

# GOLDRA NOW

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## New Year, New Thinking.

This is the time of the year for reflection and renewal, at Goldra as much as anywhere else. Last year saw the numbers of dogs in residence rise to a new high, putting enormous pressure on resources both human and spatial. Although the total number of adoptions was maintained at an impressive level, the number remaining is still fundamentally unacceptable, for more than one reason. It removes any flexibility that Jan might have to house dogs safely and comfortably, and makes emergency admissions very difficult to take in. As regular helpers know, you cannot simply throw dogs together willy-nilly and expect them to get on with each other. A fight last weekend resulted in a broken leg and another large vets bill. And those dogs who are probably going to spend the rest of their lives at the sanctuary deserve the best conditions possible. All this means that Jan is going to be looking harder than ever at the admission of adult dogs, in an effort to get the numbers down and conditions improved. Puppies will still be accepted more or less automatically if found in the wild or abandoned, but please be aware that it may not be possible to accede to all requests for other categories. And if you do ask to have a dog taken in, do be prepared to help with the initial costs involved, which are seldom less than 100 euros.

### The Numbers Game.

**There are around 125 dogs at the sanctuary as I write - from a few weeks old to nearing the end of their lives, and as stated above, this is too many for comfort. This is in spite of the great success of the adoption programme, when 106 dogs were re-homed in 2016. Adoption is of course the very best outcome, but there are those who for reasons of health or temperament will never be on the list.**

## Sanctuary News



AMBER.....relaxing in front of a warm fire with her favourite cushion.....lucky girl



PAULO..... the first dog to leave this year. He left for his new home in Germany and is seeing snow for the first time!



CLINT.....A newcomer to Goldra .....yet another sad story

## The Living Proof.

The three dogs on the opposite page illustrate clearly the varying fates of our residents. On the left is Amber, who had no sooner arrived than she was out again to a new home, clearly now living in the lap, as they say. In the middle is Paulo who featured in the last edition, now safely at home in Germany, after being restored to health by a generous adopter. The climate may be rather less gentle, but he looks dressed for it. And on the right is Clint, brought in very recently from where he was abandoned by the bins on the hill below the sanctuary. Clint is suffering from multiple illnesses and will need a lot of care if he is to fully recover. Whether or not he will ever be able to leave is at present an open question, but it looks doubtful. The cost of his treatment will undoubtedly run into hundreds of euros

## Teddy and Helen

Talking of costs, one of the longer-term residents has just had a serious operation. Teddy, at Goldra for around eighteen months, had mammary tumours which needed to be removed. The operation was thankfully paid for by our friends at Algarve Freight, from the proceeds of their container scheme.

And while we are talking about the generosity of people within the Goldra family, last time we asked for help with the sponsor scheme, run by Helen Williams. As a result of that appeal, Helen now has assistance with the printing work she needs to do. Many thanks for this contribution to a scheme vital to the finances of the sanctuary.



## The Last of 2016

And here are the two remaining unadopted pups. Brought in at Christmas, they had to be bottle-fed to begin with. Now six weeks old, they will be available for adoption soon. All the other pups taken in last year have either gone to their new homes or will be leaving for Holland very shortly.



Finally, here's a picture that tells its own story. It shows just a part of a large donation of tinned food recently received. The stack is considerably bigger than it appears. It will keep the dogs fed for approximately one month.

## Events

### Reminders

There are still some places left for the **lunch** this coming Saturday (28th) at the **Boli-queime Inn**—I haven't seen such a mouth-watering menu for some time, so it's one not to miss. If you haven't booked yet, do contact Sue Ward to reserve.

And we still have some **calendars** left if you are in need. Twelve lovely doggie pictures to brighten your life in the year just started. Talk to Sue or Jan if you want one.

## The Year in Outline—Goldra Events 2017.

**Here is what we have planned for the coming months. Some dates, especially those later in the year, are subject to change or have not been finalised, but it will give you some idea.**

February.....Lunch to be arranged

March 25th.....Lunch at Solar do Poeta, Almancil

May 6th.....Walk and open day at Goldra with stalls, cakes and afternoon tea available

May 7th.....Stall at the Amigos do Museu Spring Fair in Sao Bras—Goldra merchandise and bricabrac on sale.

Lunch to be arranged

June 11th.....3rd Goldra Summer festival in Sao Bras, volunteers will be needed to make this a great success .....plus a possible Summer Fair in Sao Bras, date to be advised.

July 15th or 22nd.....Vincent's famous BBQ supper at Le Marquis

September.....Lunch to be arranged

October.....Halloween Ball

November.....Various Xmas Fairs

December.....Goldra Xmas Lunch at Le Marquis

### If you want to donate to Goldra....

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