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DOP REHOMING PORTUGUESE DOGS

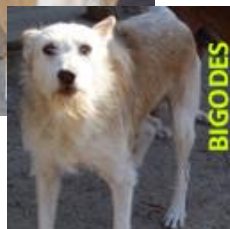
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BENFICA, MIMOSA, RUCA AND BIGODES OUR FEATURED DOGS OF THE MONTH!

These four dogs lived their whole life - 10 years, - in a cage. Yes. They belonged to an older woman in a village, she had her dogs in the garden, in a metal cage of 4m², all in the same cage. They have never been out. Since puppies. The owner of the shelter proposed to her more than once to take the dogs to the shelter, seeing that they would have better life conditions there than in their "home" but the woman always said "no". She claimed she liked her dogs. A month ago the woman had a stroke and ended up paralyzed. She went to an assisted living quick: she sent all dogs to the shelter. The dogs, that never left their cage, were shocked to be moved to another environment at the age of 10. It was a big change for them. They are in a way better because they have a big corral - they have never had so much space. So it is better. But they do not seem like happy dogs - they have never had any attention from people, they had a miserable life, they are nervous and anxious. Can they still learn to be happy?



So far there are still nervous about their new life. Only one, Mimosa, adapted very well to the shelter. She already leaves her kennel and runs free with other dogs. She runs to people and asks to be cuddled. Maybe at least she can find a home at the end of her life? But even the others would adapt to new homes given love and patience. But who wants to adopt an old dog...



PANDORA'S BOX



"Hello, I am Andreia. I am 26 and I work as a laboratory technician in the Institute of Molecular Medicine. During the weekends I come to the shelter to help with whatever it is needed. Recently I started to think about how I could improve the quality of life of old dogs. Old dogs have a very low probability

of being adopted and will probably spend the rest of their lives in the shelter. Now, in winter, they suffer more. It is cold and rainy and they usually have problems with their joints and they need special attention because of that. So I started my project: I give them massages. I use the hot water bottles to warm up their limbs and I apply pressure gently and it seems to give them relief. After the massage I leave them covered with a warm blanket and they are so comfortable that they don't want to move.

My favourite "clients" are Pandora and Oeiras, both big and 14 years old and already with certain difficulties to walk. Both gentle and friendly."



If you want to help our seniors, you can donate medications and vitamin supplements to improve their life, like Omnicondro or Arthi-Aid. They can be bought in the pharmacies, some pet shops and at the vets.



If you want to donate, there are things we always need:

- deworming tablets
- spot-on against fleas and ticks such as Advantix and Frontline and also Advocate for dogs with skin allergies
- shaving machine for dogs - our spa team could really use a good one!
- collars and leashes
- dog food
- Actidox and Becozyme for treatment of tick fever and Conofite and Oridermyl for treatment of ear infections (all can be bought at the pharmacy)

GOODBYE JESSICA...

Jessica was found in a state of total neglect, with infected ears and broken leg. She was operated and went to a new home but unfortunately she could only enjoy her new home for a short time as she developed an infection after the operation and died on the 16th of December.

We are so sorry we did not manage to save her. And we would like to thank her family for giving her love and care.

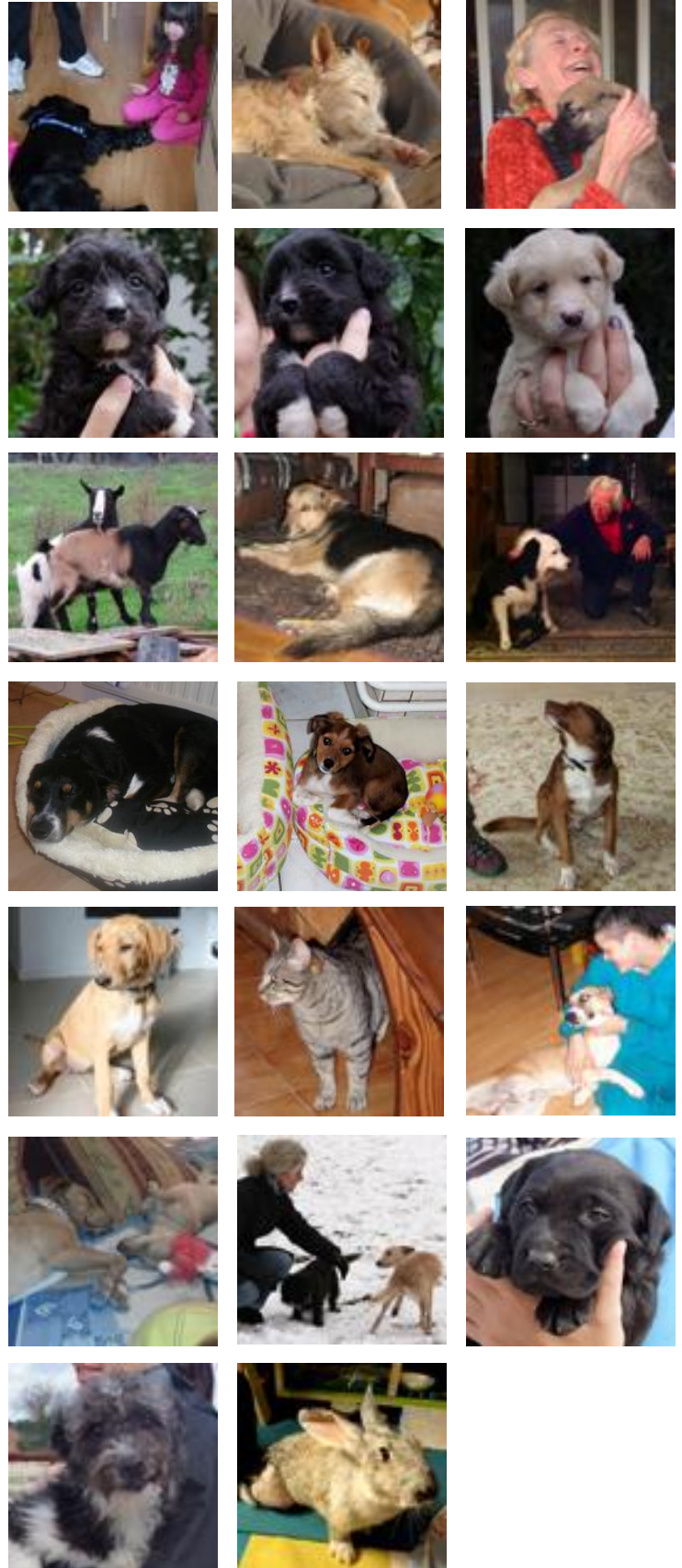


ADOPTIONS THIS MONTH

In December 2011 21 animals were adopted!

The lucky ones were: Fox, Maggy (now Squirrel), Gandi (now Holly), Ameixa, Amora, Caju, Willow and Mimosa, Tosca, Staf, Kika, Melissa (now Bella), Junior (now George), Izis (now Remy), Baltazar, Clayton, Shakira, Mel, Juca, Pantufas (now Bolinhas) and Jessica (in our loving memory).

If you have adopted a dog or a cat from us, give us news!



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