



StreetNews: Easter 2024

Reg No: 515 892 750

Hello StreetLife supporters...

Here we are about to go into April. So much has been going on since our last StreetNews. Where has the time gone?... It's been far too long...you need to know what's been going on... and I need to update you more often ☺

I have lots to tell you. Are you sitting comfortably?... then I'll begin.

2023 was a very good year for StreetLife.

We know the shelters are still inundated with unwanted dogs / strays, but StreetLife is doing everything we can to help reduce the number of unwanted puppies.



Yes, at times, it's an uphill struggle; but with all of us working together, we are more than

“up for the job” of trying to make a difference. See Page 2 ..“Facts & Figures” to see what we achieved in 2023

StreetLife Partner Vets. We have excellent support from our eleven vets (at the moment).



You can see all of them listed on our website : <https://www.streetlife.pt/partner-vets>

We are looking for more vets in the Faro and Loulé areas.

Graeme, our StreetLife President, is making contact with more vets to see if they will become Partner Vets

In 2023 we spent €31,049 with our Partner Vets, this is 28% more than in 2022

Since we launched StreetLife we have spent €126,266.74 on sterilisations... helping families on low incomes and animal shelters .

StreetLife Sponsors are incredible



Tina McEvoy and her Art for Dogs Project

Anja and her dog walking / house sitting team.

Prime Wine continued to support us with their donation of rose wine which always goes down well with our supporters.

We also have other lovely sponsors who offer financial donations or prizes at events. You can see all of our sponsors listed on our website.

More information about our sponsors and how they have helped us in 2023 can be read on page 6

Major milestone in December 2023 ... we achieved our 1000th sterilisation - LADY



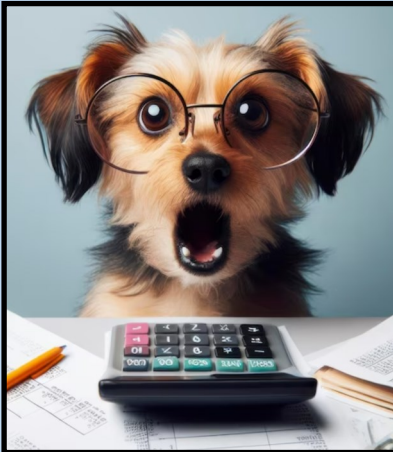
Lady is still wanting for a forever home... she is still in foster with Eve. Lady is a beauty as you can see.

Our StreetBuddy Coffee Morning in December 2023 had over 70 attendees all waiting for the announcement that we had reached 1000 sterilisations.



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Counting dogs ... Facts and figures...

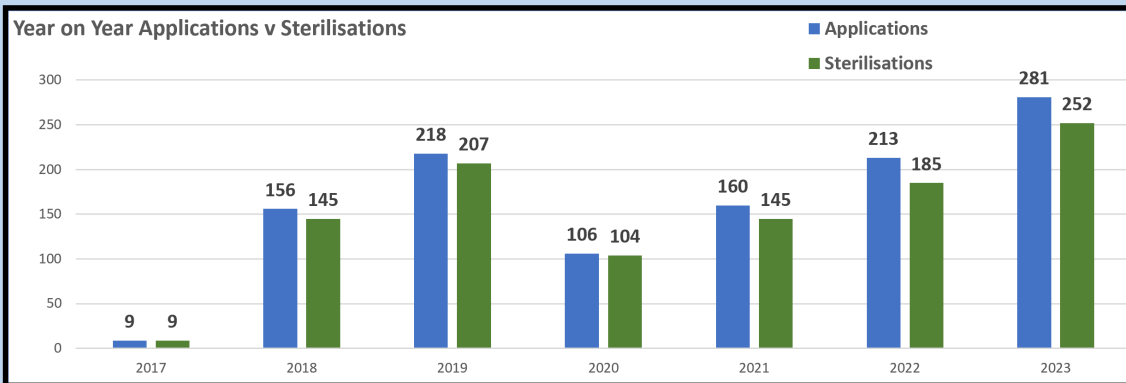


Total applications at the end of 2023

As you can see from the figures below we received 29% more applications from January to December 2023 compared to the same time period in 2022.

Applications		
Jan to Dec 2022	Jan to Dec 2023	increase
213	281	32%

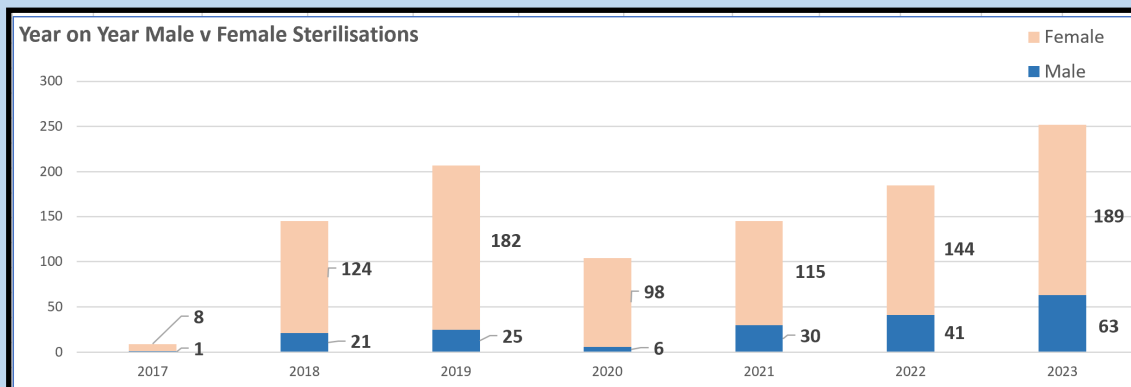
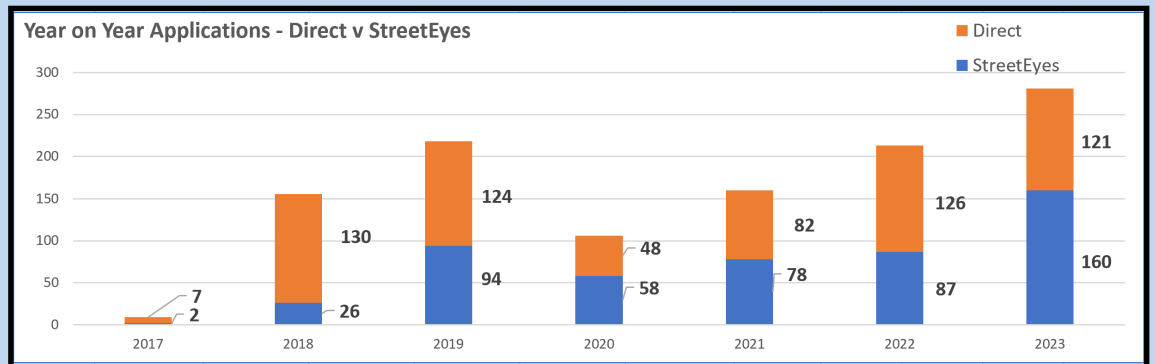
Sterilisations		
Jan to Dec 2022	Jan to Dec 2023	increase
185	252	36%



In 2023 we received 281 applications.

The number of sterilisations will never match the number of applications in a year. Some applications are received one year and the sterilisation is in the next year. Some owners cancel & some applications outside our area do not get approved. Some dogs are too old or too sick to be operated on.

In 2023 more applications were via our StreetEyes, compared to during Covid when most applications were on line. We need more StreetEyes because face to face is always better as we can assess the dog/home situation.



It will come as no surprise we receive more females for sterilisation than males.

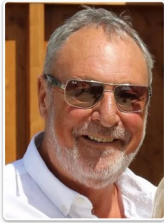
Our official sterilisation figure is when we post a dog on Facebook and not before. At that stage we know their success story is complete, the dog has recovered and the vet has been paid.

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Changes to the StreetLife Association Management Team

StreetLife Board of Directors

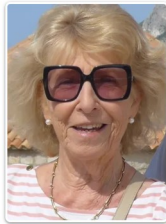
Responsibilities include the day-to-day running and management of the association, administration, finance, and All Fundraising Activities



Graeme
President



Linda
Treasurer/Senior
Vice-President



Dizzie
Vice-President



Jean
Secretary



Terry
Official

Fiscal Management

Ensures fiscal transparency and verification/auditing of accounts.



Bill
Fiscal President



Brian
Fiscal
Vice-President



Janet
Fiscal Secretary

StreetLife General Assembly

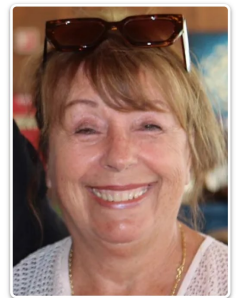
Oversight - ensuring all members follow agreed policies and procedures.
Call and run the AGM; approve new members/associates



John
GA President



Christine
GA Vice-President



Maggie
GA Secretary

A BIG THANK YOU to Lisa & Russ

When we first set up the StreetLife Association just over 4 years ago Lisa & Russ were one of the first who volunteered to be part of the association. They wanted to make a difference.

Lisa became the Vice President of our Management Committee and Russ the President of our Fiscal Committee.



Sadly Russ & Lisa recently resigned from StreetLife, there are so many things going on in their lives at the moment they need a break to assess what's right for them. They are also involved in a number of other charities.



Lisa and Russ's involvement with StreetLife has always been appreciated. All of the StreetLife Team, in particular Linda & Graeme, thank them both from the bottom of our hearts for everything they have done for StreetLife.

This is not goodbye... we know they continue to be strong supporters of StreetLife and our Animal Sterilisation Programme. We wish them good luck in everything they do. **Once again a BIG THANK YOU!**



Jenny
Web Management

WELCOME to the StreetLife Association Team

StreetLife is pleased and delighted to welcome **Bill Bullock and Jean Adamson** as part of our Management Team - see their photos above.

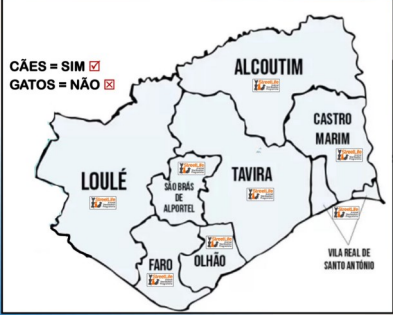
Bill is taking on the role of Fiscal President & Jean is the Secretary of the Management Committee.

All attendees of our recent AGM voted in our new associates plus a bit of reshuffling of roles were approved.

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What changes in 2024?

ESTERILIZAÇÕES A BAIXO CUSTO / LOW COST STERILISATIONS
SOTAVENTO ALGARVIO / EAST ALGARVE

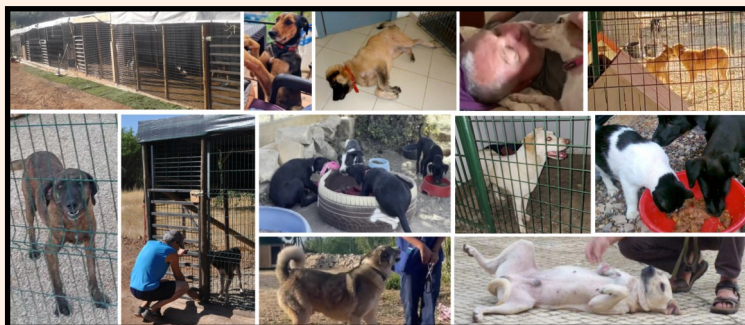


Seja Inteligente - Esterilize!
Be Wise - Sterilise

StreetLife Animal Sterilisation Programme
Programa de Esterilização Animal
Associação StreetLife: 515 892 750

New bigger area...

In February 2024 we increased our area to cover the whole of Sotavento / East Algarve. The East Algarve has always been the area we cover; but we have only supported part of Loulé not all of it. We have now decided to cover all of Loulé... the Sotavento area.



StreetLife Partner Shelters

We now have our **StreetLife Partner Shelters** who we work with to spread the word about sterilisation. StreetLife's role will be to provide exposure on our social media platforms for our Partner Shelters and assist in funding for shelter related sterilisations.

The role of the Partner shelters and their volunteers, friends and supporters will be to spread the word about **"Be Wise - Sterilise!"**... hopefully reaching low-income families living in the countryside near their shelters. We also invite the shelters to help with any campaigns we have... like our last one in February.

The current **StreetLife Partner Shelters** are:

APAR, ADAPO, A Dogs Life, Benafim Dog Rescue, Cacela Dog Haven and 2ndhand4footers plus a few private individuals who are heavily into animal welfare.

Portuguese Website revamp

Towards the end of last year we had to remove our Portuguese website because we had problems with the size... it was getting too big for the hosting package we were using.

In January this year we updated our package, increasing the size so we now have more space for our English and Portuguese websites.

In the coming weeks the new revised Portuguese website will be launched. We will let you know when it's available.

We still have links from the English version of our website to the Portuguese Application Form and Posters - so our Portuguese applicants can still have access... this is very important!



English Website

In February, we updated our website with a new header / banner.

Currently we are in the process of going through all of the pages to give it a bit of a "make over"... streamlining where we can.

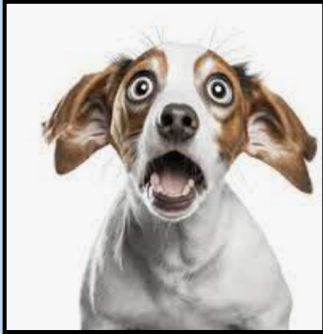
Jenny, our very talented website designer, comes up with some wonderful ideas. We are very lucky to have her as one of our StreetLife Team.



If you haven't see our website, take a look: www.streetlife.pt... before it gets its make over ... you can see the before and after and then tell us what you think ☺

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How are the applications going in 2024? In one word... **CRAZY!!** 😊



More applications is obviously good news 😊 because every snip means less unwanted puppies and hopefully less strays; but the downside is more work for StreetLife 😊. There is a lot more paperwork / administration / home visits / vet appointments to be made to keep up with everything, not forgetting the Success Stories to write. **Plus...we need more vets and more StreetEyes to cover our new bigger area.** Thank goodness for all of our generous supporters and our sponsors... we could not do any of this without your donations.

February Be Wise - Sterilise Campaign

StreetLife tries at least once per year to have a sterilisation campaign to encourage more families to get their dogs sterilised. During February, all pregnant females were sterilised for free and all other dogs for €30.00. We had 56 applications during the month. We always need lots of helpers during a campaign to stick campaign posters on rubbish bins to help us spread the word. The more bins the better!

Applications so far for 2024

Applications		
Jan to Mar 2023	Jan to Mar 2024	increase
95	95	0%

The number of applications so far for 2024 are exactly the same as this time last year. Let's see if it results in the same number of sterilisations. We will report back!



BE WISE—STERILISE!



**How can you help StreetLife?
Is it difficult to know what to do
to help?**

Animal shelters are always asking for extra hands to walk dogs, clean kennels, give the dogs a cuddle, help socialise the dogs and train the puppies... not forgetting finding them a home 😊.

These are all things that you can touch, feel and understand.

Who doesn't want to help cute puppies or doggies?



How can you help a sterilisation programme? Good question!

You can't help the vet with the operation, you can't help the anaesthetist you can't do any of the above touchy feely "stuff" you can do at a shelter and get rewarded with waggy tails and licks.

So what can you do?

Do you have neighbours who have dogs but don't know about StreetLife? Can you help us spread the word? Can you help print and distribute posters? Can you become a StreetEye and help us find families who need help? -Can you speak a little Portuguese? Can you help us source raffle prizes? Can you help us find sponsors? Can you organise an event? Can you help at an event? Can you help with fundraising ideas? Can you bake cakes? Can you save coins? Can you help collect money boxes? Can you donate €5.00 a month and become a StreetBuddy? .

Never underestimate what you can do!

Working together as a team we are stronger and making a difference.

Contact: info@streetlife.pt and tell us what you CAN do to help!

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Thank you to some of our amazing Sponsors ...

Tina McEvoy.... Art for Dogs Project

Tina has been supporting StreetLife since 2022... she emailed me asking to meet for coffee to discuss how she could help us ☺... and that was the start of an incredible journey and friendship with StreetLife.

To date Tina has helped sterilise 36 dogs from an incredible €3185 raised as a result of donations for her paintings.

What is Art for Dogs?

After many years of painting Tina felt that it was time to do something meaningful with her art. So she decided to combine two things close to her heart - being creative and helping abandoned dogs.

Tina creates colourful eye-catching abstract paintings. If you want to own one of her pieces of art, Tina will ask you to make a donation to StreetLife and she will send you the painting as a gift. 100% of your donation will be used to help families on low incomes and our partner shelters sterilise dogs.

Tina has held exhibitions at Octant Vila Monte on behalf of StreetLife and also has artwork on display at Real Marina Hotel in Olhão. We will let you know when she has her next exhibition planned.

Tina also features one painting each month, which we post on our Website & Facebook page...if you would like one of these paintings Tina will manage the logistics and the donation to StreetLife. The Algarve Daily also regularly publishes information about her work for StreetLife.

To find out more send her an email: tinamcevoy16@gmail.com. You can also see Tina's work on our website: <https://www.streetlife.pt/tina-mcevoy> . **THANK YOU TINA**



Dog Walking Group : Wandern mit Herz an der Algarve : Hiking with Heart in the Algarve



In July last year Anja made contact and said she wanted to help StreetLife. Her Walking Group was unknown to StreetLife and when she wanted to support our sterilisation programme it was amazing news.

Anja and her team of dog walkers / house & dog sitters offer their services in exchange for donations which go to StreetLife and Sao Francisco de Assis animal shelter in Loulé.

We have been “blown away” by the five donations we have received in the last eight months.

A total of €9000 has helped our Be Wise - Sterilise Campaigns

THANK YOU ANJA AND THE DOG WALKING TEAM

Prime Wine

Bill Godley from Prime Wine is a very popular sponsor with our StreetLife supporters ☺. Since 2021, Bill has donated hundreds of bottles of wine for us to raise donations. To be precise, 1400 number of bottles, mainly Rosé, have been delivered to help our sterilisation programme . Needless to say the bottles “disappear” very quickly. We clearly have many supporters who like to partake in a glass or two of “vinho”.

As a result of the wine donations, €915 was raised in 2021, €1133 in 2022 and €900 in 2023 making a total of €2948 over the last three years. That’s a lot of snipping as a result of “glugging” for our Be Wise - Sterilise Programme ☺.

CHEERS & THANK YOU TO PRIME WINE



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Fund Raising Events being planned... **SAVE THE DATES** for your diaries, booking are being taken
More information will be sent out soon



Dine to **ABBA** music & have the time of your life !
Monday 2nd September at Restaurant Antonio's, Moncarapacho
7.30 onwards • €TBA (including wine, water & coffee)

Menu
To be advised

Themed Abba evening
for StreetLife

Book your places
with:
Linda@streetlife.pt
Payment in Advance

StreetLife celebrates it's 7th anniversary with
Abba music at Restaurant Antonio's
Come & join in the fun
SAVE THE DATE

 
StreetLife has helped sterilise
1000+ local dogs



Halloween Charity Wine Tasting & Dinner
Octant Vila Monte Moncarapacho

Thursday 31st October : 7.30 to 11.30
4 course dinner paired with wines €TBA
plus welcome drink

Wine producer &
menu to be
announced soon

Save the Date

Working together to support our local

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StreetBuddies are our family and friends



Since we started StreetBuddies in 2019 we have issued 108 “membership cards”.

We currently have 75 active StreetBuddies.

StreetBuddies have raised €22409 (including money box donations) since the scheme started five years ago.

WOW!!!!

Every single StreetBuddy is making a difference

We have “lost” 33 members over the years, but NOT supporters! Sometimes someone only becomes a StreetBuddy for a year, or they donate a membership to someone as a gift, or they move out of our area, or they are helping other animal associations... there are many reasons “memberships” do not continue BUT they all whole heartedly still support our sterilisation programme. That’s important. Supporters spread the word!



Part of StreetBuddy membership is being invited as our guest to our Coffee & Cake Mornings

These mornings are twice per year, usually in June and December. It gives the StreetLife Team the opportunity to chat to some of our supporters and update you on our activities.

Graeme, the StreetLife President, buys the coffees - even better (!) and volunteers make cakes, which are incredible, we have some very talented Buddies in our “family”.

At the last coffee morning in December 2023 to celebrate our 1000th sterilisation, we had 70 StreetBuddies and supporters ... we hope this level of support continues. The morning had such a buzzy friendly atmosphere, it was so good to see everyone having a good time and for a very good reason!

The number of sterilisations our supporters have helped us to achieve is outstanding and we are so proud of everyone. Long may it continue. What a fantastic team we make!☺

Our next Coffee Morning will be in June, a date to be agreed. Dizzie, Janet and Maggie, three of our StreetLife Team, will let you know soon so you can get the date in your diaries.



If you are not already a StreetBuddy and would like to

become part of our StreetLife Family go to: www.streetlife.pt/streetbuddy where we have an online application form. It’s only €5.00 per month, you can help sterilise one dog per year

SPECIAL EASTER SUNDAY STREETBUDDY DRAW

We failed to do a monthly draw in January and February, I need someone to help me with future monthly draws please ☺ - any volunteers?

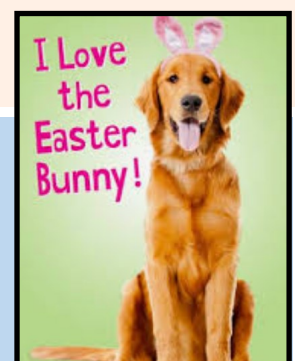


Our **EASTER DRAW is a voucher for €40.00 (donated by one of our StreetLife Team), not coming out of StreetLife funds.** It’s our way of thanking you for your support.

It will either be a voucher to be used at one of our local restaurants, or a voucher for wine delivered direct to you or, if you are in the UK, it will be an “M&S Dine In Gift Card”.

You choose!

The winner will be emailed to our StreetBuddies & announced on our StreetLife Facebook page on Sunday.



That’s our news for now...

Have a very Happy Easter, we thank everything single one of you for being there for StreetLife, we could not do this without you ...

on behalf of the StreetLife Team, thank you for your continued support