

Paphiakos Shelter Open Day

Celebrating World Animal Day Sunday 3rd October 2010

Paphiakos held their first ever Shelter Open Day on Sunday 3rd October in celebration of World Animal Day held annually on the 4th October. Suzanne the P.R. Manager initiated the concept and with assistance from Shelter Manager Laura created a very successful first attempt. The staff at the shelter, together with many willing volunteers before and during the event created an enjoyable and safe day out for over 500 visitors. Many visitors were amazed at the size of the Shelter and taken aback when they realized that the charity regularly care for approximately 1000 animals. Some were under the misconception that the only animals cared for consisted of those in the holding area at the clinic. A number of visitors stayed 3-4 hours as there was so much to see and do and enjoyed refreshments in the shade surrounded by so many animals enjoying their attention. About 200 dogs were walked on the day sometimes 3 or 4 times and they really relished the socialisation and interaction with the visitors. Children enjoyed the donkey rides as well as feeding the different animals and many of the adults appreciated the experience of the close company of the rescue and abused animals now being well cared for. Paphiakos were very pleased to find loving new homes for five dogs, exported a cat, sponsored several animals, received donations and enrolled new, much needed volunteers. The Shelter is open to visitors 10-4 daily and always welcomes donations of food for cats, dogs, donkeys and horses but please check with a member of staff before feeding the animals. We owe a great deal to all our sponsors but particularly Houston Medical Centre who provided cover in case of emergencies. Thank you to all the staff, volunteers, sponsors and the visitors but most of all the animals who give us so much pleasure in our lives and ask for so little in return. We celebrated not only the animals in our care but those world wide.







