

GOING THAT EXTRA MILE FOR SUSIE

The following story is heartrending and was sent to me from Michele at The Hope Fund---- with her permission I am retelling it as it has a happy ending and also shows the lengths Michele will go to for a needy doggy, a doggy who has wiggled her way into Michele's heart. All work that Michelle does is on a voluntary basis.

Susie was rescued originally in December 2004 by Michele, with Rhona (who sadly passed away) and a lady called Sue. Susie was rescued from Meia Praia beach with 7 puppies. Michele took them all home. All puppies were fit and well but Susie was tired and thin, she had given everything to her pups. However, she survived with lots of TLC. Sue, who originally found her, decided she would like to keep her, she lived in the UK but as she travelled between Portugal and the UK, Susie would need a pet passport. Michele agreed to keep her for the six months and sort out the passport. Unfortunately circumstances delayed their return, but eventually Sue and her Husband set off with Susie and their other two dogs for the UK recently. All were chipped and had passports.

However, cruel fate intervened and when they got to the Vet in France there was a problem with Susie's paperwork-----this happens and happened to us once. Susie was not allowed to travel to the UK. Eventually after a harrowing few hours Susie had to be put up for rehoming and went to a local refuge in Dunkerque..

Both Sue and Michele were distraught about this. Michele managed to contact a lady in Malaga called Den, via Animal Courier's in the UK. After 24 days of frustration and one visit already to a closed refuge, Den finally arranged for a friend travelling from Dunkerque to Malaga to make a detour and pick Susie up. This eventually got Susie out of France and back nearer Michele, to Malaga. Happily, Michele and David then drove from Lagos to the other side of Seville to meet Den and collect Susie.

Susie is now back here in Portugal with Michele and is happy to be here, she keeps checking that Michele is with her. This must have been a harrowing and confusing experience for poor Susie who has been dealt a tough start in life. Now, Michele can try and work out what went wrong with the paperwork and start to get Susie back on the route back to the UK to meet with Sue and her husband again. None of this would have been possible without the help of so many devoted animal lovers, especially Den, who will go that extra mile for them. Long may Michele keep fighting for these dogs---and cats, I hasten to add. A very big thank you Michele and to everyone involved.

It may well be worth filing away the following contact details as you never know when you may need their help. Dens email is petchauffeur@hotmail.co.uk and her phone number is 0034 619 020 666. Also worth knowing is Lesley at Animal Couriers on 0044 1483 200 123 or animalcouriers@aol.com

This story also reinforces just how much we need to continue to raise money to help the animals----please remember that and visit Scruffts on October 1st and support all the fundraising efforts.

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