



JimbuArt Project . CubArtEdu & The Aniplant Project : Together in Helping Cuban Animals

## JIMBUART PROJECT

Jimbu was the mascot and inspiration of **JimbuArt** and **CubArtEdu** for 10 years. In April 16, 2017 Jimbu passed away. We will always keep him in our hearts and are inspired by him to create the **JimbuArt Project** in Cuba. In his memory, through a fundraising and art projects effort to help Cuban dogs and cats in Cuba, we are now affiliated with ANIPLANT.

ANIPLANT is an independent membership organization dedicated to the protection of animals. ANIPLANT is a non-government organization. They do not receive any help from the Cuban government. The Cuban government officially recognizes ANIPLANT, which is important because Cuban law permits only one organization to function in each field of endeavor. Thus, ANIPLANT is the only animal protection organization legally permitted to function in Cuba.

ANIPLANT depends on donated funds and dues in order to operate. It is not permitted to advertise, so

ANIPLANT activities are restricted to what can be done with an uncertain income stream. ANIPLANT's headquarter is in Havana, but they provide services in other parts of the country.



### Nora Garcia Perez

President of ANIPLANT. Nora is known in Cuba for her efforts to educate the public on animal care and welfare. Nora has been an animal advocates her entire life. When her parents died, she was raised by María Álvarez Ríos, a famous Cuban entertainer. Together, they volunteered to help the animals of Havana. In 1987, Nora was asked to join a movement to protect the animals, and in 1992 became

president of an association, which became ANIPLANT. Nora has many connections in the Cuban community, and in the animal protection field around the world.

## HOW TO HELP

There is great need for animal protection in world. Often a severe lack of education exacerbates the problem. In Cuba, in general, the population is quite well educated, and college is available to nearly all. So education and a genuine love of animals are not big issues in Cuba. The country has many well-educated veterinarians, just as its medical establishment is well respected. The problem is that there is a severe lack of resources due to the U.S. embargo against Cuba. When you consider that \$250 will employ a fully qualified veterinarian for a year, even very modest donations can do much good for the animals in Cuba.

One way to help Cuban animals is through direct remittances of money to Cuba. This method is somewhat more difficult in the United States where an irrational embargo still chokes off necessities in Cuba. We hope that the U.S. embargo of Cuba will soon end. In the mean time, we will be asking you, our CubArtEdu delegates, to support the JimbuArt Project with contributions when we arrive in Cuba. This will be done through voluntary donations to be delivered to Aniplant during our visit to Havana, Cuba.

**Donations are used to provide and promote spaying/neutering, mange parasite treatments, purchase antibiotics and medicines, pay Cuban veterinarians and keep the ANIPLANT clinic in operation.**

**Any donation is appreciated.**

