



Cacela Dog Haven

.... every dog deserves a loving home!

Association No/NIF: 515905569

Tel: 926 767 544

Newsletter - April

Monday, 14 April 2025

Dear CDH Friends, Supporters and Volunteers

We thought you might like to know how we've been doing for the last few months, seeing that time has flown by so quickly and we're already into the 2nd quarter of 2025!

Cacela Dog Haven

Sterilisations and Vaccinations - With sincere thanks to Vet Gilão (Tavira) who gave up free days to help us, we managed to sterilise 40 dogs and cats.... some external and some from the Haven; those who are ready to be rehomed now. Additionally, a vaccination marathon of sorts was undertaken at the haven by Vet Gilão.... we managed to get 27 dogs vaccinated and micro-chipped!

Adoptions - Since our last newsletter in January, we have rehomed another 4 dogs (one was a lovely CDH girl taken back by the Haven late last year.... now named KIRIA, she lives locally with Tabatha and is loving her new life! The other three were BRAMBLE another of the Sheepdogs who's gone to live in the countryside, KARA (the Staffy, formerly named Kara) who has been adopted by a family in Tavira and BONNY who was also one of the sheep dog litter, also living locally now.

Dogs Waiting - At the moment, we are keen to find homes for the last sheepdog.... SHEP who is a really beautiful boy and is ready for his new home. We also have a few other pups who are now around a year old and of course, we'd love to find homes for them. In the meantime, they're all being trained to walk like ladies and gentlemen on the lead.... plus other basic manners and commands. We also have the five Mini-Podengos that we rescued and who were bottle-fed until they were ready to face the world and normal puppy food! Please go to the home page of our website to see the dogs that are ready for rehoming.

Spring Quiz - We'll be holding a Spring Quiz for the haven on Monday, 5 May at 14h00.... with a few really good lunch options (for €11.00, including dessert), our quizzes are usually quite well supported and everyone has a great time.

Please send an email to Jenny.... cdhevents2023@gmail.com.... to let us have your menu choices and book your table for the quiz (maximum 6 per team).

Website: <https://www.caceladoghaven.com>

Email: info@caceladoghaven.com



Cacela Dog Haven

..... every dog deserves a loving home!

Tel: 926 767 544

Association No/NIF:
515905569

Page 2

Training/Education Centre - Unfortunately, some of the legalities related to the “property use” that we inherited have not yet been finalised. However, our plans as outlined in our January Newsletter have not changed... we’re committed to developing the area for training and specifically, as an education centre for children on the Algarve, about the responsibility and sheer joy associated with owning a pet.

Sponsorship - SPARK PAWS, USA - We’re thrilled to announce that a company in the USA, Spark Paws, has given Cacela Dog Haven a \$500 gift card, to be used for any of their products as and when we need them. Please go to their website (<https://www.sparkpaws.com/>) to see the wonderful doggy merchandise they have available. Their generosity, especially for a shelter on the other side of the pond, was a wonderful surprise!



Teaming - Please don’t forget to join our Teaming group..... there’s always a link on the Facebook page and on our website..... with just a donation of €1 per month, it would be wonderful to develop a reliable income stream that could perhaps cover our dry dog food purchases each month, for example.....

Small amounts contributed by many people = a Teaming success!

Grooming - We’re thrilled to welcome the extremely kind Ana who is a dog groomer... new to the trade and really keen to gain experience, she visits CDH on a Thursday and does a wonderful job of grooming a few dogs.... we are so happy to have this help. Thank you Ana!

Helping where we can! - In a bid to keep trying to help dogs, wherever they may be, CDH has donated two large kennels to a local family in Conceição whose two dogs were outside without protection. We firmly believe that positive intervention is instrumental in reducing suffering.

Infrastructure Renovations - We are thrilled that we’re going to be able to upgrade the old kennels (those on the outside of the enclosed area).... we’ve been wanting to do this for a long time and now we have a free kennel to house our residents when the upgrade is taking place. We’re hoping to let you have photos in our next newsletter.

PAWS Charity Shop, Cabanas - It’s with sincere thanks and admiration for Lisa and our PAWS team who have done an absolutely amazing job of updating our charity shop. With a significantly improved look and feel, we believe our shop will appeal to all shoppers.... our goods are well categorised and the space in the shop has been efficiently maximised.

Today, we celebrated the 2nd year that PAWS has been open..... our shoppers had the chance to browse and meet a few of our youngest CDH residents. For each purchase, one ticket will go into a draw for a great prize.... an Easter Hamper!

CAUSE beyond PAWS..... To ensure that every item donated to our shop is treated with the respect that is due, we’ve developed guidelines and a network (Cause beyond PAWS) for managing and effectively recycling merchandise that we are unable to sell. Our network consists of other charities and groups who are able and keen, to pass these items to those who are in desperate need.

Website: <https://www.caceladoghaven.com>

Email: info@caceladoghaven.com



Cacela Dog Haven

..... every dog deserves a loving home!

Tel: 926 767 544

Association No/NIF:
515905569

Page 3

The additional effort involved takes time and the volunteers who developed this initiative have embraced the additional work with enthusiasm..... happy to sort goods, co-ordinate, communicate and effect distribution. In this way, PAWS is able to minimise the routine disposal of merchandise. Described below are the organisations/communities across the Algarve who are enormously grateful for what we're able to pass their way.....

- Various organisations that support youngsters - clothes for babies and clothes/toys for small children... our volunteers are especially thrilled when there are toys they can offer!
- Other charity shops in our area that, due to their locality, may not be as fortunate as PAWS when it comes to donations but do have families who necessarily, have to shop in charity outlets.
- A charity that works with abused teenage girls - clothing for 12-18 years, underwear and toiletries.
- An organisation that works tirelessly in the area of single women/mothers and young children - clothes for adults and newborns.
- There are two orphanages that always welcome clothing and toys for children from 2-17 years.
- Through the work of our volunteers, we've identified a few very poor families/groups in various villages or communities, who are desperately in need of clothing and/or other specific items.

Of course, any comments, questions and suggestions from our friends and supporters would be gladly received and addressed. Please feel free to contact us..... info@caceladoghaven.com.

PAWS..... too Charity Shop, Conceição - We are going to be closing this unit in July but in the meantime, we're opening a new shop in **Vila Nova de Cacela on Saturday, 19 April...** please join us for a glass of fizz and a slice of cake! We'll be open from 10h30 to 15h00.... looking forward to seeing you!



Rua Duque da Terceira 5A, Vila Nova de Cacela



With sincere thanks for your unfailing support and generosity.....

Treve and Sharron



Website: <https://www.caceladoghaven.com>

Email: info@caceladoghaven.com