

BAHRAIN IN FOCUS



Hundreds back pet charity...



■ A woman with her pets

A FUNDRAISING family day and a dog show were held yesterday at the British Embassy's garden in Manama. More than 300 people participated in the event, aimed at raising funds for Tony Waters, 'the Dogfather'.

Mr Waters and his animals had to leave their home in Karranah in June when all tenants were asked to move from the compound for renovation work.

Funds raised at the event will go towards finding a suitable house for Mr Waters and his animals.

Mr Waters, who is member of the Bahrain Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (BSPCA) and Cat Society of Bahrain and Pet Animals (CSBPA), has 170 animals he had rescued, including cats, dogs, a rabbit and birds.

"I am working for charity and whatever organisations that work for the welfare of animals," said Mr Waters.

"I love my job and what I am doing by rescuing the animals and finding them homes. I am so happy that many have come to support me.

"I am also grateful to the British ambassador and his wife for giving me special attention and trying to help me raise funds."

The dog show featured a number of categories such as dogs with waggiest tails, prettiest girl and most handsome boy among others.

It also included various stalls, refreshments, performances by bands and a grand raffle draw with prizes such as a stay at Al Banyan Tree Al Areen Resort.



■ some of the participants at the show



■ A Spring Fair was held yesterday for students from the Talent International and Infant School in Kanoo Gardens, near Salmaniya. The event featured bouncy castle, balloon twisting, haunted house, entertainment, food stalls, face-painting and raffle draw, among others. Proceeds will go towards the purchase of picnic tables for students.



■ University and government school students showcased their skills at a show held last night at the Abdulrahman Kanoo International School, Salmabad. It was organised by the Bahrain Institute of Banking and Finance student council. St Christopher's Senior School music teacher Manny Cordeo, Spring of Culture organiser Aseel Al Shafei, and comedian Imran Al Aradi were the judges. The event was sponsored by BIBF and Bahrain Specialist Hospital. Above, a section of the audience at the show. Left, two young participants show off their juggling skills.



■ World Asthma Day was marked yesterday at the City Centre mall's ground floor, under the patronage of Health Minister Dr Faisal Al Hamer. It included an art workshop for children, a documentary and distribution of flyers and booklets on the disease. Educational DVDs directed at asthma patients and students were also distributed. Above, doctors attending the workshop.



■ A workshop on 'The Magic of Married Life – A Discovery' was held yesterday by the Indian Ladies Association (ILA) at the Bahrain Society of Engineers, Juffair. It was conducted by Bahrain-based Neuro Linguistic Programming trainer Hemant Joshi. The event featured a raffle draw with various prizes, including a Bahrain-Mumbai return air ticket. Above, Mr Joshi, centre, with ILA president Shiney Koshy, fifth from left, and other association members