

# DOP

## REHOMING PORTUGUESE DOGS

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### LET THERE BE NO NASTY BUGS!

This winter was very warm. Due to this fact the ticks and mosquitoes started to appear early and unfortunately they bring lots of diseases to the dogs like tick fever, leishmaniasis and various skin allergies. This is why we have launched a campaign in which we encouraged people to sponsor one or two *Scalibor* collars for a chosen dog. Many people adhered to it.

Moreover, from the pieces of the collars that are left we make new collars by joining the pieces with small plastic



binders. As a result we have already over 100 dogs in the shelter proudly wearing their collars. There are however over 400 dogs in the shelter, this is why we are counting on more sponsors.



The collars last for 4-6 months. Those dogs that don't have collars needed to get a spot-on every 4 weeks. There are also some dogs that do not react well to the collar. For those dogs we need spot-on, the best *Advantix* or *Advocate*. We received some donations for which we would like to wholeheartedly thank but remember that we continuously need spot-ons.

Anyone is welcome to sponsor a box of *Advantix* or give a donation that would allow to buy it.



We would like to thank all sponsors of the *Scalibors* and *Advantix*. There are too many to name here but thank you all and please keep it coming.



### GRC - CANINE REHABILITATION GROUP

Canine Rehabilitation Group (GRC is the Portuguese acronym) was created to deal with some of the difficulties that dogs face in their relations to people. Those difficulties arise mostly because of the way in which people interpret dogs and how they understand their role in the animal universe and in relation to their animal's necessities.

This project has developed spontaneously. Already in their everyday activities with dogs the volunteers try to pursue the objectives of canine rehabilitation. There is always a need to organize and adapt the work in the way most beneficial to the dogs.

GRC of DOP aims to help the dogs to acquire the balance they need in their everyday life: a balanced dog is a happy dog. The long term objective is to prepare the dogs for their life in new homes. For those dogs that take longer to find a new home the aim is for them to live a happy and balanced life in the shelter – as they deserve!

Dogs living in shelters and kennels experience several kinds of problems, the most common ones being "shyness" and/or "fear" than in certain cases could lead to "aggression".

The triangle of: exercise, discipline and affection encompass the most important measures to help to resolve those and other behavioral problems of dogs.

Whenever it would be deemed necessary, the GRC of DOP accompanies the



introduction of the animals to the new owners, as well the transition and integration in the new environment, especially if there are already other animals in the new home.



GRC of DOP needs volunteers who would like to join and help in the diversified activities of dog socializing. This participation however, is subjected to a profound degree of commitment and organization.



If you want to donate, there are things we always need:

- deworming tablets
- spot-on against fleas and ticks such as Advantix and Frontline and also Advocate for dogs with skin allergies
- collars and leashes
- dog food
- Actidox and Becozyme for treatment of tick fever and Conofite and Oridermyl for treatment of ear infections (all can be bought at the pharmacy)

## DOP PHARMACY

### CANTINHO DA MILU'S PHARMACY

It is with great satisfaction that we inform that the objective has been achieved: the DOP pharmacy in Cantinho da Milu shelter has been opened and it is in full operation. The DOP team has worked over the last few months to make this project into reality in order to improve the quality of life of the dogs and cats in the shelter.

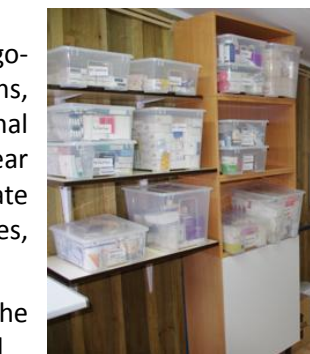
When the project was initiated, the whole "pharmacy" consisted of ONE small piece of furniture with random medications. Now the pharmacy is a whole furnished room.



At a start, the team launched an action for donations which allowed them to receive furniture, boxes to store medications and most importantly various medications themselves. Then every Saturday (as they all work and only during the weekend can go to the shelter) they were building the furniture and organising the medications according to the previously elaborated project.

Medications are divided into categories, for example antibiotics, vitamins, internal deworming, external deworming, heart medications, ear medications, etc. There is a separate category for material like syringes, bandages, plasters, etc.

Now we have to make sure that the pharmacy will be self-sufficient and constantly running. For that we welcome continuous donations of medications, as well as plastic transparent boxes from IKEA of various sizes. The team will now elaborate lists of medications taken by each "patient", lists of mostly consumed medications as well as lists of monthly consumption.



We can now proudly say that what we did make a difference for the quality of life of the animals in the shelter!

## WE HAVE NEW MERCHANDISING!

Now you can support our cause by buying a very feminine tank top or a very colorful kid-size t-shirt! And for our male supporters we have a military style cap...

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## DOP DENMARK

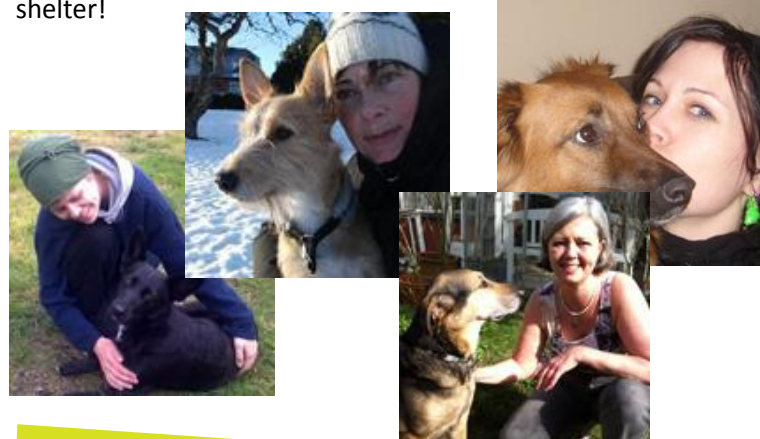
We would like to present to you DOP Denmark. If you are in Denmark and would like to know more about us, please visit:

[dopdk.wordpress.com](http://dopdk.wordpress.com)

or e-mail the team at: [dopdk@hotmail.com](mailto:dopdk@hotmail.com)

DOP Denmark helps to rehome dogs from Cantinho da Milu to their new homes in Denmark, as well as orientates volunteers (vets and vet students especially welcome) to come and give a hand at the shelter.

If you would like to help: you can join the team to help with pre- and post-adoption visits, you can offer the place for the dog on your flight if you are traveling from Lisbon to Copenhagen, you can sponsor a dog or you can come and help at the shelter!



## VIP CANINE SPA!

The Bath Area has been developing tremendously. The team had new furniture installed (donation from Mr Helder) and the place looks just great (and Ana gives it a weekly cleaning and scrubbing).

The team received a new shaving machine (sponsored by Moni from Switzerland, thank you!), a real jewel, which was immediately inaugurated by shaving Obelix. Basically, the bath and hygiene section is running full steam. Every weekend at least 5 dogs are given a complete pampering before going to new homes by Ana Teresa, Teresa, Humberto and Nuno. Big applause for them!





DOP ADVISES

DOP works every day to find responsible adoptants for the dogs and cats in the shelter. The objective is to make sure that our animals will live a healthy and happy life after leaving the shelter.

But it works both way – who has an animal knows that having one brings many benefits like for example ensuring healthy lifestyle of the owners.

How?

It is simple, DOP explains:

Regular physical exercise: daily walks are as necessary for dogs as for their owners – like this you can walk, jog, ride a bike and both you and your dog will like it!

Weight loss: regular walks will help you to keep fit and to keep your weight under control, even after you have eaten a bit too much fat or sweet.

Maintaining social relations: when you walk your dog you meet other dog owners, or you can meet your neighbours – and at the same time you can teach your dog to be social with other people.

Walks in the parks and forests: if there are no nice places to walk in your district, you can go to other green zones of the city, like this you spend time in the nature and get to know new places.

Family activities: if you work during the week, there is not much time left for family life but you can use dog walks especially during the weekends to join the family together: you can all go to a park, go for a coffee, drive for a picnic....

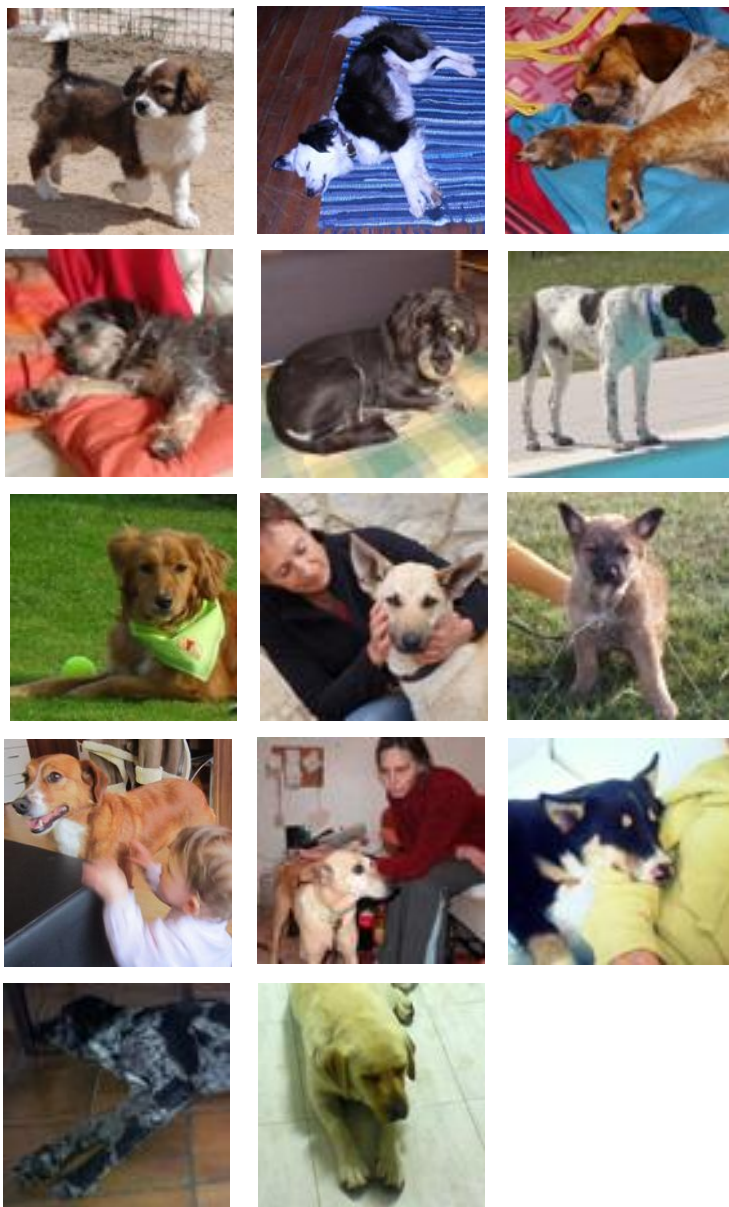
You know other benefits? Tell us!

## ADOPTIONS THIS MONTH

In April 2012 a total of 14 animals were adopted!

The lucky ones were: Camy, Catita (now Luna), Cindy (now Leah), Dolly, Doutora (now Dora), João, LoveLove (now Mia), Lula (now Luna), Maçã (now Kira), Maggie, Shakira, Thalia, Tuareg and Viernes.

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



## THANK YOU!

We would like to thank Moni and Kristina for sponsoring the operation of Paloma. She had a head of the femur broken and was in pain when walking. She was operated and is recovering well, we can see now that she is much happier, jumpy and eager to run, she was obviously in great pain before.



At the same time we would like to remind that we are still in need of donations to operate Natasha who has breast tumors.



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