health, vitality and yes, even happiness. We'll bring him to these pages again when he's ready for adoption.



P.S. Juanito could really use a Fat Kitty donation! You could become his sponsor!

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## My Family

*by Tania Tejada*



With my rescued cats around me, I want to share with you the story of our first contact with Coco's Cat Rescue. I was planning our October 2009 vacation to Playa del Carmen. Coming across Coco's website, I was glad to find other animal lovers and wanted to meet with Laura and the team to find out more about what they do.

As we found out, it is **WAY** more than just rescuing kittens and finding them homes. CCR also run TNR (trap/neuter/return) programs continually to stabilize and

## Coco's Stats for January 2010

17 pet cats  
sterilized  
free/with donation  
for people with  
low income

11 feral TNR

8 Coco's kittens  
spayed/neutered

12 kittens adopted

6 kittens rescued

reduce the local cat population. As well, residents are provided with low cost or free sterilization and health care for their pets.

We met Laura and her husband Carlos on Halloween Day – they and other CCR volunteers were in costume which made it even more fun! They had brought along a tiny kitten named Thomas. Thomas needed to be bottle fed every two hours, so he couldn't be left at the shelter. The kind owners at La Rana had arranged for little Thomas to have a vacant guest room where he could rest comfortably away from the noise of the party goers. That was the moment I realized the dedication and commitment these people have for the animals. My husband and I watched, fascinated, as Laura fed the tiny beautiful kitten.

We knew then that we wanted to take home one of the cats Coco's had up for adoption. When we visited the shelter, we immediately noticed Bicha. She was shy and that had made her a difficult choice for people wanting to adopt. As the 'underdog', she needed someone (like us!) with patience and time to bring her beautiful personality out.

Laura and her team took care of all the paperwork required to get Bicha out of Mexico and into Canada. I was a bit nervous at first, but once we got to the check-in desk at the airport I realized it was easier to bring a cat than an apple over the border! We also brought Sox, a little kitten being adopted by another family in Vancouver. It was so easy, I would not hesitate to do it again anytime I am able to chaperone a kitten for Coco's!

Bicha was welcomed by our three other rescue cats and has become the most playful and affectionate of the bunch. Nobody would believe that only two months ago Bicha would hide from the smallest noise or sudden movement. Now she walks with confidence and rules the house!

Afterwards, on Coco's Rescue Page, I found Ciruela, a beautiful tabby needing a home. After talking it over with my husband, we decided to adopt her too. Ciruela is a miracle kitten, having travelled to Laura's street under the hood of a car! A kind kitten chaperone brought Ciruela to us in Calgary and she is already chasing her brother Chrisco and sisters Miuset, Yoko and Bicha!



In two weeks, we'll be heading to the airport to pick up Sombra, a black kitten who stole my husband's heart. We just can't live without her!



People ask, why fly cats all the way from Mexico; why not adopt from Canadian shelters? I tell them, "We have rescued three Canadian cats and three Mexican cats!"

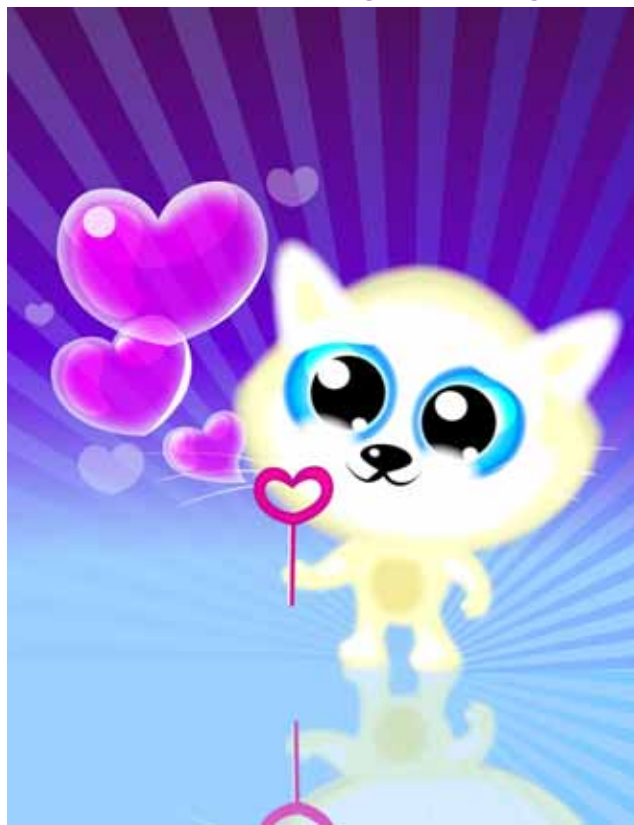
And we have good reasons to choose to adopt from Coco's. They are committed to make a difference and it's personal for Laura, Carlos and the Coco's volunteers. The "shelter" is their own homes. They don't put the kittens in cages; they give them love and care all the time, so they are socialized and healthy. When the kittens find their forever home, they have Coco's to thank for one less cat suffering in the street!

In our family, our cats are not pets. Our cats are part of the family and nothing brings us more joy than to see cats chasing their own tails, running around the house at amazing speeds and bringing us endless hours of amusement and laughs. I will always have fur on my clothes, litter boxes to clean and food bowls to fill, but in return I will have timeless memories, unlimited cuddles and cats purring by my side any time I sit down. I know my family will always have unconditional love, trust and loyalty from our feline family members. You might call me a crazy cat lady, but I wouldn't change my family for anything in the world!

## **Our dear angels,**

Maureen and Joe Meno have always been so generous to Coco's and other animal charity groups in Playa del Carmen and elsewhere. For our silent auction at the cocktail party on March 21st, they have provided the premiere prize of a full week (seven nights) at their luxurious Playacar phase 2 home, Casa Manantial. The available dates include CHRISTMAS week, with a value of US\$4,000!!!

*This is just a little valentine from us to you, Joe and Mo.  
We thank you, the kittens thank you,  
and our community thanks you!*



*Below you'll find a reminder of the reward Jo and Moe will provide to anyone muling kittens from Coco's shelter to the kittens' new homes in the US or Canada.*

From an earlier newsletter:

*The Kitty Mule gets not one, not two, but three nights of their choice at the seriously gorgeous Playacar home of Maureen and Joe, two of our most amazing volunteers. Any season, any nights, except of course when they are in residence. Hey folks, that could include Christmas and New Year's! In Maureen's words, "the dates ... most likely Sept., Oct., Nov., Dec., Easter, July & August. Christmas week & New Years are available too".*

*FREE LUXURY HOUSING IN PLAYACAR!!! You can view the house here:*

*[Joe and Mo's Playacar Paradise!](#)*

*In the meantime, here's a teaser of what Casa Manantial looks like:*



**Contact info for Coco's Cat Rescue:**

Cell phone: 984 120 0572 (From N. America, dial: 011 52 1 984 120 0572)

E-mail [info@cocoscatrescue.org](mailto:info@cocoscatrescue.org)

Information regarding our financials, municipal and tax status is available upon request



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Submissions welcome; cat humour, rescues and life-with-a-cat stories will be featured whenever available!