

Founder  
Laura's original  
Coco - RIP



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# Coco's Cat Rescue Fabulous Fundraiser !!

Friday, November 27<sup>th</sup> is the big night, starting at 7 p.m. at Zenzi's on the beach. The Scavenger Hunt promises to be a big hit, with local teams competing on items found and time. There are special prizes for raising the most money too, so if you find more than 500 pesos for the kittens and cats, you'll have a chance to WIN BIG!

Marissa says: "Laura B. (of La Tortuga Hotel) and I are the Kitty Cat Club team. We are excited to participate ... Not so much to win ... but if we do happen to kick some cat-fundraising butt along the way, well then - so be it!"

Here's a list of the fabulous prizes for the scavenger hunt:

1st place: One night stay at La Tortuga Hotel, plus a 500 peso restaurant tab at either Bistro on 10th or Bistro on 5<sup>th</sup>, donated by La Tortuga - plus Coco's T-shirts!

2nd place: Tour for two at Rio Secreto donated by Tyler Allen - plus Coco's stickers!

3rd place: One US\$50 Macy's Gift Card Macy's donated by Maureen - plus Coco's stickers!

4th place: Certificates for breakfast or lunch for two at Java Joe's which includes a beverage of your choice, donated by Joel & Ronnie - plus Coco's stickers!



**PLUS SPECIAL PRIZES FOR FUNDRAISING!** The team that raises the **most money** will also receive the special prize of a night at La Tortuga Hotel plus a restaurant tab at either Bistro on 10th or Bistro on 5th for 500 pesos donated by La Tortuga. **ALSO**, an Apple 3rd Generation 8GB iPod Touch (value: US\$200), donated by Rob Sulzman!

The team that raises the **second most amount of money** will win US\$50 Kohl's Gift Card plus one US\$50 Gift Card for Best Buy donated by Maureen!

*Don't forget, there will also be a raffle of fabulous prizes, a karaoke contest, AND a disco with Greco (of Dirty Martini Lounge fame) plus lots of delicious food and intoxicating beverages!*

*For more information, including a full list of all raffle and karaoke prizes, go to:*

[CCR's Fundraiser thread on Playa.info](#)

**Raffle tickets** are now on sale at Zenzi's for 50 pesos each! You can also buy tickets via Paypal for US\$5 each! Send to [info@cocoscatrescue.org](mailto:info@cocoscatrescue.org), with a note that you're purchasing raffle tickets. Ticket numbers will be sent to each purchaser and winners will be announced on our website – go to [www.cocoscatrescue.org](http://www.cocoscatrescue.org)

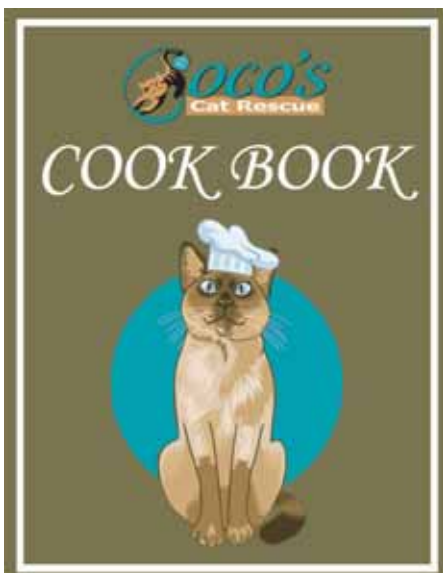
*You don't have to be at the fundraiser on Nov 27th to win! All the money raised will go to help the rescued kittens and our spay/neuter programs.*

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## We're sorry!

We apologize to VIDAS for not being clearer last month about Malix, the orphaned pup who needed a home (and who is now in good hands in the U.S.). Of course, VIDAS had nothing to do with Malix being abandoned; in fact, he was rescued as a result of the Clinic in August.

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Our cookbook is *almost* ready for your Christmas good-cause giving!

It will go on sale on Friday, November 27<sup>th</sup> and you'll find full details of price, shipping, etc. on our website.

Go to: [www.cocoscatrescue.org](http://www.cocoscatrescue.org)

PLEASE SUPPORT US BY PURCHASING THIS COOKBOOK FOR FRIENDS AND FAMILY.

THANK YOU ALL!

# Coco's Needs YOU!

**As you'll read throughout this newsletter, Coco's Cat Rescue has many needs, and they all involve our friends, families and fans – in other words, YOU!**

## ***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.***

We don't have a bunch of foundations supporting us (although you can be sure we're working on that!), nor do we have a cadre of Uncle Money bucks. Coco's is a grassroots, non-profit organization and at this point, we've got lots of work to do, some willing hearts and bodies, and very little money.

On top of that, Playa del Carmen's need for the services provided by Coco's is urgent and demanding. There are still thousands of cats needing sterilization and kittens needing homes, and they all need medical care. Despite Playa being a tourist magnet, there are many poor Mexican families here, whose knowledge and culture limits their appreciation for the feline lives around them.

That's where Coco's wants to make the difference: to show by our work and our caring, that the lives of their animals are special; that sterilization is the only answer to more generations of neglected pets; that medical care is important and can be made available to them at low or no cost. See the box at left for many volunteer opportunities to help with CCR's important work on an as-needed, weekly or monthly basis.

**It's a huge task Coco's has set for itself, but with your help, WE CAN DO IT!**



## **We can't thank our wonderful vets enough!**

If there's one thing Coco's can't do without, it's the dedication and skills of our vets. They are all highly recommended to pet owners in Playa del Carmen:

**Claudia Lewy 984 8731108; emergency 998 8452498**

**Roxana Gongora 984 1518232**

**Ulises 984 1166118**

**Eduardo Cárdenas 984 8762433**

**Sandra Valdes 984 7455357**

**Julio 984 1087278**

**Adriana Salmron 984 1289718**

**David Tabasco 984 1154977**



## URGENT NEEDS THIS MONTH

🛠️ *Large dog cages, foremost to isolate kittens who are contagious, and also to display kittens at events.*

🛠️ *Kitten milk for newborns*

🛠️ *Cat safety collars*

🛠️ *Soft sided cat carriers*

🛠️ *Synthetic absorbable sutures (size 2-0 or 3-0)*

🛠️ *Profender de-worming treatment*

🛠️ **!! CALENDAR COORDINATOR!!**

*This is computer-only work that can be done at home in any location. Do you have a couple of hours a month? PLEASE volunteer for this important work.*

**BEFORE:**



*"Is that food I smell?"*



*"Hey, are you feeling trapped?"*



*"What's this thing I wonder?"*

**AFTER:**



# Cat Cafe at Sandos Caracol Eco Resort & Spa!

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES!

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

**DRIVERS** needed on **THURSDAYS** to drive cats for surgery to the perrera at 10 am and pick up at 2 pm.

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.



The Cat Café feeding shelters at Sandos – aren't they terrific?

As you can see, this project is in GREAT shape! All the cats are now healthy. They are happy to visit their perfect shelters to eat nutritious food; the hotel is thrilled to provide food, water and shelter

for the cats to manage the population; and the employees and guests have access to healthy beautiful animals without them begging at the table.



**Kudos to Sandos Caracol for their willingness to put money and energy into their new and beautiful CAT CAFÉ!**

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## COCO'S STATISTICS FOR OCTOBER 2009

1 kitten spayed/neutered

16 pets of people who couldn't afford surgery spayed/neutered

40 feral cats TNR (trap, neuter and return to current environment)

Total 57 cats spayed/neutered in October

4 kittens rescued

3 kittens re-homed

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## MORE VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES!

**TNR - TRAP/NEUTER/RETURN:** volunteers to set traps, and wait for entry. No experience required, but patience a must! Teams of two: make a new friend or bring a friend!

**DONATIONS COLLECTOR:** before the 30<sup>th</sup> of each month, collect donations from boxes around town.

**ONE-NIGHT COMMITMENT ONLY!**  
At Zenzi's for Nov 27<sup>th</sup>  
Fundraiser:  
- sell raffle tickets  
- coordinate scavenger hunt  
- carry and sell trays of shots  
- t-shirt hawker

**ANDALE BAZAAR:**  
coordinator needed to recruit volunteers, secure tables, set up and help get donations.



## Pixie does her magic!



*By Laura Raikes*

Carlos and I always thought we would adopt another cat one day. We wanted to find a calico kitten that looked like our dear late Coco, but then along came Pixie (nicknamed Chihuahua or Chewy for short).

She is completely the opposite with her blue eyes and Siamese looks, but, there is just something about little Pixie that reminded us of Coco. She has a bit of Coco's habits, but more than anything else, it's her eyes that have this look we can't quite explain. Even though they are a completely different color, yet we can both see Coco in them. Maybe she has the same expression, but she also has her



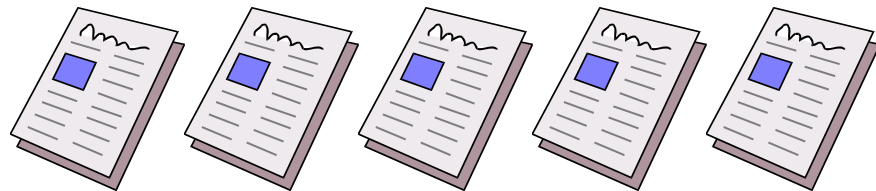
own sweet personality which makes her very lovable and a welcome addition to our family

Like all the kittens that come into our care, we assumed Pixie would be adopted. However her out-of-character wild behavior whenever potential adoptees arrived has ensured

that in spite of her lovely eyes and part-Siamese looks she has not been chosen - until us. She does have a very knowing look about her - and perhaps she chose us a long time ago!

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## Get your annual report from Coco's!



*Please forward your mailing address to [info@cocoscatrescue.org](mailto:info@cocoscatrescue.org) so we can add you to the mailing list for the annual report, which will be sent out in January 2010. On the subject line, type "annual report". Thanks!*



## SWEET KITTIES NEED HOMES!

We're featuring babies and a few older kittens this month. Our kitten population is healthy, free from parasites, well-fed and, when old enough, sterilized. We regularly rescue feral kittens to socialize them and make them healthy, so they'll make YOU a wonderful pet.

Here are some of our rescues, ready for a new home with you and your family. Remember, if you are unable to come pick them up, CCR is often able to transport your kitten to the U.S. or Canada for you!



Laguna, female



Mapi, female



Fife, male



Annie, female



Unnamed family – three girls and a boy



Ciruela, female



Roo, male



unnamed female



Elle, female

*oops ... not one of ours!*



*cat adopts bird*

## YOUR ATTENTION PLEASE!

Coco's next newsletter will be published in January. We wish you joy in your celebration of Christmas, Kwanzaa, Hanukkah, Las Posadas ~ any and all merriment of the season!



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

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



Newsletters will be published every month (except December). If you have a story or information you'd like to share, please send it to: [thepagesmx@hotmail.com](mailto:thepagesmx@hotmail.com) Submissions welcome; cat humour, rescues and life-with-a-cat stories will be featured every month!



We're sorry to be so late this month. Whew, I'm wiped! ~ Caroline