



## PAWS NEWSLETTER 2022

PAWS is delighted to report that in 2022 we had our busiest year ever. Our Greek vet Nefeli worked 13 days at the PAWS clinic and treated 73 emergencies. Three UK vet teams visited in April, September & October. Janet Brenton with Nurse Emily Fairhurst in April, Charmaine Cook & Trevor Munro with nurses Lisa Paszek & Annie Jordan in September, Mike Houlihan with nurses Mandy Cooper, Kenny Proctor & Amy Readthorn in October. The charity received nearly £13,000 worth of grants and we sincerely thank GCWS, GAR, France-Hayhurst, Jean Sainsbury, and WVS for their continued support.

*We are thrilled to have recently heard that Jean Sainsbury is celebrating their 40th anniversary by donating special awards. PAWS has been chosen as one of the charities*

### The Figures

Stray animals neutered and/or treated at the PAWS Municipal Vet Clinic were **522 in total**, among which 230 cat spays, 247 cat castrations, 14 cats treated for dental issues, 26 cats treated for various problems and 5 cats were euthanized.

73 Stray animals neutered and/or treated as emergencies at the Paxos Vet clinic by our Greek municipal vet Nefeli Damigou and funded by Paxos Municipality.

Through our **PAWS Neutering Voucher Scheme** 67 domestic cats were spayed, 51 domestic male cats were castrated, 15 domestic dogs were spayed **so a total of 133 domestic cats and dogs were neutered through our voucher project which is now running on its**

4th year in an effort to encourage locals to neuter their pets .

## A Total number of Animals treated for 2022 = 728

### Financial Report for 2022

1. **Paxos Municipal Authorities** contributed 4990 euro in medical services for stray animals and 2500 euro in cat food for strays. Total amount spent on animal welfare: **7490 euro**
2. PAWS has spent a total of **22521 £** which is analyzed as follows:
  - Vet services to both Paxos veterinary clinics: 8250.85£
  - Foreign Vets delegations expenses: 5897,64£
  - Supplies (mainly medical): 3068,01£
  - Stray animals food purchase: 4131£
  - Recovery cages purchase: 2082 £
  - New cages and traps purchase: 1000£
  - Tumble dryer purchase: 481£
  - Anesthetic machine service: 350£
  - Bianca the cat treatment: 394£
  - Donation to Sparta strays: 875£
  - Feeding station purchase plus alterations: 520,86£
  - Website domain:160£
  - Insulation of Municipal Veterinary clinic's windows: 115 £
  - Purchase of Municipal Veterinary Clinic's sign: 210£
  - Various other expenses: 891,03£
3. **PAWS income for 2022 amounts to £29,902.69** which is analyzed as follows:
  - £12,885.16 from grants
  - £9219.57 from various donations
  - £2876.50 from Gift Aid
  - £2380.87 from PAWS Collection boxes
  - 2540.59 from various other donations

**A few stories for you now...**

**The wonderful story of Ray and Stevie**



Preparing to go on the ferry (left) and lunching in a hotel room (right)

Back in July 2022 one of our volunteers found not one but two tiny kittens alone in the centre of Lakka. She took them to the Municipal Vet Nefeli Damigou who confirmed that both were blind! Our volunteer took them home and cared for them for the next few weeks while they got stronger and then PAWS started to look for homes for them. We decided it would be best to keep them together but finding a home for two blind kittens was never going to be easy. Fast forward to late August and a couple who had lived on Paxos for many years but had moved to the UK in 2021 contacted us to offer both of them a home in Pembrokeshire. Helen and Jeff Hart planned to drive back to Paxos for a holiday in the autumn and then take the kittens to the UK with them. Ray and Stevie were so well behaved during their long trip back, staying in hotels, travelling on ferries and also spending hours in the car for the long final drive once in the UK. They now live happily with their new sister Sky and their new dad has even built them a wonderful outdoor play area in his shed where they can play safely for hours. It even has underfloor heating! We couldn't have wished for a better outcome for Ray and Stevie. Thank you Helen and Jeff Hart!

**Di Mitchell** (PAWS trustee and volunteer)

### **The amazing story of Mike**

**And of how people who had never met before,**

**Came together to help an animal in need...**



Mike while staying at PAWS clinic (left) and with volunteers on a walk (right)

Mike came into the care of PAWS in March 2022 after he and his sister Lucy were removed from their owner. After 2 weeks of treatment, Lucy was rehomed on Paxos but sadly Mike was still underweight so needed more time and more care. At this time, Di Mitchell, (volunteer and PAWS trustee) who was looking after Mike but also planning a trip to New Zealand to visit her daughter and family not seen since the onset of Covid. Her leaving date was May 11th when all the usual PAWS volunteers were busy working full time. Di therefore decided to ask via our Facebook page if anyone would be willing to feed and walk Mike for the 6 weeks that she would be away A very big ask but amazingly within 4 days, replies arrived from 9 wonderful ladies who offered to help. Only two lived on Paxos, the rest were tourists who were happy to help if a Rota was organized. Well after lots of planning Di was able to go on holiday and the Rota provided Mike with food, walks, and love twice daily.

Well after lots of planning Di was able to go on holiday and the Rota provided Mike with food, walks, and love twice daily. The charity cannot thank everyone enough for stepping up and helping Mike. The volunteers walked him, played with him, and helped prepare him for his new life in the UK and all became huge fans!

Sincere thanks to Lyn Griffin, Joanne Dickson, Louiza Siouti, Emily-Sue Coates, Ann Struton, Jill McDonald, Andrea Gay & Joan Faraday-Crowder. Mike was very kindly adopted in June by a couple Steve & Vanessa in the village of East Preston. Sadly, and unexpectedly, Vanessa died in September 2022 but Steve adores Mike and they love each other's company whether at home or out walking.



Mike walking with volunteers



Mike in the UK with his new dad making new friends

### Some of the animals rescued by PAWS within 2022



**Bianca**, rescued by Heleni, treated for a broken leg, now adopted



Guss, the abandoned kitten



and here Guss happily adopted



Whina as an abandoned kitten on the right and as an adult beauty in her new mum's house



Bob, Ragnar now adopted and Effie currently fostered



Olive in her new mum's garden



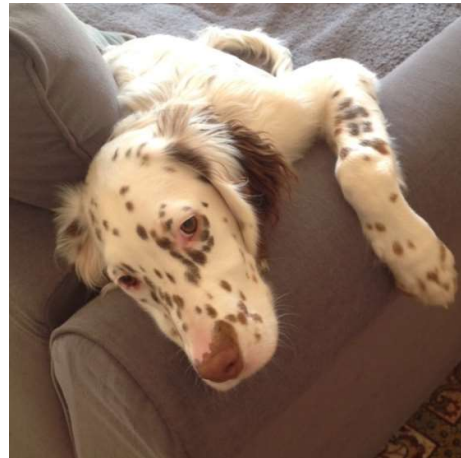
Bora, currently fostered by PAWS



Lisa, a Corfu hunting dog currently fostered on Paxos



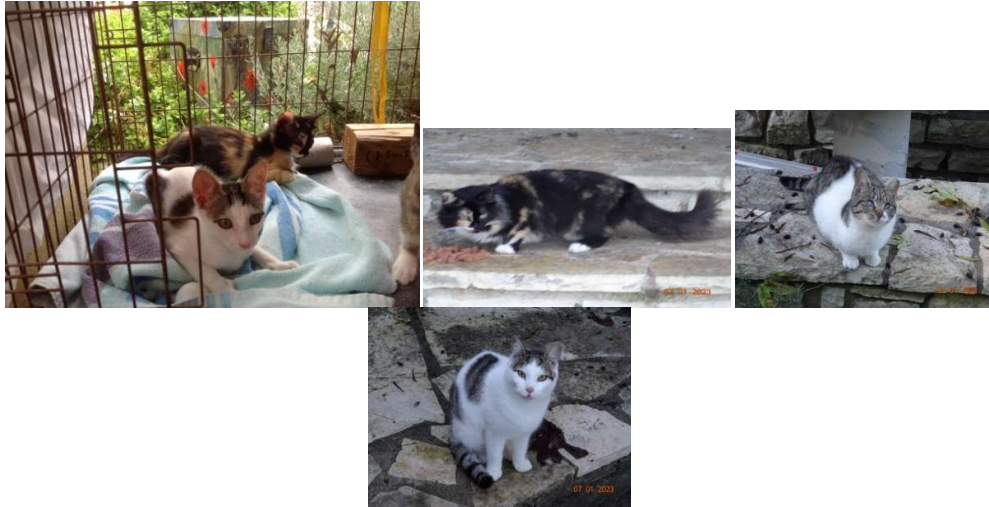
Lucy, happily adopted on Paxos



Cooper living happily now in the UK



Kittens found above St Aikaterini church in Ozias



Three kittens rescued that were rescued and adopted in Kalodikatika (before and now)

### **Other News...**

John Durrant from Lela Construction and a regular visitor to Paxos very kindly made PAWS four new feeding stations which were put together and painted by Marc Lothien who lives in Lakka. The picture above shows a new station at the Health Centre that has already become very popular!

Mandy Cooper and her friends once again raised £200 making Christmas wreaths.

Many of our Supporters gave us generous donations in 2022 and we thank them all.

Sadly, one of our dear friends and supporter Kate Sams passed away in 2022....she will always be loved and remembered.



New feeding station outside Paxos Health Center



Volunteers selling wreaths fundraising for PAWS



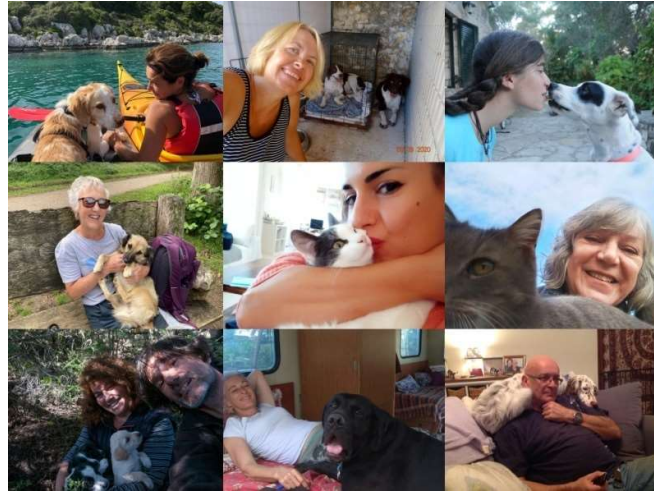
PAWS volunteer Marc Lothien building our new feeding stations



Kate Sams, our wonderful volunteer who passed away within 2022



Volunteer vet and nurses October 2022



Some of PAWS volunteers and their pets

**ΕΘΝΙΚΗ ΓΡΑΜΜΗ ΚΑΤΑΓΓΕΛΙΩΝ**

Αναπτύσσουμε **ψηφιακή εφαρμογή**, καθώς και **5ψήφιο αριθμό καταγγελιών** για τη διευκόλυνση αναφοράς περιστατικών κακοποίησης ζώων, καθώς και **κάθε παράβασης του νομικού πλαισίου για την προστασία των ζώων συντροφιάς**

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Greek hotline for reporting any violation of laws on animal welfare. Callers can remain anonymous, which will encourage people to use it



Epic kitkat for our clinic's staff after the end of another hard Wednesday's work!

**And lastly but my no means least A BIG thank you also...**

- to all our volunteers for their daily commitment
- to all our visiting vet teams from the UK....their dedication and continued support is exemplary.
- to all residents of Paxos who have been supporting animal welfare in any way
  - to Panos and Katerina who provide very good prices for accommodation and hire cars for our vet teams
- to the private vets of Paxos
  - to Mayor, Spyros Vlachopoulos, to Christos Vlachopoulos, deputy mayor and ex-chairman of the Stray Animals Committee and to Voula Apergi, deputy mayor and chairwoman of Welfare Municipal Company for their cooperative spirit.
- To all our supporters worldwide

**Plans for 2023**

We have already arranged for 4 vet teams to visit the PAWS clinic...2 teams in the Spring and 2 teams in the Autumn

We hope with the help of grants and donations to be able to support financially the PAWS municipal vet clinic and keep it open at least once a week all year round.

We are trying to renew and extend our volunteers' network. Please help if you can as there can never be enough!

We are working on a scheme of educational visits for local schools

Our Facebook page [Municipal Vet Clinic / PAWS](#) is doing well and we will continue to post updates and photos on projects and actions throughout the year.

We hope to have PAWS - Greece up and running very soon and we will keep you posted. PAWS Voucher scheme for financial help with neutering domestic cats and dogs will also continue.

**Finally, we wish everyone who volunteers and supports PAWS on Paxos a very happy and healthy 2023!**

Please find ways to support our projects financially by visiting our website page <https://www.pawspaxos.com/contact-us> (bank transfer, Paypal, Amazon Smile)