

# The President's Letter



Dear Members

Welcome to our 2nd newsletter for 2012 and welcome to all our new members - we've had a fantastic number of new members join The Ark so far this year (see page 6). Membership fees are an important part of our fund-raising as they provide a regular source for funds.

We had a very enjoyable fundraising evening on St. Patrick's Day when The Merrymen and Wendy Sheppard entertained us at Mahogany Ridge and Corbin's Catering provided a delicious buffet. So, on behalf of The Ark, can I say a big thank you to everyone who helped make this such a successful event, to those of you who made donations to our general fund and also to our 'Davina' fund.



Davina/Tilly

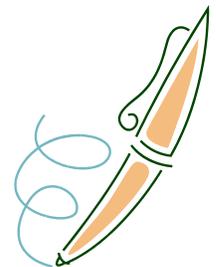
Those of you who were at the event will have met Davina (now named Tilly). Tilly was found by a couple on holiday from UK who saw her cowering under a car and took the trouble to bring her to The Ark. She had a wounded leg which we feel was the result of a car accident. In fact it's a miracle Tilly wasn't killed as she's partially blind with severe cataracts. Tilly was almost immediately re-homed by Marie and Ricky who have done amazingly well adapting to having a blind dog at home. Good news came with a veterinary examination which confirmed that a cataract operation would give Tilly an acceptable level of sight. A cataract operation is an expensive procedure and I'm pleased to say, as a result of the generosity of Ark members, the English couple and their friends in UK, and the wonderful donations on the 17th March, we have raised the amount needed and Tilly's operation will go ahead towards the end of June. Tilly is not an old dog - just an unlucky one to get cataracts at a relatively young age. Hopefully, her luck has now changed and her operation will be a success. Tilly and her new family would like to say thank you very much to those who contributed to her fund. We'll let you know when the operation has been done.

Finally, a reminder that hurricane season is around the corner so please ensure you and your animals are prepared and let's hope for another fortunate year for Barbados.

Sincerely,

**Bob Parravicino**

President



## Reminder! Subscription Renewal

Have you renewed your Ark Membership subscription yet?

If not, please can we ask you to do so as soon as possible as we depend on the regular income from membership fees to keep the Shelter running. Please pop a cheque in the post to us at the address on the back of this newsletter

# Looking for New Homes



As you know, we have dogs of all ages, shapes and sizes looking for good homes but this month we'd particularly like to let you know about these four.



*Garri-Girl - What a beauty!*

## *Garri-Girl*

**Female** - Medium size - Spayed  
**DOB:** (approx.) 2009

Garri-Girl is a beauty - photo really does her no justice. She is long and sleek with beautiful markings and a gorgeous tail which wags most of the time! She loves attention, is good with other dogs, walks well on a leash, though sudden and loud noises do spook her at times. Garri-Girl was spotted in May last year at The Garrison (hence her name!) and was fed for 7 months before she was confident enough to allow herself to be touched. She came to The Ark on 3rd January and has done an almost complete 360 - she is confident, gravitates towards human contact and is crying out for a forever home.



*Handsome Casper (above)  
and affectionate Jasper (below)*

## *Casper*

**Male** - Medium size - Neutered - Beige colour  
**DOB:** (approx.) January 2010

Casper is a very handsome and intelligent dog, affectionate, house-trained, playful and gets on well with other dogs. He would also make a good guard dog. Casper, and his brother Jasper, were raised by an Ark volunteer who has to give them up as they have started climbing her wire fence which borders a main road. Casper would make a lovely addition to any family, although his new home will need a tall wall or very high fence.



## *Jasper*

**Male** - Medium size - Neutered - Rusty colour  
**DOB:** (approx.) January 2010

Brother to Casper, Jasper is extremely affectionate; he loves to play with people and other dogs. Jasper will also need a home with a high wall or fence. Both dogs have been inside/outside dogs and can be adopted together or separately. These dogs are desperate to share their love of life with a new family and will thrive in a home atmosphere.

*Looking for New Homes cont'd -->*

## Looking for New Homes (cont'd)



Laid back Benny

### *Benny*

**Male** - Small-Medium size - Neutered  
**DOB:** (approx.) 2008

Benny is very friendly and laid back, yet alert when necessary, with soulful brown eyes that reflect what a wonderful kind, loving and smart dog he is. He has a lovely shiny black coat with an adorable curled tail. Benny was a rescue pup, fostered and then adopted. Unfortunately Benny's owner had to move back to the UK and was let down at the last minute by the home she thought she had for him. He walks well on a leash, is house-trained, great with other dogs of both sexes and is good with older children. He is not that fond of cats!! Benny would love to find his new and forever home soon as he is still not sure why he is not in his home, curled up on the carpet with his Mum watching TV!

The Ark always has dogs and cats looking to start the next chapter of their life with a loving family. If you would like to give a home to any of our animals, please call us at 435-4108 or email at [ark@caribsurf.com](mailto:ark@caribsurf.com)

We require that all prospective new owners have a fully enclosed yard or garden where the dog is in a secure area with shelter from sun and rain provided. As part of the agreement of adopting an animal, we require that no animal is chained or confined for long periods of time as this is against the laws of Barbados.

If you are interested, please call us and find out how we can help you make your home ready for a new pet. If you would like to visit our kennels at Sugarland Farm in St George, please call us to make arrangements.

## Grooming Tips for "Fluffy" and Long-haired Dogs



Buttons before his session with Sharon

The Ark often gets calls from people wanting to adopt a "small fluffy dog" so we thought that it might be helpful to outline some of the additional responsibilities that come with owning one of our 'fluffy' four-legged friends.

An example of what can go wrong is illustrated by the story of Buttons whose owner contacted The Ark because she could no longer cope with the care Buttons needed. Of course, this can happen with any dog, but Buttons was 'fluffy' and therefore needed a lot of grooming. Poor Buttons' fur was badly matted and covered in ticks and fleas which were impossible to get rid of because of the matting. Sharon Tseu, a professional groomer was contacted by The Ark and spent one and a half hours working on poor Buttons who ended up having to be totally shaved.

*Grooming Tips Cont'd -->*