



Founder Laura's original Coco - RIP

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Coco's is thrilled to announce we have received a grant FINTERNATIONAL FUND FOR ANIMAL WELFARE Coco's for spay and neuter. As well, the van will be fitted out so that surgery can be performed inside and that will give us the chance to visit smaller communities for spay and neuter clinics! Thank you, International Fund for Animal Welfare!









The event of the season is here! On Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup>, 8 pm to 11 pm, Coco's Cat Rescue celebrates four years of helping thousands of animals in Playa del Carmen and the Riviera Maya. Our poster shows the wonderful sponsors of this annual event, featuring online and silent auctions, great music and loads of fun!

Heartful thanks go to the Blue Parrot for hosting the event, providing the venue, drinks and food every year!

Advance tickets are on sale at Coco's and at Moms bar for \$200 pesos until Friday April 5th.

The online auction is your opportunity to get great items such as PdC restaurant tabs, hotel stays and more while helping a great cause! "Ctrl-click" to follow these links:

http://intheroo.com/forum/playa-del-carmen/7267-online-auction-benefit-cocos-catrescue.html

To see photos and more info, visit:

http://intheroo.com/forum/events/7267-online-auction-benefit-cocos-catrescue.html#post96991

#### **The Rules**

• The auction is live now and ends on Saturday, April 6th at 5pm Central Standard Time (USA & Canada). Bids received after 5pm will not be accepted online. (For those in Playa, the auction will end at 4pm local time.)

• Please place your bid by responding to the message thread with the item number you are bidding on, along with your bid amount.

• Bids are in U.S. dollars.

• All new bids must be higher than the previous bid by at least \$1 USD, except as noted below.

• Prizes are good for at least one year, unless otherwise noted. Accommodations are subject to availability.

• Winning bidders must pay for their items via Paypal or by cash in person to Coco's Cat Rescue by Monday, April 8th at 9pm.

## Coco's in the Riviera Maya!



The group pictured above participated in a two-day Coco's clinic in the small village of Leona Vicario recently, where we were joined by Tierra des Animales. We spayed 176 animals in two days!

Special thanks to the vets Edgar, Sandra, Sandy, Rene, Edith and Karina; to our techs Zule and Amorita; all the volunteers including Rossy, Ale and Cryss who ran the check in, Roz who ran check out and recovery, Ale who worked as a tech, Laura Murguia, Marianna from Petopia and of course Ricardo from TdA!

Coco's was able to take donated Frontline, Revolution, de-worming meds, ivermecting and doxycicline to the clinic so that the dogs and cats could be treated for ticks, fleas, worms, mange and ehrlichia (tick-borne disease).

We would love to do clinics like this often. If you can donate or sponsor any of the above-mentioned items, we will be able to do even more for areas which do not have a resident vet.

Do you remember our appeal in the last newsletter? Coco's vets need help keeping instruments, cages, operating areas and animals clean. A wonderful supporter has already pledged US\$200 per month and we need an additional \$200 to pay a full-time cleaner for the entire clinic.

CAN YOU HELP? Can you be part of the sponsor team for this need?

Please contact Coco's at <a href="mailto:info@cocoscatrescue.org">info@cocoscatrescue.org</a> and give us some good news!



Professor Paul Maza from the ShelterVet program in New York spent a week at Coco's working on spay and neuter, with eight students and a vet tech. Thank you so much for your support, Professor Maza! We loved having you and your group with us!

Russell Granger and Sharon Lee Came to Coco's each day to prepare the most delicious lunches for us! Thank you Russell and Sharon!



#### **Our mission**

We are a non-profit organization with a no kill policy, dedicated to reducing and controlling the cat population in Playa del Carmen, Mexico. We achieve this via our TNR (trap, spay/neuter and return) program for feral cats, and our rescue, treat, spay/neuter, and tame program for kittens under three months. We aim to find a permanent loving home for all the rescued kittens in our care.

We are also committed to education which encourages responsible pet ownership and challenges negative associations with feral cats and consequent cruelty. We provide free or low cost spay/neuter surgeries and basic pet care to those on a low income. Our long term mission is to greatly increase the number of animals that we are able to assist and expand our model to embrace other local areas in need of our services.

### **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, deparasited and sterilized. They are also socialized to cats, other kittens and people. Kittens have been adopted to the U.S., Canada and even to Germany.

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.



Africa, nine months, has been at Coco's for a long time ... she's a sweet girl who needs her own home! Do you have a home for Africa?

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

Please send an email to

info@ cocoscatrescue.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!



Little Foot, male six weeks



Kike, male six months



Hickory, male six months

## 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.



Wynn, male 10 months

Wynn is a shy boy, who needs an understanding home with humans who will nurture him to live a full life. Along with Africa, he has been at Coco's for a long time.

Because Matias, below, had stones that blocked his bladder, he needed surgery to construct a hole in his abdomen to allow him to urinate. He still uses a litter box, but has a minor leakage issue. Matias needs a special home and special Royal Canine urinary food too. Are you able to help this special needs boy?



Matias, adult male

## 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.\$)



Mama cat with three little male kittens, about four weeks



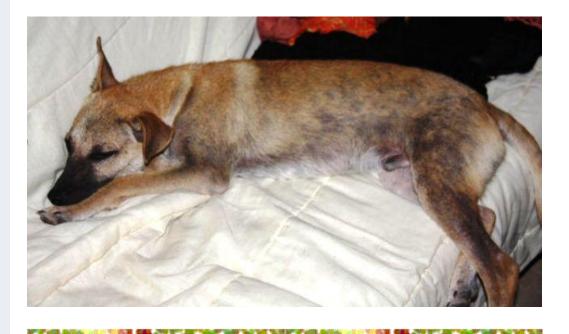
Another shot of mama cat with baby boy kitten, about four weeks

# **RESCUES - CACHITO FUND DOGS**

Boodles is a very sweet female dog about one year old. She was barely alive when Roz and Dave rescued her and she needed an emergency blood transfusion. Thanks to Roz and Dave she is now healthy, spayed and ready for adoption. How about at your house?



Pictured below, eight-month old Pinocho was rescued by Cryss and Frava, who found him on their street in a really bad way and full of mange. He has been on a special diet and meds to treat his mange. He is now healthy, neutered and ready for adoption. Can you find it in your heart to adopt this lovely dog?



## Coco's Stats February 2013

FEBRUARY 2013 SPAY AND NEUTER	#
Feral cats	53
Pet cats	56
Coco's kittens	1
Dogs	190
Total sterilizations	300

FEBRUARY 2013 KITTENS	#
Rescued	6
Re-homed	8

**Contact info for Coco's Cat Rescue:** Cell phone: 984 120 0572 (From N. America, dial: 011 52 1 984 120 0572)

E-mail: info@cocoscatrescue.org

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



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