

# DOP

## REHOMING PORTUGUESE DOGS

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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
- 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)

### VERY WARM WINTER!

This year we have had a very warm winter. No rain and high temperatures. It is great for us and dogs enjoy it but... it also means that all the bad parasites that plague our dogs in summer start waking up very early this year. We are only in March and we already found ticks on our dogs. Soon the mosquitoes of Leshmaniose will also appear. This is why it is very important to protect the dogs against the ticks and mosquitoes and all nasty diseases that they bring. We need to put *Scalibor* collars on them. This is why we launch here an appeal for sponsors: choose **one dog** and buy **one Scalibor collar** for him/her! Or send us a donation and we will do it and send you pictures.



### FEATURED ANIMAL: NATASHA



Natasha is a female dog of 6-8 years old, cross English Sheepdog. She had a home but was living on a balcony, hardly ever going out of her prison, hardly ever having been cuddled and being fed irregularly. When she came to us, she was very skinny and had advanced anemia.

She has been taken care of, fed, she put on weight, her blood values stabilised. Now we need to submit her to a surgery – she has many breast tumours. We are asking for financial support for this surgery. Any small donation counts!

1. You have seen a dog or a cat on our webpage or in an external advertisement or maybe you are simply looking for a pet companion, but you don't have a preference, and you have decided to write to us.

2. Your first email will be replied very quickly, you can be sure about it. A representative of DOP will talk to you – you may be asked to fill in a questionnaire or simply be asked questions that will help us to get to know better your lifestyle and the conditions you have for a pet. A part of this conversation may be by telephone. This is simply to help you choose a dog/cat that fits you best or to advise you if the animal you want to adopt is a good choice for you.

3. After you have chosen a dog/cat we will choose a date where the animal can come to your home. Until then the dog/cat is in the shelter and we do our best to evaluate him/her in order to give you the most complete information possible. If a dog, our Dog Rehabilitation Group will take him on long walks, observe, evaluate and try to eliminate problematic behaviour (like deal with initial shyness) or at least gather some indications how you should proceed if problems arise.

4. At this stage we also verify the health status of the animal: if it has been dewormed, vaccinated and sterilised. If any of those have not yet been done, we proceed with that.

5. Before coming to you the dog/cat is given a bath (dogs only!) and ear cleaning by our Bath and Hygiene Team.

6. Then finally we take the pet to your home. The visit can never be quick – we need to see the conditions where the animal will live, see the fence, the house, the bed you prepared for him/her, the food you will give him/her. We will give you some guidelines as to the security measures during the first days and the health related advice.

7. The next day after we have left the dog/cat you can expect a contact from us about how he/she is doing! Then we will be asking for news from time to time but we will also appreciate if you kept us informed, both about the joys and the problems. We are there to support you if there are problems, to give advice, share ideas.

8. In some time after you have adopt a pet from us we would like to come and visit. We will keep in touch and let you know when we have an adoption in your area. Then we come and visit you and "our" dogs and cats.



*Please note that this is how the process of adoption functions in Portugal. If you are abroad, you will contact one of our partners and a visit will be made to your home before the pet is reserved for you.*



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## ADOPTIONS THIS MONTH

In February 2012 a total of 26 animals were adopted!

The lucky ones were: Alexa, Beagle (now Deisal), Belga, Branquinha, Branquita (now Lina), Carochinha (now Carocha), Ciganita, Dumbo, India, KitKat, Lia, Minna, Molly, Monty, Ofelia, Pintas (now Tizzy), Pituxa (now Lisa), Porthos (now Porto), Prince (now Alfie), Robby, Rosie (now Ester), Scolari (now Archie), Sorte (now Boots), Tex, Yellow (now Yogui), and Zulu.

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

## THANK YOU!

We would like to thank our friends and supporters for financing the heart worm treatment of Dama – she has gone through the first phase of the treatment and is reacting well and the operation of Julie – her leg has been operated and she is recovering nicely.



DOP's activity and the work in the shelter has been very international this month! We have Eline from Holland for nearly 3 weeks and Marion from Germany, Linn from Sweden and Signe from Denmark for a few days. All of them came to help in the shelter and some took dogs to their new homes too. Thank you girls, we appreciate your support!

