

StreetLife NEWSLETTER

StreetNews: Q4 End of Year 2022



Hello StreetLife supporters... *my apologies that this is only in English and not in Portuguese*

This Newsletter is our End of Year StreetNews for 2022, it usually gets circulated mid-January to give us time to get all of the facts and figures together for you, it takes us a while to do this.

The last twelve months has not only flashed by but it has definitely snipped by. 😊

At the end of 2021 we said that in 2022 we would be even stronger - well, as a team working together, we were ... and if you read on you will find out how much better.

Each year we analyse what we have achieved ... this helps us to plan how we can do better.

All of YOU, our supporters, are part of our StreetLife Team & by working together we can make a difference & be even stronger in 2023 😊



Lots to tell you!

At the end of 2021 we had sterilised 600 dogs.

**Seven months later in July 2022
700 sterilisations (14 dogs per month)**

**5 months later in December 2022
792 sterilisations (18 dogs per month)**

A total of 192 sterilisations in 2022

BUT a total of 213 applications in 12 months

On average 4 dogs per week over the year

A lot of home visits

Let's begin... what happened in 2022?

Facts & Figures

As a reminder and mentioned in previous Newsletters, the number of applications received in any one year does not necessarily match the number of sterilisations because some can't happen immediately. e.g. the dog could be ill, a bitch goes into season, a dog can decide to go "walk about" the day of the op or the applicant just doesn't bother to turn up! 😊.



Therefore an application / authorisation could be one year; but the sterilisation and associated vet payment could take place the following year. The two numbers do not usually match in one year.

Sterilisations versus applications year on year

	2022	2021	%	
Applications for the year	213	160	plus 33%	
Sterilised in that year (NOT necessarily authorised in that year)	Sex	Number	%	
	Female *	145	111	plus 31%
	Male	42	34	plus 23%
	Total	187	145	plus 29%
	* Pregnant	22	21	plus 5%

Partner Vets

We have eleven partner vets covering Olhão, Tavira, Sao Brãs, Faro and Loulé,



this gives our pet owners a choice of vet closest to where they live. We try and make it as easy as possible for them to get their pet sterilised.

**In 2022 we spent €24,230 compared to €17,115 in 2021 on sterilisations
41% year on year increase**

	2019	2020	2021	2022	Total
Vets	22377.84	12434.25	17115.08	24230.76	92403.57

Since StreetLife was launched we have spent €92,403 with our partner vets on our local Animal Sterilisation Programme helping 792 dogs by the end of 2022.

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How did StreetLife survive 2022?

In 2022 we had another very good year with donations from our supporters, fundraising events plus contributions from pet owners (always based on what they can afford).

How many StreetBuddies do we have?

- Since we launched the scheme in 2019 we have posted 93 StreetBuddy Welcome Packs.
- Since the beginning of our StreetBuddy Scheme we have "lost" 29 StreetBuddies. Many have moved back to the UK, sadly some are no longer with us and others now support us in other ways.
- **At the end of 2022 we have 64 active StreetBuddies** compared to 53 the end of 2021 ☺

11 new StreetBuddies were added to our family in 2022 ☺.



Thank you StreetBuddies for being our friends

StreetBuddies raised €4,898 in 2022 (including coins from StreetBuddy money boxes & from StreetSavers)... the best year since we started!

Donations	2019	2020	2021	2022	Total
StreetBuddy	2652.36	4001.31	3873.68	4898.99	15426.34

StreetSavers

Never underestimate the power of a coin!

Some supporters may not want to be committed to being a StreetBuddy; but they save their coins for us and become StreetSavers.



We have our own coin monster!

One of our StreetLife Team, Janet, loves counting coins - she can't get enough of them.

You need to keep "feeding" her ☺



Several of our Partner Vets have money boxes at their clinics which their clients kindly drop their spare coins into and their support is very appreciated.

Our StreetBuddies and StreetSavers give us their money boxes or jars full of coins and it's always surprising the amount donated from 1 cents to 20 cents to euros - you name the coin and we have received it!

In 2022 we had our best year ever with coin donations €1531.02

Coin donations	2019 Totals	2020 Total	2021 Total	2022 Total	Total
Money boxes	147.97	689.39	685.58	1531.02	3053.96

In total €3053.96 coins have been donated since 2019.

**You only need an empty jar to start!
make Janet happy - please "feed" her more coins to count. ☺**



Janet ...
our Coin Monster!

To become a StreetBuddy please look at our website: www.streetlife.pt/streetbuddy There is an online Application Form & StreetSavers: www.streetlife.pt/streetsaver

StreetBuddy Gift for December & 2022

The lucky StreetBuddy for our December monthly draw is SB047 Delwyn who lives in Wales. She will be emailed a Marks & Spencer's Gastropub Dine In Voucher for £12.00.

The 2022 thank you "winners" are listed below... we still have some unclaimed gifts and many have been donated back.

I will email StreetBuddies who have unclaimed gifts.

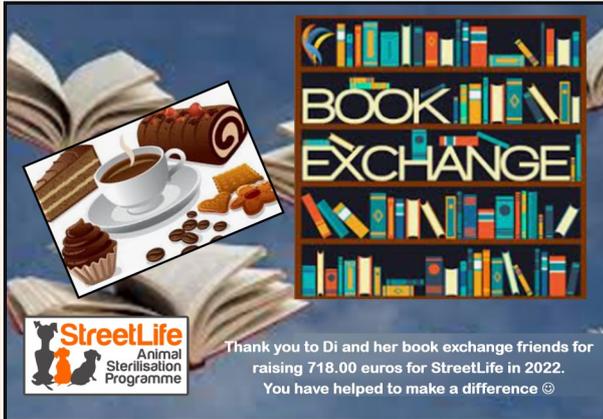
StreetBuddy "Thank you" Gifts 2022			
January	SB059	Kevin	Fuseta
February	SB044	Ken	Santa Catarina
March	SB027	Brenda H	Faro
April	SB045	Amanda	Olhão
May	SB022	Roseane	Moncarapacho area
June	SB052	Kate	Bordeira, Faro
July	SB057	Brenda W	Santa Catarina
August	SB068	Karen	Carvoeiro
September	SB066	Chris & Elsbeth	Almancil
October	SB074	Irene	Querenca
November	SB001	Lizzie	Moncarapacho area
December	SB047	Delwyn	Wales

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Initiatives in 2022 from StreetLife supporters...

Book Club Exchange Friends raised €718

During 2022 Di and her friends have been getting together once per quarter to exchange books, chat over coffee and cake... have raffles and sometimes have nearly new fashion items on offer.



As a result of this lovely group of friends they donated €718 StreetLife in 2022

We thank every single one of you for your support.

If anyone is interested in these book exchange meeting please send an email to StreetLife and I will pass on your details to Di.

Tour de France & FIFA World Cup Competitions

One of our supporters, who prefers to remain anonymous, for the last few years has organised competitions with her friends to raise money for StreetLife.



As a result of the two competitions they donated over €900 to StreetLife in 2022

Ann & "Lunch in the Garden" raised €200



Ann hosted a "Lunch in the Garden" event with 20 plus guests attending. She prepared all of the food and had live music from Fernando to get everyone into the party mood.

A well deserved large glass of wine for Ann was needed at the end of the day - cheers!

Ann & friends as a result of a good lunch donated €200 to StreetLife in 2022

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Corine, Monica, Solange, Tammy & Licinia go carob picking & donated €483.77

During the summer and the tremendous heat, these five ladies picked the carobs from the trees in Corine's garden. Not an easy task when it was so hot.

Due to their hard work they made a fabulous donation to StreetLife.

They deserved a well earned rest at the end of it and probably a cold drink!



As a result of their carob picking five lovely ladies donated €483.77 to StreetLife in 2022

Lisa & Russ plus Team Pacho & their friends

When the QuizWhiz nights stopped in May, Team Pacho and friends still decided to get together for fun evenings, coffee mornings, lunches to raise funds for StreetLife.

As a result of friends having a good time together they raised €320 for StreetLife in 2022

Thank you to everyone....

These are only a few of the initiatives from 2022, sadly we cannot list all of them and it doesn't mean if they are not listed they are not appreciated, far from it!

We have many supporters who make general donations and all of these add up to making a difference to our local dogs - one snip can change the life of many dogs.

Hopefully these will give you a "taster" of the things you might be able to do to help StreetLife in 2023



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Art to help Dogs by Tina McEvoy has donated over €1630 to StreetLife over the last quarter.

Our thanks go to Uta, Reije, Simon & Caroline, Anjo, Brigitte & Kenneth from SHS for supporting Tina's work by "buying" some of her paintings which resulted in donations to StreetLife.



Because of Tina and her wonderful art she has helped sponsor the sterilisation of 16 dogs, making sure all of them have a puppy-free tail wagging future.

What is Art to help Dogs and how does it work?

Tina creates colourful eye-catching abstract paintings. Her art is just as beautiful as her project:

Her project is, as most great ideas, very simple.

If you want to own one of her pieces of art, Tina will ask you to make a donation to StreetLife and send you the painting as a gift.

100% of your donation will be used to sterilise dogs!



In November Tina held an exhibition at Vila Monte - it was the afternoon of the recent Wine Tasting & Dinner organised by **afpop** Eastern Algarve for StreetLife.

Her paintings were liked by several guests and donations were made. Six paintings found new homes and have helped reduce the number of unwanted puppies and strays in the East Algarve.

This is what Tina has to say about her project ...

"My project gives you the opportunity to own a special piece of art because my paintings actually make a difference. I find this the most inspiring and rewarding part of the creative process. In fact, this project is teamwork. I create the art and put a little bit of my soul and heart into each painting ... and you give it meaning"

I create the art ...

You give it a meaning...

Together we take art to another level...

We make a difference ...

All of her paintings are available to view on her website

www.tinamcevoy.de

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Our thanks also go to our Sponsors...

Russell & Decoz are one of our sponsors who have continually supported StreetLife since day one.

With no warning ☺, we will suddenly see a donation in our StreetLife account from Julie and her team.

As you can imagine it is always an unexpected surprise which always brings a very big smile to our faces and StreetLife really appreciates their support.

Russell & Decoz has donated €1500 to StreetLife in 2022

www.russell-decoz.com



PRIMEWINE once again this year supported



StreetLife with their very generous donation of 600+ bottles of Rosé wine

for us to offer to our supporters in return for a donation.



As a result Prime Wine helped us raise €1132 for StreetLife in 2022

& everyone enjoyed the wine ☺

www.prime-wine.pt.

Thank you to all of our sponsors

During the year many sponsors have provided prizes, supported events and often provided services with no charge.

All sponsors are listed on our Facebook page and we are grateful to every single one of you.

If you would like to be a StreetLife sponsor please email: info@streetlife.pt

Your logo and link to your website will be added to our StreetLife website as one of our sponsors

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StreetLife Website - thank you Jenny



Jenny is one of our unsung hero's who is an integral part of our StreetLife Team.... she beavers away in the background constantly keeping our StreetLife Websites updated.

Our English website was launched in 2020; but in 2022 Jenny launched our Portuguese website.

She translates postings on the English site to Portuguese so all of our supporters can be kept up to date on StreetLife's progress.

From our Success Stories (all 792 of them) and Newsletters... to the articles she researches which she believes are of interest.

Take time to have a look.
www.streetlife.pt

We cannot thank Jenny enough for all of the work she does for StreetLife ☺



StreetBuddy Coffee & Cake Mornings

We had a Coffee & Cake Morning in December the first one since 2019.



The morning was successful thanks to Dizzie, Maggie and Janet who have taken over the organisation of our StreetBuddy get-togethers.

We know they will be planning another one in the summer - possibly June, but more information will be circulated nearer the time. They are now in charge.

In 2022 we said goodbye to our QuizWhiz Nights

After five years and raising in the region of €15700 for StreetLife, it was decided all good things come to an end and they finished on a high in June. Brian & Christine Beckwith started the QuizWhiz Nights in 2019 - we can't thank them enough. We are pleased to have them as part of our StreetLife Team. ☺



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BE WISE - STERILISE Campaign 2022

In September 2022 we had a "Be Wise - Sterilise" Campaign where any pregnant females were sterilised for free and any other dogs for a minimum of €30.00 contribution / donation.



We had over 40 applications asking for help. It was extremely successful and the local Uniao de Freguesia de Moncarapacho e Fuseta's office in Moncarapacho helped with applications.

Going into 2023

- In February we are going to have another "Be Wise - Sterilise" Campaign. Posters are currently being prepared and we will need volunteers to help place / stick them on rubbish bins in as many places as possible.
- We are looking at the feasibility of a **Junior StreetBuddy Group** - for €1.00 per month. The idea is to organise trips to animal shelters, a visit to a vets, a dog training session, so the *Juniors* can get a better understanding of animal welfare and how to treat animals. We know some of the shelters have education programmes in place already so we are going to see if there is anything we can do together. If we think it is feasible we will get a team together to co-ordinate the project.
- **We want to meet up and work with more local shelters and animal associations** in the East Alargve. Sadly, we failed miserably during 2022 due to workload and sickness, not forgetting a broken ankle earlier in the year ☹.
- **We MUST recruit more StreetEyes** - we are desperate for more volunteers to help us with Home Visits and finding families who need help.
- **Events StreetLife has planned for 2023** will be our "Give a Dog a Rose" fund raiser in February, an Absolutely Fabulous Fizz and Fashion lunch by the pool, September 1st is our 6th anniversary and November 16th our Wine Tasting & Dinner at Vila Monte. This is without anything our supporters may have planned.

Thank you to our supporters we could not exist without YOU

*Complimentos
The StreetLife Team*

