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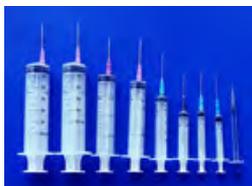
EVENTS

This month the crucial event was the so called Alimentary Bank on the 29-30th of September. It is a national campaign organized by platform Animalife and it involves various animal charities. Each charity is present in the Continente supermarket near its location, all on the same weekend, promoting their activities and receiving donations from weekend shoppers. Dog and cat food is the most needed but also cleaning and pharmaceutical products as well.



Do not forget our upcoming sterilization project!

We need your donations, even as small as 10€ to buy medicines and pharmaceutical products. This project is our contribution to solve overpopulation of dogs and cats in Portugal and to fulfill our commitment of always giving a neutered animal for adoption.



VOLUNTEERING!

This month has been very busy with volunteers. We had two volunteers coming from Denmark (actually the core of DOP Denmark) and two volunteers coming from Germany (who adopted Dolly from us 6 months ago). Upon arrival they got a task list: which dogs to walk, which dogs to socialize, give bath, clean ears – and they were working from morning to evening, their help being very useful.



We also had local volunteers who came on Saturdays to help with various tasks in the shelter – organizing the medications in DOP Pharmacy, preparing the Agility Camp for the winter season with DOP Canine Rehabilitation Group, helping DOP Canine spa with bathing dogs....

To all of them we would like to say – big thank you! And to the others here is an invitation: come and try volunteering in the shelter, it is very rewarding.



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)

GRC ADVISES: A SECOND DOG HOW TO CHOOSE AND HOW TO INTRODUCE IT TO THE NEW HOME

The nature of dogs is to live in groups (packs), whether those groups are constituted only of dogs or of canines and humans and where the humans (the owners) play a primordial role (the latter is the situation that interests us particularly). Every new dog added to this pack has to find its place so the pack could function.

Experience in this field has taught us that each case has to be treated as a particular case. Thus, even if it is not possible to foresee how a dog will react to the new arrival (which is what usually worries the future adoptants), it is possible to minimize the risks. It is in this perspective that we will breach this subject, with the aim to help with the choice of your second dog.

The choice of a second dog has to take into consideration the animal that is already there and its behavioral and morphological characteristics, as well as its age and sex. The chances of accepting a new companion are greater if the first dog is a "balanced" animal.

The need for activities and exercise should be preferably similar. It is important to assure the levels of activity, exercise and the rest that each of them requires.

Possible differences in this respect can be overcome easier if the dogs have access to a space where they can exercise according to their individual needs. On the contrary, those differences can be more noticeable if the owners live in an apartment in the city.



The size, or let's better say the difference in size between both dogs, should be given a serious consideration. Playtime between a Chihuahua and a Great Dane could become difficult to handle and it could lead to unwanted accidents. It is advisable to keep in mind the presumed size of the dogs

November will bring not only the bad weather and the 2013 DOP Calendar, but also some new items to the DOP Merchandising!



as adults (so one can adopt a puppy even if the first dog is already adult, expecting that as adults they will both have comparable size).

Age and sex are also relevant to keep into consideration. Introducing a new adult dog might result to be more complicated that to opt for a puppy, in which case being of the same sex would be less relevant. In case of two adults, the choice should be of opposite sexes.

In case of having a senior dog, the right choice should be an adult companion. The energy, physical capabilities and patience of an elderly dog could be incompatible with those of a puppy.

For the introduction of the new member of the family to the resident dog, you should take into account what was referred in our previous article "GRC/ New Family and home for my Dog" (NL 07/2012). In order to introduce a new dog you should take them for a walk on a "neutral territory".

Territory, food and toys are, as a rule, potential generators of conflicts, so the owners should pay special attention to them. Coherence, common sense and assertiveness will do the trick, but the owners should be particularly attentive to the behavior of the animals throughout the adaptation period and, if necessary, to adapt their own behavior to the circumstances, being careful to always take the place of a leader.



SENIOR DOGS

THE ADVANTAGES OF ADOPTING A SENIOR DOG:

- *You don't need to teach them everything like you would have to teach a puppy. Usually they are house-clean and they know how to walk on the leash.
- * they will not chew on everything they find. Your glasses, remote control, shoes and electric cables are safe!
- * Older dogs have already reached their size and shape. No surprises! Unlike puppies...
- * You can adopt a purebred pet if you want, there are always some older ones in the shelters.
- * Adopted older pets understand that you have given them a chance and they will be very grateful!

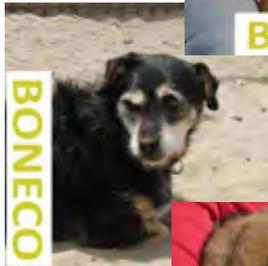
At Cantinho da Milu there are some senior dogs that would really like to have a home. Adoptions of senior dogs are quite rare so there is a high possibility that those dogs will spend the rest of their lives in the shelter. Unless you want to change their destiny...



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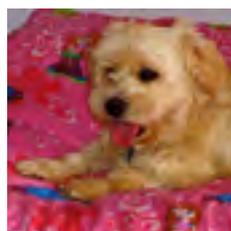
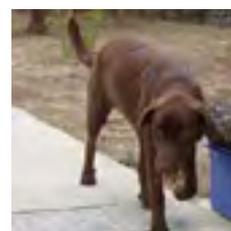
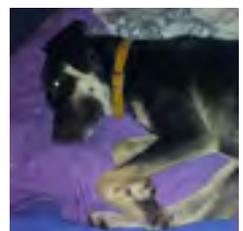
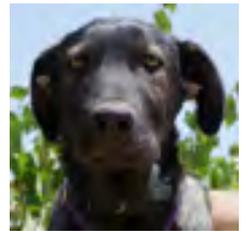
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ADOPTIONS THIS MONTH

In September 2012 a total of 20 animals were adopted!

The lucky ones were: Betinho, Bond (now Martini), Boris and Almond, Chanel (now Merle), Debbie (now Mona Lisa), Fira (now Kira), Gida, Goya, Gucci (now Barry), Jonas, Laica, Lu (now Rocky), Marisa (now Tilda), Nestlé (now Milo), Orka (now Hope), Pete (now Da Vinci), Snow (now Trina), Tico and Versace(now Weasley).

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



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