



Vivi Iakovidou, our dearest Vivi is no longer with us.

She died on Monday morning at dawn, fourteen months after being diagnosed with ALS, a ravaging and fatal disease, which she fought with outstanding courage and dignity.

Vivi was an remarkable woman. Determined, extremely knowledgeable and professional, with a clear vision of short and long term aims for the shelter, she had a high sense of organisation and very high standards which served the shelter admirably.

Under her meticulous management, the shelter developed from a primitive shack to a modern facility shelter. Within a few years it acquired a new puppy wing, a neutering clinic, solar panels, a puppy playground, security cameras and was acknowledged as the best shelter in Greece.

Haunted by perfectionism, Vivi was hard working, demanding of herself as well as of others and strict. Behind the stern stance and looks, shielded behind dark glasses, hid a woman full of tenderness and humor, shy and vulnerable as a child, who would giggle like a schoolgirl in the company of old friends and whose heart would hurt for every animal in need.

She held up valiantly, supported by her son and daughter and surrounded by her animals, losing her body to the disease but keeping her strength of character and her soul intact.

It is with a very heavy heart that i write these words of farewell.

Irini Molfessi



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