

THE ARK

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PRESIDENT'S LETTER – AGM REPORT

Dear Ark Members,

We are pleased to present the President's Report from the A.G.M. held on 23rd January, 2019.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT FOR YEAR OF 2018

Good afternoon Ladies and Gentlemen and thank you for taking the time to attend the 20th Annual General Meeting of The Ark.

At the 2018 AGM, the following were elected to the Committee:

President: Stuart Martin, Vice-President: Elizabeth Cole, Treasurer: Jennifer Pequenezza, Secretary: Jo Gamblin ... with Committee Members: Dominique Maraj, Patrick Bellot, Adrian Wiggins, Lalu Hanuman, Isolde Pottkamper and Donna Murray, joined by Life Member Billy Clarke who was elected to the Committee during July 2018.

After approaching the end of another financial year at 31st August 2018, I am pleased to report that in spite of the economic situation, we made a small profit for the year.

This was mainly due to the continued commitment of our Committee and our volunteers and I would like to take this opportunity to thank them for their contribution.

Our spay/neuter programme continues with K9 Friends Barbados doing the majority of dogs, both those who are residents of the shelter and those in households whose owners have asked for our help. During 2018, 70 dogs and 58 cats were operated on.

During 2018, we managed to place 110 dogs in new homes, with 'Tilly', one of our resident dogs going to Canada. Since then, two more small dogs have followed Tilly to Canada. These dogs are fostered by Fraser Young and Ni Chen until their permanent homes are screened and their adoption processes completed.

Dominique Maraj deserves special mention for her untiring effort with the above two aspects of Ark work.

While our book sales dipped slightly last year, they appear once more to be on an upward trend although we were recently saddened by the passing of Mr. David Matthews, one of our best and most pleasant customers.

In 2018, we once more printed 850 calendars and are extremely pleased that they are on the verge of being sold out! Thank you Dominique, Annie and all of our loyal sponsors.

During 2018, we again had two Yard Sales, both held at The Clock Tower as we realized this venue generated high sales and, as we could set up the day before, was less stressful. There will be two more in 2019: June and November. Special thanks to Liz Cole and her hard-working team for the success of these sales.

We continue to sell books at ArtSplash and have added two other locations: Content Animal Clinic and The Veterinary Clinic, both of which have a small selection of books.

Our Ark Collection Houses, crafted by Donna Murray, are a steady source of revenue, with recent additions at three of the branches of our bank, First Citizens.

Our membership stands at 275 and is a yearly source of funds with many members sending a little extra (sometimes a lot!). Perhaps, to beef up the membership, we could all consider giving memberships as gifts at Christmas and birthdays.



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President's Letter cont'd.

During 2018, we have been the recipients of various donations too numerous to mention individually - some from overseas visitors, others from school children - all very appreciated and contributing to the well-being of the animals at The Ark.

We have stayed with three newsletters for 2018, with Michele Morland who now lives in England continuing to produce fine copy.

In August 2018, Krystal Greaves, our third kennel staff went on maternity leave and her place was taken by Nicolai Ifill, a young man with working experience at Central Veterinary Clinic.

We are now embarking on a year or two which will be extremely challenging as we will commence the construction of our own kennels on a parcel of land very generously given to us by the owners of Carrington and Woodbourne Estates. The challenges will not only be financial but also operational as the site is not as central to some volunteers as is our present one. We will no longer have to pay rent but this will be replaced, I imagine, by mortgage interest. There will also be other factors that will contribute to an increase in expenditure; for instance, the cost of water because, at present we have access to agricultural water but at the new place we will have to substitute with water stored in large water tanks.

Once again, I thank everyone for their help in the past year and I wish all of you the best in 2019.

Sincerely,

Stuart Martin

President

The Kennels Get A Facelift

Miyu and Anna are two very special girls who deserve our sincere thanks for transforming our Shelter. Through The Codrington School Community Project, the girls decided they would like to do something for The Ark. Anna and her family had adopted an Ark dog and during their visits, Anna had noticed that the kennels would benefit from a facelift so this is what she and Miyu decided to do.

The girls set about contacting paint suppliers in Barbados and were delighted that Sherwin Williams Paints offered to sell them the paint they needed at a generous discount. Ample as the discount was, it still left them with a significant amount of money to raise. Undaunted, they set about making sweets and cakes to sell at Brighton Farmers Market and were there every Saturday for 7 weeks. They printed flyers explaining what they were doing and had a donation box which raised additional funds. Another bake sale was held at The Codrington School and altogether the girls raised the magnificent sum of 980 BBD!

With the money raised, they contacted Sherwin Williams to discuss what sort of paint would be best for the kennels. It would need to be long lasting, durable and waterproof as the kennels are washed daily. They also learnt about how to look after their equipment, brushes and rollers. Armed with their paints, they and their classmates came along one day in January and spent a few hours painting the kennel doors and corridor walls. With the help of some volunteers, one more day was needed to finish the job and the kennels are now looking fantastic.



The Team Hard At Work

The project took the girls a total of 5 months which we think you'll agree, showed great commitment. When all the work was done, Miyu and Anna had a bit of money left over which they very thoughtfully used to buy some toys for the dogs in our care. We are extremely grateful to Anna and Miyu and everyone that helped them for this wonderful project.

LOOKING FOR NEW HOMES



Cookie

Female | Size: Small | DOB: February 2016 (approx.)

Cookie is such a little darling, so gentle and loving with so much to give. On our walking days, especially Saturday when we have some younger volunteers (accompanied by a parent/guardian), Cookie is always the one who is sought out. Everyone loves her. She adores human companionship and having her tummy rubbed. She's good with children and other dogs. Cookie can be adopted as a single pet if she is part of the family. Being so affectionate and easy going, without doubt she will make a wonderful addition to your home.



Ace and Jaxx

Male | Size: Small | DOB: January 2017 (approx.)

Ace (on the left) and Jaxx are two little sweethearts who are also the very best of friends. They interact and play together perfectly, always looking out for each other, and for this reason we are hoping a loving home can be found where they can stay together. The pair were rescued by Animal Control from a hoarding situation and are the last ones to find a new home. They have made huge progress since coming to The Ark at the start of the year. They are calm, loving dogs who enjoy the company of other dogs and are extremely gentle around children. They would be a very rewarding addition to any home.



Prince

Female | Size: Small-Medium | DOB: January 2016 (approx.)

Prince is a delightful addition to The Ark 'family'. He is in our care after he was abandoned by his owners when they moved house. A caring neighbour contacted us and we were able to take him in. He has a very gentle personality and adores human companionship. In fact he loves nothing more than snuggling up for some love and affection! We have noticed that he tends to prefer the company of female dogs but on a daily basis he is running around happily with his 10 Ark companions of which 4 are male so with careful introduction, a male companion should not be a problem.



Pringle

Female | Size: Small | DOB: January 2018 (approx.)

Pringle came to us as a stray on 1st December 2018. More than that we don't know but we can say she is a very happy and affectionate soul.

Pringle is a gem of a dog who adores human contact and gets on extremely well with other dogs. She is also gentle with children of all ages.

Pringle will make a great addition to any home where she can be part of the family.

Happy Tails - Emma: Sweet Fuh Days!

Emma – the affectionate and often exasperating dog we adopted from the Ark almost five years ago, is now living the non-tropical dream in upstate New York where we moved in August.



Emma in her snow boots

She is handling the snow and excruciatingly long winter better than the humans in the family, and is charming most everyone she meets – no small number as she rides in the car with us often and in this dog-centric culture she is welcome most everywhere food is not served. Home Depot is a favourite spot because of the vastness of the space, the treats behind the counter and yes, the reaction she inspired when she crawled under a stall in the bathroom to greet a surprised woman going about her business. That was an awkward apology!

Because she is mellow and sweet, she was mostly welcome in our Pine Gardens neighbourhood and regularly made rounds on our gap – liming at a neighbour’s pool, going by one neighbour for hot dogs, another for turkey and another to visit the Jack Russells. This is the exasperating part of her personality: she loves to roam and would happily trot off for hours, truly relying on the kindness of strangers to give her water, check her tag and give us a call.

This is less practical now because it is freezing and there are skunks! She did do a runner once at full speed and 30 minutes later we received a call from a man who saw her trotting along the road. She jumped into his passenger seat, accepted some cheese and was likely disappointed to be driven home rather than to continue with errands.

Emma’s story has a consistent theme of luck and touching human hearts – she was rescued from the ZR stand in town by tourists who carried her tick infested, skin and bones body to safety. The Ark placed her with a foster family who nursed her until she was healthy enough to move to the Shelter which is where we spotted her in August 2014.



Collecting her Dog Therapy Award

Emma took more than a year to bark, but her fragility shows up as tenderness toward others. Our daughter trained her as a therapy dog this winter, and she is now certified to visit hospitals, schools and rehabilitation facilities, melting hearts with her softness. Emma is the inspiration behind many a caveat – “I am not a dog person but...”, “I don’t usually like dogs, but...”, “I was afraid of dogs until...”. Everybody loves her!

To help curb her wanderlust, she now goes to “doggy daycare” a few days a week where she is part of an energetic pack and finishes her playful day with “yappy hour at the chicken jerky bar”. She is thriving.

We have deep respect and awe for the work of the Ark and the loving souls who found Emma, nursed and fostered Emma, and who continue to help so many other animals. We are so grateful.



Enjoying an Autumn walk

**From New York and Emma, with love. We miss you Bim!
Nancy Lucas + Carolina + Annabelle + Steve O’Malley**

Grateful Thanks

The family and friends of **Noreen Taylor** for the collection taken on behalf of The Ark at her Service of Thanksgiving.

The family and friends of **Veoma Ali** for the collection taken on behalf of The Ark at her Service of Thanksgiving.

Amanda Ramsay, Marlon and Malcom from **Ruff Cutts Dog Grooming Services** for their visit to give ALL of our dogs their very own Christmas Spa Day.

Claire Howell, a visitor from UK, who generously brought us a vast array of treats and toys for our dogs.

Helen and Peter, from the UK, for visiting our Shelter to deliver a wonderful array of goodies for our furry friends.

Alexa Greaves and the kind and generous folks from **The Danforth & Woodbine Community Group**, Ontario, Canada for their wonderful donation of toys and goodies.

Kelly Gibson and The Frame & Art Co. for their donation of Bds7700 raised at the Anonymous Charity Art Show from the sale of paintings donated by artists in Barbados. Billy Clarke gratefully accepted the cheque on behalf of The Ark.



Visitors from UK, **Linda and Tom**, for donating 15 much needed British Slip Leads and spending two mornings of their holidays walking most of our dogs.

SPLASH The Furniture Art Charity Event held at Dwellings for their donation from the silent auction of artist Von Hall's painted coffee table.

Linda Harris for her generosity.

London Life & Casualty (Barbados) Corp. and Surfside Pool & Leisure (2014) Inc. for their donations

Roy and Karen Tordoff and **Doug Hiltz** for their donations of treats, collars, leashes and toys.

The Ark Merchandise

Does your kitchen need a little perking up? How about an attractive Ark chopping board or tea towel? They also make excellent gifts and are a nice momento of Barbados for your visitors to take home with them. They are \$30 and \$20 respectively.

We also have greetings cards (blank inside – \$10/pack of 4), and our popular Polo and t-shirts which are at the special price of \$30 and \$15 respectively while stocks last.

The merchandise is available at various locations including our monthly book sales, Central Veterinary Clinic, Brighton Farmers Market, and The Ark Shelter or by emailing us at ark@caribsurf.com. Stocks of some items are low so if you want a specific item it is best to email to be sure which location it is available from.



Summer Yard Sale

Our Yard Sales are so popular they have become a fixture on the Barbados social calendar! They offer a huge selection of nearly new items for sale – everything from soft furnishings for the home, jewellery, adult and children's clothing, electronics, toys, etc. Truly something for everyone whilst being a fun day out.

The next Yard Sale will take place on Saturday 15th June at the Clock Tower, The Garrison.

Of course we rely on the generosity of supporters to donate items, so please have a rummage in your cupboards and see if there is something you can donate to this event. Please call Liz Cole 232-9706 or any of our Committee Members listed on the back of this newsletter to arrange for collection of items. Alternatively, items can also be delivered to The Ark kennels.

Welcome New Members

We are pleased to welcome the following new members:
Kristine Bowen,
Sue and Graham Brown,
Donna Buckley,
Henrietta Hunte,
Wendy Jane Walcott,
George Wieringa,
And LIFE members:
Paula Cozier, Jana Cummings
Jennifer King.



Spay & Neuter Programme

The Ark has spayed/neutered **19 dogs** and **8 cats** between 1st January and 31st March 2019.

K9 Friends (Barbados) Spay and Neuter Clinic **FOR DOGS**, in Sunset Crest is now open. For those who cannot afford the normal vet fees for these ops., a fee of \$30 is requested and, if required, transportation can be provided. For those in this situation, please call 248-1552 for an appointment. For all other spay/neuter enquiries, please call The Ark 435-4108 or the RSPCA 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 **35 dogs** have found new loving homes between 1st January and 31st March 2019.

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**. Some of the dogs in our care looking for homes can be seen on our website: **www.arkanimalwelfarebarbados.com** or search for us on Facebook, YouTube and Instagram.



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: Cleaning supplies eg. bleach, Dish washing liquid etc; Safe toys for our pups and adult dogs; Nexgard tablets; 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.

Sponsorship costs as little as Bds\$30 a month - please contact **Dominique on 435-6844** if you are interested.

Thank you to the following people who are currently sponsoring dogs:

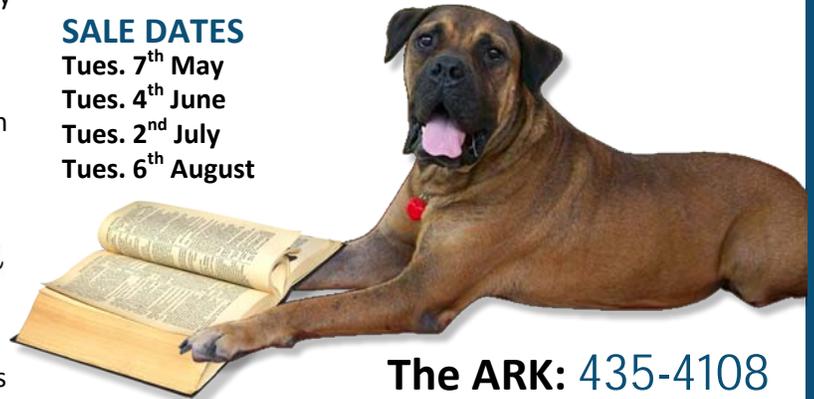
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| Fiona Watson: | Janie |
| Sonia Bryant: | Tommy |
| Phyllis Bramao | Kerry |
| Josette Cummins: | Mars |
| Petra Crookendale: | Asher |
| Anita Caito & Emerson Reid: | Sheba |
| Kimberley Bourne: | Misty and Bernie |
| Ueli Zahler & Judith Binter: | Shiloh and Shadow |

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. 7th May
Tues. 4th June
Tues. 2nd July
Tues. 6th 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. Call: **535-5053**.

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

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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
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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.