

DOP

REHOMING
PORTUGUESE
DOGS



FIRST
GERMAN DOP
SUMMER FESTIVAL

WWW.DOGSOFPORTUGAL.COM



Everyone had fun!

On Sunday 12 August 2012 we celebrated our first German DOP summer festival in Wiesbaden-Breckenheim, in the dog day care center HuTa Klingenmuehle. It was a real success! Everyone had a lot of fun, both the owners and the dogs. We hosted around 30 adoptants with DOP dogs and partly with their additional dogs; in total there were around 70 people and 45 dogs present. Many of them had a long drive, they came from everywhere in Germany. Everything ran – as we expected it – smoothly and in perfect harmony. We could reassure two dog parents who were very worried in the beginning that their adopted DOP dogs would not be social with the other dogs. They were surprised how well their dogs handled the situation and how social they behaved compared to their behavior when they encounter other dogs on the leash at home. We hope that we were able to give them and also some other dog parents more trust in the good social behavior of their dogs.

Milu, the owner of the Cantinho da Milu, who flew to Germany together with Gosia and Agustin, the team colleagues from Portugal, could hardly hold back her joy about seeing all “her” doggies again. She was overwhelmed to see them all healthy and happy and she was glad to encounter all the adoptants.



The festival also allowed us to find a temporary home for one of our adopted dogs: Tony, a small male doggy who was rehomed in Germany in May did not feel comfortable in his new home. Since we could not find an appropriate temporary home for him we decided to fly him back to Portugal. During the festival though we found a great family who already adopted a dog from us and they agreed to take Tony temporarily until we find a new home for him. This family first didn't want to come to the festival since the mother went through a surgery recently and didn't feel that well yet. But they came. So we think that destiny was interfering. Thank you very much to the temporary family and also to Tony's former owner for coming! For Tony it meant that for the moment he can stay in Germany and will have another chance to find his final home.

There was a lot of food and beverage, each family brought something to eat and everything was very delicious. Thank you for all the great food! We would like to say a special thank you to the owner of Grace, who baked a wonderful DOP cake (see picture in the first page!), as well as to the owner of Pituxa (now Lisa), who brought food for at least 10 persons – everything was so delicious!

Another special thank you to the owner of Brownny (now Mojo) who came to the festival even if she had to pass through a very difficult surgery recently and also thank you to the owner of senior Shakira who also came to the festival and drove quite far despite her health problems.

Overall we can say that the festival was very successful! For us it is a confirmation that we brought the right dogs to the right families. At the same time it is a challenge for us to continue our work and to allow a lot of more dogs to find a new home in Germany.

We will for sure organize another festival next summer and we already are looking forward to encounter a lot of happy dogs and owners!



If you want to get more information about the dog day care center HuTa Klingenmuehle in Wiesbaden-Breckenheim please look at www.huta-klingenmuehle.de