



Cadela Carlota

How Can You Lend a Paw?

WORDS Ann Hodges

Our volunteer team consists of helpers from Belgium, Italy, Germany, the Netherlands, Portugal, Sweden, France, the US, South Africa, the UK and more. Why not join us, and open up new horizons? You could improve your language skills at the same time.

Anyone of any age can help Cadela Carlota in many ways. We don't need you to clean our kennels and we do not only need dog walkers. Can you sit with a distressed animal? Just sit and talk to them to get them used to the sound of a caring human voice. Can you brush them, cuddle them or even write your emails sitting next to them? This work is so important.

If you want a more permanent commitment with an animal, we have many cats and dogs ready for adoption. An in-depth chat with one of our team can help you to choose the cat or dog that has the personality to fit in with your lifestyle. Personality is key to a successful adoption – not looks.

We desperately need foster homes for our dogs and cats. Animals often arrive from disadvantaged backgrounds and fostering allows them to adapt to living in a loving environment. Fostering gives them a chance to become adopted and find a forever home. A chat with one of our dedicated and knowledgeable team is essential if you are considering providing a foster home.

How about sponsoring? Sponsorship is the next best thing to owning a dog or cat. It is an ideal gift for a grandchild who may not be able to own a dog for various reasons. They can choose their own sponsor animal – and they will receive a certificate and a video of them. They will also be able to visit the dog or cat and receive a quarterly update on their progress.

We may need help with various events, such as supermarket food collections (usually just a few sessions a year). This can prove to be a happy social time to meet new people, as well as helping Cadela Carlota. We have charity shops in Almadena and Lagos. Could you make yourself available to be a temp at one of our charity shops in Almadena and Lagos? Could you take over if one of our regular team is ill? Currently, our Lagos shop is desperate for people to join the team. Can you spare just a few hours a week? Please also think of us first when giving away unwanted items.

There are many other ways that you could help us when it is needed by giving your time freely. Maybe with DIY jobs, or are you internet savvy?

Ann Margaret Hodges is a volunteer at Cadela Carlota.



For more information on any of the above, please contact us via our website: www.cadelacarlota.com – or, if you prefer, you can contact me direct at annehodes77@gmail.com



TOP ROW LEFT TO RIGHT: Yolanda van Wieringen, Brigitte Kerckhaert, Judite Vida Pedro, Terri Eley

BOTTOM ROW LEFT TO RIGHT: Konstanze Alex, Anja Vangerwen, not pictured Ruth Gomes

Update on the Own-the-Land Campaign

WORDS Konstanze Alex

In September 2022, the Cadela Carlota animal shelter launched its biggest challenge to date. We set out to raise enough money to buy the 1.8 hectares of land where the dog shelter is located. We needed to ensure our dogs would have a safe place to stay – forever. With the early and strong support from *Tomorrow* magazine, we made our plight known and turned what seemed like a daunting task into a community effort with help from countless individuals, other charities, and businesses.

This week, we witnessed the incredible generosity of the Algarve community once more. Two of our volunteers, Terri Eley and Judite Vida Pedro, hosted a fundraising event at the Carvi Beach Hotel. The hotel, owned by the Pedro family, kindly donated the space, wine and hors d'oeuvres for the 50+ guests. The showstopper at the event was a silent auction where guests could bid on an array of items and services that were donated by individuals and businesses. All proceeds directly benefited our Own-the-Land campaign. It was an unparalleled success and, as of the time of printing, brought us over 10.000,00€ closer to the finish line. We now know that with just a bit more work, we will reach our goal of raising the needed 85.000,00€ to buy the land.

At the event, we also showcased our new logo, now including a cat and a dog, and launched a new program called Sponsor an Unadoptable Animal. At a Gold, Silver, or Bronze level, you can support those animals who will be Cadela Carlota's forever residents due to their specific circumstances. See our website for more information.

For their generous support at this latest fundraising event, we would like to express our deepest gratitude to the following individuals, families and businesses: Ideal Homes, Marangoni Art Gallery, Villas Key, Burgau Sports Centre, Impanema Restaurant, NYC, Mosto Wine Bar, Luca's Restaurant, Boavista Golf, Espiche Golf, Alex Tuk Tuk Lisbon, P and J Farmer, S and M Farmer, the Roundtrees, the Andersons, the Damerons, C Waller, the Osbonds, the Eleys, S Van Der Westhuizen, D Vail, C Delany, D Crisostomo Martinez Yoga, V Candela and C Naftali.

Konstanze Alex is a board member and treasurer at Cadela Carlota.



If you would like to donate, you can do so on our website or GoFundMe page: www.gofundme.com/own-the-land-o-nosso-terreno www.cadela-carlota.com/help/sponsoring