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OKTOBERFEST 2011
at
Manne's Biergarten

FUNDRAISER-PARTY
CHARITY PROJECT FOR



and



Manne's Biergarten

Thank you so much Susie and Manne for the Oktoberfest event! The food was delicious as always and the drinks – wow! Shared equally between Coco's Cat Rescue and Tierra des Animales, here are the results:

FOOD ~ \$5,800 pesos

TEQUILA SHOTS ~ \$1,100 pesos - thank you Steve!

DONATION BOX ~ \$850 pesos

PLUS US\$125 was raised through Paypal donations for the photo contest

TOTAL \$7,750 pesos!

Several bags of dog food were donated, which went to TdA.

THANKS to everyone who made this possible. What a great event!



3RD ANNIVERSARY PARTY - 2012!

Well, maybe it's a *bit*early to announce, but we are so excited! For the third year in a row, our anniversary party in 2012 will be at the BLUE PARROT, on March 18th!

Very special thanks to Tom, Pamela and everyone at the Blue Parrot for hosting this event for the past three years and for so much support!

2011 Annual ViDAS Spay and Neuter Clinic – August 13-18

Coco's is always eager to participate in the annual ViDAS clinic. This year, 823 animals were sterilized during the six days of the clinic! So many thanks are owed to so many people:



- ✚ The vets, techs and students who use their vacation time to come here and work so hard!
- ✚ The volunteers who toil beside the pros to make the clinic work.
- ✚ Everyone who helped with airport pick ups and drop offs.
- ✚ Many thanks to Russell Granger and his staff at Carboncito's, Pam and Tom Doody from the Blue Parrot, and Nicola Inwood, for providing delicious lunches. Thanks to Amy Morris for her daily supply of cookies and brownies, and Dan Blair for cookies.
- ✚ IFAW – Erika and Joaquin – thank you so much for donating the oxygen and making the beautiful banners (www.IFAW.org)
- ✚ Special thanks to Dave and Ed who drove all the way to Bacalar and back to bring the ViDAS trailer.
- ✚ Huge thanks to Liza and Miguel Mateos of Mexico Vacation Villas

in Playa del Secreto (www.MexicoVacationVillas.com) for providing accommodation for the ViDAS crew.

- ✚ Also thanks go to ViDAS for sponsoring Coco's and allowing us to receive tax deductible donations in the U.S.
- ✚ Photos provided by Russell Granger – thank you!

Below, three of the stages from start to finish: a dog is examined during intake; next, a ViDAS crew works on a dog; last, a volunteer comforts a dog during recovery.



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Topo, left, is a one-year old male rescued by Cryss from a life of eating rubbish on the street.

He is staying with Cryss and will soon be ready for adoption.

Still not named, the pretty girl on the right is only four months old. She was rescued by Cryss and Roz from the streets of Cancun.

She is staying at Roz's kitten cottage home and will also be ready for adoption soon.

Both dogs are looking for loving furever homes!

If you want to adopt either of these dogs, please contact us at info@cocoscatrescue.org



We've had a great offer from a friend named Dalia. Dalia will buy second hand books from Coco's for 10 pesos each! If you have second hand books and want to help a good cause, please drop them off at Coco's at kitten cuddling on Fridays between 2-4pm!!

For every book you donate Coco's will receive 10 pesos!

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.



It's here! Coco's Cat Rescue's very own 2012 Calendar, with twelve stunning photographs of charming Coco's kittens.

A “must buy” for cat lovers!

Only US\$22 ~ buy five for US\$100.

That's only US\$100 for five calendars!

Peso price: \$250 for one or \$1,100 pesos for five!

Makes a great holiday gift or stocking stuffer!

Free shipping in the U.S. and Canada!

Buy online via Paypal – we'll reserve your copy; just note “calendar”!

AND FOR LOCALS OR VACATIONERS, there will be calendars available at the Scavenger Hunt.

**Coco's 3rd Annual
Scavenger Hunt
Wednesday, November 23, 2011**



Want to have some fun for a good cause? Then
Coco's Cat Rescue needs you!

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!

Our Scavenger Hunt last year was a blast and a big success as a fundraiser too! Again this year the Scavenger Hunt will be followed by a raffle and disco until 2am. Teams will have a great time; 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!

Zenzi is again making their terrific bar and restaurant available for this event, including a donation of 20% of their profits for the night. A very special "Pussy Galore" shot will be served and 100% of profits from those sales go to Coco's!

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. Costumes are always welcome!

The winning team will be the team that earns the most points, as each item is worth a different amount. The scavenger hunt will be timed for one hour and a tie breaker will apply if it's a draw.

Hunters, please sign up now and get your sponsor form to start raising money.



**GRAND PRIZE FOR THE
TEAM THAT RAISES THE MOST MONEY:**

A two-night, three-day gourmet inclusive stay
at the Hotel Azul Fives! VALUE: \$10,000 pesos!
Thank you FIVES and FRANCIS GINGRAS!

To enter you'll need a minimum of \$500 pesos sponsor-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.

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.\$)

Rob and Jeri from Dallas have also provided prizes: for the person that sells the most tickets before 7:15 pm on the night, a cash prize of US\$100! Second prize in this category will win US\$50! WHOOHOO!

Coco's event coordinator, Sherry Stevens, is the go-to person for teams and donating prizes for this event. Her email is: sherry.stevens7@gmail.com

You do not have to be in Playa to win raffle prizes, but we'll sure miss you!

**NOTE to Playa businesses:
WE NEED RAFFLE PRIZES AND
SCAVENGER HUNT ITEMS!**

If you participate, your logo will go on all promotional materials.

COCO'S NEW CLINIC BUILDING IS ORGANIZED AND IN USE!

We have painted the inside, installed window bars and air conditioning, set up the new clinic and hospital/laboratory room. There are washrooms used for quarantine and plenty of storage space.

Below, you see the reception area where intake of clinic patients takes place. Next, a quarantine area which is also used for recovery.



Below, the room where the animals are prepped for surgery, and the operating room.

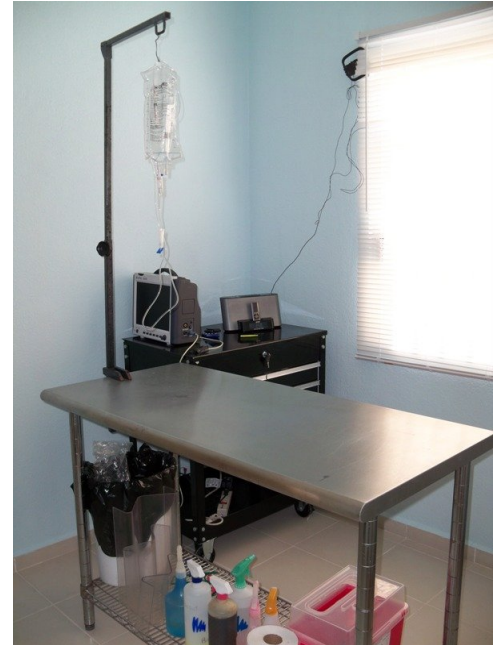


TNR = trap, neuter, return (to current environment).

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. Healthcare is provided to all.

If you have any questions about CCR's operations, please see contact details at the end of this newsletter.



Below, by the operating room door, stairs leading to the hospital and laboratory.



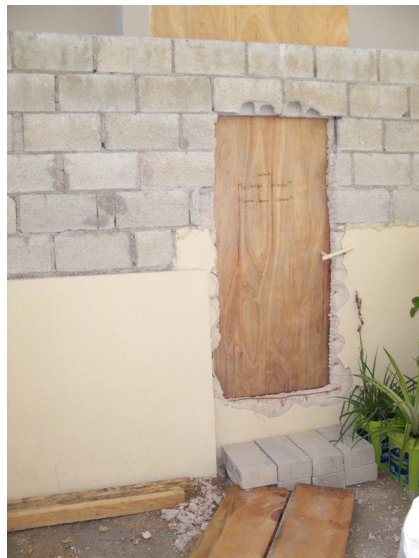
Meet Truffle and Flora in the hospital room.



To the left, the laboratory room, which has an adjoining bathroom which can be used for quarantine.

Next tasks are finishing the outside, to join the back-to-back patios. This is a temporary door between the backyards of the two Coco's buildings, in place while the outside walls are built up for security.

Eventually, the wall the door sits in will be removed and we'll then have a shared patio for healthy, adoptable kittens to get fresh air and a wonderful place to play.



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.

More sweet kittens are available for adoption!

Whether you are living in the Riviera Maya, the U.S. or Canada, Coco's beautiful kittens can be yours! They are all healthy, vaccinated, de-parasited and sterilized. They are also socialized to cats, other kittens and people.

Do you have room for just one more? A good way to get to know the kittens is to attend kitten cuddling, every Friday between 2pm and 4pm. Vacationers and locals alike are always welcome! E-mail us at info@cocoscatrescue.org for directions and come pay us a visit!

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



Pinot Grigio, female four weeks



Spike, male two months



Magic, male two months



Miel, female six months

Coco's Stats for July, August and September 2011

JULY 2011 SPAY AND NEUTER	#
Feral cats	42
Pet cats	58
Coco's kittens	13
Dogs	94
Total sterilizations	205

JULY 2011 KITTENS	#
Rescued	13
Re-homed	6

AUG 2011 SPAY AND NEUTER	#
Feral cats	14
Pet cats	27
Coco's kittens	7
Dogs	35
Total sterilizations	83

AUG 2011 KITTENS	#
Rescued	13
Re-homed	19

NOTE: Sterilizations in August were lower than usual due to Coco's closure for the VIDAS clinic.

SEPT 2011 SPAY AND NEUTER	#
Feral cats	22
Pet cats	27
Coco's kittens	4
Dogs	56
Total sterilizations	109

SEPT 2011 KITTENS	#
Rescued	3
Re-homed	7



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



We love to get stories and information from our readers for the newsletter, so please send to: thepagesmx@hotmail.com

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