



CARE raises dollars for dogs

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It's enough to make tails wag and ears perk up

Cayman Animal Rescue Enthusiasts' biggest fundraiser of the year - for a sell-out crowd at Guy Harvey's Island Grill last Saturday- brought a profit of somewhere in the neighbourhood of \$15,000 for the welfare of local animals.

"We had to turn people away," said Tracey Golding, a volunteer director for CARE.

Tickets, sponsored by Pet Paradise, went quickly, making for a full but happy house at the waterfront restaurant, as attendees perused numerous auction items, sipped wine and savoured canapés.

"To all those who bought tickets for the wine tasting and auction," Golding said, "I'm happy you all came ... the island is very overpopulated with dogs right now "

Money raised will help cover the costs of monthly spay and neuter surgery, as well as relocate those dogs and puppies fortunate enough to get adopted overseas through CARE's alliance with no-kill shelters and various families across the US. CARE also has a "catch, spay and release" programme for feral cats to humanely help reduce the population.

"We're just absolutely floored by the support of the community," said Lesley Agostinelli, another of the organisation's volunteer directors, along with Alana Jule. "All in all, it was fantastic!"

Sponsored in part by Blackbeards fine wines and spirits, the event, organised in large part by CARE volunteer Tara Hopwood, featured nine wines from four countries, as well as a special variety of Guy Harvey chefs' canapes. Master of ceremonies Jay Ehrhart of Radio Cayman handled announcements and prize giveaways, and all of the auction items were handily sold.

"Everything went really well," Agostinelli said

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