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Bucuti & Tara Beach Resort-founded Nonprofit Stimami Sterilisami Announces Free Spay and Neuter Procedures for Dogs and Cats

EAGLE BEACH, Aruba – Aug. 20, 2025—[Bucuti & Tara Beach Resort](#), the founder and driving force behind Aruba’s leading animal welfare nonprofit Stimami Sterilisami, proudly announces that as of Aug. 20, 2025, all spay and neuter procedures for dogs and cats on the island will be completely free of charge. This initiative marks a historic milestone in Aruba’s efforts to humanely address pet overpopulation and improve community well-being.

This renewed commitment is made possible through the combined generosity of the Tourism Product Enhancement Fund (TPEF), the Aruba Tourism Authority (ATA), Bucuti & Tara Beach Resort, and a coalition of loyal donors who share a vision for a sustainable and compassionate Aruba.



Free Access to Spay & Neuter Services

Instituted on Aug. 20, 2025, pet owners and rescue foundations can register for the free sterilization procedures through [StimamiSterilisami.com](https://www.stimamisterilisami.com). After registering, participants will receive a confirmation number to present at participating veterinary clinics, including:

- VSH Veterinary Specialty Hospital
- Caduary Veterinary Clinic

Alternatively, pet owners may register through Animal Welfare Alliance Aruba (AWAA), an independent partner clinic. To do so, contact Help@awa-aruba.org or send a WhatsApp message to +297 5929777.

Why Spaying and Neutering Matters

Aruba faces one of the highest stray animal densities in the Caribbean, a challenge that affects animal

welfare, community health and the island's tourism image. Unchecked reproduction results in thousands of unwanted litters that strain shelters and public resources.

- A single unspayed dog and her offspring can produce up to 67,000 puppies in six years.
- A cat and her descendants can produce over 11 million kittens in the same timeframe.

Sterilization is the most effective and humane solution, preventing suffering before it starts, while delivering direct benefits for pets and families, including:

- Lower risk of cancers and infections
- Reduced behavioral issues
- Safer neighborhoods and fewer animal-related accidents
- Cleaner, more welcoming communities for residents and island visitors alike

Since its founding, Stimami Sterilisami has subsidized more than 41,000 sterilization procedures, dramatically reducing Aruba's stray population and preventing countless litters.

Uniting for Compassion through Community Effort

Stimami Sterilisami was founded by Bucuti & Tara Beach Resort in 2016 to create a lasting, humane solution to Aruba's stray animal crisis. Today, Bucuti & Tara remains the foundation's largest donor, contributing Afl. 400,000 in 2025 alone to ensure sterilization is free for all pet owners and rescue organizations.

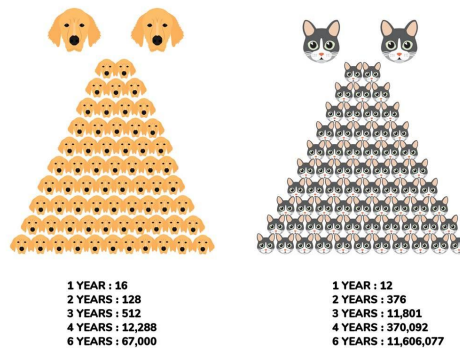
Key partners include:

- Aruba Tourism Authority (ATA), a founding supporter with contributions now totaling over Afl. 850,000
- Tourism Product Enhancement Fund (TPEF), doubling its 2025 contribution to Afl. 200,000
- One Love Foundation, a U.S.-based nonprofit that raises international funds for Aruba's animals
- Aruba Hotel and Tourism Association (AHATA), joining in 2025 with a donation of Afl. 5,000
- Numerous private donors and organizations whose generosity ensures cost is never a barrier to responsible pet care

The complimentary spay and neuter procedures are entirely dependent on donations and are subject to change. To continue offering this free, vital service, donations are welcomed and may be made directly via bank transfer:

- Bank: Aruba Bank
- Account Number: 6012630190

DID YOU KNOW?
If a female dog or cat remains unneutered and allowed to reproduce unchecked, look what can happen in six years! Population explosion!!!



- Account Name: FUNDASHON STIMAMI STERILISAMI
- Swift Code: ARUBAWAX

All financial records are independently audited and available to the public.

Voluntourism Opportunities Available for Guests

Bucuti & Tara along with Stimami Sterilisami welcome volunteers. Resort guests who are veterinarians or vet techs are welcome to share their talents during procedures and there are often opportunities for guests to participate in soothing dogs and cats both pre- and post-op.

Bucuti & Tara's robust [voluntourism program includes packages](#) with offerings themed by land, sea, and animal welfare, including mangrove conservation opportunities. Guests wishing to participate can connect with their personal concierge at concierge@bucuti.com.

Learn more or get involved by visiting Bucuti.com, StimamiSterilisami.com or emailing sustainability@bucuti.com.

IMAGES & VIDEOS

Stimami Sterilisami images are located in [this Dropbox folder](#).

Caption (l to r): Presentation of Tourism Product Enhancement Fund (TPEF) donation, doubling its 2025 contribution to Afl. 200,000. Crescenzia Biemans, Managing Director of Bucuti & Tara Beach Resort and Board of Directors Secretary of Stimami Sterilisami; Ronella Croes, CEO, Aruba Tourism Authority; Wendrick Cilia, Minister of Tourism, Transport and Labor in Aruba; Rik van der Berg, General Manager of Bucuti & Tara Beach Resort.

General resort images are in [this private media gallery](#).

About Bucuti & Tara Beach Resort

Declared the [first certified CarbonNeutral® hotel in the Caribbean](#) in 2018, Bucuti & Tara Beach Resort is the No. 5 Hotel in the World and No. 1 Best Hotel in the Caribbean according to Tripadvisor. Aruba's premier adults-only boutique resort is led by celebrated hotelier and environmentalist Ewald Biemans, who holds many accolades, including multiple Hotelier of the Year awards. The resort is nestled on the powdery white sands of Eagle Beach, home to protected sea turtles and named one of the "Dream Beaches of the World."

Home to the Caribbean's Safest, Healthiest Vacation Experience and Aruba's Health & Happiness Code seal, Bucuti has 104 well-appointed guest rooms, suites, and penthouses. It offers sunbeds and shade for every guest, a freshwater infinity pool, a spa, WiFi, and a complimentary tablet for use during the stay. Award-winning healthy dining is enjoyed at Oceanfront Elements, Tara Lounge, and private beach dining. Reserved exclusively for guests and their friends, the open-air SandBar offers top-shelf cocktails, live music daily, and the Caribbean's first Healthy Hour. The resort is IGLTA and TAG Approved® as an LGBTQ-friendly hotel. Bucuti & Tara, a worldwide sustainable tourism leader, holds eco-certifications of CarbonNeutral®, LEED Gold, Green Globe Platinum, and Travelife Gold and was named the World's Most Sustainable Hotel/Resort in 2016 by Green Globe. The resort exemplifies an all-embracing commitment to the [United Nations Sustainable Development Goals](#), and the United Nations deemed Bucuti & Tara's sustainability program "highly replicable and scalable" for hotels worldwide to emulate.

About Stimami Sterilisami

Founded by Bucuti & Tara Beach Resort, Stimami Sterilisami is a non-profit organization dedicated to reducing the number of abandoned dogs and cats in Aruba through spay and neuter programs and community education. The foundation ensures every donation directly supports sterilization procedures for both pet owners and volunteer rescue groups. For more information, visit StimamiSterilisami.com.

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