

StreetBuddy NEWSLETTER



February 2021

Hello StreetBuddies, QuizWhizzers & friends....

(First of all I apologies this is not in Portuguese.)

Each month an email goes out to all of the StreetBuddies, StreetLife QuizWhizzers and StreetLife supporters to keep them up to date with current news and what's going on.

Our **February lucky StreetBuddy** for our monthly draw is : **SB 055 Lesley P from Algarve Days – but I don't have a location (only an email address).**



This month's "thank you" gift is a bottle of Raposeira and a box of biscuits. Let us know how we can get these to you Lesley for a hand over!

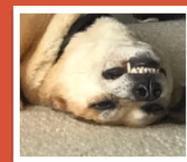
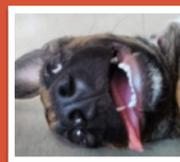
My apologies I am slightly later sending this out than usual but February has been a particularly busy month for StreetLife. As I mentioned last month **February was our Sterilisation Awareness Month** and we have been working with SOS Algarve Animals, our local APAR Shelter and Cacela Dog Haven to try and spread the word among our local community about sterilisation.

Help solve the problem, Be wise... Sterilise!

We have posted an additional 10 sterilised dogs on our Facebook Page since last month – making a total of 482; **PLUS** we have a further 12 dogs authorised who are in our system for February, who have either been sterilised or have dates scheduled with our partner vets. Therefore a lot more dogs will be posted soon... 500 is getting closer and closer!

Often it can take several weeks or sometimes months for a sterilisation to actually take place. Several requests have been in our system since last October / November where people have applied, they asked for help, we make contact, then nothing from them. We obviously keep trying to encourage them to follow through on their original request for help. Some may be trying to catch a stray, which is often not easy, and can take weeks for them to gain confidence for the dog to be caught. At the moment we have a further 10 who haven't followed their request through to a sterilisation.

During COVID-19, home visits have been not been possible, so in February we introduced our new Online Application Form – and this is proving to be very successful. We carry out as many checks as we can on the individual before we authorise the sterilisation, then we agree on their contribution towards the cost. The system is working well!



Our "Time to Smile" Competition resulted in a grand total of 65 fantastic smile / goofy looks. Why not take 5 minutes and go to: www.streetlife.pt/smilecompetitionentrants to take a peep? Our three independent judges have now started voting. We have raised in the region of €300.00. All winners will be announced soon.

We have already been discussing ideas with some of our StreetLife Team about other ways to raise funds.



Dizzie has suggested another StreetBuddy Recruitment Campaign – which is a good idea, as we haven't done one for several months. I am working on posters and information to go to Newspapers and to send to all of our supporters. I will be asking for your help with this <grin>. Once I've had a few days to "settle down" after the Competition has ended and Awards have been sent out and Newspapers notified, I will spring into life!

Christine & Lisa are keen to do another Swim Sponsorship this year, plus we may incorporate something for the non-swimmers, which might include cycling and walking – encouraging teams to take place to "ease the load". We are thinking of something along the Algarve Coast from Alcoutim to Cape St Vincent, coming up with something that includes different entry types (swimming, walking & cycling) and different destination points. ppoints.



We are getting our heads around this now... probably aiming to start April or May and finish the end of August to allow plenty of time for everyone to complete it at their own pace – with or without team members. I will let you know once I have sorted it! BUT the idea is for entrants to get sponsors for StreetLife donations.



I will probably do another Booze Free month or two... but this will be later in the year... and we all live in hopes that an event might be possible in 2021!



Once again, if you have time, have a look at our website: www.streetlife.pt; Jenny updates it on a weekly basis, sometimes daily depending on what's going on.



There are also new Sterilisation Awareness posters, which are in English and Portuguese, please download and spread the word. These can be found on our Home Page.

Don't forget to put the 13th March in your diaries for the next Stay at Home Quiz Night – I have attached a copy of the poster



for those of you who haven't seen it. The more the merrier and you will be safely taking part at home but your little grey cells may be challenged!

Well that's it for now ... more news next month if not before!

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Linda

