



# 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.



A SPECIAL THANKS TO ALL OUR VOLUNTEERS FOR MAKING MOVIE NIGHT A GREAT SUCCESS! Our new popcorn popper was a hit and enjoyed by the 80-100 children & adults (+ a dog) who attended.

## SEPTEMBER CLINIC

Since 2014, 1473 animals have been sterilized by Animal Advocates. The next clinic is scheduled for Sunday, September 22nd in Paritilla, part of AAP's Outreach. Cindy is working with Maruja for local volunteers who will be providing food for staff and selling to volunteers and guest while waiting. All proceeds will go to Animal Advocates. All 32 slots for sterilization have been filled already. The next clinic is scheduled for October 13th at Proyecto Azuero in Pedasí. Please contact Cindy Kennedy for more information and volunteer opportunities.

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## Calendar

SUNDAY, SEPT. 22nd  
7AM-2PM  
STERILIZATION CLINIC  
PARITILLA

SUNDAY, SEPT. 29th  
INT'L BEACH DAY  
8AM  
PLAYA ARENAL

FRIDAY, OCT. 4th  
9-10:30AM  
AAP PLANNING  
MEETING  
CASA COROTU, LIMON

SUNDAY, OCT. 13th  
7AM-2PM  
STERILIZATION CLINIC  
PEDASI

SATURDAY, OCT. 19th  
BINGO  
in PARITILLA

SUNDAY, OCT. 20th  
PET FAIR  
2-5PM  
PEDASI

## VOLUNTEER MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

### Do you want to know how you can help Animal Advocates?

There are many opportunities: Sterilization Clinics; Fundraising Events; Children Activities; Transportation of Animals; Volunteers and Equipment; Graphic Design & Printing (Posters, Brochures, Flyers, etc.). Maybe you have new ideas or an opinion you would like to share with the group? Do you want more information about AAP or want to be part of the decision making process? There are lots of things you can help with & plan. Come to our next Planning Meeting, usually scheduled the first week of each month.



**\*AAP IS VISITING SCHOOLS!** This month a volunteer team headed up by Lupe Claro first were able to visit the elementary school in Pedasí and then a week later visit the school in Paritilla. They presented an educational talk, teaching the students the proper care & love of all pets. The children were very receptive and appreciative, each receiving a “goody bag” which included a tri-fold info sheet, a doggie & a cat treat, a child’s treat, and an invitation to “Movie Night”. If you are interested in volunteering for this program, contact Connie or Lupe.

**\*INTERNATIONAL BEACH DAY:** Sunday, September 29th starting at 8am.. AAP has been invited to participate for this beach cleanup from Playa Arenal to Playa Toro. Contact Melanie for information and to participate.

**\*VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY!-** Need teams of 1-2 people each to post and rotate animal care posters around town once a month. All materials provided. Contact Sharon or Connie if interested.

The PET FAIR will be held October 20th, 2-5PM at Parque Central in Pedasí. AAP is planning to register animals and provide collars, leashes, and identification tags. A pet parade, animal training demonstrations, and various animal-related booths will be included. Contact Melanie White for more information & to volunteer to help.



### BINGO!

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19th in PARITILLA. EVERYONE INVITED to participate &/or volunteer. Food made by local women will be on sale.**

**SHOPPING BAGS ON SALE!** The new law in Panama has gone into effect now: no more plastic bags. So AAP has dropped the price of their cloth Shopping Bags are now on sale for \$3 each. Purchase while they last at Pedasí Love or by contacting Melanie.



**“MERCADO 2019” - SAVE THIS DATE: SATURDAY, DEC. 14th**

Melanie & Connie will be co-leaders for this huge annual event, but we need many volunteers to help plan and participate. We can't do it without you. AAP will continue to collect slightly-used or new items for resale in Connie's garage. Call her to arrange drop-off. Pre-sorting Day is scheduled for Wednesday, Dec. 11th.

**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.

**NEXT ANIMAL ADVOCATES MEETING: 9AM on Friday, October 4th at Casa Corotu in Limon Everyone invited!**