

# Controlling the animal population on Utila

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For many years, we at the Utila Pet Supply, have seen an increase in the number of abandoned animals on the island. We have worked diligently to help control the population by offering free surgeries (spays and neuters) to the local animals. I would like to address the problem of people coming to the island with an animal or adopting an island dog or cat and then leaving the animal here alone to fend for itself. It is not only cruel to the animal that has bonded to the person but also adds to the burden of controlling the animal population on this very small island.

I would like to ask anyone that is in this position to follow a couple simple rules: If you bring an animal to the island, be sure the animal is spayed or neutered and that you already have plans to take the animal with you when your time is done here.

To those that fall in love with an island dog or cat, take that responsibility very seriously. Of course, be sure to have the animal spayed or neutered and all the vaccines. Have in place a plan on what will happen to the animal when you leave. You can find a colleague that will assume ownership or a plan to take the animal with you. I have all the information you will need to accomplish the task of taking it with you.

I have seen these abandoned animals many times and it breaks my heart. I have looked into those big sad eyes that had a great, happy life yesterday and today they are alone and starving. They become part of our family and they do not understand why they are left behind. Please do not contribute to this problem. I am happy to help in any way that I can.

**Clinics are held on Tuesdays from 10am till 12.**

**There will also be a dedicated spay/neuter clinic (all free/gratis) on August 28 from 9am to 5pm. You can also make an appointment by calling 33692298 or 33592490.**

Utila Pet Supply is located on the left just past Countryside



*Por muchos años nosotros los del Utila Pet Supply hemos visto un aumento numeroso de animales abandonados en la isla. Hemos trabajado mucho para ayudar a controlar a la población, ofreciendo cirugía gratis a los animales locales. También quisieramos agregar a este problema, a esas personas que vienen a la isla con un animal o adoptan un gato o perro de la isla y despues los abandonan a su suerte a ellos solitos. Esto no solamente es muy cruel para el animal porque este ya esta acostumbrado a la persona sino que tambien es una carga mas para el control de la población animal en esta isla.*

*Quisieramos pedirles a cualquiera que se encuentre en esa posición que siga unas cuantas reglas simples: Si trae un animal a la isla asegurese que el animal esta castrado y que tenga planes de llevar el animal con usted cuando termine su tiempo aqui.*

*Para los que se enamoran de un gato o perro de la isla tomense esa responsabilidad seriamente. Por supuesto asegurese que el animal sea castrado y que tenga todas sus vacunas. Tenga en mente un plan de lo que pasara con el animal cuando usted se vaya. Usted puede encontrar un colega que asuma la responsabilidad del animal o llevarselo con usted. Nosotro tenemos toda la información que necesita para llevarselo con usted.*

*He visto estos pobres animales abandonados muchas veces y me quiebra el corazón. He visto a esos ojos grandes y tristes que tenían una vida feliz ayer y hoy estan solos y sufriendo hambre. Ellos se han convertido en parte de nuestra familia y ellos no entienden porque los had dejado. Por favor no contribuyan en este problema. Y estoy feliz en ayudar en cualquier forma que yo puedo.*

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On Friday July the 20th the Adventist School in honor of our first hero Lempira had a special program beginning with the election of La India Bonita. The girls displayed different vestiments of our country. Also we put on a dramatization of the death of "El Cacique Lempira", which everyone was delighted with.

For our guest's enjoyment parents and students prepared delicious typical foods, which were sold at the school. To finish up the day's activity a football tournament was arranged to which the students of the Centro Educacion Basica were invited to participate. Parents, teachers and members of the community supported the event. Thank you everyone, the Adventist School.

