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Welcome to our new Newsletter!

Following on from our first six newsletters, welcome to our brand new monthly format. The regular features will keep you up to date on all our latest news about the number of animals in our care, re-homing successes, events and of course ways you can continue to

support the work San Animal does by donating, fundraising or volunteering.

The team at San Animal works hard to support animals in the area and could not do such a great job without your donations and support. Thank You

on behalf of all the dogs and cats at San Animal.

We hope you enjoy the new look and if you have any comments or feedback please let us know.

- Amanda Rowan

Scores on the Doors

Scores on the Kennel Doors:

First, the good news: Nine dogs have been rehomed since January 2012.

We currently have 30 dogs in our care. Four of them are already spoken for, which is brilliant and largely due to the wonderful work of the dog team (see item on page 4 for a snapshot of the work they do) and increased exposure on Facebook.

Now for the less good news..., there has been a 35% increase in dogs taken in since December 2011. So still plenty of work to do then! Whether this increase is due to the Crisis or other factors is uncertain but what we do know for sure is that the number of dogs needing our help is exceeding our funds. At San Animal, we squeeze the most out of every céntimo, but there's always a need for more (you

can [make a donation](#) via the website).

Scores on the Cattery Doors:

Five cats have been rehomed since the last newsletter and five more are still waiting.

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Money, Money, Money

"All the things I could do if I had a little money, it's a rich man's world"
Abba certainly had the right idea, but right now we would settle for just enough money to be able to fund all the animals in our care for the next few months.



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In January and February we spent 4,200€:

- Vets bills 2,600€

- Fostering 1,100€
- Overseas homing 360€
- Printing, etc. 140€

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Our income was 3,100€:

- Chinese New Year 800€
- Donations & Membership 2,300€

As you can see our outgoings are

exceeding our income so all help is welcome.

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You can *donate*.

You can *join*.

You can *sponsor*.

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Donations can be made via the website at:

www.sananimal.org

March's Featured Dogs

Pepsi



Every month in the newsletter we'll be featuring some of the dogs (and cats!) in our care that really need a home. For March, we're showing off Pepsi, Fudge and Candi.

Pepsi:

Lovely Pepsi is doing well but she needs a forever or foster home URGENTLY. She is fine

with all other dogs (except dominant males) and is affectionate, lively, fun, and rewarding – please give her the chance of a normal life.

Fudge & Candi:

Fudge and Candi are currently living in a pen, with a little house and a good size garden to play in. They're well

cared for but they need a foster home now, so they can be with people and learn what being a dog can be all about.

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If you or someone you know could help Pepsi, Fudge or Candi, contact one of the team (contact numbers are on page 5).

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Fudge



Candi

Appeal of the Month – UK Rehoming Project

As you probably know, San Animal doesn't only find Spanish homes for dogs and cats, we help them find forever homes all over Europe. This month, we want to put some extra effort into our UK operation.

We're looking for anybody in the UK who can help with the

following essential work:

- Meet and greet dogs at airports
- Conduct home checks with new owners
- Awareness-raising and publicity for San Animal Santuario
- UK fundraising

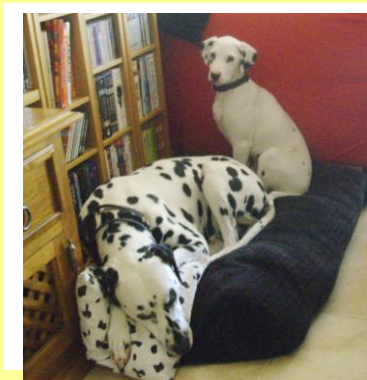
And of course, any and all donations to support our UK homing strategy and Spanish rescue programme are always welcome. If you can help or know somebody else who can, contact one of the San Animal team (the names and numbers can be found on page 5).

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The 102nd Dalmatian – another rescue...



One month later, Loti meets up with her rescuer Janet (left) and foster 'mum' Kay (right)



Loti and new 'big brother', Jack

Janet Ancliff tells how she rescued:

"Loti's original owner lives in Águilas but has a home in El Calón which he lives in during the summer. He has two dogs in El Calón which are left to wander around the village. I am unsure how they are fed but they are healthy enough. One gets to sleep indoors (perhaps through a cat flap and the other sleeps outside).

About two months ago he brought Loti into the village and pushed her through a hole in a fence into the garden of somebody else's holiday home. After a week or so the residents in the village realised he had not returned to feed her so a German couple started mixing rice with dog meat and pushing it under the fence. Others threw scraps over the gate. Someone also

threw a blanket into the garden to give her some warmth but it got wet when it rained a few days later.

She spent four weeks outside in the cold while the owner did not return. I went to see José, a Spanish friend (who loves dogs) and asked if he ever saw the owner; I wanted him to go and ask if I could take the dog. As luck would have it the owner came into the village that day. He said the dog was given to his son who expected him to look after it but he already had two dogs and he did not want it.

He agreed José and I could take it. I found a temporary foster home with my neighbours, Kay and Sam for a few days and Audrey from San Animal rang that same evening to arrange to pick Loti up once longer term

arrangements had been made."

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Amanda Rowan (Loti's new owner) takes up the tale:

"We took the puppy on a temporary basis, but of course she is a complete heart-stealer and it is not really surprising that we decided to keep her as we have a fondness for Dalmatians. However, Jack, our 11-year old Dalmatian was not so impressed, and we held our breath for a few days to be sure we were seeing signs that they would get on. But by taking it one step at a time, one month on they are now really good friends. We named the puppy Loti (laughing on the inside) because we think she is now that she is safe and loved."

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Another San Animal success story.

Volunteering and Help

Dog Walkers:

We desperately need volunteer dog walkers for the dogs we have in temporary kennels near Los Arejos. One walk a week would be brilliant. If you love dogs but can't have a dog of your own this would be a

great way of getting a little 'dog time'.

Vet 'Taxi':

We need people to transport dogs and cats to our vet in Lorca, you don't need to speak Spanish as treatment is agreed in advance, and

don't worry, fuel costs can be reimbursed.

A Big Thank You

To Magda Jaszczak and her colleagues in the UK for the donation of veterinary supplies – very much appreciated!

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The San Animal Santuario Fundraising Weekend takes place in San Juan de los Terreros on the 31st March and 1st April - see page 4 for details.

San Animal Santuario Weekend – 31st March & 1st April

Pulpí Town Hall and the restaurants of San Juan de los Terreros have come together to support the work of San Animal Santuario with a weekend of fundraising activities; all thanks to the efforts of Doris Heinrich.

The weekend begins on Saturday 31st March with 3-course evening meal (for just 15€ per head) at any of the following establishments: Meson Pepa, Restaurante La Venta, Mar y Luna, La Escala, and Mi Cortijo.

The same bars will be serving the newly-launched San Animal cocktail (with or without alcohol) with a donation to the charity for each one you order.

Then on Sunday 1st April there will be a Family Day with a rastro market in the main square in Terreros, a football match in the morning, tombola, coffee and homemade cakes plus a display of dog obedience / training at 12 midday

(with Antoinette Van Toorenenbergen) featuring San Animal dogs either needing forever homes or those recently adopted. Come along for a fun weekend and support your favourite charity at the same time!

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STAY TUNED for future San Animal events, including a pétanque competition and a ten pin bowling league...

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A few days in the life of a member of the Dog Team – Audrey Vollans

Just a few highlights from a very busy time of year – it’s not my imagination, there really are so many more dogs being abandoned this year...

Friday 3 February –

Out working all day, back in around 9pm, eat something and then check San Animal emails – oh no, there is a young Dalmatian puppy abandoned in the garden of an unoccupied home, no shelter only a wet blanket and local villagers feeding her... coldest night of the year so far... its now 22.00 hours, shall I phone the lady who reported this now or not? – send SMS – she replies,

puppy has a very temporary home for 2 days, huge relief...

Oh for a peaceful weekend – Sunday morning, off to market, there in the traffic literally squeezing between fast moving cars, 2 puppies, one larger than the other, both oblivious to danger and car drivers not able to see them. No shopping possible – we are both carrying one puppy each and need to find somewhere for them to go, they cling on to our arms with their paws, so relieved to feel safe... leave them sleeping in the car...

Go off for rehearsals for a San Animal charity

fund-raiser, feed and water the puppies who have been happily asleep in my car... get home hours later to my own dogs who are keen to know who the new ones are. But they need to be in quarantine so no contact allowed. It IS cold, so no choice, in the en-suite bathroom they go... food, water and warmth.

That night I phone the people caring for the Dalmatian puppy to check all is ok, no reply, so leave a message.

Monday 6 Feb – Got little sleep as the puppies sense care is close by, so they cry for attention during the night and leave a

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veritable lake of wee all over the place, they wander in their poo and then wag tails spraying it all over the bathroom...

Operation “*clean bathroom*” commences during the night... Next morning the sun is out, and the puppies play on the roof terrace. We have an overspill pen for real emergencies, which we have never used before but before we head off to the vet to have the puppies checked, the pen needs bleaching, cleaning and making safe for the puppies’ return. They are now balancing on top of the roof terrace wall full of beans and bounce, happy as anything... Finally they are delivered to their new temporary home – phew!

Meet potential adoptive family and foster carer with dog in town about 40 minutes’ drive away. All goes well... arrange to do home check asap.

Dalmatian carer phones, they cannot keep the puppy, so we need to find her somewhere urgently, no one has any space... frantically hunt around for foster carers and a new team member has an adult Dalmatian so will take her in on a temporary basis. Huge relief.

Tuesday 7 Feb – Returning from a business meeting, call in and do home check on potential adoptive family for one of our dogs... lovely people, lucky dog.

Wednesday 8 Feb – Off to collect Dalmatian (the cutest thing ever) off to vet, no chip, less than 4 months old... in good health, spend time introducing her properly to the adult dog and leave her in the capable hands of her new carer.

San Animal committee meeting in the evening.

Our AGM is coming up need to get our heads around procedural issues... get home at 11.30pm

Thursday 9 Feb – Email: another dog needs special food, go and get that and deliver to dog...

Saturday 11 Feb – Deliver goods for future car boot stall to Treasurer. Take blankets and more special food up to the dogs that need it.

Monday 13 Feb – A message to say someone wants to meet a dog with view to homing it, so arrange that as a priority.

Tuesday 14 Feb – The same people want to meet another one of our dogs tomorrow... arrange that too...

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It never ends... but it’s all worth it when a dog finds a home.

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COMPETITION – Neutering is Nicer

Did you know that without spaying or neutering a female dog her mate and their puppies, could produce over 66,000 dogs! That’s a lot of dogs to rehome (the figures for cats are similar).

One of the aims of San Animal is to encourage owners to neuter their pets to reduce the number of abandoned

dogs and puppies but for all sorts of reasons neutering is not popular in this part of Spain.

The Dogs Trust in the UK has a “Neutering is Nicer” slogan and we want something similar that appeals to Spanish-speaking people. This is a great opportunity to chat to your Spanish friends

and neighbours and come up with a winning slogan. There is a small prize for the winner and of course a mention in the newsletter! Please send entries to Audrey at:

Audrey@sananimal.org

Closing date is 7th April.