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This may be our Volunteer of the Year!

Our newest volunteer is definitely one of the most unusual we have ever had. Last week, we had a call from Carlotta of Malix Pek, another animal rescue organization here in Playa. Under their stringent rules, the local pound (perrera) would be putting down a dog and three newborn kittens within a day. Malix Pek could take care of the dog and Coco's agreed to take the kittens.

When they arrived at the CCR Clinic, the dog and kittens were in the same cage – and the kittens were suckling on the female dog! She had been keeping them alive for the five days they were in the perrera! Upon examination, it was clear they needed to stay together until the kittens were weaned, so we've now got them all together in the clinic building.

The mum dog, now named Esperanza (Spanish for "Hope"), is totally their MUM! She is protective, feeds them, licks and loves them! A friend of Coco's is going to make a video and we hope it will be on Facebook/UTube within the next few weeks.



Esperanza at the perrera with her three kittens. We were told it was purely by chance that Esperanza was put in the same kennel as the starving newborn kittens. They all would have been put down the day they were rescued by Malix Pek and Coco's!

And afterwards – clean and safe at Coco's Clinic:



And Esperanza has already found her forever home! A wonderful family met her at kitten cuddling and could not resist those big brown eyes and the inter-species generosity of this lovely dog. As soon as the kittens are weaned at the end of August, Esperanza will be adopted.



Esperanza's forever family!

CHAPERONE NEEDED – END OF AUGUST 2010 – TO ANY OF THESE AIRPORTS:

DC Area: Dulles, BWI (Baltimore), Reagan National
Pennsylvania: Philadelphia, Allentown-Bethlehem-Easton, Wilkes-Barre-Scranton
New York area: Newark, LaGuardia, JFK

BE THE ONE TO TAKE ESPERANZA TO HER NEW HOME! Contact us at info@cocoscatrescue.org

NEW GRANT FOR DOG SURGERIES!

Coco's Cat Rescue has worked with SPAP often over the past inaugural year. We are thrilled to announce SPAP has provided another US\$1,000 grant to CCR to support an additional 40 free dog surgeries! As well as continuing our mission in Playa del Carmen, Coco's and SPAP will be working together to use the CCR clinic facilities for free spaying and neutering of animals from Akumal, Chemuyil and other smaller towns. Thank you SPAP; we cherish our good relationship with you!



CACHITO'S STORY



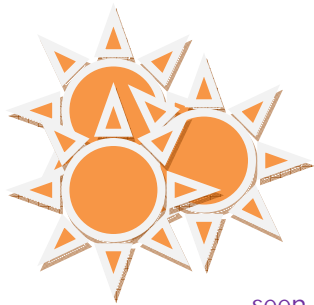
Coco's rescues cats. We are a cat rescue group. However, on occasion Coco's members come across dogs or other animals that need help and we choose to take personal and financial responsibilities for those animals. Cachito was lucky enough to be found by Carlos a few weeks ago starving, weak and alone, standing in the middle of the road and coming close to being run over by cars.

Carlos and Laura took personal responsibility for him, taking him into their lives, paying for his care, food and vaccinations, as well as treatments for parasites and ehrlichia. And of course, Cachito has been neutered.

Much as everyone at Coco's has grown to love him, Cachito is now ready for his forever home and family. Please consider adopting this adorable young dog. We present Cachito: healthy, handsome, eager to please and ready for adoption!



Isn't he gorgeous? And he's a good boy too!



A SUMMER STORY

by Laura Raikes

She was rescued four weeks ago while she was being attacked by dogs. As we discovered later, she had also been run over and had an open fractured back leg, her tail was badly damaged, and she had a fractured nose and only one eye. The sight of her was worse than anything Dr. Edgar and I had ever seen before ... and at first, we believed euthanasia might be the only answer.

However, on closer inspection of her injuries, he said she could survive if we amputated the back leg, half the tail and closed the eye. Most of the injuries, aside from some dog bites, were at least two weeks old. She had already been through so much and she was obviously a fighter.

Dr. Edgar set to work on this poor baby. He amputated the leg, half the tail, closed the eye and spayed her. As she has recovered from her surgery, wounds and infections over the past four weeks, we have been caring for her. She is now eating, drinking, walking (or rather hopping) and even purring!



The best part about this story is that she already has a home in Canada with Robert, Sally and Lacy! This lovely family has already adopted three cats from Coco's, and is now adopting their 4th, who they have named Summer. She is going to the perfect home and is a very lucky little girl!

Do you remember Roxie? She was a very sick kitten with plastic perforating her bowel and we thought she wouldn't make it. But she survived and was adopted by a Minnesota family, along with Carmen, also from Coco's. Here they are in a recent photo:



Two very happy cats!

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.

URGENT NEEDS THIS MONTH!

We are dire need of traps. Coco's will order and pay for traps to be delivered to your home. Then please consider bringing them to Coco's when you come to Playa on holiday. We love to meet our friends and fans and a perfect time to visit is for kitten cuddling on Fridays 2-4 pm!



TNR = trap, neuter, return (to current environment).

This approach works best to stabilize a population of feral cats who are surviving where they live now.

Adult cats are not easily socialized for adoption and TNR means the population will not increase. Any kittens are taken for socialization and future adoption. Basic health care is provided to all.

If you have any questions about CCR's operations, please e-mail us at info@cococatrescue.org

Laura will supply a letter which Mexican Customs accepts if you happen to have your luggage searched at the customs stop.

Here is a recommended source for the model 30 Light Duty Deluxe at Trap:

<http://www.animal-traps.com/animaltrap-cats-tc.html>

To our Dallas, Texas friends: please let us know if you can mule down some supplies from Dallas. Many thanks in advance!

Coco's Stats for June 2010

<i>Total animals spayed/neutered</i>	133
<i>Pet cats</i>	38
<i>Feral cats (TNR)</i>	44
<i>Coco's kittens</i>	18
<i>Dogs</i>	32
<i>Kittens rescued</i>	3
<i>Kittens re-homed</i>	4

Coco's Sweet Kittens Ready for Adoption!

Remember, cross-border adoptions are quite easy to arrange, so if you're in the U.S. or Canada and want one or two of these enchanting wee kittens, please get in touch and we'll arrange it as soon as we can!



Dante
male, 3 months



Dolce
male, 3 months



Caspar
male, 3 months

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES!

FOSTER PARENTS to provide a temporary home for young kittens, from a few days to as much as a few months.

Also WEEKLY to Sam's, Mundo Animal or the hospital shop to pick up food and supplies (money provided).

WEEKLY to deliver litter, medicines and other supplies to foster parents.



Flip and Flop, both male, both 3 months old!



Jade, female, 4 months



Kaluha, female, 3 months





Karma, female, 2 months



Mayana, female, 3 months



Peter, male, 2 months



Mona, female, 3 months



Precious, female, 2 months

Coco's Annual Scavenger Hunt!

Reserve Friday, November 26, 2010!

Want to have some fun for a good cause? Then Coco's Cat Rescue needs you! Our Scavenger Hunt last year was a blast and was a big success as a fundraiser too! This year the Scavenger Hunt will be followed by a raffle and disco.

Maybe locate something simple but hard to find; dance on a bar to retrieve an item on the list; anything goes and you should be ready for anything!

We need teams of two Hunters each and there will be prizes for the winners and the team that raises the most money in sponsorship. The winning team will be the team that finds the most items (all items are worth points) within one hour. A tiebreaker will apply if it's a draw.

To enter you'll need a minimum of \$500 pesos donation per team. Sponsorship forms will be provided to help you arrange your team's sponsors. And you must have a digital camera to provide proof of finding the scavenger items.

If you wish to participate, please contact us at info@cocoscatrescue.org to sign up ASAP to receive your sponsorship form and start to raise money for Coco's Cat Rescue!! As always, thank you in advance!



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



Newsletters will be published once or twice a month (except December). If you have a story or information you'd like to share, please send it to Caroline Page, Editor at: thepagesmx@hotmail.com

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