

# Pet of the Week Valentino



**Our cat of the week is Valentino!** Valentino is a gorgeous, three year old male black and white cat. Valentino came to the shelter when he was about 8 weeks old. I don't know much about his history and how he came to be at the Animal Shelter Bonaire but I do know he is friendly and loves to be touched and petted.

When I enter the room where Valentino lives he comes right to me and wants attention. He is an older cat and may not be as playful as a kitten but he does like attention and will chase a toy if you play with him.

When you come to the Animal Shelter Bonaire to meet him you may find him lying around with other cats and enjoying some relaxation time. Please don't be shy, approach him and he will look for you to reach out and pet him and then you will be friends forever.

Come meet Valentino so he can find his forever home! Valentino is sterilized and has tested negative for feline leukemia and FIV.

*Photo/story: Amy Bowen*

**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. You can also call 701-4989 or 717-4989 to make an appointment, via whatsapp, facebook messenger, or email [animalshelterbonaire@gmail.com](mailto:animalshelterbonaire@gmail.com)**

# Trail Builder leaves Bonaire



Bonaire's mountain bikers are sad to say goodbye to the trail builder of all the island's mountain bike trails, Sven Peerdeman. He created cycle paths in the middle of the mudi and in kunuku areas from what was once no more than goat trails, giving access to the most beautiful places on the island. On occasion he received help from friends in the most impassable terrains where they had to cut through with shears. The trails now are frequented not only by mountain bikers but also by hikers.

Of course all paths had to have a name and the Donkey Kong trail is one of them. As a reminder of his hard work, the Bonaire Baiskel Klub (Bonaire Bicycle Club) posted a sign on that trail in honor of Sven and gave him his own sign.

Now that Sven has left the island, it is up to the Club to keep the trails passable and find and create new ones. Sven returned to the Netherlands with his family to continue working for the future.

*Story Frank Böhm. Photo Mark Hol*

# Animal Shelter News



## Bon Doet at Bonaire Animal Shelter

The 13th edition of Bon Doet took place on Saturday, March 16. A motivated group of volunteers put in a lot of effort at the Animal Shelter this year. The volunteers helped with painting the office and also tidied up the property. They helped with yard work, they removed weeds, thorny trees and scrubs and planted new flowers and plants. The grounds and kennels have also been provided with new gravel. The Animal Shelter is extremely grateful to the volunteers and Bon Doet for their hard work and would like to thank everyone who was involved.

## Looking for year-round volunteers

The Animal Shelter is looking for volunteers to help year round with overall maintenance and landscape work. Are you interested in helping with your handy skills? Call (+599-7174989) or email us at [animalshelterbonaire@gmail.com](mailto:animalshelterbonaire@gmail.com). Next to overall maintenance the shelter is always looking for volunteers to help take care and give love to the cats and dogs. Volunteers take dogs for walks, cuddle and play with the cats and dogs and help clean the kennels. If you're interested feel free to email or call us, or pass by at the Animal Shelter at Kaminda Lagoen 26. A few hours of your time can make a big difference for our animals. *Amber Jasperse*