



GOLDRA NEWS

1st Quarter 2016



Angel—a Goldra Success Story.



Angel on arrival



Looking more lively!



All wrapped up!



That's better!

Angel was found as a small puppy full of mange. She was found within 5 kms of Goldra and was taken straight to the vets, and had to have daily baths and treatment for the mange. Angel was so full of worms that she ended up in the vets for a few days on a drip. She was weak and lucky to survive. Kimberley & Jem came for a visit as they do every time they come here on holiday. They came at bath time and helped as we had 3 litters in, all with mange, so a major bathing session. On their departure from Portugal, while at Faro airport, Kimberley phoned to ask me if she could adopt Angel. Angel is now fully recovered and living a happy life.



More Good News!. Already in 2016, 10 dogs have been rehomed, and ten are due to travel in February.. If we keep this up we shall break records!!

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Goldra Christmas Lunch

The Goldra Dog Sanctuary's annual Christmas Lunch was held once again at the fabulous Le Marquis Restaurant Monte da Palhagueira, Santa Bárbara de Nexe, on Saturday 12th December 2015.

As always, the food, service, and atmosphere were excellent and it was a very festive occasion - many thanks to Helma, Vincent, and the Le Marquis team!



Happy Eaters

It was a fun afternoon highlighted by the raffle and "prize giving". The Best Attendee of Goldra's Fundraising events for 2015 was won again, for the second year running, by Christine George Thomas and Worst Attendee by Ray, Jan's partner (not a surprise, poor Ray, somebody has to hold the fort at the sanctuary!).

Two of our supporters at the lunch were also celebrating their birthdays, David Mahoney and Nadine Ferreira da Silva who received birthday cakes and bottles of bubbly to help celebrate the day.

There were some fantastic raffle



Happy Birthday to Two!

prizes too! Jan from Quarteira won the third prize, a voucher for a Spa Treatment donated by The ConradAlgarve.



Does it bark a lot?

Second prize of an overnight stay in a deluxe room for two, with breakfast, donated by The Hilton Vilamoura was won by Nadine - she was so overwhelmed and couldn't believe she'd won such a lovely prize on her birthday! The star prize of Lunch for Two at the spectacular Two Michelin-starred Vila Joya restaurant was donated by Joy Jung and won by Paulette Rush, one of the residents at the Monte da Palhagueira nursing home, who was overjoyed to win such a prestigious prize.

All in all, a fantastic afternoon which raised a total of €825 for Goldra!! And we have already had six repeat bookings for next year's Christmas lunch.



Yum Yum Christmas pud Le Marquis style

Winners Enclosure

Guess the weight of the cake

Cristina Rose is the lucky winner of Goldra's "Guess the weight of the Christmas Cake" competition.

The weight of the cake was 2.7 kilos and Cristina's guess of 2.65 was the closest to the actual weight! Cristina pictured here with her mum Sue, in Vale do Lobo where Sue works for the Shelsian Group which is a regular support of Goldra. A big THANK YOU to Alex Keeble who made and donated this fantastic cake.



Hamper winner

The prize draw for the Goldra Christmas Hamper was won by Phil Turner, from Silves, with lucky ticket number 313. Phil was so pleased and surprised when he received the phone call - he says he has never won anything in his life before!

Phil is planning to adopt a dog



from Goldra in the new year - he is busy fencing in his land ready for the lucky one .

Thankyou

A big thank you to everyone who donated food and other goods to the sanctuary in the run up to Christmas. Everything you give is much appreciated, and helps to make life for both dogs and volunteers easier and more pleasant.

The Christmas boxes arrived in the nick of time! A huge thank you to Helping Paws and everyone who donated to the shoe box appeal.

A special thank you for all the small harnesses which will enable us to take the puppies training in the New Year

Thanks also for the super water buckets which are already in use. Helping Paws make Christmas just a bit special for the shelter dogs by providing toys and treats for them.



Winter Walkies

16th January saw the latest mass walk from the sanctuary, as over thirty dogs were given much needed exercise by enthusiastic volunteer lead-holders.



Who is walking whom?

This regular event is a vital part of the work, as it helps to socialise the dogs in preparation for re-homing. It is also, of course, a social occasion for both four and two legged members of the Goldra community, hugely enjoyed by all concerned.



Follow my leader.

Thanks on this occasion to Sue, Ian and Angela for the food and drink. 500 euros was raised for sanctuary funds. Talk about win-win!



Rest and be Thankful

Latest Puppies

The stream of pups into the sanctuary is never-ending. The latest are the 'C' litter, and here they are;



Chanel



Chiara



Chloe



Chrissie



Cindy is
their
Mum

**Donations for food
and vet bills
urgently needed**

Tilly



One of the most engaging little dogs, who has been at the sanctuary for some time, Tilly now has the chance of a new start. Fostered for now in Brighton by Rebecca Dawes, she will be looking for a permanent new home in England. This is a great piece of news to start the new year. Tilly was not always the happiest of pooches at Goldra, so hopefully she will now be more content. Thanks once more to Helping Paws for facilitating Tilly's move.



Reception Committee.



Bigger than she looks!

Jan's Notes

Re-homing 2015.

Goldra re-homed 91 dogs and 11 cats during the year just gone. This is an amazing achievement, given that the excellent scheme with the Brighton RSPCA is no longer available to us. Working with other local rescue centres is proving to be most effective in finding adoption routes.

Current Numbers.

We have an unprecedented 129 dogs in the sanctuary, and 5 puppies in foster care, as of 23rd January. This is too large a number and hard work is needed to bring it down.

The Kennel Appeal.

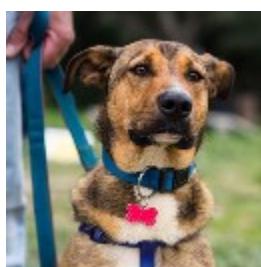
The appeal to replace the plastic and wooden kennels with more robust concrete has gone well, but obtaining the kennels themselves is proving difficult, because of the cost of transport. Any help in that direction gratefully received.

Immediate Needs

Foster placements for puppies to help with socialisation prior to rehoming.

Volunteer assistance at the sanctuary to feed the dogs and clean the runs.

Veterinary Products. With the flea and tick season upon us, donations of treatments and preventatives are urgently needed. Scalibor collars are 16 euros from Tibi, and Kiltix 15 euros from the farmacia



Wilbur, waiting for adoption

Rescue Stories.

Sheba, an old German Shepherd dog, came in to the shelter at the end of December, her owner having died. Sheba was anywhere between 7 – 9 years old, She has hit the jackpot and is already in her new home and settling in well.



Benji is now reserved homes for Bonnie and Bruce, picture below, are urgently needed.



Reggie has come in the shelter, after a car accident near where a volunteer had been feeding him. He is old and suffering from rheumatism and was so full of fleas he had lots of sores and wounds. After treatment, he is recovering the lady who called does not want him back so he is another old dog who will stay with us. Sponsorship or help with his vet bills would be much appreciated.

Charity Ball at the Conrad

What a wonderful night at the Conrad. Starting with a Champagne reception then moving onto a fabulous 4 course meal with specially selected wines for each course.



Entertainment by the fabulous Jane Hennessey, the smooth voice of Richard Valentine and dancing the evening away to the upbeat band Night Stand. The evening was compered by Sir Owen Gee who did an outstanding job of persuading the guests to part with their money all

in aid of the Goldra Dogs. The event raised 4,000 euros. A



huge thank you to all our sponsors.....And a special huge thank you to Angela and Beverly for their hard work..

Prizewinners

Pictured on the right with Sue is Pauline Howe who won first prize of two nights accommodation for two people in a Deluxe room at The Conrad, including breakfast (donated by The Con-

rad). And on the left Tracey Williams, who won second prize - a ladies Seiko Kinetic Movement watch



-latest range - valued over €200, donated by Ivone Johalaria.

Other major prizes were donated by Fours Seasons Fairways, Alyson Sheldrake, Simply Tapas and Vinho, Restaurant Le Marquis and Solar do Poeta.

Contact Details

For information regarding adoptions call Sanctuary manager—Jan Henderson....918895791

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Dates for your Diary

Thursday 4th February. ...Animal Cruelty Prevention Seminar. Conrad Hotel, Quinta de Lago.

Thursday 28th February.....Punjab Indian Restaurant, Sao Bras.

Monday 29th February.Quiz night at Lennons Bar and Grill. Roast dinner available 12 euros. Book with Shirley Dunne: shrillys@yahoo.com or on 936933799

Friday 18th March. Lunch at Restaurant Rosmaninho, Sarnadas, nr Benafim. 20 euros.

More information on events from sue@thegoldradogsanctuary.com