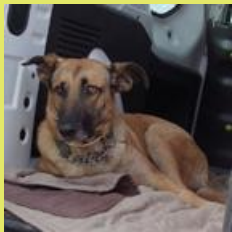


THANK YOU!

We would like to thank everyone who contributed to Alfredo's hydro-therapy! We have gathered 210€ so we are not done yet, the total costs was 400€ - [we still appreciate contributions!](#)



The change in Alfredo is dramatic, he walks so much better. See on our blog the movies from April and from now, you can conclude that swimming every day for 4 weeks did miracles.

Now he needs a home. He is a very gentle and calm dog. Anyone would like to give him a home?

DOP MERCHANDISING

And especially for our German adoptants (but for anyone else too), we have a set of new tshirts of different sizes and colors! Contact us at dogsofportugal@gmail.com if you are interested.



THANK YOU ULLA!

We had the pleasure of hosting in the shelter Ulla from Denmark. She stayed the whole month of July and worked very hard, her help was very important and we would like to thank her for her effort!

On the last day she was joined by her daughter and they took Martinho home.

Martinho was a dog who was found in the mountains with his leg caught in a trap. He was lucky to keep the leg but he will always limp.



NEW EVENTS

Summer heat! Imagine 40 degrees in the shelter that is a big open space. And like this for 2-3 months. Summer is always a difficult period in the shelter due to those high temperatures. It is difficult for the dogs and also for us, we get tired quicker and cannot do as much as we would like to. This is why the members of the Canine Rehabilitation Group spent two weekends reorganizing the Agility Camp to provide shade there. A roof was built that supports a ceiling made of textile. It is already much better there!

Note: the construction of the roof and the textile were funded by the sale of calendars 2013 so whoever bought the calendar, contributed to the shade on the Agility Field. Thank you!



2ND GERMAN DOP SUMMER FESTIVAL

On the 18th of August Dogs of Portugal is organizing a festival for the DOP adopted dogs in Germany! Many dog families have signed up already and we are looking forward very much to the event! Stay tuned to see the pictures in our next newsletter!

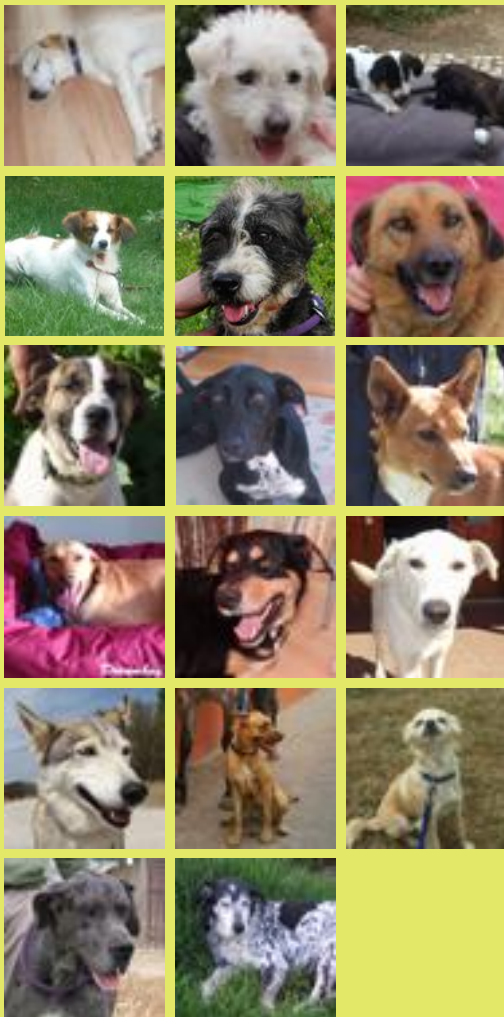


LAST MONTH ADOPTIONS

In July 2013 a total of 18 animals were adopted!

The lucky ones were: Barbie (now Amy), Boneca (now Bonny), Chloe and Alex, Condessa (now Felippa), Doris, Eva, Jana, Kimba (now Blaise), Martinho (now Martim), Mateus (now Matti), Mozart (now Schroeder), Neca (now Thea), Nikita, Orange (now Nurit), Pilar, Scooby and Victoria (now Vici).

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



WE NEED FLIGHT SPONSORS...

We're always needing volunteers to help out at the shelter. But you can also volunteer occasionally as a **flight sponsor!**

What does it mean? Well, if you go on holidays and fly to the locations where we have homes for our dogs you can take a dog with you. We take care of the organisation of everything on both ends, you simply need to transport the dog.

We are looking for flights from Lisbon to: Oslo, Copenhagen, Stockholm, Brussels, Amsterdam, Frankfurt and Milan.

SOCIALIZING BETHOVEN



Bethoven is a very beautiful but shy dog. He was abandoned at the shelter over a year ago by the owner who was moving abroad. The owner abandoned the whole family, 5 dogs and his alternative was, if the shelter would not take them, to simply shoot them. We managed to rehome the other 4 but Bethoven stayed behind as he was very shy. It was impossible to catch him and when caught, he would simply shake of fear.

The DOP Canine Rehabilitation Group has been working with him for a long time and we can observe now a visible progress. Bethoven now approaches people, although with caution, he allows to have the leash put on and finally, last week, he had his first walk outside of the shelter that he seemed to enjoy! His trauma is slowly being dealt with. Now he needs a home - we don't want him to stay for the rest of his life in the shelter.



DIY CAT SCRATCHING POST

Materials needed:

- * 2cm plywood with 40x40cm
- * 5cm wood post (round or square) as tall as your cat when stretching up
- * about 20m of 6-8mm sisal rope (not synthetic)
- * hot glue gun and hot glue
- * 1 long wood screw
- * foam
- * fabric
- * wood stapler and staples
- * power drill

If you don't have cats you may envision a cat owner's home as a pile of wrecked furniture and scratched up rugs. If you do have cats you know you can prevent this with a good scratching post.

The problem is that good scratching posts can cost a lot and are hard to find in your cat size and matching decor colors!

With a little love, patience and some cheap materials you can build one yourself! It takes no more than 2hours and in the end you, your house and your cat will love the result!

1 – find the center of your plywood drill a hole tighter than the wood screw. Do the same in the base of the wood post. You can do this by drawing a line from each corner to make an "X" – and the "X" marks the spot!

2 – apply the foam to the plywood cut a hole in the middle so the screw can pass (but no bigger than the wood post!). Cover the foam with the chosen fabric. Staple it in the back of the plywood – opposite sides at a time.

3 – start gluing the sisal rope to the wood post.

Starting from top to bottom: apply a line of hot glue and snuggle the rope around the wood post

4 – screw the plywood to the wood post using the long wood screw.

You can also add a toy to the top of the wood post and some felt nail-on glides for floor protection!

