

Pets of the Week



Peer

Dear Dog lovers. Hi, I'm Peer, a 22-week-old pup who has been living at the shelter since I was just four weeks old. I came

here with my brothers and sisters after a rough start in life. They've all found their forever homes, but I'm still waiting patiently for mine. I'm a happy, friendly guy who loves everyone I meet. I adore cuddles and I've been told I'm quite the handsome fellow! Could you be the one to give me the loving home I've been dreaming of? I promise to be your loyal and snuggly companion!

Photo/story: Marissa Larners

Kitten of the week! Please meet our kitten of the week, Sneezzy. Sneezzy is a female kitten, tabby in color and 19 weeks old. She is a real cutie!

Sneezzy was found with her three siblings and brought to us when only days old. The kitties were fostered in a home and bottle fed day and night. Thankfully all survived and are now healthy enough for adoption. All of her siblings have been adopted and I am hopeful once you

meet her you will fall in love and take her home.

Sneezzy loves to be cuddled and held in your lap. She is very loving and seeks attention. Sneezzy is socialized with other cats and is doing well. If you have dogs and are willing to work with her and the dogs, I am sure she will be fine in a short time.

Please consider coming to meet Sneezzy. I believe she will make a nice addition to your home.

Sneezzy is sterilized, vaccinated and has tested negative for feline leukemia and FIV.

Photo/story: Amy Bowen



Sneezzy

You can also call 701-4989 or 717-4989 to make an appointment, via whatsapp, facebook messenger, or email animalshelterbonaire@gmail.com

If you would like to meet our cats and dogs, please come to Animal Shelter Bonaire, Kaminda Lagun 26A. Open Monday - Friday 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

Make Bonaire Accessible

by Ria Evers-Dokter

It's hot, hot, hot...

While writing this, I feel the hot sun scorch the roof and I am very thankful that I can sit on a wide porch with the wind blowing, keeping me relatively cool. September is our hottest month and we've all noticed it. Everybody is complaining about how hot they feel and how it has never been this hot. The huge power failure at our electricity company had everybody worried.

We were advised to use less electricity and that is very understandable. With all the inhabitants on the island, we need to be very careful about the use of electricity. I am coping pretty well. The outages have made me think of the days I lived on Curaçao in 1979. There were power failures so often one got used to it. I learned how to take it as easy as possible. I'd make use of the Passat-wind, adapt my activities to the temperature, drink lots of water and always have batteries and candles available. And nothing has really changed since, only now I live on Bonaire.

But what keeps me worried are the people who live all by themselves (mostly elderly), persons with limitations and persons who live in institutions that have no generators.

Getting enough to drink every day is very important. Does everybody get enough? Is there enough shade to sit in? Are there enough volunteers who can help or come by to see to them? Elderly often lose the feeling of thirst, so they rarely get enough liquids, and they often refuse to drink water. They can be offered liquid food like soups, thin puddings or yoghurts and ice cream. Watermelon is a wonderful fruit that is full of liquid and nutrients, so they cover the

food and liquids-part.

All kitchens of big institutions could help here by providing to all those in need.

Groups of volunteers could be formed and have them come by and check if there is enough wind passing through the rooms. Maybe the same volunteers could come by to repair windows that are stuck.

There are fans nowadays that are rechargeable. When there is an electricity shortage, they would be wonderful. These fans are expensive though, maybe there is a funding program that could provide rechargeable fans to those in need. These programs could also provide ice-jugs plus one bag of ice a day and the liquid-provision would be covered.

In the old days the inhabitants of a barrio were responsible for each other. This is something that could be reinstated again.

Nowadays you see a lot of mini-ventilators that can be plugged into your phone. Almost everybody has a phone these days, so large companies could sponsor those personal fans for all those in need. It would be an excellent promotional program.

And I know for sure that when large groups of volunteers get together and are asked how they could be of help, or have any suggestions, there would be a flood of ideas. As I stated before, people always have been responsible for each other and still are. Keep your cool, everybody.



Ria Dokter is living happily on Bonaire, where she also used to work as a director at FKPD and started Special Olympics Bonaire. She took care of her husband (R.I.P) for many years and feels that accessibility is the most important issue on our island.

Animal Shelter News

Are you the cat lover we're looking for?



Photo Marissa Larners

Animal Shelter Bonaire has an opening for a

CAT CARE SUPERVISOR

27 hours per week/5 days per week (one weekend day)

8 a.m.- 1 p.m.; one weekday 8 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Requirements:

- Love of animals
- Physically able
- Good computer skills
- Good people skills
- Resident of Bonaire or Curaçao with valid sedula
- Able to read basic English
- Willing to learn about cat health care

Responsibilities include:

- Cleaning kennels and cages, watering and feeding the cats
- Administering medications
- Supervising and instructing cat volunteers and employees
- Monitoring health and condition of the cats; setting medication regimens
- Scheduling and caring for cats in boarding

Salary based on qualifications, minimum \$10.10 per hour

If you are interested please email animalshelterbonaire@gmail.com with your C.V. for an interview appointment. DO NOT RESPOND VIA FACEBOOK OR MESSENGER.