



## Stray Animals on Isla Margarita

### Information for Tourists

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**You're having a lovely holiday on the Isla Margarita but we are sure that you have already noticed how many abandoned animals are on the streets and beaches.** Mainly cats and dogs. Maybe you have already taken one of them close to your heart. **You can't help but want to feed the animal with food from your buffet.** That's ok - so far. But if you do, please try to feed them somewhere near the hotel and not directly in or in front of your hotel. Please, never feed them on dishes from your hotel. Other guests may become annoyed and it may prove fatal for the animals.

Please also spare a thought for what may happen to the animal when your holiday is over. Will another tourist feed it? What if they don't?

In fact the more you feed the stray animals the more they will return to where they are given food.

All hotels and the authorities will usually accept a certain amount of animals but when the numbers increase noticeably, the **animals are often poisoned.** They will die in a **long, slow and painful manner.**



Photo courtesy of WSPA

We know that poisoning and killing the animals is not the answer. We are working on solutions for the present and the future. We know that the only thing which will help to stop this adversity, is to stop the uncontrolled breeding by neutering the animals. This is what we are continually working on.

**If you really want to help an animal while you are on holiday you should take it to the vet** for a check-up. Many of the animals are injured or ill. You can request that the vet treat the animal for parasites\* and/or organise for the animal to have a vaccination. Or even neuter them. What a huge difference you would make! After the animal's treatment, you should take the animal back to where you found it so it is back in its familiar territory and it would be wonderful if you could also equip it with a flea collar. An anthelmintic therapy (against all sorts of worms) can also be of enormous help.

Addresses of veterinarians, along with a pricelist is on the back of this brochure.

More information on parasites on the backside of this brochure.

**We, the Isla-Street Animals e.V. , stand up for the stray animals** on the Isla Margarita. However, we cannot do all the work and pay all the bills. We only have a few members and donations are very few.

**All our members and staff work as volunteers and work** in their spare time. Only one person is actually on the island. All other staff work from Germany. We produce flyers like this one, do the administration, look after the members, introduce our association continuously and collect all kinds of donations etc.

We rescue injured animals and – if possible – take care of them until they have fully recovered.

We de-flea, de-worm and mark the animals with collars. Sometimes the collars can save the animals from torture and abuse.

Whenever we can afford it, we neuter the animals.

We are always trying to gain attention. We talk to hotel managers so we can try to prevent the poisonings.

We try to find homes for the stray animals, their pups and their kittens.

For more information please check our Website

<http://www.islastreetanimals.com>

or write an email to:

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**In cases of emergency** you can also contact our member on the Isla Margarita on 0058-4127956515 We ask that you kindly keep this **telephone number in confidence.** This is because not everyone on the Isla Margarita understands our work and **not everyone appreciates our help to care for the stray animals.** Unfortunately, **even as a human being** you are **not safe from violation.**



## Veterinarians on the Isla Margarita

You can always ask a taxi driver or even your hotel reception for a vet close to your hotel, or you can contact:

A.A.M.O.R

Dirección: Avenida Fajardo ( Miranda ) Diagonal Al Electroauto Vitico, Sector Cruz Grande. Teléfonos: (0295) 2870757

el Tirano. Just a few minutes from Playa el Agua.

Dirección:, Avenida 31 De Julio. C.C. La Plaza. Local #10. Paraguachi, Teléfonos: (0295) 2637096 - (0414) 3955054

Its a huge yellow building on the main road to Playa el Agua. In the opposite direction to Porlamar. Virxen del Valle is the name.

### Pricelist veterinary treatments:

Castration dog (male):	80.000 Bs. - ca. 13,- €
Castration dog (female):	150.000 Bs. - ca. 25,- €
General check-up:	20.000 Bs. - ca. 3,- €
Sextulpes vaccination:	25.000 Bs. - ca. 4,- €
Rabia vaccination:	25.000 Bs. - ca. 4,- €
Triple Telinavaccination:	25.000 Bs. - ca. 4,- €

On the Isla dogs in particular suffer ear problems which require surgery: It is called Otomatoma and costs  
70.000 Bs. - ca. 12,- €

Prolapso tel 3 er pado is an intestinal infection, unfortunately it happens often and needs surgery also  
150.000 Bs. - 25,- €

### Parasites

The tropical climate supports the spread of parasites rapidly. You don't need to worry if you touch stray animals - if you just keep in mind a few simple hygiene rules, such as washing your hands.

Stray animals often look very skinny. This is not always due to a lack of food. In many cases worms are to blame. So if you pay for a round of anti-worm treatment, it can cause wonders.



The typical parasites are fleas and ticks. Combined anti flea/ticks collars are of enormous help. Beware of the ticks though. Fleas on the other hand, will cause you no harm.

Many dogs and cats are also suffering from mange. It is a skin disease caused by mites. The animals lose their fur because the skin is slowly being destroyed. It is clear that the animals are incredibly ill and they suffer greatly before they slowly die.

Please see the picture below for an example of mange. This poor pup 'Isabella' was only 4 months old when she was found in this awful state of mange.



Photo of „Isabella“ by courtesy of Deanna Theiss

But mange can often be cured. See the example of little "Robespierre"

before



after



Photo of „Robespierre“ by courtesy of „SAVE THE DOGS“

### Local people

The local people and the authorities classify the animals as 'useful' and 'non-useful'. A non-useful animal – like a stray animal – is often attacked in cruel ways such as hangings or stonings. They are tortured, beaten to death or deliberately run over by a car. Pups and kittens are often abandoned by throwing them into the bin in a plastic bag or a cardboard box – as if they were trash.

We often put collars on the animals necks, so that locals may have the impression that this animal belongs to someone. This can help prevent them from cruelty and if an animal looks well-fed and healthy, it has a much better chance of not being attacked or tortured.

**There is no such thing as an animal protection law in Venezuela!**



If you should want to take an animal home with you we will be happy to inform you about the details. It is quite complicated and can take many weeks until all requirements are fulfilled (blood tests, vaccinations, etc.) In addition it will be an expensive thing to do – especially if you do not have someone who can accompany your animal (flight sponsor) on the aircraft.



If you would like to support the Isla Street-Animals e.V. after your holiday, it is most welcome and very much appreciated. You may choose to be a silent member (via paid donation/s), be an active member or even a godfather to one of our animals. Any help and support we receive is very much needed and all greatly appreciated.

For only 5,- € per month you can become a godfather to a dog or cat.

To become a member of Isla Street-Animals e.V., the annual subscription for a single person is 36,- €/year. For families 56,- €/year.

As an active member you would help collect money and/or all kinds of other donations (anthelmintic therapies, shampoo, anti flea treatments, cat toilets, feeding bowls, collars, toys, kennels, scratching posts, transportation boxes etc.). Or you can help to introduce Isla Street-Animals e.V.

You could also take bulky goods to the Isla when you next visit. This way we save a lot of money. The little money we have is better used for the animals themselves, than transportation costs.

**Please help us to help the animals!**

**Please don't look away. Please take a look!**

**Please help rescue these little souls on 4 paws!**

**THANK YOU**

Isla Street-Animals e.V.  
(registered at the country court, Bonn, Germany)

