



SCOOPY'S NEWSLETTER "FROM THE SHELTER"

FERMIN'S EDITORIAL

Let's talk ANIMALS... If one thing we know how to do well, it's that!

It's been a strange year. Abandonment rates have not been too high and the number of adoptions in Spain has been quite significant, which meant our shelters in Medina, Zamora, Palencia and Valladolid were fairly empty at the beginning of summer. But as the season went on, they started to fill up again. Once the pandemic was "over" it seems animals became dispensable once more. So we are back at full capacity (not bursting at the seams, but full) and we would like to encourage everyone to consider adopting, mostly our big dogs, which also deserve a good home.

What is crazy is the number of feline colonies and abandoned cats everywhere around us and the whole time. No matter where you go, this is a real issue, and the number of stray and abandoned cats is much higher than that of dogs, but the authorities turn a blind eye to it.

At Scooby we have a bit of everything, cats, dogs, horses, donkeys... And precisely because of that we need as much help as we can get. We are always involved in new projects, coming up with new ideas (all crazier than the one before) all with our animals' wellbeing at heart. In this newsletter, you will read about some of them; **the Foundation, the solar panels, the hospital or the new analysis equipment**. They will all benefit our animals' health and wellbeing. Next year, we intend to do routine tests on all of our animals, something we recommend all of our adopters to do too.

This year has been especially hard for us. People who had been with us for a long time, left and we were also mercilessly attacked by people we would have never thought would do such a thing. All this posed a lot of difficulties for us, mainly from a personal point of view, but we are now trying to recover from it all so that we can give our all to our animals, like we have always done.

Big hugs to all of you and just a reminder that we are still here (and hope to be for a long time) because of your support. Without you, none of this would be possible. You are simply the best!

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BIG CHANGES TO THE STRUCTURE OF SCOOBY WE HAVE GREAT NEWS! SCOOBY has become a FOUNDATION

The idea of Scooby becoming a Foundation has been taking shape over the last few years, and we finally did it! This change will mean that, whether you are a company or an individual, **your donations will be tax deductible** and will grant us more benefits and legal support for our activities and projects.

From now on, all your kind donations will go to *Fundación Protectora y Santuario de animales Scooby*. Those of you who support us monthly or periodically, will receive an email with a certificate for your donation, and payments will now be done through the Foundation's account at Banco Santander.

Our database needs to be up to date in order to do this, so please send us an email confirming your email address to the following: socios@scoobymedina.org

This change will really benefit members and other donors and we hope it will encourage everyone to carry on supporting Scooby's work!

Without your help, none of this would be possible.

Even if you are not a Spanish resident, you may still be able to benefit from this tax deduction. If you have trouble finding out, please let us know where you live and we will try to find out if donations are eligible for tax deduction in your country of residence. Many thanks for your help.

This is a summary of fiscal deductions (in Spain) for donations to a Foundation. Sorry, it's in Spanish!

Deducciones fiscales por donativos

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SUMMER: THE WORK EXPERIENCE PERIOD FOR ANTWERP UNIVERSITY STUDENTS (BELGIUM)

Alissa, Anna, Rachel, Laura, Yannah, Laureen and Saskia are the Univeristy (Belgium) that came to experience. Aside from one, none of inoculate or draw blood from a real plastic models at University. Most of even in their own country, but the idea three different ones) attracted them. Neither of the students expected Scooby to be the size it is.



Estelle, Yentle, Mirthe, Anuk, Caley, Miho, 13 second-year students from Antwerp Scooby this summer to carry out some work them had experienced what it was to cure, animal before, as they'd only done it on them had never been in a shelter before, not of visiting one abroad (they had a choice of

Below are some extracts from what they told us:

"We (Alissa, Anna, Rachel and Laura) started our journey at Scooby the first week of July. We were the first group and did not know what exactly to expect. The first morning we met Irene, the local veterinarian. She showed us everything around and guided us the whole week. We learned a lot from Irene and she let us do a lot of things, what we are very grateful for.

Because of the heat and the sand, a lot of dogs were suffering from ticks, so we started vaccinating dogs with Ivermectin, an anti parasitic medicine that also works against ticks. We also learned how to take blood samples. Although we already knew 'by book' and on scaled models timw, which we of course enjoyed a lot!

We also had the opportunity to go to the veterinary clinic in Valladolid. There we could watch how some dogs were getting neutered. The last day, we may even assist a little with some operations veterinarian Alfredo did, including an enucleation.



One day we found a kitten and we've managed to catch him, so he could get his shots and get adopted to get the life he deserves. We also found a 'vencejo común' on the street. It was a small baby bird that fell off the roof because of the heat. Claire called a bird shelter for us, so we could





bring him there. Ofcourse, we all fell in love with the beautiful character of Greyhounds. It made some of us even want to adopt one from Scooby in the future. The little kittens stole our heart and every one of us had a favorite. We fed them every day and tried to give them as many love and cuddles as we could.

Overall it was such a great experience for all of us and we're all looking forward to go back to Scooby one day!"

Although they all came at different times, all assured us they had learnt loads during that week they spent with us. One of them even said : "We even have learnt more in a week than in two years of study"

Some of the girls (not all) found it a bit tricky to overcome that "wariness" they felt with some of our dogs – especially the loud ones – as they were not sure how they would react or behave towards them.

We only hope that they will return as volunteers some day, once they have more spare time in their hands... At the moment, their studies (a 6 year-long degree) take up most of it .

NEW INTERNATIONAL COURSES FOR VETS AT SCOOPY

Following the collaboration of the BSAVA (British Small Animal Veterinarian Association) and later, that of Luis Sainz Pardo, who organised several courses for British vets at Scooby (see newsletter 26), it is now Andrea, a Portuguese vet residing in the UK, who has taken over that role.

This win-win project is designed to train and teach vet students how to sterilize animals (mainly spaying, but also castrating) and to perform other types of surgery that may be required.

The students benefit greatly as they gain hands-on experience that they would otherwise not have during their studies or even in their own clinics (for those who already work at clinics, sterilization requests are scarce and normally from private owners, but at Scooby, there are many dogs that need to be neutered so they can be given up for adoption). Both, students and teachers alike, benefit from these courses as they provide them with the chance to treat our dogs and also make use of our premises to perform surgeries (surgical equipment, machines, etc.).

ANDREA – THE COURSE COORDINATOR

After meeting Luis, Andrea, a qualified Portuguese vet residing in Scotland, decided to pick up where he left off, and started organising the sterilization courses herself.

Luis and Andrea coincided at Scooby in 2019 and she was able to learn more about the project and to do some "transition" training then. Sadly, no courses took place in 2020 due to COVID and travel restrictions, but she was finally able to organise 2 courses this year, one in September and another in December.



The courses cater to mainly two types of vets: those who are already in work (but with little to no experience in surgical procedures), and vets about to finish their studies. There are also some vets who have some experience but want to improve their skills. All are overseen by two teachers.

Andrea's job mainly consists in coordinating the courses, recruiting teachers and students, gathering vet equipment (which is one of the hardest and more important tasks) and logistics. She insists in finding good teachers who love to share their knowledge and perform surgeries.

In her experience, the students are always very satisfied with the courses, and she thinks it is important for them to create bonds and share experiences.

As for the shelter, Scooby is one of the biggest she has ever visited and is surprised by the size of some of the patios, which allows the resident dogs to play, run, etc. If I do say so myself, she insists on how welcoming and hospitable the staff at Scooby are. In fact, the course in December has not even taken place yet and she is already planning next year's.

JUAN. TEACHER

Juan is one of the two vet surgeons teaching one of Andrea's courses. He graduated from the University of León seven years ago and met Luis five years back, when he came to Scooby as a teacher for the first time. On that occasion, he had 10 students with which he performed between 100 and 120 sterilizations in one week. He came back to Scooby whilst Andrea was also here, doing her "transition" course. He believes it is very important for graduates (and vet students about to graduate) to be able to get practical experience, although from what he has seen, UK vet students have more chances to do work experience during their studies than Spanish ones.

His students were from different places and backgrounds. Two were Portuguese students that wanted to become surgeons, another two were already qualified vets who had been working at a laboratory for ten years but now wanted to go back to working at vet practices, others already worked at vet practices but wanted to hone their surgery skills... He likes that diversity in the group and mentions how quickly they progress: *"We are there for a week. Monday and Tuesday we are always really on top of them, supervising what they do, but come Wednesday, we can always relax a bit as they learn very quickly. They just need to let go of their fear and trust their ability"*.

Juan is very kind and always willing to come whenever his schedule allows it. He moves around Scooby as if it were his home and helps staff in whatever ways he can, moving dogs who have just been operated on, bringing blankets, etc. *"During my first course here, I kept having to ask the staff for things, but seeing how big their workload was, I learnt where everything was so I could carry out my duties without having to bother anyone"*. Trevor, the other teacher, always stayed with the students meanwhile.

He admits Scooby has *"more virtues than defects"*, that he loves coming to do the courses and that it is important to have a Spanish speaker in the group so he can be the link between students/teachers and staff.

EVO. STUDENT

Evo is a Portuguese student residing in the UK. He graduated in Portugal and is one of the students that attended one of our courses to perfect his surgery skills. In his own words *"the experience was amazing!"* and totally worthwhile. He saw how his skills improved immensely from day one to day five. He also emphasizes just *"how good the teachers are"*. He'd already performed a few surgeries at his workplace but never unsupervised, so he needed to dare "go solo" and now,

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as he proudly says himself, *"I can operate on my own!"*

He attended the course that took place this past September and was shocked by the size of the shelter. He also found our animals to be *"in good condition"* and when asked if he would return as a vet volunteer his answer was a clear: *"Why not?"*



Global view of the course in September



Trevor, the other teacher (right) and Evo the student (left)

During the December 6th week, Juan, Andrea and other 8 students came back to Scooby to give another course. Between the September and the December courses they realized more than 160 surgeries (basically they spayed female dogs), as well as other small chirurgical operations. The "win-win" projects are clearly a good solution to help Scooby!

SCOOPY HAS SOLAR PANELS!

Due to our high electricity bills and our limited resources, not to mention environmental factors, we decided to install photovoltaic solar panels on the roof of one of our buildings in order to be more self-sufficient energywise.

Apart from the financial aspect and the saving it entails, we also wanted to limit our carbon emissions and reduce our carbon footprint and comply with the objectives for a sustainable development.



Help Scooby to pay the investment for renewable energy!

This Project has a cost of 25 000€, you can make your donation to:

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On a more technical level, 53 panels have been installed and we are on a self-consumption with surplus mode of supply with the possibility of compensation.

Mes	Radiación horizontal (kWh/m ² ·d)	Factor de inclinación a 25°	Días al mes	Energía producida (kWh)
Enero	1,44	1,22	31	1.031,93
Febrero	2,25	1,18	28	1.408,61
Marzo	3,41	1,13	31	2.263,40
Abril	4,43	1,08	30	2.719,67
Mayo	5,25	1,05	31	3.238,00
Junio	5,94	1,03	30	3.477,86
Julio	6,08	1,05	31	3.749,91
Agosto	5,59	1,09	31	3.579,04
Septiembre	4,33	1,15	30	2.830,57
Octubre	2,77	1,23	31	2.001,31
Noviembre	1,66	1,27	30	1.198,39
Diciembre	1,35	1,26	31	999,15
Total producción anual (kWh)				28.497,85

Prevision of the yearly and monthly production of the solar panels of Scooby



Aerial view of the location of the 53 solar panels

53 módulos LONGI LR4-72HPH de 455 Wp
24,115 kWp

Photos of the Chronology of the installation of the solar panels





Unloading of all the pieces to be fixed on the roof of one of our buildings



Installation of the rails which hold the solar panels





WHAT WOULD WE DO WITHOUT THEM?

Let us introduce you to Patricia, the person who helps us spread the word about our work on social media. She hates photos and will not allow us to share any of her, but doesn't mind us sharing one of her dogs! Sadly, one of them is no longer with her.

"My name is Patricia, I am 46 and live in Salamanca. I started collaborating with my local shelter in 2012. In 2015 they became in charge of the collection of Salamanca's stray animals and it was then that I met Fermín. Our shelter suddenly saw a huge increase in new arrivals and could not cope, so Scooby stepped in and took on some of our animals, one of which was a mare.

By 2017 I no longer collaborated with any shelters, but I wanted to help Scooby out somehow. Since I lived far and had little time, I thought something I could do was to publish photos of the dogs up for adoption on social media, namely, on Facebook. What I love most about my "job" is that, although I play a small part, the reward is huge because of the fact that, out of the hundreds of dogs that end up at Scooby shelters (whether in Palencia, Zamora or Medina del Campo), I know some have found forever homes thanks to a post I shared on Facebook .

What I find the hardest is to see animals never decreases and also the (fractures caused by traffic accidents, The paralysing fear some of them suffer is that stay with you and break your heart.

For all those who support Scooby's YOU! And I would kindly ask you to please importance. Scooby needs your help to keep



that the number of abandoned condition some of them arrive in wounds, malnutrition, illnesses, etc.). heartbreaking too. They are images

work I only have two words: THANK carry on caring, as it is of paramount saving and changing lives. "

Thanks to Patricia for her work!

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---ZAMORA---

Over the summer, our shelter in Zamora experienced the arrival of a huge number of puppies and kittens (especially the latter).



The good weather allowed for nice walks and, when it got too hot, a good dip was in order regardless of the size...



The Medina vets travelled to Zamora to register and vaccinate all the new arrivals. Zamora also has vets that help on a daily basis.

Dogs of all kinds arrive at our shelters and each and every one of them is special, but when one arrives that also suffers from some sort of condition, it makes him or her even more special. This was the case with Star Little, a puppy with neurological problems who eats, plays and walks differently and also has seizures that make his whole body stiffen up and howl. Despite all this, he has found a family that loves and takes care of him! He has been taken to see a neurologist in Madrid to try to get to the bottom of what's wrong, and hopefully improve his quality of life!



----PALENCIA----

As is the case in all our shelters, there has been a lot of movement in Palencia since last summer. Our volunteers came back and:

Walked our dogs →



Helped with food collections →



Gave talks at a secondary school to promote animal welfare



Answered the local television's questions before Christmas →



SCOOBY HAS OPENED A NEW HOSPITAL

On the 11th of October, Scooby opened a new ethical Veterinary Hospital in the village of **Santovenia** in Valladolid.

In this new hospital, we will be able to provide the same services as in our clinic in Carretera de Rueda 47, but on a larger scale:

- ⇒ Consultations
- ⇒ Vaccinations and deworming
- ⇒ Imaging Diagnosis (x-rays and sonograms)
- ⇒ Laboratory Analysis and Diagnosis Surgery (Sterilizations and other)
- ⇒ Laser therapy Magnetic therapy Dog and Cat
- ⇒ Grooming
- ⇒ Food and accessories



All profits will go towards helping the animals in our shelters.

Members, supporters and adopters will receive a discount on our services!
The unemployed (proof required) will also receive a discount so they can carry on taking care of their pets!





INTERNATIONAL VOLUNTEERING AT SCOOPY VIA THE EUROPEAN SOLIDARITY CORPS AND THE ERASMUS+ PROGRAM



Three young Europeans completed a three month volunteering project at Scooby called “Volunteering against depopulation” via the Erasmus + Project and the European Solidarity Corps

Scooby has been a destination for volunteers from this program since its inception..

This Autumn, it was the turn of Ihnen (Germany), Terezka (Check Republic) and Enrico (Italy), to spend three months at the Villa de las Ferias in Medina del Campo. They were hosted by the Medina del Campo based organisation “deses3” who, once a year, and for five seasons running, have brought young people from different EU countries to carry out volunteer work at Scooby and other organisations such as ASCEDIS or Medina's City Council, as well as help out with some of the daily tasks at deses3.

The project, funded by the Erasmus+ Program and the European Solidarity Corps, provides these young people with a unique opportunity to come out of their comfort zones – even more so on a year like this one, amidst a pandemic – and to experience a truly enriching adventure that will teach them first hand what it is to be a “volunteer” and to recognise the European volunteering spirit as an element of cohesion and collaboration between countries.

Apart from their daily tasks, during their stay, the volunteers need to carry out a personal project which allows them to develop their skills and interests and which aim is to try to make an impact on the Villa de las Ferias and the community of Medina.

In order to be selected for this project, candidates need to send a cover letter, a CV and undergo an interview with the organisation's managers.

*The three volunteers
at Scooby*



IN BRIEF

BRISA FINALLY MEETS HER VIRTUAL ADOPTERS!

In our previous newsletter (n.33) we told you about how the students of a primary school in Íscar (Valladolid), encouraged by their teacher Lucía, virtually adopted our dog Brisa. They raised money in the form of "Eurobris" (a currency created by Lucía which they earned by completing educational tasks) to buy food for her.

This teacher's aim was to strengthen her students' values of respect and kindness towards animals but also to use a different method of teaching.



On the 24th of October, Lucía, most of her students and a good number of parents, were finally able to meet Brisa in person (due to Covid, they had been unable to until then). The children's excitement could really be felt but also that of the parents', who could see just how much it all meant to their children!

A bit formally, they all went up to Brisa and petted and fussed over her. Naturally, she was over the moon! After spending time with her and dropping off the food they'd brought, the whole group was lucky enough to be taken on a guided tour of the shelter (which only normally happens on "open door days").

To this day, Brisa is still their virtual adoptee and we hope they will be able to carry on visiting her for many years to come...

Brisa

MEDINA DEL CAMPO'S PLASTIC CAP COLLECTION FOR THE BENEFIT OF SCOOPY

The council of Medina del Campo organised a collection of plastic caps and decided to give the proceeds to Scooby.

The bins used for this initiative were very special: one had the shape of the Castle of La Mota (which was built in the 15th Century) and the rest, the shape of each letter in the word MEDINA.

Many thanks to Medina's Council!



CALENDAR

For the first time, Scooby is selling a perpetual calendar which can be purchased for 7€. You can find it in any of our shelters and in our Clinics (Carretera de Rueda 47, Valladolid, and Calle Del Pozo 9, Santovenia, Valladolid)



NEWS OF SOME OF OUR DOGS WHO WERE ADOPTED ABROAD

LOTTA (EX-SIRI) GERMANY

Let Lindsa, the owner of Lotta speak about her:

"One year ago I adopted Lotta. She was a fearful and reticent dog. She was especially scared of men and it took her a long time to gain confidence. Interacting with other dogs was not a problem for her, same with cats and rabbits.



I work in a 'doggy daycare' and this means Lotta can come to work with me every day. From the very beginning she had contact with other dogs and socialised with her friends as they played together. I think this helped her immensely with her new start in life. Until June this year we had 2 dogs, Lotta and Lilly (also from Scooby). Lilly had a very calm demeanor and she was a fantastic role model for Lotta. Sadly Lilly became very ill and, with a heavy heart, we had to have her put to sleep in the summer. Lotta really missed her at first. She will eat only Lilly's food and from Lilly's bowl. Thank you for everything Lilly! We will never forget you.

I also have 2 horses and Lotta loves visiting the stables and roaming the meadow with them. She accompanies me when I ride. We are even going to do a course about canine accompanied horse riding to help her feel even more at ease. After one year, Lotta has become a super faithful, affectionate and open dog. She loves 'her' people and once you've got her confidence, you have a friend for life. I am so happy to have her at my side and look forward to our future together. Lotta I love you!"

THOR (galgo) - HUNGARY



Livia from Hungary speaks about Thor's adoption:

"I adopted Thor in October 2020. I have been planning to adopt a galgo for many months with my husband, Richard who died earlier that year. I had a really tough time but was absolutely certain about the adoption, it gave me hope, something to live for.

We already had a 2 year old labrador, Alfie in my family when Thor came into our life after a long wait, April 2021. Covid made us all wait.

I had my doubts obviously about how the dogs would get along with one another, how Thor will adjust to a busy city life etc but after sleeping for 4 days in a row (after his trip to Budapest from Medina) Thor started to show signs who he really was. His progress was very slow first but by the summer time he really came out of his shell. People adored him everywhere we went. I kept telling friends, family that I can't believe my good fortune to have a dog like him, I can't believe that this wonderful, kind, gentle, well-behaved dog belongs to me!

The dogs loved each other from the first moment. Alfie helped Thor so much, encouraged him when he was frightened or shy, it just warmed my heart every time when I saw them together. It's a beautiful thing to have dogs in your life and I personally think that having at least two dogs is the very best. I'm so proud of Thor, coming all this way from being really shy, uncertain about things and himself to become a smiley, happy dog - I hope he is! And also so proud of Alfie for helping him, he is unbelievably kind-hearted and nice with Thor.

My two boys, thank you!"

GRACE – UNITED KINGDOM

The owner of Grace speaks about her:

"Grace... How do we even start? We will never be able to thank Scooby, Gina and Lucinda enough for helping us find our final family member. Adopting is so rewarding, with having two younger children we knew we had to be careful but something about Grace felt immediately right. She was big and beautiful.. Grace came bounding into our lives at 10 months and she is now just over 2 years old... she is the most loving girl and brings all of us so much love and joy.. as for the kids she couldn't be more gentle she knows when they are sad or scared or hurt and she is there every step of the way.. she is simply wonderfully crazy and the heart of our little family. "



WE LET BLUE (NOW IN GERMANY), IN THIS MOVING PHOTO WITH HER OWNER TO WISH YOU A MARVELLOUS NEW YEAR!

