



Mayhew International

Winter 2011

Moscow cat, Kitty, awaiting her new home. See her in the MI 2012 calendar!



Welcome

Autumn is fast approaching, can you believe it? But here at Mayhew International we have lots to tell you about what has been happening. In this edition we will focus on our veterinary training initiatives as some of The Mayhew vet team have been travelling far and wide, bringing assistance and training to others less fortunate than we. One vet has been out to Afghanistan, another to Peru and as you read this our Chief Vet and one of our nurses will have been in Nepal

helping welfare groups on the ground there and meeting with veterinary training colleges and hospitals.

Mayhew International is particularly grateful to the Marchig Animal Welfare Trust for their support of our International Veterinary Training programme, which has enabled us to achieve so much already in 2011.

And, yes, if you are already thinking about Christmas, then Mayhew International

has some great cards and gifts for the festive season. All the monies raised from these will go to furthering our animal welfare initiatives and training opportunities abroad.

We hope you enjoy these updates and want to say a big thank you to all of you, as without your continued support, we would not be able to offer the help to those people and animals that are in desperate need around the world.



Mayhew vet Mohammad giving a masterclass in neutering at Kabul University Vet Clinic

Mayhew International in Afghanistan

At the beginning of June, Mayhew vet Mohammad returned to Kabul for two weeks. During his time in the Afghan capital Mohammad met up with our good friends Nowzad Dogs, visiting their newly built shelter facilities and bringing hands on help and veterinary advice for the locals working there. Mohammad was able to organise meetings with some of Kabul's city authorities to discuss the introduction of more humane methods of dealing with the stray dogs in the city and also raise awareness about rabies prevention and control, thereby ensuring that the local people also benefit. He also attended the Kabul University Veterinary Clinic,

giving some masterclasses in humane handling and restraint and neutering. Kabul University Veterinary Clinic is now more involved with a fledgling neutering programme initiated by Mayhew International and Nowzad Dogs and Mohammad's

invaluable experience from our clinic in London was a great boost for the staff and students at the University Clinic. Mayhew International was also able to donate some equipment for the clinic, this time a pulse oximeter.



Mohammad visiting the NOWZAD shelter



Mayhew International in Peru

In June, our Chief Vet returned to northern Peru to build on the successes of last year's trip. Hosted by AHSFA, The Mayhew team focussed on seminars and workshops for 3 veterinary universities, as well as promoting the benefits of neutering to trained vets working in the area. The Mayhew team returned to the Universidad Nacional and the Universidad Alas Peruanas and then travelled to Cajamarca, where they met up with Dr Jierson Mendoza who had taken part in our veterinary training programme in 2008.

The Mayhew team divided the time between theoretical seminars, with demonstrations on how to prep animals for surgery, the importance of scrubbing up properly and talking through the surgery and a practical days where the students were encouraged to assist, monitor the anaesthetic and handle the pre and post operative care of the animals. So popular where the demonstrations that local

private vets asked to attend and watch the sessions as well.

One of the lecturers at the universities placed an advert in the local press asking for people to bring their pets for neutering to his practice where The Mayhew helped carry out the surgery and explain the importance and benefits of neutering to the locals.

The Mayhew vet team were very pleased to meet up again with Dr Mendoza. As well as holding practical demonstrations at the University in Cajamarca, Dr Mendoza organised a mini symposium for our Chief Vet to give an "educational afternoon" for vets in private practice.

The visit was a success and The Mayhew has already been invited back in 2012. The wife of one of the university lecturers, also a vet, and who had opened up their clinic to encourage neutering said: "This is amazing. We always knew we needed to neuter the animals, but we have never had a safe technique before. Now I cannot wait to

put into practice what you have shown us. You have helped us hopefully change the fate of the Peruvian street dog and now we can plan neutering campaigns!"

Thanks to The Mayhew's Chief Vet Ursula Goetz, ex-Mayhew employee now returned to Venezuela – Rosa Cisneros Fajardo – for her translating skills and nursing assistance, Dr Ingrid, a local vet presently working for AHSFA, Rosemary Gordon of AHSFA and Dr Jierson Mendoza.

In 2012 we hope to host two Peruvian vets in London and return to the three universities in Peru.



From Dar-es-Salaam to The Mayhew Community Veterinary Clinic in London



In August, we welcomed Dr Thomas Kahema from the Tanzania Animal Welfare Society to our veterinary clinic in London. Thomas spent three weeks at The Mayhew absorbing as much as possible about humane handling techniques, the importance of sterile conditions and neutering cats and dogs. Of particular interest was cat flank spaying as Thomas is planning to introduce a Trap, Neuter, Release initiative in Dar-es-Salaam for the huge number of feral cats in the city.

Thomas was a great candidate for our training scheme, showing great willingness to learn and even practice his suturing at home in the evening! He returned to Tanzania to continue with his pioneering work with a spay kit, some swabs, surgical gloves and a stethoscope donated from our stores. We look forward to getting his updates!

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