

Animal shelter container gets five-star treatment

MARIGOT--Several well-known artists collaborated Saturday on painting I Love My Island Dog Association's recently acquired container that will serve as the association's main office and animal shelter in Chevrise, French Cul-de-Sac.

Painting of the 40-foot container organised by Catherine Millot and the Art Lovers Association began at 9:00am and was finished by 2:00pm.

Artists taking part were Lucia Triffan, Patty Meotty, Lorette Kasuba, Alessandra Fiorillo, Claudine Gallet, Dominique Dorann, Ronald Stassen, Catherine Millot, Luna Stassen, Gauderic Gumbs, and Gwenaelle Gumbs.

Two young local artists in

the group are studying at Alessandra Fiorillo's workshop in Marigot.

Association President Ursula Oppikofer said the container bought by the association was already equipped inside with office, air conditioner, kitchen, bathroom and shower, etc. "We don't have electricity yet, and we are also looking for one of those big plastic containers to store water," she said.

She said it had been her idea to invite the artists to brighten up the container, as she was the founder of Art Lovers Association, but had given it up to spend more time with animals. "We had a lot of fun painting the container and had a nice picnic with wine, cheese and salami," Ursula

noted.

Expected shortly are pens for the animals. Seven are coming from Guadeloupe and more will be built later. "We still need materials. For example, we need a shade to be built, so any wood will be gratefully accepted, as well as the water container."

I Love My Island Dog Association expressed its sincere thanks to the company SIAPOC located in Cripple Gate and Hope Estate for providing the paint and materials, and to the Art Lovers Association.

More information about the association can be obtained from Ursula Oppikofer, tel. 544-3464 or (690) 50.34.07.



Artists pose with I Love My Island Dog Association president Ursula Oppikofer (fourth left) during the painting session on Saturday.