

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,

It's been just over a year since Covid-19 shut everything down, and caused havoc in everyone's lives. It has been a very hard year for us and all animal charities, including the added problems of Travel for rescue dogs to UK caused by Brexit - but we are seeing light at the end of the tunnel.

Due to our wonderful supporters and volunteers we made it through the year and managed to rehome over 100 dogs, with 10 now reserved, and obviously plenty more in our care. Our fantastic fundraising team came up with novel online ways to raise funds, which involved people from many countries. We would like to thank everyone for your continued support—we couldn't have done it without you. Hopefully this year will improve and we can all return to some sense of normality.

Stay safe everyone.. .

Sincerely,

Diane McClelland
AAR Chair

Warning!

Please do not feed your dog chocolate this Easter. Chocolate can contain theobromine, which is extremely toxic to dogs.

If you suspect your dog has eaten chocolate, call your vet immediately!

UPDATE ON ANGEL

Since the 9th February Angel has been having daily visits to the vets to have her leg cleaned and dressed

The vet is happy with her progress and now only needs to see her on alternate days. But There's still a long way to go!



*Would you like to look after me?
I need a foster home where my foster carer will take me to the vets on alternate days to get my leg cleaned and dressed.
You will need to live near to Torre del Mar or be happy to drive there for the vet visits.
AAR said they will pay your fuel costs.
I need a home with secure outside space.
I love everything & everyone except cats!
Lots of Love
Angel Xxx*

Angel remains exceptionally happy despite everything she is going through. She is the bravest dog there is.

Angels vet bills are huge and no end in sight. We would like to thank everyone who has donated so far. If you would like to donate this can be done via Paypal or Bank Transfer (details on main post)

If you would like to donate towards Angel's vet costs you can make your donation using PayPal or bank transfer. Please use the reference "Donation for Angel"

PayPal to aardonations@hotmail.com

Bank transfer to:
Banco Sabadell
Avenida Andalucía 76
29740 Torre del Mar
Malaga, Spain



ROLO
ADOPTED

I'm Adopted!



Billie
ADOPTED



Ines and Rupert: A Dream Come True



When we are young we have many dreams and dog lover Ines Stievenart from Belgium dreamed of having a dog when she was 10 years old. Her father loved dogs but her mother wasn't too keen. But, her parents gave her an ultimatum;

if she got good grades in school she could have a dog. Ines worked hard and got 87/100 but her parents raised the bar even higher. They wanted higher grades! It wasn't long before Ines received 96/100, an almost perfect result in her school exams when she was 11 years old. She was then allowed to buy a Poodle that she named Pancho.

Ines took Pancho with her when she left home and he lived to be 18 years old. He was the only dog she bought; all other dogs in her life were adopted, like Rupert in this photo!

One time when she was flying back from Malaga to Belgium, Ines met two ladies who had two Galgo dogs with them. As she was so attracted to dogs, Ines went to chat with these two ladies and discovered they were helping to transport the Galgo's to new adopters in Belgium. From that day forward, Ines became a flight companion for dogs herself. She was delighted to be a part of the

chain that helped animals to a better life.



In 2014, Ines and her partner, Peter, had come to know Diny Janzweerd, a volunteer from AAR and were soon involved in accompanying dogs to

Holland for the organisation. Their dog Junior whom they had found at the Eroski shopping centre when it was under construction was then 14 years old. They were interested in adopting another

dog and went to the AAR shop in Torre del Mar to check out which dogs were available. They liked a photo of Rupert and decided to find out more about him.

Rupert had a history of mistreatment and was fearful of men, sudden noises, and had problems with trusting unknown people. Ines and Peter had three dogs with them at that time (all adopted or found Podenco's) and they needed to know if Rupert would fit in with their family. They were staying in their apartment in Torre del Mar. It was summertime and parking was at a premium. They were afraid to move their car for fear of not finding another parking space. But, Diny Janzweerd came to the rescue and drove them to Alhama de Granada to meet Rupert and his Fosterer, Tamsine Smith.

Ines went to meet Rupert first. She was not allowed to go directly to Rupert but had to wait until he came to her. This happened quite quickly. Rupert came to her and sat beside her. There was a direct connection and she was in love! She and Peter knew instantly he was for them. She then introduced Rupert (now called Rupi) to her other dogs and they connected instantly as well. Despite Rupi's fear of men, he trusted Peter quickly.

After Rupi arrived in Belgium, it took him a few months to adjust to Ines son and his friends. But that is all resolved now. He is still nervous of sudden noises and people with sticks but he has a lovely character. Sometimes he sees like a lion in a dog's body! When he meets a bigger dog he stands up boldly to protect the pack, but when

the bigger dog comes after him he runs off like a little mouse!



Ines, Peter and their son love Rupi very much and send greetings from cold and rainy Belgium!



AXARQUIA ANIMAL RESCUE 2022 CALENDAR

We are delighted to launch our calendar for next year. Once again, we have teamed up with the fabulous local artist, Ollie Cordell, who will produce an original and unique painting of your animal(s), one painting for each month.

Ollie's themed designs feature all the animals in back view, in a sitting position. The background can also be personalised to reflect your personality, i.e. location, or maybe a football scarf, etc.

Ollie is offering her time, talent and all materials for free, so **EVERY** penny will go directly to AAR.

For a €130 donation to AAR, you will receive a fabulous, original 40cm x 40cm painting of your animal(s), on a stretched canvas, and a copy of the 2022 calendar starring your pet(s). (Plus postage and packaging if you are not local).

We are sure, as in previous years, we will be inundated with responses. Therefore, don't delay to avoid disappointment. Places will be secured on a first come, first served basis.

Please email aarfundraiser@gmail.com with the photo of your pet(s) that you would like Ollie to paint and you will be given all the details of how to make your donation.

Closing date is 5th April so the sooner your email, the better chance you have!

Please remember – every euro of your donation will go directly to AAR. Thank you for your support!

Available to Adopt

Say Hello to Lottie!

Sex: Female

Date of birth: 29 July 2020 (8 months)

My Mum turned up at my fosterer's house. She needed food and care but was very fierce. Eventually my fosterer got my Mum to the vets so she could be checked and neutered. What a surprise everyone had when me and my siblings were born at the vets that day! My Mum has a home for life now with my fosterer. I was the smallest sister but, because of my loving Foster Mum, I am very strong, very loving and outgoing. I love play fighting with my sisters but, best of all, I love to explore. Nothing scares me!



I have had my vaccinations and now have a passport and chip. I have been neutered so all I need is my own special home.

If you would like to adopt me, please email: info@axarquiaanimalrescue.com and someone will get back to you as soon as possible. Thank you.

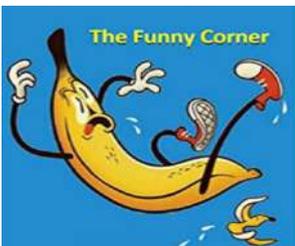
Leave a Legacy

Have you ever considered making a legacy to Axarquía Animal Rescue in your Will? It will cost you nothing in your lifetime but can give the gift of life to many vulnerable animals that tragically might otherwise be destroyed. In fact, every donation, whatever the amount, can help save an animal's life. Please contact us for more details @ info@axarquiananimalrescue.com

Thank You to Our Bottle Feeders



Oftentimes, puppies and kittens are found discarded in bins without their mother and abandoned with the umbilical cord still attached. These pups and kittens need to be bottle fed. Bottle feeding can be emotionally and physically draining, with the litter often needing feeding every hour, 24/7. In addition, despite this dedication, puppies and kittens sometimes don't make it and this can be very difficult for the bottle feeder. AAR is lucky to have wonderful bottle feeders and we want to take this opportunity to thank them.



Zoom Meeting
Audio only With video



Look what happens when you cut down too many trees! 🌳



Who called you a bad dog? Point them out. I will end them...



Volunteer Spotlight

AAR is a volunteer-run organisation and volunteers are our lifeline. Lisa Hudson Perkins is one of our cherished volunteers. She acts as a first responder for our animals by picking up emails and alerting our team to prospective rescue situations.

When Lisa and Richard moved to Spain, Lisa found seven pups in a bin. Sadly, four of these died but Lisa raised three not knowing really what she was doing, but they survived. They kept one and rehomed two. After this, approximately six years ago Lisa started volunteering for AAR as a first responder, home checker and foster carer.

Lisa and Richard fostered Jacey (AAR) six years ago at eight months old as a failed adoption, but they became failed foster carers and kept her! She had terrible insecurity problems and they thought at eight months old, and with her problems, she would be difficult to rehome. They also adopted Jack (AAR) four years ago after he was abandoned at approximately ten weeks old. They also have Chica who is thirteen years old and she just turned up at eight months old and never left!

Lisa has fostered an hour or so old pup, small litters of bottle fed pups, and older ones. All in all she has fostered approximately 50 dogs, (not all AAR). "I do love having the bottle fed pups and, although it is very time consuming and hard work, it is so rewarding to see how they thrive, grow and get ready for their forever homes and, when they



are adopted to have 'pupdates' on their progress."

Thank you to Lisa, her husband Richard, and to all our volunteers.



ADOPTED
Wishing you a Happy Life!!



ROXY
(aka Amy AAR2371)

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Pretty
Carly

Available for
adoption



To find out more: axarquia-rescue@hotmail.com

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DONATE

Please support our important work by donating whatever you can.

To donate, please visit our website @ <https://axarquiaanimalrescue.com/donate.php>

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Susie's Story

Susie was adopted in 2018 by Martine Saint-Guillain through her AAR Fosterer, Barbara Archer. She is a very affectionate dog. Susie took awhile to adjust to her new family, and sometimes has problems with other dogs on the street and listening to instructions. However, in the house Susie is wonderful, and is the perfect dog. Martine loves her very much. Another Happy Ending for AAR!



Lani's Story

This is Lani, Gemma Slight and her family's little AAR girl! They've had her just over 3 years and it's been the best decision they ever made. She is such a perfect little dog, so happy and sociable; she even does the best smiley face! Lani totally rules the house, and them, (and most of their immediate family too!). Everyone she meets just falls in love with her, and she with them.

Lani settled so well with them in Scotland, especially given the upheaval of the journey from Spain and the movement through her short life, but they believe she got there and realised it was her forever home. She arrived on a cold December morning and straight away started running laps of the garden – she still does that now – and is so fast! Lani's caseworker, Andrea, had prepared them that she could be a bit of a 'Houdini' escape artist, so the garden had been checked and double checked for exit points, but they are thankful to report that they've never had any escape attempts. Lani's incredibly smart, definitely food motivated, but she picks up things so quickly. They started training classes about a month after she arrived and pretty soon, after lots of practice in

the garden, they were confident enough in her recall to start letting her off lead. Initially in places we frequent a lot but it wasn't long until she was getting off lead in most places they walk. She loves the freedom to explore and zoom around! Lani's all-time favourite place to visit is the beach and they're lucky to have a few great beaches for walking close to them. At home, she just loves to snuggle up on one of their knees or on the couch, often managing to spread herself out along the whole couch! She really dislikes bad weather – rain, wind, snow, sleet- anything that will make her cold! Not ideal for living in Scotland but she's adapting... kind of...!

Pre-COVID, they'd usually spend their weekends out and about visiting family and friends or exploring castles and new places to walk, or spending time at their caravan in Northumberland – Lani loves it all. Exploring and meeting people (and being fussed over!) she's in her element, so she has definitely been missing that over lockdown. They are all looking forward to getting out more and happier times ahead.

They can't remember life without Lani, she's come on so much in the time they've had her and they simply adore her. She was with AAR for a long time waiting for her home, but they choose to believe she was waiting for them. And they hope they've made her wait worth it.



Dave and The Wonderful Sculpture Garden

When Dave Axon visited Chatsworth House in Bakewell, Derbyshire several years ago, with its beautiful Sculpture Garden containing sculptures from all over the world, the creative seed was planted and he knew he wanted to develop his own Sculpture Garden one day. His dream came true when he retired to Comares in Andalucía 15 years ago. "I bought a view," Dave told me, as we stood on his terrace overlooking the stunning scenery.

The Sculpture Garden was conceived to keep Dave busy during retirement and has grown exponentially over the years. During its growth, it has been open to the public and has raised thousands of Euro for AAR (an average of €1,000 a year). We are forever grateful to Dave for his generosity and support. Visitors are welcomed warmly, offered lunch on the terrace and a tour of the Sculpture Garden at no charge, but are asked to consider a small donation to AAR in return.

Dave's connection to AAR came ten years ago when he began helping out with the website. This combined with memories of his beloved dog, DK, a Rottweiler/Alsatian mix, who was taken cruelly by Leukaemia, inspired Dave to fundraise for AAR. DK was much loved and holds a very special place in Dave's heart. DK's legacy is helping to save rescue animals today through AAR, a fitting tribute to a loving and loyal companion.

The Sculpture Garden is a unique experience, and requires a sense of humour. It contains two hundred rough stone steps, and features items from all over Andalucía. Dave has developed a quiz that is handed to visitors before they start out on the Sculpture Garden tour. Reflecting his love of music, particularly Jazz, the quiz has clues with musical references and is updated annually on his birthday. Many of the sculptures are numbered,

and the quiz asks you to match the number with a particular sculpture using the clues. It is certainly challenging, but interesting, and requires some musical knowledge. Be prepared to meet statues like the working Chicken Tirolina (Zip-wire) complete with flying rooster in a basket. Or to admire the Model Village – inside one of the largest terracotta pots you have ever seen. It lights up at night, too. And, be mesmerised by the amazing Gnome – a scale model of the ancient British monument with a gnomonic theme.

There is also an Organic Vegetable Garden. No pesticides or herbicides have ever been used and most of the compost is home-made in what is probably one of the largest domestic compost farms in the Axarquia.

Maintaining and developing the garden, and sourcing new items for it, keeps Dave very busy. He enjoys sharing it with others and welcomes visitors. Due to current Covid-19 restrictions, the garden is closed but Dave hopes it will be open again soon. It's a great afternoon out! From the views, to the Sculpture Garden, it's a wonderful experience!

You can learn more about the garden and you can take the quiz online by visiting Dave's website @ www.losperrosogarden.webs.com or check out his Facebook page @ <https://www.facebook.com/RomLasCuevas/>

These are financially challenging times for AAR because of Covid-19 restrictions. To donate to AAR, please click below. Thank you for your support.

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