



Hello people,

My name is Alix I'm a girl about 12 weeks old.

Six weeks ago I was left in a box in front of the Shelter gate.

I'm a very happy girl. I like to play with other pups and it doesn't bother me at all that I only have one eye. My people friends at the shelter tell me that I'm a beautiful girl all the time and it gives me a lot of confidence.

I like to cuddle, especially with kids. I love kids, so I really would like my forever home to be where I would be a family dog so I could have brothers and sisters, furry ones or human or both would be even better. I hope to meet you soon.

Photo/story Sanne Attevelt

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

Our cat of the week is Deborah.

Deborah is a black and white Domestic Short Hair cat and she is two years old.

Deborah was surrendered to the Animal Shelter Bonaire in January 2024 by people who could not care for her any longer. She is a very loving cat and starts to purr as soon as you pet her and just look at her precious face. She enjoys attention and cuddles.

Deborah will adjust well to other cats in the home, as she has been able to move to the Shelter Cat Palace without any issues. Deborah could be the perfect furry friend addition to your home. She is sterilized and has tested negative for feline leukemia and FIV.

Photo/story: Amy Bowen



Animal Shelter News

New cat boarding

Good news! The Animal Shelter Bonaire has a new cat boarding area. It can be stressful to leave your cat when you go on vacation, so the Animal Shelter Bonaire wants to help put your mind at ease by providing a home away from home for your cat or cats. Go on vacation knowing your cat is content and comfortable in the new and improved spacious facilities.

Safety of the animals at the Animal Shelter is a priority, that is why the Animal Shelter requires cats to be fully vaccinated in order to enter the new boarding facilities. A proof of vaccination is mandatory. Another important requirement is

that cats need to be treated for ticks and fleas with a product (such as Frontline) prior to arrival, otherwise, they will be treated upon arrival at the owner's cost.

The costs of cat boarding are:

One cat- \$8. a day.

Two cats in one kennel- \$11. a day.

Reserve ahead of time, the summer vacation and Christmas vacation are a busy time for the Animal Shelter and space is limited. You can reserve by sending an email to the Animal Shelter at animalshelterbonaire@gmail.com

Amber Jasperse



Piskabon responds to OLB closing fishermen's pier



Piskabon president, Ernest Lanoy

In the near future Bonaire's local government has decided to close down the fishing pier at Playa Pabou due to several complaints regarding harassment of women and drug activity. The pier is a free mooring site for local fishing boats and fish cleaning station on the waterfront.

Bonaire's local fishing organization Piskabon was aware of the actions scheduled by the government regarding the pier but was not involved in the decision making. This was a government call to inform the fishermen properly about this closure. Only a small number of the fishermen mooring boats at the pier are members of Piskabon.

Piskabon, president Ernest de Lanoy explained they were not a stakeholder or part of the decision in the press release issued on March 6. The so-called triangle: government, police and justice officer made the decision. Piskabon is not happy about this decision.

We want to help resolve this issue. We don't want to make it worse than it already is.

Management of the pier is needed similar to the Club Nautico pier and Piskabon is willing to assume the responsibility but it has to be a collaboration with every stakeholder. Currently there is not enough lighting on the dock and items have been stolen from the boats. Security and maintenance are required. At this time the boats moored are not registered and not secured.

De Lanoy said, "Give us a budget for management. With a proper budget for management and maintenance this pier can be an asset to the fishermen."

Piskabon is scheduled to meet with Lieut. Governor Nolly Oleano on March 14 to come up with a plan.

Julie Morgan Photo/Story