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# DOP REHOMING PORTUGUESE DOGS

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**Dogs of Portugal is a group of young, multicultural, highly motivated, men and women that devote – on a voluntary, non remunerated basis – their short free time to improve the living standards of abandoned and mistreated dogs in Portugal.**

We have different nationalities, different professional backgrounds (from the services to the health industry, or legal practice to the armed and security forces), but are **strongly united under the premise of upgrading the animal welfare practices in Portugal** to the highest standards achieved in the most advanced countries in the world.

**We do not run a shelter: we help the best shelters in Portugal** to achieve world class standards by providing them with professional advice and state of the art services. We create electronic platforms to promote their work, we help them to fundraise, we provide technical support in infrastructure overhaul, we link the dogs to hundreds of potential new owners through our network of animal associations in northern Europe.

We are up to the challenge: **The Core of Dogs of Portugal is composed of people with years of experience as volunteers** and even ex-Directors of some of the most highly regarded animal charities throughout Portugal. These core members coordinate their own projects, manage their own resources and designate their own objectives and timetable. Foresight and Planning are paramount: All projects of Dogs of Portugal are to be finished, within schedule and within budget!

We are better because: we have shed like an old skin the paralyzing, bureaucratic structures that plague most of other animal charities.

**We do things better** because we have the experience, the skills and the know-how;

**We will be better** because our organization is in perpetual change;

**We learn from our mistakes;**

**We innovate;**

**We upgrade;**

**We deliver what we promise.**

Help us give the Dogs of Portugal a better life! See how on our website.

## EVENTS

On the 18th of September Dogs of Portugal participated in Scruffts Competition 2011 in Algarve with two female dogs: Blue and Mel.

Blue won second price in the class for the most beautiful female dogs mixed breed.

Blue and Mel are still for adoption: both are 2 years old, small-medium, gentle and social, vaccinated and spayed.

On the 8th of October we will host a group of students from St Dominic's school in the shelter Cantinho da Milu in Setúbal. This will be their "Community Service". If you are a student of this school and interested in joining the project, write to us and we will refer you to the teacher that is preparing the 8th of October outing.

## ADOPTIONS THIS MONTH

This is our first month of cooperation with the shelter Cantinho da Milu in Setúbal which houses 400 dogs! We have managed to find good homes for the following dogs:

Dalila, Minnie (adopted as Ayka), Alex, Joy (adopted as Samo), Lucky, Pluto, Chiquinho, Mix (adopted as Luigi) and Branquinha (adopted as Sunny)!

If you have adopted a dog or a cat from us, give us news!



## FEATURED ANIMALS

**Baltasar** was found abandoned on the street... His eyes were covered with a white layer, he could hardly see anything. Something that could have been treated as soon as it appeared but his owners let it progress and the dog became nearly completely blind. And then they abandoned him. Blood tests were done, everything came negative: no tick fever, no heart worm, no leishmaniosis. His eyes are being treated, he takes eye drops twice a day and a progress can be noted. The eyes look better and we can be pretty sure that now he can see something, at least shapes and shadows; he can move around without bumping into anything even in an environment new for him. We expect that with the treatment he will see even better but he will never recover his sight completely. That will not prevent him from having a quality of life but it will be difficult to rehome a big senior dog with an eye problem... Baltasar is extremely gentle, very nice with people and social with all dogs, males and females.



**Tobias** had a home until the day he was abandoned in a transporting box at the vet clinic together with another cat. The other cat was adopted but Tobias, being black, did not have many candidates. Noone wants to adopt black cats in Portugal. So he has been living in the clinic for the last two months and will stay there until he is adopted but he has to spend most of his day in the cat cage.... He is a gentle cat, it was confirmed already that he is nice to other cats and friendly with dogs and he is absolutely lovely with people. He is 2 years old, castrated, vaccinated and FIV/FELV negative. He needs a new home...

## PRESENTING CANTINHO DA MILU

Cantinho da Milu is a farm in "South Margin" of Lisbon, an area known for its high abandonment of dogs, where brave Milu gives shelter to the abandoned and mistreated dogs. She started with a few dogs many years ago and now she



has 400! She is in her shelter from the morning to the evening and with only a handful of employees she cleans the place, feeds the dogs and distributes medication to those that need. Their efficiency and effort is amazing taking into consideration that there are over 400 dogs and the farm is very big.

Every Monday morning she buys food for the dogs – and they eat over 1000 kg of dry food per month. She also buys herself the medications that are needed for the sick dogs. Many of the dogs she rescues are sick and abused so she needs to nurse them back to health. And still, all her dogs are vaccinated, all females are sterilised and all sick dogs treated...

But there are things for which she does not have time... She especially does not have time for rehoming. She has many beautiful and gentle dogs that deserve to have a real home, sleep in bed with the owners, go for a walk on the leash, but Milu does not have time! So the number of dogs is increasing. And this where Dogs of Portugal come! The choice is amazing: all sizes, colours and ages!

Also, a few weeks ago we dewormed internally all 400 dogs in Cantinho da Milu. Deworming is very important, this has to be done every 4 months. Milu bought the pills, Zypiran Plus, with her own money and a task that usually takes a few days was done by us in just one!

Now that we are done with deworming, there is still another important task waiting for us: we need to prevent fleas and ticks on dogs. In the area where the shelter is the ticks are very common so the prevention is very important as they carry many nasty diseases. Neither Milu nor us have enough money to buy 400 capsules of spot-on... So we need your help! **Donate a capsule of Advantix, Frontline, Pulvex** (or another) that would really help. You can bring it to the shelter or contact us through facebook or email and we'll tell you the post address or arrange a meeting! Just one, that's all we're asking...

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