

GOZO SPCA – PRESS RELEASE

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Gozo SPCA officials met with the Minister for Gozo and Ministry officials today, 23rd February, to discuss a location suitable for the new Centre. The meeting was very positive and constructive. It represented a continuation of meetings between Gozo SPCA and the Ministry for Gozo that have been on-going for many months. With regard to a new site for Gozo SPCA, there was full agreement that one particular site, which the Ministry had brought to the attention of Gozo SPCA last year, was ideal for Gozo SPCA's needs. The Minister has arranged for a meeting to take place next Monday between Gozo SPCA officials and MEPA's head of planning for Gozo, to discuss the way forward.

Gozo SPCA would like to thank the Minister and her Ministry for the assistance they have provided over the years. Most importantly has been the provision of Peter Camilleri, a Ministry employee, who has worked full time at Gozo SPCA as its Animal Welfare Officer since November 2002. The Ministry has also given assistance in the maintenance and refurbishment of Gozo SPCA's current centre, which is owned by the government.

Gozo SPCA remains closed to taking in new dogs, and asks the public to contact the Police – Tel: 21224001 or the Animal Welfare Department Tel: 25904236/25904132/25904113 for any dog related emergencies.

Gozo SPCA is desperate to rehome the 20 dogs it is currently cares for, and welcomes the public to visit Gozo SPCA's centre in Victoria if they are considering choosing a new pet dog. All of the dogs are vaccinated, neutered and have regular health checks. The Rehoming Centre is manned from 7-10am and 4-5:30pm every day of the week. Photos and descriptions of the dogs looking for a home can be found on Gozo SPCA's website <http://www.sPCA-gozo.org/> and on its facebook page <http://bit.ly/cylj8B>