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It is more than 26 years since APAC was founded, volunteers have come and gone but every single one of them were and still are dedicated to helping animals in need.

Now the hot summer has arrived and if you are seeking respite from the sun, come and visit us at our cool ventilated charity shop. Our loyal staff will welcome you and help you find a little 'treasure' at an economical price. As always, we are grateful for the donations of items, that we can sell to pay for medical care and food for those animals that need our help. We hope that you understand the dedication of the volunteers that is needed to make this charity function successfully. Although it is not always possible to help every animal, we do our very best. We still have hope that the Town Hall will one day appoint, or delegate, someone that is passionate and caring, to assist us in resolving some of the bureaucratic problems that still exist.

**DOGS** We're seeing a worrying rise in calls from people who can no longer care for their dogs. Many of these people are facing unexpected challenges, like moving to a new job or unsuitable living situations, which make it impossible to keep their pets. We also receive many heartfelt requests from owners asking us to take in dogs due to health issues - everything from allergies to serious illnesses like cancer.

Many of these situations were unexpected, highlighting the need for careful consideration before adopting a dog. Our website provides articles to help future pet owners make informed decisions rather than acting impulsively.

With all these factors in mind, we encourage all our adoptive parents to nominate a "padrino/a": someone who agrees to take care of the animal if they are ever unable to take care of it themselves.

Sadly, because of our limited resources and not having our own shelter, we cannot help everyone. There's only so much we can do to support these animals and their families, but we do our best to make a difference where we can.

**CATS** We would like to remind you how important it is to microchip your cat. We recently had a message from one of our volunteers that they had found a new cat, with neck wounds near one of the colonies in Coveta Fuma. The cat was caught and taken to Medivet for treatment. Due to its microchip, the cat was identified and consequently returned to its owners. The cat had travelled to Coveta Fuma, from its home at the back of the Sports Centre opposite Carrefour in San Juan. Please remember that If your microchipped cat is lost, it must be reported to the Guardia Civil, otherwise if found and its loss was not registered, then a large fine would be imposed.

If you would like to volunteer as a foster home, please get in contact with us via apac.elcampello@gmail.com

MEMBERSHIP / DONATIONS / FUNDRAISING APAC is contacted hundreds of times every month from people wanting or demanding our assistance. We have extremely limited resources and most people asking for our help have never donated or helped us in any way. We get hundreds of "likes" and "comments" on our Facebook pages but that does not help us help the animals. Please join our "Teaming" account which costs 1€ per month − if the hundreds of people who like our posts joined the "Teaming" scheme, we could help so many more animals. www.teaming.net/apacelcampello

## Help us to continue supporting animals that have no voice of their own!

Membership of the Association is €5 per year - application forms are available in the shop; online at our website or by emailing - membership.apac@gmail.com

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