

StreetLife NEWSLETTER

StreetNews: March 2021 (Q1)



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

Our StreetLife Newsletter is our opportunity to let you know what we have all achieved as a group working together; they usually go out four times per year. We give you a few facts and figures so you can see how we are spending all of your donations.

We have just come to the end of our first quarter in 2021 - I'm not quite sure where the time has gone.

One could say, so far so good. With your support we have done better than we thought. 😊

First things first....

March StreetBuddy "thank you" gift



As all the StreetBuddies know, part of their "membership" is a monthly draw, and this is usually carried out on the last day of each month or soon after.

The lucky StreetBuddy for our March monthly draw is: SB 003 Bill who lives in Quelfes.

This month's "thank you" gift is a bottle of Cancellus Premium and a box of cherry liqueurs.

All gifts for the StreetBuddy draw are donated. The funds do NOT come from StreetLife.

Here is our list of StreetBuddy "winners" for Q1 2021.

StreetBuddy "Thank you" Gifts 2021		
January	Ben	UK
February	Lesley	donated back
March	Bill	Quelfes

For those of you who don't know about StreetBuddies please take a look at our website :

www.streetlife.pt/streetbuddy

info@streetlife.pt

We are on countdown to 500 sterilisations!

- In the first quarter of 2021 we had 38 dogs who have been authorised / approved in our system, plus another 7 who have made initial contact but are on our waiting list for authorisation.
- At the time of this newsletter we have authorised 530 dogs since we started in 2017.
- You may be asking why there has been 530 recorded and approved and yet we haven't reached 500 sterilisations yet? We are at 491. Where have the other 39 dogs gone?
- The difference is for a number of reasons.
 - *Applicants cancel at the last minute and don't want to go ahead.*
 - *Some applicants didn't bother to turn up at the vet for the sterilisation — no shows!*
 - *Some dogs sadly died.*
 - *Others are strays that could never be caught.*
 - *A number are sterilisations scheduled for next month, but not sterilised yet so not counted.*
- As you can see the vast majority of the "missing" 39 were a waste of our time and effort. We would have carried out home visits, contacted vets, chased applicants etc, all for nothing.



- This is where we get very frustrated! ... there are dogs out there we approved for sterilisation and are still reproducing because in some instances their owners couldn't be bothered to follow it through!

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Our current StreetBuddy situation

- Currently we have 52 StreetBuddies.
- Since we launched the scheme in 2019 we have had 67 supporters who became StreetBuddies.
- Sadly, we have "lost" 15 StreetBuddies in the last 2 years. We stress there is never an expectation to continue - but we are always very chuffed when you do 😊(xx)!
- Our StreetBuddy family is very special to StreetLife; you are there every month helping us make a difference. You provide a steady stream of donations - we could not survive without all of you!

StreetBuddy Recruitment Appeal

One of our StreetBuddies, Dizzie (who is also part of our StreetLife Team & a QuizWhizzer), suggested we have another recruitment campaign. The last one was in 2019, so that's what we are planning in April; BUT we are asking for your help (please). 😊😊😊

Also going out with this e-Newsletter is the poster below plus the WANTED StreetBuddies sheet.

Are you special?
Will you help us reduce the number of unwanted puppies & strays in the East Algarve?
Will you be a StreetBuddy?

A StreetBuddy is a friend of StreetLife.
StreetLife needs more special friends like YOU!

- Do you support our sterilisation programme?
- Do you have €5 to spare each month?
- Will you be our special friend?
- Will you be a StreetBuddy? 😊

€5 per month

Thank You

StreetLife Animal Sterilisation Programme

To find out more go to: www.streetlife.pt/streetbuddy
Complete our Online Application Form : www.streetlife.pt/streetbuddy-application
To make a donation: IBAN PT50 0045 7100 4033 1764 4608 6
or PayPal: donations@streetlife.pt

StreetLife Animal Sterilisation Programme
WANTED: StreetBuddies

April Appeal ...
StreetBuddies not only are special friends to StreetLife, but they also provide our local doggies with hope that there is life without continuous litters.

Since we started our StreetBuddy Scheme in January 2019, StreetBuddies have been our "lifeline". Constantly being there with their regular donations, constantly there supporting us and constantly there helping our local dog community.

We reached an amazing 67 StreetBuddies, but sadly over the last eighteen months we have "lost" 15 Buddies, mainly due to the current Covid situation and supporters may not always have the money. This is around €1000.00 less in donations per year — and in "real terms" at least one less dog gets sterilised each month, twelve or more over a year. 😞

Every €5.00 you donate monthly as a StreetBuddy, over a year goes towards one sterilisation. Your support makes so much difference. You may already be a StreetBuddy and we thank you for your continued support. We also ask if you could share our appeal with your family and friends so we can increase our StreetBuddy family and continue our vital work to reduce the number of unwanted puppies and strays. Thank you! 😊

Working together we can make a difference!

Please take the time to look at our website: www.streetlife.pt ... it gets regularly updated & you can find out about all the things we are currently doing ... it could make your heart smile!

Working together we can help prevent "his happening"

StreetLife needs your help in improving the lives of all the dogs who are subjected to non-stop litters because their owners do not have the funds to sterilise!
Working together we can help make tails wag again

StreetLife Animal Sterilisation Programme

"SPAY & NEUTER"
I'M TIRED OF BEING A MOM - I WANT TO BE SOMEONE'S BABY FOR ONCE!

Every sterilisation = less unwanted puppies & strays = less suffering & cruelty

We are asking all StreetBuddies, QuizWhizzers and our supporters to make contact with their friends, family, work colleagues and send them the attachments and ask if any would become one of our Special StreetBuddies.

If you would like to know more about StreetBuddies please look at our website:

www.streetlife.pt/streetbuddy
We even have an on-line application form to make it easy for you

We are hoping you will support this StreetBuddy Appeal so we can continue to make a difference.

StreetSavers ...Never underestimate the power of a coin!



At the end of 2020 we had €797.36 donated from our StreetBuddy Money Boxes and StreetSaver Scheme.

Currently at the end of March we have €970.73, an increase of €173.66 in three months from our supporters who save their coins for StreetLife.

You only need an empty jar to start!

Another 2-3 dogs have been sterilised this quarter all from your loose change 😊 - it makes a difference.

Find out more: www.streetlife.pt/streetsaver

Virtual StreetSaver Facebook Fundraiser in April

We now have a Facebook charity donation button - finally!

Look our on our Facebook page for our Virtual StreetSaver Appeal - please share it on your own Facebook pages.

You can now set up a fundraiser for us ... details are on the next page!

StreetLife Animal Sterilisation Programme
Help us reduce the number of abandoned & unwanted street life
Support our STREETLIFE Animal Sterilisation Programme ... be a StreetSaver

We support the sterilisation of pet dogs and strays in the East Algarve area

Your donations pay for the sterilisation of pet dogs and strays in the East Algarve area

Never underestimate the power of a coin!

Every sterilisation = less unwanted puppies & strays = less suffering & cruelty

Sterilisation is proven to be the ONLY effective answer to reducing stray animal populations

A StreetSaver saves & reduces unwanted lives!

Be part of the solution & support our appeal

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Our StreetLife supporters can now Fundraise for us via Facebook - we have been approved by Facebook as one of their charities and we have our own link (see below).

With this link, people will be able to easily create a fundraiser for StreetLife Animal Sterilisation Programme.



<https://www.facebook.com/fund/StreetLifeAnimalSterilisationProgramme/>

We are happy for you to start Fundraising whenever you like ☺

Stay at Home "HONESTY" Quiz Nights

This quarter Brian & Christine have organised three Stay at Home Quiz Nights raising €662.00 this year.

These monthly QuizNights are one of our main sources of income (along with our StreetBuddies).

We appreciate every single one of our supporters. Since the Quiz Nights started in 2017 we now have in the region of 100 QuizWhizzers. Some play every month and some play as and when.

Since the QuizWhiz nights started you have raised in the region of €12,163.00

AMAZING!!!!

The next Stay at Home Quiz Night is on the 10th April. To find out more go to our website www.streetlife.pt or email Brian: brbeckwith2000@yahoo.co.uk

Despite the changes in Covid restrictions we are still sticking to the Stay at Home Quiz this month.

We want our supporters to feel safe BUT ...now groups of 4 can meet up and enjoy a meal and a glass (or two) of wine together whilst quizzing - and also Facetime or Zoom other members of their team who are doing the same! ☺

Joint project with SOS Algarve Animals & StreetLife

We joined forces in February for our Sterilisation Awareness Month - we received publicity with the press, which is always good to highlight our Sterilisation Programme. Our thanks go to SOSAA for working with us, we now have regular contact to see how we can help / support each other. Both the APAR and Cacela Dog Haven also worked with us to promote sterilisation.

We are stronger working together!

At the same time we launched our new Online Application Form which has been very successful as at the moment we are not doing home visits for obvious reasons. This form can be found on various places on our website: Home, How it Works, Success Stories and Sterilisation Pages.

www.streetlife.pt/sterilisation-application

Smile Competition



This was such fun and our thanks go to everyone involved.

If you've got five minutes please take a look at our Website Home Page

www.streetlife.pt and you will see all of the winners.

Every single dog who took part created a smile - which is exactly what we wanted and those smiles raised €325.00.

A final few facts & figures

- This first quarter we have spent in the region of €3885.00 with our partner vets.
- Since we started StreetLife the total figure is just under €55,000.00. ***INCREDIBLE***
- This could not have happened without YOU, our amazing and generous supporters.
- YOU have helped sterilise nearly 500 local dogs and as a team working together we are making a difference... we could not exist without you.

On behalf of StreetLife thank you... more news next month.

Cumprimentos

The StreetLife Team

