



Pet ZONE

helping kids help pets

ISSUE 1



**TOO MANY PETS
NOT ENOUGH HOMES!**

Find out how you can prevent pet overpopulation.

WHO IS CARE?

C.A.R.E.'S MISSION IS TO PREVENT ILL-TREATMENT, CRUELTY AND SUFFERING TO ALL DOMESTIC ANIMALS AND TO ELIMINATE OVER POPULATION AND ITS ACCOMPANYING PAIN AND SUFFERING BY ACTIVELY PROMOTING SPAYING AND NEUTERING. ALSO TO ENDEAVOR TO EDUCATE ON RESPONSIBLE PET OWNERSHIP, ANIMAL WELFARE AND ANIMAL BEHAVIOR BY ENGAGING THE HEARTS, HANDS AND MINDS OF THE COMMUNITY TO HELP THE ANIMALS.



WHO IS kidsCARE?



KIDSCARE IS ABOUT HELPING YOU LEARN TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN YOUR COMMUNITY BY TEACHING YOU HOW TO CARE FOR ALL LIVING THINGS BIG AND SMALL.

WHAT IS PET ZONE?

THE KIDSCARE PROGRAM STARTED AS AN INTERACTIVE SCHOOL PRESENTATION TEACHING KIDS THE BASICS ON HOW TO CARE FOR THEIR PETS AS WELL AS EMPATHY TOWARDS ALL LIVING THINGS. PET ZONE IS ABOUT REACHING AS MANY KIDS AS POSSIBLE ACROSS THE ISLANDS TO SPREAD AWARENESS AND BETTER THE COMMUNITY WE LIVE IN.

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ANIMALS IN CAYMAN

There is probably not a day that goes by that you do not see an animal of some sort. That may be an animal in your home such as a dog, cat, or hamster; or a lizard, chicken, ching-ching, iguana or parrot on your way to school. All these animals have learned to live together and with us as well. In order for them all to work together there needs to be enough places for them to live and enough food for them to eat. Let's learn a bit about some the animals that surround us.



Green Iguana

Perched on a fence, glaring down from a shady palm tree or running quickly across the road are the Cayman's most **common visitors**: the green iguanas. *Did you know that these iguanas are not actually from Cayman?* They

are from Central and South America originally. How did they get here you may ask?

People brought them in as pets in the 1980's. They quickly overpopulated and now have taken over the island. This is a true example of how overpopulation of animals affects us!



Cayman Islands Bats

*Did you know there are **nine species** of bats in the Cayman Islands?* Each eats a different type of food and each has a different role in the ecosystem. The Grand Cayman Brown Bat is considered to be a totally unique species and is the only mammal native to Cayman.

How cool is that?

**HOW MUCH DO YOU
KNOW ABOUT THE
ANIMALS IN THE CAYMAN
ECOSYSTEM?**

Cayman Islands' Parrots

What do the Cayman Islands' Parrot, the Blue Iguana and the Cayman Islands Bat all have in common? They are all unique to Cayman only, meaning that Cayman is the only place they are found in the wild! The

Cayman Islands' Parrot is actually the **National Bird of the Cayman Islands**. Another species that is truly Caymanian.



Grand Cayman Blue Iguana

Did you know that the blue iguana is 100% unique to Cayman? This means that they don't exist naturally *anywhere else in the world*. Despite being so unique (and very much Caymanian!) they are almost near extinction. This means without people helping them they will no longer exist.



Red Footed Boobies of Little Cayman

What do these birds and humans have in common?

Both like to deep-sea fish!

Red Footed Boobies sometimes spend days flying over the sea in search of their next meal.

DO YOU KNOW THE 5 FREEDOMS?

The 5 freedoms are a group of 5 basic needs that all living things have. This means that everything from us to the fish in your fish tank deserve to have these basic 5 needs met. Read the next page to learn more.

I WISH MY HUMAN
KNEW THE
5 FREEDOMS!

FREEDOM TO ACT
LIKE MYSELF

FREEDOM FROM
BEING SCARED

FREEDOM FROM
HUNGER AND THIRST

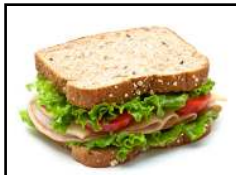
FREEDOM FROM BEING
UNCOMFORTABLE

FREEDOM FROM PAIN
INJURY AND DISEASE



5 FREEDOMS GAME

CONNECT THE CHILD AND THE DOG TO ALL THE THINGS THEY NEED
TO MAKE SURE THEY HAVE ALL 5 FREEDOMS



THE 5 FREEDOMS EXPLAINED

FREEDOM TO ACT LIKE MYSELF

Do you like to play outside? Play video games? Draw or paint? Well animals have things they like to do too, and they have the right to do those things just like us! This might be chewing and playing fetch for a dog, or scratching and chasing string for a cat. If animals are tied up all the time they cannot act like themselves and are not getting one of their basic needs.

FREEDOM FROM BEING SCARED

If something is really scary to you, you might want to run away from it or have your parents comfort you. There are things that scare animals too. If your pet seems to be spooked by something, they have the right to move away from it to protect themselves.

FREEDOM FROM HUNGER AND THIRST

Think about how you feel if you are thirsty or hungry. You may feel sad, upset, angry, slow and just not like yourself. Your animal may show those signs too. Animals may become pushy or try to escape to find food. In the heat of Cayman, it is very important to make sure your pets always have *fresh water as well!*

FREEDOM FROM BEING UNCOMFORTABLE

Think about how uncomfortable it would be to sleep outside in the rain with no shelter! There are some pets on island that live their lives this way. That is not fair and those pets are not getting one of their basic needs met. All pets deserve to be comfortable just like we do.

FREEDOM FROM PAIN, INJURY AND DISEASE

Imagine you were really sick and there was no one to help you feel better or take you to the doctor. You might not be able to get healthy again without the right medication. When animals get sick they sometimes need medication to feel better. It is our responsibility as pet owners to make sure our animals are healthy and happy.

STRAY PETS IN CAYMAN

WHY DOES ALL THIS MATTER TO ME?

Did you know that humans domesticated (meaning made friendly to humans) dogs over 15,000 years ago? Since they showed to be a great friend to us we have been breeding them to our needs for that long! What that means is that we have a responsibility to keep them happy and safe by making sure their 5 freedoms are being met. This is because through the years they have been bred to depend on us for certain things like food and a home.

Cats have not been with humans as long. They are believed to have started their relationship with us just under 10,000 years ago. That is still a very long time and we have the same responsibility to cats to keep them safe and happy along with all domestic pets.

WHAT CAN I DO TO HELP?

The answer is simple! Make sure your animals have access to everything they need to ensure their 5 freedoms are being met. You can also spay and neuter your pets to prevent unwanted litters which will reduce the number of homeless pets in Cayman. Turn the page to learn more about what this means.



THANKS TO THE STAFF AT ISLAND VET, HERE ARE YOUR BASIC QUESTIONS ANSWERED ABOUT SPAYING AND NEUTERING....



ANSWERS PROVIDED BY DR. JOYCE OF



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THIS IS BAILEY BEFORE HE WAS FIXED.

AND AFTER.

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CARE SPAY + NEUTER PROGRAM

I don't know how to add - but I sure can multiply!

$$1 + 1 = 6 \text{ ?????}$$

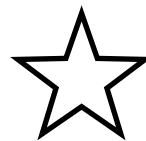
This can't be right! Well, we have something to tell you, when it comes to animals having babies this is the crazy math we are dealing with!

Molly our cat on the left just found out she is having babies. Follow through the math activity below by solving the answers belonging to each shape. By the end you will find out how many kittens can result from Molly's 2 litters of 6 kittens.

Let's Do Some Cat Math.....

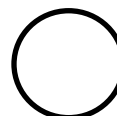
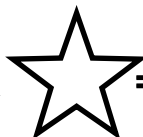
1. Molly you see here can have 2 litters of kittens each year. How many kittens does she have in one year?

$$2 \times 6 =$$



2. In two years how many kittens does Molly have?

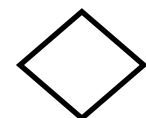
$$2 \times$$



3. Half of Molly's kittens are female. How many females has she had in 2 years?



$$\div 2 =$$



4. All of Molly's female kittens haven't been spayed either. They have as many kittens in a year as Molly. All together how many kittens do they have in one year?

$$\diamond \times \star = \triangle$$

5. In total how many cats can be born from one unsplayed female cat in just two years?

$$\triangle + \bigcirc = \text{pentagon}$$

WOW!!!!

Did you ever think that just one female could produce so many babies? This is the reason there are so many cats and dogs without homes in Cayman. Where do all these homeless animals go?

Turn the page to find out....

Every year rescues on this island get hundreds of cats and kittens dropped off because they don't have a home to call their own. Why you may ask? Because people haven't spayed or neutered their cats and as you can see it doesn't take long for the numbers to add up.

Answer Key:

★ = 12 ○ = 24 ◇ = 12 △ = 144 ⬠ = 168

WHERE DO THE STRAY PETS GO?

There are a few registered animal organizations on island.
What do they all do? Who do you contact for what?

Check out the chart below to find out!



- Help prevents overpopulation through free spay and neuter
- Reaches out to communities to promote spay and neuter and help provide basic welfare
- Educate Cayman's youth through #kidsCARE program
- Provides wellness vet clinics in various districts on the island
- 100% volunteer run



- Provide shelter, care and attention to unwanted companion animals
- Find responsible and loving homes for these animals
- Provide low cost spay and neuter
- Runs a thrift and book store



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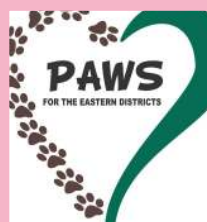
- Operates a shelter which houses stray and neglected animals. Be sure to give the DOA a call if you are missing your pet! Dogs that are not picked up by their families in 7 days may be put up for adoption
- Investigates complaints of inhumane treatment of animals and educates residences on the 5 freedoms. This means they are who you call if an animal is not being treated right
- Inspect animal related licensed operations to ensure animal safety and well-being



- Feline Friends offers a trap-neuter-release program to reduce the number of stray cats on island. They also provide food and shelter to these stray cat communities



- Canine Friends works with the Department of Agriculture Animal Shelter, offering overseas transfers of all adoptable puppies and adult dogs
- All adoptable pets are placed in foster homes
- 100% volunteer run



- Focuses on animal support in East End
- Gives financial assistance for spay and neutering
- Runs a thrift store
- Holds community dog washes
- Helps families find kennels for their outdoor pets to protect them from the weather
- 100% volunteer run

THIS ISSUE'S PET HERO!

Lemur the brave



Lemur (nicknamed Mole), a 4 year old semi feral cat, was rescued with an extremely large and very deep wound on her neck. The wound was so deep you could see her spine. She was also extremely skinny, weighing in at just under 5lbs - her ideal weight should be 10 lbs. Lemur had surgery at Island Veterinary Services to clean and close the wound area and place drains.

Finally after 5 months and four different surgeries, Lemur was healed! This sweet girl who weighed in at a scrawny 4 lbs back in April 2016 is now a happy healthy 11 lbs and more importantly the wound is finally healed up.

She has come so far with everything else and this one time little timid semi feral cat is loving indoor life and playing with her toys and being treated like royalty.



Lemur's foster family was an amazing support for this little girl in giving her a safe space, lots of love and being her rock through all of the surgeries and after care! We know she could not have done it without them and are very thankful for their kindness and willingness to help!

WHAT DOES FOSTERING A PET MEAN?

When you **foster a pet**, you are giving the animal a wonderful quality of life until it gets adopted by someone else. Many times, pet foster parents will adopt the fostered animal, while others will care for many pets over the course of their lives, creating space at the local shelter for more animals.

WHAT DOES FERAL MEAN?

Feral means that the kitten was born in a place where there were no humans around or very limited human interaction. This means once the kitten gets a bit older they may be more afraid of people.



CONGRATS JAYQUAN!

THIS IS JAYQUAN, HE HAD WITNESSED MANY KITTENS THAT WERE ALWAYS BEING BORN IN HIS NEIGHBORHOOD. HE KNEW FROM SPEAKING WITH HIS LOVELY NEIGHBOUR MS. PAT (WHO HAD BEEN HELPING WITH OUR TRAP, NEUTER AND RETURN PROGRAM) HOW IMPORTANT IT IS TO TRY TO CONTROL THEIR NUMBERS. IN A TRAP-NEUTER-RETURN PROGRAM COMMUNITY CATS ARE HUMANELY TRAPPED (THIS DOES NOT HARM THEM), BROUGHT TO A VETERINARIAN TO BE SPAYED OR NEUTERED, VACCINATED, EARTIPPED (THE UNIVERSAL SIGN THAT A CAT HAS BEEN NEUTERED AND VACCINATED), AND THEN RETURNED TO THEIR OUTDOOR HOME. JAYQUAN DECIDED HE WANTED TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE AND STARTED ASSISTING WITH TRAPPING THE CATS AND KITTENS IN HIS NEIGHBORHOOD. JAYQUAN SETS AND BAITS THE TRAP AT NIGHT WITH FOOD TO LURE IN THE FERAL CATS AND THEN HE AND MS. PAT CHECK THE TRAP AT NIGHT AND IN THE MORNING. IF A CAT HAS BEEN TRAPPED THEY CALL CARE TO COME PICK UP THE CAT TO TAKE IT TO THE VET. JAYQUAN EVEN LOADS UP THE TRAP INTO OUR VOLUNTEER DRIVER'S CAR BEFORE HE HEADS OFF TO SCHOOL. IN ONE WEEK, JAYQUAN MANAGED TO TRAP 4 CATS; TWO VERY FERAL KITTENS PLUS THEIR MOTHER AND AN ADULT MALE. WELL DONE JAYQUAN, YOU ARE OUR FIRST KIDSCARE HERO! THANK YOU FOR BEING SUCH A GREAT ROLE MODEL TO OTHER KIDS, SHOWING THEM HOW TO BE KIND TO ANIMALS AND BUILD A BETTER COMMUNITY.

HOW CAN YOU BECOME OUR NEXT KIDSCARE HERO?

Being kind to animals is cool and we want to hear about what you have been doing to better the lives of animals around you.

This could be doing something like Jayquan did, holding a fund raiser to raise money for an animal charity, educating your friends and family about animal welfare or anything else you can think of!

If you think you have what it takes please send a short write up to kids@caymancare.ky about what you did and/or are doing to better the community for animals around you. We would love to see some pictures as well. Once we have all the nominations we will publish the new hero in our next issue!

SOME IDEAS OF WHAT YOU CAN DO

- ★ Be kind to animals
- ★ Tell someone if you see an animal not being treated right
- ★ Make sure your animals have all the 5 freedoms
- ★ Hold a fund raiser to raise funds and awareness for animals
- ★ Get crafty and make homemade pet toys
- ★ The possibilities are endless!

ACTIVITY PAGE

PET OVERPOPULATION WORD SEARCH

Try to find all the words in the word search below. Time yourself with a friend to see who can find all the words first!

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**PUPPIES
KITTENS
STRAY
VET
FERAL
CARE
LITTERS**

**HEALTHY
PET
DOG
CAT
RABBIT
SPAY
NEUTER**





#kidsCARE needs YOUR SUPPORT

kidsCARE is an entirely volunteer run program. With two program heads and a small group of volunteers, we manage to involve ourselves in interactive classroom presentations as well as after school programs. If you follow us on social media, you will see just how involved we are in the community. But with just two of us running the program, we decided to create this magazine as a further platform to deliver our information out to as many students as we can across Cayman. We strongly believe in the importance of educating the youth of Cayman, not only for the sake of our animals, but to draw lines of empathy and compassion to the people, living things and the environment around us.

This first issue was made possible through our generous sponsors below, but we will not be able to continue without your support. If you agree with what we are trying to accomplish, please consider donating to our program. Ultimately, we would love to be able to publish enough issues to reach all elementary schools across all of Cayman. The funds that are not used for the magazine are used to support our in-classroom and after school programs, buying supplies for our interactive games and activities.

If you are interested in donating or would like to learn more about our program, please feel free to contact us at kids@caymancare.ky

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