



Turks & Caicos Society for the
Prevention of Cruelty to Animals
"A voice for those who cannot speak"

WE can make a difference in our communities!



It was a new venture, a new idea and it worked!! The wild dogs in village of Conch Bar birthed 20 puppies in January, and everyone knew it was beyond time to sort things out. All our dogs roam free, and it had become critical to know which dogs are pets and which dogs are not. With the support of the Doris Robinson Primary school Prinicpal Ms. Mills who helped promote the event, good dog neighbours Howard & Cheryl Gibbs, Daniel's Café, the TCSPCA and all the kids parents - on March 11th, seventeen dogs received their vaccinations and new collar/leash sets.

The TCSPCA turned up in strength with posters, brochures, medicine and vaccinations – Dr. Richard Sefcik, TCSPCA volunteer veterinarian, calmed all sizes of dogs, Val Rissi filled in the form info, Bruce Rissi served the cake and Susan Blehr Executive Director TCSPCA made sure all the kids listened about dog care, regular food & water, with lots love and affection. It was a gently chaotic jumble of people and pets, but really stressed the message that our pets must be properly cared for...and something must be done to both prevent more puppies and to reduce the wild dogs. The TCSPCA is hopeful that the government will soon approve and enact the new proposal for TCSPCA to begin regular programs to spay/neuter pets or adoptable animals and to kindly euthanize the rest. The Environmental Health department responsible for feral dogs has no animal control officers for North or Middle Caicos, let alone come to Middle Caicos to even assess the situation – so





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the TCSPCA proposal offers tremendous potential help in this frustrating and sad situation.

But lots of positive motion forward as a new dog registry was started, for the village dogs, with kids filling in their names, dogs names, description, likes/dislikes and promises of more dogs to come and get registered/vaccinated next time! This will really help to move forward and keep track of our village dogs. Next plan is for a spay/neuter clinic on Middle Caicos in late May, along with a check up for all the dogs registered on March 11th! Any one wishing information or wanting to help, please contact TCSPCA at 231 3052 or 941 8846.

