

# THE ARK

Animal Welfare Society, Barbados  
Registered Charity No. 428



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NEWSLETTER

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## PRESIDENT'S LETTER – AGM REPORT



Dear Ark Members,

First of all, thank you all for taking the time out to join us this afternoon; your presence is much appreciated.

At the 2016 AGM the following Executive Officers were Bob Parravicino – President, Elizabeth Cole – Vice President, Jennifer Pequenezza – Treasurer, Jo Gamblin – Secretary, with Stuart Martin, Dominique Maraj, Isdolde Pottkamper, Donna Murray-Wiltshire, and Anne Martindale Committee members.

This Committee has worked together well both in fundraising and management of the kennels and we have had another challenging and successful year.

### SPAY/NEUTER AND ADOPTIONS PROGRAM -

This year we can report that **117 dogs and 93 cats were spayed/neutered**. Much of this has been accomplished with the assistance of K9 Friends of Barbados who finance the spaying of female dogs through approved vets. The RSPCA has also continued to provide us with 3 free spay/neuter operations each month. We are very grateful to both of these organizations for their continued support. **During 2016, 156 dogs and 9 cats were adopted through the Ark**. Dominique Maraj has worked tirelessly with both of these programs and we cannot thank her enough for the time she has given to try to ensure that the dogs leaving our shelter are placed in homes that can provide a happy life for them.

Special mention should be made here of the role that K9 Friends of Barbados plays in our operations. We have established close ties with K9 Friends and they have been kind enough to pay for the Ark's food bill for our rescues, as well as part of the spay/neuter program, as previously noted.

### FUNDRAISING -

As costs of operating our shelter continue to rise, the Committee has had to work harder to raise sufficient funds to meet these expenses. Our monthly book sales continue to be popular and are a major contributor to our funding. Thanks to all the ladies who give of their time to transport and sell the books which are donated.

This year we had two yard sales, one in July at Liz Senior's house and the other hosted at Jennifer Pequenezza's house at Rendezvous. These sales are now well established and we have many repeat customers. The next sale should be held in June or July at Liz Senior's house in Strathclyde. The Ark also participated at a flea market at Providence school which was moderately successful.

With the support of Billy and his team we continue to sell books at Art Splash Cafe and this year we took in \$1275.35.

In 2016, 750 calendars were printed for 2017 and we're happy to report that there are very few remaining for sale. We were extremely fortunate to have had the cost of the printing of these calendars paid for by an anonymous benefactor so the profit will obviously be more than usual as the sponsorship donations were converted into advertising space.

All of the 26 collections boxes made by Donna Murray-Wiltshire are in place on both coasts and continue to contribute to the coffers of the Ark. The large 'bullet' which was located at Massy Store in Holetown has had to be removed and is temporarily located at the shelter. This container is very cumbersome to move around and difficult to empty so we are looking at finding a replacement to put back in Holetown. Management at Massy Supermarket says that they would be happy to have something more attractive.

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President's Letter cont'd.

NEWSLETTERS –

Michele Morland in Belgium continues to produce our newsletters and in 2016 we limited these to three mailings for the year.

Our shelter has hosted visits from various organizations from home and abroad throughout the year as well as our usual winter residents. These visits are invaluable particularly for exposure for the Ark and should be encouraged.

With more people turning to social media, especially Face Book, The Ark is constantly being called upon to help dogs in all corners of Barbados and 2017 already promises to be no exception.

Sincerely,  
**Bob Parravicino**  
President

Donations Take Many Forms ...

We are frequently touched by the generosity of our supporters and from time to time are surprised by the form that donations take. One of the more unusual ones came from Trevor Byrne in Canada in December 2016. He contacted us to ask if we could use 2896 unused \$1.15 Barbados postage stamps. The stamps were left over from a Direct Mail campaign he had undertaken and Trevor wondered whether we could use them or sell them to raise funds for the charity. We were delighted to accept his offer and received the stamps later that month.

So what did we do with them? The General Post Office was not able to exchange the stamps for us so we approached The Veterinary Clinic and The Central Veterinary Clinic. We offered them the stamps at the price of a local postal stamp i.e. \$0.65. They both accepted with one giving us a cheque and the other crediting our account to the value of the stamps bought.

We still have a small number of stamps left - probably enough to cover the cost of posting newsletters to Ark members who are not on email for the rest of this year. So those Members who receive their newsletter by post now know where the postage has come from! We are grateful to Trevor for thinking of us and for his generous donation.

Another unusual donation came from one of our Trustees, Brian Barnes, who offered his ocean view apartment at The Crane Hotel for rent at a very reduced rate. Someone has taken Brian up on his offer and the rent will be donated to The Ark's land acquisition fund.

Donations don't always have to be financial. There are many people who donate their time and make an invaluable contribution towards the smooth running of the shelter and the wellbeing of our dogs. Amanda Ramsay and her team from Ruff Cutts Dog Grooming Services (pictured right –Amanda, Crystal, Marlon & Romario) recently donated their time one Saturday to give our dogs their very own "Spa Day". It was a full day's work as the team bathed and groomed over 42 dogs. Professional grooming is not something The Ark has funds for so it was a lovely treat for our dogs who looked and smelt wonderful when they returned to their kennels at the end of the day.

Thank you to everyone who makes a donation to The Ark, whatever form it may take.



## LOOKING FOR NEW HOMES



### Lucy

**Female | Size: Small-Medium | DOB: January 2014 (approx.)**

Miss Lucy has one of the most vibrant and fun-loving personalities - she is very friendly, very playful and loves her toys. Lucy always greets you with a smile in the hope that today will be her lucky day to be adopted.

Lucy was found as a severely underweight stray and fostered for a couple of months before coming to us. She is excellent with all other dogs, has tons of energy and is very alert. Having become used to the comforts of a home, Lucy is eager to be part of a family once again. She will be a fun addition to any home.



### Mars

**Male | Size: Small-Medium | DOB: July 2013 (approx.)**

Mars was first seen as a stray and was fed and watered by a caring family. Through the grapevine, they heard talk of poisoning him and knew they had to ensure his safety so came to us for help. We are glad they did as Mars is a super chap. He is a happy, playful and alert dog who only wants to please. His characterful appearance, with short legs and a long body, only add to his charm! He is a gentle dog who gets on well with all other dogs, and enjoys the company of adults and children alike. He will most definitely make a wonderful addition to any family home.



### Ava

**Female | Size: Small-Medium | DOB: July 2015 (approx.)**

Ava is very affectionate, playful and alert. She adores human contact and can get rather excited when it's her turn to be taken for a walk. However, once out of her kennel, she settles right down enjoying her walk. She also loves spending some quiet time getting cuddles and hopefully a lap to sit on for as long as you will allow!

Ava was found as a stray in St James by some overseas visitors who contacted us as they were about to leave. She is a total lovebug who interacts well with all other dogs and should easily settle into a new home.



### Stevie

**Male | Size: Medium-Small | DOB: June 2016 (approx.)**

Stevie is an extremely fun-loving, playful and happy chap, full of beans and as sweet as can be. He was found a few weeks ago huddled and terrified in a sideways bin and thankfully picked up by the very caring Dr. Brandford from The Veterinary Clinic at Graeme Hall.

Stevie's whole demeanour changed within a few days of him being with us - it's actually hard to believe he's the same dog. He loves his walks, he interacts and has fun on a daily basis with approx. 18 other dogs and is a total sweetheart. He is good with dogs and children.

Happy Tails - Pixie and Sasha

We moved to Barbados in 2013 and my husband, Harold, and I had discussed the possibility of getting a dog as I was unable to work on the island and was now at home all day. We had a huge house and enclosed garden so it seemed a good time in our lives to hear the patter of tiny paws. I wanted a rescue dog but since we already had 3 cats it was decided that a puppy would be the best option for them.



*Pixie and Harold*

One Saturday after the weekly visit to Cheapside market I drove past The Ark, then did a U-turn and went in to 'just have a look'. There was the strangest looking gangly puppy being passed round for cuddles and she ended up on my lap. She was slightly frail, with a big tummy, and long thin legs that did not seem to be able to hold her up. She had the deepest brown eyes that I fell in love with. So, after a chat to Dominique I said that I would probably return in a couple of days with my husband.

When I got home, Harold was relaxing on the sofa. As soon as I told him that I had been cuddling a puppy, he got dressed faster than a fireman on an urgent call and bundled me into the car. He too, fell in love with the puppy's brown eyes and her frailty on sight. That afternoon Dominique arrived for the house check, paperwork was signed and the puppy was ours. We named her Pixie.

Day by day Pixie gained strength and soon was running around our garden. The cats accepted her with our ginger cat sleeping with her. She grew into her legs like a baby giraffe!

A few months later I was looking through my Facebook feed and came across Sasha on The Ark's page. Sasha's smile enraptured me so I arranged a meet and greet with Pixie to ensure that they got on. Thankfully it was best friends on sight so Sasha came home with us.

They entertain us as they scamper and chase each other around the garden. Pixie is clearly the boss, but Sasha holds her ground. The ginger cat has moved his affections from Pixie to Sasha.



*Sasha – an adorable puppy!*



*Best Friends for Ever!*

My ladies were proud pin up girls for The Ark Calendar last year. How the photographer got them to stop running around and sit down together was amazing. He should consider a career in dog training!

We have now moved to Aruba and the dogs settled very well. There is a great beach where they can run around like lunatics off the lead. Pixie is fascinated by the Kite Surfers and runs up and down the coast chasing them. Sasha has discovered iguanas; she recently caught a large one which I had to save from her jaws.

That pop-in to 'just have a look' at the Ark was one of my best decisions to date!

*Written by: Angela and Harold*

**Grateful Thanks**

Angela Best and Gillian Best-Tasker for the collection taken on behalf of The Ark at the Service of Thanksgiving for their mother Shirley Yvonne June Best.

The Foster family for the collection taken on behalf of The Ark at the Service of Thanksgiving for their father Samuel Foster.

Larry Hope and family for your donation of a HUGE bag of dog chow.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Halliwell for your kind donation.

The following people for providing foster homes: Paul Nicholls, Marco Schaumloeffel and Rosiane Spredeman, Alison Martin, Karen Mumby, Anna Ferguson and Linda and Steve Rowse

Jean Ray & Lynda Husbands (below) from The Barbados Dog Training Club for an array of goodies bought with donations from their members and class participants.



Julie Blades for helping out with transport at short notice.

Ted Kelly of TK Distributions for his generous donation of 28 bags of Canaillou GMO-free puppy chow!

Artsplash for their continued support hosting a mini-book sale for us at their premises on Hastings Main Road.

Danielle Hill and family from Canada for a wonderful donation of goodies for the dogs which they love!!

Anita Caito and Emerson Reid from the USA for their donation of doggy treats as well as for sponsoring Myles for a year.

Youngsters from St Dominic's Confirmation Candidates, Year 2, Group 4 who gave their Saturday to socialise and walk our dogs. Thank you also for the donation of dog chow.

**The Ark Merchandise**

**The Ark Greeting Cards**  
(blank inside) With Envelopes

**Pack of 4 Cards ONLY Bds\$10.00**  
Available: Saturdays at The Ark & Brighton Farmers Market, at our monthly Book Sale or contact us at [ark@caribsurf.com](mailto:ark@caribsurf.com)

As well as tea towels, t-shirts and pet tags, we also have some newly available "I Love Bajan Dogs" canvas shopping bags (colours in red or blue). These attractive bags are \$25 each or \$20 each when you buy two or more! The bags are available at our monthly book sales, Central Veterinary Clinic, The Veterinary Clinic (Dr. Storey's), Trinity Animal Clinic or by emailing us at [ark@caribsurf.com](mailto:ark@caribsurf.com) Of course, one can never have enough bags and by buying some, you'll be helping The Ark at the same time!



### Welcome New Members

We are delighted to welcome new members:

Sunny and Bonnie WONG  
Rainer WYSOCKI

In addition, we thank  
Brian CLARKE and  
Billy CLARKE for  
becoming Life Members.



### Spay & Neuter Programme

The Ark has spayed/neutered 10 dogs and 24 cats between 1<sup>st</sup> January and 28<sup>th</sup> February 2017. The Ark is channelling some of our spay/neuter requests to The RSPCA and we thank them for all the procedures they do for us.

If you are interested in having your dog or cat spayed or neutered, please call us at **435-4108** or contact the RSPCA directly (Tel: **426-3077**).

If you need help with transporting your animal, contact Sean at Pet Transportation Inc on Tel: **243-0420**.

### Adoption Programme

We are delighted that 28 dogs and 1 cat have found new loving homes between 1st January and 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017.

If you are interested in having a cat or dog join your family please contact us at **435-4108** or you can email us at [ark@caribsurf.com](mailto:ark@caribsurf.com). Some of the dogs in our care looking for homes can be seen on our website: [www.arkanimalwelfarebarbados.com](http://www.arkanimalwelfarebarbados.com) or search for us on Facebook and YouTube.



All animals re-homed as part of this program cannot be kept in kennels or chained for long periods of time, as this is against the law. We require that all properties are fully enclosed to provide a safe environment for the animal; while also ensuring they do not become a nuisance in the area.

### Shelter Donations

**Always Welcome:** Nexgard tablets; Tac-Tic; Cleaning supplies eg. bleach, soap liquid etc; Bags of Dog and Cat Chow for donation to needy families who are finding it difficult to feed their pets.



### Sponsor a Dog

If you, or someone you know, would like to help a dog in our care but cannot offer it a home, why not consider sponsorship? We have a few dogs who are hard to re-home and they would love to have a relationship with someone who has a particular interest in them. If you are interested in Sponsorship, please contact **Dominique on 271 8931**. Thank you to the following people who are currently sponsoring dogs:

- Anonymous - Nina
- Anonymous - Diva
- Fiona Watson - Oscar
- Sonia Bryant - Tommy
- Angela Mcgeoch - Lucy
- Chrissie Blagrove - Jenny
- Gill Crony - Harry & Wendy
- Rainer Wysocki - Brice & Sherrie
- Anita Caito and Emerson Reid - Myles
- Ueli Zahler and Judith Binter - Shiloh & Shadow
- Alison Long, Lorraine Fox and Lydia Pauls – Misty

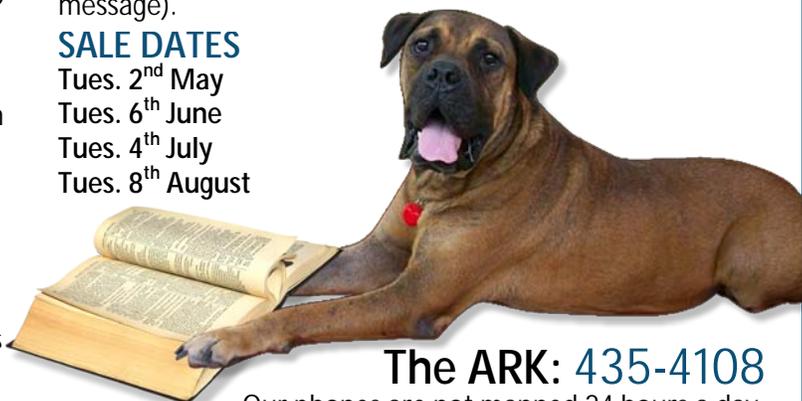
### Monthly Book Sale

Our monthly book sale is held on the first Tuesday of each month at the **Massy Supermarket Rendezvous**. It takes place from 9am – 5pm. If you are looking for good books at great prices, come along and check it out.

If you have books in good condition that you would like to donate, please contact: **Sandie Martin 428-4266, Liz Cole 438-6898** or **Jo Gamblin 428-1803** (after 7pm or leave a message).

#### SALE DATES

- Tues. 2<sup>nd</sup> May
- Tues. 6<sup>th</sup> June
- Tues. 4<sup>th</sup> July
- Tues. 8<sup>th</sup> August



**The ARK: 435-4108**

Our phones are not manned 24 hours a day. In animal emergencies please contact your local vet.

**Lost and Found Pets Barbados**, a group on Facebook where you can post info on lost/found animals.

**Pet Patrol:** The Sanitation Service Authority will remove dead animals: **426-4625** or **430 5019**.

**Turtle Hotline:** If turtle tracks or activity are seen, please call the TURTLE HOTLINE at **230-0142** to make a report.

From:



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**Executive Committee**

President: Mr. Bob Parravicino	429-0347
Vice President: Mrs. Elizabeth Cole	438-6898/232-9706
Honorary Secretary: Mrs. Jo Gamblin	428-1803
Treasurer: Mrs. Jennifer Pequenezza	228-1677

**Committee Members**

Miss Dominique Maraj	271-8931
Mr. Stuart Martin	428-4266
Ms. Isolde Pottkamper	420-2310
Mrs Donna Murray-Wiltshire	228-2233
Mr. Lalu Hanuman	420-2022

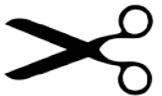
**Ex-Officio Members**

Mrs. Sandie Martin (Books)	428-4266
Ms. Michele Morland (Newsletter)	-

**Trustees:** Mr. C. Brian Barnes, Mr. Bob Parravicino, Mr. Stephen Walcott

**BECOME A MEMBER OF THE ARK:** *The ethical treatment of animals is an idea whose time has come.*

I support the efforts of The ARK, and I want to become a member. I enclose a cheque for \$\_\_\_\_\_.  
I will receive newsletters each year and a notice to attend the Annual General Meeting.



Name \_\_\_\_\_ Tel: \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate whether you wish to receive newsletters by post (\_\_\_\_) or email (\_\_\_\_)

Minimum Annual Donation: \$30, Life Membership: \$500, Under 18 years: \$20 or Overseas Membership: U.S.\$30  
Please make cheques payable to: **THE ARK ANIMAL WELFARE SOCIETY**. Mail To: The Ark, P.O. Box 199W, Christ Church

**MISSION STATEMENT**

To raise awareness of the needs of animals. To protect them and promote their well-being by encouraging, through education, positive relationships between animals and people.