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This month we need Actidox! We have had many dogs with tick fever and we are treating them but this also means that we have a quite consumption of Actidox (antibiotic that is used for the treatment of tick fever). If you want to help, go to a pharmacy, buy a box for us and send it! Financial donations are also a good alternative.



AND...

Scalibor collars!

At Cantinho da Milu's shelter there are over 400 dogs in permanent risk, so we are always in need of Scalibor collars to prevent them from catching diseases transmitted through mosquito bites. Each collar last 4-6 months, therefore every year we need over 1000 Scalibor collars!

You can make a difference just by sending us Scalibor collars.

Thank you!



Leishmaniasis infection in Europe:



DOP PROJECT AGAINST LEISHMANIASIS



Following other ambitious projects from the group Dogs of Portugal, now comes a new one organized by DOP Pharmacy that focuses on a common disease in Portugal: Leishmaniasis. The project name is "DOP against Leishmaniasis" and aims to define an Action Plan for prevention, screening and control of this disease in many abandoned animals we help, besides advising / clarifying the information about the disease.

Leishmaniasis is an infectious disease caused by a parasite called *Leishmania infantum*, which affects the dog and man (and other animals), with no direct transmission dog - man.

The disease is potentially fatal for dogs, which are a major host and reservoir of the parasite. The canine leishmaniasis is endemic in almost all regions of mainland Portugal, although not all infected dogs manifest the disease. This parasite is transmitted through the bite of a mosquito called phlebotomus, being the time of greatest risk of transmitting the months between May and September, when the heat brings more adult phlebotomus.

The main signs of the disease in the dog are falling hair, especially around the eyes, nose, mouth and ears; with the evolution of the disease, there is a significant weight loss. There may also appear skin ulcers and lesions anywhere, including areas which are in contact with the ground. They usually manifest apathy / weakness and may also have diarrhea or vomiting. If infected dogs are not treated and monitored, they will develop chronic renal failure and the disease will invariably cause death. However, with treatment and appropriate follow-up they can still have a good quality of life for many years!

According to seroprevalence studies performed in Spain, France, Italy and Portugal, it is estimated that about 2.5 million dogs are infected with the parasite *Leishmania infantum* in these countries. In Portugal it is estimated that about 110,000 dogs are affected, data obtained through the "Week of Leishmaniasis", an epidemiological study of the National Observatory of Leishmaniasis (across the mainland).

The Project DOP against Leishmaniasis has the main objectives of reducing the incidence of leishmaniasis and improve the care of animals that are already infected.

In order to achieve the objectives, this project is organized into 4 sections. The first part is the **information**, which is present in the entire project. Disclosure of information by various means, addressed to dog owners but also to the general population is a way to inform and clarify the various aspects of this disease. The aspect of **prevention** will be done by requesting donations for collars that protect against parasites and the mosquito that transmits leishmaniasis. The **control** component aimed at collecting the largest amount possible of the drug with the active ingredient - *allopurinol* - that controls the disease in infected animals. The **screening** aims to protect the uninfected animals, performing analysis that identify clinical disease.

The accomplishment of this project will only be possible with the contribution of all. You can help, for example in the acquisition of *allopurinol*, because unfortunately we help several animals infected with leishmaniasis who need this medication daily. All donations are welcome! For more information about this project and how you can help, contact us by the email farmaciadop.dop@gmail.com



LAST MONTH ADOPTIONS

In August 2013 a total of 15 animals were adopted!

The lucky ones were:

Astra, Chica, Ghandi, Gonzalez (now Calvino), Helga, Maggie, Menina, Misha, Pixie, Roma, Ruca, Sumatra, Ursinha (now Ursi), Victor and Zafran (now Zaffy).

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



2ND GERMAN DOP SUMMER FESTIVAL

On 18 August 2013 we celebrated our German DOP summer festival. We want to thank the owners of the day care center "Klingenmuehle" who allowed us again to use their facilities in Wiebaden-Breckenheim.

A special thanks go to all the dog owners who attended the festival with their DOP dogs and gave us the opportunity to meet all our sweethearts again. This year not only Milu, the founder of the Cantinho da Milu, flew all the way up from Lisbon to Frankfurt... several members of DOP came with her. All the team members as well as Milu were overwhelmed to see such a lot of happy doggies and people on the festival – what a great reward for our charity work!

This year 55 DOP dogs attended the summer festival – together with the numerous furry friends sharing their homes we counted more than 80 dogs in total accompanied by 123 persons.



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.

