

# TAM Sun Mangaia Edition

The oldest current veterinary newsletter in the Cook Islands.

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Mangaia is home to a little known breed of animal, the Pandanas Makatea (or rock) goat. These hardy creatures thrive in the rugged environment around the island, skipping from one porous, sharp rock to the next. They are fleet of foot and have superb balance, and as babies, they are very cute (please note the breed probably doesn't exist, we just think it should).



#### SPONSOR'S SPLASH MANGAIA IS MAGIC

Thank you Mangaia for having us. We aren't photographers so we hope these show some of your sights.



### **SUNNY'S STORY**

This month I slept 40 hours on my back under each desk, 30 hours on my belly in the middle of the doorway, caused 3 trips, and was stood on twice—about average.



I have been asked to mention Kady and Kasia, who aside from being my flatmates at the time, helped Virginia and Lorraine operate in Rarotonga for a couple weeks. Without them keeping the home fire burning, we couldn't offer clinics in the Pa Enua.

# **DONOR'S CARD**

We had such wonderful support on the island. Anthony set us up and did all the pre-visit organisation, George and George did all of our logistics and heavy lifting and were a great source of local knowledge. Marilyn gave our nursing team valuable rest rotation, and the people supported the clinic by bringing in all of the cats (37) and dogs (58) that made the clinic a success. Not to mention the food and donations we received.





## <u> More photos - Mangaia is Magic</u>



#### **SPCA SECTION** - WELFARE IN MANAGIA

As always we want to acknowledge the cooperation and support we receive from the SPCA. Our charity and the SPCA work together closely.

We were delighted to have someone with the experience and expertise of Mata Nooroa Jr on our team. Mata's involvement elevated the clinic by introducing a strong welfare and animal care component.

This is another practical example of what can be achieved when two organisations are in sync.

