

OTS REPORT

PORTUGAL, 2018 - 2019

In Portugal, members of the OTS view its mission as being an integral part of their Theosophical work, and therefore try to integrate its activities, as much as possible, in their overall daily activities as theosophists.

This report covers the span of time between October 2018 and October 2019.

Throughout these months, Portuguese OTS activities continued (albeit in a scale comparable to the members in our country) in a diversified way: not only the support to different associations that help animals and human beings, but also through Healing Services and the spreading of information regarding vegetarianism, veganism, and their impact on the general wellbeing of the planet.

OTS in Portugal continued to support several institutions that help people in need or families with economic problems. To the association **CASA**, more than one hundred and fifty kilos of clothing and shoes for men, women and children, were given. **CASA** is like a “gratis” supermarket where homeless people or families in need can go and pick up clothes, shoes and other useful things. The things offered were in quite good shape, including shoes.

To the **Associação FOCINHOS e BIGODES**, which receives stray dogs and cats and takes care of them, vaccinates them and finds them responsible homes and loving families, a donation from members and sympathizers reaching 450 euros in total was given. There were also gifts of dog and cat food, beds and warm blankets for dogs.

To the **Associação para a Promoção de Emprego para Deficientes Visuais (APEDV)** (association for the promotion of the creation of jobs for blind people) 250 euros in donations were given.

Many members of the OTS/TS in Portugal have rescued dogs and/or cats. Our own Lottie and Lili are examples of dogs that were taken in and turned into real members of the family.



One member of our branch is deeply involved in protecting animals. He often feeds the foxes during winter, in the mountains, when there is no food for them. Foxes trust Paulo so much that they even bring their young ones to him and let him photograph them with no fear.



Members of the Portuguese OTS send their greetings to all sisters and brothers around the world and to Nancy, with warm wishes of continued success in loving and serving our fellow beings.

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