

Pets of the Week



Casey

Our cat of the week is Casey.

Casey is a male cat, white and tabby in color and is one year old. He has lived at the Animal Shelter Bonaire since he was a kitten. I don't know much more about his history but have come to learn his likes and dislikes.

Casey is friendly and enjoys being petted while he is snacking or eating. He likes being rubbed behind the ears and down his back and responds to a calm and friendly tone of voice. Casey does not like to be approached quickly or to be picked up right away. He needs a slow hand and patience from a new owner. Come and meet Casey and take him to his forever home. You will not be sorry because once you make the connection he will love you forever! Casey 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 Mon. - Fri. 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Sat. 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Or call 701-4989 or 717-4989 to make an appointment, via whatsapp, facebook messenger, email animalshelterbonaire@gmail.com

Hello dear humans.

My name is Guusje, I'm a sweet girl of about 3.5 years old. About two years ago I was left at the shelter gate, together with my sister. We were both underweight and didn't trust humans.

In the beginning I was a little afraid of people, but after a while I started to enjoy the gentle pets on my back and the belly rubs. I really like to curl up on your legs and sleep close to you.

I'm very good with other dogs, male, female, old or young, I like them all.

I hope you would like to meet me and that I can be a part of your family.

Photo/story: Sanne Attevelt



Guusje

Animal Shelter Bonaire's Pakus di Pruga

will officially open at their new location on Kaya Gilberto F Croes

on May 11, from 8 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Pakus is the prime fundraiser for the Animal Shelter while at the same time doing its part to recycle and supply affordable clothes, furniture, books, music, housewares and more to Bonaire.

Photo Julie Morgan



Make Bonaire Accessible - Aftermath

by Ria Evers-Dokter

The festivities are over for the celebration of 35 years Dia di Rincon. Almost every day was a special activity for everyone. If you could not join the party, you could watch it on tv.

So many came from abroad to celebrate. Many had not been back to Bonaire for many years.

I am not a person for big events like this but I used to be when I was young and did not have a care in the world. But being elderly, things are not quite the same anymore.

But I DID go to Rincon and participate with a large group of elderly in a "Simadan den seku", together with my companeronan of Aksesio and it was wonderful.

So many elderly, so many helpers and volunteers.

It was really like in the old days. The only musicians were three groups playing instruments like the kuarta, raspa, wiri and a drum. Nothing electronic. Everybody sang along and those that could not walk, were pushed in a wheelchair.

We were all dressed up in a nice head-wrap, straw hat and a dress or skirt that matched, very clean and simple. And we all sang along, "Remailo he" which everyone knows of course.

Transport had been arranged to and fro, so we were all sure we were safe and sound to Rincon and back.

In the Simadan, not just us, but also the onlookers joined and we all sang and danced together.

We were treated to nice, cold awa di lamunchi and iced water, necessary because of the heat, and enjoyed some du-

shi pastechi.

Much too soon it was all over, and we were driven home to rest and remember the event.

I am very happy to be able to participate. RoRo provided me with a nice comfy wheelchair, so I could be easily pushed.

All festivities ended in Rincon when Dia di Rincon was over. And it must be said there was only one minor incident, a fight with a knife. But that was cooled down pretty fast and the ambience returned immediately.

Of course, Dia di Rincon is very important, but on the first of May another big event was held in Playa, the Simadan di Doe I Chana Diaz, which is also a huge tradition.

I did not participate as that would have been a bit too much for me. As I live a short eight minute walk from Playa, I could stay on my porch and enjoy the music, the singing and playing. And I

must tell you, it was hard to sit still on my porch, I simply had to move to the music in my chair.

I do not know about accessibility during the festivities but the ones I attended were perfectly arranged.

To all those decorated on the King's Day, masha pabien. You all deserved this.

Thanks for this very special month of April. We will all look back and remember it with a broad smile.

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.

