

Pets of the Week



Luke

Dear Dog lovers. My name is Luke and I'm a shy boy a about 5 years.

I've been a shelter resident for three years but no matter how much I like it here, I really hope to find my forever home and have my own special family.

I'm good with other dogs, but I prefer a girl or a boy that is younger than me with a laid back personality.

I'm good with children of all ages. The first impression I will give you is that I'm a shy guy, but once I have met you I cannot get enough of those lovely hugs and cuddles.

I hope you have a special place for me in your heart and your home. I'm ready to move in with you forever.

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



Harvey

Our cat of the week is a male cat named Harvey. He is almost two years old and was found as a stray and brought to the Animal Shelter Bonaire when he was three months old. Harvey's history is a bit of a mystery, but his family must have really liked people because Harvey sure does!

Harvey's coloring is tabby and white and he has beautiful green eyes. He is friendly and enjoys petting and treats. Harvey can be a little shy at first but once he knows you, he wants to be your friend and will sit by your side and wait for attention. Please stop by and meet Harvey.

Harvey is sterilized and has tested negative for feline leukemia and FIV.

Photo/story: Amy Bowen

Animal Shelter News "Strong" Volunteers Needed for One Day

On Saturday, April 27, Rotary Club of Bonaire will have their annual "Rotary International FERIA" (a huge flea market) at Wilhelmina Park in Playa. Every year, the Rotary Club kindly donates left over items that have not been sold to Animal Shelter Bonaire for our Pakus. The Animal Shelter needs some "strong" volunteers to help load trucks, cars, etc. with these items at the end of the day. If you can help with strong arms and backs and/or pickup trucks, your support will be much appreciated.

For more details please contact Paul at paulenamina@gmail.com

Pakus di Pruga will soon be back in full business at our new location. Lots of donations have come in during the months we were closed, add in the Rotary Club items, and it will surely be a "grand" opening. Stay tuned to the Bonaire Reporter for details.

Jane Disko

CLEAN OUT YOUR GARAGE FOR A GOOD CAUSE

NEW STUFF / OLD STUFF / FURNITURE / BIKES / HOUSEHOLD STUFF / TOOLS / TOYS ETC ETC

"YOU NAME IT, WE CAN TAKE IT"

ALL PROCEEDS GO RIGHT BACK IN TO THE COMMUNITY!

CONTACT US AND WE WILL PICK IT UP!

FOR DONATIONS & INFORMATION **CONTACT** + 599 700-6235 ROTARYFERIABONAIRE@GMAIL.COM

TCB Informs

Preliminary figures for March 2024 reveal that the island welcomed a record-breaking 18,169 stayover visitors during March 2024. Comparatively, in 2023, the total number of visitors amounted to 16,493, while in 2019, it stood at 16,000. This represents an increase of approximately 10% from 2023 to 2024 and a growth of approximately 13.5% from 2019 to 2024.

Dutch visitors remained the largest group, accounting for 39% of the total, followed by Americans at 29%. Curaçao, Canada, Germany, and Aruba contributed significantly to Bonaire's tourism industry.

In March 2024, Bonaire experienced a remarkable surge of 37% in American visitors compared to the previous year and a substantial increase of 186% in Canadian visitors. The increase is due to the increase of United, Delta, AA flights and the new WestJet flight out of Toronto, Canada. Despite these overall positive trends, Dutch visitors decreased 5.6% from 7541 in 2023 to 7120 in 2024. This decrease is due to the drop in frequencies and seats available on the AMS-BON route due to change of aircraft equipment by our Dutch airline partners and

number of rotations that were scheduled.

US visitors visited primarily from New York, Florida, California, Pennsylvania and other major states. The age groups with the highest representation were 45-54 (20.7%) and 55-64 (20.5%), indicating a strong interest from mature

travelers. Dutch visitors mainly hailed from North Holland, South Holland, and North Brabant, with the dominating age group being 55-64 (27.6%) and 45-54 (18%).

Bonaire welcomed 48,233 cruise visitors with 23 cruise ships this February.

For more detailed statistics and information about Bonaire's tourism performance, please visit our official website at www.bonaireisland.com or reach out to us via email at info@bonaireisland.com. *TCB*

