

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 March 2021 Newsletter!

There are some amazing Happy Ending stories this month - we hope they make you smile!

Great news is that we are now able to resume adoptions to the UK following Brexit. Our trusted transporters fully meet the new requirements so we are ready to travel to the UK again!

It's been a really busy couple of months, despite the local lockdowns, and the AAR team has been working flat out - well done everyone.

Thank you again everyone for all your support - we could not do what we do without you. xxxxx

Sincerely,

Diane McClelland
AAR Chair

Breaking News!

Since the 1st of January, 2021,
AAR has rehomed 16 animals!



Thank you all for your support!

Adopted: Rodan's Story

Tiny Eleveld from The Netherlands kindly shares her adoption story with us. She adopted Rodan (AAR name George) a Pitbull mix boxer when she saw he needed a loving home. He had been neglected and abused and had been with AAR for awhile. Because of their reputation as aggressive dogs, Pitbull's are sometimes harder to place, although they are loving family dogs. Similar to other dogs who are abused, they can be aggressive but,



with love, care and attention, they are lovable and loyal.

After two months working with AAR, Rodan travelled to The Netherlands with Karin Kok (Karin is a great friend to AAR and regularly, along with friends in The Netherlands, sends doggy food and other supplies in large quantities to Sam and Jo's Doggy Ranch in Riogordo, where many of AAR's rescues are fostered.)

For the first few months, Rodan was afraid in his new surroundings. His life had changed overnight and he was nervous and scared. He refused to walk on his leash. However, after some time, and with the help of his sisters, he quickly learned to be a caring big brother. Sadly, one of his sisters, Angel Senior recently passed away. She was an elderly dog and is dearly missed. But, for two years, Rodan and Angel were the best of friends.

Every day with Rodan and his siblings is a blessing! He likes cats and is friendly and safe, and is a great big brother to his little sister. Rodan's story is a happy ending to a sad beginning. That is what we do at AAR! We try to bring happy endings to as many abused animals as possible, with the help of all of our supporters. Thank you all for your continued support!



AAR Guide to Adopting a Rescue Animal

Most dogs in shelters and rescues have been there anywhere from a few days to several months. So, even though when adopted they are going to a home with love and care devoted to them alone, they might have some difficulty understanding why they have "lost" another home. We ask you to read the following information to help you adapt to the adjustments you and your dog will make while becoming a whole family unit.

Things to Buy Before or Immediately After the Adoption

Food, bowls for water and food, a leash, collar, and bedding. You can acquire bedding by visiting several garage sales. What works best are baby blankets, or thin blankets which can fit in the washing machine. Often cast-off, bulky comforters can be cut into quarters. An ID tag. Some pet stores, have machines where you can create an ID tag immediately. Please bring a leash and collar with you when picking up your dog.

The Adult Dog

There are many advantages to adopting an adult dog. You already know the size and the disposition of your pet, something not known of a puppy. However, you do not know your pet's past. You do not know if he is housebroken or trained. He has had to adjust to different situations so it is imperative you be patient with your new pet and let him know and understand your patterns.

The First Day Home

To avoid your new best friend from getting diarrhoea from a change in diet, give boiled brown rice with the new food. Works great. Keep your new dog on a leash. Show him where his water and food dish are kept. Show him where he is to sleep. When he is indoors be sure and keep him confined with you, taking him outdoors at frequent intervals to relieve himself. Take him to the same spot each time and praise him heartily when he goes. Until he learns this new routine he will

have to be watched closely. If there is an accident in the house please do not assume he is not housebroken. He must get accustomed to his new home and his new routines. Ideally, never use the word 'NO' loudly as this can be really scary. If there is a mistake, use a friendly voice saying something like 'come on, let's go, quick, quick - wee time' and take the dog outside quickly and reward him when finished. You must catch the dog in the act if the correction is to be effective. NEVER hit or shout at your dog if an accident occurs. Praise, not punishment, is the key to a well behaved pet.

Period of Adjustment

The first couple of weeks you and your pet are "getting to know one another." He doesn't know why he has come to your home nor what is expected of him. Please be patient with him and anticipate problems before they occur. Don't leave tempting shoes, clothing, or children's toys within reach of your dog. Try to leave the home with as little fanfare as possible. Tearful goodbyes do nothing but add to your dog's anxiety. Having a stuffed hollow food toy given some time before going out is ideal. Also, set up the home as though you were staying in - i.e. if you watch TV, have the TV on long before you go out and crate your pet long before leaving. Settle him with the chew toy. Have everything ready long before you leave and leave as though you're just off to put the kettle on. Many people watch TV with their dogs a lot, but when they go out they put on the radio! If you spend time with your dog and the TV then it is more useful to leave the TV on as that is the shared activity.

Things to Watch For

When your pet is first settling in, your dog may experience shyness, anxiety, restlessness, excitement, crying or barking. He may exhibit excessive water drinking, frequent urination, or diarrhoea. His appetite may not be good. If any of these symptoms last more than a few days,

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call your veterinarian.

Obedience Training

A six to eight week training class, taking one hour of your time one day a week, and a training lesson with your dog 1/2 hour a day, will teach your dog the simple obedience commands so necessary in having a well-behaved pet. Just as we must teach our children manners, we must also teach our pet.

It is worth noting that a shy or nervous dog usually fares better with 1-2-1 training in the beginning. Group classes are often way too much for many rescues! There are so many brilliant on-line and in-person video lessons now for an hour a week.

Within a week or two, your dog will have settled into his new home and his new routine. Some will take a little longer. Very few are unable to adjust at all. In most cases the dog will be a well-adjusted member of the family within a month. And well worth it! In fact, you will probably have trouble remembering when he wasn't one of you.

Rescue Dog, Major Biden, is now a First Dog

The first dogs have entered the White House — the Bidens' two German Shepherds, Champ and Major, officially joined the first family in their new residence at 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue on Sunday, 24th January.

Champ has been with Biden family for more than 10 years — since December 2008, weeks after Biden became Barack Obama's vice president-elect. Major, a shelter dog, joined the Biden family more recently.

Major is the first shelter dog to live in the White House. Born in 2018 he was a rescue from a litter that had been exposed to "something toxic" in their home, and their owner was unable to afford the expense of veterinary care for them. He was fostered by the Bidens earlier that year from the

Delaware Humane Association's shelter and has been with them since late 2018.

Three days before the Inauguration of Joe Biden,



Champ



the Delaware Humane Association held an "indoguration" for Major. More than 7,400 people attended via Zoom and it featured a performance by Josh Groban. The event also raised \$200,000 in donations for the association.

Adoption Update: Jess & Bella

Last September, Sarah Funnell and family moved



back to the UK, from Torrox to Sussex. Jess and Bella are settling into U.K. life well. Jess's favourite place is in front of the wood burner!!

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Now Reserved & soon to join her new family!!



UPDATE ON ANGEL

You may remember in December we did a fundraiser for Angel, who needed expensive operations to both back legs!



AAR would like to thank everyone who has donated towards Angels operations.

She had the first operation on one leg. The following day she was back to her normal happy self, her tail wagging

She was scheduled to go for the 2nd operation but then had some swelling to a front leg so operation delayed

She has a bad infection in the leg. The vet believes it could have been caused by a rat or snake bite

She now has a very sore front leg that needs cleaning twice daily. And still she wags her tail.

The vet believes this could take quite a long time to fully recover.

And then she still needs the operation on her back leg

Angel is putting up with so much and still she wags her tail. She is such a brave girl

If you would like to donate towards Angels on-going vet treatment please see main post for details. Thankyou

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"

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Malaga, Spain
Account : 0081 7431 91 0001801189
Swift/BIC: BSABESBB



New Arrival: Curro



Through the vigilance of our supporters, new arrivals are referred to and arrive at AAR all the time. Curro is a recent arrival and is currently being fostered at the Sam and Jo Doggy Ranch in Riogordo. Within a short time of his arrival, Curro was donning a warm coat, and was provided with a nice cuddly teddy to keep him company and to keep him warm. 😊

If you are interested in fostering or adopting Curro or any of our animals, please go to our website @ <https://axarquiaanimalrescue.com/>

Adoption Update: Rani's Story

Valerie Court adopted Rani some 18 months ago. Rani is a really affectionate dog and he is wonderful with the rest of the pack. When this photo was take, Rani was having a quiet day. It was pouring with rain so it was breakfast in bed and trips outside for pees and poos until finer weather. He does have waterproof jackets but tends to chew them. His recall is not great and he tends to want to chase tractors. Exercise is racing round Valerie's field with plenty of sniffing for rabbits, pheasants and fox. Valerie is very aware that he might chase sheep so is never allowed the opportunity. A happy boy, with lots of freedom to run, roam, and have fun!



Reserved: Cooper

We are delighted to announce that Cooper (AAR2278) is now reserved and will be moving to his new family, here in Spain, in the near future.



Would you open your door and change or save a life?

We are being asked daily to rescue dogs, pups, cats & kittens from a variety of life threatening situations. We can only help if we have more Foster Homes

You promised that You'd never leave. Where are You/Meow?



They didn't ask for this life! They need US to change it



Full support given. Food & Equipment provided. Veterinary care arranged & paid by AAR

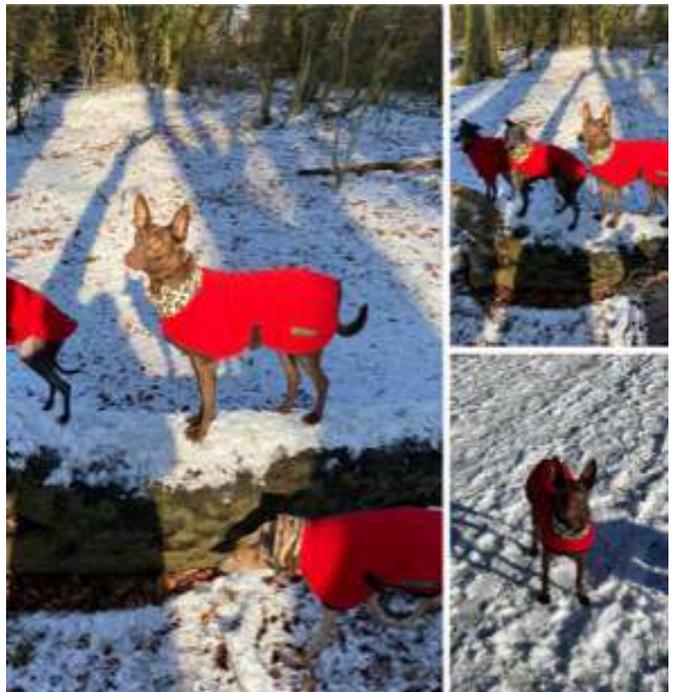


Fostering can be short or longer term. It's all your choice

email: axarquia-rescue@hotmail.com

Adoption Update: Chocolate

Chocolate, adopted in April 2019, enjoying the wintry weather with her family in Surrey.



Helping Your Pet Lose Weight



Helping your pet to lose weight can sometimes be a challenging task, especially if you or your pet has bad eating or exercising habits. But not addressing the issue is dangerous to pets, and more

time consuming and costly to pet owners in the long run. Overweight pets have an increased incidence of fatigue, arthritis, torn ligaments, spinal disc problems, high blood pressure, heart disease, diabetes, cancer and reduced liver function, just to name a few.

A great indicator of whether your pet is overweight is to feel their ribcage, although this does vary somewhat for each dog and cat breed. If you can feel your pet's ribs that's a good sign, but if the ribs are very pronounced that could mean that your pet is underweight. If you can't feel your pet's ribs that means they are most likely overweight.

No matter what the problem, it's much better to see a professional than to try diagnosing the problem yourself. Your local vet can help you come up with a new plan for helping your pet lose weight, and can also tell you, depending on the age and breed of your pet, a good target weight. It's also a good idea to always consult your vet before you change your pet's exercise routine.

There are a few good tips to get you started on helping your pet to slim down. One easy way to prevent your pet from gaining or to help your pet lose weight is to switch to a healthy weight management food. Make sure that the food that you are buying has lots of healthy, natural ingredients in it, typically marketed as premium or organic pet food. Avoid foods with fillers, additives and preservatives. Healthy pet foods may be more expensive, but they provide your pet with the energy

and nutrition that they need and deserve.

Another easy way to help your pet lose a few pounds is to cut back on treats. Use their normal food or part of it as training treats, especially if on kibble foods. If there were 121 pieces of food in the bowl that now gives you 121 chances of rewarding your dog. It creates more interaction with you and actually makes meals and working with you more fun.

If a dog is spayed or neutered - then usually you will feed it less as they need fewer calories. Advice varies but often it is around 10% less for males and 12-15% less for females. Other guidance is - reduce the dog's food by quarter and then see what effect this has and adjust accordingly.

The most important thing for your pet when you're trying to help them lose weight is daily exercise. If you have a dog, try to walk them at least three times a day, or hire a dog walker to take over if you simply don't have the time. Regular leashed walks at a fast pace, or off-leash play at the local dog park, will help your dog to burn off those extra calories and excess energy. The key thing is to set a routine to get daily dog exercise for your pooch.

If you have a cat, try to get them out of the house regularly if they are an indoor/outdoor cat. If they are indoor only cats, a cat toy, a simple piece of string, or a laser pointer should get them up and moving. Two to three times a day of active play for 5-10 minutes should give cats the exercise they need. If you don't have time to do this, hiring a professional pet sitter may be a great option. A simpler way to deal with your pet's weight problem is to think about it like it



was your own. A pet gets healthy just like a human does. If you help your pet eat healthier foods, and ensure a

good exercise routine, your pet will be fit and in tip top shape in no time.

Adopted: Rex's Story

Jennie Leigh Etheridge and her husband had been thinking of adding a puppy to their family for a long time and, with the first lockdown, they realised life was too short so they started looking. Jennie's husband had always wanted to buy a black lab but Jennie had always wanted a rescue. So Jennie started researching puppies and she started looking at rescues. A friend of Jennie's had rescued 3 dogs from different rescues and one was from AAR. She had seen many puppies from other rescues they would have loved to adopt, but when she was looking through AAR's dogs she saw Tonio (now Rex) and she instantly fell in love. She emailed AAR straightaway for more details and the lovely Marlene Rose messaged her back almost instantly. As he was only 8 weeks old there was a lot of interest and, due to his age and lockdown, things were delayed. Jennie managed to work on her husband and convince him rescuing was so much better than buying a dog and he finally agreed. They started the process in April and by May they received the news they had been hoping— that they had been the lucky family chosen to adopt Rex. They finally got a date that he would be able to travel towards the end of June 2020. Both Marlene and Maria Wood kept them in contact with his progress and sent them lovely photos whilst they were waiting for him to arrive.

Rex started his journey from Spain on the Friday and that afternoon Jennie had a contact from Maria that Rex had hurt his leg overnight somehow whilst in his kennel and was limping. He was seen by a vet who cleared him for travel and gave him some medication. The vet thought it was a sprain, or dislocation at worst. Rex wasn't showing any signs of pain but they agreed to take him to their vet as soon as possible. Maria asked if they wanted to cancel the adoption as it wasn't something they had signed up for. But, that was never going to happen! AAR also offered to cover the costs.

Their little boy finally arrived. He was the sweetest little puppy. Their son, Maximus, who had just turned 5, had no idea, just in case there were any issues, and so he had a lovely surprise. Jennie stayed downstairs with Rex that night and he slept on the sofa with her like a baby. Maximus couldn't believe it when he and her husband came down-

stairs and saw Rex for the first time. Maximus was a very happy little boy and Rex was so good with him.

At the vet, Rex needed to be booked in for an x-ray. Due to such a high cost quote, Maria found a vet that very kindly offered to do the x-ray cheaper. Sadly, the x-ray showed that Rex had badly broken his knee and would need a big operation and special care. Soon, he was all booked in and had his operation. AAR covered all the costs and were just amazing throughout. It was a very stressful and upsetting journey as Jennie and her family were so worried about him. The severity of Rex's injury meant if he caused any further damage to his knee he may need to have his leg amputated. It was such a long process and he needed to be kept confined for 10 weeks. This in itself caused so much stress and upset that another way had to be found. They kept him tied to a short leash attached to a heavy kettle bell. There were lots of tears on Jennie's end and lots of worry but, after a very long process, Rex was finally signed off from the vets around the end of September. There were a few issues after that but since November he has been perfect.

It has certainly been a challenge but Jennie and the family love Rex so much and are so lucky to have such a beautiful little dog. xxx



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