



ANIMAL ZONE INTERNATIONAL

The greatness of a nation can be judged by the way its animals are treated. - Gandhi

On the Greek Island of Amorgos: Recent Achievements and New Challenges



In 2010 Animal Zone International accomplished a major goal: the establishment of a veterinary clinic.

AZI has also moved forward in the plan to provide year-round veterinarian care on the island. The goals of AZI are doable but this coming year is crucial.



In the Fall of 2010, sponsored by AZI, Dr. Maria Despoti, a young veterinarian from Thessaloniki, came to the Island for a two month trial. She has now accepted a one-year renewable contract with AZI to remain on the Island throughout 2011. Her presence is transforming the lives of hundreds of neglected animals: dogs, cats, mules, horses and goats ... and the lives of the people who live with them as well.

Please donate today to guarantee the continuation of Dr. Despoti's work: funds are needed to pay her stipend and to buy medicines.

AZI is a not-for-profit organization. Your contribution is tax-deductible and entirely devoted to the continuation and improvement of our work on the Island.



A Local Animal Association is Formed

As a direct result of AZI's efforts, a local nonprofit volunteer organization has been established in Amorgos: Philozoic Merimna Association of Amorgos (PMAA). PMAA is committed to improve the animals quality of life in the island and is carrying out common practical and educational projects in cooperation with AZI.

In the midst of great financial hardship these projects are being increasingly understood and embraced by people from all walks of life: from school teachers and members of the tourism business community to shepherds and fishermen.

Great Progress

Our educational program and our veterinarian activities are changing the attitude of local people. For the first time in decades, no cats were poisoned in the areas of Katapola and Xilokertatidi at the beginning of the tourist season this year: a huge achievement we are very proud of, which shows the direct impact of our program.

AZI's Newest Animal Rescue



During the summer volunteers of the newly formed animal rights group PMAA discovered a mare that was tied at the legs in the middle of nowhere, with no proper food, access to water, or shelter against the heat of the summer. AZI purchased her from her owner, the local butcher. In a coordinated effort, the mayor and the municipality offered a piece of land to host the animal - the first ever protected area for animal sheltering in the island. AZI financed a fence for the land and is now working to build a stable where the horse and other neglected mules or donkeys can be properly fed, and protected from the heat and the cold.

How You Can Help

Funds are urgently needed: Our goal for 2011 is \$120,000. Thanks to the friends of Animal Zone International, we have already raised \$35,000. The additional \$85,000 will cover medical and veterinary expenses for next year, build our stable, and feed the animals that are being brought to us for help. Please make a donation today. A small action can make a huge difference in the life of many animals and the environment in which they live.



Please help us complete our fundraising goal.

AZI is a not-for-profit organization exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. As such, your contribution is tax-deductible to the extent allowable by law. The animals benefit entirely from your contributions.

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