

GOLDRA NOW

14th March 2017

Room to Breathe – and Develop.

The good news just keeps on coming at the moment. The latest fund-raising lunch was a huge success, the numbers of dogs in residence continues to fall – slowly – and as yet there are no new batches of pups to worry about. This all has a knock-on effect, of course. More cash means less strain on finances all round. Fewer dogs means lower costs. No pups gives the workers time to give to the other residents. It also means that there is more room at the sanctuary for other essential work. Jan believes that of the 109 dogs still at Goldra, thirty or so are really good prospects for re-homing without a great deal of effort. Of the rest, many more could be prepared for a new life if the space existed to isolate and train them more intensively and effectively. The other arm of this process is the presence of more volunteers to take the dogs out and help to accustom them to the lead and socialise them. If in the course of 2017 the number of dogs could be brought consistently below 100, and all dogs capable of responding to the discipline could be walked at least once a week, great things could be achieved. Let's try to make that a reality in the coming months.

Sanctuary News

Of the invalids reported in recent editions, Ada has had the pins removed from her broken leg, and now has just a bandage covering the affected area. An additional lump was removed from her leg, and she is now back at Goldra, doing well. Clint was observed yesterday lying on top of his kennel near the lane, and he stood and wagged his tail when we talked to him. There is light in the eyes again, and he is clearly well on the way to recovery. Even with all his on-going problems, he has a wonderful temperament, and would make a great companion if someone would take him on.

Departures.

See pictures below of Lexi, clearly at home in her new surroundings in the UK, and Misty and Margo, also sent across the channel to new homes. Branston is in foster care prior to leaving for Holland.



Lexi



Misty



Margo

Appeal.

This is the time of the year when ticks and fleas make their appearance, and the Sanctuary is being invaded with these unwanted guests at present. Donations of treatment products would be especially welcome just now.

Events

Last month's lunch at Monica's raised over 1200 euros, and 69 people attended. The next lunch event, on 25th March, is at the Solar do Poeta, near Almancil. Bookings are going well, so reserve your place as soon as you can! Menu below.



GOLDRA CHARITY LUNCH SOLAR DO POETA, ALMANCIL



Saturday 25th March ,12pm, for 12.30pm

Menu

Couvert

Bread, Butter, Olives

Trio Starter

Creamy Mushroom Vol au Vent, Filo Prawn with Sweet Chilli Sauce, Goats Cheese Salad

Main Course

Slow cooked Lamb Shank with Port Gravy, Potatoes and Vegetables

Or

Poached Salmon in a light Creamy Peppercorn Sauce, Potatoes, Vegetables

Or

Roasted Butternut Squash, Mushroom and Feta Risotto

Dessert

Lemon and White Chocolate Cheesecake

Or

Warm Chocolate Roulade

Drinks included

Half a bottle of wine, bottled water

Coffee and mints

Price Per person €25

To book contact
sue@thegoldradogsanctuary.com

 Solar do Poeta

Sponsor Dogs Scheme.

If you would like to sponsor one of our long-term residents at the Sanctuary, it costs 144 euros or 120 pounds sterling for a year. Payment can be made half-yearly, or even monthly if you prefer. This scheme is one of our most important fund-raisers, and helps with the costs of keeping particularly older dogs with complex needs healthy and well-fed.



ADOPT A DOG FOR A DAY



If you are unable to offer a permanent home to one of our Goldra dogs due to frequent travel, or lifestyle then why not adopt a dog for a day.



We have a number of dogs who would benefit from being taken out and walked on the lead plus the social interaction between humans and other doggie friends.

By adopting for a day, a weekend or for any length of time to suit your lifestyle, you can have all the benefits of having that special dog in your life whilst Goldra retains ownership. For more information chat to Jan on [918895791](tel:918895791)



If you want to donate to Goldra....

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