

# WHO WE ARE

Cartagena Paws is a volunteer based 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization dedicated to the rescue of injured, abused, and abandoned street animals of Cartagena. We provide these abused animals with food, shelter, and medical treatment. We work around the clock to conduct spay and neuter events, educational activities for the community, and vaccine clinics throughout the city.

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CARTAGENA, COLOMBIA



ANIMAL RESCUE  
ORGANIZATION



## OUR MISSION

Our mission is to change the lives of animals in Cartagena, Colombia by changing the culture of animal abuse and neglect present in and around the city.

There are over 400,000 stray animals in Cartagena, Colombia. Many experience years of abuse or neglect, and are starving or injured.

Each and every one of these animals deserves better. Help us make a difference today!

## SPAY & RELEASE



Cartagena Paws has worked to vaccinate and spay or neuter animals in the streets through organized vet care events and programs. Cartagena is one of the major cities in Colombia that does not receive funding from the government to oversee spay and neutering programs. Therefore, it is on individual rescue groups and veterinarians to provide those services to the community.



## EDUCATION



The largest hindrance to the animals of Cartagena is the culture around treatment of animals. Through Cartagena Paws education program, volunteers run events in underserved neighborhoods in and around Cartagena. During these events, participants learn about how to care for animals and the environment. Most events are with children and young adults to develop empathy for animals and environment at a young age. We also work with the community to problem solve ways in which they can help their stray animal population.



## ADOPTION

What makes Cartagena Paws different from the other rescues in Cartagena is that there is dedicated time to each rescue. Every animal that goes into Cartagena Paws' care has 2-3 months of recovery time, including veterinary services, vaccinations, and spaying or neutering. Afterwards, he or she is placed in foster care for socialization and determination of best fit homes. Finally, the animals are then either adopted to families in Colombia or flown internationally. Due to a new CDC Ban on animal importation into the USA, Cartagena Paws now only does adoptions within Colombia. We will continue adoptions again once the ban is lifted in the near future.

Cartagena Paws does not have a designated shelter site, but is fundraising to create an Educational Rescue center in Cartagena.

Currently, the organization works exclusively with other rescue groups and fosters to provide the love and attention to each animals.