

# Trikala Dog Shelter Newsletter July 2012

Hello to our wonderful supporters. Well what a month July was! Let us tell you a bit about it, follow me.....



This month we saw our beautiful Little Helen start her journey to her wonderful new home in Canada with Maria. Little Helen is with Chris, who helps us with our transporting. She will leave Athens on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> August - we will miss you Little Helen - good luck in your new home ☺



At last our lovely Gentleman Oscar is ready to travel, he has lost weight and overcome his anxiety enough for his trip in a crate - to his new home with Jane in the US. We have raised \$1010 dollars for his trip but we still have \$990 to go... Oscar's chipin if you can help -

<http://trikalawelfaresociety.chipin.com/oscars-transport-costs>

Oscar deserves to go to his new home as soon as possible, he has been through so much. We will be able to send him sooner if we can find him a flight companion as his flight (direct only) from Athens to New York would be cheaper. If you, or someone you know, can help - please email us at ~ [info@trikalawelfaresociety.com](mailto:info@trikalawelfaresociety.com) You can see Oscar's full story on our Facebook page...

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Abused-Stray-Oscar-was-shot-poisoned-had-teeth-broken/402683639769039>

Little Helen and Oscar have many friends at the Trikala Shelter, they would like you to take a look at them. Many are up for adoption or Sponsorship, they deserve special homes like Little Helen and Oscar have got, too..

<http://www.trikalashelterdogs.com/adoptions.html>



Some of you may have seen Nancy's story on our Facebook page... Nancy was discovered by the girls from the shelter on the roadside. She had been hit by a car and left to die. Our vet said she was likely to have been there a long time, in temperatures exceeding 40 degrees. She has 3 broken legs, had been attacked by other stray dogs leaving holes all over her rear. Maggots and ticks infested those wounds. She was a terrible mess. It took several days to get Nancy to eat once she had been taken into the care of our wonderful Vet Dr Balemenos. We are happy to say she is getting better and better by the day, even trying to stand with 3 broken legs, and all this time she is the sweetest dog you are likely to meet. We would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of our supporters, who donated, or shared her plight. We have been able to ensure she received all the medical attention she needed because of all your help, we have been totally humbled... THANK YOU ☺ Her full story here...

<https://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=a.345153152227539.79794.130025687073621&type=3>

## Feed A Stray For A Day Program

This month we started a new campaign to help us carry on feeding and caring for the strays outside the shelter. From as little as 1 Euro per month you can help us feed a stray for a day ☺

If you would like to subscribe and help our strays please visit our website..

<http://www.trikalashelterdogs.com/the-strays-outside.html>

## Vaccinations

We were really worried this month, all of our dogs were due their annual vaccinations - that's all 140 of them. We barely had enough money for food. Thanks again to all of our wonderful followers - who raised enough for us to vaccinate 112 of our dogs - only 18 left to raise money to vaccinate!! Without YOU we could not do this. We thank YOU from the bottom of our hearts ☺

If you can donate for a vaccination please see our website...

<http://www.trikalashelterdogs.com/urgent-plea.html>

# Dog of the Month

Every month we will be promoting a dog for adoption, one that always gets overlooked and so deserves to be part of a loving family. July's Dog is a beautiful loving girl called Sabina.. ☺

**Sabina's Story:** Sabina was found left outside the shelter with her sister. Her foot was badly injured so she was taken immediately to our vet, it was confirmed that she would need surgery. After surgery Valentina, one of the shelter helpers, took her home to recover because she would be at risk of infection or causing more damage to herself at the shelter. She has a little deformity because of her injury now, but it does not stop her doing a thing! ☺ She is sterilized 12 months old and looking for a forever home.

**Character:** A smart girl ! Lovely, playful and obedient. Very good with all other dogs, plays the "teacher roll" to a handful of lively pups.

If you are interested in adopting Sabina please contact us via our website:

<http://www.trikalashelterdogs.com/adoptions.html>



Sabina's paw post surgery



Sabina in the Black tan and white dog, playing with one of the pups.

# Blind Dog Rescue UK

A special thanks to Cath and Katy from Blind Dog Rescue UK - who have found a wonderful new home for Pirate and are looking for a home for Angel in the UK. They will both travel together when Pirate is old enough for the procedures for his PETS passport.



Angel



Pirate

So that's nearly the end of our July newsletter, we haven't covered nearly half of what's happened this month. If we were to share stories and pictures of all the happenings at the shelter, it would make for a very long read indeed ☺ We are receiving new dogs every other day it seems, many just dumped outside the gates. Some found outside the shelter. We are at full capacity and for the first time in a very long time... we are having to leave the non urgent cases on the streets still. We still do our best to look after them, but we are just 4 women looking after 140 dogs inside, and 70 dogs outside the shelter.

We are very lucky to have such caring and thoughtful supporters that we have been able to carry on as long as we have. We are truly grateful for each and every one of you.

Please visit our Facebook page for regular updates:

<https://www.facebook.com/#!/TrikalaShelterArgos>

If you can donate here is our Paypal:

[donations@trikalawelfaresociety.com](mailto:donations@trikalawelfaresociety.com)

We wish you all a lovely Summer - we will carry on with your support - the girls at the Trikala Animal Welfare Society O Argos - Greece ☺