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| Help Prevent Animal Suffering – Volunteers Needed http://www.banderasnews.com/images/gobar.gif*Becci Burchett - peacemexico.org July 02, 2010* http://www.banderasnews.com/images/spacer.gif   |  | | --- | | http://www.banderasnews.com/1007/images/peace02.jpg | | For information about volunteering for PEACE spay and neuter clinics, or to find out how to contribute, please contact Nicole Majewski at nicole(at)peacemexico.org. | | http://www.banderasnews.com/images/spacer.gif |   Thousands of poisoned, starving, and abandoned dogs and cats fill the streets of Puerto Vallarta and its surrounding communities. Local non-profit, PEACE works to reduce this miserable cycle of ignored, unwanted animals through free spay and neuter clinics. Last year PEACE prevented 234,500,000+ unwanted animal births and is seeking volunteer help for an even greater impact. http://www.banderasnews.com/images/spacer.gif "The typical Mexican family doesn’t have a fence or air conditioning, so the doors are left open and their animals are able to go in and out," Molly Fisher, Founder and Director of PEACE said. "If they’re not spayed or neutered, they are going to be mating; it’s as simple as that. We believe spay and neuter is the only way to solve this problem, and it is much more cost effective than maintaining shelters." http://www.banderasnews.com/images/spacer.gif Ayuda a los Animales, (Help the Animals,) one of four main programs at PEACE, responds to the challenges of the unwanted pet population in Mexico through aggressive spay/neuter programs, education and adoption. PEACE regularly assists community based animal organizations throughout the Bay of Banderas and trail blazes areas where there are no animal programs in place. http://www.banderasnews.com/images/spacer.gif PEACE relies heavily on volunteers and is now offering volunteer training clinics every two months, in order to have effective, knowledgeable volunteers on staff year round. Without them, Ayuda a los Animals would have a fraction of its impact. http://www.banderasnews.com/images/spacer.gif Volunteer activities range from hands on surgery, to food and laundry assistants. There is also a great need for clinic promotion to pet owners and as well as material donation solicitations. http://www.banderasnews.com/images/spacer.gif No matter what the task, volunteer involvement has a direct impact on how many animals are treated. http://www.banderasnews.com/images/spacer.gif Summer Schedule for PEACE Spay and Neuter Clinics  http://www.banderasnews.com/images/spacer.gif July 1-3 Basurero July 7-10 Aeropuerto July 14-17 Tunel Chico July 21-24 Río Cuale July 28-31 Ixtapa http://www.banderasnews.com/images/spacer.gif August 4-7 El Colorado August 11-14 Las Palmas http://www.banderasnews.com/images/spacer.gif For information about volunteering or to find out how to contribute, please contact Nicole Majewski at nicole(at)peacemexico.org.  http://www.banderasnews.com/vallarta-living/images/peacelogo.jpg*PEACE: Protection, Education, Animals, Culture and Environment, is a nonprofit organization established in 2005, made of four main programs which focus on education, entrepreneurship, animal well-being, and community engagement in the coastal regions of Nayarit, Jalisco and Quintana Roo, Mexico. Through innovative and community based programs, PEACE is working to improve the quality of life in local communities throughout the Bahía de Banderas. For more information, please visit*[*PeaceMexico.org*](http://peacemexico.org/) |