

Rex Resorts Support Animal Welfare in St. Lucia

Castries, St. Lucia -- 10th July, 2002 -- **REX RESORTS**, owners of the prestigious Royal St. Lucian Resort and Spa, the Rex St. Lucian and Papillon on Reduit Beach, today threw their weight behind the efforts of the St. Lucia Animal Protection Society (SLAPS), to alleviate St. Lucia's increasing stray animal problem.

"Both the Rex and the Royal provided accommodation for visiting veterinary volunteers during the SLAPS/IVA clinic in May", commented Maria Grech, Secretary of SLAPS. "We are delighted that Rex Resorts have decided to support our work and that of International Veterinary Assistance (IVA), and in doing so take away one of the major logistical challenges associated with coordinating these clinics".

Ms. Grech noted that the next clinic will be in the latter part of October this year. "The fact that the volunteers will be staying on beautiful Reduit Beach is a major draw for the vets and veterinary nurses who take part in these clinics. They pay their own airfares to come from the UK or the US and we work them extremely hard when they get here! So it's nice for them to be able to relax after work, in the excellent accommodations offered by Rex Resorts".

109 animals were treated at the Animal Care Centre in Bois d'Orange and the Veterinary Hospital on John Compton Highway during IVA's last clinic in May, SLAPS volunteers will be looking to provide the vets with even more animals to treat in October.

Other local supporters of the IVA/SLAPS initiative include Drive-A-Matic Car Rentals, Tropicana Restaurant, Capones Restaurant. The Captain's Cellar, Jambe de Bois, the Reef Restaurant, Buzz, the Lunch Box, the Monkey Tree Café and individual animal lovers.

Overseas support is received from the World Society for the Protection of Animals (WSPA), the Pegasus foundation, IAMS Pet Food Company, Geest Line, the RSPCA and many others.

If you would like to support a future IVA/SLAPS clinic, please call 457-7527 or go to SLAPS website for more information : www.stluciaanimals.org

