

Axarquia Animal Rescue

Dedicated to Saving Lives and Re-homing Abused and Abandoned Animals
Dedicado a salvar vidas y encontrar nuevos hogares a los animales maltratados y abandonados



Paws A While Newsletter

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Dear AAR Supporters and Volunteers,

Welcome to our September newsletter.

What a hectic few weeks it has been! We have so many animals that desperately need our help but, without more fosterers, we simply cannot help them all which is heartbreaking.

AAR celebrated our 11th anniversary in August this year. **This year for our birthday we don't want donations. We just have ONE BIRTHDAY WISH – we want eleven new fosterers by the end of this year – can you help us?**

It's a BIG ask and we've been working really hard to find more ways to support our fosterers, and have lots of exciting new ideas. Our biggest new venture is launching our **FOSTER BUDDY** scheme. This scheme will give you much more flexibility to fit fostering in with your day-to-day life. We build the foster arrangement around you and the needs of your foster animal.

Do you need to leave your weekdays or weekends free? Would a week or two on and a week or two off suit your work pattern? Want to share foster with another buddy?

We still offer 100% support to our fosterers with:

Dedicated caseworker. All animal costs covered. Equipment and food provided. Plus we can now offer a contribution towards your fuel costs for any journeys you need to make for your foster animal.

So click on the link and find out more and how you can foster for AAR <https://axarquiaanimalrescue.com/foster.php>

SAVE A LIFE: BE A FOSTER BUDDY FOR AAR

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www.axarquiaanimalrescue.com

CALL: Diane 691 961 429

Sincerely,

Diane McClelland, AAR Chair



Thank you Gaynor and Antony from GPS Insurance and Financial Services!

AAR is heavily dependent on donors and volunteers in realising its mission to save as many abandoned animals as possible in the Axarquía. Such angels of mercy come from all walks of life, without whom AAR could not exist. Gaynor Procter Smith and Antony Poole from GPS Insurance and Financial Services are two such angels. Their generosity knows no bounds and AAR is ever grateful to them for their kindness and support. They are always first to offer prizes and financial support at AAR events, they sponsor the AAR Calendar, and even pay the annual insurance subscription for the AAR shop in Torre del Mar.

GPS Insurance and Financial Services in Almayate is a very successful insurance and financial services business, covering Expats in Spain. The company has been growing in strength in the region for nearly ten years through hard work and astute business sense. Their client base is loyal and consistent and the service is second to none.



When not busy at work, Gaynor and Antony spend time with their three rescue dogs, Oliver, a fourteen year old Bretón Spaniel mix; Amy, a three year old Bretón Spaniel mix, and Pollyanna, an 8-

week old Maltese cross. Antony likes to take Oliver and Amy out trail running in the campo, and is involved in the local branch of the Hash House Harriers, an international group of non-competitive running social clubs.

It was on one of his campo runs in July 2018 that Antony came across a rescue dog in dire need. The Labrador had fallen into a well and couldn't get out. Antony called the fire brigade and the dog was rescued. This story had an even happier ending when one of the firemen from Vélez Málaga adopted the dog.

Gaynor and Antony have also been fosterers with AAR. One memorable foster dog was Eric the Axe, so called because of the horrible circumstances in which the dog was discovered, with an axe through his head. Eric spent five weeks with the caring couple. They taught him to walk again and prepared him for adoption. These stories are all too familiar at AAR and, without the help of Fosterers and Adopters, these desperate animals would not have happy endings.

You can meet Gaynor and Antony at their stall at the Trapiche Market, Jardines del Trapiche, Carretera Benamargosa 29718, Vélez-Málaga. If you need financial advice or insurance, stop by the stall on any Tuesday morning, except in August, when the market is closed. Insurances offered include:

- Home, Motor, Health, Bike, Pet, Funeral, Life, Boat and PWC, Travel and other unique insurances.

Whilst you're there, stop by the AAR stall too and you might be lucky enough to meet a few of our animals in need of fostering or adoption.

Contact info for GPS Insurance and Financial Services:

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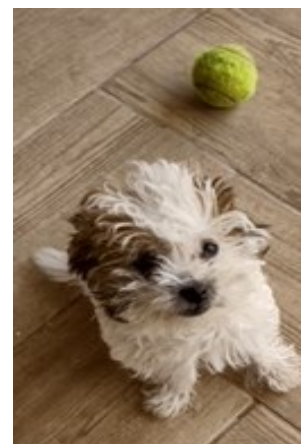
Email: admin@gpsinsuranceservice.com

Website: <https://gpsinsuranceservices.com/>

Thank you Gaynor and Antony! Support like yours is crucial to our success! We are forever grateful!



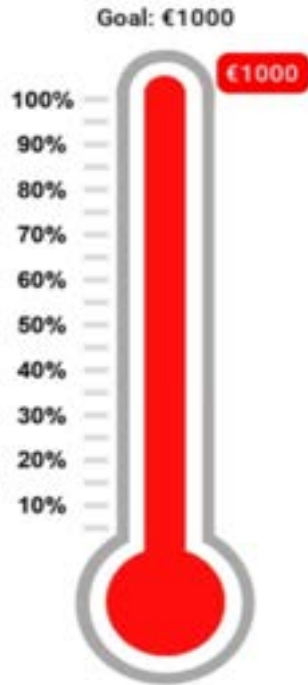
Oliver featured in the 2018 AAR Calendar!



Sweet Pollyanna



You did it! You helped us to reach our €1,000 target! Thank you to everyone who has donated so far! We are very grateful!



It's not too late to keep the momentum going! If you would like to donate, please click here. Thank you!

<https://gofund.me/03b80df5>



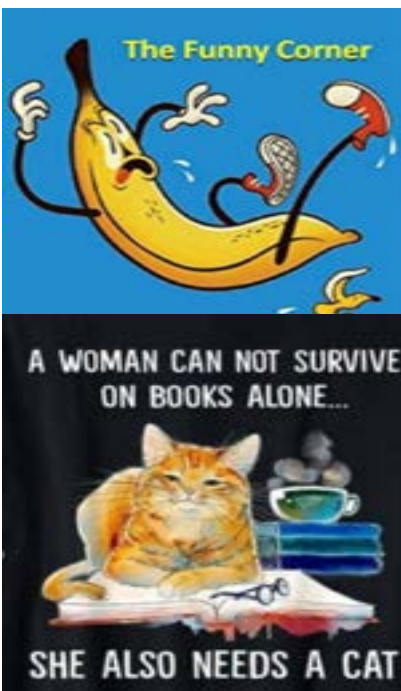
One week in the life of AAR...

Every week at AAR brings it joys and challenges. Any week we can save lives is the best week! Just recently, our week ended with the rescue of two water dogs in Riogordo, a young pup in Canillas and two young pups of a litter of ten.

To be able to keep helping these animals we simply need more fosterers—our foster scheme is very flexible and we pay for everything the animal needs and we build the scheme around you. If you would like to be a foster buddy, click here:

<https://www.axarquiaanimalrescue.com/foster.php>

****Save Lives: Be a Foster Buddy for AAR****



Join AAR Local Neutering & RBL ongoing
poppy appeal on a fundraising trip on
Thursday 13th October

Two hours to
explore the

SP**KY**

village of
Soportujar

Beware of the Witches and Gremlins - Remember
to look behind you!



Stop off at a Jamon factory to sample the local Jamon

25e pp including
coach & insurance.

Contact Liz on
657293663



Coach pickup from
8am starting at El
Cruce, Torre del Mar
then Benjarafe

Finally 2 hours free time to explore the mountain village
of Portugos before heading home at 4:30pm



Save-the-Date—23rd September @ 2pm



Join us for

An Afternoon of Delicious Food and Great Music!

at

Yenta Ortega Restaurant
(at KM10 MA3107 Riego de la Benamargosa Road)

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Friday September 23rd from 2pm

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Tickets @ 20 Euro include:

Three-course meal, plus one drink, and music from

The fantastic Miss Fortune!

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There will also be stalls, a raffle and our legendary
AAR tombola!!

Please email aarfundraiser@gmail.com to reserve
your place, numbers are limited.

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Tickets can be collected and paid for at Trapiche mar-
ket from 6th September,

and also at the AAR shop, or by arrangement else-
where.

Menu

We will require menu choices when you collect your
tickets please.

Starter

Large house salad per table

Mains

Baked chicken, with onions, carrots and peppercorns

or

Pork Medallions with pepper sauce

or

Grilled rosada

or

Vegan paella

Desserts

Egg custard, vanilla custard, rice pudding or coffee.
Also includes bread and one free drink per person.

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Additional drinks need to be paid for separately at
the bar.

FOSTER HOMES NEEDED



We won't survive
very long if no one
helps us. Please
save our lives



These are 4 of 10 pups found
with their mum on the dry
riverbed near Velez Malaga.
They won't have a future if no
one helps.

AAR, along with two other
charities, are trying to find
foster homes for these pups

Estimated as 5 weeks old are you
able to offer a foster home to
two of these little ones

AAR give full support, provide food,
equipment and arrange and pay for
veterinary needs

email: axarquia-rescue@hotmail.com

Liv (Previously known as Manchego)

I am very lucky,
I have been Adopted.
I also have a new name, I
am now called Liv



We are delighted to announce that little Manchego is now adopted and has a new name, Liv.

Liv is one of four kittens who were cruelly tied inside a bin bag with the household rubbish and thrown in the bins. They were just days old! Their finder climbed into the bin to rescue them!

AAR arranged an experienced bottle feeder for them. Sofie Seborn helped the kittens through their most vulnerable time and they then returned to their original finder, Sallie Robson, who has fostered all four of them since 30th April. Sallie has now adopted Liv, and the other three kittens have moved on to a new foster home. Can you give one or all of them a home? If so, please email Axarquia-rescue@hotmail.com



ADOPT



Oh, hello everyone,

My name is Billy AAR 2557 and I am looking for someone to love and give me the home I deserve. I really would like to have someone to cuddle as I

am a very sweet and loving boy.

I was dumped with my siblings by a lady's back gate. Luckily for us, she contacted AAR and we were rescued. I'm now 14 weeks old and thriving. I'm currently living at a doggy ranch where I'm very well looked after but I'd love to find my permanent home soon.

I love all other dogs and animals. I love to play with my four-legged friends. I LOVE people too and would love to have my own special human.... DO YOU HAVE A PLACE FOR ME IN YOUR HOME AND HEART?

Please email axarquia-rescue@hotmail.com quoting my name and number.



Cody AAR2550



ADOPTED & Called NILO



Cody is one of seven puppies born in a foster home after their mother, Kelly, was rescued by a kind lady.

In July, he was adopted locally here in Axarquía.

We wish Cody and his new family the very best in their future together!



AAR and the Royal British Legion held a joint fundraiser, on Saturday, the 11th of June, celebrating the Queens Platinum Jubilee, and the 40th Anniversary of the



It was a hot, but fantastic day! Thank you all for coming and for your generosity! We raised an amazing nine-hundred euro - four-hundred and fifty for each charity! The money will go towards the AAR Local Neutering Scheme to help neuter local street cats, and RBL Benajarafe will put it towards their ongoing Poppy Appeal.

A big thank you also to everyone who donated Raffle/Auction prizes, and to the volunteers for helping out on the day.



NEW FOSTER HOME/S NEEDED

BOTH AVAILABLE FOR ADOPTION



MOZZARELLA

CHEDDAR

email: axarquia-rescue@hotmail.com



****SAVE THE DATE ****

AAR is DELIGHTED to announce that we will be holding our annual DOG SHOW on:

Sunday 23 October
at Puerto Niza in Benjarafe

We are so happy to be able to have a 'Paws on the Ground' dog show this year!

Please keep an eye on our Facebook page for more details.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/AAR.axarquiaanimalrescue>

EcoGiving.org

Plastic in the sea outnumbers marine animals by six to one

ITS SIMPLE, MAKE THE CHANGE

EcoGiving.org

Shop to Donate NOW



"Our goal is simply to help as many charities across the EU as possible by providing them with the regular donations that they so desperately need."

EcoGiving is now helping AAR!

Shop to Donate - [EcoGiving.org](https://ecogiving.org) brings consumers the best eco products that exist, so that Charities, NGO's and schools have the funding they need Shop Now. Select your favourite eco-friendly, plastic-free, vegan products, all made in the EU.

For <https://ecogiving.org/?ref=23> please use our affiliate link so that our charity Axarquia Animal Rescue is automatically chosen at checkout.

Thank you!

Lola was rescued from the streets and is currently in foster East of Malaga but looking for her forever home.

"My foster family say that I am a fast learner. They think I am about three months old. I am doing really well with my toilet training and the older dogs are teaching me well. I get on well with cthe cats that I live with and there are many.I am so happy go lucky that I don't even mind when one pinches my food. "

If you can offer Lola a forever home please email axarquia-rescue@hotmail.com and reference Lola AAR 2565.

#adoptdontshop #adoptapuppy #adoptapuppyinspain



My name is Lola. I am a showgirl. No yellow feathers in my hair but I will love you with my stare.

please

ADOPT



Kisses for her new Mum



GRETEL is ADOPTED



We are absolutely delighted to announce that Gretel is now adopted.

Towards the end of February, a lady found two little black pups by some bins. The pups were about 4-6 weeks old and were named Hansel & Gretel. Massive thanks to their sponsor, Iwona Wightman, and to their foster dad, Bob Seymour, for the great care he has given the pups. They both became happy healthy bundles of fun.

Bob took Hansel & Gretel to Malaga to meet Gretel's adopter, Jessica Menzinsky. He then returned to the airport with Gretel to hand her over to Jessica for her flight to her new home in Sweden.

Gretel is doing great in her new home and has nothing but kisses for her new mum. Feedback from Jessica in Sweden is very positive.

"From the bottom of my heart, thank you! AAR you are fantastic! From the beginning until the adoption was complete, you have been outstanding. And special thanks to Bob who has given these puppies such a great start. Gretel now has a new name, Sol which means Sun in Swedish!"

Wishing this little girl a wonderful happy life in Sweden. Always be happy little one!

HAPPY
ENDING

Pet First Aid Course—25th June

Offered to AAR volunteers, the course was provided by Kaya Hawrylak RVN from Paws, Claws and Whiskers in Torrox who can be reached at +34 711 01 65 29 or via email @

pawsclawsandwhiskers@icloud.com

Feedback from volunteers was as follows:

Millie Lansiquot

“Would definitely recommend her to anyone. She should do more of them! Honestly, after all the fostering I have done I thought I had seen everything but I learnt so much. She is a brilliant teacher, as well as very professional.”

Felicitas Flöringer

“Thank you for the course, it was great! Very professional, lots of information and lovely funny teacher”

Martina De Coster Hunova

“A brilliant course, thank you!”

Marlene Rose

“As the owner of five dogs, I thought it important for me to have some basic knowledge of Pet First Aid and you never know when you may need to help a dog in an emergency. We live in the campo so we are 20-30 minutes away from our closest veterinary clinic or hospital. Therefore, I attended the course offered to AAR volunteers.

The course was well set out. It provided us with loads of information on what signs to look for when facing an emergency situation with your pet.

Also, how to:

- *Start giving First Aid for different sizes of animals, i.e. cats, dogs, etc.*

- *How to lift an injured animal*
- *How to secure the area around the animal to minimise more injuries*
- *Different techniques of bandaging an injured animal in different areas of the body*
- *Types of bandaging and tools that can be used on the injured area*
- *How to deal with various types of injuries – bleeding cuts, broken bones or ribs, bloating, poisoning, drowning, choking, seizure, etc.*
- *How to perform CPR on an animal, how to keep him calm and alive until you get to a vet.*
- *What you should have in your first Aid kit at home*
- *Loads of hints and tips*

All in all a very interesting and compelling Pet First Aid Course given by a registered Vet Nurse. I would recommend everyone who care for animals to do this course as you gain a massive amount of knowledge and you will be able to save a life in the future for sure. “

Jouni Sironen

“Hi, coming from a background where my first First Aid Course was when I was 7 and having had to continue all my life because of work, it was very good. Personally, I feel I want to go deeper and practice more. Would definitely take part in a rehearsal. Otherwise Marlene said it all. I now feel I have a chance to save an animal in an emergency, I'm so happy about that!”

As you can see, the course was a great success! Watch our FB pages for information regarding another course in the near future and learn how to save lives!





AAR LOCAL NEUTERING SCHEME

Certificate of Thanks



We are nearly at the end of our 4th year. This last year we have helped to neuter over 170 cats, in excess of 650 since we started - a huge THANK YOU to our team, and everyone that has donated, bought from us at the market, attended our functions etc. Thank you all for your continued support.

email: aarlocalneuterscheme@yahoo.com

Wow! It's hard to believe it has been four years since we started the neutering programme. There have been six hundred and fifty cats neutered since the beginning. None of this would be possible without our dedicated team of volunteers! Pioneers, Liz Pusey and Sam Pearson, wish to express heartfelt thanks to team members, Beverley, Millie, Karina and Gloria for their hard work and dedication to this important programme.



AAR Local Neutering Scheme - Charity No/CIF G93245116

Email. aarlocalneuterscheme@yahoo.com

We aim to help local communities with cat colonies, and individuals that have taken in a feral cat/kitten.

We are a small volunteer group, trying to help the feral cats in our area - the best way that we could see to help was to neuter as many as possible, male or female. This will help with the over population and prevent the colonies getting too big.

We have tried to liaise with local mayors, but nothing ever comes of their promises. We first started neutering feral cats in Benjarafe, also helping feral cats reported to AAR. This has now spread from Rincón de la Victoria to Torrox and inland to, and including, Riogordo.

We offer reduced cost neutering for both male and female cats. The funding is made up from our AAR/RBL trips, events and monthly market, and also with the help of Gato Blanco Perro Negro Vets in Benjarafe.

Once a cat is neutered, its ear will be clipped regardless of gender. This also prevents the same cat being caught and taken to the vets, as with females you can't always tell if they have been neutered or not.

We aim to help people that will also help themselves. The catching of cats and transport to and from the vets is down to the individual. We ask for a donation towards costs to enable us to keep on helping other cats. Appointments with the vet always have to be made via AAR Local Neutering Scheme - please email for more information.

This is for feral and cat colonies only, not pets.

Kiwi's Story

We wanted to give you an update on little Kiwi. Remember she was found back in January with deformed back legs and unable to walk. She improved so much on her own and was able to have her first operation to straighten one leg at the end of June.

Kiwi is one of the happiest dogs you will find. She loves her foster dog buddies and humans and loves and lives life to the maximum. Her recuperation from the operation has been slower than we hoped - whilst she is running around on 3 legs (one which is still badly deformed) and doing all the things a puppy should be doing she just will not use the leg.

After her check up with the specialist on 20th July we know that everything is as it should be after extensive x-rays - her bones are where they should be and there is no reason for her not to use the leg. It is now a case of re-wiring her brain to tell her she can use the leg and also to relax and stretch the muscles. So, as a result she now has an intensive daily exercise and swimming regime - we even brought her a doggie pool! (she adores swimming - she's like a little torpedo!). Her local vet team is also part of 'Team Kiwi' and doing 3 exercise sessions a week with us with her. She has different surfaces to walk on and even her own sandpit to dig in! Everything that we can do is being done. So many people are working so hard to get that leg on the floor and working.

Next specialist visit is first week in September so let's cross fingers for good news and results then.

In the meantime, please don't feel sorry for Kiwi - she is in no pain, is happy as can be and thinks all this attention is absolutely fabulous fun!

Respect and a MASSIVE thank you has to go to her amazing foster mum, Emma Pettitt - Kiwi needs have been far above and beyond what anyone expected and Emma is beyond brilliant with her.



Rosie, now called Kitty, has been adopted by a lovely family in South Wales.



Have a great life, Kitty, with your new family!



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or go to our website @ <https://axarquianimalrescue.com/>