

StreetLife NEWSLETTER

StreetNews: End of Year 2020 : January 2021



Hello StreetLife supporters... *my apologies that this is only in English and not in Portuguese.*

We are now into 2021 and I'm sure many of us were pleased to say goodbye to 2020.

During the first week of a New Year we are busy in StreetLife setting up new registers for the incoming year. Checking what doggies we have to "carry forward" from 2020 to 2021 and sorting out home visits after the festive break... at the moment also taking into consideration the travel restrictions currently in place.

The End of Year accounts have to be finalised, including StreetBuddy memberships. We will also be analysing our performance during 2020 so we can produce facts and figures to see how we might be able to improve in 2021, also looking at possible new projects we may be able to launch.

There will be an Associação StreetLife Team Meeting in January to make sure we all agree on how the association is progressing and we will decide as a team how we move forward in 2021.



This Newsletter is our End of Year StreetNews for 2020, it happens to get circulated in January, just to confuse ☺.

It is our opportunity for StreetLife to let you know what we have all achieved as a group working together.

Are you sitting comfortably? Let's begin..

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December StreetBuddy "thank you" gift

As all the StreetBuddies know, part of their "membership" is a monthly draw, and this is usually carried out on the last day of each month, or at worst the first day of the new month. To be honest, it depends how busy I am - no excuses!



The lucky StreetBuddy for our December monthly draw is: SB 024 Treve who lives in Vila Nova de Cacela.

This month's "thank you" gift is a bottle of Raposeira Fizz and a Tin of Lovely biscuits.

All gifts for the StreetBuddy draw are donated. The funds do NOT come from StreetLife.

Here is our list of StreetBuddy "winners" for 2020.

StreetBuddy "Thank you" Gifts 2020

January	Dineke	Loule
February	Graham	Moncarapacho
March	Kent	Moncarapacho (donated back)
April	Luisa	Olhão
May	Judy	Quelfes (donated back)
June	Tanya	Swansea (donated back)
July	Beta	Olhão
August	Lou	UK
September	Alisha	Sao Bras
October	John	Moncarapacho
November	Pauline	Luz Tavira
December	Treve	Vila Nova de Cacela

The monthly Thank You "gift" usually consists of a bottle of wine or fizz and a box of chocolates or biscuits

For those of you who don't know about StreetBuddies please take a look at our website :

www.streetlife.pt/streetbuddy

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How did StreetLife survive 2020?

2020 was an "interesting" year for StreetLife and many other animal welfare associations. The majority of us rely on donations to survive and to continue our much-needed work.

Fundraisers are usually the main source of our donations but Covid put a stop to all of that!

Creativity and initiative had to then kick in to raise money for us to continue sterilising.

This is where many of our supporters "sprung into life".

We had "The Swim the English Channel Challenge", "Look but don't Drink" sponsorship, and we started Euro Days - our StreetSaver project to emphasise the power of a coin!



We also had Cookery Workshops, Tour de France Competitions and our Monthly Stay at Home "HONESTY" Quiz nights, not forgetting our StreetLife Muffins and StreetCoolers.



Thank you to all of our fabulous supporters who organised and took part in all of these activities; you helped keep StreetLife going and helped us to continue sterilising dogs.

There are many individuals who have given donations during the year, too many to mention separately, but you are all so very appreciated and we thank you.



How many StreetBuddies do we have?

- Since we launched the scheme in 2019 we have had 67 supporters become StreetBuddies
- As of today we have 58 StreetBuddies
- We have "lost" 9 StreetBuddies in the last two years



Will you be my StreetBuddy?

2019 Totals	2020 Total	Total
2713.34	4085.29	6798.63

- The StreetBuddies raised €2713.34 in 2019 and €4085.29 in 2020.
- Making a total of €6798.63 raised in two years.
- €797.36 of this total was from money box donations & StreetSavers.

Our StreetBuddy family is very special to StreetLife, they are there every month helping us make a difference. They provide a steady stream of donations - we could not survive without all of you!

If you would like to know more about becoming a StreetBuddy please look at our website:
www.streetlife.pt/streetbuddy
We even have an on-line application form!

StreetSavers



Never underestimate the power of a coin

As mentioned earlier we have had €797.36 donated from our StreetBuddy Money Boxes and StreetSaver Scheme.

I already have another bag of coins and a money box to count from one of our StreetBuddies.

You only need an empty jar to start!

Find out more: www.streetlife.pt/streetsaver

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Stay at Home "HONESTY" Quiz Nights



Many of our StreetLife supporters have been QuizWhizzers since Brian & Christine Beckwith started the

evenings way back in 2017 – those were the days when we could all get together and be able to hug, kiss cheeks and socialise; but then it all stopped.

Not wanting to be "beaten" by Covid; Brian & Christine reinvented the QuizNights and the Stay at Home "HONESTY" Quiz Evenings were born ...and the support has been incredible.



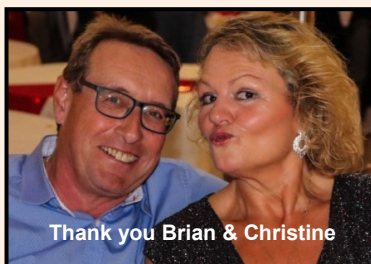
Some nights they have had 55 players across 12 locations.

Clearly many of you want to stretch those brain cells and some of Brian's Quiz questions certainly do that ☺! ... and we mustn't forget Lisa and her lipsmacking StreetLife muffins.

Joking aside, the QuizWhiz Nights have been major players in our fund raising.

From the bottom of our heart StreetLife thanks every single one of you, whether you've only taken part in one QuizWhiz Night or all of them, you are all making a BIG difference to reducing the number of unwanted puppies and strays in our local area.

A huge THANK YOU from StreetLife to Brian & Christine who started these great fun evenings three years ago, you should be very proud of what you have achieved.



Thank you Brian & Christine

Since the QuizWhiz nights started you have raised in the region of €11,500.00.

WOW!!!!!! That is incredible.

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Partner Vets



We mustn't also forget all of our Partner Vets who "make it all happen". There were times when the restrictions in place reduced the amount of sterilisations they could do, but we all continued to do our best.

Take time to check out the vets that support StreetLife.

www.streetlife.pt/partner-vets

Our thanks also go to our Sponsors...



In particular Russell & Decoz for their generous support this year; to Fiuza Wines for sponsoring our StreetCoolers and helping us to raise funds, and to Make a Bid, Make a Difference for their continued and appreciated support.

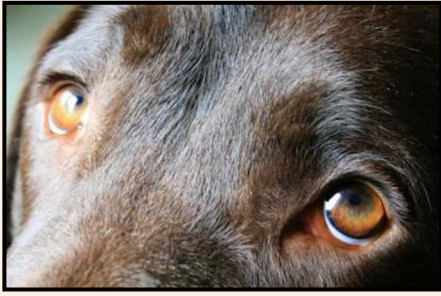


StreetLife has many sponsors who over the years have been very supportive and we thank them all.

www.streetlife.pt/sponsors

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Our StreetEyes are our heroes



They help us find dogs to sterilise, they go into gypsy camps, they visit and assess situations to see how StreetLife can help.

We thank every one of them!

www.streetlife.pt/street-eyes

We need more StreetEyes

If you think you can help StreetLife by volunteering to become a StreetEye please contact:

info@streetlife.pt

and Graeme will let you know what is involved and how you might be able to help us.

Our StreetLife Mascot : StreetEllie

The StreetLife founders said goodbye to one of their beloved dogs Ellie in November. She had been with us for over 10 years, a rescue dog from one of the local animal shelters who'd had a bad start in life.

Ellie was a character and a fighter, she had to go through so many things over the past year, yet she still "smiled" and wagged her tail and did not give in until the last minute. She enjoyed life and to that end we wanted to remember her.



So to honour Ellie, in 2020 StreetLife introduced her as their new mascot - StreetEllie - as she will now be known.

StreetEllie will bring her strength, determination and (most of all) sense of fun to our sterilisation programme to help StreetLife make a difference to the stray dog situation in the East Algarve.

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Associação StreetLife Team

We now have a new and expanded StreetLife management team in place and we will be having a team meeting very soon to decide on projects for this year.

You can see the team at:

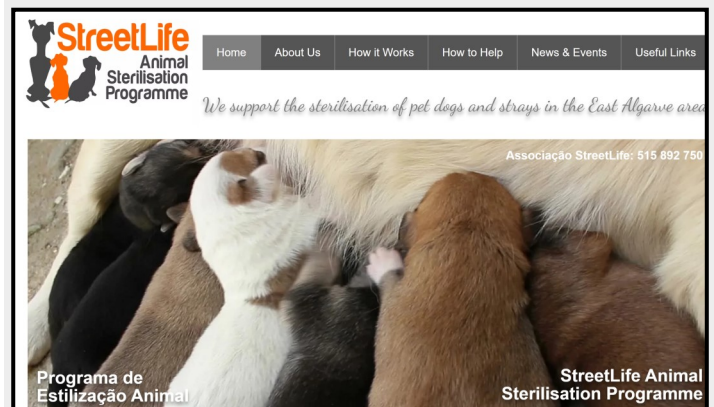
www.streetlife.pt/the-team

New StreetLife Website

All the way through this Newsletter you will have noticed I have been providing links for more information.

Huge thanks go to Jenny K for designing our new website and giving StreetLife a new look and lease of life; her tremendous talent and support is more than appreciated.

If you've not looked at our new website yet, please take the time to have a browse.



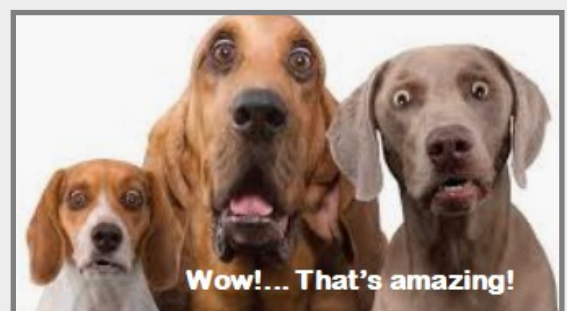
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We are absolutely delighted with it and we have received excellent feedback. It is updated on a weekly basis.

You can see all of our Success Stories—pictures of all of the dogs we have sterilised and a bit of information about each one.

www.streetlife.pt/success-stories

Not to be missed!



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A few facts & figures

2020 was a difficult year to “find” dogs for obvious reasons, plus the vets were very limited in lockdown on their surgery times and availability.

Despite this we still managed to sterilise 103 dogs, and the majority were female and pregnant.

	2017 (from Sept)	2018	2019	2020
dogs registered in the system *	9	156	218	105
dogs sterilised	9	145	207	103
Spent with partner vets **	1082.7	15322.17	22795.47	11398.97

Average cost per sterilisation / inc microchip	120.30	98.22	104.57	108.56
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* Dogs are registered in the system and then get a date for their sterilisation. Towards the end of the year they may be registered in one year and sterilised early the following year. This report shows both registered & sterilised dogs for each year.

** This is based on the sterilisation date - once again a vets bill can be paid in the following year, but to maintain consistency for this report we are basing figures on the year of registration/sterilisation

During November and December we launched a Campaign... trying to sterilise 50 dogs



November / December
StreetLife Sterilisation Campaign
Our target is 50 local dogs

Are you tired of unwanted puppies?

If you cannot afford to sterilise your dog then StreetLife may be able to help you.
Contact us: email: info@streetlife.pt f [StreetLifeAnimalSterilisationProgramme](https://www.facebook.com/StreetLifeAnimalSterilisationProgramme)
www.streetlife.pt

STERILISE!
The answer is NOT dumping puppies like rubbish.

FIX THE NUMBERS. FIX YOUR PET.
Be responsible now!

0 PUPPIES

We also invited several Animal Shelters to “find” dogs for us and our StreetEyes were looking. Sadly we did not attract as many pet owners as we wanted.

Since the law changed last year regarding microchipping and the impact of Covid many pet owners have been reluctant to come forward for help.

In December we contacted APAR (our local Animal Shelter in Moncarapacho) and asked them to publish our poster on their Facebook page — the Portuguese version. They have many supporters and the Poster was shared over 70 times.

This resulted in a lot of activity on our Facebook page and requests for help.

Going into 2021

Now the festive season is finished we are going into 2021 with 13 dogs already in the system waiting for home visits; but there are travel restrictions currently in place and Covid is more prevalent!

As in 2020, we will continue to do what we can and stay safe!

We are hoping to have a meeting with the local Junta in Moncarapacho / Fuseta to launch a joint project and ask if he can advertise our StreetLife campaign in their newsletter.

We will be trying to work with other associations to see if we can achieve more working together.

We need more StreetEyes to help us find pet owners and dogs who need help.

More and more puppies are being dumped like rubbish by the side of the road and in bins, dogs are being abandoned and the shelters are overflowing.

Private Animal Shelters are being fined and told to close down. Senseless decisions especially when the local Canils are all overrun with dogs.

Sterilisation has always been important but never more than now!

StreetLife and all of our supporters MUST work together. We must educate pet owners, we must help to remove cruelty and unwanted puppies.

Hopefully towards the end of January I will be able to share with you more information on future projects,

There will be a day again soon when our supporters can all get together over a cup of coffee and discuss problems and issues and try and find answers.

Fingers crossed we will eventually be able to start our events again later in 2021... we have many waiting for dates to be booked. Also find out how you can help.

www.streetlife.pt/news-and-events

www.streetlife.pt/how-to-help

Every StreetLife supporter is making a difference. On behalf of the StreetLife

Team and every dog you have helped, thank you and may all our 2 & 4 legged friends have wagging happy tails during 2021.

Cuprimentos

The StreetLife Team

