



*Save the child, and you save the nation.  
L. Ron Hubbard*

During the time we have been operating in Iquitos, we have learned many lessons. The most important change has been our transition from an organization devoted to "intervention" to one of "prevention." In making this change, education has become a key component to reaching our goals.

Humane education starting at early ages is key in teaching important lessons in compassion towards ALL living beings. These programs are especially relevant in the Amazon region because they provide important opportunities to teach respect for wildlife, environmental care and conservation.

### STATED GOALS

- Provide framework for community-led, grassroots initiatives;
- Work to enforce existing animal cruelty legislation and programs that are not being implemented by the local government, and/or introduce new programs that fulfill our overall vision;
- Educate the community about responsible pet ownership through outreach and improved access to Veterinary care.



### HOW WE ARE MEETING THESE GOALS

- Regular meetings with community leaders, journalists, legislators, law enforcement officials and teachers about the importance of Humane Education and services we can offer at no charge;
- Free animal-care classes and information, obedience training classes and public seminars to assist families in the care of domestic pets;
- Widely distributed, free activity sheets that teach dog-bite prevention, safety around animals, and the importance of wildlife conservation and environmental awareness;
- Visits to local schools and "in-house" tours with local youth groups such as FUTURAC, the Future Leaders of the Rotary Club of Iquitos;
- Spanish language website / forum, [www.clubdonperrito.com](http://www.clubdonperrito.com), that offers educational and social interaction and the promotion of animal welfare;
- Collaboration with other local organizations to aid in the prevention of the illegal trade of wildlife & the capture of wildlife to be sold, displayed for tourists, or for use as pets;
- Publicizing laws (currently not being enforced) against animal cruelty & encouraging people to report incidents;
- Publicizing information about the link between domestic violence & animal cruelty, including the distribution of press releases and meetings with local law enforcement.

