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DOP REHOMING PORTUGUESE DOGS

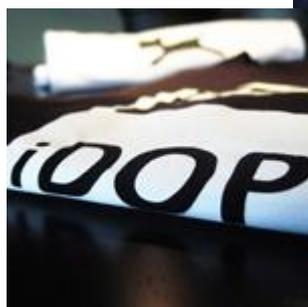
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Another year finished! The 2012 was not a bad year. Sadly and unfortunately, many dogs and cats were abandoned and many unwanted kittens and puppies were born on the street but we have managed to save many lives and we have found many new and good homes.

The situation of pets in Portugal is particularly tragic, many pets get abandoned for very simple reasons. Any minor difficulty and the pet is the first to go: to the shelter, to the municipal kennel to be euthanized or to the street to fend for itself. But during this year we have managed to rehome 230 animals. We gave them to good homes and we have good feedback.

Moreover, in 2012 we have managed to lead a few successful projects in Cantinho da Milu shelter: construction of the functioning pharmacy, construction of the agility field, putting into place a functioning spa and hygiene programme, deworming internally of nearly 500 dogs in March, July and November, neutering of 70 dogs and cats in the shelter during the October sterilisation project, raising over a 100 Scalibor collars to protect dogs in summer.

Without your support we could not have done what we have done so far and we will not be able to continue either. So we count on you!



DOP ADVISES: INTOXICATION AND POISONING HOW TO PROCEED!

Poisoning of pets or stray animals is not a rare phenomenon and can be accidental or criminal. Animals instinctively reject toxic products, but curiosity, inattention or disguising them into tasty food (milk, cheese, meat ball, paté, etc.) could lead to ingestion. The contact with certain plants or some common human foods can also be toxic and therefore the extra attention and knowledge of toxic sources is essential.



The suspicion of intoxication / poisoning should be placed if the animal has a change in level of consciousness (restlessness, drowsiness, slowness of movements or coma), difficulty breathing, irregular heartbeat, bleeding, gastrointestinal complaints (vomiting, excessive salivation, abdominal pain) or tremors. The range of symptoms and their intensity varies with the type and amount of substance intake and symptoms may not occur immediately upon ingestion.

In the case of suspected poisoning of a pet - by eating decoration plants, human food or toxic products (cleaning products, insecticides, garden herbicides, etc.) - the correct attitude is to **immediately take the animal to the nearest vet**. You should keep the product or medicine packaging, remnants of the ingested substance or another sample that can help in the rapid identification of the toxic agent by the veterinarian. This way, the more suitable drug or antidote can be initiated to treat the animal.

The poisoning of animals through the use of chemicals is frequent in Portugal, not only in relation to pets but mainly street animals (wild). It is a crime that should be reported to the competent authorities. The danger of using various types of products and poisons extends not only to animals but also to humans and surrounding environment, since it is a threat to biodiversity and public health. In the case of suspected poisoning of domestic animals, it should be immediately taken to the vet with information that may be available to aid in diagnosis. Later you should also contact SEPNA (in Portugal) or submit a complaint to the closest police office.

If there is suspicion of poisoning of stray (wild) animals - by the appearance of suspicious symptoms or the identification of dead animals on the street, in numbers greater than one in the same area - every citizen should intervene and follow these procedures:

1. In Portugal, immediately get in touch with SEPNA / GNR (213 217 000) and use the SOS Environment line (808 200 520), providing all relevant data (or contact local authorities, abroad);
2. Remain in place until the arrival of the authorities;
3. Do not touch the corpse, nor let other people approach the location (is essential that the corpse must be collected only by the authorities officer);
4. Authorities deliver corpses and samples to the legal veterinary to perform the autopsy and send the samples to the National Veterinary Research Laboratory (Porto and Lisbon);
5. Do not avoid to file a complaint in authorities office to begin the investigation process;
6. It is very important to contact the Antidote Program - Portugal (238 492 411; Email: antidotoportugal@gmail.com) that centralizes the knowledge of all cases so that we will know the true impact of this problem.

The complaint of cases of poisoning is essential to deter this kind of behavior and to start the investigation and punishment of the perpetrators. It is a matter of protecting public health, our health, the health of our family members, the health of our animals and the environment.

Further information may also be obtained from the Program Antidote - Portugal website (www.antidoto-portugal.org), an Iberian project to the information and struggle against animals poisoning.



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)

VACCINATION PROJECT

We would like to present you the Vaccination Project: in the period of the coming 3 months (with the vet vaccinating every Monday), we would like to vaccinate and re-vaccinate the 110 dogs that occupy the middle zone of the shelter of 23 kennels. The cost is estimated on 700€ - with every dog getting a Vanguard vaccination, a rabies vaccination, having the ears cleaned and a general medical check-up performed. We count on your help, any donation counts!



VACCINATION PROJECT

THE MIDDLE AREA OF THE KENNELS IN CANTINHO DA MILU SHELTER.

110 DOGS.

110 MULTIVALENT CORE VACCINATIONS.

110 RABIES VACCINATIONS.

ESTIMATED COST: 700€.

PERIOD OF REALISATION: 4 MONTHS.

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ADOPTIONS THIS MONTH

In December 2012 a total of 14 animals were adopted!

The lucky ones were: Carolina (now Gigi), Céu (now Rosie), Karen, Laranja, Marcia, Miguel (now Sony), Milho, Milk, Neka, Ofélia (now Feli), Tracy, Xarly (now Charlie), Zafra and Zira.

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



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