



**Founder
Laura's original
Coco - RIP**



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We are so excited to announce the launch of Coco's Cat Rescue's brand new BILINGUAL website, designed by the amazing Leasa Hachey. We thank Leasa for all the time, effort and detail she put in to the design of this terrific site!



<http://cocoscatrescue.org/>

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Some of you may not know the story of how Laura came to found Coco's Cat Rescue. Here it is, in an excerpt from our wonderful new website by Leasa Hachey.

Since Laura was a young girl she was helping her dad in farming and started rescuing all kinds of animals from bats to dogs, cats and even bottle feeding goats and lambs. One of the rescued cats was Igor who had only one eye after an attack by a crow. He is still a much loved family pet back home in Wales. After moving to Mexico, Laura's cat Coco was run over, as many of the drivers in Mexico see cats as a pest and make no attempt to avoid them if they see them on the road. Laura decided she wanted to help address the problem of too many stray cats-which leads them to be cruelly treated.

A week after Coco's death, Laura heard a distressed kitten "Rambo" in the jungle. Hence the name Rambo. She has then continued her work rescuing kittens and spaying/neutering feral cats in her efforts to help the animal population in the Riviera Maya. Each kitten that is rescued is in dedication to her very own lost pet Coco.

http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=nkTfyTovvYE

Also working on reducing the population, Laura began a spay and neuter clinic working with Kelley Anthony and the veterinarian Claudia Lewy spaying and neutering feral cats, rescued kittens and pets whose owners simply couldn't afford to sterilize their cats.

Laura realized more needed to be done and asked for support from more vets. Before long, seven different vets in Playa were volunteering in the spay/neuter program for cats organized by Laura.

As the support grew for the project Laura began to meet many other dedicated volunteers and saw the need and opportunity for something bigger. Therefore in dedication to Coco, Coco's Cat Rescue was created.

Since those early days, Coco's has expanded so much! We are able to spay and neuter cats and dogs. Currently, we employ two full-time vets and the clinic is open six days a week. There is also a van, donated by International Fund for Welfare of Animals, which is used for transport and mobile vet clinics. We often spay and neuter more dogs than cats in any given month!

Please browse our new website for complete information on the programs Coco's has established for the health and well-being of animals in Playa del Carmen and the Riviera Maya.

Coco's works by appointment only.
To arrange an appointment for spay/neuter for your pet
or help with your rescued animal, please e-mail
info@cocoscatrescue.org

Coco's anniversary party – March 9, 2014 at the Blue Parrot

WHAT A BLAST! Thank you to everyone who came and supported us, to all the sponsors, special thanks to Masha, Alessandra and everyone from the Blue Parrot for putting this party together, for the amazing service and hard work. Thank you to drummers Anibal and Frava from Quetzalcoatl, to the band Crazy Toy and to the amazing Blue Parrot D.J.

The music was great, the food and drink were delicious, and the company was the best! Extra thanks go to Lorraine Reynolds, Cryss Spani, Claire Macarico, Alejandra Gomez, Dave Humphrey, J.P. Kelly Whittemore, Caroline Page, Marissa Barker, Sherry Stevens, Lorraine Stewart, Erike Flores, Matteo Saucedo, Ale Ortiz, Laura Almonaci, Morgan Legge, Ulises Vidal and Laura Bevilacqua.

Very special thanks to Nick Bostic for designing the incredible on line auction website, and to Maureen Meno for doing all the promotion! Thank you to Jurgen and his staff at Mom's Bar for all the support selling tickets and being the pickup point for auction items.

Thank you to Caroline Page who not only writes our fantastic newsletter that promoted our event and auctions, but who also put together the bid sheets and volunteered on the night!

Thank you to all our volunteers who spent weeks collecting prizes, selling tickets and then working so hard at the party, making sure everything ran smoothly.

Special thanks to our amazing photographer Paulo Macarico for the photos of our event! See the photos here:

[CCR Party Photos](#)

Here is what we raised:

47,500 pesos on tickets sales, thanks to Blue Parrot for open bar and canapés!

1,800 pesos on T-shirt, calendar sales, etc.

1,500 pesos on pet ID tags

US\$3,798 on on line auction items (not including item 2 which was won at the live auction)

32,255 pesos on the live auction (not including items 1-4)

THE TOTAL AMOUNT RAISED: 128,631 pesos!

FARvets

**WEEKLY KITTEN
CUDDLE DAY
EVERY FRIDAY
FROM 2 – 4 P.M.!**

**Please send an
email to**

**info@
cococatrescue.org**

**and we will send
you a map and
directions on how
to get here. Taxis
from town cost 30
pesos and it's easy
to find. Then taxis
pass by all the
time so it's easy to
get back to town.**

**THE KITTENS
WOULD ADORE
YOUR LOVE AND
ATTENTION!**

**EVERYONE IS
WELCOME!**



FARvets visited Coco's in March and helped us spay and neuter 64 animals, as well as attending many injured and sick animals.



Every year, Professor Paul from New York brings a group of six vet students, along with a vet tech, to work with Coco's team for a week.

Thank you to all the FARvet team!



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES!

FOSTER PARENTS to provide a temporary home for young kittens, from a few days to as much as a few months.

Also **WEEKLY** to Sam's, Mundo Animal or the hospital shop to pick up food and supplies (money provided).

WEEKLY to deliver litter, medicines and other supplies to foster parents.

Thanks go to Naomi and Christie from Global Vision International for working with us this week. As always, thanks also go to our vets Laura and Edgar, as well as Ale, Ulises, Cryss, Roz and Mica.

Coco's in the Community

A week ago, Coco's was invited to present a class on caring for and respecting animals at the Ludoteca, a care center for children. The Ludoteca is run by Save the Children charity, and provides a program for children with no where else to go during the day. Our group consisted of Laura and Violetta, with Dr. Laura from Cocos, joined by Joaquin from IFAW and Dr. Roxana from Medivet.



Their first lesson was about pet care and then teams of five drew pictures about what they had learned. Afterwards,

Donations

Your donations are so important and a little goes a long way! Here are just a few options if you are considering donating to CCR every month:

Fluffy Kitty (\$10)

This will provide a parasite treatment for one kitten every month.

Meowing Kitty (\$25)

This will feed and de-parasite one kitten every month.

Purring Kitty (\$50)

This will pay for cat milk for a newborn kitten for one month or spay/neuter two kittens every month.

Fat Kitty (\$100)

This will feed and de-parasite, including coccidiosis and flea treatment, PLUS spay or neuter a kitten every month.

(figures in U.S.\$)

they were taught how to introduce themselves to Manny, the dog we brought with us.



The grand finale was the song Violetta had written for them, about taking care of animals.



We had a great time and thank Global Vision International and Save the Children for the opportunity to visit with this group of amazing kids!

RESCUES - CACHITO FUND DOGS

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Thank you to Sherri and Ken from Dallas, our Cachito fund sponsors, for keeping the fund going!



These five dogs were rescued by Coco's volunteer Cryss and it is thanks to Sherri and Ken that we are able to help dogs like these. All five are travelling to New York next week and Gillian will be finding them homes there.

Thank you, Gillian!

Last but far from least, a big thank you goes out to the people who sent donations to cover their flight costs!

Coco's kittens available for adoption!

Whether you are living or vacationing in the Riviera Maya, Coco's beautiful kittens can be yours! They are healthy, vaccinated, de-parasited and sterilized. They are also socialized to cats, other kittens and people. Kittens have been adopted to the U.S., Canada and even to Europe!

As you know, Coco's is not a shelter and we need room to rescue and heal more kittens! We hope you can help us place some of these sweet and healthy kittens and cats.



Ace, male six weeks



Mostasa, female two years



Ulises, male seven weeks



Patitas, female 18 months



Skip, male six weeks



Perdita, female five months



Shy, sweet Wyn is over one year old and has been waiting for a home for so long! Can you give him his dearest wish?



Lixy, female six weeks

Coco's Stats March 2014

MARCH 2014 SPAY AND NEUTER	#
Feral cats	88
Pet cats	47
Coco's kittens	5
Dogs	215
Total sterilizations	355

MARCH 2014 KITTENS	#
Rescued	6
Re-homed	12

Treated, non-intake kittens (rescued in the community)

MARCH 2014 NON-INTAKE PROGRAM CAT AND KITTEN RESCUES	#
Free milk, bottles, consults, de- parasiting, 3 vaccines and spay/neuter	20

Contact info for Coco's Cat Rescue:

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Information regarding our financials, municipal and tax status is available upon request.

NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS

Your newsletter stories, photos and art are always welcome!
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