

ABANDONED AND ILLTREATED BY THEIR OWNERS AND THEN BETRAYED BY PETTY BUREAUCRATS AND LOCAL POLITICS

On 22nd November 2006 Dogs like Us Golf Day raised 70,000 Euros in an effort to help alleviate the suffering of animals in Calvia by way of some new kennels. Sad to say that almost 2 years of delays and dithering together with the lack of will on the part of local bureaucrats has prevented this from happening.

In spite of promises of swift action and a commitment to the project made by representatives from Calvia Council speaking on behalf of the Mayor at the prize giving lunch following the golf, the new kennels have not been started and various deadlines have come and gone.

Following consultations with those individuals who made substantial donations to this event, it was decided that this money should not simply languish in a bank account indefinitely, but be used to help other animals suffering on Majorca. Therefore Dogs Like Us gave due notice to both SOS and Calvia Council on 12th November 2007 that unless there was some firm action before the end of November 2007 the money would be distributed to other animal welfare organizations on the island. We repeated this ultimatum again in March of 2008 and in the light of the lack of progress, the money raised is now in the process of being distributed to other needy animal welfare charities.

Centro Canino in Palma have received 11,000 euros to soundproof their kennels which is now complete and food has been purchased on their behalf.

First Aid for Animals in Felanitx have built some new kennels and put a new roof on existing ones and still have some outstanding projects which Dogs Like Us will pay for.

There are still funds available for a project at SOS and will remain available up to the second anniversary of the Golf – i.e. 22nd November 2008. After that date we will contact the other animal welfare groups on the island to see what we can do to help them.

Funds are not sent directly to the welfare groups. Dogs Like Us pay suppliers direct in order to ensure that the money raised by donations is properly spent.