

# FONDAZIONE MONDO ANIMALE

I would like to introduce you to veterinarians contracted with us for the "SPAY ITALY" project. The first one is naturally Carolin, who decided to run our little surgery in Rocca D'Evandro on her own to continue more or less the work of LEGAPROANIMALE asking very low fees for spaying/neutering surgeries.

If there would be more veterinarians like her in Italy, the stray problem would not exist.....

A thousand thanks for your commitment, dear Carolin!

## But here she speaks for herself:

"Life is what happens while you're busy making other plans" (John Lennon) - that's what it was, when I spent the semester break in Rome in the penultimate year of my veterinary studies at the University of Berlin. I literally stumbled into the "Gatti di Roma" cat colony that is underground in the middle of Rome. I don't know if it was coincidence or fate that I met a group of American women who told me about the wonderful and important work of Dorothea and the Lega Pro Animale. This was my first contact with the problem of street animals. The desire to help and to be part of this project did not let me go and so I made my way to Castel Volturno with a scholarship in my pocket after completing my studies to perform an internship.

Here everybody was very busy and you could immediately really muck in. Not only the important assembly line-like sterilisation programme but also the consultation hours were exciting. For the first time I saw diseases that I had only known from textbooks.

This was about things that actually existed and here you could also help animals and people who would otherwise never have had a chance for treatment.

The feeling of finally being able to do something meaningful and to help convinced me without doubting a second to remain here. With my first found dog and faithful companion Sam it would have been unthinkable to return to a Berlin apartment anyway.

Now 9 years have passed and we have found our own personal paradise. We live on a mountain with a fantastic view and plenty of space for our animals. There are now 31 of them: 3 dogs, 3 cats, 2 sheep, a donkey, 3 dwarf rabbits, 3 geese and 16 chickens, all of which come from the street or have been rescued from poor husbandry and may stay with us forever. I was also very lucky to find a partner who fully supports me.



Today in the provinces of Caserta and Naples/Campania there are far fewer dogs on the streets than 40 years ago. Many of these animals are neutered and most go "home" in the evening to their owner. Further in the South, the problem still seems to exist forever, whole litters of dogs and cats are simply abandoned and street animals are all over the place (at least that kind of news is circulating on the internet!).

We have mainly offered preventive work in our clinic, with success, as it seems. I wanted to experience the day when dogs and cats no longer have to live permanently on the street or in animal shelters. After more than 40 years of intensive work, after almost 90,000 castrations, after the placement of thousands of dogs and cats on site from the street directly into a home, I had to close the clinic at the end of 2021.

I could find no veterinarians, not even to run the fully equipped clinic on their own. How should this preventive work continue? There is no fee schedule for veterinarians here, but the fees for spaying/neutering of most veterinarians are very high, in some cases prohibitive for a family father with children. And so it occurred to me to help the owners with a grant and the "SPAY ITALY" PROJECT was born: the owners of dogs and cats can apply for a contribution. at the MONDO ANIMALE foundation. Prerequisite: animals must be identified and registered, I check the documents and email a voucher to the owners. This is redeemed by one of the veterinarians under contract with us and the colleague sends me a monthly invoice, which is paid by our Foundation.



An Italian family with their dog that - thanks to our project - is now neutered



One of 8 cats fed and loved by African immigrants and now spayed and neutered.

For cats we give a contribution of Euro 50,00, for dogs one of 100,00. This helps: The veterinarians usually charge between Euro 100,00 for tomcats and Euro 250,00 for female cats. For dogs prices increase: Euro 200 - Euro 450 (female) - Euro 200,00 - Euro 350,00 (male).

## **IN 2022, THROUGH THE "SPAY ITALY" PROJECT, WE "HELPED" OWNERS OF 428 CATS AND 266 DOGS SO THAT THEIR FOUR-LEGGED FAMILY MEMBERS COULD BE NEUTERED!**

In addition, we have financed the spaying/neutering of 101 street cats (Euro 50,00 per cat) and a street dog of Rocca D'Evandro (Euro 100,00) and I have neutered in the Centre of the LEGAPROANIMALE, of course free of charge, 3 bitches (2 re-homed, one has stayed with us), 7 queens and 4 tomcats (1 placed, 8 from the street and two have stayed with us).

## **A TOTAL OF 810 ANIMALS HAVE BEEN SPAYED/NEUTERED THANKS TO THE FONDAZIONE MONDO ANIMALE AND MOST HAVE ALSO BEEN IDENTIFIED AND REGISTERED**

I hope that we will find more freelance veterinarians with their own practice who will conclude the contract with us for the "SPAY ITALY" project and above all that we will find the "right" veterinarians who will continue to run our clinic.

I hope that all of you will continue to help us to achieve the goal set for me:

## **EVERY DOG AND CAT HAS A LOVING OWNER**

Animal shelters accept only a small number of private animals for a further placement

## **A THOUSAND THANKS FOR YOUR LONG YEARS OF HELP AND LOVE FROM THE COOL SOUTH**

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(revised version!)



They started with one couple of cats and after some years there are too many. The owners were very happy with the support of FONDAZIONE MONDO ANIMALE: all the cats are now spayed/neutered, identified and registered by Carolin in Rocca D'Evandro!