

Dear Friends and Supporters,

Today we are writing to you with a very heavy heart – our thoughts are with the victims of the recent earthquakes in the East of Turkey.

As animal lovers and rescuers, we are thinking of the animals who are also the victims of the catastrophe and we want to thank all the organisations who are in situ to help. Our association sent some help. We would like to do more but our financial means are very limited.

Indeed we currently have more than 310 dogs at the refuge and all our resources are barely enough to take care of our little friends. It is the first time that our shelter is so crowded and there are a few reasons for that.

- a. Regular seasonal occurrence – so many people still do not sterilise their pets but do not want the puppies. We are rescuing many puppies and abandoned pregnant dogs.*
- b. 31st of December last year was the deadline to chip and officially register the pets in Turkey (privately owned, belonging to associations or stray dogs under the supervision of the municipality). It was a very expensive process but all our dogs at the shelter are chipped and officially registered but many people did not bother and, for fear of the high fine, just abandoned their pets on the streets or at the door of the shelters (including ours).*
- c. Many shelters in the neighbourhood, for the same reasons, are over capacity and regularly dump dogs in Gocek or surrounding villages – as if they do not know that we are also over capacity. It is immoral ! Of course we rescue these poor unwanted souls.*
- d. Rehoming dogs abroad is more and more difficult and terribly expensive. Unfortunately we did not rehome any dog yet this year. We really hope to start rehoming dogs in the spring.*

Meet some of our recent rescues :



Floki



Toppolina



Tom and Jerry



Sakkal



Pera



Daphne

These 7 doggies and the other 300+ at the refuge are asking for your urgent help !

They need to be fed, to be vaccinated, to be sterilised. They need a place where to sleep. They need medical help if they are sick. They need special food if they are young or poorly. Every month we have to find 7,000 Euros just to feed them and to pay the vet bills. Our shelter needs maintenance and repairs but we cannot afford these – our priority is to look after the dogs.

Every week prices for food and medicines are going up and we are desperate. Time is difficult for many of us but every single euro makes a difference. Please help us to help them.

Please visit our website to see how you can help – www.gocekanimalrescue.com/donate

Next month, we will be in touch again with more news..

Yonca, Gulden, Canan, Uli, Christine, Grace, Sina, Aylin, Peter and Fergus and all our doggies
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