



Mani International Animal Organisation



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CARA



KEFALAS

A very hot & busy July

Well, the Greek summer has well and truly arrived. The Mani has been blisteringly hot in what feels like an eternal heatwave bringing temperatures well above average and the drought continues. With the arrival of tourists, we always experience a surge in calls, especially about abandoned kittens and poorly cats. Callouts mostly involve severely dehydrated animals or lost dogs that have gone astray from holiday properties or walks. Luckily our online shoutouts often reunite owners and dogs quickly.

Summer is probably the most challenging season for our shelter dogs and the volunteers who look after them. Being out in these temperatures is exhausting and heatstroke is a real risk for both. Keeping the dogs cool and comfortable is our main priority.

On the positive though, it's been another fantastic month for adoptions too, but more about that further on!

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Adoptions

IT'S BEEN ANOTHER GREAT MONTH!

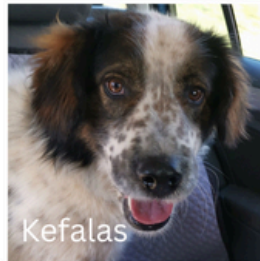
Kefalas, Zena, Aria, Coda, Delphi, Dobby (now Milo), Olive, Hazel and Tippy have all been adopted! That's 9 incredible adoptions in one month! It means that for the first time in ages, we have less than 30 dogs in our care.

Kefalas, Coda and Delphi are all going to the UK. Dobby (now Milo) and Olive will be going to Austria. Zena and Hazel will go to Germany. Aria will go and live in the Netherlands and Tippy will stay with a wonderful family in the Mani.

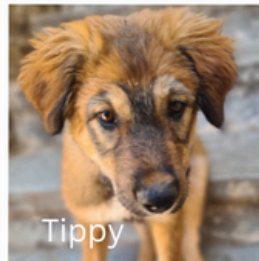
However, we have just been notified of a new litter of 7 pups from a shepherd which come into our care once old enough. So get ready for lots of cuteness overload over the coming months as we take in the next bunch of pups.

The worst sin toward our fellow creatures is not to hate them, but to be indifferent to them: that's the essence of inhumanity.

GEORGE BERNHARD SHAW



Kefalas



Tippy



Olive



Dobby



Hazel



Zena



Aria



Coda



Delphi



Mou Mou



Milky



Fortuna



Tommy



Felix

Cat News

MOU MOU

At the beginning of the month, one of our volunteers found a kitten on the road that was close to death. She took it home to try and revive it or at least not let it die alone on the streets. Wonder above wonder it made it through the night and Mou Mou was then handed over to a volunteer who has plenty of experience with very young and fragile kittens. Despite her best efforts and the fact that Mou Mou put up a brave fight, he slipped away after 3 days as his organs slowly gave up. But he at least he didn't die alone and was loved to the very last minute. Sleep tight, little one.

MILKY

Milky was handed into a fellow rescue organisation, but as they are not geared up to hosting kittens, they reached out to us, asking whether we knew about a foster. Luckily we have a wonderful lady in our volunteer team who cannot say no to helpless kittens, and as she already has Mati and he was feeling quite lonely, Milky was swiftly picked up from said rescue and is now safe and sound with our volunteer and Mati. But when you have 2, another little one doesn't really make any difference, right? So... read on about the next kitten rescue!

FORTUNA

Little Fortuna was found very disorientated and dehydrated in Kardamyli. When she was finally caught and examined by our vet, it turned out that she was blind, probably due to an accident. After a shoutout on our social media pages, our wonderful cat-loving volunteer came to the rescue once again and took Wombles into her care. We hope that little Wombles will regain her sight, at least partially once her head trauma heals. Fortuna has been adopted and will soon live in Austria.

TOMMY

Tommy is one of the many cats in the Nomitsi colony. Sadly he was hit by a car and damaged his leg so badly that it was decided to amputate it. Luckily, one of the local residents who feeds the cats regularly was willing to take him into her house so he could recuperate after the operation. The best news is - he never left and now has a forever home.

FELIX

Many of you will probably remember the black and white tom cat at Pantazi Beach Bar. Sadly he too was hit by a car. After many a day of trying to capture him, he was finally taken to the vet. His injuries were so extensive that it was decided the kindest thing we could do was to put him to sleep. RIP big boy.

Sam's Travel Adventures



Storytime... from one of our volunteers and her recently adopted dog

For two weeks in July, I had to travel by car from Mani, where I live and work as a volunteer for MIAO, to Germany. I decided to take my dog Sam with me, to get him used to travelling.

I adopted him three months ago from MIAO. During this trip, I realised what a challenge it must be for a dog, no matter how old it is, to get confronted with so many new situations, without understanding why this is happening. Of course, it makes me think of all the rescue dogs that we send to live new lives under completely different circumstances.

I hope that all our adopters meet their new furry family members with lots of love and patience so that they can get used to their new lives. But please read what Sam has got to say about the trip:

Hi, I am Sam! I am six months old and I used to live with my two doggie Aunties Nelda and Alba in a house and garden in Mani. I don't know why, but one morning last week my human Mum told me to hop in the car, and since that moment my life changed completely. My Mum drove the car for hours. First I was very sad that my Aunties were not with me, and I cried for a while. But then I relaxed and decided to sleep until the car stopped. When it stopped the trip got even more bizarre for me. We were on a big thing the humans call a ferry, which took us a looong way over water! I had never seen so many people together, and I did not know where to go for my "business".

But most of the people were quite friendly, and there were other dogs, and in the end, I just peed where it smelled of dog pee already.

During the night I was allowed to sleep on the same mattress as my Mum, between her legs. That was nice.

The next day we left the ferry and continued with the car. Again, I had no idea where to and why, but I was with my Mum, and she gave me lots of cuddles and praise all the time, so I did not worry anymore. We spent a night somewhere in Italy, where my evening walk took us through a vineyard. No olive trees around, though! Strange...

What else can I tell you? One day later we stopped at a big house in Germany where my Mum's Mum lives. We are on the third floor, and we get up there in a lift. That does not scare me, I knew the lift already from the ferry, where I preferred it to the steep open steps.

Sam's story continued....

The first day at Grandma's I got confused, and I was tired from all the travelling. So I forgot to tell my Mum that it was time for me to go outside, and I peed on the thick bathroom carpet. Hmm, I understood from Mum's reaction that this had been a mistake, and I have not done it again.

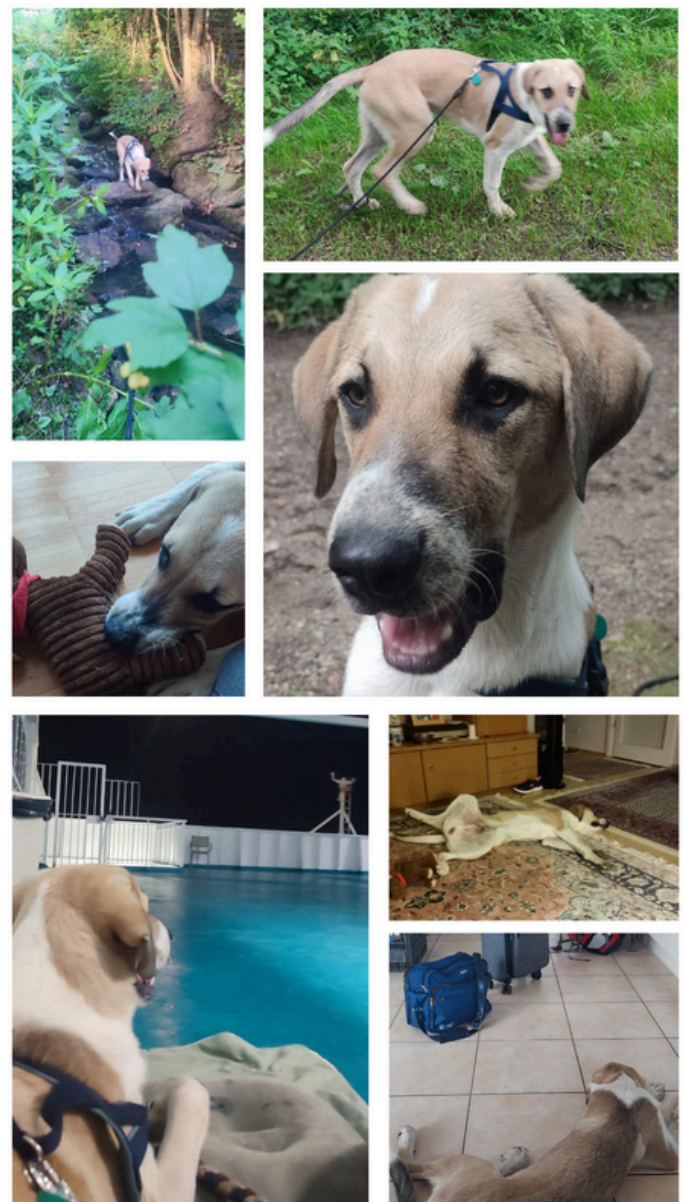
Mum takes me on long walks where I meet lots of other dogs. I cannot count how many I have met already. Most of them are friendly, but they are all on leads, and so am I, so we cannot play the way I want.

I mean, running together in crazy circles, like I used to do in Mani. That is sad, but Mum says she cannot let me run because there are too many cars everywhere, and I am not used to them. Well, maybe she is right.

I am still trying to understand these big changes in my life. It is not bad here, and I am much more relaxed now than I was a couple of days ago.

What I like is that Mum is never far away from me and keeps telling me that everything is fine. That helps, of course. Oh, and I must tell you that I love one thing here: they have brooks here. This is fresh water running alongside some walkways, with big pebbles on the ground. I am allowed to get in there, and to drink this fresh water, and to splash around like a child. That is big fun! What I do not like so much are the huge German cats which are not at all scared of me. In the contrary, they chase me!

Well, I do not know what will happen next, but I try to be brave and get through every new situation with dignity and the best doggie behaviour. But when I close my eyes I dream of running free in the olive groves with Auntie Nelda and Auntie Alba...



Sam's Travel Blog

Flight Box funding success

We cannot thank you all enough for your recent donations after we put a shout-out up for help with buying new transport boxes.

With the many adoptions we have had in recent months, were all but out of IATA-approved flight boxes. These are expensive – between €80 and €180 per box depending on size.

Thanks to your generous donations online and in person we are now able to stock up on transport boxes for the next bunch of lucky pups flying to their forever homes in August. We couldn't have done it without you. Thank you!

HAZEL

“Animals share with us the privilege of having a soul.”

PHYTAGORAS



A huge thank you to all our supporters

We just wanted to thank you all again for all the support you have shown to MIAO over the years – without your donations, we simply couldn't do the important work we do here in the Mani.

We are so grateful for every donation – great and small – as every single penny counts. Thank you, Thank you, Thank you!

Over the coming months, we are hoping to put several different online membership schemes in place, where you can “subscribe” to or “pledge” a monthly membership from 5 to 50 for a certain period, say 3 months, 6 months or a year, similar to our Godparent scheme. This will be an automated subscription that you can subscribe to and cancel at any time. We are also looking into other quick and easy donation schemes such as buy me a coffee, Patreon, Coindrop etc.

In the meantime though, you can support us via Paypal or donations through bank transfer as per usual. You can find all our details in the box on the right!

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