

# Dr. Alan Keith Bater



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**A Welsh Proverb: "*Eang yw'r byd i bawb.*"  
Translation: "The world is wide to everyone."**



**DR. ALAN KEITH BATER** was born on April 12, 1947 in Barry, Wales to Albert and Bessie Bater. He grew up with his two sisters and always loved animals, which led him to pursue a Veterinary career.

In 1968 Alan graduated with a Bachelor of Science from the University of London with 1<sup>st</sup> class honors. He then went on to the Royal Veterinary College (RVC) in London receiving the First Thompson Prize. In 1970 he became the Scientific Coordinator for the RVC East African Research Team in Uganda. He received his B.Vet Medical degree with Distinction in Surgery.

Alan came to Freeport in 1972 and began as an associate, then partner, then principal in the Freeport Animal Clinic.

Alan pursued opportunities in the Veterinary field and served as an Adjunct Professor at the University of Florida. He served as a Marine Mammal consultant for several films in 1973 to "Day of the Dolphin" film production at Treasure Cay, in Abaco, and as Veterinary supervisor for "Zeus & Roxanne".

Alan worked with marine mammals and was a consultant to "Marine Floor Aquarium" in Nassau and was involved with marine mammal strandings including whales, dolphins, seals and manatees. As consultant to "Dolphin Experience" here in Freeport, he became responsible for matters pertaining to health of 16 captive Atlantic Bottle Nosed Dolphins. Later he served as Executive Director of the Bahamas Marine Mammal Conservation Institute.

He collaborated with other facilities, SeaWorld, US Navy, Miami Seaquarium, and Reina Aventura (Mexico City). In 2003, the Jamaican Government appointed Alan a consultant for captive dolphins to the National Environment Protection Agency.

He was generous with his skills and knowledge training many Vet Assistants and personally sending several talented young people to college.

Alan loved the Theatre. "Alan was a Lifetime Patron of the Regency Theatre as well as a member of the Freeport Players Guild. He appeared in numerous plays and musicals over the years including Guys & Dolls, Lend Me A Tenor, Romeo & Juliette, A Bedfull of Foreigners, Forever Broadway and An Evening with Andrew Lloyd Webber to name a few.

Alan was a dedicated ally of the Humane Society of Grand Bahama and its many animals over the years. His compassion, commitment and expertise were unparalleled.

Alan was a member of the Masonic Lodge and the Rugby Club.

Alan lived life to the fullest. He piloted his own airplane, captained his own boat, the 8th man on the rugby team (Wythwr) and a referee, was a fabulous chef and epicure, a thespian, wonderful story-teller, an avid reader. He loved life!



He leaves behind his mother, Bessie Bater, his sisters, nephew, nieces, brother-in-law, his dear Dorothy McIntosh, his best friend Dillon and a host of cherished friends here in the Bahamas and around the globe. *Ashes to Ashes...*

Life! we've been long together, Through pleasant and through cloudy weather; 'Tis hard to part when friends are dear, Perhaps 'twill cost a sigh, a tear; Then steal away, give little warning; Choose thine own time; Say not 'Good-night'; but in some brighter clime Bid me 'Good-morning' ~Aikin Barbauld



*"Don't cry because I'm leaving, smile because we were there together."*

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