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The soul is the same in all living creatures, although the body of each is different.
(Hippocrates, Greek physician)

FOTA RESPONDS TO CRY FOR HELP

Just a few weeks ago we received a phone call asking us for urgent help with a large number of stray dogs and cats which had been taken in by a lady who had good shelter facilities in which to keep them and whose only intention was to help them. Unfortunately, the numbers of animals taken in had completely overcrowded the facilities, they had become quite seriously ill and she simply couldn't cope. FOTA arrived at the premises to find 39 dogs crammed into 10 cages and a large number of cats in a similar situation. The conditions in which they were living was appalling. Dealing with the dogs was going to be a major problem in itself so Virginia from "VOCAL" (Voice Of The Cats Alliance) was asked if she could pitch in to deal with the cats, which were in very poor health due to a serious virus. To their credit, VOCAL have done a fantastic job and we've heard from Virginia that the cats' living area has just been tested again and has been given the "all clear." Good news indeed! The cats can now be re-homed as soon as they are fully recovered.

For its part, FOTA contacted our good friends at the Mirtos Animal Project in Holland to inform them of this situation and their immediate response was to agree to take as many dogs as we needed to move and have re-homed. This was such an incredible response from them and really helped lift a lot of the worry off our shoulders.

Several of the healthier dogs have already been sterilized and sent to Holland and several more have been put into our foster homes in order to thin out the numbers and make their living conditions more comfortable.

Ann has given advice about cleaning the cages, maintaining hygiene, feeding etc. and the dogs are now showing improvement.

The owner of the premises will be keeping four of the remaining dogs leaving twelve in the shelter plus eight in our foster homes which we will gradually fly out to Holland for re-homing. Currently we have got the numbers down to two dogs sharing each cage and we hope to reduce this to one per cage in the very near future. Our thanks go to VOCAL, Mirtos Animal Project and our foster homes for their help in dealing with this crisis.



Above:- Ann about to enter the shelter to carry out her regular inspection.



Right:- Cleaner, improved conditions with much happier, healthier dogs.