

ANNUAL REPORT 2008



LESBIAN WILDLIFE HOSPITAL

Again a year has passed and we can imagine that for most of us (maybe even for all of us) it was a moving year. Unrest, commotion and uncertainty in the world, what definitely influenced our personal way of living/behaviour.

It is now of the utmost importance, that we focus our lives more and more on small, immaterial things and on that what is really important.

We wish you all a lot of light and brightness, a lot of power and strength and a lot of knowledge and wisdom in this New Year.

We too had a year with a lot of events. If you are following our websites a bit, you already know a lot.

We had a very restless and sad beginning with the death of Joris' daughter, who should be our successor; then trying to find a new balance, which was not very easy. After that a very difficult and busy summer followed with just a little bit of help. The helping hands which were here we appreciated a lot. As far as these persons didn't notice enough how grateful we were with their help we will mention them and praise them here and now: Eveliene, Chloe and Anouke. **Tjarda**, who moved in the middle of March from Portugal to Greece and to be precise to our village, joined our team from that moment on very regularly and was therefore a pretty stable factor. It should be nice if she would stay some time more in our neighbourhood!

The outlook for help/trainees for 2009 is fortunately a little better, so we hope it will be some successful periods with them!

In under-mentioned report one can read a lot of digits, but we can imagine as well, that it might be a little boring after some time.

Therefore just how the situation is: even we (and with us our work) don't escape the financial crisis. The amount of tourists in 2008 was clearly smaller again and that means less income for the animals too. The expenses were pretty high, as well because we have quite a lot of birds of prey; unfortunately only a small part is releasable. During the hunting season we are not even thinking about releasing! All these birds of prey mean a huge portion of good meat every week!

So we are coming to you again with the hope that you want/can support us this year (too). You can be sure that the money won't be invested, so we won't lose any money because our shares are not worth a penny anymore!! We are not going to banks on Island too!! We keep it all on a small-scale, so that nothing sticks to the fingers and every cent will be spend for the animals!

We thank you in advance on behalf of all the animals, who are in our care or who will be put under our care.

The year 2008 in digits

We could receive **491 visitors** this year, so that's about 50 less than last year. Since the beginning of the registration in 1996 the amount of intakes was **4047**, of which **234** this year. Of those 51 didn't belong in the category "wild animals" and so 183 did. Of those 51 we had: Canary-bird > 1, Peacock > 3, Baby-chicken > 1, Sucking-piglet > 1 and Angora-rabbit > 1. Further we had 18 dogs and 26 cats. Of those 3 dogs and 3 cats were poisoned, 6 dogs and 3 cats were traffic-victims and 8 cats were removed the joy of mother- / fatherhood for the future. Two dogs came in with gras-seeds in the eye(s).

We had 10 thrown-away kittens, 1 cat was exported to Belgium and three to Holland.

We entered 2009 with a patient-number of (at least) **144** animals/birds; or animals/birds waiting for their release after the hunting-season, or animals/birds which can't (or won't !! That's happening indeed !!) be released anymore, or patients still in treatment. In those numbers aren't counted the Pigeons we have released in the past and due to the bird-flu no-one wanted to have Pigeons, and which are still living around the L.W.H. and are fed by us regularly.

What kinds of patients there were present ??

Birds:

Birds-of-prey: 3 Long-legged Buzzards, 6 Buzzards, 3 Peregrines, 1 Eleonora's Falcon, 3 Kestrels, 1 Hobby. 3 Sparrowhawks and 1 Goshawk. Nocturnal Birds-of-prey: 2 Eagle Owls, 3 Pale Barn Owls, 2 Dark Barn Owls, 6 Little Owls, 1 Scop's Owl and 1 Long-eared Owl. Further at least 27 Pigeons and/or Rock-doves, 4 Western Jackdaws, 4 Hooded Crows, 1 Rook, 1 Black-headed Gull, 14 Collared Doves, 2 Turtle Doves, 1 Common Starling, 1 Hawfinch, 4 House Sparrows (of which 1 should can be a Spanish Sparrow as well > we'll see in the future, but as well 1 which was released and after 3 days was back at the Aviary begging to be let-in again !!), 1 White Pelican (but that one is "on detachment" with the fishermen in Skála Kallonís) and 1 Goffins Cockatoo.

Reptiles:

Tortoises: 15 Spurr-tighed Tortoises (hibernating; under which "**Sophie**") and 2 babies of the same kind; 3 Marginated Tortoises (hibernating) and 1 Mediterranean Tortoise (hibernating).

Mammals:

13 cats (of which 3 can be rehomed) and 9 dogs (of which 4 can be rehomed).

Weren't we not so lucky in 2007 with the "home-breeding" of Little Owls out of disabled parents, in 2008 we could give back with success four of those to "Mother Earth". With the breeding of the Barn Owls we weren't so successful.

The pleasant co-operation with the **K.T.E.L.** (Island Coach-CY.) had as result that we had to drive last year **2567 km less** for taking-in injured animals, than should be the case **without** this co-operation. (in 2007 that was **2396 km**). In spite of that we still had to drive **3339 km** for taking in / releasing of patients (in 2007 that was **2739 km**).

Financial report 2008**Balance over 2007:**

Cash, bank-accounts etc.

€ 6435,98 + £ 451,38

Income

From S.D.V.

€ 3000.=

From Greek Animal Rescue

€ 1306,85

From tourists (excursions),
members, treatments & sales

€ 7261,31

Bank-accounts

€ 3259,86 + £ 6,65

Total

€ 14829,02 + £ 6,65

+

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€ 21265.= + £ 455,10

EXPENSES IN 2006**Spend is:**

in 2007

in 2008

Food

€ 6426,84

€ 8549,81

Keeping

€ 1320,96

€ 2120,36

Transport

€ 1314,85

€ 1519,10

Medicines etc.

€ 623,20 + £ 511,58

€ 572,77

Building

€ 2265,21

€ 234,60

Other expenses

€ 5278,08

€ 4344,50

Total

€ €17229,14 + £ 511,58

€17341,14

- €17341,14

Balance 2008

+

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As one can see, our "reserves" have diminished with almost 50%, and that has nothing to do with bank-accounts in Iceland, but really with the current economical crisis, due to which visiting tourists didn't leave so much money for the animals.

So we should like to ask everyone who still wants to support us and our work, to contact us for the minimum annual-donation (€ 25.=), and because there had been some troubles with account-robbers, we won't publish our English account here any more. But as well is possible:

(Netherlands) Postbank 3611982, IBAN: NL 02 PSTB 0003 6119 82, BIC: PSTBNL21

Name: **Peeters-Lenglet, Lesbos, Greece** reason: **Wildlife Hospital**

Of course we would appreciate it if you have the possibility to bring your contribution

YOURSELF !

COFFEE/TEA is always ready

Our Special Thanks to:

**"Stichting Dierenhulp Venezuela"
(Foundation for Help to Animals in Venezuela)
Holland**

they supported us with money & materials

**Greek Animal Rescue (GAR)
Engeland**

Supported us this year again with a donation

**"Animal Medical Care Foundation" (AMCF)
Holland**

supported us with lots of useful and practical materials

Volunteers for a shorter or longer period:

**Melanie Principaal, Douglas Johnston & Janice Brown, Tjarda de Vries, Eveliene van der Meulen,
Chloe Hodder, Ellen & Maarten Veltmaat, Ger & Tiny Bruinsma**

Who all spent a lot (sometimes lots) of time here helping us

Trainee (Agricultural High School)

Anouke Janssen

(except working for her thesis, she did as well a lot for us)

Jelle Hofstra & Ben Steinfort

(help by the determination of reptiles and very young birds and/or sub-species)

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(our webmaster of www.wildlifeonlesvos.org)

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(our former webmaster of www.wildlifeoplesbos.net)

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(who took-over as webmaster the site www.wildlifeoplesbos.net)

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(keepers of our Bank-account in England, medical equipment & medicines)

Maria Tzivoglou, Mytiléne

(who after the decease of her mother left us some money because her mother had wanted so)

All Visitors who came to our place and told about our work on the Island & abroad.

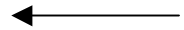
And of course everyone who is spending money or other things, and without their efforts we shouldn't be able to do what we have done.

ALL OF YOU LOTS OF THANKS & KISSES !!

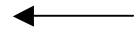
Our all-out effort of the past year: the Spurr-tighed Tortoise "Sophie"



**"Sophie" at intake
September 30th
2008**



**after being
dropped from
high in the air by
(most probably)
a Short-toed
Eagle to crack
her shell and
have something
to eat !!**



**"Sophie" on
November 12th
2008, after a
long time of
intensive
treatment, force-
feedings and
physiotherapies.
The shell should
be 100% normal
in the year 2010.**

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