

# Doggy Digest



The **S.A.T. Animal Rescue** Newsletter



## Doggy Bytes

Part of my job at the kennels is to write in the log details of the dogs leaving the kennels and where they went. On the same form are the details of how they arrived unfortunately the same reasons crop up time after time but some statements trigger my imagination and I can't help wondering about these poor little mites here are some of the statements!!!

**Abandoned at San Javier Airport.**

**Found lying in the road Almoradi**

**Dumped in the canal**

**Puppies left in the campo**

I imagine the owners with their suitcases arriving with dog and baggage at the airport and just waving him goodbye!! Did he watch them disappear into the departure hall? Did they even look back? Where was his passport, or his suitcase?

How many people walked past the dog lying in the road before someone stopped. Had he really given up on life, did he think he was going to die? Dumped in the canal or driven to the campo and left. It's not worth even thinking about, why. But I can imagine their bewilderment and terror.

All of the above dogs and many more are safe, well and happy many in their new lives and it's all thanks to you our supporters, members friends and anyone who gives up their time, or gives a euro.

**Enjoy the summer.**

Please continue to look on our web site or in our shops for details of any events in your area.

If by chance you have some ideas and free time we would love you to organise an event on our behalf no matter how small or large your effort is we are very, very grateful.

# News Update

## Celebrations at the Kennels..... Gabriel has found his FOREVER HOME

Gabriel is such a different dog from the horrifically injured dog that we saw for the first time. For everyone who followed his story and for all the kennel staff it was a great day when finally he found his forever home. We all wish him a very long and happy life!



## Kennedy



After being at S.A.T. for 2 years Kennedy flew to England to try and give him a better chance of a new home. His trip to the UK was not cheap but Kennedy was very lucky to obtain sponsors who covered the cost of his fare. He is a beautiful boy that did not get a second glance here at S.A.T. but within a couple of months of arriving in the

UK he captured the hearts of the kennel staff and then met his new family complete with companion dog now he is living near the coast and loving life to the max.

# Whispering Grass or Whisper for short.

Whisper was found hiding in the long grass near to the kennels. Julia was taking her dogs for a peaceful lunchtime stroll. This quickly turned into a dash home to grab a travel box put her dogs back into the house and run back to retrieve the very scared rabbit. Apart from ear mites

and being a little thin she seemed fine. I kept her at home with me as the kennels is just not the right place for a rabbit however she was introduced to my cats and dogs all of which were astonished to find a rabbit on the lawn admittedly in the safety of a large metal cage. Whisper

for her part was intrigued by the animals but not at all scared. After a few weeks we were able to place Whisper at the Easy Horsecare thanks to Sue and Rod she has settled in just fine.



## 24 Puppies enter S.A.T in 4 day period!!!!

At the beginning of March on a Monday morning at the kennels a man turned up at the gates holding some puppies he had found nearby. Sadly there is nothing unusual in that but this time the puppies that were admitted made the total of 24 puppies Through the S.A.T. gates in a four day period. Added to the puppies that are already in S.A.T. it made for a very busy, noisy kindergarten area. I suppose it is a reflection that the crisis is biting hard and not so many people are spaying their dogs making it even more important that we continue to spay as many as we are able to before they are homed.



## Pooch Mooch

A small but happy band assisted by three stewards and two handsome young policemen set off for the annual Pooch Mooch. Eve and La Tienda de la Marina had both donated bags of doggy treats to keep their strength up while they

walked. It was a beautiful sunny day but not overly hot, in fact just the right sort of weather for a stroll a sniff and a chat on the way. More or less one hour later all the participants had finished and been given their rosettes. Some retired

to the nearest bar for some refreshment for both humans and of course the dogs. Thank you to all of the entrants, the stewards, the police La Tienda and Eve for their donations. The money is still coming in but it has topped 700 well done.

See you all next year. Eve tells me that she is planning a 60's night event in La Marina on May 11th in conjunction with La Marina Sports complex. Details nearer the time from the shop, the web, the kennels and the Sports complex.



## Helpers Abroad



This next item is written by one of our members. We are grateful to all our members and supporters and it is really wonderful when someone wants to help us so far from their own home. By way of explanation for those who are not aware, we have links to several rescues in Germany and make regular trips with some of our dogs many of whom have been adopted via the webpage.

my name is Tania Hoffmann-Fettes, and here is a little background information on me. I am Luxembourgish, but living in Germany in the border region to Luxembourg. I am active in the animal welfare, have a certificate in Companion Animal Behavior and try to educate the public and youngsters about animal welfare, animal cruelty. Since 2009, I organize every year on the first Sunday in October an event in Luxembourg called „Marsch fir den Déiereschutz“, which means march for animal welfare. Every year we have around 200 animal lovers and animal protectors participating, very often with more than one dog.

Last year I had the idea to propose t-shirts with the logo of the march and to donate the remaining amount to two animal welfare associations and the idea went well. I had more than 115 orders and many people paid more than the official price of the t-shirt of 15 uros. The two associations I chose were S.A.T. Animal Rescue in Torre Vieja and the German Tiere in Not Saar, a partner of S.A.T. Why did I choose these two associations? In 2008 we adopted Looky, later called Lucy, an senior dog coming from S.A.T., being fostered by Tiere in Not Saar. She was a lovely dog and

she would spend another 2 years of happiness and comfort with us, leaving us on February 2, 2010. In my sadness I decided to have a look at the website of S.A.T., saw Bobby, and decided right away to adopt this doggy, coming to Germany on March 21st 2011. Coming back to the March for Animal Welfare, we were finally able to raise in total 1.800 uros, so that we could donate 900 uros to each association.

