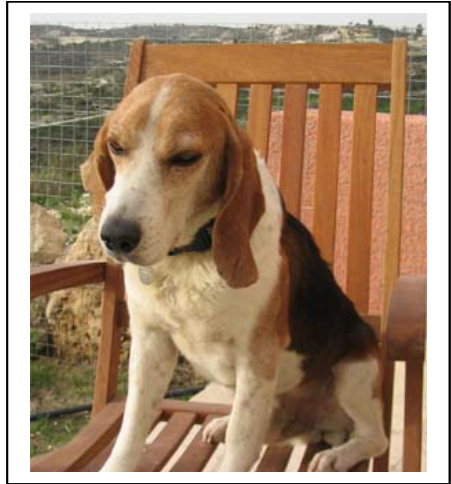


PAWS PERIODICAL

SPECIAL DOGS' DINNER

Ledra Beach Hotel, Friday 30th April at 7.30 pm
To celebrate the start of building the new Paws Shelter



TOPSY & BEN
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MONDAY 29th MARCH
CAPCA AGM
Axiothea Hotel 7.00 pm

SAT. 3rd APRIL
SPONSORED DOG WALK
Paws Dog Shelter,
Yeroskipou, 10.45 am

FRI 30th APRIL
SPECIAL DOGS' DINNER
Ledra Beach Hotel 7.30 pm

Friends of CAPCA

Our thanks to all who are helping our Association by raising funds in the UK.

Barbara Somerville runs Friends of CAPCA and has recently been kept very busy organising Dog Sponsorship.

If you are living in the UK and would like to sponsor a PAWS dog or join Friends of CAPCA please contact:

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Tel. 01442 822529

E-mail:

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The CAPCA AGM will be held at 7.00 pm on Monday 29th March at the Axiothea Hotel. Members of the Committee will present their Annual Reports and the 2003 Audited Accounts will be also be presented. These Accounts are audited by KPMG, and CAPCA is committed to accounting for all the money that has been generously donated to us. Our Articles of Association state that the Committee should be elected each year so this is your opportunity to vote. If you are a member of CAPCA and cannot attend it would be appreciated if you would fill in your Proxy form which has already been sent to you. If you haven't renewed your Membership or if you would like to become a Member of CAPCA you can do this at the AGM. We look forward to your support and seeing lots of Members there.

President Phaedon Kyriakou.

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AT LAST!!!!!!!!!!!!

Friday the Thirteenth was a good day for CAPCA.

On 13th February Timis Efthymiou, the Minister of Agriculture, chaired a meeting which decided the Ministry should exchange the land we purchased in November 2001 with some Government land about 800 metres further away from the Airport and Base.

This decision came as a welcome surprise to us as we understood this option was rejected last October. This is the best solution we could have hoped for and we are delighted with it. The motion had to be ratified by the Council of Ministers so we had to wait until they met on 25th February. The next day George Neophytou, the Director of Government Veterinary Services, phoned us to say that The Council of Ministers had agreed to the exchange. What a relief! The Cyprus Weekly immediately faxed to us the relevant extract from the Gov-

A SPECIAL DOGS' DINNER

Beside the pool of

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Friday 30th April 7.30 pm

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VALENTINE DOGS' DINNER "THANK YOU'S"

Friday the Thirteenth turned out to be a very good Valentine celebration for about 200 people at the Aloe Hotel. We would like to thank you for your generosity – profit on the night was £916. Our thanks to Fikardos Winery, Helios Airways for flying Alessa from and to Bulgaria. Thanks to Alessa, Tom and George for excellent entertainment. Also thanks to the kind person who paid £85 for a Gallon of Brandy and to Table 7 for buying £90 of raffle tickets.

A gift was given to Keith and Margaret Miller from the Paws dogs as a thank you for their hard work in dealing with all the problems of getting the new shelter land settled. Thank you Mr Minister of Agriculture for making the decision on the day of our Dogs' Dinner – it made it an unforgettable night!

NO MORE BINGO

Not enough people attended our weekly Bingo sessions at Monte Liza so we had to cancel them after four weeks. Sorry to those enthusiasts who wanted them to continue, the response was simply not good enough for the organisers to come all the way from Limassol.



COME AND JOIN OUR SPONSORED DOG WALK

SATURDAY 3rd APRIL 10.45 am
STARTING AT PAWS DOG SHELTER

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Or PAWS DOG SHELTER
Or CALL 99 683775

If you haven't got a dog to walk - never mind. You can borrow one from our Shelter, we have over 130 to choose from.

The Sponsored walk will start at about 11.00 a.m. and will be four kilometres. It will start and finish at the kennels at Yeroskipou where there will be refreshments and various stalls. The idea is to raise as much money as possible to go towards building our new Dog Shelter.

Cyprus Association for the Protection & Care of Animals



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“The Council of Ministers approved the exchange of a piece of property belonging to the Cyprus Association for the Protection & Care of Animals (CAPCA Paphos) with Government Land of equal value situated in the area of Achelia in the district of Paphos.

The exchange is aimed at providing CAPCA with the opportunity to construct a modern shelter of European standard for the housing and care of homeless dogs and a training centre for the information/education of the general public and school children on dog-related issues and matters of behaviour towards and the care of pets. This exchange is indicative of the Government’s sensitivity on this type of issue.

There is still a lot to do before building can start:-

First we have to agree the exact site, size and boundaries of the new land – this comes under the responsibility of the Ministry of Interior. Then we have to exchange the deeds and after that we have to deal with the Planning Department again! Hopefully, we will have a much faster and more comfortable ride this time. The biggest hurdle has been overcome and we finally have the Government backing us; this should help with any further local objections.

A CHRISTMAS ~~PAWS~~ RECIPE BOOK

Have you tried Annette’s tea cakes? Or Baz’s cheese scones? Dig out any Family hand-me-down recipes or your trusted favourite recipes and let us print them in a colour booklet to be sold to our members and friends. Please write them down, no matter how simple, and email them to:- **annainpaphos@hotmail.com** or leave them in our Charity Shop in Chlorakas or at Paws Dog Shelter.

We hope, like our Christmas Calendar,
this will be a hot favourite.

FLYING DOGS?

(or what our Exporters do in their spare time)

Our dog exporters do a wonderful job for us. They take out the hassle of shipping animals. In the next few weeks they will be shipping six Paws dogs abroad. This is their story of an exceptional shipment they undertook.

We have just completed our greatest challenge. Jo and Rex Baggaley wanted to take their 15 dogs with them to Thailand and asked for our help. Moving 15 dogs anywhere can be a problem – 16 cats belonging to one owner was our biggest shipment to date, but that was to UK and we therefore knew the routine and what we were up against. Shipping dogs in bulk to Thailand was to be a new experience.

The first part of this exercise was to find a route. Two of Jo's fifteen dogs are Pekinese and a lot of airlines won't fly flat faced dogs; they have breathing difficulties so there is a very high mortality rate. They had to arrive before lunchtime as the Customs closed down in the afternoon and the dogs would be marooned in their boxes for an extra 14 hours. We found a route with only a two hour stop-over; the aircraft would arrive at 11.50 am, so far so good. At first the airline said they would ship all fifteen dogs in one consignment and then changed their minds and said they would have to be split. Then there were the Thai authorities to be reckoned with. They came up with all sorts of rules and changed the goalposts almost daily. Each dog had to have a certificate of origin (supplied by CAPCA). They had to be rabies vaccinated and then had to have certificates to say so, photocopies of their booklets would not be accepted. They wanted copies of the Health Certificates 48 hours before arrival. This just wasn't possible because of the time difference. The authorities wanted copies of the Air Way Bill faxed through and even asked for Export Licences, which are not needed for ordinary exports, only Endangered Species. The dogs would have to be tick and flea treated on the way to the airport at the Government Vet. A local veterinarian arranged to come there to do it, as it had to be done 24 hours before their arrival and the Cypriot Authorities had to certify that it had been done.

The departure day for the first shipment arrived. Eight dogs with their boxes

need a lot of space so we had to hire a large van. We arrived at the Baggageys early as the dogs had to be boxed before travelling. One dog decided it didn't want to go into its box and it took Jo about 30 minutes to catch it. Because all the paperwork had been faxed in advance, if she hadn't caught it the dog would not have been allowed to go with the second shipment. We were now running late. We made a dash to the Veterinary Department in Limassol who pulled out all the stops to help us. On arrival at the Airport our Agent came to meet us to help with any language difficulties. There weren't any, but the Airline, who had never shipped dogs before, were demanding certification that they would not be held responsible *for any reason whatsoever* for any mortality, which is really against IATA regulations but they had us over a barrel. Two of the dogs had destroyed their water pots so these had to be changed. The dogs and their boxes were put through the X-ray machine because they were going to be passing through an Arab Country, security was extremely tight. The boxes were sealed after scanning. We fixed water bottles full of water to the front of the boxes, filled the pots with water and they made it to customs just 10 minutes before their plane arrived at Larnaca. Soon they were on their long journey to Thailand where Rex Baggaley was to meet them and clear them through customs that end. The second shipment went without a hitch and we are pleased to report that Jo who travelled with the second shipment and all her dogs arrived safely.

Editors note: We understand that a lot of money, without receipts, had to change hands to clear the dogs through customs at the other end. We hope to get Jo's story about this and how the dogs have settled for the next Paws Periodical.



“It’s a little chilly so I’ve put an extra dog on your bed”

(Thanks to PUNCH MAGAZINE)

NEW

SECOND-HAND FURNITURE SHOP OPENING IN CHLORAKAS

We are now selling furniture in a new shop called SWAP! If you have any spare items we will be pleased to pick them up from your house and sell them for you. Come and see the new shop. The sales staff in the our Charity Shop opposite the Bank of Cyprus will be pleased to direct you to SWAP which is a few hundred yards up the road. You will find an excellent selection of furniture, electrical household goods, TV's, radios, pictures and books. All proceeds will go towards the new Paws Dog Shelter.

SPONSORED DOG WALK

Let us make this the **Big One!** It is probably our last major fund-raising event before we start building our new shelter. Come and enjoy the walk on April 3rd and persuade all your friends, contacts and local businesses to give generously to a really good cause. Our target is £10,000, only you can help us reach that figure.

Good luck also to our supporters in UK who are organising a dog walk on the same day. We look forward to hearing how you get on.

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Dr. Lakis Polemitis—Veterinary Surgeon

A GOOD YEAR FOR HOMING DOGS

The happiest part of the job of running a dog shelter is finding new homes for our residents. We are very pleased to say that more than 150 dogs found a new home in 2003. A really good year! We wish all the new owners many years of love and companionship.

TOPSY & BEN - the story of two Paws dogs that found a home

By David & Annette Winteridge

Ben

We're Beagle people. We took two Beagles from Beagle Rescue in the UK and brought one to Cyprus. Imagine our horror when, on arriving at Paws one day to do our stint of voluntary help, we found there a much-abused, aged Beagle. He had been brought in with a badly injured hind leg – a wound open to the bone – and the leg broken. He had a twisted jaw, his tongue hanging out from the side of his mouth, very few teeth, a cut and torn ear and a tail partly docked with a docking ring.

Originally it was thought that he would have to be put down, but he showed remarkable resilience, hopping around on three legs and eating heartily, so it had been decided to keep him under observation for a day or two. We agreed to pay his Vet bills and took him to Dr Laiki Polemitis. The wound was stitched and the tail docked.

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He was returned to Paws and we visited him on a daily basis for the next two and a half weeks. Christened "Gnasher" by the Paws team because of his lack of teeth, he made good progress and we took him home to join our other Beagle and Topsy (also ex-Paws). We named him 'Ben'.

His leg is completely healed but he will always have trouble eating. Ben only has seven teeth – six at the top in the front plus one upper canine. He has a large hole in the upper gum/jaw which goes through to the nasal cavity. We understand this is the result of horrendous tooth

and gum infection and we can't imagine the pain he must have suffered. The result is that he can only eat soft food and we have to be careful that no food goes up the nasal passage and into the lungs. The lack of lower as well as upper gums on the one side of the mouth means that his tongue always hangs out.

Ben has settled in very well. Although some of his injuries are clearly the result of abuse/neglect, he does appear to be rather accident-prone and will fall down any available hole!

How old is Ben? The expert view is that he may be as old as 14, but he is a happy, friendly dog, now enjoying a relaxed, comfortable life-style. He still "bays" with excitement when going out for walks (no doubt because of his experience as a hunting dog) and we are so pleased to have "rescued" him. Let's hope that a few more of the elderly dogs at Paws can be re-homed. It is tremendous to see an elderly dog responding to love and affection.

Topsy

Topsy was one of two puppy sisters that came into Paws. Both had Shar-Pei faces but Topsy had a Pointer body. In fact, Topsy looks as if she was designed by a committee! She has a black, wrinkled face, with a brown muzzle and brown spots over the eyes (a la Rottweiler). Her body is black and white with the long, elegant hind legs of a Pointer, but a curly tail..

When we first saw her she was a 10-week old puppy and we fell in love with her. Her sister, however, was taken ill and so we took Topsy home from Paws, away from possible infection, earlier than intended. Not soon enough though, as within 24 hours of her coming into the house she became violently ill with sickness and diarrhoea. Her sister had been taken to Dr. Ina Matvienko-Papantoniou in Peyia, so we took Topsy there as well. She was diagnosed with Parvo.

Although a potentially fatal disease, especially for puppies, dogs can survive it with careful nursing. She was put on a drip immediately and kept at the surgery overnight. She then came home to us and was kept on a drip for another four days. She also had to have regular injections of an antibiotic as well as anti-emetics and vitamins inserted through her catheter. All this was done by Annette, who is phobic about needles and all medical procedures!! We slept on the settee beside Topsy during this period.

Thanks to the help and support of Ina, Topsy survived. She has grown into a lively, friendly and very lovable six-month old dog. Unfortunately, one of the problems experienced by many Shar-Pei is Entropion – in simple terms, the eyelashes fold under the eyelids and rub against the eye. Topsy has had to have operations for this, but these seem to have been successful and she is growing into a healthy, exuberant, intelligent and much loved member of our canine family, now numbering three.

Would you like to buy a present for the new Shelter?

All the money so far raised will be spent on building the new shelter. There are lots of extra items we will require but won't be able to afford straight away. Would anyone like to treat us to any of the following?

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- 20 Orange or lemon trees
- Bougainvillea cuttings
- 2 Chest freezers
- 1 Bobcat digger – (well, we can dream!) second hand welcome

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