



friends of
Bianca

NEWSLETTER 22: 1ST Quarter 2018

Hi All,

Well folks it's the start of a new year and a busy one for the Trustees and the volunteers of Friends of Bianca. I will give you a taste of what is planned ahead for the charity in the way of fetes and what has been happening at the shelter

We thank you all for the support you have given the charity over the years and hope we have it for many more. Without your support we could not manage to support the shelter.

Fundraising 2018

DOG PORTRAIT COMPETITION – VALUED AT OVER £500.00

We have a busy year ahead. The Photo competition for the portrait painted of your dog is kindly being donated again by the renowned painter Lily Taylor. Some of you may remember the beautiful portrait she did of the last winner, so a big thank you to Lily. The cost will be £5.00 per entry and the forms will be available in the next couple of weeks. We are running this till November when a distinguished member of the public will pick the most appealing dog.

KILTWALK 3RD JUNE, 2018

Henny, Heather and I are running this to raise funds for the charity. If you want to sponsor us you can fill in the form on the Kiltwalk site or contact info@friendsofbianca.org, or my email lindaallan@btinternet.com - all money raised is sent out to Ana and her team.

FRED SSPCA BANCHORY 3RD JUNE 2018

We have a stall again this year at the Banchory fete which was a great success last year. Come along as there are some fantastic dog show classes where your beloved dog can win a prize. There are also some really good stalls selling various types merchandise. All support welcome.

HORSE RACING NIGHT 23RD JUNE ASHVALE FISH AND CHIP SHOP

After the fantastic night last year, we had been asked by our supporters to have another one. The venue this year is at the Ashvale, Great Western Road, Aberdeen, where there is a room especially for this. The cost is £15.00 which includes a fish supper, chicken supper and a vegetarian option. If you want tickets contact info@friendsofbianca.org or my email lindaallan@btinternet.com. We hope you can all manage as this is a brilliant night. We will also have a big raffle with some fantastic prizes already donated from our kind supporters. So do come along and support the charity on this night.

ECHT SHOW 14TH JULY

We are in attendance this year again as this is a brilliant show with so many other things on that day

The dog shows there were a big success and the owners were delighted to receive their rosettes on the day. There were all types of dogs, from the large to the tiny, and Friends of Bianca sold quite a lot of our doggy coats for which we take orders if a special size is required.

TURRIFF SHOW 5-6TH AUGUST

This is one of the biggest shows on the calendar where there are thousands of people attending. We are lucky to be able to join this show and will have our stall out for two days, so hope you can come along and support us.

GEORGE STREET SHOP 16TH – 22ND SEPTEMBER

We are delighted to be able to say we are in the shop for that week. If you have any donations for it, we will be arranging a drop off time for anyone who wishes to donate. This will be decided and in the next newsletter.

Well that is some of the exciting things going on with the charity over the coming months and it will be updated as we go along.

Web/Facebook

We are happy to report there has been some work done on this and the ladies are at this time updating it. We will be, over the coming weeks, adding new dogs and cats for fostering so you can see how you can help the charity. We are updating all pages, so bear with us as it needs some careful adjustments. Krystal and Eilidh have updated the web page to show the fetes we are attending and you can also see this on our Facebook page.

Any new ideas send to – Henny and Krystal who are posting various articles, so if you have anything of interest send it to them at info@friendsofbianca.org

News from the Shelter

I have managed to get funds from Jean Sainsbury Charitable Trust for the equipment Ana required for the mother and puppy unit. This will allow the vet at the shelter to carry out procedures without sending it out to be sourced locally, so we thank them for these funds. I said last year I was going to apply for funding for the Quarantine building which will be our big goal, I have nearly completed all the paperwork and I am just waiting for the final accounts to be sent from the shelter to allow me to proceed with this. If we are successful, what a contribution this would make to the shelter, together with the Mother and Puppy and Cattery that we have managed to build.

Good Medicines

We have been so lucky with our vets in Aberdeen and with the help of them we have sent out over £1000.00 of good medicines to the shelter this last week. This has been welcome as the shelter requires medicines at all times. Therefore a big thanks to Ardene Vets, Town and Country and Swan vets.

We are always grateful to receive any medicines or doggy goods you have. We send them to the shelter as and when we receive them. If you have anything please email info@friendsofbianca.org and we can arrange to collect them.

FOOD

WE have sent out over £2500.00 food to the shelter this year so far and expect to send out tons more in the coming months, this is a great help to Ana and her team out there, but more food is always required for the 300 plus dogs and cats at the shelter. Well done to Lily for getting this amazing task out to them with a lot of hard work.

Elaine Pirie one of our supporters has kindly been collecting doggy items such as collars, leads etc which I hope to get out to the shelter in the coming week. A big thank you to Elaine from all of us.

Ideas for fundraising/Volunteers

FUNDRAISING

We are always looking for ideas to raise the much needed funds for the shelter and welcome any ideas you have. Please send them to info@friendsofbianca.org.

VOLUNTEERS

These are always needed for the day to day help at the shelter in Sesimbra, Portugal - even for a few hours

At this time we have the up-to-date calendar which allows us to see if the villa at Maria's is available. If you would like to go to the shelter the cost for a room is very reasonable.

- 4 or more weeks 20 euros per night each or 33 euros for two people per night
- 4 or more nights 25 euros per night each or 40 euros for two people per night.
- 1-3 nights 30 euros per night each or 45 euros for two people per night.

You can contact us at info@friendsofbianca.org and we will send our brochure and details of the villa's accommodation.

We would once again thank all our supporters for the help that they give financially and via their time to make sure the money is sent to help the dogs and cats at the shelter, without whose help the shelter would not survive.

The Trustees of Friends of Bianca, Lily, Val and myself, would like to thank all our supporters of the charity, without your help we could not raise the funds for Ana and her animals in Sesimbra, Portugal.

LINDA ALLAN

On behalf of the Trustees of Friends of Bianca charity.