

StreetBuddy NEWSLETTER

September 2019



Hello StreetBuddies

This is the first edition of our StreetNews Newsletter.

We thought it might be a good idea to briefly remind you of a few things; our background, how we started etc. Then update you on a few facts and figures, so you feel part of our StreetLife family and what we are all achieving by working together.

Background

We launched StreetLife on 1st September 2017... Graeme zipped across the Guadiana river to launch StreetLife in style with "Zip for a Snip" and raised money to get StreetLife going!!



Our mission is to reduce the number of strays and unwanted puppies in the East Algarve.

We mainly help pet owners who do not have the funds to pay for their pet dogs to be sterilised; but we also support local animal shelters and those who independently work in animal rescue.

Animal shelters are overflowing. More and more dogs / puppies are being dumped and we want to help make a difference to our local community.

Who are our Partner Vets?

- **Olhão** – Inemvet, Vetcubo, 115 Animal
- **Tavira** – Novavet, Vetgilão
- **São Bras** – Bvet, Centro Veterinário do Mercado
- **Faro** - Centro Veterinário da Estação

How much do pet owners contribute?

All pet owners are asked to contribute something. Unless there are exceptional circumstances we would expect on average around €30-€50.

Animal shelters are not charged.

Strays we always help where we can.



A double celebration?

On the 1st September StreetLife celebrated its 2nd Anniversary and reaching 300 sterilisations.

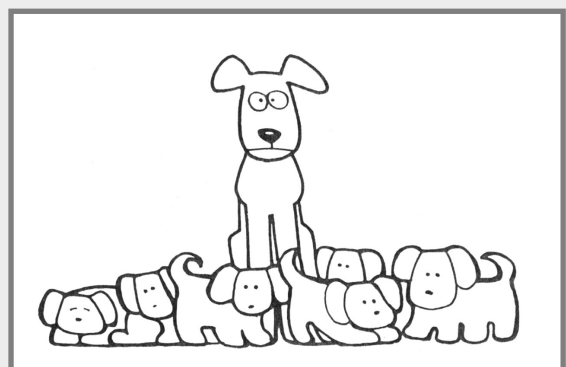


What an achievement !

**I believe we can safely say
we are all making a difference ☺**

This year compared to last year

- At the end of our first year, September 2018, we had sterilised 95 dogs.
- At the end of our second year, we reached 300 sterilisations.
- Over the last 12 months we have sterilised 200 dogs!
- 200 sterilisations last year cost in the region of €21,000.
- Even with contributions from pet owners (approximately €4500 last year) there is still a lot of money to raise (€16,500) and the pressure to do this is enormous.
- Any help with fund raising will be appreciated ☺



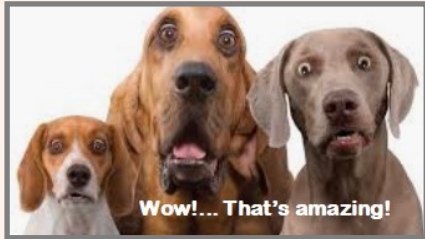
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How many StreetBuddies are there?

We currently have a 48 StreetBuddies who contribute an amazing €2880 over the course of a year.

Two full money boxes have been returned so far, adding a further €75.

Our goal is to have 100 StreetBuddies which would give us an extra €6000 per year, so let's all try to recruit one more friend or colleague as a StreetBuddy.



StreetBuddy Winners since we started

Our monthly 'thank you' gifts are selected by a special computer program that randomly picks a number.

January	Carol	Olhao
February	Anjo	Alfandanga
March	Judie	Parragil / Loule
April	Claudia	Olhao
May	Beta	Olhao
June	Carla	Olhao
July	Brenda	Santo Estevao
August	Sue	UK

All gifts are donated, so please be assured money does not come out of StreetLife funds. ☺

Our Next StreetBuddy Coffee Morning



Saturday 28th September

This is the date we have in mind... it is also the date of our first sterilisation 2 years ago!

The venue will be Restaurante Caravela in Moncarapacho - but we will confirm and send out invitations soon.

Would you please give us feedback on this date?

Is it good for you?

Who are our StreetEyes?

StreetEyes help us look for pet owners who need help, often making visits and assessing situation on our behalf.

They may know of strays who need to be sterilised, then they arrange for them to be caught (not always easy!!), taken to the vet for surgery then their aftercare before they are returned to where they were picked up from.

We always hope they will be adopted, but as we know there are more dogs than homes available or fosters.

We also have some StreetEyes that go into gypsy camps.

Graeme still carries out the majority of home visits; but because of the increase in requests he now cannot do all of them himself. Soon we will be asking for more StreetEyes, in particular in the Sao Bras and Loule area.

Fund Raising Events planned for 2019

Monthly QuizWhiz Nights organised by Christine & Brian Beckwith. Usually the 2nd Saturday in the month at Restaurante Caravela in Moncarapacho.



October 24th 2019: Wine Tasting & Dinner: Vila Monte.

November 2019: In the planning stage... Fizz, Fancies, Fashion



& Fun afternoon tea event.

We also receive tremendous support from the Facebook Group: **Make a Bid... Make a Difference**

If you are interested in any of these events and more information please make contact: buddy@streetlife.pt

EasyFund Raising Scheme — UK based

- In July we enrolled StreetLife as part of the EasyFund Raising Scheme
- A great site where you can raise money for our StreetLife Animal Sterilisation Programme with your everyday online shopping. Weekly food shops, M&S, Next, John Lewis, there are 1000's of shops who will give us donations at no cost to you. Every shop helps.
- We want to raise as much as possible so we need our friends in the UK to sign up and help us every time they shop online. They go online and register at:

www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/streetlifeanimalsterilisation

A big thank you

Since StreetLife was launched 2 years ago we have spent nearly €33,000 on 300 sterilisations with our partner vets. We are all making a difference. We could not do this without you!

The StreetLife Team

