

# DOP REHOMING PORTUGUESE DOGS

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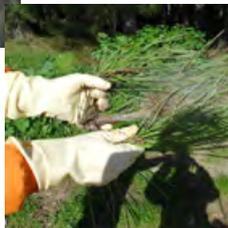
## EVENTS

For two consecutive Saturdays in February our group was fighting the processionary caterpillars in the shelter. They nest on pine trees and in early summer they go down to look for new territories on the ground. They walk in a line (procession) behind their leader, thus the name. Or they fell to the ground with the wind.



They are highly poisonous. People touching them can suffer severe allergic reactions. For animals however they are deadly. If pets lick them or step on them and lick the aching paw they can die within a few hours. The symptoms may include swelling, vomiting and excessive drooling. You need to take your pet immediately to the vet for a treatment that might save his life.

Unfortunately the shelter neighbours a pine area and we have discovered many caterpillars nest on the trees and some caterpillars on the ground. DOP team reacted immediately to clean the area but we need to continue staying vigilant.



We would like to thank everyone who contributed to the collection for the surgery of Nina's eyes. We have experienced a real wave of solidarity and we are happy to announce that the goal has been achieved and Nina will be operated on the 12th of



## 2<sup>ND</sup> STERILIZATION PROJECT APRIL 2013

Do you remember our sterilisation project in last October? How successful it was? We had 60 animals sterilised in one week. As the influx of abandoned dogs to Cantinho da Milu does not stop and we have now a serious backlog of unneutered dogs (and we only give neutered dogs for adoption), we need to repeat the project. In one week in April we will concentrate our efforts on sterilising. We need your help to purchase medications and materials. Please be generous!



## DOP SENIORS

Dogs of Portugal created an area of activity exclusively for older dogs – DOP Seniors. Dogs live longer now – their life expectancy increased due to the progress of medicine and science but it also means that there are more and more older dogs in the shelters in Portugal, abandoned by their owners when they need more attention and care.



When the dogs become older, their needs in terms of food, veterinary and other care change. The vets suggest a certain type of care for old dogs in order to give them quality of life at that age but this is almost impossible in the shelters due to lack of human and financial resources. They all need to be treated with dignity at any phase of life but especially in the senior or geriatric phase of life they need to have personalised care.

The geriatric phase of a life of a dog is the last phase of his life – this phase is calculated on the basis of the age of the dog, size and the physical and physiological state of the organism. It is in this phase of their life that we want to give them particular attention and this is why we created an area of activity "DOP Seniors". Its objective is to create conditions for them to continue living with dignity in the shelter. In particular we collect special food, necessary medication (such as *Enalapril*, *Vetmedin* and *Omnicondro*), blankets, coats, materials for care and hygiene.

DOP Seniors has already a functioning project: Pandora's Box at Cantinho da Milu. For more information you can contact: [senioresdop.dop@gmail.com](mailto:senioresdop.dop@gmail.com)



## ADOPTIONS THIS MONTH

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)

## LISA'S FIRST ARRIVAL ANNIVERSARY

"Today it is one year ago that we picked up Pituxa, now Lisa, at the airport in Frankfurt.

The year passed like the wind and we never regretted a single minute to have adopted Lisa.

After a few small difficulties in the beginning, that we managed with bravery, also due to your help,

Lisa adapted in her new home in Steinheim.



Lisa is healthy and happy, a wonderful doggy. She is very very gentle, active, playful, cuddly, friendly to all other people and dogs. So I think I can say that Lisa feels herself at home with us. We are very glad to have given her a home, she deserved it.

Each day it is a big pleasure for us to wake her up in her bed in the morning, cuddling her. She stretches herself, gets belly up and loves to receive as much cuddles as possible. Then we go down to the first floor, there she jumps and runs like a puppy, which makes our hearts jump too. And when we say the magic word "walky" she goes to the entrance door, sits down and waits. During the walk she twitches my pants because she wants her ball. She makes everyone laugh who sees her jumping around like a thunder ball. She also likes the snow, digs out mice and follows their traces and all other things she smells.

One year has passed and we experienced a lot of adventures together. The 9th February 2012 was the beginning of a big love story.

We want to say thank you, dear Mrs Velten (German DOP), also to Milu and all the DOP team – for all your work, dedication and welfare, helping the dogs in the shelter. We have a lot of admiration and esteem for your work.

Kindest regards

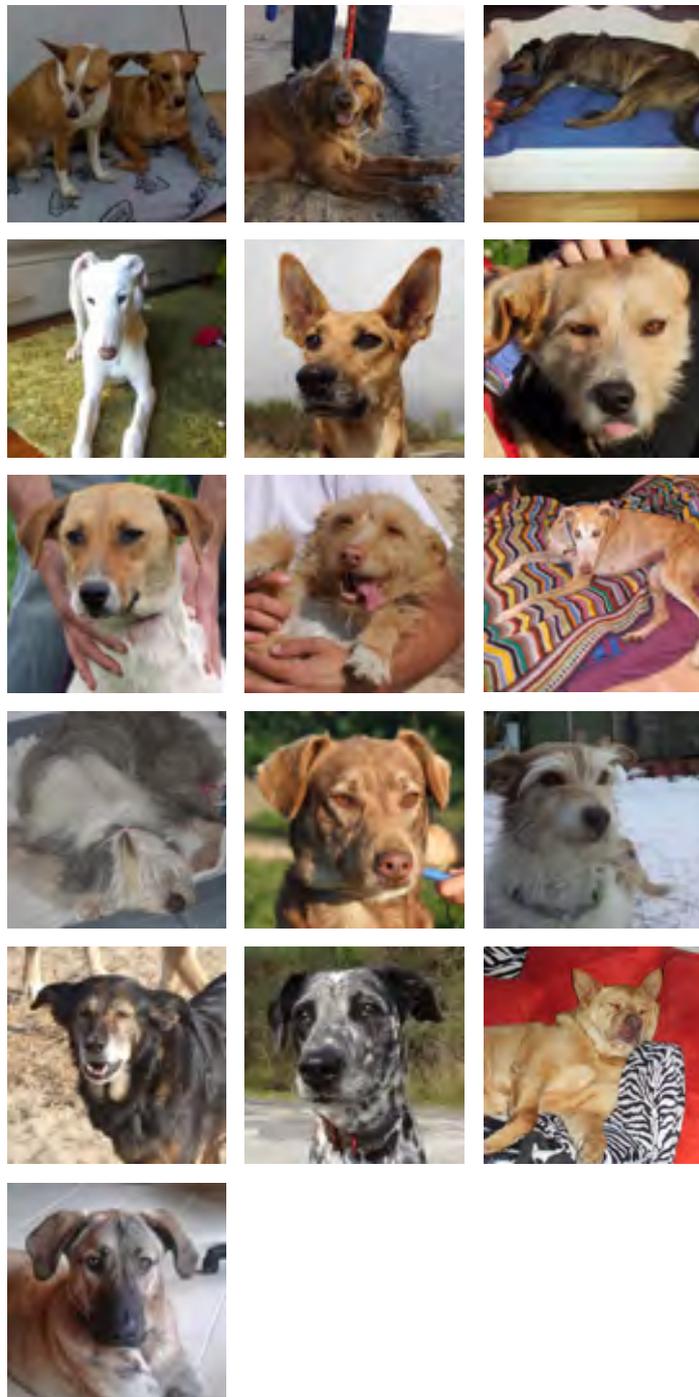
Christine, Bernd and Lisa Schieber"



In February 2013 a total of 17 animals were adopted!

Anita and Xaninha, Barbie, Brutus (now Brando), Chantal (now Mia), Dropy, Junior, Lake, Lili, Melissa, Natasha (now Paula), Nelo, Nina, Paulinha, Selena, Staf (now Sting) and Tuareg.

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



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