

# ABOUT US

Since 1973 the Cayman Islands Humane Society ('CIHS') has rescued, cared for and re-homed thousands of homeless cats and dogs. We operate the islands' only animal shelter and generally have over 350 animals in our care at any one time. We also conduct awareness initiatives and spay/neuter clinics in the community to humanely address overpopulation issues.

The Cayman Islands are three small islands in the Caribbean. The country has a population of around 80,000 people, over half of whom are from overseas. The transient nature of the population, combined with strict rules on rental accommodation prohibiting pets being common, means that permanent homes are scarce. Sadly we also see people abandon their pets when they leave. Many spend years in our shelter.

Anti-spay/neuter attitudes, irresponsible pet ownership, and lack of government intervention has led to a huge overpopulation of unwanted cats and dogs. Our shelter is now operating at well over-capacity, and as a result of sky-rocketing operating costs in recent years we are currently operating with a significant deficit. This is not sustainable. We urgently need to raise funds to continue our life-saving work, and ensure that we can continue to find loving homes for these wonderful animals.

## CURRENT STATS

- 102 dogs and 89 cats in the shelter
- 76 dogs and 97 cats in foster
- Longest shelter resident - Bobo (4 years)
- Annual running costs > US\$1m
- 34% over capacity



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## OUR WORK

In 2023, we celebrated 50 years and:

- Rescued 540 animals
- Conducted 906 spay/neuter surgeries
- Treated 139 animals for heartworm
- Administered 3620 vaccines/de-wormers
- Rehomed 586 animals

As well as stray or unwanted animals, we sadly also deal with a lot of cruelty and neglect cases. Our wonderful veterinary team work tirelessly in our onsite clinic to treat and rehabilitate suffering animals, in addition to providing routine treatment and care to the wider shelter population. This work comes at a huge expense and is only possible with the generous support of our donors and volunteers.

Due to a lack of suitable homes in Cayman, we partner with overseas rescue organisations who are able to offer much better rehoming prospects. Whilst the upfront cost can be significant, this has proved to be an incredibly successful endeavour, reducing operating costs and resulting in many of our longest shelter residents finding loving forever homes overseas.



Volunteers bid Axel, who spent over 3 years in the shelter, bon voyage before he finally flew to a rescue partner in Canada and was adopted.