



# F.A.R. FRIENDS OF ANIMALS - RETHYMNO

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VETS WEEKEND  
EMERGENCY NUMBER  
**6946148087**

## UPDATE

Concerning our situation,  
please see the attached  
explanation that we hope  
clarifies where we stand for  
the time being.

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## RSPCA VEHICLE

Due to complications with the  
license for the particular model  
of car applied for, we have sent  
our options to the RSPCA for  
guidance. We will keep you  
updated with our progress.

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## PLAKIAS SUMMER BAZAAR

THANKS TO EVERYONE  
WHO CAME TO OUR  
BAZAAR TO HELP OR TO  
SUPPORT US .IT WAS A  
VERY SUCCESSFUL DAY  
WITH A VERY GOOD  
TURNOUT DESPITE THE  
SWELTERING HEAT.



## HOMES NEEDED

Once again we are finding it  
difficult to re-home both  
slightly older dogs and cats.  
Just 4 months old for cats. In  
addition we need safe outside  
areas for neutered feral cats,  
with someone to feed them at  
least every other day. Please  
help us with finding safe  
homes



1. Shiva-f-2006
2. Tommy-m-11-2007
3. Shiva+Bindy – (mother and son)
4. Sabrina – f -01-2008 (amputated tail)



## URGENT

WE ARE STILL LOOKING TO  
RE-HOME 'PRINCE TSIKO'



Very friendly with people and dogs. If he  
barks at another dog, it is because he is  
saying 'I'm here, please come and play'.  
Needs company and activity. Very bright;  
learns quickly; has learnt, 'come' and 'sit';  
eager to please but needs steady training  
as still young. His biggest problem is that  
he chases moving things eg cats because  
he wants to play.  
Not fussy with food but does not eat a lot  
Loves to be brushed.



## INTERNATIONAL ANIMAL AWARENESS DAY 4<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER

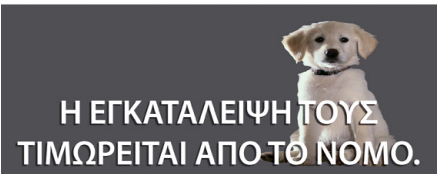
**“Responsible Ownership”**  
will be our theme for this event  
to promote the need for pet  
owners to:

- ✓ Provide basic needs to their  
pet, i.e. food, water, shelter,  
vaccinations and
- ✓ Neuter to lessen numbers  
of unwanted animals.
- ✓ Microchip to help lessen the  
chances of abandonment  
and loss
- ✓ Serious consideration  
before deciding to take a  
pet and the years of  
responsibility involved once  
a pet has been taken.

We would like also to tour  
town and rural areas to  
distribute dustbin-stickers,  
which we hope, will lessen the  
numbers of unwanted animals  
dumped in dustbins.



**TA ΖΩΑ  
ΔΕΝ ΕΙΝΑΙ  
ΣΚΟΥΠΙΔΙΑ !!!**



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<http://www.himaira.gr/>

for lost/found pets or re-  
homing animals in Greece.

## FRIENDS OF ANIMALS - RETHYMNO



As mentioned in our August newsletter FAR has needed to put a hold on certain activities due to debts accrued over the past 6 months, and for those of you who read the Greek newspapers, you will have seen an announcement to the effect of FAR 'temporarily shutting up shop' until we have dealt with this.

The financial shortfall was the motivation 'to put on the brakes', but in fact it has been an opportunity to catch up on the many needs of a growing association, including the many projects already underway. It has also given us time for neglected areas that time and manpower didn't allow us before and even more importantly, we are able to reassess our aims, needs and what is in fact possible with the facilities at hand. Apart from dealing with emergencies, Animal welfare should have long-term projects, and going to the root of the problem to find a solution will have long-term effects, rather than using all our resources to deal with abandoned animals.

Focus at the moment is on education, legislation and information, with renewed efforts to make the local authorities become more actively involved. (27-08-08 Talks have begun with both the Prefecture and Municipality. We will keep you updated with the progress.)

So until our books are balanced, we shall carry on with the projects underway:

- ✓ Subsidised neutering with the funding from The Marchig Trust
- ✓ RSPCA education workshop in October
- ✓ Finish re-homing the animals already on our list and help with re-homing animals that have sponsors
- ✓ Organise a big event for International Animal Awareness Day, October 4<sup>th</sup>, with emphasis on "Responsible Ownership"
- ✓ Follow up on funding/support from local municipalities.

FAR shall also address the following:

- Policies - including stricter restrictions on which cases FAR becomes involved with and more cases of CNR, catch, neuter and release.
- Encouraging local businesses, especially the hotels to be more actively involved, and showing them how they will benefit from this.
- Research sponsors for various needs
- Research funding for on-going projects
- Storage space

We hope this clarifies the situation. We are all very willing to carry on with the huge problem of animal welfare here in the Rethymno Prefecture, but we need time to re-group, reassess and re-energise, and to hopefully get the local authorities to take us seriously at last and begin to ACTIVELY support us. We have heard a lot of words over the last 9 years. It is now time for action.