

## ANNUAL REPORT 2009



### LESBIAN WILDLIFE HOSPITAL

Quite a difficult and heavy year is behind us, with lots of up's and down's, but after all a year we could say at the end **"we've made it again, although it's more and more difficult"**.

On the one hand we were very unlucky with trainees and volunteers, but on the other just very lucky. Especially we want to name the crew from the Agricultural School (**AOC-East**) in Twello (Holland), who has done a lot of work over here: work which we had been unable to do. To give an example: both our Eastern Hedgehogs are lodged now in a cage which was finished by those people. That as well our tortoises could spend the rest of 2009 and, after the hibernation-period, the whole of 2010 can spend in an improved pen is as well thanks to those people, although not everything happened without bloodshed. And water-fowl can be lodged better now in a more natural way thanks to them.

Because Joren Derksen (from the crew mentioned above) finished very well his trainee-ship over here, he could come back October 2009, not for another trainee-ship but to experience himself in a staff-function. Our "Portuguese" help Tjarda de Vries has left us after one year and a half because the Portuguese "brousse" was still in her heart and mind > she is trying now again surviving over there.

What further all happened in this field could be read "in extremo" on our web-site. And writing hereabout there will be a **change starting January 1<sup>st</sup> of this year: from that date there will be every week an up-date (so the present Log-Book), while at the beginning of the month to come the whole month (with most of the pictures) will be on line. In those up-dates no digits should be present, but colored graphics.**

Because we have more and more "permanent residents" this has consequences as well. For those who don't know what we mean with "permanent residents": this are animals which are staying for quite a long time (or for ever) have to stay over here; that "quite a long time" is some times 3 years or more . . . . !! The consequences hereof are a.o. that we have no free cages any more or are able to construct those; something which has resulted in 2009 a.o. in the fact that one bird-of-prey has completely demolished and eaten her male one of the same kind !!

Of course this has consequences for the expenses: one can't keep alive birds-of-prey with some pieces of old bread, and as well a fox needs to have lots of meat, and this sometimes for months and months till it's safe for a release. This because our maxim is that (in principle) no animals are released in the hunting-season (August 20<sup>th</sup> – last day of February). Exceptions are the animals/birds which absolutely can't be kept in a cage because they are completely damaging themselves !!

The amount of meat, liver and minced meat which has past through the diligent hands of lots of people in the past year has risen far above the average body-weight of a normal cow, because that's only about 700 kilo (with bones) and we had reached at the end of last year **901,733 kilo** without bones (for **€ 5566,49**) !! In 2008 this still was **612,679 kilo** (for **€ 3946,34**) !! And the total of animal-food (meat etc. included) reached **€ 9937,30**; in 2008 this still was **€ 8549,81**.

And although we realize quite well that the economic situation in the world definitively has consequences for everybody, yet we still want to ask all of you very friendly to don't let down the animals, which definitively aren't here for their pleasure. And this not only for the reason our great-great-children should be able seeing animals and birds alive !!

### New Board from October 18<sup>th</sup> 2009

After elections for a new Board, held at the date mentioned above, the Board of the Charity-Society . "Lesbian Wildlife Hospital – Ζωοκομείο Λέσβου @" is as follows: Chairman: Ineke Peeters-Lenglet; Vice-Chairman: Eléni Galinoú; Secretary: María Kallipolíti; Treasurer: Joris Peeters; Board-members: Micháil Kapiotás, Médie Meijer-Kouní, Eva Traumann and (reserve-member) Mário Símos-Smits.

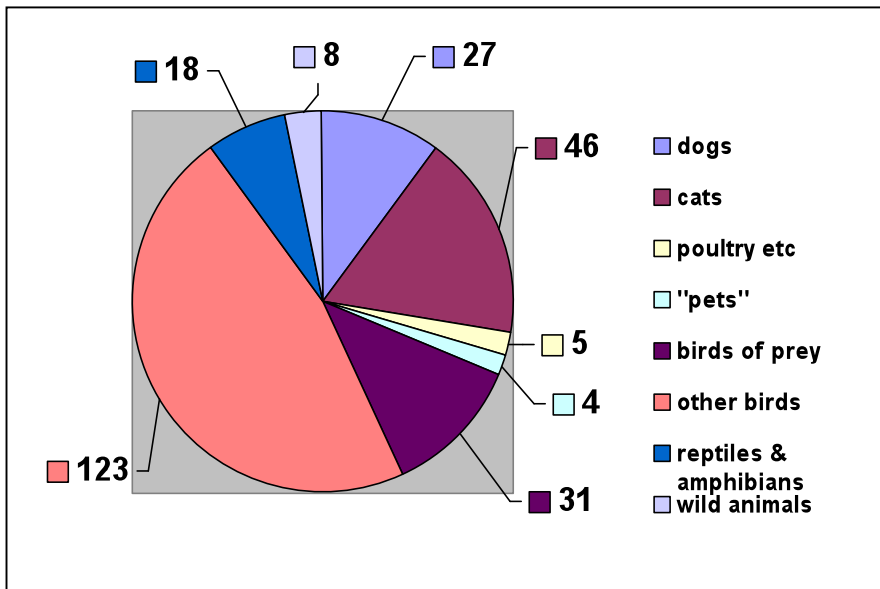
## The year 2009 in digits

The pleasant co-operation with the **K.T.E.L.** (Island Coach-C<sup>y</sup>.) had as result that we had to drive last year **2799 km less** for taking-in injured animals, than should be the case **without** this co-operation. (in 2008 that was **2567 km**). In spite of that we still had to drive **1693 km** for taking in / releasing of patients (in 2008 that was **3339 km**).

We could receive **1129 visitors** this year, so that's **638** more than last year. Included are lots of schools from all over the country.

Since the beginning of the registration in 1996 the amount of intakes was **43098**, of which **262** this year. Of those **82** didn't belong in the category "wild animals" and so **180** did. Of those **82** we had: 1 Chinchilla, 3 Peacocks, 1 Cock, 1 Grey-lag Goose, 1 Cockatiel, 1 Eastern Rosella and 1 Green Iguana. Further we had 27 dogs and 46 cats.

In our own "specialty" we had: 8 Collared Doves; 41 Pigeons, 1 Song Thrush; 1 Sardinian Warbler; 1 Green Toad; 7 Yellow-legged Gulls; 17 Swifts; 1 Caucasian Squirrel; 1 Kestrel; 1 Eleonora's Falcon; 3 Little Bitterns; 1 Great Egret; 11 Spurr-tighed Tortoises; 22 House-Sparrows; 1 Long-eared Owl; 10 Dark Barn Owls; 6 Pale Barn Owls; 2 Hooded Crows; 1 Great Tot; 3 Little Owls; 1 Moorhen; 2 Long-legged Buzzards; 3 Greenfinches; 3 Eastern Hedgehogs; 3 Foxes; 3 Stripe-necked Terrapins; 2 House Martins; 1 Little Grebe; 1 Western Jackdaw; 1 Common Shelduck; 1 Mallard; 1 Blackbird; 1 White Stork; 1 Nightjar; 1 Hoopoe; 3 Marginated Tortoises; 1 Goshawk; 1 Marsh Warbler; 1 Pipistrelle-bat; 1 Dalmatian Pelican;

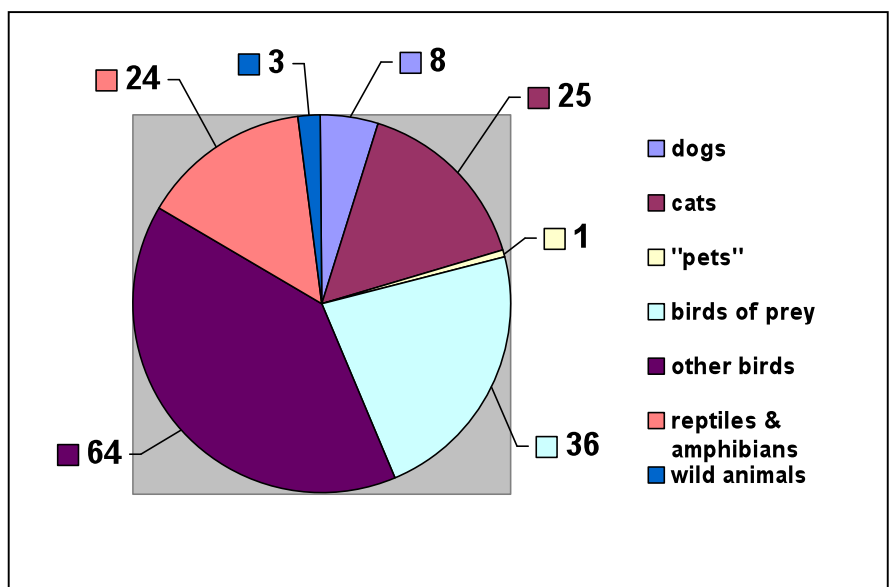


1 Willow Warbler; 1 Quail; 1 Short-eared Owl; 1 Turtle-dove and 3 Sparrowhawks.

We entered 2010 with a patient-amount of (at least) **162** animals/birds; or animals/birds which are waiting for release but because of the hunting-season can't be released yet, or animals/birds which can't be (or won't be ! Is happening as well !) released, or animals/birds which still are in treatment. Not measured herein are the more than 30 Pigeons which we have released in the past due to the Bird-flu and everyone was very scared of birds, and Pigeons which were released thereafter and all those are still roaming around our houses and are fed by us (a bit). By the way, there is living a couple of Sparrowhawks in our neighborhood which are hunting for those Pigeons > the feathers are flying around sometimes !! But this is "nature" and hunters aren't.

What species we're lodging now ??

32 Pigeons; 10 Collared Doves; 2 Turtledoves; 2 Long-legged Buzzards; 7 Buzzards; 1 Hobby; 2 Kestrels; 3 Mediterranean Peregrine Falcons; 1 Eleonora's Falcon; 2 Sparrowhawks; 2 Eagle Owls; 1 Short-eared Owl; 5 Pale Barn Owls; 3 Dark Barn Owls; 1 Scop's Owl; 6 Little Owls; 5 Jackdaws; 3 Hooded Crows; 1 Rook; 1 Goffins Cacatua; 1 White Pelican (on detachment in Skála Kallonís); 1 Starling; 1 Song Thrush; 6 House Sparrows; 1 Hawfinch; 1 Great Egret; 2 Eastern Hedgehogs; 2 adult Marginated Tortoises and 3 babies; 14 Spurr-tighed Tortoises and 4 babies; 1 Mediterranean Tortoise; 1 Dog-Fox; 8 Dogs; 19 "in-the-house" cats and 5 "out-door" cats. As well a recently taken-in ex-Tom-Cat of which one ear had to be amputated.



Except those dogs & cats which appear in our "daily existence" and which we have neutered/sterilized when necessary, we have as well (at the request of others) taken-away the possibility to enlarge the amount of strays for 6 Cats, 6 Tom-Cats and 1 He-Dog.

**Releases / re-homings from January 1<sup>st</sup> 2009; in total 86 releases and 11 re-homings:**

Released: Sparrowhawk (3); Sardinian Warbler (1); Green Toad (1); Hooded Crow (1); Kestrel (1); Long-legged Buzzard (1); Collared Doves (7); House Sparrows (1); Swifts (8); Spurr-tighed Tortoises (10); Rock-Dove (1); Yellow-legged Gull (3); Little Bittern (1); Pigeons (18); Long-eared Owl (1); Stripe-necked Terrapin (2); Little Grebe (1); House Martins (5); Moorhen (1); Mallard (1); Little Owls (3); Pale Barn Owls (3); Dark Barn Owls (8); White Stork (1); Hoopoe (1); Marsh Warbler (1); Willow Warbler (1); Goshawk (1).  
Re-homed: Pigeons (8); Kitten (1); Dog (2); Green Iguana (1).

**Financial report 2009**

**Balance over 2008:**

<b>Cash, bank-accounts etc.</b>		<b>€ 3923,86 + £ 455,10</b>
<b>Income</b>		
From S.D.	<b>€ 3000.=</b>	
From Greek Animal Rescue	<b>€ 1085,78</b>	
From tourists (excursions), members, treatments & sales	<b>€ 9415,19</b>	
Bank-accounts	<b>€ 7845,65 + £ 181,10</b>	
<b>Total</b>	<b>€ 21346,62 + £ 181,10</b>	<b>+ € 21346,62 + £ 181,10</b>
		<b>€ 25270,48 + £ 636,20</b>

**EXPENSES IN 2009**

<u>Spend is:</u>	in 2008	in 2009	
Food	<b>€ 8549,81</b>	<b>€ 9937,30</b>	
Keeping	<b>€ 2120,36</b>	<b>€ 1438,20</b>	
Transport	<b>€ 1519,10</b>	<b>€ 1100,75</b>	
Medicines etc.	<b>€ 572,77</b>	<b>€ 557,99</b>	
Building	<b>€ 234,60</b>	<b>€ 509,01</b>	
Other expense	<b>€ 4344,50</b>	<b>€ 4198,99</b>	
<b>Total</b>	<b>€17341,14</b>	<b>€17742,24</b>	<b>- €17742,24</b>
<b>Balance 2009</b>			<b>+ € 7528,24 + £ 636,20</b>
<b>Balance over 2008 was</b>			<b>+ € 3923,86 + £ 455,10</b>
<b>Balance over 2007 was</b>			<b>+ € 6435,98 + £ 451,38</b>

As one can see, we have a positive balance this year, which at last is a bit more "rosy" thanks to the many visitors, but hunting-season isn't yet finished and then after 5½ months (officially) of no hunting, the next wave will appear again.

So we should like to ask everyone who still wants to support us and our work not to forget our patients, 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:

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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:  
(and SORRY if we have forgotten someone)**

**"Stichting Dierenhulp" (SD), Holland** (formerly Foundation for Animal-help Venezuela) > financially and with materials

**"Greek Animal Rescue" (GAR), England** > financially

**"Animal Medical Care Foundation" (AMCF), Holland** > practical and useful materials

**Marco van den Hout, Almere (NL)** > webmaster: [www.wildlifeoplesbos.net](http://www.wildlifeoplesbos.net)

**Jeff Paffett, Váfios (GR)** > webmaster [www.wildlifeonlesvos.org](http://www.wildlifeonlesvos.org)

**Will Tieleman, Plomári (GR)** > repair and perfecting our computers

**Tony & Trish Middleton, England** > our English Bank-account, medicines and instruments

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**Hans de Vries, Rotterdam (NL)** > photoreport

**Marnix de Bruijne, Amsterdam (NL)** > article in newspaper "Volkskrant".

**Marten van Dijl, Rotterdam (NL)** > article in newspaper "Algemeen Dagblad"

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**Julie Smit, Eftalóú (GR)** > financially

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**Joren Derksen, Deventer (NL)** > financially

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**All those visitors who offered spontaneously their help** > with meat-cutting, painting of doors, pointing of walls, cleaning a.s.o.

**All "old" and new Board-members from before and after October 18<sup>th</sup> 2009**

**Further of course all those hundreds of people who have supported us during their visits by writing in our Guest-book about their experiences over here, telling about us to other people and who as well sometimes showed their involvement in an other way.**

**Without your help we NEVER should have been able doing what we did**

**Everyone utterly and utterly thanks !!**