



'Summerfest' raises nearly 13,000TL for Furry Friends

AN EVENT held in aid of the Furry Friends group, which raises money to help people who help strays in need, raised almost 13,000TL last Saturday.

The Summerfest event was held at Sultan's Restaurant in Çatalköy and featured two shows by the Çatalköy Municipality Nostalgia Folk Dancing Troupe, music by DJ Ozzie, two games of bingo, a raffle, tombola, coconut shy, tin can alley, craft stalls, and live music by various local acts.

Leaflets about the Çatalköy Community Neutering Initiative, which aims to reduce the number of stray dogs in Çatalköy by working jointly with the local municipality and community, were also handed out.

Barbara, Karen, Sonja and Corinne of Furry Friends thanked "everyone who has been involved in making our Summerfest such a success".

"We managed to raise just under 13,000TL, some of which will be donated to the neutering project and the fire relief fund," they added.



Photos courtesy of Furry Friends



Event raises 53,000TL for animal sanctuary

A SPECIAL summer fundraiser held at the Riverside Garden Resort Hotel in Alsancak last Sunday raised 53,000TL for the Freedom Dog Sanctuary in Alsancak.

Debbie Bird of the Freedom Dog Sanctuary said that 200 people

attended the event, enjoying a meal, folk dancers, a belly dancer and music by DJ Dave Mancini.

Nülten Oral, the founder and managing director of the Freedom Dog Sanctuary, said it was a "great night" and thanked everyone who supported and took part in the event.

Photos courtesy of Debbie Bird



Elderly care workers visit South Cyprus care home



Photo courtesy of the Association of Elderly Rights and Mental Health

A GROUP of care sector workers and local health and social welfare representatives based in the TRNC took part in a study visit to the Matera care facility, which provides nursing, care and rehabilitation services in South Nicosia.

Aiming to observe good care practices and develop inter-communal relations with stakeholders in the care sector, the trip was organised by the Association of Elderly Rights and Mental Health as part of the Elderly Rights Movement Project, which is funded by the European Union under the "Cypriot Civil Society in Action VII" grant scheme.

A statement from the Association of Elderly Rights and Mental Health said that a total of 10 people

took part in the trip, including "care home managers, representatives of local community, representatives of the local body responsible for health and social welfare, and members of the Association".

The participants were given a tour of the 60-bed capacity Matera facility by the head project manager Sotiria Moza and then had a question-and-answer session with managing director Marina Polycarpou.

They discussed topics such as nutrition, care for dementia patients, health care, activities, staff and fees. The group was also informed about several technological projects aimed at improving the lives of the elderly community.