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Animal activists to "paws" for a little wine

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(CNS): Local animal activists will be trying to raise money to keep up the fight against cruelty to animals next month with a wine tasting evening. Cayman Animal Rescue Enthusiasts is a new non-governmental organisation with the goal of preventing cruelty and suffering to all domestic animals as well as address the problem of over-population with the promotion of spaying and neutering local animals. CARE hopes to raise more funds at the wine tasting evening so they can continue paying for the surgical procedures to keep the unwanted pet population down. To date, in less than 12 months since the charity was registered CARE has been able to organise 177 surgeries preventing the birth of unwanted animals and easing the pressure on the humane society.

"If we can keep this up we will begin to see a real difference in the suffering and over population in the near future," spokesperson said.

Besides actively promoting and organising spaying and neutering the charity endeavours to educate the public on responsible pet ownership, animal welfare and animal behaviour by engaging the hearts, hands and minds of the community to help the animals.

CARE aims to prevent the Humane Society animal shelter from being over populated with unwanted dogs by actually going into the communities and offering the spay and neuter services free of charge as well as talking to owners about looking after their animals.

The activists are also working with the craftsmen at Northward Prison and have purchased 5 dog houses to support the "home to call my own" project initiated by one of the founding members. This project aims to provide a dog house to all those dogs without any shade and there are further houses on order which are currently under construction.

The volunteers with the charity are also working to get animals permanent homes with local families and they have also relocated many animals overseas through CARE's alliance with "no kill shelters" and various families across the USA. Since July 2008 CARE has successfully relocated 239 dogs across the USA in addition to successfully finding forever homes for 25 dogs here in the Cayman Islands.

The Paws for wine and silent auction will take place at Guy Harvey's on 6 November for more details contact 938 22 73 or caymancare@candw.ky

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