



THE NEW **GOLDRA**  
DOG SANCTUARY

# GOLDRA NEWS

1st Quarter 2015



## New Year Review

The Goldra Team would like to wish a Happy New Year to all our loyal supporters.....2014 was our most successful year to date. Thanks to your continuing support our fundraising efforts made sure that the dogs at Goldra are well taken care of and our re homing targets were exceeded.

On the fundraising front our monthly lunches proved to be a great success and we will continue to hold these throughout 2015. The Christmas lunch held at Restaurant Le Marquis was so successful that we immediately booked this venue for Christmas this year. We will continue to hold lunches at local venues throughout 2015 so look out for one near you and come along for some fun.

The big events this year began in January when the Four Seasons Country Club hosted a marvellous Charity Quiz Night and Dinner with the proceeds being split between Goldra and Estoi Rotary Club. In July we held a dinner and auction night at Between the Lines Bar Restaurant in Tunes which proved to be a fun filled hilarious and very profitable night. In September Pinheiros Altos Golf Resort and Nelito's Restaurant Almancil hosted the Goldra Golf tournament and Lunch which proved to be a great success and we hope to host a

similar event again this year. We also held our first Christmas Fayre at Gallo e Toro Restaurant, Almancil which also proved to be very successful with Father Christmas making an appearance.

Our re homing target of 100 dogs into new homes for 2014 was not only met but exceeded. By the end of the year we had found new homes for 111 of our inmates both here in Portugal and abroad. With the help of the R.S.P.C.A Brighton and the UK charity Helping Paws we sent over 62 dogs who were re homed mostly in the Brighton area. We homed 14 dogs in Holland, 1 in Germany, 2 Austria and 32 dogs here in Portugal. As our numbers at the Sanctuary have remained static at about 110—115 dogs this means that all the vacant spaces were filled by dogs that were abandoned on the streets of the Algarve. Some found homes fairly soon after they took up residence with Jan, the others are waiting their turn for new homes in the safe and loving care of Jan and Ray.

The Goldra Team would like to send everyone a huge thank you for all your continuing support for without it Goldra would not exist and Jan and Ray could not continue to rescue and re home so many of the poor, unfortunate, abandoned dogs of the Algarve

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## Goldra Lunches and Dinners 2014

How many of you remember our 2014 Goldra lunches?. Here are a few snaps to remind you all of the fun we had.



20th February Restaurant Avenida São Bras

Christine and Richard Thomas were there front and centre as always Christine and Richard won our 'Best Attendance' prize for attending seven out of nine lunches in 2014.

Everyone will remember the marvellous Dinner Dance held at Rocha do Gralheira on the 30th April which was organised by the wonderful Malcolm Bull and it was with great sorrow that we learned of Malcolm's death just a few short weeks after this event.



Rocha do Gralheira 30th April

Saturday 21st June we held what is becoming our annual dinner at Restaurant La Piazza in Santa Barbara de Nexe. Dining out in the warm summer evening we danced the night away with music by the wonderful Vernon.



La Piazza dinner and dance

The Boliqueime Inn was the venue for our July dinner on the 19th of the month. This popular venue is another favourite of Goldra as Peter and his staff make sure we all have a wonderful time



Boliqueime Inn Dinner

Then came the fun filled and truly memorable beach themed Dinner and Auction night at Between the Lines Bar and Restaurant In Tunes, on 26th July. This proved to be the only place, apart from the gypsy mar-



Honest Ricky auctioning a genuine 16th Century Chinese pot!!!!

ket, where you could get a genuine antique!!!

Our October Lunch was held at Restaurant Chez Malice. This was a return visit as we held a lunch there on the 14th April and had such marvellous reviews that we decided to go back.



Chez Malice lunch in October

November saw us dining on the beach with glorious sea views at A Gaviota Beach Bar, Quarteira. Carne de Porco Alenteijano and



All fun at A Gaviota

Bachalhau com Natas were the dishes of the day.

Our year ended on a high note with a simply wonderful Xmas Lunch held at Restaurant Le Marquis, Gorjoes.



Le Marquis Xmas Lunch

## The ins and outs at Goldra

2014 was a hugely successful year for rehoming dogs and pups. Unfortunately for every animal rehomed there were at least 5 calls from the public with dogs and pups, found on the highways and byways needing shelter and a safe haven. Dogs arrive at Goldra in all sorts of conditions, many have been living on the streets fending for themselves. Every dog that is handed to Jan makes it's first stop at the vet for blood tests and a general going over to assess it's condition. They are also booked in for sterilisation/castration.. It is calculated that it costs in the region of €150—€200 to cover this initial vet bill for each dog taken off the street. If a dog is found to have an ongoing health problem such as Leishmaniasis or Heartworm then then additional medical cost will be incurred. Also dogs suffering from Leish are difficult to rehome and will probably spend the rest of it's life at



Three of the last travellers of 2014  
Lennox, Lewis and Lucy

Goldra. Dogs that travel abroad for rehoming usually have their travelling expenses paid for by charities associated with Goldra. It is due to the work of Helping Paws charity and the R.S.P.C.A. in Brighton that we were able to re-

home so many dogs in the UK last year. In total 54 dogs were transported across Europe and all found new loving homes.

As stated previously for every dog we re home one comes in to re-



The V litter pups, settled in well and all found new homes

place it which is why our numbers at Goldra have stayed at around 110—115 dogs. These new arrivals come from all kinds of situations. Many of you will remember the Sierra de Estrelas who were rescued from the terrible puppy farm in the North of Portugal. Then there was Valentina who was left tied to the gate post at Goldra along with the V litter puppies which we discovered were not hers. Then there was 10 year old Henry who had been scavenging and wandering around Boliqueime for months.

Later on in the year we had the L litter pups abandoned near Goldra. Clever mum now called Lexa found Jan and made her follow her and finally led Jan to her 3 puppies hidden in the scrub The poor things were hungry, tired, thirsty and very frightened. Once again new loving homes were found for all the family. M was for more mouths to feed. The M litter were dumped on the track to Goldra in October and were named for Michelle, who found

them. Mum Meadow, and kids Morgan, Meg, Mia and Marlon.

2015 looks like it is going to be a busy year as well. Amongst our



Meadow, Meg, Morgan and Mia

new arrivals we had three 6 week old pups who were abandoned at the bins, a mum with 7 pups struggling to survive in the scrub near Santa Barbara de Nexe, Elvis, a 3 month old puppy who was about to be shot but rescued at the last minute, Rachel who was rescued by Louis Dobson and Sam, a small terrified pup who was saved from the hell of the Loule canil. Also Moses and Josh who turned up at the church in Vale Judeu, On the upside however in January we rehomed 10 dogs and in February we are sure to rehome at least 17 dogs



Sweet Elvis will go to a new home

and pups.

Without your continuing help and support these dogs and pups would never have found safety at Goldra and new loving homes. For more information about dogs and pups available for adoption please go to our web site [www.thegoldradogsanctuary.com](http://www.thegoldradogsanctuary.com)

## First Goldra walk of 2015

Over 30 supporters turned up on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> January for our first



Walkers and dogs in the sunshine

charity walk of 2015, each walker was accompanied by at least one of the lucky dogs who live at Goldra. After the walk afternoon tea was served which was included in the €10 donation made by each walker. A total of 40 dogs were given the chance to get out into the coun-

tryside and experience lots of new smells.



Afternoon tea anyone?

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## Dates for your Diary

**Saturday 14th March**....Lunch at Restaurant O Cilindro, Loule €20 per person includes wine

**Friday 3rd April**.....Lunch at Solar do Poeta, Almancil €25 per person including wine

**Saturday 25th April**....Dinner and Dance at Rocha da Galheira to be confirmed

**Saturday 9th May**.....Charity walk and afternoon tea at Goldra €10 per adult, €5 per child

**Sunday 24th May**.....Sunday lunch at The Olive Branch Inn, near São Bartolomeu de Messines....to be confirmed..

**6th & 7th June**.....we will have a stall at the Fatacil Dog Show so come along and see us.

**Saturday 18th July**...All you can eat Spare Ribs (the best in the Algarve!) BBQ lunch at Restaurant Le Marquis Gorjoes €25 per person including wine

**Saturday 12th September**....Charity walk and BBQ at Goldra €10 per adult €5 per child

**Saturday 12th December**....Xmas Lunch at Restaurant Le Marquis, Gorjoes ....this one will fill very quickly so book asap..

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