

## BWRC's first 8 months in numbers and some updates:

BWRC opened its doors to the first patients in May of 2012. The official inauguration was on October 19<sup>th</sup> 2012. One of our core philosophies is total transparency, in an effort to exceed no rivalries and encourage participation and cooperation. We would like to give an overview of the first year's patients, equipment uses and financials.

Between May 2012 and January 2013, BWRC saw 93 domestic clients and 103 non-domestic patients. BWRC's x-ray machine was used for 129 X-ray studies and the anesthesia machine logged 40 hours of use.

BWRC's total "cash income" in 2012 came out to US\$52,500.00. As of December 31<sup>st</sup> BWRC had acquired US\$8,735.00 in savings and US\$38,255.00 in total, not including our donated furniture and equipments from within Belize. Where did our income come from? The largest part of our income originated in the \$25,000.00 Heska grant, followed by income from our interns and students through the Wildlife Institute and ISIS with \$12,250.00, \$7,500.00 from veterinary referral services, the BWCN fundraiser with \$5000.00 and online donations of \$1750.00.

Our total income did not include the donated value of logged volunteer hours of veterinarians, including the director and founder, and non-professional volunteers which came out to 3500 hours valued at US\$41,000.00.

Wildlife species seen ranged from parrots, raptors including the amazing Ornate Hawk Eagle, a Stygian Owl and other avian patients, to several mammals including "Lucky Boy", many primates and even reptilian rescues. We provided service to the GOB in the relocation and capture of the Jabiru, monkeys and others.

The pricing structure <a href="http://www.belizewildlifeclinic.org/client-information/price-structure-and-prices/">http://www.belizewildlifeclinic.org/client-information/price-structure-and-prices/</a> offers free treatment and care to rescued wildlife and significant price discounts for conservation organizations. The total value of services provided for the Government of Belize in 2012 was US\$5,115.07, the value of given discounts to conservation projects US\$1,370.00.

We would like to thank all our supporters, donors, students and volunteers once more. We could not have done it without your tremendous help! At the end of this update I would like to particularly thank Susanne McMillan for all of her assistance in accounting and elsewhere.

We look forward to an exciting 2<sup>nd</sup> year coming up and will soon start a few smaller projects for which we were able to receive funding support from the Peregrine Fund and Wolf Creek Charitable Foundation, including a separate second examination or classroom and some outdoor caging to hospitalize wildlife patients while minimizing stress and eliminating possibilities for contact with domestic patients. As of recently we received the promise of a donated Dodge Pickup, we have found our next professional intern with Dr. Angela Gimmel from Switzerland, engaged our local Associate with Dr. Orlando Baptist for at least one day per week and hired our first employee with Miss Dairy Grijalva. An international Panel of Advisors was started. And last but not least, a number of international students have already booked their internships with us and we saw our first Spring Break group this year! We hope to develop our websites educational resources as well as a couple more video projects this year, and much more. So lots happening!

Please do not hesitate to ask if you have any questions. Suggestions are welcomed and we hope you will continue to help us help the wild critters of Belize, and some domestic ones as well.

HOW TO HELP? Find our wish list for material, supply and equipment donations on the website www.belizewildlifeclinic.org, consider volunteering some time or just make a donation via PayPal.

THANK YOU!

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