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Friends and Tax Exemption

To those that have donated, thank you very much. Some potential donors are waiting until **Friends** receives its tax-exempt determination letter from the Internal Revenue Service before making a donation. We would like to clarify a few points:

- The way the US tax code is written, donations from US citizens are tax-exempt while our 501(c)(3) application is pending,
- The tax laws in Canada are different and Canadians can **not** make tax-exempt donations until our tax-exempt status is approved and we sign an agreement with a Canadian company (Tides Canada) to handle tax-exempt donations from Canadian sources.

Pledges

For donors who have chosen to wait until our tax-exempt status is approved before making a donation, **Friends** has a solution. Consider making a pledge now to donate later. We have set-up a special email address to receive your pledges, pledge@friendsofpata.org, and will send you a personal email when the tax-exempt status is approved.



All of us working animal welfare in Manzanillo thank you for your support of **Friends of PATA Manzanillo**.

Including former street animals helped like us!



Animal Related Health Issues in Manzanillo

It is estimated there are about 13,000 street dogs in Manzanillo. Since each animal defecates between 150 – 300 grams of material daily, they are leaving nearly 7,000 pounds of fecal matter each day on our streets. These feces coupled with the trash spread by marauding packs are breeding grounds for disease and attract other disease carrying critters. Such as rats, cockroaches, flies and mosquitos.



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Animal Related Health Issues in Manzanillo (cont'd)

The marauding packs of street dogs sometimes attack children, and bite people of all ages. Many are starving, suffer injuries from car strikes, infested with parasites, and are diseased with skin disorders or the highly contagious, yet treatable, Transmissible Venereal Tumor (TVT). They need our help.

About Friends of PATA Manzanillo



Even though **Friends** was incorporated in July of 2009, it actually had it's beginnings long before that. Most of the founding members met in 2007 while working at a 5-day sterilization clinic sponsored by PATA Manzanillo. We became friends and through the years have continued to discuss animal welfare activities in Manzanillo and how to expand them.

This group of friends came to the conclusion that there is a finite amount of money available in Manzanillo to build animal welfare programs necessary to alleviate the suffering. The existing animals groups are pretty close to depleting that pool. Therefore if the programs want to grow to meet the need, someone would have to look for funds outside Manzanillo. So that is why **Friends of PATA Manzanillo** exists.



We want to assist in funding;

- Animal sterilization at no cost to the owner,
- Animal education in the schools,
- Fostering and adoption of homeless animals,
- Medical treatment for injured and diseased animals,
- Establishment of a large-scale animal shelter



• **Healthy Animals = Healthy Communities**

