

## **SLAPS PRESS RELEASE – 20th May 2002**

IAMS UK, which provides world-class quality pet food and pet care products, has renewed its support for SLAPS and IVA's activities in St. Lucia by donating five pallets of dog food.

This pet food and other veterinary supplies, such as sterile gloves generously donated by Regent, were marshalled in Portsmouth, UK, and transported by sea courtesy of The Geest Line, the UK's No. 1 shipping line serving the Caribbean region.

The shipment sailed with the 'Southampton Star' in mid April and arrived in St. Lucia on time, on the 26th. This was the largest donation of materials received by SLAPS to date.

The bulk and weight of the shipment resulted in three logistical and administrative challenges. Firstly, handling and customs clearance of this charitable shipment at the arrival point in Castries. Secondly, arranging for the collection, transport and interim warehouse storage of the pallets. And thirdly, organising the supplies needed at two veterinary practices shortly after shipment arrival.

Jane Tipson, President of SLAPS, said "We were delighted to hear the wonderful news about IAMS donation of dog food and the offer by the Geest Line to provide free shipment of the materials. We are very grateful for the support received from the Government, in particular the Ministry of Agriculture, also Trevor Philip Agencies Ltd. for brokerage services, and as usual, doing that little bit extra which makes all the difference.

We are extremely grateful to Transport and Handling Services Ltd. for their patience and generosity providing transportation to Monplaisir Supplies and Bryden & Partners, who have kindly donated storage space for this large shipment."

Contact SLAPS at Tel: (758) 457-7527 or visit them on the net at [www.stluciaanimals.org](http://www.stluciaanimals.org) to find out how you can contribute to and support animal welfare in St. Lucia.