

# Paxos Animal Welfare Society

## NEWSLETTER Q1 2026

Due to the retirement of Director Lindsay Geddes, the charity's registration has now been transferred to Greece. However, we are pleased to report that in 2025 we treated over 700 animals and neutered over 500 cats. More details about the new structure of the charity can be seen below.

### January – March 2026

Paxos Animals Welfare Society (PAWS) in association with Paxos Vet Clinic and vets, Nefeli Damigou and Spyros Outsetaris, with the financial cooperation of the Municipal Authorities has been keeping very busy during the first 3 months of 2026.

Paws board member, Faye Lychnou has recently been appointed local councilor, responsible for the stray animals of Paxos. Consequently:

- Paws and the Municipality of Paxos are in contact with the Special Secretary for the protection of Animals of the Ministry of Internal Affairs (<https://www.ypes.gr/>) and have been drafting a cooperation memorandum with Zero Stray Pawject. (<https://www.zerostraypawject.org/>)
- PAWS and the local Veterinary clinic have already been receiving free counseling, info on current legislation, contacts with animal experts like specialized vets, dog trainers, educators, lawyers etc.
- Although Paxos Municipality has a long way to cover regarding complying with existing national laws (*visit our website <https://pawspaxos.gr/greeklaw> to read the main national law points*) a **memorandum** of cooperation has been drafted between PAWS and the Mayor's office so that the charity can officially continue its volunteer work towards achieving the common goal of Zero Stray Animals on Paxos.
- A memorandum of cooperation has been signed between PAWS and **Tranakas Dog Training Lab**, which provides a registered dog hotel and training camp. Tasos Tranakas is also a member of the local Committee for the welfare of Paxos Animals.
- **A committee for the welfare of Paxos animals** has been founded (an obligation according to law 4830/2021). Members are:  
Faye Lychnou, local councilor representing the Mayor's office  
Diane Mitchell and Andreas Kouroupis representing the local animal charity (PAWS)

Tasos Tranakas, registered dog trainer  
Nefeli Damigou, appointed municipal vet

- Official contact has been made with the local Coast Guard Station and Igoumenitsa Coast Guard and Port Police in order for the above authorities to proceed to **regular microchip inspections** of all animals travelling in and out of the island of Paxos.
- Discussions have also started with **the local Police department**. A specially trained police officer has visited PAWS clinic and feeling is positive towards the police officers starting to inspect dogs all over the island on microchip, vaccination and neutering.  
The above authorities' cooperation is absolutely imperative in order to assure we can remain a Zero Stray Dogs Island.

The island of Paxos is proud to state that we have been one of the very few places in Greece with Zero Stray Dogs since 2022 thanks to the commitment and hard work of PAWS and our associate vet, Nefeli Damigou currently assisted by young vet, Spyros Outsetaris (<https://www.facebook.com/PaxosVetClinic/>).

Below is our work in numbers from January to March 2026:

### **Neutering**



We have neutered and microchipped 71 stray cats (36 males and 35 females) from all over the island of Paxos from January to end of March 2026.

## Operations and Treatments

Our vet team has dealt with 2 face abscesses, 3 eye e-nucleations, 1 ex ray, 3 dental ops, 2 hook removals, 1 tail infection, free grooming and microchip of a dog, whose owner was financially vulnerable.



Nony hook free and Perla just before her eye op



Manolis's tail looked after by Spyros and blind Fotis treated for an abscess

## Put to sleep

14 cats were put to sleep due to car accidents, nose and mouth cancers, and kidney failure.

## **Adoptions**

5 adoptions of cats have taken place.

Fluff and Midjy, currently Milou have been adopted in Corfu. Cecil has been adopted in Thessaloniki

Loulou has been adopted by a family in Lakka

Mila has been adopted in Lakka



Milou adopted in Corfu and blind Cecil in his new home in Thessaloniki

## **Volunteers & Winter Feeding**

There are 46 official feeding points on Paxos and Antipaxos with currently a population of about 720 cats that are fed and watered daily and their health condition monitored.

A network of 22 volunteers in both islands looks after those feeding stations and we cannot thank them enough for their dedication and commitment.



### **PAWS Cat Shelter**

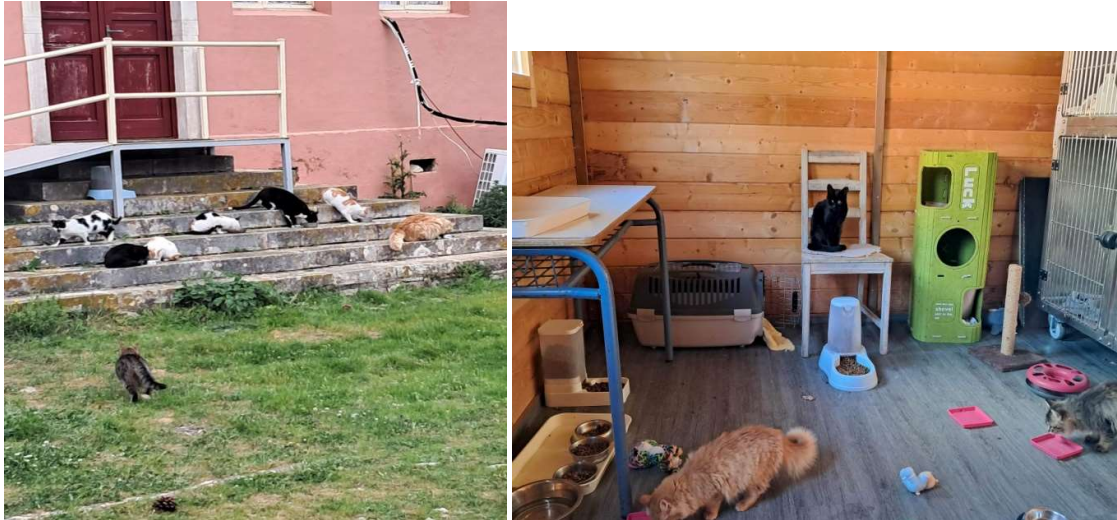
We have rescued and currently hosting 9 cats. Their photos and stories can be found on our webpage and on our fb and instagram page.

They are all microchipped, neutered, vaccinated, dewormed and deflead and up for adoption.

Visit our website to find out more about them.



Our lovely Peggy



Our cat colony within PAWS garden and our little shelter

## **Dog Walks**

PAWS board member and volunteer, Di Mitchell has organized walks on 10 different Sundays from January 4<sup>th</sup> to March 22<sup>nd</sup> in Gaios, Magazia, Loggos and Lakka areas

The itineraries are chosen especially to be easy and the duration short (it does not exceed one hour 30 minutes) so that everyone can participate. Dogs can socialize and play, and their humans can enjoy an easy walk within the beautiful Paxos scenery and rich nature.

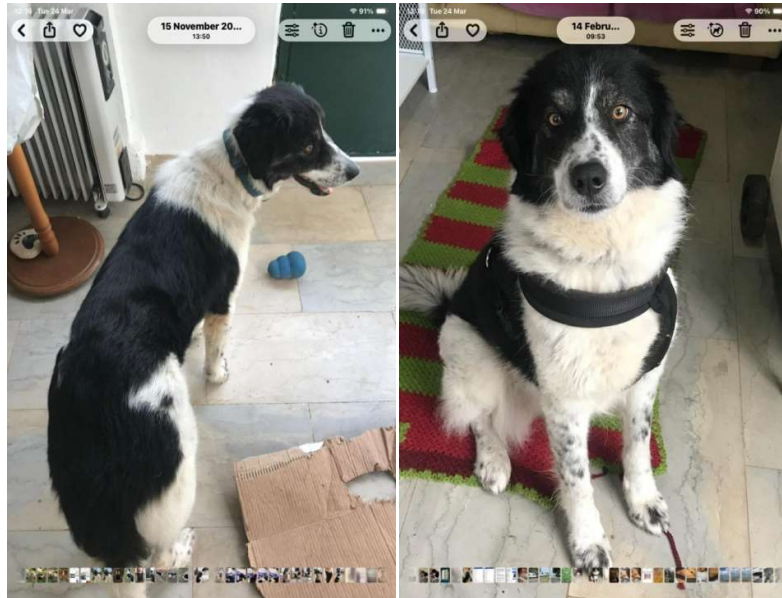
Anyone can participate whether they have a dog or not. The only participation term is to walk each dog on a lead.



## **Roxy**

Roxy came to our attention at the end of October 2025. Her owners were not taking care of her properly and she was chained most of her day as

they had become afraid of her. After meeting Roxy and doing an assessment to see if she was aggressive or if we felt we could help her, PAWS decided to step in and remove her from her situation. Roxy immediately visited Paxos Vet Clinic and after testing positive for Heartworm she began the very long process of treatment that consisted of weeks of antibiotics, cortisone and 3 painful injections a month apart. Her treatment is ongoing but hopefully she will test negative in April when we next tested.



Roxy when first with us back in November 2025 and now, in March 2026. She is 5 kilos heavier and her personality flourishing.

## **ZERO Stray PAWJECT VISIT**

Stelios Pyralemidis, Zero Stray PAWJECT account manager and consultant on stray animals programs applications visited Paxos to offer free consultation to Faye Lychnou, local councilor, responsible for the stray animals policies on Paxos. Mr Pyralemidis was tour - guided around the island's feeding stations and cat colonies; he visited the Municipal Veterinary Clinic and one of the private vet clinics. He met with the Mayor of Paxos, the Police Officer, Andreas Gogos, PAWS board members Di Mitchell, Hara Aroni, Andreas Kouroupis, Faye Lychnou as well as vets, Nefeli Damigou and Spyros Outsetaris.

The annual business plan of Paxos Municipality for year 2026 on stray animals and the strategic plan for the next three years (2026 -2028) were

discussed with the main goals being to avoid having to deal with abandoned dogs and to prevent an increase on stray cats. Among the most important goals in improving local veterinary infrastructure on the island, is the purchase and installation of an **incinerator**.

Both plans are pending approval from the Local Council. After their official approval, both plans will be published and accessible to the public.



Stellios Pyralemidis at Paxos Vet clinic with our vet team





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