



Take time to Paws for Wine

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One of the best ways to enjoy the weekend is to pause and wind down with a glass of good wine. Of course, when it is for a good cause, even better.

On Saturday evening, 6 November, Cayman Animal Rescue Enthusiasts will host Paws for Wine, a wine tasting and auction event at Guy Harvey's Island Grill.

"This is a chance for wine buffs and animal lovers to get together, have fun and socialise in a relaxed atmosphere, taste some great wines and nibble on some delicious canapés and know that they are helping the animals here in Cayman by supporting a worthy cause," said Lesley Agostinelli, a volunteer with CARE.

The event is sponsored by Blackbeard's, which will provide a selection of nine wines from four countries for the wine tasting portion of the evening, set to start at 6.30pm. A silent auction will take place during the course of the evening as well.

The highlight of the evening promises to be the live auction, which is set to start at 8pm and will be presided over by master of ceremonies Jay Ehrhart of Radio Cayman. Items up for auction will include staycations and dive staycations at a variety of resorts, including Caribbean Club, The Reef Resort, Compass Point Dive Resort, Treasure Island, The Marriott and Comfort Suites. There will also be return airline tickets for two from Cayman Airways to the Brac, as well as several restaurant vouchers for Agua, Pappagallo's, Osetra Bay and The Brasserie.

Other items will include dive certification with Red Sail Sports, furniture from Sticks and Stones, yoga classes from Body Works and Bliss Yoga, as well as gift baskets from Island Vet and Cayman Animal Hospital. There will also be pet grooming from Mel Hulse and Pet Paradise and dog training classes from Kenneth Morgan. Add to that a gift basket and test drive experience with Audi/Arch Automotive, vouchers from Lily Pulitzer and Tiffany's and legal advice from Priestley's, along with several paintings and a custom pet portrait from Terry Gunderson, and there is more than enough to satisfy the most discerning bidder.

Even those who do not taste success at the live and silent auctions still might not go home empty handed, as there will also be a raffle with some excellent prizes up for grabs, including gift baskets and gift certificates for various restaurants.

The event is an important fundraiser for CARE, which, according to Ms Agostinelli has been surviving on small fundraising events thus far.

"This to date is the largest fundraiser we have held, but if we are to continue to grow and make a difference with the over-population problem, then we need funding. We do not receive any government funding, nor do we have any overheads or staff costs. Our vet bills average \$3,000 a month, and with the dream to be able to offer a dedicated monthly spay and neuter surgery day to the community, more funds are needed in order to achieve our goal," said Ms Agostinelli.

CARE is a small but enthusiastic group of volunteers who give up much of their spare time to raise funds and relocate those animals fortunate enough to get adopted overseas through CARE's alliance with no-kill shelters and various families across the US. Since July 2008 CARE has successfully relocated 239 dogs to no-kill shelters or to families across the US, in addition to successfully finding homes for 25 dogs on Island.

Tickets cost \$50 and include six tastings, canapés and entry in the raffle. Tickets are sponsored by Pet Paradise and will be available at the door, pre-purchased from Guy Harvey's, or by calling 938-2273 or by emailing caymancare@candw.ky

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