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Puppy Power!

The end of 2010 and beginning of 2011 saw QAWS involved in a record number of emergency intakes of puppies in need of urgent shelter.

On Christmas Eve we welcomed Maddie and her 9 puppies that were born only that day and were soon dubbed our 9 little reindeers! Only weeks old now, the puppies are doing well Maddie is a great Mum.



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On January 5th QAWS became home to 18 puppies rescued as strays from the desert. Hugo, Hildago, Hamish, Humphrey, Heath, Hector, Hubert, Hailey, Hazel, Hermione, Hetty, Hester, Heidi, Helena, Heather, Hilda, Honey and Henna are all Doha Specials and range in age from 3 weeks to 3 months old. QAWS is pleased to report that they are all happy and healthy and have adjusted to life at the shelter very quickly.

You can follow our puppies progress and all our animals information via our Facebook page: <http://facebook.com/group.php?gid=88447569613>

QAWS would like to extend a HUGE thank you to everyone who has generously donated items for the puppies and all our animals, we were overwhelmed with the response and were reminded once again what incredible support we have from Doha and around the world. Thank you!!!



Are you interested in adopting or fostering a puppy? QAWS has a puppy adoption/fostering policy that specifies that a full-time caregiver must be at home with the puppy to ensure that the puppy receives the socialisation and house-training help that it needs. As with any animal going into foster care or being adopted, all family members or those that the animal will be sharing a house with must come down to QAWS to meet with the animal. For any enquiries or questions about fostering or adoption please contact QAWS for further information.

Upcoming Q.A.W.S. events...don't miss them!



New Years Quiz Night-8pm, Tuesday 18th January @ Garvey's A special 2010 themed quiz night. QAR50 per person entry fee, maximum 8 people per team. Team registration from 7.30pm. Buffet dinner available for QAR 50 per person.

Adoption Fair & Car Boot Sale, 10am-2pm, Friday 11th February @ Football pitch next to QAWS Come along and meet our gorgeous animals available for adoption, browse the stalls, enter the raffle or bring along your own dog for a doggie play date! Entry QAR5 per adults (kid's free!). Vendor stalls QAR100 per car/table.

**** Save the date ** Thursday 3rd March @ Ramada Plaza Doha—QAWS 2011 Furball** A fantastic night of dinner, dancing and celebrating the work QAWS does. Don't miss it!!! Information on tickets to follow closer to the date, watch this space! For more information on these events? Contact QAWS on 5539 6074 or email: contact@qaws.org

Our car boot sale is the perfect chance to get rid of unwanted stuff, why not reserve a car slot for QR100 and fill your car boot with a load of things to sell on the day and make yourself some money? A great opportunity to clear out clutter, ditch toys that aren't played with or clothes that are too small. Whether its jewellery, cookies, DVDs or pet rocks - give QAWS a call to reserve your place. If you don't have a lot to sell then join forces with a friend or donate some stuff for QAWS to sell. Contact QAWS for more information or to book a spot.



Can you help our Fur Ball?

One of the biggest fundraisers for QAWS, the Fur Ball, is approaching and we would be most grateful for any items for our raffle prizes or silent auction. If you know any company, store or business who might be able to provide a prize to donate or perhaps Santa didn't get your Christmas list and left you with some unwanted gifts, QAWS would love to hear from you!

Please help!!



Silkah goes Dutch!

On 11th January, QAWS said goodbye to one of its gorgeous rescue dogs, Silkah, who departed for her new home in Holland. Silkah arrived at QAWS in 2010 after life as a stray on a building site. She was rescued by a wonderful family who we are delighted to say have taken her in for her 'forever home'. QAWS wishes Silkah and her new family all the best as she settles into her new home! Thank you to Paws & Claws Boarding and Qatar Pet Relocators for helping get Silkah to Holland.



Did you know that, on average, a cat will sleep for 16 hours a day?
 Did you know that cats have the largest eyes of any mammal?
 Did you know the official name for a cat lover is an *ailurophile*?

**Feline Friends:
Mama**

Born and raised on the streets of Doha, Mama is a cat who was clearly intended for indoor life cuddled up on a lap rather than chasing mice! Mama arrived in 2010 along with her sister and kittens, Tyson, Buster and Bruno. Poor Mama only has vision in one eye but she doesn't let this hold her back and knows just where to head for cuddles and lots of strokes. She is very affectionate and talkative letting everyone know she is up and about. Mama has been vaccinated and neutered.

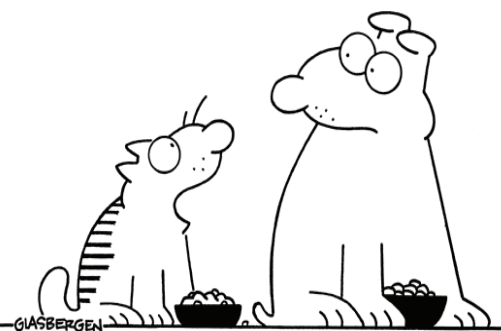


**Canine Characters:
Thelma**

A very friendly little lady who arrived at QAWS with her sister, Louise, as a puppy in 2009, Thelma has grown in confidence from the shy girl she was who stuck closely to her sister's side to the happy and contented dog she is today. Thelma is often overlooked as she is not one of our 'bouncy dogs' in her kennel and her size tricks people into thinking she still has some growing to do but at 2 years old, Thelma is fully grown and is a medium sized dog. Thelma has been vaccinated and would suit a home where she can enjoy the best of both worlds, snoozing the day away and also getting lots of love and attention. Thelma has been at QAWS since she was a young puppy so may need some help learning what it means to live in a house but with lots of love to give though, Thelma is eager to please.



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"The vet says i need a hobby. I thought eating and sleeping were my hobbies!"



Thank you Ramada!

A big thank you to Ramada Plaza Doha for the donation of old towels, all our animals are loving their new bedding!!



Thank you and welcome to our newest sponsor...







Verity Rosewarne who will be sponsoring a dog kennel for 2011

Interested in sponsoring a dog kennel or cat condo? Contact volunteer@qaws.org for more details

Volunteers Corner

With the numbers topping 100 dogs and puppies in residence at QAWS at the moment, QAWS would like extend a big thank you to all our terrific volunteers out there who make such a difference in the lives of all the animals at the shelter.



-  Please remember these important tips to keep not just the animals but you safe:
-  Please read all the notices on kennels or cages
-  When collecting a dog for a walk, please go inside the dog's kennel to clip on the leash. Wait until the dog calms down if they're jumping before putting on the leash, it may take a while and you might even need a couple of attempts exiting and then going back into the kennel but please persist!
-  When out dog walking, please keep a short leash on the dogs when exiting and entering the main kennel block
-  Please help us keep the QAWS shelter tidy by poop scooping! Take a scooper and a bag with you on your walk and use the bins around the farm for poop disposal
-  Please observe the entrance and exit doors to the main kennel to keep a 'one way' system going on, this avoids any unexpected encounters between dogs (or people!)

If you are unsure of anything or have a question or query, please do not hesitate to contact a member of staff.



Would you like to do more to help QAWS? We always need help with laundry, vet runs, D.I.Y. around the shelter and many other things that don't necessarily mean spending time at QAWS.

If you would like to help, please contact volunteer@qaws.org



To all our volunteers, QAWS would like to wish you a very Happy New Year and looks forward to seeing you in 2011!