

## Adana hits the road



On 15th March 2009 a small group of dogs from ADANA, the animal rescue centre for Estepona, Casares and Manilva, accompanied by volunteers will embark on a mammoth sponsored walk which will take them from the gates of their home in Los Pedregales to the steps of the cathedral in Santiago de Compostela. It is a trek of some 1200 kilometres through some of Spain's most glorious scenery on an ancient pilgrim route to raise awareness of animal cruelty, to encourage care and compassion towards animals and to raise funds for community based care and educational programmes.

The walk will take 8 weeks and individual walkers are invited to join for a week or more. ADANA will provide special back up vehicles for dogs or walkers who need assistance along the way and to carry luggage and food. Accommodation will vary from camp sites to hotels, to pilgrim hostels depending on what is available. A secure camp will be set up for the dogs when accommodation does not

permit them to share with their walkers. Bed, breakfast and a packed lunch are provided by ADANA at a cost of 380€ per week.

On the way ADANA will hold press conferences and meetings with local children to highlight the plight of abandoned and mistreated animals. Rotary International in Estepona is supporting ADANA's efforts not only by having some members participate in the walk, but by helping ADANA to meet local people and to spread the message of care for our animals.

The Walk was launched at a ADANA Masked Ball held on the 21st of June by Project Director Johanna Mayrhofer. Announcing the project Johanna said, "Every great journey begins with a small step". The Camino Project is the first step towards achieving a world where respect for life replaces cruelty and abuse.

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