

Paws for Thought

21 April, 2003



Special Interest Articles:

- * U.S. Shelter personnel here in September
- * May clinic venues set!
- * Check our web site often for Action Alerts.



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Sterling Animal Shelter to man Sept. clinic

The veterinary staff at Sterling Animal Shelter in Sterling, Massachusetts (www.sterlingshelter.org) have volunteered to man an extra IVA-sponsored spay and neuter clinic later this year. They are hoping to come for five to seven days around the third week in September. Sterling Animal Shelter is well known for its "Save-A-Sato" programme. They actually bring "Satos" (the Puerto Rican term for our

"Banana Hound") to the U.S. and find homes for them, and are hoping to take some of our strays back with them. As usual, we will be looking for all kinds of sponsorship: Accommodation, meals, transportation, and something entertaining for them to do in their time off. Please contact any of our board members or call the S.L.A.P.S. number if you can help.



Ministries come up trumps again!

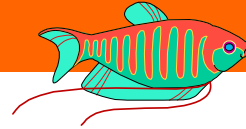
Our next group of IVA volunteers arrives on the 27th May, and will be heading for Ti Kaye village for the first 3 nights of their stay.

Anse-La-Raye village council Chairman Mr. Samuel is busy with preparations for the Anse-La-Raye clinic, which will be held at the Youth Skills Training Centre, which

is currently awaiting renovation.

The Gros Islet clinic which starts on 31st May will once again be held at the old Gros Islet Health Centre, which the Ministry of Health has kindly consented to allow us to use.

A big "Thank You" to the Ministries of Youth and Health for their invaluable assistance!



Pip and Walter "cross the pond" (the sequel...)



Pip and wal ter with visitors in quarantine!



The pictures on the left show Pip and Al ison and Wal ter and Lesl ey looking suitabl y frozen at the quarantine kennel s in Engl and!

As predicted, the dogs are being compl etel y spoil t al though Wal ter has been put on a diet (too many green bananas, no doubt!).

Sending dogs to the U.K. is easy provided you can earn enough to cover the significant expense.

The U.S. and Canada are much cheaper as there are no quarantine requirements, so if you meet a North American tourist who has fal len in l ove with a stray dog or cat, pl ease encourage them to take the animal home.

We wil l do everything we can to hel p and St. Lucia's vets are wel l versed in al l the veterinary requirements.

CFN Conference postponed due to war in Iraq



The Cetacean Freedom Network (CFN) conference which we mentioned in the l ast edition has been postponed because of the war in Iraq.

CFN has been active in opposing the use of dol phins as weapon detectors during the war. There are several dol phins and sea l ions currentl y depl oyed to the Gul f.

Don't forget to sign our on l ine petition against the advent of dol phinaria in the Eastern Caribbean at www.gopetition.com

For more info look at www.stluciadolphins.tripod.com

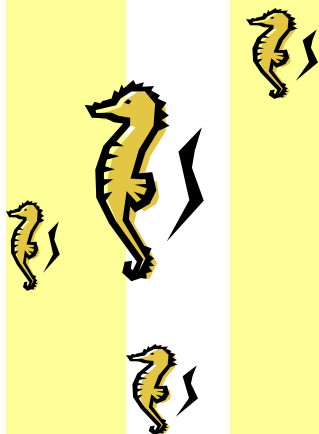
One dol phin died in Dominica earl ier this year , and Indy, one of the Dol phin Fantaseas dol phins in Anguil l a died in April . This is the second fatal ity in Anguil l a since the dol phins arrived from Cuba in January 2000.

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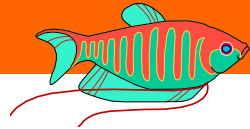
Recommended reading :

Between Species: Cel ebrating the Dol phin-Human Bond, edited by Toni Frohoff and Brenda Peterson (avail abl e from Amazon.com)

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Our education committee produces an article for the Mirror newspaper's "Animal Corner" each week. This is a good pl ace to look for al l kinds of tips on animal care.



New Membership Secretary and Volunteer Coordinator

We are pleased to announce that our dedicated volunteer, Elaine Rhicard, has agreed to take over the onerous joint tasks of Membership Secretary and Volunteer Coordinator.

Elaine and her two cats, Jasper and Kalikat have been staunch supporters of S.L.A.P.S. for some time now, and we are most grateful that Elaine is willing to take this support to the next level, by volunteering her time

and energy keeping the membership database up to date and organizing volunteer activities for the foreseeable future.

Volunteers are needed for all sorts of tasks related to the upcoming IVA clinics in Anse-la-Raye and Gros Islet.

Please contact Elaine at 453-1220, 484-8549 or rhicarde@candw.lc for information.

donkeys which came to St. Lucia courtesy of the World Society for the Protection of Animals (WSPA), as part of their volcano relief effort. No. 75 (pictured at right), a very friendly male, is being well cared for by a farmer at Caille Manger.

Donkey Update

Driving through La Feuillie the other day, a member noticed a donkey which on close inspection turned out to be none other than #75! #75 is one of the original 30 Montserrat

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Resorts ready to set up feeding stations for cats

Since the beginning of the International Veterinary Assistance (IVA) / SLAPS collaboration on stray and feral animals, over 70 of the approximately 335 animals treated have been from resorts and guest houses in the north of the island.

Notably, Club St. Lucia, which had possibly the worst stray cat problem of all, has received significant assistance, with thirty two

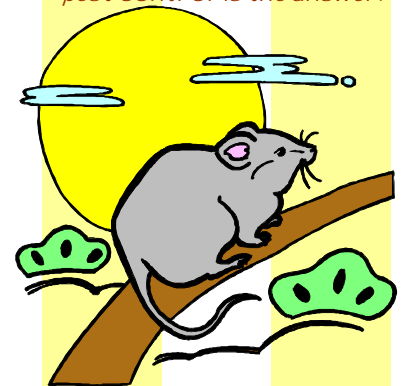
animals spayed or neutered and still more treated and re-homed.

A local supporter of our efforts has promised to donate some colourful chattel house models which we are hoping to convert into feeding stations or "Cat Cafes" for use at the various resorts.

Guests who wish to feed the cats will be encouraged to do so at these locations rather than in the restaurants.

We are hoping to collaborate with the Ministry of Agriculture in their efforts to assist farmers with crop damage by rats.

The plan is to relocate some feral cats to farms where the problem is significant and see whether "natural" pest control is the answer.





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Editor's Note

This month's theme, as you can see, is sea horses. Their survival depends on our treatment of their habitat : the coral reef.

Remember when you're diving or snorkeling, don't touch the reef. It's alive!



ABOUT OUR ORGANIZATION...

The St. Lucia Animal Protection Society is St. Lucia's only non-profit membership organization working to improve animal welfare in St, Lucia, West Indies.

Please visit our website, courtesy of MB Partnership, (mbpartnership.co.uk) at www.stluciaanimals.org for lots of information on future projects and on-going programmes.

Another creature which depends on healthy shore lines and reefs for survival is the hermit or soldier crab. They are on the decline. Call to find out what you can do to help.

For information about hermit crabs, visit

<http://www.museum.vic.gov.au/crust/hermbiol.html>