



BAHIA MATANCHEN ANIMALS

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Thanks to everyone who made this past winter “season” a great success for Bahia Matanchen Animals in terms of bettering the lives of all our animals. As many of you head north for the summer, we will “spay on” with monthly spay and neuter clinics. The following is a brief wrap-up of our last 3 months’ activities:

FYI all of our funds are held in a Banamex Account (since fall 2011); Audrey, Barb and Kate are the authorized account holders.

The cost of our monthly clinics is 300 pesos (approx. \$25us) PER ANIMAL. Food, many supplies, location and personnel (excepting Dr. Beltran) are all donated (thank you Dr. Bill Rodgers for the surgical lamp & for operating in Feb.). Dr. S. Beltran of Tepic sterilizes approximately 15 animals per clinic and performs emergency care as needed. We ask those who can, to pay for the sterilization so that we may use our precious funds for street animals and locals who can not pay.

Thanks to all the clinic volunteers, there are too many to list here. Many thanks to Sam & Teresa who have sponsored 10 of their neighborhood animals! What a great idea for our Mexican barrios! Kudos goes to Amaranth who made lovely hats for those donating 500 pesos to our cause. Each hat represents almost 2 animals sterilized. Thanks to Conchita who sold a huge number of BMA T-shirts and promotional material during Semana Santa.

Since February, the 3 clinics have spayed and neutered 46 animals. An additional 9 animals have been taken to Tepic for sterilization, with 2 going over to Providigna for adoption.

It is possible to operate a monthly clinic in Aticama thanks to the generosity of Daniel and Marta, of Capulin Coffee, who allow us to use their building on Calle Mexico. Not only can we store our supplies and cages on site (thanks to all who donated cages and brought them from North America), but admitting room,

operating room and wonderful recovery area in a secure outdoor setting make for a safer clinic. Both personnel and animals are much calmer at this venue as our 100% success rate attests.

The next clinic is Saturday May 14. We accept animals from all local communities. We prefer by appointment; if possible, reply to Bahia Matanchen Animals on Facebook or directly with Audrey at 231-2124 or mexsparrow@hotmail.com. Monthly clinics allow us to keep up with the “breeding seasons” and locate newly abandoned animals. The frequency of the second Saturday of each month also allows us to deal with female animals that had litters, track their maturity and sterilize them all which additionally makes the puppies more attractive for adoption.

With sufficient funds, we hope to bring a comprehensive educational program to the local elementary schools. A program is presently being piloted in Chapala area schools. We also would like to expand the small food distribution service we provide.

Recently, we collaborated with state animal organizations in Tepic, the 2 animal groups in San Blas and Dr. Marcos Bejos to present an information program regarding animal protection laws, held in San Blas. We can maximize our impact on animal welfare by fostering close ties with all these groups.

We ALWAYS need funds here in our poor small communities; please donate by visiting our web site at bahiamatanchenanimals.com and click on our pay pal. Audrey, Barb & Kate are also here year-round to accept pledges and cash or via bahiamatanchenanimals@hotmail.com .

Items needed that can easily be packed in your suitcase when returning are dissolvable sutures and packages of gauze pads.



Rescued dog “Violetta” recovering.

