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**COCO'S 2nd ANNIVERSARY
COCKTAIL PARTY! BE THERE!**



On Sunday, April 3, 2011 starting at 8 p.m., The Blue Parrot is AGAIN hosting our annual anniversary cocktail party and we could not be more excited! They are not only donating the premises and staff, they are also providing THREE hours of open bar PLUS hors d'oeuvres for our hungry guests.

YOU are invited and so are YOU and YOU! Due to the Blue Parrot's generosity, 100% of ticket sales proceeds will go to Coco's Cat Rescue and our programs for pet and rescue animal health and sterilization!

RESCUES RESCUES

AS MANY OF YOU ARE AWARE, COCO'S HAS A SPECIAL FUND FOR DOG RESCUE AND STERILIZATION. CRYSS, ONE OF OUR BEST VOLUNTEERS, ADMINISTERS THE FUND AND RECENTLY RESCUED A MUM DOG AND HER SIX PUPPIES FROM THE PERERRA (LOCAL POUND).

THE MUM DOG TESTED POSITIVE FOR HEARTWORM, ERLICHEA AND ANAPLASMA, BUT SHE IS BEING TREATED AND WILL BE HEALTHY SOON. CRYSS HAS BUILT A SMALL KENNELS AREA IN HER YARD AND MUM AND PUPS ARE STAYING THERE UNTIL EVERYONE IS READY FOR ADOPTION.



A BIG SHOUT OUT TO THANK SHERRI AND KEN FOR THEIR RECENT DONATION OF US\$1,500 TO CACHITO'S DOG FUND. SHERRI AND KEN WERE TOUCHED BY CACHITO'S STORY AND OFFERED A BIG DONATION TO START THE FUND. SINCE THEN, THEY HAVE MAINTAINED THE FUND WITH ADDITIONAL DONATIONS.

THANK YOU, SHERRI AND KEN!

Cat Cafe Projects

Coco's continues to support Cat Cafe projects at resorts throughout the Riviera Maya. The photo at right is a beautiful example and is located at Sandos Playacar.

We are delighted to announce three NEW cat cafe projects at Xplor, Xcaret and Azul Beach Hotel.

Cat cafes are financed and staffed by the resorts involved. Coco's advises on the initial set up and traps the entire feral cat population, providing health checks, sterilization and vaccinations. Follow up is also provided by Coco's for annual vaccinations.



Cat cafes provide clean, healthy food and water for a resort's cat population. This serves to help keep the cats away from the resort's guests and food supply. As well, once all the cats are sterilized, the population is stable and the existing cats keep other ferals from moving in.

A Tale of Two Kitties

by Missy Vanderbilt

Two adorable kittens appeared at the golf club in Playacar a couple of months ago, and decided to move in! They had a nice, safe cart barn to sleep in at night, and lots of golfers to pay attention to them and give them treats. Several of us started to buy them kitten food and the caddies fed them and gave them water.

It soon became apparent though, if we didn't do something, there would soon be too

many cats! So, I borrowed two traps from Coco's Cat Rescue. They also furnished a can of cat food as an irresistible lure.

One of the caddies, Oscar, set the traps in the cart barn that evening, and said that one of the little cats entered the cage even before he "baited" it. The other was warier and half entered several times before succumbing to the marvelous temptation of canned food. The next morning I put the traps in the car, covered with a towel for "security" for the cats. There were only a few soft comments from the traps as I drove to Coco's. The cats were received with kindness and were spayed that afternoon.



After 24 hours of recovery I returned to pick up our little cats. When I opened the doors back at the golf club, they stepped out calmly and ambled away! The next day they were jumping and playing, and didn't even hold a grudge for the ordeal to which I had subjected them.

Not only did Coco's take care of "Dulce" and "Linda", but all the employees at the club now are aware of the marvelous services* available for the animals in their neighborhoods! Thank you to Laura, Dr. Edgar, and everyone at Coco's!!

*Through donations from our wonderful supporters, Coco's has two full-time vets working Monday through Saturday at Coco's Clinic building. Please contact us at info@cocoscatrescue.org or 984 120 0572 for details of services (available in English and Spanish) and directions to the clinic.

We are able to spay and neuter cats at low or no cost, and we also have a separate fund for dog sterilizations. In this way, low-cost or free spay and neuter is available to Playa's families for their household pets, as well as for those who rescue, foster and adopt animals in need. Thank you all for all you do!

More sweet kittens are available for adoption!

Our mission

We are a non-profit organization with a no kill policy, dedicated to reducing and controlling the cat population in Playa del Carmen, Mexico. We achieve this via our TNR (trap, spay/neuter and return) program for feral cats, and our rescue, treat, spay/neuter, and tame program for kittens under three months. We aim to find a permanent loving home for all the rescued kittens in our care.

We are also committed to education which encourages responsible pet ownership and challenges negative associations with feral cats and consequent cruelty. We provide free or low cost spay/neuter surgeries and basic pet care to those on a low income. Our long term mission is to greatly increase the number of animals that we are able to assist and expand our model to embrace other local areas in need of our services.

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 and we'll bring you and your new pet(s) together.



Libby, female 5 months



Niko, male 2 months

Two kittens playing and living together are even happier than one! And so darn cute too ...



Dusty, female 6 months



Cucho, male 4 months

**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!**



Biscuit, female 8 months



Tara, female 6 months



Picola, female 7 months



Zippy, female 3 months

Why We Love CHILDREN!!

A kindergarten pupil told his teacher he'd found a cat, but it was dead. "How do you know that the cat was dead?" she asked him. "Because I pissed in its ear and it didn't move," answered the child innocently. "You did WHAT?!!" the teacher exclaimed in surprise. "You know," explained the boy, "I leaned over and went 'Pssst!' and it didn't move."

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.\$)

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JANUARY 2011 SPAY AND NEUTER	#
Feral cats	25
Pet cats	44
Coco's kittens	2
Dogs	77
Total sterilizations	146

JANUARY 2011 KITTENS	#
Rescued	9
Re-homed	10




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

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



Newsletters will be published one or two times a month, except December. We love to get stories and information from our readers, so please send to:

thepagesmx@hotmail.com

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