

PAWS NEWSLETTER 2017

PAWS is delighted to report that 2016 has been its most successful year ever. Veterinary care was available at the clinic every month during the year and many of our sponsors have been especially supportive. For more details of our year on Paxos, see under headings below:

- **Vet visits**
- **Clinic Maintenance**
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Vet Visits

The year began with Nefeli Damigou working 2 days a week at the clinic from January to March as well as covering emergencies.

Russell and Chris Lyon returned to Paxos in March and once again worked 2 days a week at the clinic plus emergency cover until July. They were joined by vet nurse Zoë Tomkinson and new vet volunteer Jo Lubberink in June when they worked full time at the clinic for 2 weeks. Jo was a great asset to the team and we are hoping that she will return to Paxos in the near future. Nefeli who had been working in Malta, decided to return to Paxos and covered July and August plus November and December.

Other PAWS vet teams were Mike Houlihan and Mandy Cooper who worked at the clinic in September and Andrea Rhodes and her team who volunteered in October. WVS very kindly supported Andrea's visit.

Everyone was kept very busy and it appears that the locals greatly appreciated the increased vet presence on Paxos.

In total PAWS vet teams neutered 288 cats and 47 dogs, carried out 107 other operations and dealt with 674 consultations. What a fantastic job!



**Russell & Zoë setting up in Anti Paxos
Top – Russell & Nefeli in June**

**Nefeli, Lindsay & ‘Cherrymou’
Top – Nefeli operating**



Mike and Mandy

Andrea and Heidi operating

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Clinic Maintenance

A grant application to the **Dogs Trust UK** for financial help with roof repairs was accepted and the work was carried out by CSL Builders based in Corfu. Due to appalling weather in March and April, the start was delayed but was successfully carried out in May. Unfortunately a different problem arose in June with the flashing on the back wall. CSL Builders did some remedial work in this part of the clinic in November when they also painted the inside. The new roof looks very smart but the clinic cat has had to find new sleeping quarters! PAWS is extremely grateful to the **Dogs Trust UK** for its continued support.



CSL Builders hard at work



The roof finished

Education

Faye Lychnou arranged two meetings with the Hunters Association, in February with Nefeli Damigou and again in March with Russell Lyon. Animal welfare issues were discussed including microchipping and neutering. PAWS is delighted with the greater cooperation between ourselves and the Hunting Association. We together with the Paxos Municipality hope it will ensure better animal protection and a reduction of stray dogs on the island.



Russell giving a microchip scanner to the Hunters



Hunter's Association meeting Feb 2016

Sponsorship, Fund-Raising and Supporters:

Despite continuing economic difficulties throughout Europe, PAWS is very grateful to all those who support our work. Substantial financial help came from:

Jean Sainsbury who donated £2000 towards feeding stations and supplies.

Marchig and WVS who covered the flight costs of Andrea Rhodes and her team in September as well as donating over £2000 worth of surgical supplies.

Paxos Municipality who donated 1000 euros towards supplies and has promised a further 1500 euros for 2017.

Ionian Island Holidays who put PAWS envelopes in their client packs and collected over 900 Euros throughout the season.

France-Hayhurst who donated over £4000 for the purchase of an Ultrasound machine with both a linear and micro convex probe and a Microscope.



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PAWS would sincerely like to thank all the tourists and locals who donated in 2016 and we hope that our work will continue to be appreciated.

Thanks as always must go to the following supporters on Paxos: Katerina and Giorgis Kondaris who offer PAWS discounted accommodation and are always very welcoming and helpful. Pano from Planos Holidays who gives excellent car hire service. Carol from Paxos Magic who is first rate in dealing with all our ferry transfers. We are also grateful to the many locals on Paxos who support our winter feeding programme and arrange fund raising events on Paxos throughout the year.

Faye Lychnou one of the PAWS trustees as always worked tirelessly throughout the year, supporting everything we do and helping each vet team.

Winter Feeding

PAWS has again made a substantial contribution to winter feeding of cats in the winter of 2016/7. Once again PAWS is grateful to Rod Turner who in November made 2 new feeding stations and renovated and painted all the existing ones.

Many thanks go to all the people that are part of the winter feeding rota and in particular, Ray & Suzy in Loggos, Carol Keyse in Gaios. Faye Lychnou, Frances Lister, Cecilia Pancali, Kate Sams and Andreas Kouroupis.

A big thank you also goes to all the tourists who donate cat food to PAWS throughout the season as this helps considerably towards feeding costs.

Rescues

Sadly once again PAWS has to report that numerous puppies were abandoned or dumped during the summer months. This is not only very upsetting for our vet teams but also extremely distressing for tourists who often discover these puppies. PAWS implores dog owners to have their dogs neutered and we are happy to give any advice or reassurance that is needed. Several puppies were rehomed on Paxos and PAWS hopes that the new owners will bring the puppies to the clinic to be neutered to prevent this problem increasing.

Paxos Municipality is now prepared to take action against irresponsible dog ownership and will prosecute and issue fines if necessary.

PAWS would like to thank all the visitors to Paxos this year that adopted abandoned or stray animals and various photos of these adoptions can be found on our website.

Plans for 2017

Nefeli Damigou will once again work at the PAWS clinic throughout the winter until the end of April. Faye Lychnou and Ann Hadjianastasiou have very kindly offered to assist Nefeli during the winter months. PAWS very much appreciates their help and support. Dates of Nefeli's visits will be published on the website. Nefeli will be joined at the clinic by 2 vet nurses Kim and Clare from WVS at the end of March for a 'ferals only week'.

Russell Lyon our head vet will work 2 days a week at the clinic with his wife Chris during the month of May. Sadly Russell then plans to retire from veterinary work on Paxos but I am sure will return in the future to enjoy many more holidays on the island. Over the last eight years, Russell has been without doubt a wonderful, caring and professional vet as well as a dedicated supporter of PAWS. Both Paxos and PAWS are very grateful to Russell & Chris for all their help. Their contribution to our charity will be greatly missed.

PAWS is hoping to arrange that Nefeli Damigou will work at the clinic part time from June until the end of the year. Another team from the UK dedicated to strays and ferals will be arranged for October.

PAWS will continue with education on animal welfare with particular emphasis on responsible dog ownership. Nefeli Damigou will write articles on the importance of neutering and these will be printed and published in local papers and social media sites.

Frances Lister will organise a team of helpers to collect donations from collection boxes all around the island and this money will be used for all the work that PAWS carries out on Paxos.

Finally Lindsay as Director of PAWS would like to thank everyone who volunteers and supports our charity. Please don't hesitate to contact her if you have any constructive suggestions as to how PAWS could be improved or if you would like to help.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!



Overnight resident



Lindsay with the clinic kitten



Nefeli using the Ultrasound



whilst 'Cherrymou' rests in its case!

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