

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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Breaking News

To date, AAR has re-homed 2240 animals. This year, so far, we have homed 41 animals, while a further 8 animals are reserved, and 25 are available for adoption.

We could not do it without your support! Thank You!

THANK YOU!



Dear AAR Supporters and Volunteers,

Welcome to our newsletter!

Sadly, last month, we had to make the awful decision not to take on anymore animals. Having taken on 25 new cases in one week, we just couldn't physically and financially cope with anymore, and have a shortage of available foster homes. However, we find it impossible to turn away life or death situations and have since taken on additional very sad cases, and we still get calls daily for help. Our priority has to continue to be the dogs and cats already in our care. If you follow our Facebook page, you will see we have dogs in our care that have literally cost thousands for their on-going treatment – but we will continue to do our very best for each of them.

Our Rehoming Team are all volunteers and are working flat out in their 'spare' time. All we can do is keep on doing what we do and try to help as many as we can - this is only made possible by our fantastic team of volunteers, and you the public.

We are just getting our fabulous 2022 calendar ready and are looking for sponsors for each month. For only 30 euros, either as a business or individual, or as a gift for someone, or on behalf of your animals - you can have a picture/business card on a calendar month, along with a monthly advert on our public FB Group, and on our Website. All money raised by the calendar goes straight to the animals in our care. For more info email axarquia-rescue@hotmail.com

Thank you all so much....

Sincerely,

Diane McClelland, AAR Chair

Adopted: Benji's Story

Hi all you lovely AAR Supporters. It's Benji (aka Dodger), and I just wanted to give you all an update.

Some of you may remember I was rescued last May 2020. At the time I would have said caught because I did my best to dodge these humans (hence the name) as, in all honesty, I hadn't met a human who had been kind to me. I was cold, tired and in pain so it didn't take too long for me to give in. They took me to their kennels at Sam & Jo's Doggy Ranch. Sam & Jo treated my wounds, fed me and cared for me so well. And, after a few weeks, I became less scared and started to make friends with the other dogs there. Of course there were a lot of visits to the vet, but I soon realised that I felt a bit better after each visit, so I accepted it.

In September, I was well enough to go to a foster home and there were other dogs to play with. I was happy and content for the first time ever.

In December, I had to stay with my caseworker for a few days, but there were other dogs there to play with, so I was happy. One day she took me to the dog park and I met with two other humans. I wasn't that interested as I would rather have been playing with my friends.

Just before Christmas (20th December 2020) my fosters' took me on a car journey and brought me to another house. There were no dogs to play with so I wasn't that interested. I'm sure it was the humans I met at the dog park. I think their names are Mum & Dad. They were kind and gave me food, treats and toys. I liked the walks they took me on - lots of great smells in this place! Gradually I came round and started sitting between them on the sofa and putting up with the cuddles. My Mum told me that she had been looking for a rescue dog for a month. She wanted a young girl about a year old, but didn't see any-one. Then she went onto the AAR website and saw ME! She said she fell in love with me, and, come on peeps, who wouldn't. Look at me—who wouldn't fall for this face.?

No matter how many dogs she looked at she kept

coming back to me. She showed me to Dad and then they filled out the adoption paperwork. Due to Corona virus restrictions it took a wee bit longer (have you noticed I've started to pick up the Scottish accent?!) and she was so afraid that other people would apply and she would lose me. Well she didn't, and she says it was fate (haven't managed to meet her yet).

It took a while, but gradually I could feel my confidence return. I lifted my head higher on our walks. I learned not to be afraid of motorbikes and other traffic, and I started to communicate with other dogs that I met. I've changed from being shy and withdrawn to becoming happy and confident and I am now one of the top dogs in the "in-group at La Noria". There's something that puzzles me though and it's my name. Everyone outside knows me as Benji, and sometimes Mum & Dad call me that too, but they also call me precious, gorgeous, beautiful boy and other names as well. If I feel like it, I'll respond, but hey – "treat them mean to keep them keen is something an old dog taught me," and now I'm getting the opportunity to put it into practice. Life is sooo good!

Mum wants to say something so I'll pass you over. I can't go before saying a massive thank you to Marlene Rose for finding me my forever home, and to Martina and Jean-Francois de Coster for looking after me so well. Huge thanks to Sam & Jo for saving me – especially to Jouni Sironen who spotted me and alerted AAR – also for all the visits and walks at the ranch too.

Thanks to all the staff at AAR for everything you have done for me. I'm now living a life I couldn't even dream about before!



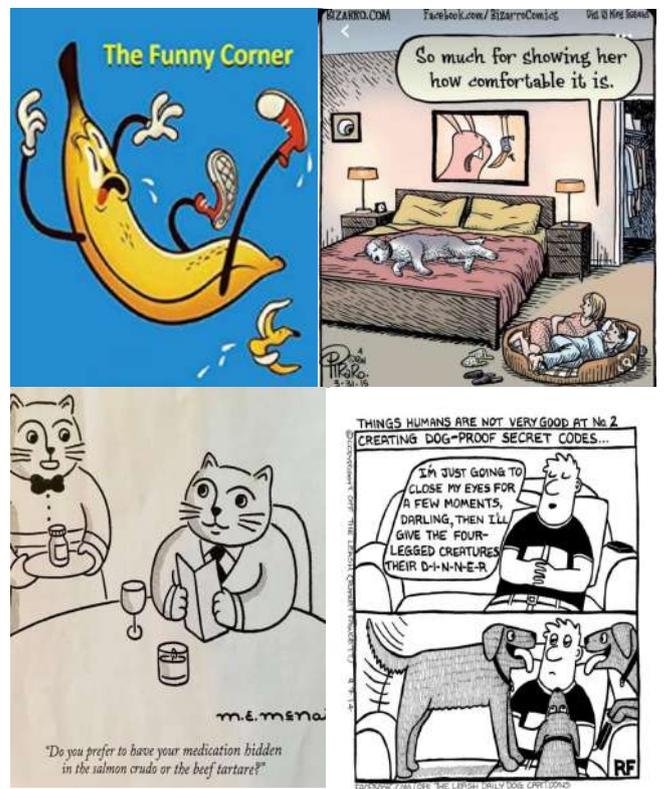
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Benji's Adoption Story (Cont'd)

Note from Mum, Catherine.....

Benji is an absolute delight and we cannot imagine life without him now. He is so funny and very precious about his toys that he keeps together in his room along with a pair of my slippers that he has claimed as his. He can be very strong willed and definitely has a mind of his own, but we see that as a positive. He presents this cool dude image, but he secretly loves his cuddles. Keep that between us though as we don't want to ruin his street cred lol.

A dog is such a precious addition to any family and will enhance your life so much. Please have a look at all of the beautiful ones that are looking for forever homes and you will all benefit.





 **Teaming** Teaming Transforms Traumatized Lives.

For just 1€ a month, you can be a **TEAMER**.

What is Teaming and how can you help?

Teaming is an on-line tool to raise funds for various causes, including Axarquia Animal Rescue, with an individual donation of just 1€ a month. For less than the price of a cup of coffee you can make such a big difference. AAR currently has more than 5,000 followers on Facebook. If everyone donated just 1€, we could help so many more animals.

For example, to get a puppy ready for adoption, i.e. vaccinations, passport, chip, etc. costs AAR approximately 100€. To get a kitten sterilised is approximately 65€, a dog is double that! Then there are emergency operations, kennel fees, food and milk– the list is endless.

It is so easy to become an AAR Teamer.

Just click here:

<https://www.teaming.net/axarquiaanimalrescue>

It will only take a couple of minutes. You don't need to live in Spain, or to have a Spanish bank account.

Many thanks for your much needed support!

AAR Fosterers Tell Us Why They Foster

The greatest reward I get from fostering is the unconditional love that's given in return, and the

feeling of pride when you know you've been a part of that animal's journey to their happy ever after. By fostering you are giving the gift of life to an otherwise lost little soul

Sylvia

When you give love to a pup and help him to come to know that life is a wonderful adventure, full of love and food, the pup will give you back the love in a lovely way

Jutta

I foster to give a dog a place of safety in a loving home, to help prepare him for his new life. Also, the unconditional love received, too. If you have love to give, help a doggy prepare for its forever home and show it that not all people are cruel. Teach it to trust and enjoy a happy life. Foster caring is a great job!

Joy

Fostering melts your heart. When you see an abandoned animal and don't know how you can help...foster, it makes such a difference to the animal's lives preparing them for their new forever homes, and is so rewarding to see the difference you make to their lives. It is just a nice feeling, and something to be proud of.

Lisa

JAKE
Where is he now? 

Due to Jake's Leish outbreaks and the cost of medications and treatments it was proving impossible to find him his adoptive home. A decision was made to look for a Permanent Foster, where he gets his home for life and AAR continue to pay all expenses.



Here he is, absolutely loving life with his permanent fosters Suzanne & Robert. Sadly the Leish has started to flare up again but Jake being Jake doesn't let it bother him. He remains happy and playful. Any donations towards his continued vet treatment much appreciated.

UPDATE ON OUR GORGEOUS ANGEL



Angel continues to improve and the vet has been very happy with her progress as have we.

The vet recently decided to remove the dressings and see Angel every 3-5 days. For her carers, keeping her wound clean isn't the easiest thing and needs to be done a few times each day.

Angel normally wears the "cone of shame"

but, it was removed for her photo shoot.

Angel being Angel isn't phased by any of this. She still greets you with a smile and wagging tail.

To follow Angels story please visit our website at

www.axarquiaanimalrescue.com

To express an interest in adopting

Angel please email:

axarquia-rescue@hotmail.com

Any donations towards Angels continued Veterinary care would be very much appreciated.



If you would like to donate towards Jake and/or Angel's vet costs you can make your donation using PayPal or bank transfer. Please refer to which animal/s care you are donating.

PayPal to aardonations@hotmail.com

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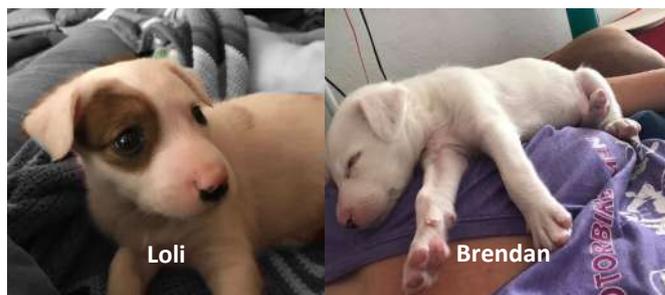
To Foster or not to Foster....

Rachel Slade, AAR fosterer, tells us about her experience as an AAR bottle feeder and fosterer.

6 months after we bought our house, we found 2 abandoned kittens outside our door, eyes still closed and I had no idea what to do. Thanks to social media I soon got help and was advised what to do, and got to bottle feed them. Little did I know that this may be a regular occurrence! 18 months later we rescued some puppies thrown over the bridge next to our house (about 40ft) and again, days old and tied up in a sack. Sadly, their 3 siblings didn't make it but Reggie and Ruby thrived. As our menagerie was growing, (we already had 2 big dogs and 4 cats by now!) we couldn't keep them both, Andy (my husband) was

adamant he was going to keep Reggie. 7 months later, Reggie is doing grand and Ruby is adopted in the UK.

I enjoyed bottle feeding, and wanted to volunteer to do it again. I know we can't keep any more animals so I put my name down with a couple of charities and, low and behold, it wasn't long before more arrived! Andy wasn't too keen and I had to do a bit of grovelling, haha. I forget it isn't just me getting up at night, it disturbs others in the household too. People and animals. Brendan and Loli arrived the next day and the sleepless nights started! I have to say, that bit is hard work, but the rewards are immense. Watching them grow, worrying about them when they don't feed properly, when they have diarrhoea, not putting on weight or just general instinct. It's surprising how a motherly instinct can automatically know what is needed from you.



The hardest bit? Watching them go! Wanting to make sure their home and future will be as good as you gave them. So if you can help with a little bit of fostering, even short term, it is great fun, rewarding and very much needed. So it's a YES from me!

Cathy Caldwell, is also a bottle feeder and fosterer with AAR and shares her story with us.

The 5th of May was the last day with Stanley and Rosie as they are now 6 weeks old and I can no longer care for them because of my mobility issues but, on the plus side, I will be making room for more that need bottle-feeding as has been the case for the hundred and ninety-eight before them over the seven years I have been volunteering.

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I didn't realise just how many I had looked after until I took these two for their manicure and pedicure (to prevent me getting mauled) and the vet's assistant said that must be 200 now! Gosh! I was surprised but pleased as I have seen and followed the progress of many I have hand-reared.

Obviously, there are not many of us that do this as in the first few days it can be heart stopping and, a lot of the time, extremely sad as the life cycle can play it's hand and deal devastating blows. But, as I keep telling myself, it's life - and good and bad always happens!

The absolute best part is to see the babies grow like in any walk of life animal or human to see the product of our actions and be proud of what we helped do.

One story that sticks in my mind always is of a little pup thrown over a bridge and spotted by a man who brought her to me, probably only hours old and discarded. Well, she turned out to be a deaf albino dalmatian and became a very loving pet to the man and I still keep in touch to this day. Here's the proof below in a photo!

That's what keeps me doing this and makes me forget the sleepless hours.



Thank you so much to Rachel and Cathy for offering their much needed help to bottle-feed and foster. We are very grateful to them and to all our fosterers. If you are interested in fostering, please go to our

website to find out more information @

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

Adopted: Benji's Story

Our adoption story started with looking on the AAR website. We wanted to save all the animals but knew that was not possible. So many dogs and only a small boat to live on. We looked for hours and finally chose Benji as he was a large dog and slightly older. We knew we didn't want a puppy as so many people are quick to choose puppies and older dogs get pushed to one side.

We made contact with AAR and arranged a home visit. Mandy Wilmot came with her dog Pedro. We were nervous but she was lovely. She put us at ease and approved us for adoption.

The day arrived and I took the morning off work and we went to Portsmouth to meet Benji—armed with a new collar and lead, plus a few treats. At last the van arrived and we met Benji. He was hungry. We gave him his treats and got him a sausage roll on the ferry. I then went to work and Simon took him home. Benji wolfed down a meal and then jumped on the bed and fell asleep.

We let him sleep on the bed that night. After that I slept in the lounge with Benji. He had an upset tummy and more than once each night he asked to go outside. Not much fun at three in the morning when I had to get up for work at five. His tummy settled after about three months. I then moved back into the bedroom and Benji never got on the bed again.

On the Monday we took him to the vet (cont'd over/...)

(Cont'd) and got him checked over, and asked about his diet. He only weighed 34 kilos—that I think was the stress of the journey. The vet said he should be around fifty kilos, and slowly we built him up.

Benji came with lots of baggage. He didn't walk well on the lead and, if off lead, chased everything that moved. I involved a trainer and we got a Halti for him. He now walks very well on the lead. Bit by bit we addressed his behaviour. He no longer jumps up at people; he no longer chases bikes. His recall is still bad but we have worked on his emergency sit and stay. Most times now he will sit and wait, although, if there is something more interesting, he won't. All this has taken a long time. He loves people and wants everybody to be his friend.

It has been a difficult yet rewarding journey with Benji and he is settled with us. We travel on our boat and Benji just lays on his sofa, no worries about movement of engine noise. He takes new locations in his stride.



AAR has been supportive and Mandy keeps in touch. When out and about talking to people pre-lockdown, I have been telling people what a great job AAR does!

(Submitted by Sheila Thompson, Simon, and Big Boy Benji.)

Adopted: Suki's Story

Hi my name is Suki. This is my story. I am two and a bit years old now. I was rescued by some nice people at AAR when I was a puppy, then I went to a foster mum for a little while, but then, guess what? I went on a long journey to England in 2019 to meet my new mum & dad.

I was shy when I arrived so I went to explore the garden but they seemed nice cos they bought me comfy beds and lots of toys so I settled in really well. I have been here 19 months now and what fun my life has been! I go for lovely walks over fields, forests and the beach and went on holiday

twice in the summer. A car ride is one of my favourites but I don't like the sea much.

Every Friday before Covid 19, Mum & Dad took me to a coffee shop where I got lots of treats. I am thoroughly enjoying being spoilt.

Mummy says I am a perfect girl and calls me 'a princess.'

They both love me so much, so life is good. Love from Suki. (Submitted by Jean Peck)



Congratulations to Nikki Chediak and Moyles Court School in Ringwood, UK for raising €350.00 for AAR by hosting a 'mufti day' whereby the schoolchildren exchanged their uniforms for home clothes for one day to raise money. Thank you so much for your generous support!



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Little Dia AAR 2419

Isn't little Dia adorable! Take a peek at all our available animals on our website at:

<https://axarquiaanimalrescue.com/#>

Adoption: Archie and George's Story.

My adoption journey began in March, 2014 when I stumbled upon AAR's website because I stayed on a ranch in Spain called Cortijo Los Lobos and became Facebook friends with June and Clive who ran the ranch. They were connected to AAR on Facebook so I saw the posts through them.

I am an animal lover so, naturally, had a look at the website. My dog, Holly, had passed away in February 2014 and so I was not actively looking for another dog but I couldn't resist having a peek. I was very much interested in 2 female puppies that had been rescued. Altogether, there were 6 puppies, the rest of which were males and still on the streets while foster homes could be arranged. They were podenco crosses—crossed with what we didn't know, as their Mum was a mix herself and nobody knew who the Dad was. It was nice that I got a photo of the pups with their Mum, though.

After a few emails with Heike Sinsbeck, I decided to adopt two of the boys, George and Archie. They were both quite nervous little things I was told, but I was confident I could give them the stability they needed. AAR sorted out their vaccinations, got someone to come to my house in England to do a home check and, once all was well, they arranged the transport from Malaga to England with a reputable company. It was a three-day trip over by road and I finally got them on 16th June, three days after my birthday so a lovely present indeed. They arrived early and I picked them up from Reigate, Surrey. I was so excited. The guy who dropped them off said they were very clean. I soon realised why! They didn't stop going to the toilet for the first hour or so after I got them. I think they had held it all in. I've never know dogs to poop so much in such a short space of time! Anyway, they travelled really well in the car and I got them home where they settled in quickly, which was a relief. Such curious little fellows—I immediately loved them and knew they would have a great life

from now on.

The boys are now 7 years old and I love them more than anything. They are pretty much always with me as I take them everywhere. They are really funny little characters. Archie is the more nervous of the two, in general. George is much braver except when it comes to fireworks when he hides in the airing cupboard!

They've also been my protectors at times. I got attacked and stabbed in the leg by a deer in the woods one day three years ago, and a month later the same deer found me in the woods and chased me again. The boys soon chased him away though and saved me, but George was stabbed by the deer in his stomach. Luckily, it was only a small wound and he was fine. They are my little heroes! (The deer was fine, by the way!)



I often think about how lucky they are and, how lucky I am to have them, as well. How different their lives could have been. So, thanks to AAR for saving them from a potentially sad life and for bringing us together. I can't image life without them now. I really hit the jackpot with these dogs, they are so loving and gentle and funny. I absolutely love podencos now too and have come to appreciate how wonderful they are. I'd never really heard of the

before. (Submitted by Victoria Shine, Kent, England.)



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