

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 the 2nd edition of our fabulous newsletter – we hope you enjoyed the first one and your positive comments were great – it's wonderful to share our AAR real life stories with you all.

Once again we all find ourselves in the very difficult scenario of Covid restrictions. All our volunteers, fosterers and supporters have been amazing to keep us going during these strange times. We could not continue to save lives without your help and support. Thank you to you all.

We've been busy looking at different ways to raise much needed funds so keep following our FB Group and Website. We hope the brilliant online dog show has helped you all to smile!

Thank you. xxxxx

Sincerely,

Diane McClelland
AAR Chair

Breaking News!

Mum and 9 Puppies Rescued in
Colmenar!

Congratulations to Christine Har-
riman and Rena Dunne, winners
of the Newsletter Draw! Well
done ladies!



NEWSFLASH—CALM AFTER THE STORM!

We are delighted to bring such good news to our readers, and just before Christmas too!

In a race against time, before the stormy weather arrived this week, Kristel Van Bezouw alerted AAR to a perilous rescue situation in Colmenar. A Mum and 9 puppies were hiding out in a den and were very difficult to reach. It is estimated the puppies are about one week old. Thanks to Kristel's vigilance and assistance from AAR, Mum and her large family are now safe and well at Sam and Jo's Doggy Ranch in Riorgordo.

If you would like to name, foster, or adopt Mum or any of her pups, please contact us. Your support is always needed so that we can continue to save lives. Thank you, and Happy Christmas!

Please donate here:

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

or email us to buy Christmas gift vouchers at axarquia-rescue@hotmail.com



Thank you Kristel, and thank you Sam and Jo for always being there when we need you!





It seems completely harmless, the idea of presenting someone you care about with a large box only to watch as their face changes to a look of pure joy when they see a cute little puppy or kitten popping out with a red ribbon tied to their collar. However, unlike other gifts, living animals can't just be returned or exchanged if it turns out to be a bad fit.

"Christmas puppies" often are impulse purchases, in a spirit of love and giving and generosity that goes with the season, but without the hard self-assessment that goes into asking oneself if one has the time and the energy and the inclination to give the necessary commitment to raising and socializing and educating that puppy. Better to get that new puppy or older dog at a less emotionally charged time of the year, when the decision to add a dog to the family is a less impulsive and more carefully considered one, uninfluenced by seasonal generosity of spirit, which might just fade a bit after the tree comes down and the lights are put away.

Sadly, the novelty of a Christmas puppy can wear off and the once cherished gift can end up abandoned or sent to a dog shelter. At AAR, we are aware of what abandonment can lead to—many of our rescue dogs have been left cold, hungry and abandoned at bins and rivers, only to survive through the kindness of animal lovers and AAR supporters who bring them to our attention.



Eat in to help out!!

Could you host a coffee morning, pizza night, curry club, cheese and wine party, Sunday lunch or similar?




Invite your friends and family round (as per local COVID restrictions), have a natter and catch up in exchange for a donation to AAR.

Once you have held your event please send some pics to aarfundraiser@gmail.com and we can create an album on our page.

Please send your donations via Paypal at axarquia-rescue@hotmail.com or by bank transfer to Banco Sabadell, Avenida Andalucia, Torre Del Mar, 29740. SWIFT: BSABESBB, IBAN: E576 0081 7431 9100 0180 1189
Please include your NIE/Passport number and mark it as COFFEE

Thank you and enjoy!!!!!!

If someone you love is ready for the responsibility of a rescue animal, please contact AAR at <https://axarquiaanimalrescue.com/index.php> You can purchase a gift voucher that can be used to sponsor or adopt an animal, or you can help us to save more animals by making a Christmas donation. Thank you!

CAR BOOT SALE

NOTE - NEW DATES

1st SUNDAY OF EVERY MONTH

(Excludes January & August)

Nov
8th

Should the market be cancelled due to bad weather it will be held the following week.

Dec
13th

 **619 471 301**

The Restaurant offers their very Wide variety of TAPAS.

Large Tapas & Drink €3.50

Restaurant El Pantano

On the A356 towards Colmenar KM30, Overlooking the lake.

9.30 am - 1 pm

A Healthy Cat is a Happy Cat

Characteristics of a healthy kitten/cat::

Eyes: Should be bright and clear, the pupils the same size as each other, and the "whites" should be white, with no evidence of yellowing or redness.

Ears: Should be clean and although, normally, a cat's ears may show a small amount of wax, there should be no foul odour or visible pus. Untreated ear problems such as ear mites are painful and can cause hearing loss. Any indication of sores, scabs, or "crusty" appearance should be reported to a vet .

Nose: A cat's nose is often dry, but should not be cracked. It should be free of mucous, and not "runny." Although a cat may sometimes sneeze because of allergies or dust, continuous, severe sneezing, sometimes accompanied by gagging should be reported to a veterinary surgeon.

Mouth and Teeth: A healthy cat's gums should be a pale pink colour, and the teeth should be clean and the breath normal. Teeth should be free of tartar or plaque and this can be controlled by brushing. Bad breath could indicate a health problem

Coat: Cats are meticulous groomers and usually keep their coats clean, shiny and soft to the

touch, without clumps or mats. Different breeds of cats have different types of hair coats. Cats shed hair naturally year round, although the rate of shedding depends on climate, nutrition, and general overall health. Increased shedding or bald patches need veterinary attention. Dull fur, or dry and flaky skin, could indicate poor nutrition or illness.

Appetite and Weight: A healthy cat should always have a good appetite, and should maintain a healthy weight for its age and size. It's common for cats to put on weight as they get older and become less active, and this should be managed through diet and increased play-time. There can be a temporary loss of appetite but, if this persists for more than a day, it should be reported to a vet. Any abnormality in the above or prolonged diarrhoea, constipation, vomiting or abnormal urination, discharge, or inflammation, should be reported to a veterinary surgeon. He/she will also advise you on your cat's nutritional needs and on maintaining your cat's healthy weight.



AAR 2021 Calendars

Don't forget to get you 2021 calendar! They are selling like hot cakes, and cost only 5 Euros!

The calendars are available from our charity shop in Torre Del Mar, at Mario the Vet in Puente de Manuel, at 365 Vet in Vélez-Málaga, and at our market stall at Trapiche.

We can post them to you anywhere in Europe - a maximum of 3 calendars in one envelope, at a cost of 6.70 Euros for postage and packaging. We think you will agree that they make a wonderful Christmas gift. Thank you for your support!



Sam and Jo's Doggy Ranch

Before you reach Sam and Jo's Doggy Ranch in Riogordo, you can hear the happy barking permeating the countryside. As you approach, you realise you are about to enter a very special place, a place that is used by Axarquia Animal Rescue regularly as kennels for injured and seriously harmed rescue dogs while they await to be fostered or adopted.

Sam and Jo began their doggy adventure 7 years ago when they themselves were fosterers. Now they own eleven of their own dogs and cater for these along with those in their much-needed care. AAR is lucky to have such a haven for dogs who often arrive at the Doggy Ranch in terrible condition. Sam and Jo work from early morning to late at night every day and their love and dedication is remarkable. It takes a lot of energy, investment and patience to work with rescue dogs who are often nervous, afraid, starving, injured, and in need of constant care.

During our visit my husband, Dermot, and I were lucky enough to meet many dogs in recovery and now looking for forever homes. And, we had a very special visit with Poppy and her 8 puppies. Poppy was abandoned just weeks before giving birth and is now thriving and enjoying being Mum. The puppies are boisterous and fun and adorable and have a constant stream of visitors. Rounding them up to go back to their pen is a challenge and requires great skill. They like to wander and play and investigate, as puppies do!

As Sam showed us around the ranch and introduced us to all of the dogs, we discovered two very special places. Firstly, Tony's Den, named after a special friend who passed away, and whose family sponsored it, Tony's Den is a comfortable oasis for visitors to have personal time with the dogs. Decorated with comfortable sofas and rugs, it resembles a sitting room and feels homely. It also has an outdoor space where pup-

pies are toilet trained. Sam and Jo are proud of this space and it offers just another lair of comfort and love to the ranch.

Secondly, The Bloody Dutch Shed which houses dogfood and other supplies. Kindly sent from the Netherlands by some dedicated supporters, namely Karin, Jolanda, Miriam and Anneke, the shed was supposed to take three hours to erect. Instead, it took three days, thus the name! With so many dogs to look after, the amount of food and supplies needed is astounding. Having somewhere to store the supplies is wonderful. In addition, these Dutch ladies continue to send supplies. It is their way of helping out and Sam, Jo and AAR are so appreciative of their generosity.

The Doggy Ranch is such an asset to Axarquia Animal Rescue and we are grateful to Sam and Jo for always being there when we need them. If you would like to donate to AAR to assist with the care of the rescue dogs at the Ranch, or if you are interested in fostering or adopting any of our dogs, please go to our web page at:

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

Sam and Jo also take Private Borders. If you are going on holiday and are looking for a home away from home for your fur baby, we can highly recommend the ranch.

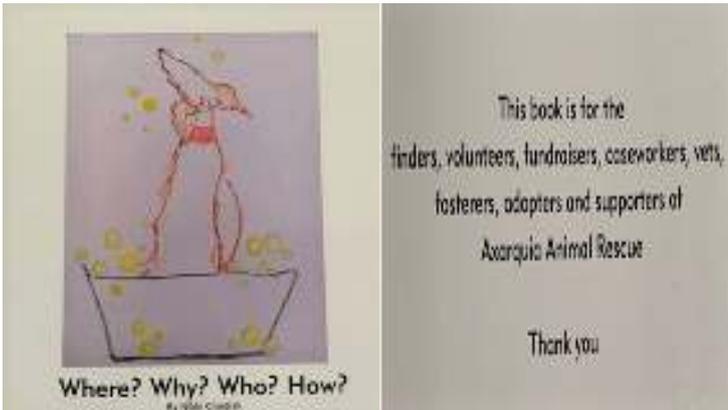
Please contact Sam at +34649112203 or Jo at jo_mccarthy17@msn.com

Thank you! Submitted by **Mary Groarke**





Fun @ Sam and Jo's Ranch



Thank you Nikki! Our cherished fosterers and adopters find many ways to show gratitude to AAR for the work we do. Nikki Chediak, whose story about her foster experience of Zac featured in our last Newsletter, was busy during lockdown and wrote the following book to teach children about AAR. The book is not currently for sale but may be in the future. Thank you Nikki!

Please add a gift for a rescue to your shopping list this Christmas. There is a default AAR delivery address on the Amazon checkout system.



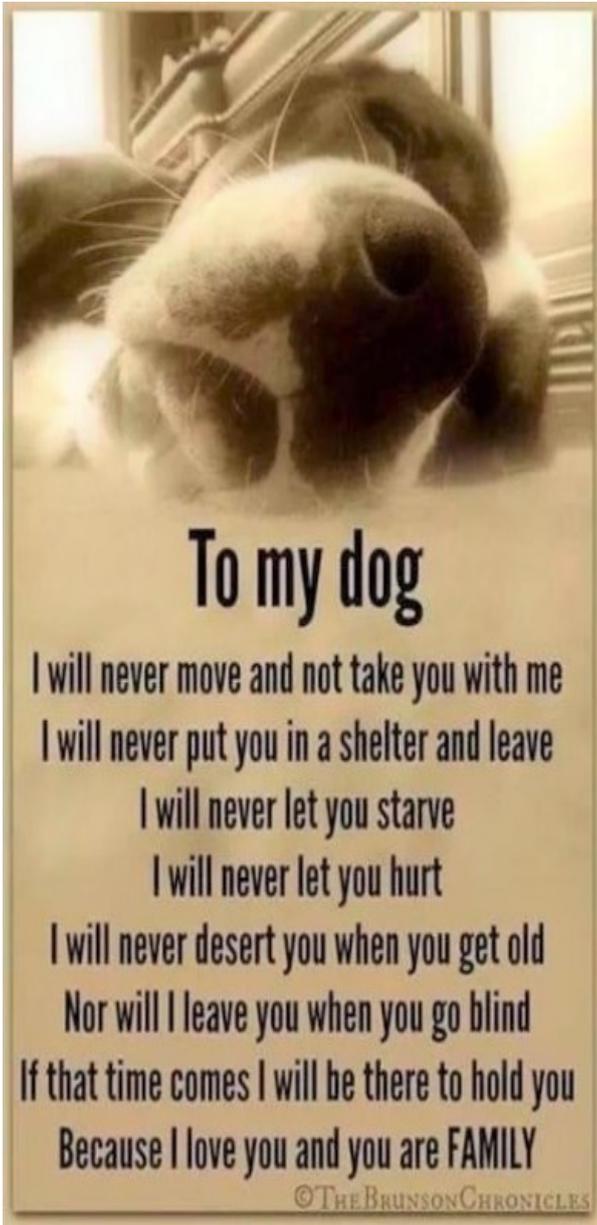
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AAR Club 100 You can now buy or renew your Club 100 2021 number. The AAR Club runs from January — December each year and costs €20.00. When you buy a number you can keep it for a year, and then renew it or pick a new number the following year.

Every month two numbers are drawn. First prize is €50.00, 2nd prize is €25.00. Winners are notified on social media by the AAR Treasurer and paid accordingly.

To buy or renew a number for Club 100, please send an email to: axarquia-animal-rescue@hotmail.com Thank you!



Cody's Story!

Look at this innocent face! Just a little bewildered, perhaps, but still trusting. Doesn't this face melt your heart! To think that someone dumped him with his brothers and sisters next to the bins, with no water, no food, no mercy!

This is where AAR stepped in so that little Cody (AAR 2351) will have the best start in a loving foster home, supported by a generous sponsor. Can you help to give Cody or his siblings the best of futures? Could you give him the lifeline of a permanent home? Please email axarquia-rescue@hotmail.com for more information on adopting Cody, or any of our animals.

Four British Ladies Raise Money For Charities!



On 10th October, four British women, Laura Leanne Downes, Rachael England, Hannah Conlan, and Shaz Anderson, all residents in the Axarquia, took the plunge and skydived from three kilometres at Cordoba airport to raise money and awareness for three local charities. We are proud of them all, especially Shaz who has been a volunteer with AAR for 7 years. This is not the first time Shaz has been a dare devil for AAR! In 2019, she took part in a zip wire event in Comares to raise money for us as well.

Congratulations to Shaz and all four brave ladies for raising €1,354.00 each for their charities. Thank you!



Welcome to Tortoise Town!

My own story begins back in the 1960's when, as children my two brothers and I had tortoises. I then fast forward to 2012, all same three tortoises were still living with my widowed Mum in our childhood home. Sadly, however, Mum had been diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease, and could no longer care for them. I jumped at the chance of moving the tortoises here, already having a tortoise which we'd rescued back in 2006. Luckily, we were able to arrange for them to come over via people we knew who were returning by car from a trip to the UK. Anyway, they all settled in very quickly, with our female tortoise Tessa. There was Susie, then Giles, and Fred, a larger tortoise, and different from the others which are Mediterranean Hermann's breed. Soon, I suspected what I thought was a 'he' was actually a 'she'! Sadly, Fred escaped about 2 years later, and after searching for weeks we had to accept that Fred had gone. Meantime, the others were fine, and I didn't give a thought to the consequences of a male with two females being together in their natural environment, especially as nothing happened. That is until one February morning in 2017 when I found a tiny baby tortoise in the pen. I was thrilled, and we called him Freddie after the original Fred, and decided if he turned out to be a she, the name was still fine.

Moving on to 2020. I now had 4 baby tortoises and was beginning to panic. We had already put in

a barrier to divide the pen, and keep Giles at bay from the ladies. We were having a problem with the smaller ones because our pen's not suitable for little ones, since they could escape through the gaps. Therefore, I was keeping them in cages until they were larger, but it was still risky. It would have meant us having to have a large area totally flattened and a wall built, and as we hope to move to somewhere more manageable in 2-3 years, due mainly to health reasons, I realised that something had to be done.

So I contacted the AAR on the off chance that they might be able to help, and was amazed to hear straight back with contact details of a member of the AAR who took in tortoises, having at the time a mere 18!!! The lady was very friendly and amongst their collection of tortoises they had one who was 110 years old and which she told me had been in her husband's family for 80 years!! There were also many tortoises that she had rescued, so she and her husband were obviously totally devoted to their tortoises. We arranged to take the 4 little ones over to them one day last August and I was delighted to find the most perfect tortoise sanctuary awaiting them—a large area to roam, which was totally secluded, safe and secure, and with lots of houses for them. In fact, there was even a nursery area for the tiny ones. It was just perfect and, after talking to the lady and her husband, my husband and I left feeling we had found them a caring and lovely new home. **Submitted by Patricia from Axarquia**





On Sunday, 8th November, Bar Familiar in Riogordo hosted a family service to commemorate Remembrance Sunday. AAR was honoured to take part in this special event.

Sam Matthews-McCarthy, a long time fosterer with AAR, along with rescue dogs Poppy and Angel, took part in the animal wreath laying ceremony. Thank you Sam for representing all of us on this special day of commemoration.



After several days of voting by our wonderful supporters during Pawstival 2020, a decision on the overall winner had to be made. Thank you to all of you who voted in the various categories, and to Jane and Luc Wigy, our fundraiser organisers, who made it all happen online due to the Covid 19 restrictions. I think you will agree Pawstival 2020 was a resounding success!

Congratulations to **Tommy**, winner of **Best in Show** at this year's Pawstival! His Mum, Maria Cullimore, is delighted for her boy!

Tommy was left in a rental home when Maria first met Tommy. Maria was supposed to give him up for adoption but she kept him against all odds because she could not part from him. Tommy has his own ways, as we all do, and he is very special. He has leish but it is under control. He is full of beans and he and Maria never miss a daily walk as it keeps them both fit. Maria is a proud doggy Mumma! Well done Tommy! 🥰🥰