



SOS - Animal Report of the year 2010

Another year is over, a year with much work and a lot of things to happen.. In 2010 we again saved a lot of animals of the dog pound in Calvià We looked after ill and weak animals, cats and puppies and supported the medical centre. At the weekends and on holidays **SOS Animal** looked after the animals of the commune of Calvia if it was necessary. We could also help animals of the dog pound of Andratx as well as saving from death many dogs and several cats from the dog pound of Palma. Besides, like last year, we helped some animals who were saved from terrible conditions by Baldea. In 2010 we took care of 680 dogs and 489 cats, these are 145 dogs and 60 cats more than last year..

Two generous sponsors enabled us to isolate and reform the roof of the building where we have our cats and sick animals. Also roofs for the dogs in the open-enclosure could be built.

Thanks to Vicky and Harry Metcalfe we were able to improve the dog house by putting in new windows a iron door etc.

Donations helped us to make improvements on our outdoor enclosure for cats .

In May we organized for the second time an “open day ” in the animal shelter. It was a great success because of the flea market and the sale of second hand stuff, sausages and cake and the opportunity to give information about the work our association.

In September we could also organize our 8th festival in Puerto Portals and therefore we were able to raise a part of the necessary money for our animals.

We must also mention the important work with Annie and Alec Sneetch and their volunteers are doing by running a SOS Animal Shop in Southport. Their fundraising is an important contribution to maintain our animals and pay the vet bills.

We are sorry of not being able to inform about permission about our building projects, but the town hall has not yet approved the new building plan of Calvià.

The German television “Vox” and the responsible people for the program “dog, cat, mouse” got interested in our work and the animal protection on Mallorca. In November they started to film us and the Federation of Animal Protection Associations BALDEA in our refuge. It will be shown on television in February 2011

Activities of SOS Animal in 2010:

Dogs:

In 2010 we helped 680 dogs by placing them in foster homes and our refuge. We could find homes for most of them but unfortunately we have more and more big dogs. As it's hard to find a home for them, they occupy our kennels.

We adopted 149 dogs from the animal shelter Calvia, 92 were given to us by citizens of the commune, because they didn't want to give them to the dog pound. Most of them were puppies. From the dog pound of Andratx we saved 14 dogs and another 16 dogs from this municipality were brought to us by their owners. We also helped 62 dogs from other municipalities which were brought by their owners.

In April the federation of associations BALDEA and the municipality of Palma signed a cooperation which enables the associations who belong to the federation to adopt through Baldea dogs before sacrifice without having to pay the fees. This way many dogs could be helped. SOS Animal has been the association which has saved most

animals from being sacrificed exactly the amount of 347 dogs . This has been possible thanks to the efforts of Katrin, Conchi, Ana, Mireia and many foster homes..
If it was possible these animals found a new home with tourists or residents on Mallorca otherwise the animals were homed by our partners in Germany.

Our vet treated all the animals of our shelter and the dog pound in Calvia.
SOS Animal paid for the medicine or the vaccinations.
Most of the puppies, ill dogs or dogs from Son Reus could live in foster homes. Thank you so much for that!

About 90% of our dogs were castrated in 2010. SOS is ambitious to re-home only castrated dogs on Mallorca.

All those helpers who do their work voluntarily must be mentioned. They look after the dogs, take them for walks and do other necessary jobs.

Cats

There is no other commune on Mallorca where cats are so intensively looked after. In many communes the care of cats is reduced to killing them or putting them together without considering their state of health.
In 2010 we had 489 cats in our cat-house. Unfortunately 15% died or had to be put down because of illness. About 80% of the cats wich we fostered were from Calvia the rest from Palma and the cat pound from Son Reus, Andratx and Esporles.

SOS paid for the medical care and the treatment in the medical centre. All the cats were tested for Leukemia and FLV, all the dogs for Leishmaniose. Our club also paid for the food. New homes were found for these animals. It was important for SOS that all kittens as they could not be neutered because of their age, were given to their new owners with a coupon for castration.

Our feral cat neutering campaign in Calvià

As in the previous years SOS organized the largest cat neutering-campaign on Mallorca.this has been possible thanks to a grant of the municipality of Calvià, the Europäischer Tier und Naturschutz e.V from Germany aswell as donations and money obtained on events. All in all 687cats were caught by helpers of SOS or citizens of Calvia or the next by municipalities of Palma and Andratx. 32 cats had to be put down. 330 she-cats and 325 tom-cats were castrated and set free again in their neighbourhood. If this was impossible they were either taken to our cat house or set free in another cat-friendly area.
We also cared for the cat project Marriot-Son Antem, which was largely financed by family Deák and the ETN.