

PET CARE SPECIAL 2022



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FIRST PRIZE
WINNER MOWGLI
AND CHOW



1ST RUNNER UP
GINGER



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BUDDY



Low Season, High Season

Welcome to our second annual edition of the Pet Care Special – all about celebrating our furry friends, and sharing important care tips and fun treats for happy and healthy pets, while at the same time bringing attention to the overwhelming crisis

of unwanted dogs and cats on the island.

World Animal Day, October 4th, just so happens to fall during an interesting time of the year for cats and dogs here – right after the peak of hurricane season, and still in the stormy season where pets are especially

vulnerable and dependent on responsible owners.

July throughout October, unfortunately, also seems to be the peak season for pet dumping – a cruel issue that has long plagued the island, but has become even more extreme this year, with prospects of only

getting worse.

On the bright side, there is something we can do about it. This is completely preventable through responsible owners sterilizing their pets. A handful of foundations are doing all they can to curb the issue, but they are

dependent on your help – consider donating, volunteering, adopting, or fostering.

Here's to the animals!

Darlene, Daniella, and Mimi (pictured)



PET PICTURE CONTEST

The well-received "Pet Picture Contest" is featured again this year, with even more participants sharing images of their four-legged family members. A special thank you once again to Prime Distributors – sponsor of the contest.

Our winners and runners-up are featured on the front page, and all the other great contestants showcased throughout the special.

Congratulations to the winners:

Cat category:
Leo, Owner Jordan Asmoredjo
Mystique, Owner Geraldine Ladera
Luna Hathiramani, Owner Lakshmi Hathiramani

Dog category:
Dog Mowgli & Chow Woods, Owner Angelica Woods

Ginger Martimbor, Owner Joanne Lewis Martimbor
Buddy, Owner Valeska Luckert

Prime Distributors is awarding the winning Dog and Cat entries US \$100 worth of Purina pet food, 1st runners-up \$50 worth, and 2nd runners-up \$30 worth. Winners will be contacted within the week for arrangements.

Handy care guide

What are the main concerns when it comes to keeping your furry friends healthy? From common ailments, to when exactly you should vaccinate or spay/neuter, you'll be sure to cover all the basics with this handy care guide provided kindly by The Island Vet.

Puppies/Dogs

Parvo virus is the most common virus, and can be deadly for puppies. This is the reason why vaccinating your puppy is extremely important! Without vaccinations, a puppy that contracts parvo will most likely not survive. Symptoms are diarrhoea, not eating, vomiting and no energy. If you see these symptoms, take your puppy

to a vet immediately.

Your puppy should get vaccinated at 6-, 9-, 12- and 16 weeks and receive a preventative for worms, ticks, fleas and heartworm (Nexgard Spectra). After that, your dog should get a booster vaccination every year.

Your puppy should not visit any public areas or come into contact with unvaccinated dogs until at least a couple of days of the second vaccination. There will still be a risk of getting diseases. If you want to be completely safe; you should wait till after its last vaccination at 16 weeks old.

Nexgard spectra: Every month, your dog should have tick/flea and

heartworm prevention. Ticks can transmit tick fever. Symptoms: reduced appetite, losing weight, mucky eyes and less energy. Heartworm is transmitted by mosquitos. Symptoms will only show when the heartworm is fully grown and damages the heart. Coughing is the main symptom.

Female sterilization: A female can get into heat and start cycling from six to seven months old. We sterilize at six months to eliminate the risk of mammary gland cancer and pregnancy.

Male sterilization: A male dog gets sterilized at six months to eliminate prostate cancer. After six months, your dog will start

marking with urine, run away from home (to follow female dogs in heat), get dominant/aggressive with other male dogs.

Kittens/Cats

Common health problems in kittens are eye and respiratory infections, diarrhoea and ear mites. If you see these symptoms, do not wait to contact your veterinarian for medication.

Eight weeks: 1st vaccination + deworming, tick and flea treatment.

Twelve weeks: 2nd vaccination + deworming, tick and flea treatment. (This will need to be continued every month.)

Female sterilization: A female kitten can get into heat from four months old. This will happen every two to three weeks until they are pregnant. Sterilizing before the first heat will eliminate the risk of mammary gland cancer and getting pregnant.

Male sterilization: A male kitten can start "spraying" from six months old; this is marking your house with urine. The smell will get worse the older they get. A

male cat will also fight with other cats if not castrated.

After one year: A booster vaccination will be needed every year to keep your cat safe from any diseases found on the island.



Blacky (dog) and Jorin (cat), pets of Esther Beltre.

Myths about pet sterilisation only fuel overpopulation

News to no one is that the island faces a serious problem when it comes to stray dogs and cats. Yet, even pet owners who know this are sometimes hesitant to spay or neuter their own pets, and a few perpetual myths are only helping to fuel the worsening crisis.

The Daily Herald sat down with Dr. Ruth at The Island Vet to find out more.

Like all vets on the island, Dr. Ruth is routinely confronted with abandoned pets – boxes and bags of puppies and kittens, mothers dumped along

with their entire litter. SXM Paws, which houses abandoned pets and tries to rehome them on-island and abroad, is run on the same property. The no-kill shelter is more overrun than ever, and continues to face more difficulties in rehoming animals abroad due to ever-increasing restrictions

connected to air travel.

Dr. Ruth wants to get the message out there: Sterilisation is incredibly important, and the only way to address the serious and still-worsening issue of overpopulation. Many people simply don't realise how bad the problem really

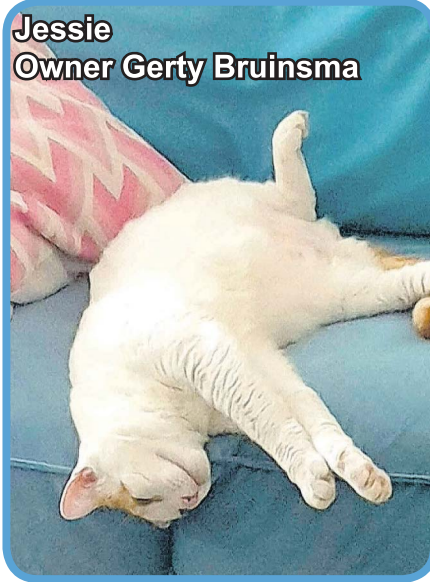
is, or how quickly it can become their own problem after they neglect to spay/neuter. She recalls a recent example of someone coming in with two unsterilized dogs that produced a total of 19 puppies on the same day. The pet owner had figured they would be

able to sell puppies when the time came. The clinic receives calls daily about unwanted pets, and SXM Paws is overwhelmed.

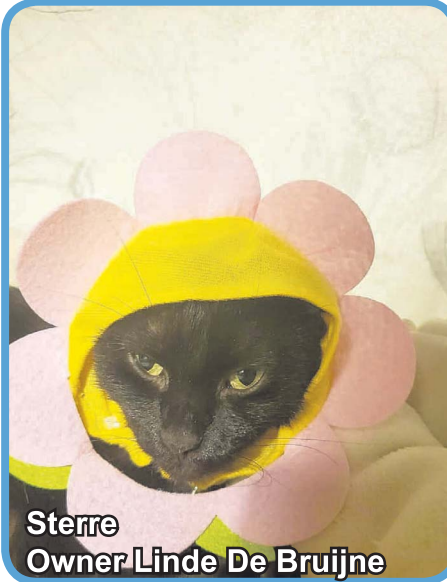
Part of the problem is that some don't realise how early pets can start to reproduce: Six months old for male



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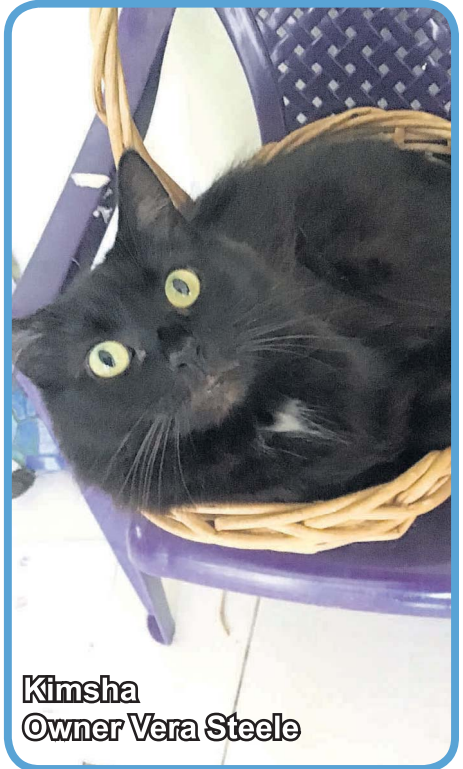
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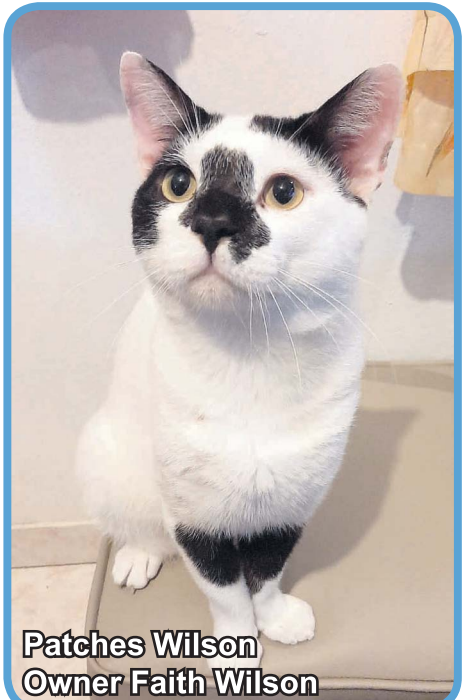
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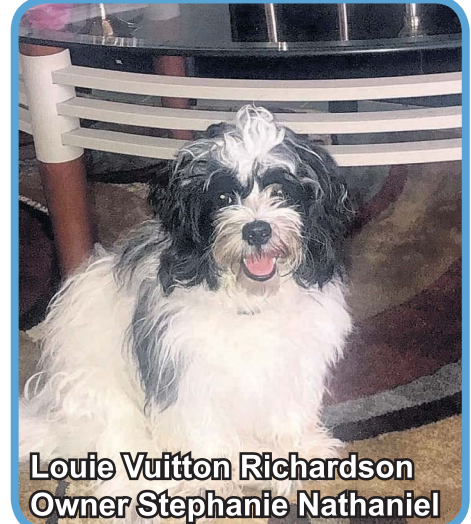
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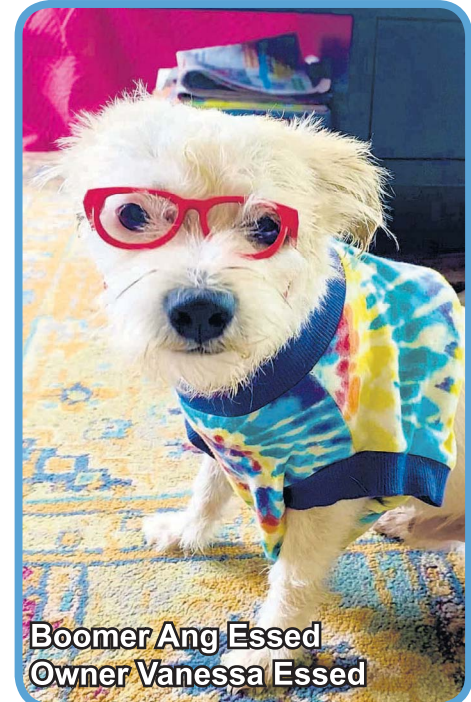
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Owners Raj, Simran Atwani



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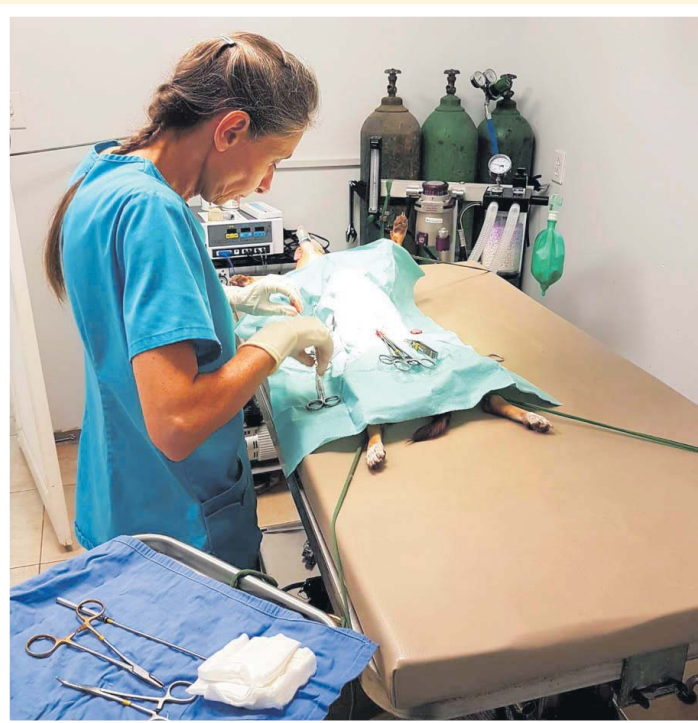
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Owner LaToya Gane



Charlie
Owner Nicole Perez



Myths about pet continued from page 2



and female dogs; six months for male cats, and just four months for female cats. It's a widely held belief that pets should produce one litter before being sterilised, but there is actually no benefit to this. Some reasons are emotional, and some are pure myth, Dr. Ruth explained.

A veterinarian for 26 years, she sees no evidence whatsoever that having a pet reproduce once is in any way better for their health. In fact, it's worse. Neither does it make them more protective of a home. Both of these beliefs are widespread.

Some pet owners want to sell their puppies – and kittens to a lesser extent – for a profit, but the reality of severe overpopulation makes that very difficult. While theoretically, a pet can earn you hundreds if sold, most pets can't be sold at all, and even giving them away for free can prove impossible. The market is simply oversaturated.

While waiting to be able to sell, bills only rack up for the pet owner who then has to feed, house and care for a growing litter. If the puppies get sick, more money is spent treating them, especially if they don't get vaccinated for common and deadly diseases such as Parvo. The result is a massive amount of pet dumping – not just of “coconut retrievers” but typically of expensive breeds such as Pitbulls and Belgian Shepherds (Malinois).

Emotional reasons also come up for not wanting to sterilise a pet; for example, the feeling that the choice of the animal to reproduce – particularly for males – is being taken away. This is outweighed by the fact that these are animals that need to be taken care of by people. Strays typically starve; have higher instances of diseases (some of which are deadly), fight, and get hit by cars.

Sensitivities around “taking

away the manhood” of male dogs is a longstanding issue. It's harder to get males sterilised because of the association to manhood, even though male sterilization is quicker, simpler, and cheaper. While sterilisation does affect their behaviour somewhat, it's for the better: they become less likely to wander far from home (looking for females), fight other dogs, or mark their territory with urine.

While the stray crisis is glaringly obvious for dogs, there is a deceptively large number of stray cats on the island as well, a veterinary technician from Island Vet pointed out. There might even be more stray cats than stray dogs, but the issue is less obvious simply because they are better at hiding from people. The stray population, prone to diseases, translates to more disease among pet cats, too. Cats reproduce quickly, being able to get pregnant at just four months old, and again as short as eight weeks after giving birth. This combination of factors makes it especially important that kittens are protected inside of the home, vaccinated and sterilised before being let outdoors.

When stray cats are brought into the vet for help, the vet agrees to take all the kittens, care for them and put them up for adoption – as long as the mother is sterilised. Normally, the vet receives about one call a week, but the last two to three weeks have been especially busy when it comes to unwanted cats, the veterinary technician recalled – with reasons ranging from their owners moving house, to leaving the island.

Dr. Ruth also sees a pattern at this time of the year, with July to October seeming to be a peak season for pet dumping. She puts it down to a combination of factors that come to a peak and bubble over. There might be somewhat of a mating season, although it would be less pronounced here than in cold countries. However, it's most likely a combination of more financial stress during the low



tourism season, people travelling abroad for holidays, and fewer tourists (who sometimes adopt strays). Many people also move house, whether due to financial trouble or not, and are not allowed to bring pets to their new homes.

The peak for dumping coinciding with low tourism season shows that some of the problem is hidden from the public eye, as tourists adopt and take pets home with them. This, however, is becoming more and more difficult, as travel restrictions – both intentional and non-intentional – continue to increase. Even dedicated pet owners, who are willing and wanting to take pets with them out of the country, face more and more challenges.

Two challenges in particular that put more pressure on travelling pet owners and organisations, such as SXM Paws, concern the USA and The Netherlands. Dogs now need to be under 20lbs in order to fly to the States, according to a relatively new measure. As for dogs needing to be taken to the Netherlands, KLM now stops over in Trinidad, which does not allow dogs from St. Maarten. Pet owners now have to resort to flying through France and overnighting there, in order to make it safely to the Netherlands with their pets. Citing different factors and focusing on increasing travel restrictions, a SXM Paws volunteer told us that “this year, it's been extreme.”

Sterilization is

the only way that the desperate overpopulation of unwanted dogs and cats on the island can be curbed. The average cost is around \$110 for a male dog, \$160/\$165 or a little higher (mostly depending on size) for a female dog, \$110 for a female cat, and just \$55 for a male cat. Financial assistance is available for those who qualify.

A number of organisations help to offer heavily discounted or even free sterilisations. These organisations offer all the support they can, but often depend solely on volunteers and donations. The major ones are Animal Defenders, SXM Paws, Animal Welfare Foundation on the Dutch side; and Soualiga Animal

Lovers, Collectief Animaux, and I Love My Island Dog on the French side.

The Island Vet is located at Tray Drive 2 on Cay Bay Road (second building to the right). It's easy to find once you spot the famous Jimmy Sheik mural. Besides veterinary services, The Island Vet offers food, leashes, toys, and other pet products, and pet boarding services (separate spaces for cats and dogs), which includes a great outdoor area. Opening hours: Weekdays from 8:00am to 12 noon, and 1:30pm to 5:00pm; and Saturdays from 9:00am to 1:00pm. For more information, find The Island Vet on Facebook.

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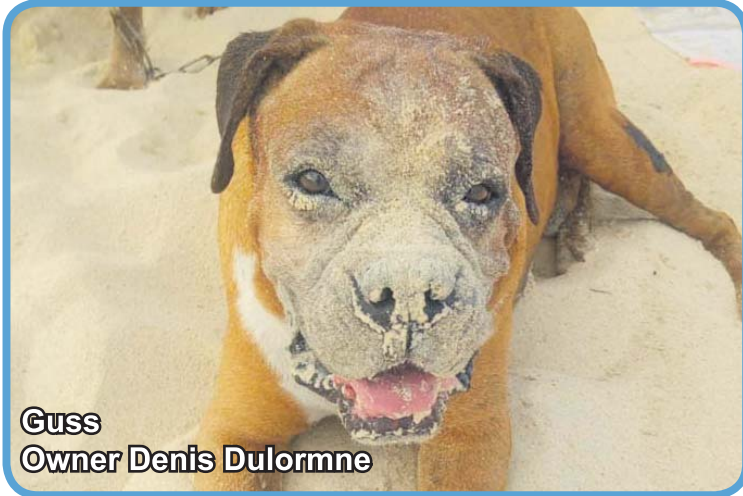
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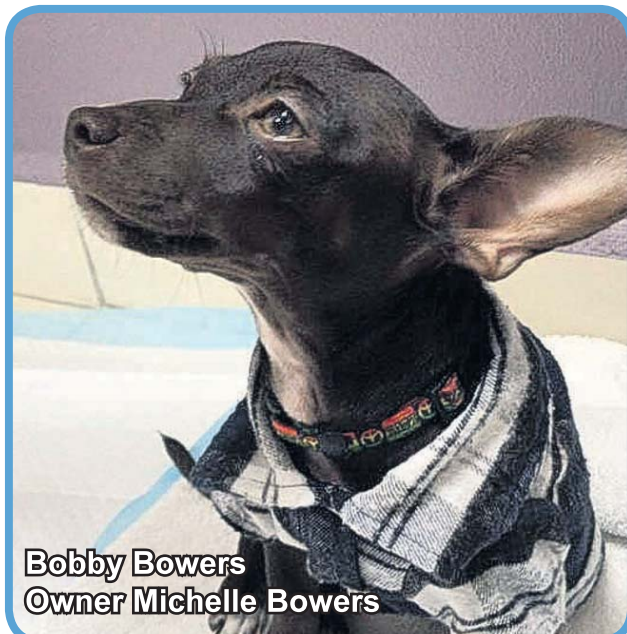
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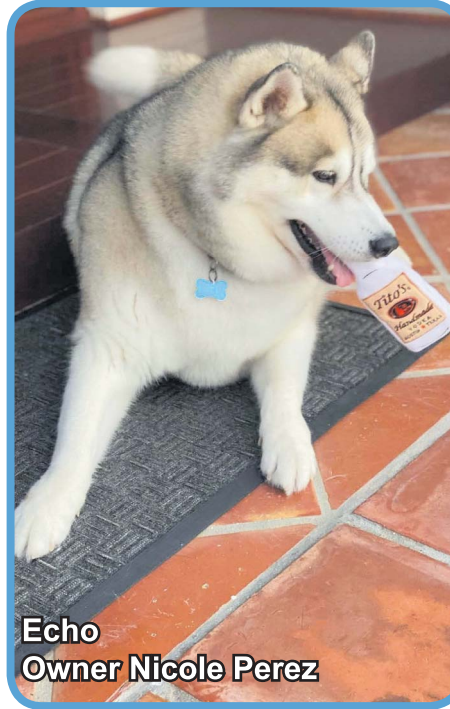
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Owner Michelle Bowers



Echo
Owner Nicole Perez



Rabbit Raven Turtledove
Owner Anique Swanston



Peanut Butter Pupcakes

Via Damn Delicious

Treat your pup with these dog-friendly cupcakes filled with pumpkin, applesauce and carrots topped with a

peanut butter frosting!

Ingredients

- 1 cup whole wheat flour
- ¼ cup old fashioned oats

- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- ½ cup pumpkin puree
- ½ cup unsweetened applesauce
- ¼ cup vegetable oil
- 2 large eggs

- 2 carrots, peeled and shredded

Frosting

- 4 ounces cream cheese, at room temperature
- ¼ cup creamy peanut butter
- 6 Milk-Bone biscuits, small

Directions

1. Preheat oven to 350° F. Line a six-cup standard muffin tin with paper liners; set aside.
2. In a large bowl, combine flour, oats, baking powder, pumpkin, apple sauce, vegetable oil and eggs. Stir in carrots.
3. Scoop the batter evenly into the muffin tray. Place into oven and bake for 15-20 minutes, or until a tester inserted in centre comes out clean. Remove from oven and cool completely on a wire rack before frosting.
4. In a medium bowl, combine cream cheese and peanut butter.
5. Use a small offset spatula or a pastry bag fitted with decorative tip #1M to frost the cupcakes, garnished with Milk-Bone, if desired.



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10 Things your dog would tell you if it could

~ Unknown author ~

One: My life is likely to last 10 to 15 years. Any separation from you will be painful: Remember that before you get me.

Two: Give me time to understand what you want of me.

Three: Place your trust in me; it is crucial to my wellbeing.

Four: Do not be angry at me for long, and do not lock me up as punishment.

Five: You have your work, your entertainment, and your friends. I only have you.

Six: Talk to me sometimes. Even if I don't understand your words, I understand your voice when it is speaking to me.

Seven: Be aware that however you treat me, I will never forget.

Eight: Remember before you hit me that I have teeth that could easily hurt you, but I choose not to bite you because I love you.

Nine: Before you scold me for being uncooperative, obstinate, or lazy; ask yourself if something might be bothering me. Perhaps I might not be getting the right food, or I have been out too long, or my heart is getting too old and weak.

Ten: Take care of me when I get old; you too will grow old. Go with me on difficult journeys. Never say: "I cannot bear to watch" or "Let it happen in my absence." Everything is easier for me if you are there, even my death.

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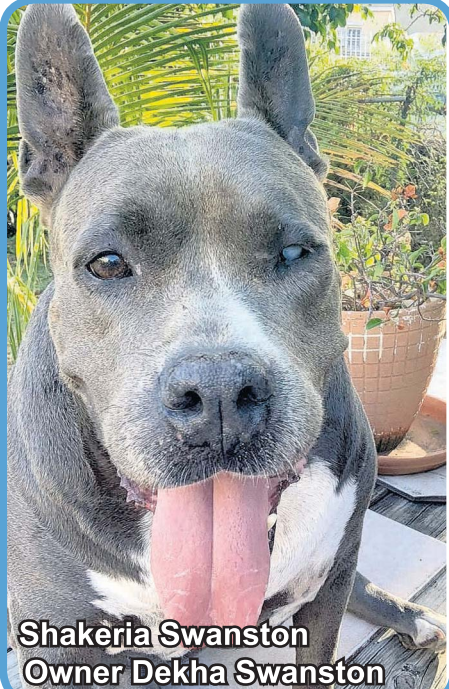
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Pet Horoscopes

Astrology to decode your pet's personality Via Astro Style

Your pet has a birthday, zodiac sign and personality too! Find out what your animal's zodiac sign says about its personality in the pet horoscopes below.

Aquarius (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18)

Cats, dogs, rabbits, porcupines: Put your Aquarius pet in the mix and she'll attempt to play with them all. At the very least, she'll ignore them – not on purpose, but simply because she's too busy chasing butterflies, trying to climb to the highest bookshelf, or digging for buried bones to be bothered. This IS a trainable pet, however.

Aquarius is the humanitarian sign, so yours would make an excellent guide dog, therapy dog or pack leader at an animal behaviour school. Aquarius is the friendship sign, so the Aquarius pet will get along with everyone.

Pisces (Feb. 19 - Mar. 20)

This creature won't necessarily need to be on your lap 24/7, but simply likes being near you. Warm and welcoming, she'll greet your guests at the door and give them a friendly nuzzle before slipping off to her secret spot.

This is an animal that's mastered the "puppy dog eyes," so don't expect to leave her alone for the day without a twinge of guilt. The Pisces pet is a dreamy, low-maintenance companion for anyone who spends a lot of time at home.

Compassionate and wise, your Pisces pet will intuitively seem to know when you need comfort or a paw to wipe away your tears.

Aries (Mar. 21 - Apr. 19)

If a personal trainer has failed to get you in gear, adopt an Aries pet. These energetic little creatures will have you racing around all day – a guaranteed way to get in shape. Aries pets are playful, delightful and great with kids... for the most part. Because Aries love to be number-one, they may be competitive with a new baby when all the attention goes to the tiniest human in your household.

Be sure to spend quality solo

time with your Aries pet to keep the rivalry at bay. Regular exercise is especially important for this pet, who can even suffer from separation anxiety. If you're thinking about adopting a whole litter of critters, this pet may not be for you.

Aries are the alphas of the zodiac, so they may be a bit scrappy and dominating when other animals come around. When they don't get their way, they may lash out with passive-aggressive behaviour. (Peed on the Persian rug AGAIN, Fluffy?)

Taurus (Apr. 20 - May 20)

Does napping with your pet curled beside you sound like a dream come true? The Taurus pet is for you. This "lounging cat" is cuddly and affectionate and will make the perfect housemate. Training this pet to do tricks can be challenging since Taurus is a stubborn sign. Fortunately, they are naturally neat and clean. This is a pet that may already arrive housebroken!

With their gourmet tastes, they'll demand Fancy Feast, but since they're also lazy about exercise, you may have to regulate their diets. Craving a critter you can dress in couture? The haughty Taurus pet might just endure those rhinestone-studded collars, Burberry raincoats and miniature sheepskin booties. This sign loves touch – cuddling, stroking, brushing. Regular pampering at the groomer or "doggy day spa" keeps your Taurus creature content.

Gemini (May 21 - June 20)

Looking for a circus animal? The daredevil Gemini pet will wow you with her ability to leap, flip, jump through hoops of fire. Make sure you invest in a sturdy leash and a solid screen door. Gemini rules the arms: Your pet may have long paws and enjoy toys that allow her to make a swatting motion.

Curious George was surely a Gemini and you may find your pet slipping off to visit the neighbours or race up a tree the minute you turn your back. You may want to adopt a companion for this social animal: Gemini is the sign of the twins. This pet is also great at imitating, so don't be surprised if your pet picks up the habits of another animal in the house, even of a different species.



(Cat food for a Golden Retriever, you say?)

Cancer (June 21 - July 22)

Are you longing to be someone's mama? The soft mewings of a Cancer pet will stir your heart. This cosy critter is the perfect companion for a homebody. Your possessive pet will stay by your side, nap on your lap, follow you from room to room.

Cancers love kids, so he will likely be protective of your brood and might even "mother" your little ones, too. These food-lovers can also be chow-hounds. Keep treats handy to reward good behaviour, but don't feed this one from the table or you'll have a beggar for life. Tummy rubs are this pet's weakness.

Cancer rules the home, so don't be surprised if your pet makes little "nests" throughout the house, or claims a cosy corner as his/her own turf. A doghouse or kitty castle will provide the perfect personal space for this pet.

Leo (July 23 - Aug. 22)

Leo pets love to prance and preen. If you're in the market for a show dog, look no further. The Leo pet loves to entertain, and your company will be delighted by her antics. When other animals come to play, Leo needs to be in charge.

While she won't mingle well with other alphas, she'll be adorably protective of more submissive creatures – and of you. This theatrical sign loves to perform and play dress-up. Fasten ribbons to her fur or dress him up in one of those cute little outfits from your favourite designer. A bling-y collar? Yes, please.

Virgo (Aug. 23 - Sep. 23)

If you're looking for an easy-to-care-for critter, a Virgo pet may be for you. There are no surprises here, like

coming home to chewed-up Jimmy Choos or a knocked-over trash can. The Virgo pet is a creature of habit. Like roosters, they'll rise at the same hour each day, expecting to be fed before retiring to their favourite corner for a nap. Laid-back and not the least bit concerned with the popularity contests of the animal kingdom, your Virgo pet will happily hand over the reins to a dominating alpha.

Note: Virgos can be finicky, especially when it comes to cleanliness, so make sure you keep her water dish sparkling clean.

Libra (Sep. 23 - Oct. 22)

Picture-perfect Libra pets love posing for the cameras. These attractive animals are born adorable – and they totally know it! Expect to be stopped on the street by admirers as you stroll with this pet on a leash. That is, if you aren't carrying the little diva around in a special pet bag, flashing a rhinestone collar.

Social, sweet, and a little bit lazy, they'll cuddle up next to your company. The only trouble is, these pampered charmers often wind up spoiled, and may have trouble understanding the word no. Libra is the sign of the scales and relationships. They hate conflict, so keep them away from aggressive pets.

Scorpio (Oct. 23 - Nov. 2)

If you're looking for a whip-smart animal, a Scorpio pet is for you. These cunning creatures will seem to understand human language. They'll also know just how to manipulate you into taking them for a walk or feeding them an extra bowl of food.

Since they are possessive and jealous, they make excellent guard dogs, but it may not be in your best interest to train them this way if you ever want to have company over or a

love life. These creative creatures respond well to music. Break out the guitar and watch them purr or howl along with you.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21)

The zodiac's travellers, these are the perfect creatures for anyone with an on-the-go lifestyle. Get the list of pet-friendly hotels ready, as they'll happily accompany you as you trot around the globe.

Nature-lovers, they make great outdoor pets, especially if you own acres of property that they can explore. Open-minded and friendly, they'll get along with pets of other species. These creatures have minds of their own, so training them may require more time and treats than it does for the average pet.

The Sagittarius pet is playful and eager to please.

Capricorn (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19)

Well-mannered and eager for praise, this is the pet you can let off the leash and feel confident that he won't run away. If you're looking for a dog to go on long-distance jogs with, an active Capricorn is the perfect pick.

Loyal, protective, and family-oriented they also make great guardians for your home. If neediness and slobbering turn you off, Cap's your best bet: these pets are sweet, but not overly affectionate. The proud Capricorn pet may not always be pedigree, but they sure will act like it.



Still looking for loving homes

With so many stray dogs and cats on the island, the shelters and foster homes are often at full capacity. While puppies and kittens get adopted relatively quickly, what is meant to be a temporary situation often becomes more permanent for older, black, mistreated or disabled dogs and cats. Yet these sweet but overlooked animals are just as deserving of a loving forever home:

Faith (Female: 2 years) was found in the dump area. This small-breed dog has a soft and cuddly coat and is great with both humans and other dogs. Her loving and chill personality and portable size make her the perfect dog for any size home and lifestyle – she can accompany you wherever you go. *Contact Animal Defenders @ +1 (721) 553-3116 to adopt this sweet girl.*

Jane (Female: 2 years) was found near the dump with a severely injured leg that had to be amputated. But this island dog won't let her disability stop her – she jumps higher and runs faster than most dogs and she loves water, other dogs, treats, playing and digging holes. According to her foster mom, Stefy, she is a bit shy with humans, but she'll give you all the love and gifts once she gets more comfortable. *Contact Animal Defenders @ +1 (721) 553-3116 to adopt this sweet girl.*

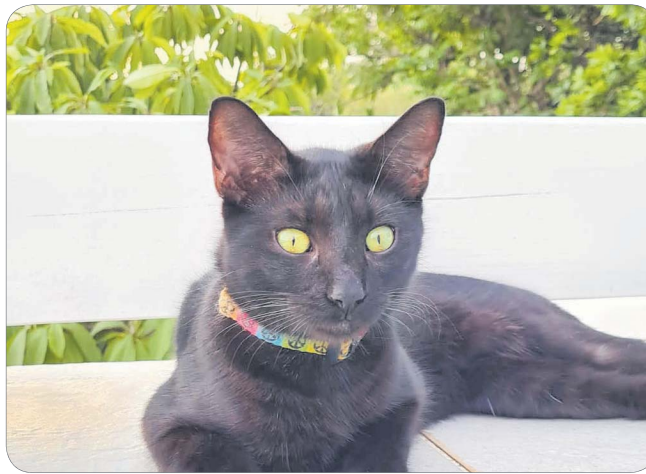
Sparrow (Male: 3 years) was found near the dump with a severely injured eyeball that had to be removed completely. Thankfully, this island dog can still see perfectly with one eye and loves to jump, play and run. He gets along with other dogs very well. At first, Sparrow can be a bit shy around humans, but with a little patience, some treats and lots of love, this sweet boy transforms into the perfect companion. *Contact Animal Defenders @ +1 (721) 553-3116 for adoption inquiries.*

E-Zee (Male: 5 years) and **Zora (Female: 4 years):** E-Zee is a loving and very obedient Pitbull who loves climbing, swimming and chin scratches. He makes an excellent yet easy-going guard dog. **Zora** is a loving and protective bull terrier who loves cuddles, volleyball, and a good chat. She is fully trained, but her nose and playful nature can make her a bit much at times. E-Zee and Zora's previous owner had no choice but to surrender them due to her current living arrangement, so she is looking for a new owner to love and protect them. *Contact St. Maarten Veterinary Clinic @ +1 (721) 542-0111 to adopt either or both this sweet boy and girl.*

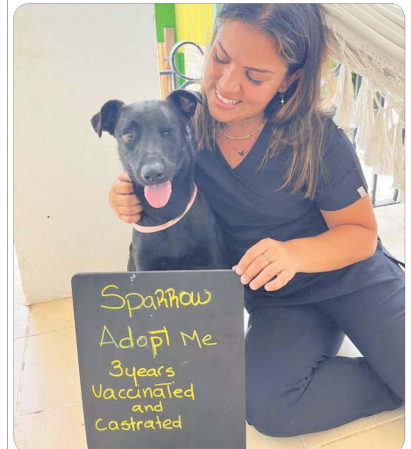
T (Male: 3 years) is a calm and easy-going island dog who was found in Sucker Garden with a severe neck wound as he was tied up with a chain that ate away at his flesh. Despite the cruelty this handsome boy has faced, he is still very friendly with humans, kids and other dogs. T would flourish and heal in any loving home. *Contact St. Maarten Veterinary Clinic @ +1 (721) 542-0111 to adopt this sweet boy.*

Knight (Male: black, 4 years) and **Sandy (Female, tan, 4 years)** are a bonded pair. They were living in a huge pile of sand and were rescued with their puppies from a construction site during COVID-19. Happily, all of the puppies have been adopted and it is way past time for the parents to have a home of their own. They are both a little shy at first, but warm right up once they get to know you. They are both good with other dogs, puppies and adults. They have lovely dispositions and do not exhibit any aggression towards food or humans. These two coconut retrievers love to swim, enjoy hiking and are great hunters which make them not so good with cats. *Contact SXM Paws @ sxmpaws@gmail.com to give these sweet dogs the loving home they deserve.*

Ace (Male: 10 months) is a lucky and loving black cat. He was found in a car engine in front of Ace Mega Center as a young kitten and has been with his foster mom for over six months. Ace is a fearless cat, which is why he is good with dogs. While Ace is independent, he loves cuddles and will come inside for some pets before going on adventures outside. He's curious and loyal and wants to join you in all your activities – he'll stay close and provide mental support while you do the dishes. Unfortunately for Ace, there seems to still be a stigma surrounding black cats, but we can guarantee he'll bring you all the luck and love in the world. *Contact Animal Hospital @ 587-3705 to adopt this sweet boy.*



Ace (Animal Hospital)



Sparrow (Animal Defenders)



Sandy and Knight (SXM Paws)



T (St. Maarten Veterinary Clinic)



Faith (Animal Defenders)



E-Zee (St. Maarten Veterinary Clinic)



Jane (Animal Defenders)



Zora (St. Maarten Veterinary Clinic)

Furry friends & family of *The Daily Herald* (Not eligible for the contest, but we still wanted to share.)



Kakel
Owners John van Kerkhof



Lady Freyja
Owner Rajesh Chintaman



Esperanza
Owner Esther Beltre



Isabel De Windt
Owner Cecilia De Windt



Loki Kokkelmans
Owner Chanaz K.



Tatiana
Owner Esther Beltre



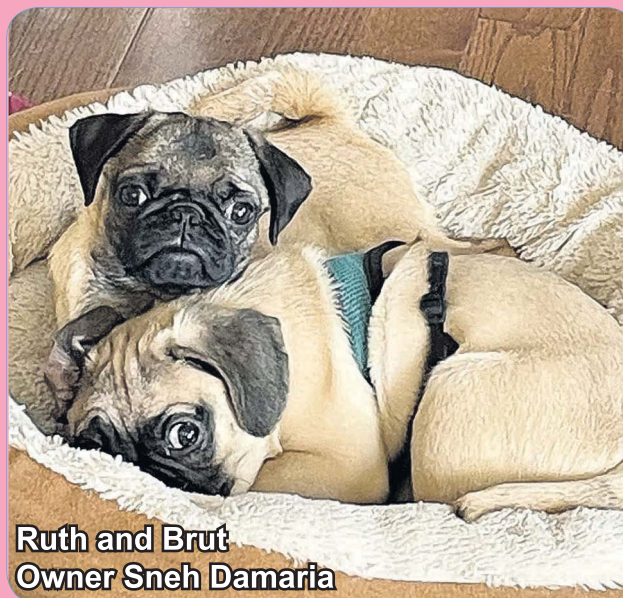
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Owner Daniella De Windt



Gri
Owner Juan de Rosario



Kaahlessi De Windt (RIP)
Owner Cecilia De Windt



Ruth and Brut
Owner Sneh Damaría



Twix
Owner Luis Hurtault



The Duke of Orange
Owner Alita Singh



Titi
Owners Tamara
and Tatiana Gavrilenko



Luna and Kiwi
Owner Mijke Stenz



Sicely Ramnauth
Owner Tiffany Ramnauth



Lucky
Owner Juan de Jesus

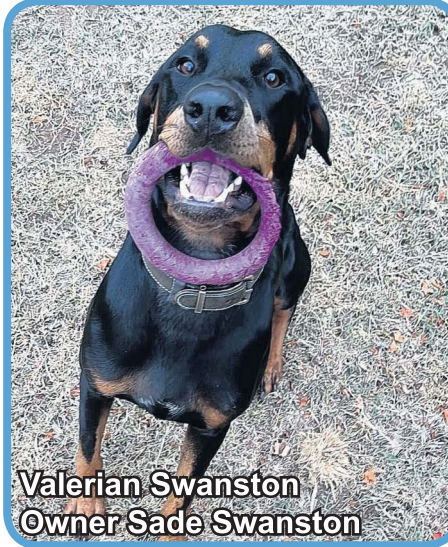
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Owner Dejeunel George.



Sweetheart & Nelly
Owner Anette Tjin-Asjoe



Valerian Swanston
Owner Sade Swanston



XO Fleming
Owner Mariana Fleming



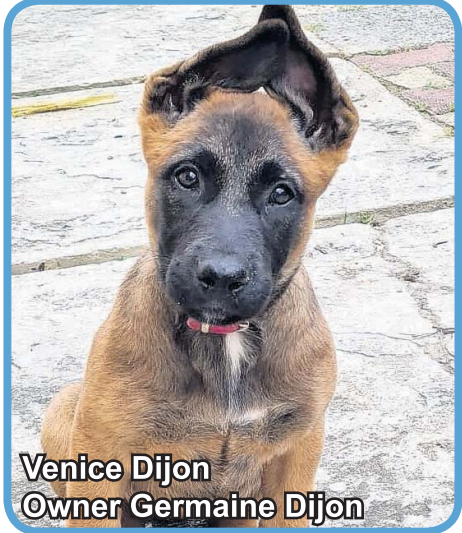
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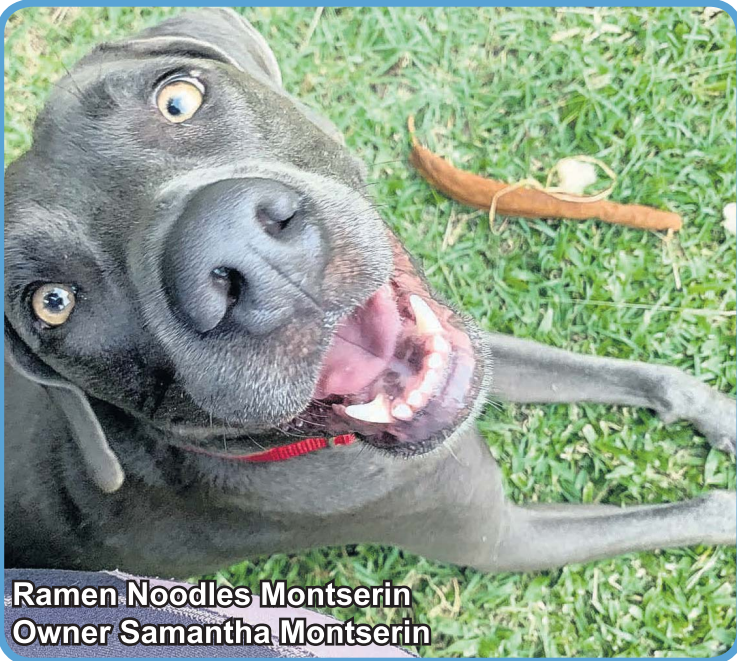
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Venice Dijon
Owner Germaine Dijon



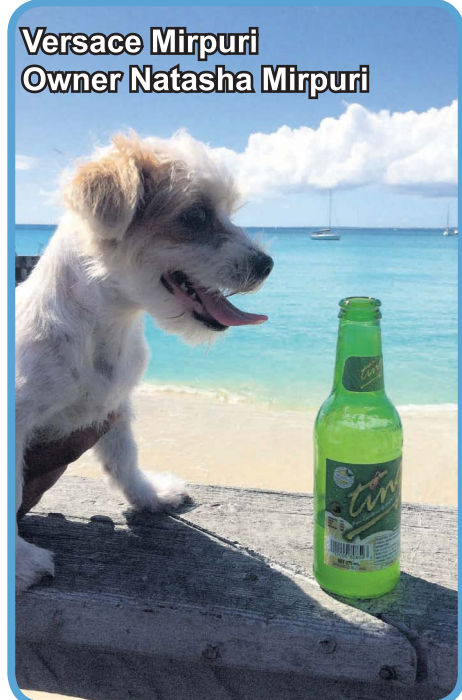
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Owner Samantha Montserin



Wolly
Owner Anette Tjin-Asjoe



Versace Mirpuri
Owner Natasha Mirpuri



London Ledee
Owner Sophie Ledee



Rebel
Owner Joelle Heeres



Rhumba
Owner Jordan Asmoredjo



Wispy
Owner Patti Illidge

