

Pets Portrait



Hair raising...

• Would somebody please buy my young girl person a doll, preferably with long hair, so she will leave mine alone!

Pet Care

Caring for an older pet

• From the age of 10 years, our cats and dogs are considered to be senior citizens, as at that age they are like a 56 year-old human.

Knowing the types of problems we humans encounter from this age, it is easy to understand why our pets need a little bit more tender loving care.

We need to ensure that any existing health problems are dealt with, prevent the appearance and development of geriatric illnesses, and ensure that the animal maintains a correct weight by correct feeding and exercise.

Sufficient exercise is needed to keep your pet's muscles healthy. This is relatively easy for a dog who is taken out on regular walks, but for a cat you will need to dedicate some time to playing. Too many cat owners lower their guard at this time and allow their pet to be-

come sedentary. Daily exercise not only maintains muscle mass and good circulation but also combats constipation.

An older animal may develop dental problems, a lessening of his or her sense of smell (hence a lack of interest in food) and a slowing down of digestion in both the stomach and intestines leading to a loss of weight. They can also suffer from periodontal disease leading to a loss of teeth and possibly mouth ulcers, further exacerbating the problem. Diabetes mellitus is frequent in older pets, especially if they are overweight, as is hyperthyroidism. A slowdown in organs such as the liver and more commonly the kidneys is very common, especially in older cats who do not show their symptoms until the situation is advanced. Watch out for vomiting clear, bubbly liquid, a loss of weight, an increased consumption of water and greater emission of urine because kidney failure, although terminal, can be controlled for many years if caught early enough.

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LIVE ARICO

Live Arico news

Thanks this edition to: all at the Market Tavern, Los Cristianos, where a benefit night on the 20th December raised a whopping €532. Entertainment was provided by compere Carly, Billy Porter, Avril Capper and Suzy Q, and owners Joe and Stuart had a bar full of generous people.

Pauline, Bob, Shaun and Dawn at 7 Islands Wine Bar, Golf del Sur, for holding a Christmas raffle raising €105.

Dale Brailey, compere of the Palms Bar, Golf del Sur for organising and taking part in a sponsored head shave on New Years Eve.

The residents of Club de Mar, Palm Mar, for their brilliant support in sponsoring Dale, and to Babs and all at The Palms. **Bar Nauta** at the campsite, namely Adrian who also had his hair cut off on New Years Eve to raise money, and to **The Corner Shop** in Palm Mar for encouraging people to put money in a tin. Due to everyone's support we raised a massive €1,243.32. Dale would like to say a special thank you to all who helped him raise this fantastic amount.

We need raffle prizes!

If you have any unwanted Christmas gifts, wines or spirits, that we could possibly have for prizes, please call Suzy Q on the number below.

Land Purchase

Finally the purchase of land for a South Tenerife rescue centre is becoming a reality, as we attempt to buy a piece of land in Fasnia. We are partially there, due to several generous benefactors, but construction costs will not be small, so we need a fund raising initiative too.

Could you buy a square metre of land for Live Arico? At just €5 per square metre, you will receive a certificate from Live Arico for now, and your name and number of square metres purchased will be on a 'Roll of Honour' in the welcome centre at the new refuge. Please call Debbie Gibson or Suzy Q for more details.

The Live Arico Flight Line

Book your flights to and from the UK with the Live Arico Flight Line and get them at very competitive

prices while helping the dogs at the same time. Call 922 794918 and quote Live Arico Flight Line.

2010 Live Arico calendars

They are now reduced to just €4 to clear the last few. Get yours from Iceland, Las Chafiras or call Suzy Q to find your nearest stockist.

Live Arico shop news

The shop is in Coral Mar square, Costa del Silencio, above the Netto supermarket.

We need unwanted bric-a-brac! Don't chuck out your chintz, give it to us, and we will sell it to feed the doggies! Our blood pressure checking service with a fully qualified nurse is on Wednesdays between 10am and 3pm. All we ask is a donation of a few euros to help our many dogs. The shop is stocked full of great bargains, from clothes to books, toys, bric-a-brac, Christmas decorations and much more, why not come and pay us a visit?

The new shop opening times are Monday to Friday 10am- 3pm and Saturday 10am to 2pm. We are hap-

py and grateful to receive any donations of cat and dog food at the shop.

Important Telephone Numbers

Eugenio 649 001907
(Please call if you find a dog abandoned or in distress)

Suzy Q 629 388102
(For fund raising, press releases, prize donations etc)

Nicole 647 176341
(For shop enquiries and dog rehoming)

Pete Holland 661 099365 (For Poochies Pet Hotel for boarding your dog)

Karen Clack 687905511 (For shop and general enquiries, donations and horse care and advice)

Regina Queder 669668512 (For cat rehoming, care and advice)

Lastly, as we have said before, please think hard about what will happen to your pet if you are relocating to the UK. A dog is for life, not just for the duration of your stay in Tenerife!

Lost and found

Are you missing Mutley?



• "Mutley" was found underneath a car in Guargacho shortly before Christmas. He is absolutely adorable, a little teddy bear!

He is very gentle, placid, very quiet (doesn't bark much!) funny and lovable. He enjoys meeting other people and would be the perfect family dog. He is approximately two years old. He desperately needs a permanent home.

I am fostering him for now and soon he will go to K9 kennels. If anyone can offer a home for him please email me on barbs_carey@yahoo.co.uk or contact K9 kennels.

Podenco

Reward for lost dog



• Girly was lost in November in La Higuera, Los Blanquitos, Granadilla de Abona.

Until she was adopted five years ago, she had a sad life and she is sorely missed by her owners who are offering a reward for her return. If you have seen this female cream and white podenco, please call 922 77 17 33 or 627 824 724.