



# The Paw Prints



Monthly Newsletter for Animal Advocates of Pedasí Members

## ANIMAL ADVOCATES OF PEDASI MISSION STATEMENT

- \*To provide low cost spay and neuter clinics in the Pedasí district.
- \*To advocate for education on the care and responsible ownership of domesticated pets.



- SUNDAY, APRIL 7TH  
7AM-2PM  
STERILIZATION CLINIC  
MARIABE'

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- CRAB RACES  
WED., APRIL 24TH.  
5PM

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- FRIDAY, MAY 3RD  
9AM  
AAP PLANNING MEETING  
@AUTORIDAD DE TURISMO-UPSTAIRS  
(ON ARENAL ROAD JUST PAST TERPEL)

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- SATURDAY, MAY 4TH, 10AM  
SHRINKY-DINK CLASS @ CONNIE MOLLER'S HOME

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- SUNDAY, MAY 26TH,  
STERILIZATION CLINIC PLAYA

## March Clinic

Animal Advocates held another successful sterilization clinic at the Azuero Proyecto office in Pedasí on Sunday, March 24th. 24 cats & 5 dogs were sterilized that day, thanks again to the committed efforts of Dr. Jonathan, his assistants, the Pedasí Bomberos, & our team of volunteers. The next clinic is planned for Sunday, April 7th in Mariabé., and Sunday, May 26th, tentatively planned for Playa Venao. Contact Cindy Kennedy for more information and volunteer opportunities.

### OFFICERS:

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## VOLUNTEER MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

### GET INVOLVED! COME BE A PART OF THE LEADERSHIP TEAM

AAP would not be what it is today without it's members and those who have dedicated their valuable time & efforts toward the goals of AAP to make a better life for the cats & dogs in the Pedasí district. We can always use a few more members to help lead or help plan, whether it be volunteering as a Leader for the Fundraising Sub-Committee or assisting in one of the Sub-Committee's. No experience necessary, just a heart to help. Come to a monthly meeting; share your ideas; get involved with planning clinics and events; be part of the decision-making.



**CRAB RACES!** - The next AAP tentative fundraising event. Bet on your favorite hermit crab & see who gets to the edge of the circle first. Adults only. Plan for Wed., April 24th @ 5PM; Venue to be determined soon. Will post on WhatsApp group and Facebook.

Koozies, both can & bottle, auto license plates, magnets, T-shirts, & canvas shopping bags are on sale at Pedasí Love, or contact Melanie White to purchase. SUPPORT AAP!

**“Shrinky-Dink” Class Repeat:** Some of you may remember “Shrinky-Dink” back in the '70's & 80's, where you color a picture on plastic, then shrink it in the oven. Well, Animal Advocates Education Committee is bringing this art form back as a children's project at fairs and other events to make dog tags. The first class was held on March 15th with only 3 participating. But we were able to test out the project and learned what worked and didn't work. So now we would like to offer it again so that more will know how to do this before we present it to the children as an activity at one of the local ferias, after-school classes, or maybe at the sterilization clinics. It has also been proposed by a community member that we start a registry of the dogs in the Pedasí district in concurrence with this activity. All AAP members who are interested in helping in this fun educational project are invited to the class to make your own dog tag (or something else) on Saturday, May 4th, 10am at Connie Moller's home. All supplies will be provided.



### THE COST OF A STERILIZATION CLINIC

Animal Advocates of Pedasi offers low-cost spay & neuter clinics to everyone. But income for these services can be far less than the actual cost of the clinic. We do share with those who seek our services what our vet(s) charge, presently \$30 per dog & \$15 per cat. And we ask, if they are able, to pay this low amount. But no one is turned away for lack of being able to pay, and all are told to pay what they can. And then there are the feral cats with no owners that AAP volunteers trap and sterilize at each clinic. There are many additional costs as well: paper & cleaning supplies, table & chair rental fees, food & drinks for the vets and volunteers, etc. Plus one time purchases when necessary for traps, crates, recovery mats, etc. This is why we ask for cash donations & volunteers, and conduct various fundraisers to help subsidize all the additional costs in order to offer clinics throughout the area.

**AAP WhatsApp Chat Group:** All AAP members are invited & encouraged to participate, share their ideas & stories, ask questions, & keep up with what's happening. To join, please contact one of the AAP officers or sub-committee leaders to be added to the group.

**NEW VENUE FOR NEXT ANIMAL ADVOCATES MEETING:!**

**Friday May 3rd, 9:00 am at the Autoridad de Turismo (upstairs). Everyone invited!**