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LOTTERY JOY

Palma.—The Three Kings El Niño Lottery draw yesterday brought joy to holders of ticket 44469 in Majorca. This wasn't the jackpot first prize number but it was the second prize. Worth 750,000 euros for the series, the ticket was sold at four lottery offices in Majorca - in Arenal, Lluçmajor, Palma and Palmanova - as well as at offices in Alaior, Mahon and Sant Lluís in Minorca and Sant Antoni in Ibiza.

The ticket was widely sold across the country, but the first prize ticket for two million euros - 41665 - was sold entirely in



Big lottery win for Majorca giving the island a Three Kings lift.

Logroño, La Rioja. In Sant Antoni, Andrés Navarro of Loterías Navarro expressed his joy at having sold up to ten tenths of the second prize. In the past, he has sold fifth prizes for the Christmas Lottery and first prizes for regular National Lottery draws.

In Palmanova, the ticket was bought from a machine. The owner therefore doesn't know who the buyer was, but was nevertheless happy at having sold an important prize.

DOG CUSTODY: SPAIN TO CONSIDER PETS' WELFARE IN DIVORCE BATTLES

Spain will consider a pet's welfare when couples divorce or break-up from yesterday in a legal shift that strengthens the case for couples obtaining shared custody of their animals.

The decision follows similar moves in France and Portugal and obliges judges to consider pets as sentient beings rather than objects owned by one or the other partner, a trend that was already underway before the law was passed.

"Animals are part of the family and when a family

decides to separate, the fate of the animal must be regulated with the same importance as the fate of other family members," said lawyer Lola García, 42.

In October, a Madrid judge gave joint custody of a dog to an unmarried couple who sought a court ruling on whom the pet should stay with after they separated. The dog spends a month with



A dog's life in Spain.

each of them and both are legally responsible. García, whose Rights&Animals

coalition government plans further legislation to strengthen animal rights,

firm handled the case, considers the reform a major first step in a series of forthcoming legal changes governing people's relationship with animals.

Pet ownership is high in Spain among European countries and the left-wing

including a ban on wild animals in circuses and stopping the sale of pets in shops.

However, the nation remains polarised around the tradition of bullfighting, a hotly contested animal rights issue that is unlikely to be resolved in the near future. Previously, a lawyer seeking joint custody of a pet had to prove both members of a couple owned the animal as an object, giving whoever had registered the pet an advantage.

Now a judge has to determine where the animal will fare better and that

determination is based on the animal's wellbeing García explained.

A partner that can demonstrate financial solvency or who has been granted custody of their children has a better chance of securing custody of any pets too, as there is a special affective link between children and animals, she added.

Rodrigo Costavilas, 31, a psychologist out walking his dog in the Madrid Rio park praised the new law.

"This will help in the reduction of animals being abandoned or badly treated."