



**ASSOCIAÇÃO NERINA DE APOIO AOS ANIMAIS &
ASSOCIAZIONE NERINA SVIZZERA - BOA VISTA**

Dear supporters,

We are already at the end of this 2024 and, as per tradition, we turn to you to thank you for your support and to keep you informed about our activities. Thanks to you, we have been able to do many good and beautiful things here in Boa Vista this year. Looking back, during the last 6-8 months we have been able to realise many dreams we had in our drawer.

Just think that in our now almost 7 years of activity, we have managed to get as many as 129 animals including cats and dogs adopted overseas. This year, during a week in June, Nathalie and Spartaco, the founders of our association, went on a pilgrimage of sorts to visit the dogs that were adopted in Great Britain. We will try, not without difficulty, to share the wonderful emotions they experienced in seeing our furry ones again.

Dreams realised

Perhaps, for those reading us today, everything may appear very simple. Now perhaps it is more so. Just nine years ago, it was unthinkable.

Having a business like ours on an island imposes a certain form of rigour and, the same time, flexibility. Rigour linked to the control of material, medicines and avoiding waste. Flexibility to find alternative solutions to those that are unfeasible at the moment.

Logistics is and always will be the number one problem. To our great good fortune, over the years we have managed to build up a very good network of people who help us. There are those who bring what we order, those who bring back animal transport crates, those who specially take holidays to come and bring material or medicine, those who pay for what is needed and those who donate material and bring it to us. All these people make it possible for us to realise Nerina's dreams. Basically, these realised dreams allow us to improve our work. To give a few examples, bringing us an ultrasound machine to clean surgical instruments, a new autoclave and the necessary orthopaedic material. Or by sponsoring equipment or material, such as orthopaedic equipment, which is also a very good product... Pakistani.

Every now and then, we think about what it was like in 2015, when Nathalie and Spartacus visited the island for the first time. Puppies of cats or dogs everywhere and packs of dogs all over the island. Today, this image of the island has totally changed. One example among many is the fact that we now only amputate limbs in extreme cases and with no other option. We now treat fractures with the best material and the best technique in the world, achieving results that were unthinkable almost ten years ago. Back then there was very little and they operated on raised desks or kitchen tables.

Special gratitude goes to those who support us in this way. You are great and absolutely necessary. You are the ones who make things change. THANK YOU!

Below we will try to give you a picture of our accounts.

Income: donors, benefits and contributions

The accounting year is not yet over, but we can already make a provisional assessment.

Donors are the lifeblood of our activity. They fall into three main categories: private citizens, foundations and companies. While private individuals outnumber all other categories, foundations and companies together account for 65% of funding.

Furthermore, the donors, i.e. you who read us, are the ones who make the miracles we sometimes manage to perform possible. For this we are extremely grateful.

The 'benefits' that animal owners pay for at the clinic consist mainly of anti-parasitic treatments. In second place are antibiotics.

In general, the ultimate aim of these contributions is to make treatment possible in the first place for all dogs and cats, whether in the shelter or admitted as patients, and to maintain the stock in our pharmacy. Indeed, in recent years, we have never run out of antiparasitics or antibiotics and anti-inflammatories. We would like to emphasise that all veterinary services are never required. Whoever wants to, can contribute spontaneously. This only happens in very rare cases. In the 2024 budget we find that it is 20. - €.

The third income item is the payment by the adopters of the preparation costs for their dog. On average, 150€ per animal is spent on preparation alone and 35-50€/month on boarding. The latter is only received if the animal is brought to us, the aim of being adopted, from outside the shelter.

The rounded total of annual revenue is 80'385. - €

Outgoings: wages, medicines, medical supplies, food, electricity and water

The wage bill is approximately 21'692. -€ annually. With this sum, the Association pays all employees, including social security and taxes, with the exception of Stephanie, the veterinarian, Nathalie and Spartaco. All three work as volunteers, without any remuneration. Medicines, at around 25'000. - €, clearly represent the biggest burden. On the other hand, the association runs a veterinary clinic. The item in the medicinal products category of the budgets that we like to mention is that of Bravecto, the dog (and also cat spot-on) pesticide used by us: 7'200. - € per year. With this figure we cover around 850-900 treatments.

Food is another interesting point. With an average of 60 dogs and 90 cats boarded at the facilities, we consume 600 kg of dog kibble and 200 kg of cat kibble per month, which leads us to spend about 11'300€ per year to feed them.

For water we spend to the tune of 2'100. - € per year. This exorbitant outlay is not reached because of water wastage or leakage, but because of the cost of water itself, which is very expensive here on the island. Electricity is another relatively heavy item. Here again, it is not a question of waste, but of high billing costs: 1'550. - €

The total expenditure is currently 73'390. - €

The budget

As you can clearly see, we have a profit of almost 7'000. - €. We can hardly say that we are financially comfortable. Our rigorous bookkeeping has allowed us to set aside a little more to hold us over until January 2025, while we wait for the big donors to decide whether and how much to help us as they have done in previous years.

As you can see, there is not much room for manoeuvre. We hold on and hope that a good part of our projects will be approved.

The trip to the UK

The idea for this trip came about because we had four furry cats adopted in different regions of GB. We usually just go as far as Paris and the owners of the dogs or cats come to meet us as far as Orly. We did this several times. Sometimes we would leave on Friday and return on Saturday. This time, however, we said to ourselves why not combine this trip with a visit to all, or almost all, of our dogs and cats spread across the Anglo-Saxon territory? We were also curious to know how importation works in the UK and how our furry friends scattered around the country are doing. Hence the decision to take our holidays in the UK.



So we found ourselves on 6 June leaving for Paris with two dogs and two cats. The photo shows us in Boa Vista with Sylvie, our talented supporter, leaving with Miró for Germany. Once in Paris, we picked up a rental car and left that night immediately for Calais. We went through customs clearance formalities and entered the Euro tunnel. We hoped to sleep for a few hours in Dover, but the sunrise surprised us. Starting at 06:30, we began to hand over to the couriers or owners the two dogs, Bea and Bailey, and the two cats, Mariano and Vista, who had made the journey with us. We then immediately returned to Calais, where

we returned the car and took the Ferry back to Dover.

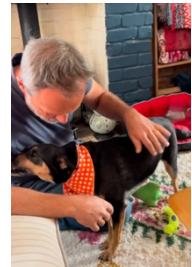
From Dover we drove back to London where we were expected by our friends, Debbie's owners. Debbie gave us a reception party that was absolutely out of the ordinary. It has been two years since we last saw her. Incidentally, this scene was posted on Tik Tok, going viral within hours.



From London begins our 'pilgrimage' from south to north Britain. Indescribable were the emotions we felt on seeing Rosita, Elly, Caramella, Bea, Dustin, Karma, Club, Jack and Marlin. Below we try to give you a glimpse in pictures that unfortunately do not do justice to the joyful environment we found everywhere.

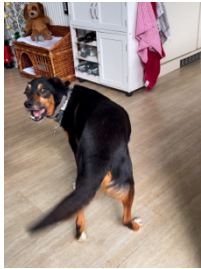


Another very strong emotion we experienced in Wales, where we met again our Minnie, now Millie. Our Minnie, apart from being the only dog that gave birth in our house, is the first dog that was adopted in Britain. After a good six years, she recognized us and gave us an indescribable party, so much so that her owner was amazed.



Then it was the turn of Baffy and Baffo, two puppies who came to us for a simple deparasiting but were then kept protected due to poisoning. Well, during their stay at our facility, their new owner fell in love with them at first sight. Honestly, they were the most hesitant and preferred only Nathalie's hugs. They are very well, in a lovely place and have grown up very well.

Afterwards we left for Coventry, visiting Grinza. Here, too, we had a very sweet reception and company. Bravo Grinza, you are truly legendary and you have become beautiful. To think what a state we found you in, it's incredible to see you looking so bubbly today.



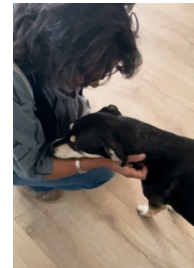
Then in the same region, we were able to meet Bello, another historic beach dog, particularly well-known at the RIU Palace and Al RIU Karamboa. Shirley his owner, is living proof that if you want to, you can do anything. She got him and she brought him to us at the shelter, at the beautiful age of 77-78. Great Shirley. Even there, we were entitled to a feast of happiness from Bello.



Then it was the turn of Tabata who, with her sweetness and elegance, truly welcomed us in an affable and very pleasant manner.



Finally, we visited Max, a dog found, who knows how, near the RIU Touareg hotel. Truly out of his human surroundings. Although he gave his foster family some trouble, he welcomed us nicely and, with his behaviour, managed to amaze those who now have him.



We left England from Manchester on a direct flight to Boa Vista on 15 September with a heart full of joy even though we were not able to visit all our friends, our experience was particularly exciting and very positive. What a great holiday!

We will have to repeat it for everyone in Europe. In Germany, for example, where we currently have the majority of adopted dogs. *Affaire à suivre.*

What the future holds

As is now our custom, we would like to express our wishes and plans for the coming year. We hope that 2025 will finally bring us this much-coveted cattery close to our clinic. This location would allow us to be much more effective in the management of our small felines. The project is now on paper and we lack, as usual, the capital (50,000€) to realise it without weakening our budgets.

Another expense we would love to share with our sponsoring friends would be that of medication. By now this item in the accounts is well in excess of 25'000€ annually.

When we think that in northern Europe these diseases have not existed for almost forty years now, one constant that haunts us is that of tri- or quadrivalent vaccines for dogs. We would love to achieve herd immunity in, for example, parvovirus, a fight that we unfortunately lose all too often. This has to stop, and frankly, the 20,000€ we are looking for would be well spent, for everyone: the puppies, who perish to the point of death, us, who throw all our energy into saving them and go into depression every time we fail to save the puppy.

As you have seen in the presentation of the budgets above, we lack these funds... but dogs and cats are mortally lacking.

Conclusion

Well, what can we say? Every year we end in joy and sorrow. We certainly end the year with immense gratitude for all those who have helped us, be it in logistics, material donations or financial donations.

Spartaco always repeats that our association must not survive. On the contrary, it must cease to exist. That would mean that we are no longer needed. What a relief it would be, to be able to transform this island for good.

We conclude with the tenacity that characterises us. We will continue to fight passionately for the welfare of the animals here in Boa Vista and work tirelessly to create a better future for them.



With this picture of Club and Karma (Nina) festively decked out and in the company of a fellow adventurer, we wholeheartedly wish you happy end-of-year holidays.

With gratitude and determination.

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