



Andy's Thoughts

Hello... and welcome to my occasional thoughts. I am Andy, I live here at Monte Naturista O Barão with my wife Jill, my dog Sid, a cat named TomTom and my lovely goat Nellie. We first came here in our caravan in June 2007 to camp and look for our own place in the sun. We never left! Since then this little paradise has grown into what is in my opinion the best naturist site... in the world! In the coming months I'll keep in touch, through this page, with news, opinions and info.

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The Olive tree tolerates drought very well (unlike those of us who can not go a day without beer) which is handy because there has been no significant rain here since March. Amazing then that this years harvest, which has yet to be weighed, could be a record beater. Strangely there were fewer campers here at picking time this year. Could it be that it is not the romantic occupation as depicted in 'living abroad' programmes. Strange also that six campers arrived just as the day was over. No soup for them then and they could only watch as the free beer for the workers was swallowed. One difficult thing about plucking this fruit when undressed is this. You need one hand to hold a branch and the other to strip the olives from it. This leaves no defence against the flies and bugs invading ones personal and private spaces. It tickles, but not in a good way. Also, given that I know the pickers, Extra Virgin is a bit of a stretch.

Extra Virgin Olive Oil is actually made with very ugly olives.

We must leave for England on 3 December for Christmas, birthdays and indeed, births. I have mentioned a couple of the many feeding arrangements for the animals. I think them entirely normal, how about you. The goat... I give her oats or cornflakes. But only in the mornings. I leave bread out on top of her house during the day so that it is crunchy by the evening. This is served with chip sticks, meal, corn and marie biscuits. I used to give her peanuts but she has gone off them.

Our cat, as a treat, has a prawn. He will watch as I remove a whole prawn from the freezer. Defrost it in hot water, peel and remove guts. Then pinch into four pieces, transfer to a small bowl and cover with fresh water. When he has drunk the water, place prawn parts into the flat of your hand and feed to him. WHAT!!

It is still lovely here, but of course cooler (20). Check the facebook for current news.....speak again in December...andyolivepickingamatuer