

LOOKING FOR A JOB WITH MEANING? JOIN OUR TEAM!

Animal Shelter Bonaire has an opening for a

DOG CARE GIVER

25 hours per week/4 days per week

Two week days 8 a.m.- 3:30 p.m. Two week days 8 a.m.- 1 p.m.

- Able to read basic English
- Willing to learn about animal care

Responsibilities include:

- Cleaning kennels and cages, watering and feeding the animals
- Checking and reporting health and condition of the animals
- Walking, bathing, and grooming when needed
- Help keep property and kennels neat and clean

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.

Join our team!

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Requirements:

- Minimum 21 years old
- Love of animals
- Must be in good physical condition and able to work outdoors
- Good people skills
- Resident of Bonaire with valid Bonaire sedula

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Island National Park in Thailand. Only 4.73 sq mi in size, it was visited by up to 8,000 tourists per day. The islands' coral reefs, marine life, white pristine beaches and beautiful blue water disappeared due to misuse. The government acted and closed the island to visitors other than researchers in 2022. Today the island is coming back to life.

"We need to look at which direction we want to go. This is why we need to manage our assets," said Francisca. "We need to have a paradigm shift to nature inclusive tourism. We need to recognize with our use we are shooting ourselves in the foot."

Nature inclusive tourism is possible with conservation, enhancement, involvement of the local community, legislation and policy. We need to respect the reef and biodiversity, and this will protect us as well. We need to strive and persist, so we are helping the reef.

Francisca said, "I want you to think about what nature inclusive tourism is to you."

Julie Morgan

Pet of the Week



Kuddles

Kitten of the week! Please meet our kitten of the week, Kuddles. She is a sweet white and tabby colored female about 18 weeks old. And guess what? Kuddles loves to cuddle.

Kuddles came in only days old with her mom and three siblings. She was nursed by her mother for several weeks and is very healthy. Kuddles enjoys being with other kitties or just relaxing on your lap. She loves cat snacks and likes to play with your shoelaces.

Kuddles would be fine with other cats in the house. She is very active but also knows when it's time to chill out and sleep. She has not been around dogs but a patient owner and patient introduction, she may be fine.

Please consider coming to meet Kuddles. She will make a nice addition to your home. Kuddles is sterilized, vaccinated 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

Make Bonaire Accessible

by Ria Evers-Dokter

The International Day of the Elderly

Since I had nothing to do because I am recovering from a nasty virus, I scrolled more than ever on my phone and found out that October 1st is the International day of the Elderly.

I remember that a few years ago all elderly were invited to a huge restaurant/party place at Onima. We had a wonderful morning with music from "our time," meeting up with many old friends and enjoying great food and drinks. I remember that I was really impressed because they had special port-a-pottys for persons with a disability.

Just this week the public library organized activities for the elderly with the theme "a treasure-box for wonderful memories." I was very sorry that I could not participate. Everybody was supposed to bring an old item that they had many fond memories of and do some kind of "show and tell."

But yesterday I was scrolling again and found a post that said, "October 1st is the International Day of the Elderly. On this day wishes of the elderly that they cannot make true, can maybe fulfilled!"

Of course my mind started spinning because that is a great thing! There are so many personal wishes, but also wishes for MiVaBo, for friends and my very few family members that are left.

I would like to see all my friends and family members live long and happy lives. I wish those sick and ailing better health.

I wish for all Bonairian elderly that the W.M.O. will finally come through and Bonaire/Holland will sign and we will all get the same rights as the disabled in Holland.

I wish that a cure for arthritis and arthrosis will be discovered, so we all have less pain and need fewer operations.

I wish that they would no longer call us the "Baby-boomers" and act as if we are here all of a sudden. We have always been here and everybody should have been better prepared.

I wish there was proper education in schools and in nursing schools one could get proper special schooling (like in the olden days). This would allow the elderly to be guided by a well-schooled staff in elder care and not by a staff that have been trained to work with children.

I wish that every educational institution offered possibilities for the elderly to teach. After all, that is what we have been doing all our years in the work force.

And last I wish that insurance companies grant us the necessities we had before, but were taken away because they were thought to be too expensive. We deserve more and we deserve better: social transportation, scooter-mobiles and proper public transportation.

And we also deserve to be taken seriously. After all, we are the generation who brought the younger ones into the world. We educated and taught them.

We are not adult toddlers!

Oh, and I wish all these nice things that might be excellent wishes, may come true.

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.