

PAWS NEWSLETTER 2019



PAXOS VET CLINIC

2018 was a year of change for PAWS, but nevertheless exciting – see below for more details:

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VET TEAMS

In 2018 Paws was pleased to sponsor 3 vet students, Paulina, Krystina & Emily. They all worked very hard and we wish them every success with their future careers. Other volunteers at the PAWS clinic were vet Rick Appleton who helped Nefeli in April, Mike Houlihan, Mandy Cooper & Debbie Gilbertson who worked for 2 weeks in August and new team Janet Brown & Karen Hancock who volunteered at the end of September.

Our head vet Nefeli Damigou worked regularly at the PAWS clinic throughout the year and PAWS is delighted to report the following figures for the year:

339 cats neutered, 8 dogs neutered, 28 other operations, and 561 consultations.

WELL DONE TO EVERYONE.

Mike & Mandy



Emily & Krystina



Rick



Janet & Karen



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We are delighted to report that Nefeli Damigou who is head vet for PAWS and the registered Paxos municipal vet opened her own clinic in September 2018 called **Paxos Vet clinic**. She has worked very hard to create a beautiful working environment for herself and all her clients. Nefeli is determined to continue her co-operation with PAWS so that the stray animals on the island will still get the best veterinary care.

Nefeli will work at the PAWS clinic every Wednesday morning and will cover emergencies on strays throughout the year. We wish Nefeli every success with her new venture and hope that we will work well together for many years to come.



FUND RAISING and SUPPORT

Once again, PAWS is indebted to the continuing loyal support from sponsors in the UK. Greek Animal Rescue donated £2000 towards financial incentives for dog neutering which we will continue to promote in 2019. WVS and Marchig donated over £2000 worth of supplies for Rick Appleton's visit in April. Jean Sainsbury donated £2000 towards our yearly running costs. £1000 was received from both GS Sanders Charitable Settlement and Michael Clarkson Trust Fund. PAWS is also extremely grateful for some very generous donations from tourists visiting Paxos who contacted us through the website.

John Durrant who runs a construction company in the UK and has holidayed on Paxos for the last 2 years has very kindly offered to give up a week of his time in April 2019 to paint the PAWS clinic and give advice and help with other maintenance work that is required. Lindsay as director of PAWS is amazed by such generosity.

Holidaymakers on Paxos were again very supportive with Ionian Villa holidays and Simpson Villas collecting 1495 and 543 euros respectively from

client envelopes. A further 2223 euros came from collection boxes situated in numerous shops and travel agents around the island.

A big thank you to Frances Lister who together with Suzy Russell collected all the money from our collection boxes on Paxos. Fund raising certificates were printed and laminated in the UK and distributed in October.

Assistance continues to be given by Giorgis & Katerina Kondaris who accommodate our vet teams at favourable prices.

Pano from Planos Holidays offers a great service with car hire. Carol from Paxos Magic is wonderful at dealing with all our ferry requirements.

Numerous volunteers led by Vaggelis Roubos helped catch cats for the vet teams working at the PAWS clinic. Ann Hadj continues to do a great job assisting Nefeli and the PAWS teams. Faye Lychnou as well as liaising with Ionian Villas is just an all-round fantastic support!

PAWS THANKS YOU ALL.

WINTER FEEDING

Damage and wear and tear resulted in Rod Turner building 3 new feeding stations that were sent out to Paxos in August. David Beardmore and Debbie Gilbertson very kindly put these feeding stations together and painted them PAWS blue! Later in the year Lindsay cleaned all the feeding stations around the island and gave them new laminated signs.

PAWS sincerely thanks all the volunteers on Paxos that help with winter feeding. Visitors to Paxos are always very appreciative of our efforts to help feed the cats and PAWS is very grateful for all donations received that help us maintain this service. A big thank you also goes to all the tourists who donate cat food to PAWS throughout the season.



ANIMAL DUMPING and RESCUES

Unfortunately, PAWS has to report that animals continue to be dumped illegally all around the island. During the summer, stray dogs savagely attacked a privately-owned dog as well as causing damage to property. Lindsay, when investigating this problem in October, rescued 5 very young puppies that had been dumped at the rubbish tip. Throughout the year, over 60 kittens were also abandoned at various feeding stations.

PAWS is very upset by all this news and very distressed that so little progress had been made in improving the situation. Lindsay after meeting with the mayor in October, wrote him an impassioned letter imploring him to take more responsibility regarding animal welfare and environmental issues. Since then, PAWS is pleased to report that the municipality has donated money towards humanely catching the stray dogs and the mayor has made plans with the Regional Governor of the Ionian islands to create 'Green' spots and re-introduce recycling. However, there is still a long way to go and the perpetrators of animal dumping or cruelty must be reported and prosecuted.

PAWS appeals to all dog and cat owners to get their animals neutered to eradicate this pitiful situation. Our head vet Nefeli Damigou is happy to give advice and reassurance on this subject.

PAWS would like to particularly thank Faye, Di, Maureen & Andreas who have been very helpful looking after and fostering puppies whilst new homes were found.

PLANS FOR 2019

PAWS has arranged with Brian Faulkner a dog catching expert from the UK to give a 3-day workshop on Paxos in May. We are hoping that this project will be funded by one of our loyal sponsors - Dogs Trust UK.

Nefeli Damigou will work every Wednesday morning at the PAWS clinic and cover emergencies on stray animals throughout the year.

PAWS will send 2 teams to the PAWS clinic for 2 weeks in the Spring and 2 weeks in the Autumn. The teams will neuter as many stray cats as possible as well as carrying out general health checks.

Lindsay will continue to fund raise so that PAWS can continue to improve animal welfare on Paxos.

PAWS is very keen to arrange educational events for both adults and children about responsible animal ownership and the advantages of neutering.

Finally, Lindsay as Director of PAWS wants to thank everyone for their continued support and hopes that 2019 will bring success and happiness to all.

Καλή χρονιά



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PS - Don't forget to select Paxos Animal Welfare Society as your chosen charity when you shop with Smile Amazon.

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