



F.A.R. FRIENDS OF ANIMALS - RETHYMNO

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UPDATE

As briefly mentioned in the June newsletter, our application to the **Marchig Trust** was accepted and we have been awarded €5,000 for a subsidized neutering programme for owned animals. Papers have been signed and we are now in the process of preparing an information flyer to be given out, mainly in rural areas, plus a press release, to promote people with dogs to have them neutered. The long-term effects are obvious and may be the beginning of the end of abandoned puppies. For this, FAR warmly thanks the **Marchig Trust** for their trust in our work.

The good news continues with our application to the **RSPCA** also being accepted. We have been awarded €8,000 for the purchase of a vehicle for our association to help in our work of helping animals in need. As so rightly stated by David Bowles from the **RSPCA**, and personally experienced by many in our group, "In animal welfare, use of the family car is one of the biggest causes of fights between partners". We have been to most of the car dealers and are now waiting to see who comes up with the best offer.

NEWS

ANIMALS BRING PEACE

FAR has been called out a few times to deal with abandoned animals in the small park on the south side of the law courts. Recently our very helpful contact, Mr. Angelidis, told us that when he first began walking his adopted street dog in the area in 2002, this particular park was a hot spot for fights and trouble. However, since the arrival in 2003, of an amazing ginger male cat, nicknamed Garfield, together with various other strays, harmony reigns. A common aim to take care of the animals took the fight out of everyone.



A heart-warming e-mail

Hello Clodagh and Antje

I would just like to say thank-you very much for all the hard work that you and people like you do for the dogs and cats in Crete and for helping me with Monty. As you know my parents have lived out there for 9 yrs and every year I rescue and pay for a dog but Monty struck home, I love that dog!!! I am now resigned to the fact I must have him fostered because being away 6 months is too long and he will make someone a fab pet. I keep in contact with my brother who assures me he is fine and they love him!! I am now determined more than ever to set up a boarding kennels here in UK with a facility to cater for some rescue dogs and cats. I will be making regular donations to your charity because the world needs more people like you. Thanks again for all the help with

Monty

Heather BOLDERSON x

PETITION

Sad but true, a circus with animals is coming to Rethymno. The mayor, Giorgos Marinakis has promised us they will not get a license to operate, but from the information we have, the circus is threatening to take the municipality to the attorney general, as its papers are in legal order. **PLEASE** sign the petition against this cruel form of entertainment. The petition can be found on the notice board in the entrance of the town hall.



A copy of the petition has been added to this newsletter. If at all possible print off a copy and collect signatures by July 3rd Leave them at Rethymno Town Hall by July 4th.

SPECIAL THANKS

Katrin Steiner has spent a month with Antje doing volunteer work which included transport of animals to and from pension, vets and airport; cleaning of boxes; delivery of food, collars, boxes etc to different locations. Plus many other jobs too numerous to mention. FAR can't thank you enough.

OUR AUGUST EDITION will give a follow up on the WSPA grant and the talk given 11th June on Animal Rights. Sorry, but not enough time or space this month!

Αίτημα

**Πρωτοβουλία Συλλόγων
και πολιτών Ρεθύμνου**

**Προς
το Δήμο Ρεθύμνου**

Εν όψει της επικείμενης εγκατάστασης και λειτουργίας , Τσίρκο με ζώα, στην πόλη μας, δηλώνουμε κατηγορηματικά αντίθετοι, για τους εξής λόγους:

- 1) Τα ζώα εξευτελίζονται, βασανίζονται και κακοποιούνται, κατά την εκπαίδευση και μεταφορά τους.
- 2) Προάγεται η αιχμαλωσία , εκμετάλλευση και αρπαγή τους από το φυσικό τους περιβάλλον.
- 3) Αρνητικό παράδειγμα παιδείας και πολιτιστικού επιπέδου.
- 4) Τα τσίρκο με ζώα αποτελούν απειλή δημόσιας ασφάλειας και υγείας.
- 5) Προκαλούν αφισσορύπανση, απόβλητα και ηχορύπανση.
- 6) Δημιουργούν αρνητική εικόνα της Κρήτης στον τουρισμό μας.

Για τους παραπάνω λόγους ζητάμε ο Δήμος να δείξει την απαιτούμενη ευαισθησία και να κινητοποιηθεί ανάλογα.

Πρωτοβουλία Συλλόγων και Πολιτών

«ΟΧΙ ΣΤΑ ΤΣΙΡΚΟ ΜΕ ΖΩΑ»

- 1 ΦΙΛΟΖΩΙΚΟΣ ΣΥΛΛΟΓΟΣ ΡΕΘΥΜΝΟΥ
- 2 «ΧΡΥΣΑΛΙΣ» τμήμα ΦΙΛΟΖΩΙΚΗΣ ΚΡΗΤΗΣ
- 3 CRETAN CAT- A –LIST, Φιλοζωικός Σύλλογος
- 4 ΠΕΡΙΒΑΛΛΟΝΤΙΚΟΣ ΣΥΛΛΟΓΟΣ ΡΕΘΥΜΝΟΥ
- 5 ΠΟΔΗΛΑΤΙΚΟΣ ΣΥΛΛΟΓΟΣ ΡΕΘΥΜΝΟΥ
- 6 ΟΜΙΛΟΣ ΠΡΟΗΓΜΕΝΩΝ ΑΘΛΗΤΙΚΩΝ
ΔΡΑΣΤΗΡΙΟΤΗΤΩΝ ΡΕΘΥΜΝΟΥ

Επισυνάπτονται υπογραφές πολιτών

26-06-08

Petition

**From the Associations and
Citizens of Rethymno**

**To
Rethymno Municipality**

With regard to the forthcoming circus with animals' establishment and operation in our town, we would like to categorically declare our opposition for the following reasons:

- 1) Animals are humiliated, tortured and abused during training and when being transported.
- 2) Promotion of captivity, exploitation and seizure of animals from their natural habitats.
- 3) Negative example of education and cultural level.
- 4) Circuses with animals constitute a threat to public health and safety.
- 5) Litter, excréments and noise pollution.
- 6) Negative image of Crete to tourism.

For the reasons outlined above we ask the Municipality to show the required sensitivity and to act accordingly.

Initiative Associations and Citizens

“NO TO ANY CIRCUS WITH ANIMALS”

1. FRIENDS OF ANIMALS – RETHYMNO
2. “CHRYSALLIS” Dpt. of CRETAN ANIMAL WELFARE GROUP
3. CRETAN CAT-A-LIST, Animal welfare association
4. ENVIRONMENTAL ASSOCIATION OF RETHYMNO
5. CYCLISTS ASSOCIATION OF RETHYMNO
6. RETHYMNO GROUP FOR ADVANCED ATHLETIC ACTIVITIES

Citizens' signatures attached

