



RIP AKKUSH



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Dear Friends and Supporters,

Every season presents new challenges at the shelter.

At beginning of April the toxic processional caterpillar season commenced. Although traps are set, there are always incidents where dogs are poisoned and require medication.



A damaged dog's mouth poisoned by caterpillars



A caterpillar procession in the shelter

April was a very dry month and the spectre of life-threatening forest fires is once again with us. We have to be prepared for the worst-case scenario and be exceedingly vigilant. Naturally, our fire extinguishers require regular maintenance.

In summers now we have to be constantly on our guard for fire in our forest



We are now battling with ticks, snakes, scorpions and other creatures harmful to dogs. Sulphur and lime are used as deterrents and grass is kept trimmed. Walls are sprayed with tar to deter snakes; they dislike the smell! The dogs are treated for ticks and worms. All these precautions are extremely expensive, bearing in mind the shelter has an area of 5000 sq.m. with a population of 280+ dogs.



The Ottoman Viper - Extremely venomous and deadly to dogs



So many places for these deadly scorpions to hide



Sulphur and lime

In addition to seasonal challenges, the economic crises are having a detrimental effect on our finances. Dog food costs are €2400 every 20-22 days, with the price increasing every month.



The food lorry is a regular visitor to the shelter



Maintaining the health of our dogs is a major expense but a priority.

Annually in May approximately 150 dogs are vaccinated at a cost of €21 per dog.



Vaccinations May 2022



Ongoing medical treatment never ends! At present 25 dogs are receiving care for a variety of ailments and to support health. This includes supplements, vitamins, painkillers and medicines. Some of our elderly dogs suffer from arthrosis or spondylitis and they are in especial need of painkillers and joint care supplements.

Unfortunately we also have 8 active Leishmania cases. Medication is especially expensive and is long term; at least 8 months.



With so many dogs to care for the need for medication to keep them in good shape is endless

Unfortunately rehoming are extremely slow, exacerbated by the inexhaustible number of new arrivals. Dogs are regularly dumped at the shelter, mostly in poor condition



So far this year we have rehomed 21 dogs; in previous years the number by the end of May would have averaged 45-50. Within the last month we have taken in 3 mothers, each with 5 puppies, joining the other 10 puppies we already have. Puppies we can cope with, the problem is accommodating them when they become adults!

Dogs rehomed to the EU require rabies antibody tests which cost approximately €120 per dog. This price increases every two months.



A summer treat for the dogs is cooling off in our dog pool. They love playing in the water and as this summer is predicted to be a scorcher, any cracks in the concrete must be promptly repaired to prevent leaks.



Scorching summers and freezing winters make everything deteriorate rapidly



We have recently taken another abandoned donkey into foster care, making a total of 5. Annual feeding cost is €5000, payable in May for straw and clover supplies.



Delivery of Hay - same quantity of clover followed...

As happens every year, we have orphan kittens in our care who require bottle feeding. This is not easy and we would like to give a big thank you to our dedicated foster “parents” in Göcek. We neutered 375 cats in 2021 and 214 so far this year. However, despite our best efforts, it is very difficult to control the cat population.



We are raising some very special orphans; 3 hedgehog hoglets. It is heartbreaking that they lost their mother, but they are being bottle-fed, and it is a pleasure to see them thrive and grow. When they are old enough, we will release them into their natural habitat.



Of course, there is much more to tell, but this is sufficient for now!

We would, however, like to give heartfelt thanks to all our loyal supporters - even a word of encouragement boosts morale.

It's not easy being responsible for so many lives, and there is always the fear that we will be unable to feed and care for our dogs. We are so grateful for your help, the shelter would not continue to exist without you.

Another cause for great concern is the spiralling cost of veterinary treatments. The official inflation rate for Turkey in April was an eye-watering 69.97%, resulting in sky-high veterinary bills. At this rate we will be unable to cover these costs, a nightmare scenario.

Nevertheless there is always a light at the end of the tunnel.



Our Association was established 24 years ago and we will never give up!

Please visit our website to get more information about our association and our dogs, and to see how you can help – www.gocekanimalrescue.com

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To finish on a positive note, herewith photos of some of the lucky ones who found their golden basket :



Mercimek



Yoda



Sander



Olga



Cheetos



Spot



Emmenthal and Happy



Karabortlen



Florence



Dopey

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Pina



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Suma



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