

NEWSLETTER 2021

The Spanish School of Rescue and Detection with Dogs (ESDP) has achieved significant successes in the year 2021. We want to keep you informed, both volunteers and other institutions, with which we collaborate closely, of the activities carried out this year. From ESDP, we would also like to take this opportunity to wish you a Happy New Year 2022.

WE HAVE JOINED THE DIGITAL PACT, CARRIED OUT OUR EQUALITY PLAN AND OBTAINED THE 9001 AND 14001 QUALITY CERTIFICATES.

The year 2021 began for the ESDP team with many challenges and objectives.

In addition to our interventions, training and educational activities, the ESDP team set out to obtain different certifications that would endorse the quality of our work in different areas. The result of this effort has been the adhesion to the Digital Pact promoted by the Spanish Data Protection Agency in March, the elaboration of the I Equality Plan (2021-2025) approved in July and the 9001 and 14001 quality certifications that were obtained in July.

These recognitions are an important milestone for the ESDP.





WE HAVE DRAWN UP OUR CODE OF ETHICS

In March, the ESDP has elaborated its Code of Ethics addressed to volunteers and professionals of the organisation. This Code is a pioneering one in the sector, as no other organisation has produced a Code of Ethics for rescue dogs. The principles of the Code were presented in Brussels at the Annual Conference organised by PSCE.



TRAINING AT THE NATIONAL SCHOOL OF CIVIL PROTECTION IN SPAIN

In the year 2.021, we returned to the classrooms and the training field of the National School of Civil Protection (ENPC) to continue collaborating in the training of professionals from different organisations and entities in the work with rescue dogs, thus fulfilling the main mission of the ESDP. A course in Search and Rescue Training with Dogs was held in March, a course in Canine Guides, specialists in Collapsed Structures in April, a course in Canine Guides, specialists in Landslides in May and a course in Veterinary First Aid in September. Quality training is one of the strategic pillars for civil protection, both now and in the future.



WE CONTINUE TO TRAIN OUR VOLUNTEERS

The internal training of our volunteers is fundamental for the ESDP. In June, we received a Basic First Aid Course and in September we had a course on INSARAG Guidelines. In October we received training with Drone Hopper on drone flying.



WE TEACH FIRST AIDS TO TEENAGERS IN COBEÑA (MADRID)

As part of our work for the benefit of society, the ESDP thought First Aids to young people from the Cobeña Football School in November. The ESDP is a Public Utility entity recognised by the Ministry of Home Affairs in Spain.

SUMMA 112 COLLEAGUES TRAINED

In October we trained SUMMA 112 colleagues for their incorporation into the disaster team of the Community of Madrid (ERICAM). In this way, ESDP contributes to the creation of highly qualified teams.



WE PARTICIPATED AS ERICAM IN A SIMULATION EXERCISE TOGETHER WITH THE UME

In September, members of the ESDP participated as ERICAM in a simulation exercise organised by the Military Emergency Unit (UME). These exercises are essential for the preparation of the ESDP team.



WE HAVE CHANGED OUR WEBSITE AND RENEWED OUR CORPORATE IMAGE

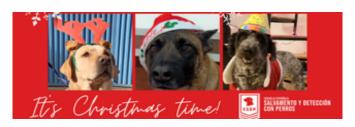
In March 2.021, we have finished renewing our website and corporate image. We want our website to be also a letter of introduction and to show the work that the ESDP is doing. Our activities, Quality and Environmental Policy, Code of Ethics, Equality Plan and Entity Reports can be consulted on the website. Some of the contents are also available in English. You can see the new website at www.escuelasalvamento.org



WE CONTINUE TO PARTICIPATE IN EUROPEAN PROJECTS.

ESDP is a partner in the FASTER, INTREPID and SEARCH and RESCUE projects. In the framework of the FASTER project, a minipilot has been conducted to test the technology. With INTREPID we met in Stockholm with the members of the consortium and finally we participated in a conference in Brussels organised by PSCE through the SEARCH and RESCUE project. We have participated in different online conferences and we have been invited as observers by ERICAM test to the technology in the framework of the European project PROMETHEUS.





IN OUR LAST INTERVENTION, WE LOCATED A MISSING PERSON

On 23 December, the ESDP participated with a team of 4 dog handles in the search and location of a missing person in San Martín de la Vega (Madrid). After being located, the man was taken to the Health Centre for medical assessment.

The participation of the ESDP has been carried out at the request of the City Council of the municipality and in collaboration with other emergency services that have intervened in the search. The ESDP team is very satisfied with the success of the search.



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