



## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### Who do we rescue in Aruba?

Our small team is dedicated to rescuing the stray dogs on the streets of Aruba. This includes dogs and puppies that have been dumped in the Cunucu and cactus bushes (hence the name Aruban Cunucu Dogs), puppies that have been born under shipping containers and on construction sites, dogs that have ended up on the side of the road (or in the middle of the road), puppies that have been dumped in trash cans etc... No two rescues are ever the same. Each day we are faced with a new challenge but our main focus and goal is to save as many stray dogs and puppies as we can, whilst campaigning for a continuous Spay & Neuter program, which will eventually eradicate the number of abandoned dogs and puppies on the streets of Aruba. Spaying and Neutering is the only way to end this overpopulation crisis that is happening on this tiny island. This is also one of our objectives, to spay and neuter as many stray/street dogs as we can. We feed packs of dogs across the island daily and over time have gained their trust allowing us to be able to safely capture them, bring them to the vets to be sterilised and then release them back to their pack once recovered from the surgery. This is known as TNR (Trap, Neuter, Return) or Catch, Spay, Release. A technique which we learned from Animal Balance at Operation Cunucu, which took place on the island in April 2016. This is a way of breaking the cycle of over population of dogs in Aruba. We then continue to feed them and care for them but this prevents more litters being born.

Spaying one female and neutering her mate can potentially stop approximately 67,000.... Yes... Sixty Seven Thousand puppies being born on the streets over the next 5 years!!!! WOW!



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### Do we have a shelter for the rescued dogs?

At this moment in time we do not have an official shelter, although this is something that we would love to make happen in the future.

Due to a lack of funds and resources we only have a "make-shift" safe place right now. This is a small piece of property behind someones house which the owner has very kindly said we can use temporarily to keep some of our Rescued Paws safe. This is by no means ideal, but we have to work with what we have got... And for now this is all we have. Our Team Paws volunteers visit this safe place several times a day to feed, water, medicate and clean etc.

As it is not an "official" place that we can call our "shelter" we are unable to be open to the public but if you are visiting Aruba on vacation and would like to donate some supplies of dog food, chew toys, flea and tick medicine etc and/or would be interested to meet some of our pups and see what we are working with each day then please [contact us](#) via email.

As this is our current situation this means we rely heavily on foster families. Foster families are a vital part of Team Paws and their role is so important. A foster family volunteers to provide a safe home for one or more of our Rescued Paws. It costs nothing to become a foster. We, New Life For Paws Foundation, provide the foster with food, play pens, pee pads, food/water bowl, chew toys etc. All we ask in return is that they provide some much needed tender loving care to their foster pup/dog.

To become a foster in Aruba you would need to be a genuine dog lover, to have a fenced in secure yard and to have time to feed and water and play with the puppy/dog. Many of our foster families will accompany their Rescued Paws on visits to the vets to get their medication, vaccinations and any other veterinary treatment that they require during the rescue process. A foster is usually a temporary situation, kind of like a "stop-gap" between rescue and adoption.

No two foster experiences are ever the same as each puppy or dog we rescue can be in different conditions. Some are very weak and sick and require round the clock care initially. Some get adopted faster than others. We can never predict how long a foster family will be taking care of our Rescued Paws.

This is an extremely rewarding part of the rescue journey and we are always in need of more volunteer foster families... If you think you have what it takes, please [contact us](#) and someone from Team Paws will be in contact to arrange a home visit.



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### What is the donation money used for?

As we are a non-profit animal rescue organisation registered in Aruba we rely solely on private donations.

We do not receive any funding from the local government here in Aruba.

As many of you are aware, Aruba's dog overpopulation is at crisis point and has been for many years. Each and every day we get calls, emails, facebook messages from people, both locals and tourists, reporting a stray dog, a litter of puppies dumped in the trash etc... People are literally begging for our help... We hate to say no, and we certainly don't "cherry pick" who is the cutest puppy... We honestly want to save them ALL.

But... Funding and resources will always determine who we can and cannot save.

Our vet bill alone is always THOUSANDS of dollars each month... Then on top of that we need dog food, puppy milk, special recovery food, flea and tick treatments, cleaning products, pee pads... The list goes on...

Unfortunately, all of this costs money, and although we hate to beg, we really do, we also have to be realistic and understand that we simply cannot continue to keep rescuing without your kind and generous donations keep coming in.

We have recently just set up a "Monthly Donation" option on our website via PayPal. People can now donate a fixed amount of their choice, \$1, \$5, \$10 etc and select the check box to make this donation recurring each month. If we knew we had a certain amount to depend on every month it would take away so much stress on our volunteers and rescuers and would allow us to focus on actually rescuing and saving more lives.

Until we can reduce the over-population in Aruba by getting the government to fund a Spay & Neuter program we will continue to be overwhelmed by the sheer volume of dogs that need rescuing.

Here is an approximate look at what things cost here in Aruba:

1 Bag of Dog Food = \$40

3 Bags of Dog Food per Week = \$120

120 x 4 = \$480 a month

This is not taking in to account the food we deliver each week to our foster families or the special recovery food or puppy milk which we often have to buy.

1 x Spay/Neuter:

Regular Vet Price: \$80 - 120 per dog approximately

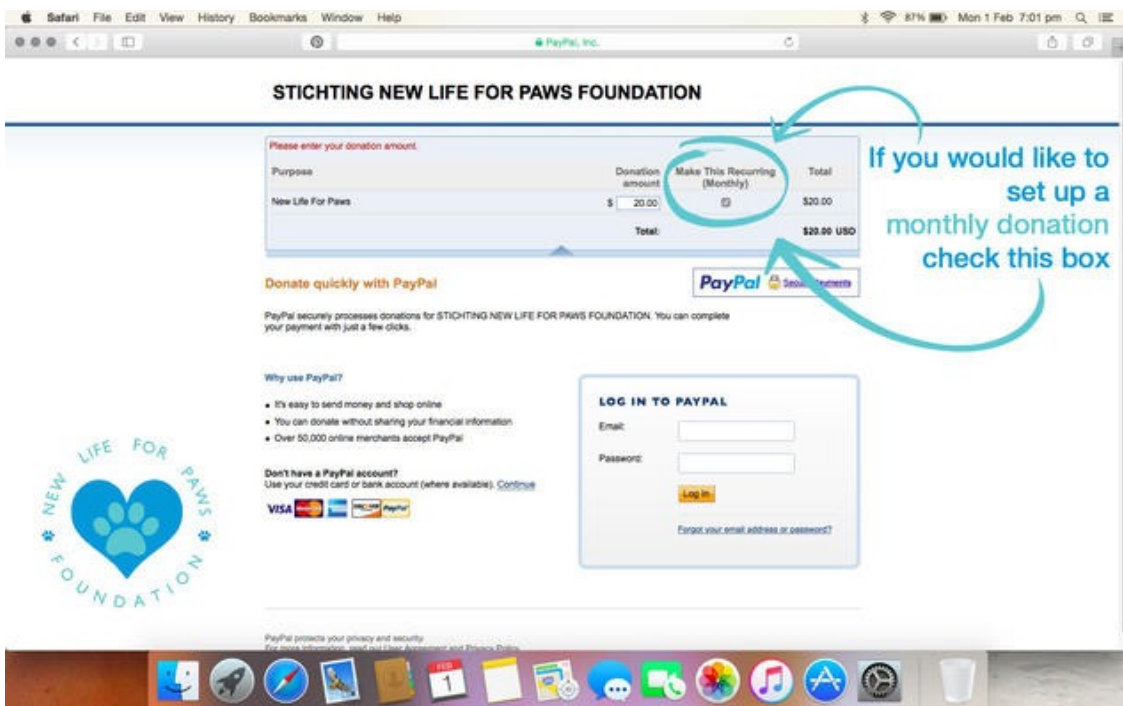
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\*Each veterinary clinic charges a different price so this is an average approximation.

We are hoping to register more dogs to be spayed and neutered with Stimami Sterilisami, which is a reduced price Spay and Neuter program which is being subsidised by the very kind and generous Mr. Biemans from the Bucuti & Tara Beach Resort, Aruba.

This option is not always possible for us though because in order to use this cheaper spay/neuter program we have to register each dog and then go on a waiting list before we can get an appointment for surgery... This is a great initiative for local Aruban's but due to the nature of our rescue missions we may not be able to work on a schedule like that... As we feed many strays we cannot guarantee who we catch and on which day. So in order to keep sterilising stray dogs we have to spay and neuter them the regular way most of the time which means paying the full surgery price.

This is just one of the reasons why we so desperately need monthly donations which we can depend on. So when we rescue/catch/save a dog we know without a doubt that we can give that dog the urgent veterinary care right away without worrying that our vet bill is so high that we won't be able to be seen.





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### What is a Flight Volunteer?

New Life for Paws Foundation works together as a team with Aruba Flight Volunteers.

We are in Aruba rescuing each day... But then we need to get our Rescued Paws to the States to unite them with their new adoptive forever families.

In order to make this happen we require the help of a Flight Volunteer. This is someone who will chaperone the rescued puppy on a flight from Aruba to the USA. Marie Geerman, founder of Aruba Flight Volunteers, co-ordinates all the logistics that are involved with transporting a puppy from Aruba to the States.

Usually, someone will contact her via her facebook page and volunteer to be a chaperone on the return flight from their vacation in Aruba.

It costs NOTHING to become a Flight Volunteer. As you will already have your own plane ticket purchased we, New Life For Paws/Aruba Flight Volunteers, pay for the puppies plane ticket (yes... the puppy requires a ticket to travel). We provide all the necessary paperwork and documentation in order for our puppies to travel smoothly. This includes a valid health certificate from a certified veterinary clinic in Aruba, proof of microchipping, vaccination certificate etc.

Airlines that will allow a puppy to travel are American Airlines, JetBlue, Delta and United.

If you are travelling on one of these airlines and would like to volunteer to chaperone a puppy please contact Marie from Aruba Flight Volunteers on:

Email: [newlifeforpawsaruba@gmail.com](mailto:newlifeforpawsaruba@gmail.com)

Phone: +1 (845) 742 2869

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/ArubaFlightVolunteers/>

Make sure you let her know your full name, date of travel, flight number and airline.

Currently, Southwest does not allow puppies to travel on their flights but... They do allow passengers to bring 2 suitcases per person weighing up to 50lbs each... This means that you could volunteer in a different way by bring supplies to Aruba for our Rescued Paws.

For more information about what is involved with the Flight Volunteer process please take some time to listen to Marie's **podcast by clicking here.**

This will answer most, if not all, of your questions regarding chaperoning a puppy from Aruba to the States. If your question is still not answered after listening to this **podcast** then please contact Marie directly using the contact info above.

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## Which puppies are available for adoption?

To find out which puppies are available for adoption please take a look on our facebook page. We are constantly rescuing so therefore we are always updating our photo album. If you see a puppy that makes your heart melt and you think would make a great addition to your family then please contact us either by email at [info@newlifeforpaws.org](mailto:info@newlifeforpaws.org) or you can fill in an online application form on our website and someone from our team will contact you as soon as possible.

Marie from Aruba Flight Volunteers handles all of our US adoptions and is great at matching potential families with their furry friends.

You can always contact Marie directly via her facebook page: Aruba Flight Volunteers.

Each puppies rescue story is different. Sometimes we find them ourselves, on the side of the road, in trash cans, in the cactus bushes... Sometimes we get call from a concerned tourist or local who reports an abandoned or neglected dog.

Once we have initially rescued the puppy/dog they then begin their journey with New Life For Paws.

First stop is usually straight to the vets. They have a check up which can include blood tests, vitamin shots and antibiotics. The most common conditions which we have to provide treatment for is anemia, tick disease, parasites, flea treatment, heartworm and skin conditions. This usually involves multiple visits to the veterinary clinic each day/week until they are fit and healthy enough to fly. Whilst they are receiving veterinary treatment they will be staying with one of our amazing foster families on the island.

Once the vet is happy with their blood levels and overall health they can then be vaccinated and microchipped and will receive a health certificate which is necessary for them to be able to leave the island and fly to the States.

During this time we will be posting updates and photos on our facebook page and instagram and letting people know that they are available for adoption.

On the day that they are ready to travel someone from Team Paws (usually Natalya) will bring the puppy in a soft sided carry/travel case to the airport to meet the Flight Volunteer, along with their health certificate, documentation and their plane ticket.

(For more information about becoming a Flight Volunteer and transporting a puppy please read our other FAQ and listen to Marie's podcast).

Once we have checked in the puppy and Flight Volunteer we will then walk with them to departures and wave our Rescued Paws goodbye.

This is the start of their new adventure and their journey to a new life begins.

When the puppy and Flight Volunteer arrive at the airport in the US, another Team Paws member will be there to meet and greet them. They will then take the puppy and foster them for a few days to help them acclimatise and adjust to their new surroundings before giving them to their new adoptive forever families.

....And they live happily every after....