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## **Dogs bring joy**

Dear Editor,

I'm having a great holiday here in Rarotonga. A large part of my enjoyment has been the people I've met and watching, talking to and cuddling the friendly dogs on Muri Beach.

I've observed many other tourists doing the same and see the dogs as a huge attraction as you don't experience this at home where dogs are all tied up or shut in or banned from so many areas.

Some of us miss our dear pets at home! There are always those who will complain and see people as having exclusive rights to happiness but I believe (as do others) that the dogs have as much right to a good quality of life as we do.

Today I visited the Esther Honey Foundation Animal Clinic to find out about the work they do. They provide a free service and are currently full of sick, injured and homeless cats and dogs and would appreciate donations of pet food and towels.

If you have been on holiday and are heading home why not drop in your beach towel and a can of pet food to the clinic which is by the airport and golf course or to the Esther Honey Foundation stall at the Punanga Nui Market on Saturdays.

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