# FONDAZIONE MONDO ANIMALE

### **SPAY ITALY PROJECT:**

Since we haven't found anyone to continue running our veterinary clinic, I've been thinking about how the neutering of dogs and cats could continue. After over 40 years of experience with the dynamics of dog and cat populations, one thing is clear: the majority of the tens of thousands of abandoned puppies we and other organization captured were socialized. These puppies knew people and were not afraid of them. In other words: the mother of the animal was an animal with close physical contact to humans in a "home"!

Over the decades, the idea of birth control for dogs and cats has become popular among the public. In recent years we have neutered an average of 350 animals per month in our clinic, most of them free of charge. People came from all over and wanted to have their four-legged friends operated on so that they would no longer have puppies. Thousands of owners have told me about the enormous fees asked by vet colleagues (a third to a half of the owner's monthly income) that they could not afford.

It was obvious that we had to start here: At the end of 2022 we launched the "SPAY ITALY" PROJECT:

Owners of dogs and cats residing in the Campania region who have microchipped their animals and registered them in the regional database can submit an application to the Mondo Animale Foundation by email for financial support for spaying/neutering their pet. This amounts to Euro 100.00 for each dog and Euro 50.00 for each cat. If all the paperwork is in order, they will receive a voucher that they can redeem at one of the veterinarians who have signed a contract with our foundation. The owners pay the difference to the veterinary fee and the veterinarian issues monthly invoices to the foundation for the subsidies, which are accompanied by copies of the vouchers with the veterinarian's declaration that he/she neutered the animal.

We now have 9 veterinarians under contract and the Mondo Animale Foundation has sponsored over 1,700 castrations since the start of the project end of 2021 (442 female + 146 male dogs and 735 female + 397 male cats).

Most of the cats and a lot of dogs can roam freely in the surroundings of their homes whenever they want to, even during their heat cycles. Of course, an enormous number of (socialized!) puppies and kittens will be born as a consequence. If we count "only" 5 puppies twice a year and 3 kittens four times a year per litter, the MONDO ANIMALE foundation can be very proud of having prevented the birth of over 11,000 puppies and almost 22,000 kittens in 2 1\2 years with the "SPAY ITALY" project.

Could they all have been placed in good hands? And at the age of 5 months the females here become sexually mature, are mated and at the age of 7 months they can already give birth to further litters.......

I hope to sign contracts with many other veterinarians to put an end to this cycle and I would be very happy about your financial help for this project!!

# THE YOUNG PEOPLE OF TODAY WILL FORM THE SOCIAL SOCIETY OF THE FUTURE THAT WILL CONTINUE TO ABANDON, MISTREAT AND UNCONTROLLABLY BREED DOGS AND CATS - <u>OR</u> <u>EVENTUALLY NOT?!</u>

In order to change the local mentality, you have to start early, because adults have great difficulty changing instilled maxims

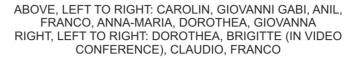


In April and May 2024, I worked with the "almost grown-up" kids in 4 classes at the LICEO CLASSICO E MUSICALE DOMENICO CIRILLO (classical and musical high school Domenico Cirillo) in Aversa (small town in the province of Caserta) to find out what a dog needs for a (good!) life! It was an interactive and very positive event! The students also produced a video that you can watch on our homepage:



## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2024 LEGA PRO ANIMALE + FONDAZIONE MONDO ANIMALE







YES, LEGA PRO ANIMALE still exists and is still active, even if rumours say the opposite. The animals must be cared for and the buildings and gardens must be kept in the best condition. Only the veterinary clinic that opened in 1989 is closed and we are still looking for colleagues or organizations to take over and run it on their own.

And even the board members of LEGA PRO ANIMALE (LPA) and the MONDO ANIMALE FOUNDATION (FMA) are also active. At the top left is the picture from May 20, 2023 when the annual general meeting took place in the LPA club room and the members approved the balance sheet for 2022. The mission of the LPA has always been to eradicate the problem of stray animals (and will remain so) until the goal is achieved:

**EVERY DOG AND EVERY CAT HAS A LOVING OWNER** and animals no longer live **permanently** on the streets or in kennels.

The LPA works very closely with the MONDO ANIMALE FOUNDATION (FMA). The mission of the FMA is **TO DO EVERYTHING TO PROMOTE RESPECT FOR DOMESTIC ANIMALS THROUGH EDUCATION AND TRAINING**.

Since the end of 2021, the FMA has also been financing the "SPAY ITALY" project. Since many dog and cat owners with modest incomes are put off by the relatively high fees charged by most veterinarians for spaying/neutering, we give subsidies to the owners for this operation and bill the veterinarians contracted by the FMA directly. Requirement: the animals must be identified with a microchip and registered!



SPAY AND NEUTER CENTRE FOR DOGS AND CATS IN ITALY

Is an Italian non profit association (registered with number 008/A in the register of the animal protection organisations at the the Region of Campania). Its **MISSION STATEMENT** is that each dog and cat needs a caring owner (no more dogs and cats living permanently in the streets and in overcrowded shelters).

Name and address of the association: **LEGA PRO ANIMALE** VIA MARIO TOMMASO SNC - I-81030 CASTEL VOLTURNO (CE)

Name and address of the bank: BANCOPOSTA VIALE EUROPA, 175 - 00144 ROMA IBAN: IT81 Q 07601 14900 0000 10973816 BIC/SWIFT: BPPIITRRXXX Dear Supporter,

LEGA PRO ANIMALE are trying to maximise all funds donated. British citizens can make their donation go further by sending it via AISPA, the Anglo-Italian Society for the Protection of Animals. The major benefit is that they can claim 25% tax back via the Gift Aid Scheme. Clearly, this substantially increases your gift to us. If you become an annual member (minimum £3), AISPA donates a free spay/neuter to any Italian animal. Live membership is only £50. AISPA was founded in 1952 and, in addition to LEGA PRO ANIMALE, supports around 30 other sanctuaries in Italy.

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

Mail your donations to: AISPA, 30-34 New Bridge Street, London, EC4V 6BJ Attn. Andy Geddes - secretary ADD: FOR LEGA PRO ANIMALE

### **HANK YOU**

ONDO NIMALE ETS

The foundation FONDAZIONE MONDO ANIMALE is a German-Italian foundation and is registered in Italy as a legal entity and is number 223 in the register of the prefecture of Caserta + registered in the new national register "RUNTS"

#### MISSION STATEMENT:

The foundation FONDAZIONE MONDO ANIMALE will do everything through education and information to increase the respect towards domestic animals.

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