

SCAN E-NEWS

Spring 2023



Welcome to our Spring 2023 E-Newsletter!

2023 is proving to be a busy year already for the Shelter and we are seeing lots of animals coming through the doors of the El Verger centre, since the New Year.

Things move at a fast pace and we are shortly leaving to take another group of animals to our friends in Guernsey, where they will start new lives with loving families.

We are also busy organising many fun social events to raise extremely important funds, to support the work of the charity. See the dates for your diary section for further details. (Page 8)

We will also look back at some of the incredible events that took place in 2022 and some of the key moments for the shelter and volunteers.

We have been delighted to welcome many new volunteers in 2022 and sincerely thank our existing teams for their continued dedication to our animals.

There have been some exciting developments within SCAN; we have opened a new Charity Shop premises in El Verger and now have two units and we have organised a huge range of events with our new "Events Team".

Animal Training and welfare continues to improve through dedicated training sessions and we have seen further physical improvements to the Centre in El Verger.

We are looking forward to another successful year in 2023 and thank all volunteers and supporters for their generosity and love.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM 2022

Adoption News - Cats

The amazing cat team has had a brilliant year, through their hard work and dedication to our shelter animals.



It's been another busy year for SCAN Cats in 2022. In total, 135 cats and kittens arrived at the shelter and **127 feline adoptions took place during 2022**

We often get asked where so many cats and kittens come from; the simple answer being from lots of different sources.

- Many cats are sadly abandoned and an abandoned domestic adult cat will usually be found trying to get into a garden, or a house for food (family cats have no idea how to hunt well enough to survive). Many come our way;
- Some cats come via the Police;
- In 2022, 8 cats arrived because sadly their owners had died;
- We have kittens left in bins, or in boxes, sometimes outside the shelter (sometimes with mum) or dropped over fences into gardens;

- In 2022, 4 cats were dumped at the shelter and thrown into the events campo. Fortunately, all quickly scrambled up into the trees to avoid the dogs in there - the evening volunteers found 2 and got them down and the other 2 were found a couple of days later!



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Our busiest month was May 2022, when we took in 16 dogs.

New Scan Charity Shop Opening

Thursday the 8th of September was another milestone in the journey of SCAN, when we opened our new SCAN Charity Shop and Boutique, opposite our existing store in El Verger.

Our original store opened in 2017.

Adoption News - Dogs

82 dogs in total were admitted to SCAN during 2022, from a variety of different sources, including the local police and other welfare groups. These included puppies, pregnant bitches and dogs urgently requiring veterinary treatment.

Sadly, and despite the best efforts of our volunteers and our brilliant veterinary team, we lost 6 dogs with parvo and another through complications, after being hit by a car before arrival.

The impact of parvo meant at times we have had to introduce strict quarantine regulations, extra cleansing routines and restrict the movement of visitors. We would like to thank everyone concerned for their help during these times.

Of the 75 new dogs that were available for adoption, plus those that were with us at the beginning of the year, **we are delighted to announce that 78 adoptions took place during 2022.**



This was such a huge milestone for the charity, as we now have two premises in close proximity, which allows our brilliant Shop Team and Manager, Laura Smith, to maximise the offer to the public and to have a dedicated shop solely for furniture and larger items.

Juan Choves, the Alcalde of El Verger together with Laura, cut the ribbon and formally opened the new premises.



Laura would like to recognize the collaborative effort with Barry, SCAN's President and the support received from Maria Jose Puchol, in completing the complex Project proposal.



The shop continues to go from strength to strength and is now open 6 days a week.

2022 EVENTS

Scan has held many fundraising events in 2022 organised by our amazing events team. Quiz Nights, Annual Animal Blessing and BBQ, Quilt Raffle, A Night at the Races, Cream Teas and Chats Lunch, Walk your Way for SCAN, Easter BBQ, Paella and Music, Picnic and Party in the Park, Fashion Shows,

Curry Night, Sundown Sounds Music Night, The Entertainers at the Pool Bar. We even welcomed Elton John in concert in El Verger!! Here are some of the highlights in 2022

SCAN 10th Anniversary Party 2022

The Shelter hosted a great party in October to celebrate our 10th anniversary in El Verger. Over 130 guests attended for an afternoon of music and food.



It was an overwhelming success with an incredible atmosphere. The friendship and enthusiasm of all our supporters made it unforgettable for the whole SCAN Team. It was also an opportunity to raise funds for the charity and after all expenses were covered, the grand total raised was €2,675. Thanks to everyone who attended and helped to organise this great celebration.



SCAN Summer Fashion Show 2022

June 2022, saw another successful Summer Fashion Show, raising over €2000. It was a very hot day, but there was a lovely glass of cold cava available on arrival ; plus the opportunity to meet some of our stall-holder friends to buy gifts, jewellery, bags, shoes and clothes.

There were tons of outfits for sale, along with a whole range of shoes, bags and accessories, all co-ordinated by the team at the SCAN Charity Boutique.



Special thanks to our wonderful team of highly professional volunteer models, who treated us to some stunning designer outfits on the catwalk and top tunes.

A huge thank you to everyone involved in the organisation both before and on the day; who gave up their time to set up and run this successful event.



We also held another fashion show in December 2022.

Open Paw Training Scheme

2022 saw the start of the "Open Paw Training Scheme", which was offered to all dog volunteers.

The training consisted of 4 modules to complete the course, with every attendee receiving an info folder, homework and assessments.

Many volunteers have signed up; those who have completed the first 4 modules are able to join an adoption team, to work with the dogs in their new homes helping their new owners with basic training.



Volunteers are also able to work with individual dogs in the shelter on training and socialising.

It is hoped that the training will not only be rewarding to the individuals, but their hard work will improve some of our dog's behaviour and therefore improve their chances of adoption.

Congratulations to our Class of 2022 on your certification this summer. The Course was superbly organised by June Treverrow and Bronwen Bell both of whom did a fantastic job.



Update on Neo

In 2022 we announced a great move for one of our long-term residents.

NEO originally came to SCAN in July 2020, a six-year-old seriously abused and neglected boy, who required months of treatment, care and rehabilitation at our centre. Scared of nearly everything, Neo eventually felt safe at the centre and adapted to life there, enjoying walks and an established routine in his life.



After two years, Barry, SCAN President, identified a brilliant opportunity for Neo to travel to a specialist Boxer Rehabilitation Charity, in Germany, for the next chapter.

Neo left us in June 2022 and we keep in touch with him in his new life. You can see below how healthy he is looking and of course how handsome he is. We wish lovely Neo all the best in his new life.



Guernsey 2022

With covid restrictions now behind us, we were able to organise a number of trips to Guernsey in 2022, in conjunction with our friends at the Little Black Dog.



We travelled to Guernsey in March, April, July and October during 2022.

More than 70 cats and dogs started their new lives in Guernsey last year.

Its normally a two-person team who undertake the drive up to St Malo in France, to catch the Condor Ferry to Guernsey. It can be an unsettling time for the cats and dogs, but rest assured they are regularly checked, fed, watered and exercised during this journey, which is just over 1400 kilometres.



It is so rewarding to know that weeks and weeks of preparation by Barry, Pam and all the SCAN Team, mountains of paperwork and legal documents, planning, booking and logistical arrangements have all resulted in fantastic new homes.



Trips are always exciting times for the SCAN Team and the reward of seeing our cats and dogs join their new families is an outstanding experience. It can also be tinged with a little sadness as we have to say goodbye to the animals that we have grown to love during their time at SCAN.



A huge 'Thank You' to our Guernsey adopters and supporters for their generous donations of food for our cats and dogs.

We also received lots of lovely gifts for raffle prizes at our events and items to be sold in our shop in order to raise funds.

The ongoing support we continue to receive with cat and dog adoptions, sponsorships and general donations is amazing, and has a huge impact on our ability to keep on rescuing and rehoming so many cats and dogs in need

SOCIAL MEDIA AND ADVERTISING 2023

We have now joined Instagram and you can view our update, videos and stories on our Instagram Page.
[@scan.protectora](https://www.instagram.com/scan.protectora)



We are also now benefiting from an incredible advertising opportunity with our friends at Costa Blanca News.

Each weekly edition, now features one of our cats or dogs, in a bid to find them a new home.

Costa Blanca News

ADOPTION STORIES
From some of our wonderful supporters.

KIRA AND MIA

In January 2022, my friend, who works as a volunteer at SCAN, showed me a photo of two beautiful West Highland Terriers, looking for a new home. She said, “would you consider fostering them, as Barry really doesn’t want them to spend any time in the shelter?”

We had previously worked with SCAN, as my husband and I had fostered “Tristan” for 3 months, whilst he was waiting to go to Guernsey. As soon as I saw the photo of the girls on her phone, I knew I had to give them a home.



I showed the photo to my husband and he couldn’t say no! I rang Barry straightaway and we collected Kira and Mia the following morning. Barry asked if we would like to foster, but as soon as we met them, we knew we would not want to give them up, ever!

Kira and Mia came home with us that day and have been with us ever since. Shortly after that, we formally adopted them. They are the most gorgeous additions to our family.



Although they look similar, their personalities could not be more different. They are the most loving pair of dogs; they enjoy a quiet walk or a mad run on the beach and have fitted into our lives in a perfect way. They love sleeping and eating, have funny little habits and love to walk slowly and sniff everything.



Although they go out together every day, sometimes Kira does refuse to walk more than half way and will crawl “commando style” up the road, particularly if there is an audience. They also enjoy the odd trip to our local bar, where they always get a treat.

We have given them a new home and in exchange they have completely enriched our lives. We are so happy to have them as part of our family and we wouldn’t be without them.

We can only ever recommend adopting a dog or two from SCAN. Dog adoption will simply change your life for the better.

Bev, Kira and Mia’s Mum

BERNIE

Bernie came to us after being found by a police man. She was hiding in a wall and had to be rescued. She was so small at about 5 weeks. Dehydrated and very very dirty.



Bernie was too small to go into the SCAN shelter so Chris and I took her to foster. She is a live wire and it was quickly apparent that she had some health issues. The Vet confirmed she has limited sight in her left eye and a deformed spine and front legs.



At 9 months she is the size of a 6-month kitten, will not grow much more and will have further health issues growing up.

We decided very quickly that her chances of adoption within the shelter were going to be slim, therefore we took the decision to adopt her ourselves. She has joined our family and she is a little monkey. She has a big character and likes nothing better than to play with our two dogs and our two other cats.



She has quirky little ways; she plays fetch, dropping her toy mouse at your feet and if you don't throw it again, she bites your ankle. The curtains have taken a bashing and the house is like a mad house with 5 furbubs running around.

She will be safe, loved and looked after for her whole life, however long or short that will be.

Adele, Bernie's Mum

SOME DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wednesday 1st March
Fun Charity Quiz with a Curry
New India Gate, Orba

Sunday 19th March
Animal Blessing
El Verger Shelter

Wednesday 1st April
Cream Tea
Location TBC

Sunday 9th April
Easter BBQ and Fun
El Verger Shelter

Wednesday 19th April
Charity Quiz Night
Location TBC

Sunday 14th May
Paella and Music Event
El Verger Shelter

Sunday 28th May
Summer Fashion Show
Casa Cultura, El Verger

Thursday 15th June
Summer Garden Party
Los Arcos, Ondara

Wednesday 5th July
Curry and Music Night
Location TBC

Saturday 29th July
Sundown Sounds
El Verger Shelter

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Thanks to **Yvonne Bouma** for use of her photographs and to all the SCAN Volunteers.

SCAN is a registered charity in the northern Costa Blanca rescuing, rehabilitating and rehoming abandoned cats and dogs. Many animals arriving at our Shelter are abused, sick, starving, and some have been only hours away from death. Animals leaving our shelter go to caring, loving forever homes, never again to be maltreated.

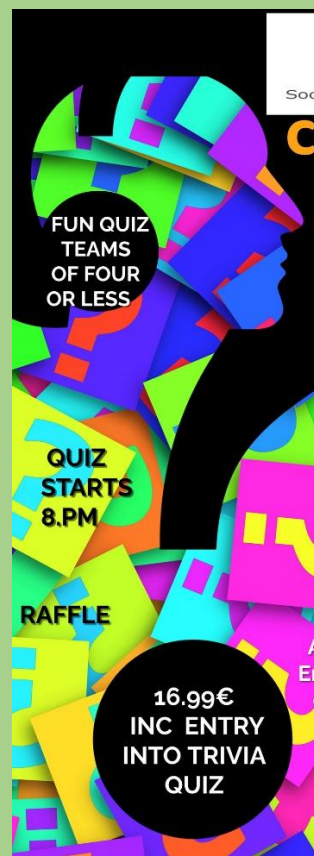
SCAN has a NO KILL policy for healthy animals. From the moment an animal enters our Shelter, it is given everything it needs to recover and to thrive. We keep the promise we make to every cat and dog that enters our shelter: **"You're a SCAN animal now, you're safe."**

We work closely with the local authorities, the police and the local vets. Everyone involved is focussed on the welfare and Care of Animals in Need. Our mission is protect those who cannot speak for themselves.

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Details on donating can be found on our website:
<https://www.scancostablanca.com/donations>



SCAN
Society for the Care of Animals in Need

CURRY & TRIVA NIGHT

Wednesday 1st March
From 6.30pm
New India Gate, Orba

New India Gate

- * Pappadums
- * Special Mix Starter
Choose Any One
 - Chicken Tikka Masala (Mild)
 - Chicken Tikka Balti (Med)
 - Pahadi Mutton Curry (Medium)
 - Mix Veg Balti / Vegan Balti
- * Basmati , Pilau Rice ,
Garlic & Coriander or Peshwari Naan


Advance table bookings required
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or call/WhatsApp Adele & Chris
711 08 10 95

16.99€ INC ENTRY INTO TRIVIA QUIZ

FUN QUIZ TEAMS OF FOUR OR LESS

QUIZ STARTS 8.PM

RAFFLE



WOULD YOU LIKE TO VOLUNTEER?



SCAN is looking for volunteers to help us look after our cats and dogs, or to work our Charity Boutique.

Whatever you can help us with, whatever amount of time you can give, in the shelter or shop, your work will help our animals on their journeys to new, brighter lives.

To find out more about joining our friendly, dedicated team of volunteers, please contact us on 626 550 864 and come along to see our centre, have a coffee and a chat.