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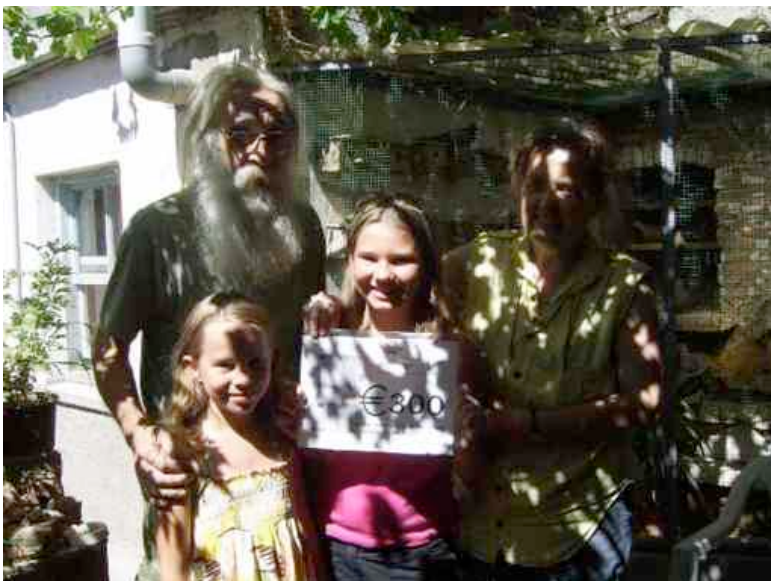


LESBIAN WILDLIFE HOSPITAL

Although we thought at the end of 2006 that we had finished all the building, after all lots of new had been created and/or improved in 2007. We could build on the roof of "The Keep" a big aviary for our disabled Peregrines, a pen was built for the Marginated Tortoises and even a pen was created for Hedgehogs and other smaller mammals. The huge pen for the other tortoises is, after the heat-waves of last summer, provided with weather-lasting shadow-places (made of shelters, dumped by the Greek Army) and we still have sufficient to use it for other aviaries as well. IN "The Keep" there was done a lot with improving the floor and enrichment of the aviaries, but the Barn Owl-aviary is split into two pieces, so there is an extra cage there now. We were assisted in all those work by the trainees of the moment, **Hilda & Jessica, Diane, Monique and Saskia, Liesbeth & Samantha, Cherina, Rixt & Daniëlle**, but as well by our friends from Pétra, **Jeroen & Melanie** and last but not least by our beyond praise "Master-Builder" **Aad Ouwerkerk**. He was a.o. responsible for the quite drastic and "headache-causing" renovations in the House-next-door. IN the Sick-Bay we could finish at last the last cages-wall, by which the intake-possibility for bigger birds/animals was enlarged. And we really needed those cages !! And thanks to an extra donation of the "**Foundation for Animal-help in Venezuela**" we could replace the front-door of the House-next-door (wherein spontaneously holes appeared), and we could pull through the central-heating from our house to the House-next-door > now trainees/volunteers and/or the occupants there don't have to suffer from the cold !!

Assistance with meat-cutting was on a regular base given by **Douglas & Janice**, by **Melanie** and as well from the 2nd half of July by our daughter **Runa** and her son **Axel**. Grand-daughter **Lara** was deserving by removing the droppings of the doggies every day several times !!

And that is leading to the following: did we write in the last Annual Report that "*if everything is going according to plan our "successors-to-be" are coming in good a year from Holland: a Dutch couple (with children). A great relief for us, because our hearts were heavy when we thought about the (near ??) future: "Who is going to take-over our work . . . ??",* so they came in the beginning of July. Unfortunately this wasn't meant for a longer period: severe (not to say **life-threatening**) health-problems for those "new-comers" forced us to decide with pain in our hearts to send the family back to Holland.



What indeed should be mentioned is the initiative of some primary- & secondary school children from Tilburg (Holland) to promote our work by giving lectures on school and in the neighborhood, so collecting money for us. They came and surprised us with a cheque of **300 Euro** !! Two little children from Zaltbommel (Holland) put beside a part of their candy-money and they came and brought it in triumph.

And a young girl from Oudewater (as well Holland) had sold lots of her old toys and the proceeds were as well for the animals !!

The year 2006 in digits

We could receive **538 visitors** this year, and that's quite a lot less than last year. We had only a few schools around the year, but those visitors we don't receive anymore with open arms > afterwards we can call the municipal sanitation department for cleaning-up the roads !!

Since the beginning of our registration the total number of intakes was **3811 !**

The total number of intakes this year was **268** and of those **106** were animals, not-being our aim :

Chicken/Cock > **2**; Tweety-chicken > **2**; Chicken Silky Fowl > **1**; African Grey Parrot > **1**; White Peacock > **1**; Blue Peacock > **2**; Lady Amherst's Pheasant > **1**; Golden Pheasant > **1**; East-African Ostrich > **2**; Goffins Cockatoo > **1**; Rabbit > **2**; Budgerigar > **1**

Lots of those animals were the property of the local youth, and we try by treating their animals to transpose love and care for animals to them ! But as well a **Vet** called us to save her poisoned dog.

Further we had **33 dogs** and **51 cats !** Of those dogs **1** was for "**export**" to Holland. Of those cats mentioned, **3 cats & 2 kittens** went to a better life in Holland.

And in spite of the fact we had decided last year to stop with the neutering, we still were able to neuter **12 stray & semi-strays**.

In the beginning of 2007 we organized again a neutering-program for strays; 3 Dutch Vets have helped in total **151** animals: **91** cats, **56** Tom-cats, **3** dogs and **1** she-dog. And although our own "contribution" herein was small, we have assisted those vets in any possible way, and were present when the situations had "completely run out of control".

Now our "proper aim" > so "**Wildlife**": we had **162** intakes, we were able to treat with variable success. Not everything happened like we would have liked it (sometimes the injuries were **too** severe), but we were able to save a lot of animals and/or spare them a worse life. And for those people who are thinking that many, many animals are dying here, we'll only say that the condition an animal / a bird is coming-in most of the time is quite bad (and in those cases we're writing about "Swiss-Cheese"). For a complete survey we can refer to our website www.wildlifeonlesvos.org . And for those who have **no P.C.**, we should like to say > go to an **Internet-café** and visit our website > our Webmaster **Jeff Paffett** is doing his utmost best to keep the site up-to-date !! **Good work & thank you Jeff !** And we want to mention as well our other site, now appearing in **3 languages** > www.wildlifeoplesbos.net

We weren't successful this year with our breeding-program for disabled birds/tortoises: the last year so fertile Little Owls had started brooding again, but probably the hot weather was a spoil-sport. And the same was sure the case with the tortoises.

The pleasant co-operation with the **K.T.E.L.** (Island Coach-C^y.) had as result that we had to drive last year **2396 km less** for taking-in injured animals, than should be the case **without** this co-operation. (in 2006 that was **1934 km**). In spite of that we still had to drive **2739 km** for taking in / releasing of patients (in 2006 that was **3868 km**).

Financial report 2007

Balance over 2006:

Cash, bank-accounts etc.		€ 4570,65 + £ 834,88
Income		
From S.D.V.	€ 4500.=	
From Greek Animal Rescue	€ 1192,43	
From tourists (excursions), members, treatments & sales	€ 9863,15	
Bank-accounts	€ 3496,32 + £ 128,08	
Total	€19094,47 + £ 128,08	+ € 19094,47 + £ 128,08
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EXPENSES IN 2006

Spend is:	in 2006	in 2007	
Food	€ 6651,72	€ 6426,84	
Keeping	€ 1327,11	€ 1320,96	
Transport	€ 1392,65	€ 1314,85	
Medicines etc.	€ 727,34	€ 623,20 + £ 511,58	
Building	€ 980,62	€ 2265,21	
Other expenses	€ 3848,55 + £ 27,99	€ 5278,08	
Total	€ 14927,99 + £ 27,99	€ 17229,14 + £ 511,58	€ 17229,14 + £ 511,58
Balance 2007			€ 6435,98 + £ 451,38

For the 3rd time in our history we have a complete positive balance, but this time the balance is a bit more as we had in the beginning of 2007. This is due to some XXL donations. In spite of that we would ask everyone, who still wants to support us, to contact us for the minimum annual-donation (€ 25.=), and because there had been some troubles with account-robbers, we won't publish our account here any more.

Of course we would appreciate it if you have the possibility to bring your contribution YOURSELF !
COFFEE/TEA is always ready !

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