

Greetings from our Dogs Community!
A few lines for the end of 2018



2018 was a calm year for us. It seems as if the situation of the dogs in our neighbourhood has stabilised, definitely influenced by our work. We are happy that our team has grown. Adrian Crantz has moved to Reliquias and no longer works with us, but we have two new team members: Abu Addy, always accompanied by Frieda, the little brown dog; and Pauline Knöpfle, a very engaged young woman. Together with Claudia Grod and Michael Berghoff, they make us a great four-person team. Thank you!

Our canine community continues to inspire us with their social competence, their prudence and also the stability which they have developed with each other over time.

We found new homes for three dogs: Bandito is now in Germany, Bobby in France and Luca will also fly to Germany in a few days.

Saphira (Pictured to the right) joined us and now lives at the Place of the Children.

Two other newcomers are Lena and Timmy, sweet 4-year old siblings. Their previous owner had to enter hospital very unexpectedly and left 5 dogs and 3 cats needing caretakers. The Portuguese animal protection organisation United Paws Portugal (<https://www.facebook.com/unitedpawsportugal/>) helped to find places for all of them. The last two came to us and are starting to find their place here.

Luca and Lucky have been with us since New Year, when their previous owner died. So our 5 new arrivals this year are with us due to tragic human circumstances. The situation is different from that of the previous years in which more under-fed and neglected animals needed our help.





Timmy and
Lena



Our canine community continues to offer a healing and calming place for humans too. This year many guests and several residents used this space for their healing.

One research area with which we want to connect concerns food for the animals. We got to know a Portuguese veterinary named Diana Mendes who wants to conduct a study, preparing food for the dogs herself with the aim of finding out how often a dog really needs to eat meat and investigating the relationship of food to healing. The investigation will be supported with blood tests. This three-month project is still in need of financial support. 5000 Euros would let it take wing.

If you would like to support this project with a gift, please use the keyword "Diana" so

we know where to direct your support.



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