

## PAWS NEWSLETTER 2019

2019 was a very busy and challenging year – see below for details:

- Vet visits
- Clinic Maintenance
- Education
- Sponsorship, Fund-raising and Supporters
- Winter Feeding
- Stray dogs and Rescues
- Plans for 2020

### Vet Visits

The municipal vet Nefeli Damigou continues to support PAWS throughout the year and worked 2 days a month at the clinic. Although being kept busy at her own clinic she still found time to cover emergencies on stray cats and support our education programme. PAWS is very grateful to Nefeli for all her hard work.

Two UK teams volunteered for 2 weeks – Mike Houlihan & Mandy Cooper in the Spring and Janet Brenton & Karen Hancock in the Autumn. Both teams were supported by friends and family and PAWS was delighted that student Katie Bates joined up with the autumn team. A special thank you to Janet & Karen who neutered 126 cats and one dog in 9 days as well as Karen collecting £730.20 from her close friends and colleagues.... AMAZING!

Many thanks to all the volunteers on Paxos who helped the PAWS teams throughout the year. Excellent work by everyone and the figures for the year are:

In total PAWS vet teams dealt with 492 animals, neutered 368 cats and 18 dogs and carried out 28 other operations.... a great result!



### Clinic Maintenance

John Durrant a regular visitor to Paxos very kindly offered to give a week of his time at the beginning of April to paint the outside of the PAWS clinic. John runs a busy building business in the UK and Lindsay was amazed by such generosity and was delighted with the result of John's hard work. He returned to Paxos with his wife in September for a well-earned holiday. John has offered his services to PAWS again in 2020 and is planning to renovate all the feeding stations around the island.

### Education

Kelly Craig who works for the Dogs Trust UK has been enormous help to PAWS in planning a continuing education programme. She loves Paxos and is always ready to support us whenever she can. The Dogs Trust also very kindly gave financial help when PAWS organised a dog catching workshop with Brian Faulkner in May. Later in the year, Faye Lychnou arranged for Kelly to give educational talks at the school. These were interactive sessions and were greatly enjoyed by children of all ages. Lindsay and Kelly hope to follow up these sessions with animal welfare workbooks as well as introducing more information to adults.

### Funding and Sponsorship

PAWS is extremely grateful to the following organisations that gave financial help to the charity in 2019:

Jean Sainsbury, Marchig & WVS, Greek Cat Welfare Society, Greek Animal Welfare, Paxos Municipality, Ionian Holidays and Simpson Villas.

We sincerely hope that you will continue to support us in the future.

**PAWS would sincerely like to thank all the tourists, supporters and locals who donated in 2019 and we hope that our work will continue to be appreciated.**

Thanks, as always must go to the following people 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 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.**

**In December 2019, Di Mitchell very kindly offered to join the team as one of our trustees. Both Di and her husband Ian have always supported our work and have been an invaluable asset when fostering dogs or helping to catch cats...many thanks to them both.**

### Winter Feeding

PAWS has again made a substantial contribution to winter feeding of cats in the winter of 2019/20.

Frances Lister and Suzy Russell very kindly collected money from all the collection boxes on Paxos. With help from Kate Sams, fund raising certificates will be handed out in the Spring. Frances is passionate about caring for the cats on Paxos and does an excellent job distributing the winter-feeding money where it is most needed. Nowhere on the island is neglected.

**PAWS would also like to thank the many people that are part of the winter-feeding rota – their help is invaluable.**

Thanks also to all the tourists who donate cat food and money to PAWS throughout the season as this helps considerably towards feeding costs.

### Stray Dogs and Rescues

PAWS would like to thank everyone who helped with rescuing dogs and cats in 2019. PAWS does not have the infrastructure or the finances to be a rescue and re-homing organisation. However, in order to help with abandoned dogs and puppies PAWS has recently introduced a **Dog Neutering Voucher Scheme**. With the support of the private vets and the approval of the municipality, an 80 euro discount for dog neutering is available for all privately owned dogs. PAWS will neuter for free any stray dogs that are brought to the PAWS clinic or subsidise any neutering of a dog owned by a family with financial difficulties. We are very grateful to GAR who have already donated £3000 towards this project

### Plans for 2020

3 vet teams have been arranged for 2020:

Glen Watson – March 25<sup>th</sup> – April 8<sup>th</sup>

Janet Brenton & Karen Hancock – September 23<sup>rd</sup> – October 7<sup>th</sup>

Mike Houlihan & Mandy Cooper – October 17<sup>th</sup> – October 31<sup>st</sup>

John Durrant has once again offered to give his services for maintenance – he will renovate and paint all the feeding stations during the first week of May.

Albert Walker of AW anaesthesia will visit the PAWS clinic in April and service the anaesthetic machine and fit a new oxygen concentrator. PAWS is very grateful to Mr Walker who has given us a very good price for the new equipment and offers his services free of charge. PAWS has applied to Jean Sainsbury for a grant to pay for the new oxygen concentrator.

Nefeli will continue to work at the PAWS clinic 1 or 2 days each month and will cover emergencies with stray animals.

Kelly Craig will design more educational ideas and events for both children and adult on Paxos

PAWS would like to thank everyone for their continued support, and we do hope that our efforts to improve animal welfare on Paxos will continue to be successful.

**HAPPY NEW YEAR! ΚΑΛΗ  
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