

SPRING 2019

STRIVING TO IMPROVE THE WELFARE OF ANIMALS IN GREECE

Marguerite is now safely in the care of ESPI

A big "THANK YOU" to you if you are one of the caring people who have already donated to help care for the animals rescued from the poorly managed and underfunded zoo on Kasos, which, working together with ΕΣΠΙ (the Greek Horse Protection Society) we have succeeded in getting closed down. We have now taken all the animals safely off the island.

We thought we should show you Marguerite in happier times with her new foal. She is currently at her new home outside Athens looking, frankly, a bit embarrassed to be covered comprehensively in 'Sudocrem'. It may not be an elegant look, but it's marvellous stuff at keeping flies off and allowing sores to heal, so she should be able to come out of hiding and appear in front of her adoring public looking her film-star best again before too long!



Like Marguerite, the rest of the 11 rescued equids need to be treated for intestinal parasites, and we need to find the funds to provide this medication for them as soon as possible. It costs about £12 per treatment. Could you help our appeal? To make a donation please complete the form on the reverse of this newsletter or follow this link: <https://www.gawf.org.uk/donate/>

Queuing to "get the chop" in Syros



Our neutering "marathon" began in January with a 3 day visit to Syros. Through your donations and the actions of GAWF, the January leg of it helped 106 cats to go on to live longer and healthier lives. The team returned to the island in February and we expect the programme to run throughout the rest of 2019. There's now a real possibility that we could reach the target of neutering 1,000 cats by December – a third of the estimated population on Syros!

GAWF receives no government funding and therefore relies on your support to continue with our campaigns and projects and do our life-saving work. Quite simply, without you, we wouldn't be able to carry on.

Gigi finds the grass greener in Sweden

Last year, Irma, Gigi, and Jojoba were dumped, along with their mother, Truffle, and one further sibling, on a hillside above Aspropyrgos (a run-down industrial area) outside Athens. Perhaps the person responsible thought no one would find them in that remote place. But they were wrong. Volunteers from "Ghost Dogs of Aspropyrgos" (ΤΑ ΦΑΝΤΑΣΜΑΤΑ ΤΟΥ ΑΣΠΡΟΠΥΡΓΟΥ) rescued the five dogs and were determined to give them a future. As a first step they took them to the vet who found they all had typhus. Sadly, it was too late for one of the four puppies and it didn't survive. But the volunteers redoubled their efforts to find the rest 'forever homes'. Today, Irma is enjoying the good life with a family in England, while Jojoba has been adopted by a Greek lady who lives in Belgium. In our photo you can see Gigi – who's actually male! He's busy studying the history of the Vikings in Sweden along with the young lady who has made him part of her life. The three youngsters have emigrated but Truffle, their mother, has remained in Greece where a family in Petroupolis is caring for her. All four dogs were sterilised as part of one of GAWF's Spay/Neuter Programmes.



You can help us to go on supporting caring local people, like the 'Ghost Dogs' volunteers, that make such a difference to the lives of abandoned animals by making a donation today. Please, could you make a contribution? Here's a link: www.gawf.org.uk/donate



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