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## RSPCA VISIT UPDATE

Before joining WSPA (World Society of the Protection of Animals) in November 2007, Kerenza Vlastou from Chrysalis Greece had been working with the education departments of the Rethymno area, to include projects and lessons on animal welfare. At the beginning of 2007 she had approached the RSPCA UK to ask if a workshop for teachers could be organized, based on similar workshops given in Thessaloniki and Athens. Confirmation from the RSPCA was received after Kerenza joined WSPA, so FAR was asked to follow this up. We were able to set up a meeting with Kleioniko Stavroulakis, head of the environmental education department for primary schools. The meeting, which was held February 19<sup>th</sup>, was very successful with the agreement of a workshop for teachers, mid October 2008. FAR was also able to set up a meeting for David Bowles from RSPCA with the heads of department in Heraklion for environmental and cultural education for both primary and secondary levels. We will learn of the outcome of this meeting at a later date.



## NEWS

### WSPA GRANT

Our grant application for some badly needed computer equipment, digital camera, microchip scanners, printing costs for dustbin stickers and 12 kennels made for barrel dogs has been accepted by the "World Society for the Protection of Animals".

A big thanks goes to WSPA for helping us to help animals in need.

### BRITS IN CRETE

The BritsinCrete team, headed by the webmaster, Gerald is giving our group publicity on their website and a link from their informative web page, 'Advice on Animals in Crete' ([www.britsincrete.net/animals.html](http://www.britsincrete.net/animals.html)) to our own website. Gerald has invited also "Friends of Animals - Rethymno" to post notices in the BritsinCrete Forum when we hold fund raising and other events. BritsinCrete is a web portal for foreign residents living or staying in Crete.

### THANKS

FAR would like to thank Cathie & Brian Barwise from Asomatos for their help these past three years with fostering cats. They have now opened a purpose built cattery for "holiday" cats, which consist of 9 pens of varying size, which hold up to 4 cats. The price is €4.00 per cat per day. For more information call 6942691056 or send an email to [kathiebarwise@hotmail.com](mailto:kathiebarwise@hotmail.com)

### NEWS FROM OVERSEAS

On her visit to Germany last month, our vice president, Antje, was invited by FAR's partner association Tier-Natur- und Artenschutz Siebengebirge e.V. to a reunion of dogs rehomed by them in 2007. 15 dogs and their families of the 27 puppies were able to attend. They met at the BUNDESHÄUSCHEN, a restaurant by the beautiful Rhine River. It was a huge success and all dogs got along perfectly well - from little Pekinese mix BEBA up to Doberman mix ROBBY... More of Antjes visit, including photos in our April Newsletter....

## GOOD NEWS

**A NEW HOME HAS BEEN  
FOUND FOR PELEGRINA**



FAR was able to get a vet to visit Pelegrina to check her out. The swelling on the face was due to her being fed corn and the limp was from an old wound which should clear up after 5 days of antibiotic injections. In the meantime, Mr. Nikos Varthakis has agreed to re-home Pelegrina in Plakias, where the Rethymno Park donkeys also went. The story was covered in our February Newsletter.

### RE-HOMING LISTS

We are working on making the size of the re-homing lists smaller, for sending as e-mails. In the meantime, check out our website (shown above) for the lists of animals looking for new homes.

We are facing increasing difficulties in re-homing older dogs, from as little as 7 months of age. Catch, neuter, release is a policy we have always followed where the animal is released back to a safe environment. In many cases this is impossible, with life expectancy of just 3-4 weeks, because of poisoning or animals being shot. For example, Laura, aged 18 months, found in Pigi 11<sup>th</sup> February, now neutered but with nowhere to go. **HELP US TO FIND HER A HOME**

