



2023

Newsletter

PAWS is delighted to report that in 2022 we had our busiest year ever. Our Greek vet Nefeli worked 13 days at the PAWS clinic and treated 73 emergencies. Three UK vet teams visited in April, September & October.

Janet Brenton with nurse Emily Fairhurst in April
Charmaine Cook & Trevor Munro with nurses Lisa Paszek & Annie Jordan in September

Mike Houlihan with nurses Mandy Cooper, Jenny Proctor & Amy Readthorn in October.

The charity received nearly £13,000 worth of grants and we sincerely thank GCWS, GAR, France-Hayhurst, Jean Sainsbury, and WVS for their continued support.

We are thrilled to have recently heard that Jean Sainsbury is celebrating their 40th anniversary in 2023 by donating special awards. PAWS has been chosen as one of the charities

The Figures

Stray animals neutered and/or treated at the PAWS

Municipal Vet Clinic

230 Cat spays

247 Cat castrations

14 Dentals

5 Euthanasia

26 other treatments

Total 522 animals

73 Stray animals neutered and/or treated as emergencies at the Paxos Vet clinic by our Greek municipal vet Nefeli Damigou and funded by Paxos Municipality

PAWS Neutering Voucher Scheme

Domestic Cats spayed 67

Domestic Cats castrated 51

Domestic Dogs spayed 15

Total 133

Total number of Animals treated for 2022 = 728

A few stories for you now ...

The wonderful story of Ray & Stevie:

Back in July 2022 one of our volunteers found not one but two tiny kittens alone in the centre of Lakka. She took them to our Greek vet Nefeli Damigou who confirmed that both were blind! Our volunteer took them home and cared for them for the next few weeks while they got stronger and asked PAWS to look for homes. We decided it would be best to keep the kittens now called Ray & Stevie together but finding a home for two blind kittens was never going to be easy.

Fast forward to late August and Jeff & Helen Hart, a couple who had lived on Paxos for many years but had moved to the UK in 2021, offered both kittens a home in Pembrokeshire. Jeff and Helen were planning a driving holiday to Paxos in the autumn and said they would then take the kittens back with them to the UK.

Ray and Stevie were so well behaved during their long trip back, staying in hotels, travelling on ferries, as well as spending many hours in the car before arriving at their new home. They now live happily with their new sister Sky and Jeff has built them a wonderful outdoor play area in his shed where they can play safely for hours.... it even has underfloor heating! We couldn't have wished for a better outcome for Ray and Stevie.

Thank you so much Jeff & Helen.

Di Mitchell (PAWS trustee and volunteer)



Preparing for the ferry



Lunching in a hotel room

The Amazing Story of Mike and how so many people came together to help...



Volunteer walkers on Paxos



Mike at the PAWS clinic

Mike came into the care of PAWS in March 2022 after he and his sister Lucy were removed from their owner. After 2 weeks of treatment, Lucy was rehomed on Paxos but sadly Mike was still underweight so needed more time and more care.

At this time, Di Mitchell who was looking after Mike, was also planning a trip to New Zealand to visit her daughter and family not seen since the onset of Covid. Her leaving date was May 11th when all the usual PAWS volunteers would be busy working full time. Di therefore decided to ask via our Facebook page if anyone would be willing to feed and walk Mike for the 6 weeks that she would be away

A very big ask but amazingly within 4 days, replies arrived from 9 wonderful ladies who offered to help. Only two lived on Paxos, the rest were tourists who were happy to help if a Rota was organized. Well after lots of planning Di was able to go on holiday and the Rota provided Mike with food, walks, and love twice a day.

The charity cannot thank everyone enough for stepping up and helping Mike. The volunteers all became huge fans as they walked him, played with him, and helped prepare him for his new life in the UK.

So sincere thanks to Lyn Griffin, Joanne Dickson, Louiza Siouti, Emily-Sue Coates, Jill McDonald, Andrea Gay & Joan Faraday-Crowder, Lisa Green & Ann Strutton.

Mike was very kindly adopted in June by Steve & Vanessa from the sea-side village of East Preston. Sadly, and unexpectedly, Vanessa died in September 2022 but Steve adores Mike and they love each other's company whether at home or out walking.

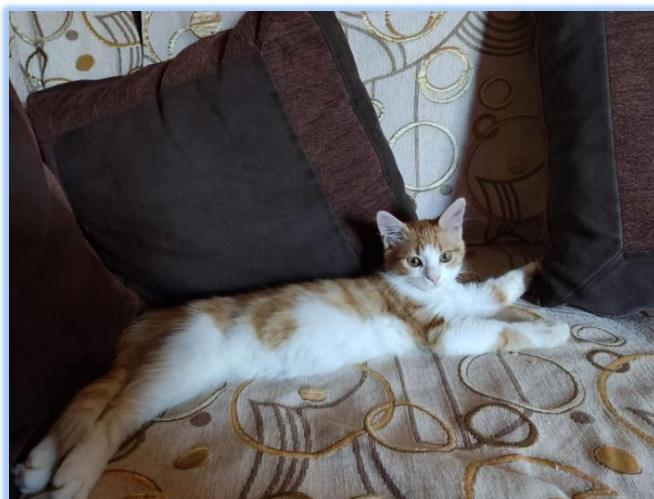


Mike on a Summer walk with Steve



Mike making new friends

And now some Paxos rescues from 2022....



Guss above abandoned as a kitten and now adopted



Bianca was rescued by Heleni with a broken leg and now adopted.



Whina abandoned as a kitten and now living happily on Paxos



Bob, Ragnar & Effie abandoned but all now adopted



Bora is currently fostered with PAWS



Ian & Di are fostering Lisa, a hunting dog from Corfu



Mike's sister Lucy, now re-homed happily on Paxos

Other News:

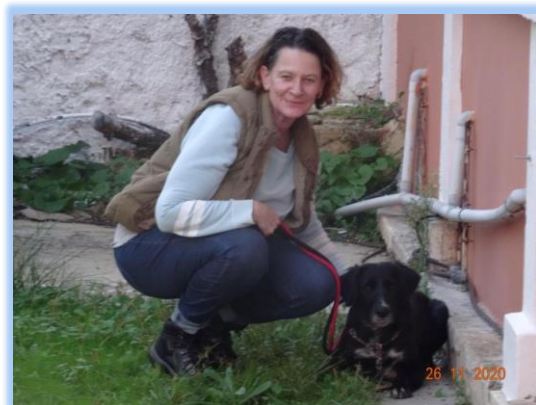


John Durrant a PAWS supporter from Lela Construction UK very kindly made PAWS four new feeding stations. He kindly donated a roll of roof felt and gave up 5 days of his time in May to assemble one of the new feeding stations and re-roof the current ones. The remaining new ones were put together and painted by Marc Lothien who also added an extra lower shelf. The picture above shows a new station at the Health Centre that has already become very popular!

Mandy Cooper and her friends once again raised £200 making Christmas wreaths.

So many of our Supporters gave us generous donations in 2022 and we thank them all.

Sadly, one of our dear friends and supporter Kate Sams passed away in 2022.....she will always be loved and remembered.



A new Greek hotline for animal abuse is finally up and running and is a huge step forward for Greece...**10410**
Callers can remain anonymous, which will encourage people to use it.



And lastly but my no means least A BIG thank you also...

- to all our volunteers for their daily commitment
- to all our visiting vet teams from the UK....their dedication and continued support is exemplary.
- Albert Walker who serviced our anaesthetic machine
- to all residents of Paxos who have been supporting animal welfare in any way
- to Panos and Katerina who provide very good prices for accommodation and hire cars for our vet teams
- to the private vets of Paxos
- to Mayor, Spyros Vlachopoulos, to Christos Vlachopoulos, deputy mayor and ex-chairman of the Stray Animals Committee and to Voula Apergi, deputy mayor and chairwoman of Welfare Municipal Company for their cooperative spirit and financial contribution over 7490 euros
- To all our supporters worldwide.

Plans for 2023

We have already arranged for 4 vet teams to visit the PAWS clinic...2 teams in the Spring and 2 teams in the Autumn

We hope with the help of grants and donations to be able to support financially the PAWS municipal vet clinic and keep it open at least once a week all year round.

We are trying to renew and extend our volunteers' network. Please help if you can as there can never be enough!

We are working on a scheme of educational visits for local schools
Our Facebook page [Municipal Vet Clinic / PAWS | Facebook](#) is doing well and we will continue to post updates and photos on projects and actions throughout the year.

We hope to have PAWS - Greece up and running very soon and we will keep you posted.

PAWS Voucher scheme for financial help with neutering domestic cats and dogs will also continue.

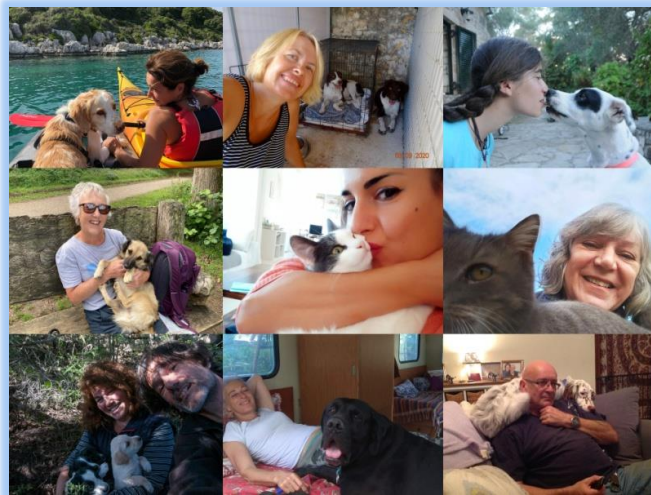
**Finally, we wish everyone who volunteers and supports
PAWS on Paxos a very happy and healthy 2023**

Please find ways to support our projects financially by visiting
our website page

<https://www.pawspaxos.com/contact-us> (bank transfer,
Paypal, Amazon Smile)



Marc finishing the feeding stations



Some of our volunteers with their pets.



Mike and team after a good day's work!