

Heartfelt thanks to The Anglo-Italian Society for the Protection of Animals in London for their help with LPA's work for more than 20 years. Special thanks to their society for covering the expenses for the repair of our incinerator (in the picture you can see one of the burning chambers that was replaced)!



**SUPER HELP**



Big clean-up: Rita and Peter from Germany are helping...



Alice: re-homed



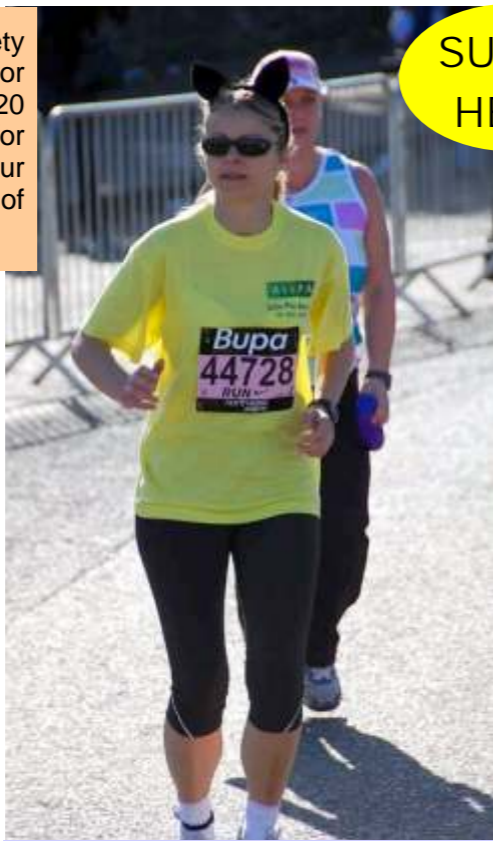
The foundation FONDAZIONE MONDO ANIMALE is dedicated to training vets, vet students and animal lovers. Visiting participants can learn how to spay and neuter, how to handle dogs and cats, and how to fight a stray problem without harming the animals. People come from all over the world to train at our centre. Right: Dr. Jierson Edgar Mendoza Estela, lecturer at the veterinary university in Peru. Since his return to Peru, he has neutered hundreds of dogs and cats for a local animal protection society and he is teaching other vets and students. Below: students from the Netherlands during training sessions which help them with their studies and vets from Italy and Malta.



**TRAINING**



**SUPER HELP**



ANDREA, from the UK, participated in the "GREAT NORTH RUN". She ran 21 kilometres while friends and relatives sponsored her. She collected **1665,72 Euro** and we used the money to cover the expenses for the 8th Spay Day: 116 cats were neutered (78 female and 48 male). **SUPER THANKS, dear Andrea!!**

Julie comes from the UK nearly every year to spend part of her holidays helping at LPA. Thank you so much Julie!



Teresa (in the middle) with her sister Bonita and her friend Jo came from the UK to groom all our dogs really professional. **Super thanks!**



Werner and Susanne (but where is she?) from Germany came again in 2008 to whitewash the clinic.....



Good will and perseverance are very important when working in the best interest of animals, but very often it is not enough. Neutering, the treatment of sick and injured animals, regular de-worming and providing protection from all kinds of parasites, suitable food and the maintenance of a big animal welfare centre is very expensive (have a look at the balance sheet, last page). But thank God, all over the world there are generous people who somehow find it in their hearts to help us continue and to ease our difficult task.

**A MILLION THANKS in the name of all of the animals that we have been able to assist during the past 20 years to:**

AISPA, Deutscher Tierschutzbund e.V., Pro Tier, Gazan Stiftung, Elisabeth Rentschler Stiftung, Messerli Stiftung, Mrs. Wechsler, Mrs. Worni, British and German members of the local NATO community, and our many donors from around the world.

**A big THANK YOU also to all of our volunteers, staff and members of the animal welfare organisation LEGA PRO ANIMALE.**

**TOGETHER WE WILL MAKE A DIFFERENCE AND PROVIDE A BETTER FUTURE FOR DOGS AND CATS!**



**THANK YOU SO MUCH, DEAR MRS. WECHSLER!!!**

She again whipped out her purse to buy more fencing! Now ALL of the rusty fencing that was in contact with the animals has been replaced with brand new fencing. **SUUUUUPER!!!**

Now we only need to replace the last one on the west side of the property. Maybe there is another sponsor out there who is willing to help?

**GROSSE BAUSTELLE**



**SUPER HELP**



Rebecca and Eve staffed an info booth during a big luncheon at NATO to inform the international military community about LPA's work and to raise funds.

Mr. Hess, a German active member of NATO in Naples, is handing over a donation to support the work of LPA. Together with his wife they organized a wine tasting and the profits from this event will be used for neutering dogs and cats. **MANY THANKS!!**



Teresa and Dorothea are very happy about articles published in an English and Italian magazine that discuss LPA's work.



**WHAT WE DID FOR DOGS AND CATS IN THE YEAR 2008.....**

**NEUTERED 977 DOGS**



527 "adozione strada"\*

**FREE OF CHARGE:**  
- 100 strays  
- 21 owned dogs  
- 66 LPA dogs

For "only" 253 owned dogs did the owners pay for the surgery.



10 dogs during a "spay tour" to Ladispoli

\* "ADOZIONE STRADA" is an LPA special project. When someone finds a dog in the streets and wants to adopt it (which requires registering and identifying the dog with a microchip), we offer the micro-chipping along with neutering services free of charge. These dogs will never have to live their lives in one of the Italian maxi kennels. They can no longer proliferate or be abandoned without the registered owners risking a fine. This project is very popular; our telephone rings nearly every day, because so many people want to take advantage of this free service. A Swiss foundation (GAZAN STIFTUNG) has generously provided enough funding so that 450 dogs can benefit from this project.

**THANKS SO MUCH FOR THIS WONDERFUL HELP!!!**

**NEUTERED 1274 CATS**

**631 strays during 6 "spay days" in the clinic of LPA**



**FREE OF CHARGE:**  
- 174 strays  
- 153 Ladispoli  
- 43 owned cats  
- 14 LPA  
- 13 Ciro

For "only" 243 private cats did the owners pay for the surgery.



Thanks to Andrea and Mrs. Donner from Germany we could offer 2 spay days for stray cats.

1745 animals found in the streets were treated free of charge. 2627 owned animals came in our clinic for visits.

We took in 75 dogs and 24 cats during 2008. Re-homing: 77 dogs ("only" 28 went to Germany) 12 cats (all in Italy)

**1470 animals (817 dogs and 653 cats) were identified with a microchip and registered free of charge.**

**Living without animals is possible, but senseless.**

Vera and Colette from the Netherlands are socializing puppies.



**SUPER HELP**

**DO YOU WANT TO GIVE US A HAND TOO? WE WOULD BE VERY HAPPY! EVERY SUNDAY AT 9 A.M. COME AND VOLUNTEER AT LPA'S CENTRE!**



**SUPER HELP**

The big clean-up after the fencing was finished. Above: Rebecca and Phil are sweeping. Left: Michelangelo and Rockibi are stacking the bricks.

**SUPER HELP**

Rebecca and Eve are handing over a donation that will help fund our work. They are always out looking for sponsors and active on-site volunteers. **THANKS A LOT!!!**



Anna's home is full of dogs and cats (all rescued from the streets), yet she never fails to help at our centre when help is needed for such tasks as cleaning and disinfecting the traps and cages.

## KITTEN BOOM IN A CONVENT



One day our telephone rang and the caller was a monk from the Convent Liveri, which is situated south of Naples. He told us that there were a few cats that he fed in the garden of the convent. He likes them a lot, because they keep rats and mice away. But he worried that they would continue to multiply and asked if we could help. Certainly we could! Our cat catchers Rosa and Dora went to the convent to help Padre Mario trap the cats.



After neutering, all 9 cats were returned to the convent to continue their happy life in the marvellous garden and to be fed by Padre Mario.



This is Ciro, a Neapolitan boy, who is only 15 years old. He lives with his mother in Bologna and comes to Naples on weekends and holidays to visit his father. There were many sick kittens in the park where the father lived and he felt sorry for them. Ciro raised enough money to get the mother cats spayed to avoid further litters. Together with our cat catchers all 13 animals were caught, spayed/neutered and released the day after surgery.



WHAT A WONDERFUL YOUNG MAN!

## HOW MUCH WE SPENT IN 2008.....

EXPENSES IN EURO	2.007	2.008
salaries inclusive insurance	€ 135.545,35	€ 147.345,46
reparis	€ 37.960,58	€ 11.627,58
drugs and other items/clinic	€ 52.320,02	€ 57.351,32
food for the animals	€ 11.334,10	€ 12.206,40
disinfection, cleaning, prevention, etc.	€ 5.681,26	€ 4.456,04
postage	€ 5.741,75	€ 5.660,18
public relations inclusive the printers	€ 14.613,36	€ 7.354,19
water and gas	€ 12.864,15	€ 14.637,18
telephone	€ 2.636,32	€ 2.837,79
electricity	€ 2.200,99	€ 8.285,07
insurances	€ 444,04	€ 669,28
gas for cars	€ 4.730,51	€ 3.590,03
tax advisor, lawyer, etc.	€ 5.376,03	€ 5.789,15
taxes	€ 20.210,26	€ 21.200,60
travelling costs (most of the reimbursed)	€ 8.027,47	€ 2.117,69
car park	€ 10.517,48	€ 6.672,71
special waste	€ 6.690,45	€ 6.653,95
varies	€ -	€ -
pulic vet, blood tests, pet passport	€ 2.567,36	€ 2.730,39
equipments	€ 18.417,51	€ 1.784,80
office	€ 636,41	€ 310,81
	€ 358.515,40	€ 323.280,62

# LEGA PRO ANIMALE

## newsletter 2008

Dear Animal Lovers and Benefactors,

Annual Newsletter 2008? I have the impression that I just sent out the Christmas letters only a short time ago.... Time is flying by and I cannot believe that we will soon celebrate the 20 year anniversary of the opening of our spay and neuter centre in Castel Volturno. After 5 years in Villa Literno, where we rented an old farm house to start our activities, we finally moved to the new facility in 1989. Furniture, equipment and animals were moved with help from the guys from Civil Protection and their lorries. 25 long years of fighting; of struggling. At first the locals did not want to accept the idea of neutering. It has been very difficult fight. But today castration is part of the actual Italian animal protection law; state veterinarians have to neuter stray cats and release them at their feeding points. In some regions even dogs are caught, spayed/neutered and released. This works extremely well in the city of Naples.



This is Circe, a very lucky dog. Somebody dropped her in a rubbish bin. She was found taped up inside a cardboard box, with only her head sticking out. Can you imagine? If she had not been found, she would have been covered with other rubbish and squashed in the garbage truck! But she was found, and now she lives in Germany with an entire family who loves her.

BUT WHAT ABOUT ALL OF THE OTHER THOUSANDS OF UNWANTED ANIMALS THAT ARE NOT FOUND "IN TIME"? FOR THIS REASON: PREVENTION IS BETTER.....



Circe, now named Paula, in Germany!

Would this really be happening now if I had not changed something in the beginning?

And yet, lots of people do not really like me. Especially those who claim to protect animals. One Christmas Eve I remember spending the night at the local police office. On the morning of the 24<sup>th</sup> of December 1999, a parcel was delivered to me by the postman. In it was a real chicken, covered in blood, killed by a wire wrapped around its neck. The poor animal was already decaying (even 10 years ago postal delivery took a quite a long time....). A handwritten note said, "Disgusting bitch, you will be next!" It was like in a film: the criminal police came, took lots of pictures and discussed who could have sent the parcel. I was required to stay at the unheated police station until midnight that Christmas Eve. Naturally the investigation by the police did not produce any results. This was only one of many bad things that have happened to me. In addition, I have received threatening letters and phone calls and have been slandered in newspapers, on television and on the internet (one such slander stated that I would sell Italian stray dogs for vivisection in Germany and Switzerland).

On the other side you find the animal "lovers" who collect hundreds of dogs, but without having the financial and physical resources to properly care for them. They are convinced that they give their "best", but the animals they take care of are covered in fleas and ticks and scratch themselves constantly. Untreated wounds invite flies to deposit their eggs which develop into thousands of maggots. Often the keepers of these animals do not have enough time to clean the dogs' boxes regularly. Nobody intervenes. Everybody is convinced that they are doing something good. They think that these people are sacrificing their lives to help the animals that they "love". And very often, those same people who are mistreating animals in that way are accusing the people who are running kennels for commercial purposes of only wanting to make money without properly taking care of the animals, even if in these kennels the animals are provided appropriate medical care.

Are we losing the concept of what "animal welfare" really means?

20 years since the opening of the spay and neuter centre for dogs and cats. Has anything changed?

If you pass through Castel Volturno and you see all the sick and stray dogs you must simply say: no, it is like it has always been. It is at least like it was before we started our project in this little town, free of charge for the town council. We started in 1995, but in 2004 our help was not welcomed anymore. That year a commercial kennel was opened in town. From that point on, the dogs were caught and taken there and the town council paid for their upkeep. Soon it became overcrowded and no more dogs could be caught and taken there. Now the town is full of strays again, just like before. But isn't it clear why? What if humans reproduced like dogs by giving birth twice yearly to so many children (6 or 8 at a time) and began doing so in early childhood? Mother Earth would be destroyed already. Does anybody stop to consider that in 10 years a female dog produces 20 litters of puppies; at least 100 additional dogs? Also, "owned" dogs in this area can stray around without any control and naturally female dogs are getting pregnant and having litters also, not just the strays. It doesn't take long to rebuild the stray population. Most of the puppies end up dying, many under cars and others after becoming diseased. Alive or dead they present a huge danger to public safety and to public health. And what about the authorities? They seem not to be involved. Maybe they do not even really want to change anything. Maybe this is the reason why they do not want me to travel around with the mobile clinic to spay/neuter straying dogs and cats which nobody else would spay and neuter.

And in spite of all a change did take place! Thousands of pet owners now get their dogs and cats neutered and not only at our clinic. All vets are working! But still not enough animals are castrated. Their reproduction rate is still too high. Therefore we have to continue our work, we need to "close the spigot" until only a "few drops" come out that can be re-homed easily. Shelters, even if the animals are kept well, are not the place where pets should be kept all their lives. Temporarily, OK, until a new family is found who can provide all of the necessities for raising a dog or a cat: everything that is required to satisfy their physiological and physical needs. Maybe I have faulty logic, but sometimes I think that people who "protect" animals are the biggest enemies of them. Poor animals. I am wondering if this will change one day? Maybe in another 20 years?

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## HOW CAN YOU HELP US??

- with a donation
- adopting an animal
- with an adoption from a distance of our "oldies" (including one of the buffaloes)
- telling all your relatives and friends about us
- helping actively on site, maybe in the Summer
- Holidays or at Weekends (gardening, repair works, painting, administration or simply playing with the dogs and cats)
- taking a dog (or several) to Germany to its new owner
- sponsor a spay or neuter, or eventually a neuter course for a vet

WOULD YOU LIKE TO HELP ITALIAN ANIMALS FOREVER? ASK YOUR LAWYER HOW TO LEAVE A SUM FOR THIS PURPOSE IN YOUR WILL.



I really do not know what I would do without Claudia! She is taking care of the German and Italian home pages, is always ready to listen to my problems and often has wonderful ideas. Thank you so much Claudia and your little son Nicola.

To work effectively we need financial resources. We need to buy medicines, food and so many other things. The electricity, gas and water bills shock me and the staff needs to be paid..... We are dependent upon donations to cover all these expenses, thus we need to save money wherever it is possible.

PLEASE TELL US IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE OUR NEWSLETTER THROUGH E-MAIL. THIS WAY YOU CAN EASILY INFORM YOUR FRIENDS AND RELATIVES ABOUT LPA. OR, DO YOU THINK IT WOULD BE MORE EFFICIENT TO DISTRIBUTE PRINTED NEWSLETTERS AT VET'S OFFICES AND OTHER PLACES FOR YOU TO PICK UP? PLEASE LET US KNOW YOUR PREFERENCE BY E- MAILING US AT:

Legaproanimale@tin.it

Dear Supporter,

LEGA PRO ANIMALE are trying to maximise all funds donated. British citizens can make their donation go further by sending it via AISP, the Anglo-Italian Society for the Protection of Animals. The major benefit is that they can claim 28% tax back via the Gift Aid Scheme. Clearly, this substantially increases your gift to us. If you become an annual member (minimum £3), AISP donates a free spay/neuter to any Italian animal. Live membership is only £50. AISP was founded in 1952 and, in addition to LEGA PRO ANIMALE, supports around 30 other sanctuaries in Italy.

If you decide to help through AISP, please make your cheques out to them (AISP), but also add a note saying that the donation is specifically for LEGA PRO ANIMALE. AISP will send the necessary Gift Aid form.

Mail your donations to:  
AISP, 136 Baker Street, London, W1U 6DU  
Attn. Susan Dale - secretary



The foundation "MONDO ANIMALE" is going to do everything it can by information and education to promote respect to domesticated animals. The foundation is booked in the register of judicial persons at the police prefecture with the number 223.

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WITH THE FOLLOWING AIMS:

1. Neutering as many dogs and cats as possible
2. Information and education
3. Enforcement of the existing animal protection laws
4. Re-homing of abandoned animals

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We work for a better future for all dogs and cats. We spay and neuter, train other vets, provide animal care and welfare information, visit schools, and work with politicians and local authorities.

PLEASE HELP US WITH OUR TASK!

The LEGA PRO ANIMALE team and the councillors of the foundation  
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20 YEAR  
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programme

