

# **PAWS2RESCUE CHRISTMAS SHOEBOX APPEAL 2021**

We are very grateful to you for supporting our 2021 Christmas Shoebox Appeal.

**Sadly, we have had to make some changes this year due to new  
EU Customs regulations.**

## **QUICK CHECKLIST FOR MAJOR CHANGES**

- WE CAN ONLY ACCEPT FILLED SHOEBOXES (NO OTHER LARGER ITEMS.)
- THERE ARE MANY ITEMS WE CAN NO LONGER ACCEPT WITHIN A SHOEBOX - **THAT INCLUDES SWEETS!**  
(Please refer to our 'NO THANK YOU' list.)
- ALL SHOEBOXES NEED TO HAVE THEIR LIDS WRAPPED SEPARATELY TO THE BASES AND SECURED WITH A STRONG ELASTIC BAND  
(This is so that we can check the contents of the boxes.)
- WE CAN ONLY ACCEPT WINTER COATS, WINTER JUMPERS, HOODIE/SWEATSHIRTS. (Please see details.)
- WE CANNOT ACCEPT ANY OTHER CLOTHING ITEMS
- WE CANNOT ACCEPT ANY ITEMS FOR DOGS - INCLUDING FOOD  
(However, please see details regarding donations for the dogs.)

**Please refer to our Step-by-Step guide on how to prepare your  
Christmas Shoebox and the age appropriate items you  
CAN include in your shoebox.**

We thank you for your kindness and understanding.

## STEP-BY-STEP GUIDE

<b>1</b>	<p>Find a medium sized shoebox. Using Christmas gift wrap, <b>wrap the lid and the base of the shoebox separately.</b></p>
<b>2</b>	<p>Choose whether you would like your shoebox gift to be for a <b>boy or a girl.</b></p>
<b>3</b>	<p>Choose the <b>age group</b> you would like your shoebox gift to be for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Baby</li><li>Age 2-4 years</li><li>Age 5-9 years</li><li>Age 10-14 years</li><li>Older teenager</li></ul> <p><b>*We are always in need of boxes for teenagers</b></p>

<p>4</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Go shopping!</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>**We are restricted this year by what EU Customs will allow so please only choose from the items we have listed. (See gift list)**</b></p> <p>We would like all the shoeboxes to be similar in what they contain as they are often handed to the children in groups, therefore please include gifts from each category, ie. TOYS, STATIONERY, PERSONAL CARE, KEEPING WARM.</p> <p>You can choose more than one item from each category and it would be fantastic if you are able to fill your shoebox entirely.</p> <p><b>NB: If donated items are second-hand, please ensure that they are clean and in a nearly-new and working condition. For safety reasons, we would prefer newly purchased items for the younger age groups.</b></p>
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<p>5</p>	<p>Before you put your items in your shoebox, <b>please refer to our 'NO THANK YOU' list.</b> If you have included any items on this list, please REMOVE them as they may cause problems at Customs</p>
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<p>6</p>	<p>Once your shoebox is filled, close the lid and then <b>secure your box with a strong elastic band.</b></p>
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Stick a label on the outside top right hand side of the shoebox lid  
**clearly indicating BOY or GIRL and the AGE GROUP.**

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Place your shoebox securely in a postal bag  
**(wrap it tightly to prevent the shoebox lid  
from opening in transit)**  
or wrap in brown paper and send to us as follows:

(If you choose to deliver in person, please drop your box to the  
Reception Desk at the address below.

\*Please check for opening times on their website page.)

**POSTING DATES:**

We can receive your shoebox  
between 1st October - 15th November 2021

**POSTAL ADDRESS:**

Christmas Shoebox Appeal  
Paws2Rescue  
c/o Big Yellow Self Storage  
12 Kimpton Park Way  
Sutton  
Surrey  
SM3 9QS

**Please note:**

Any shoeboxes received after the closing date  
will not be included in the shipment to Romania.

# GIFT LIST

PLEASE ONLY CHOOSE ITEMS FROM THIS LIST

<b>BABY</b>	<p><b>TOYS:</b> Soft baby toys, small rattles</p> <p><b>PERSONAL CARE:</b> Baby wipes, cotton wool, dummies, feed bottles, bibs, soft sponges, soap (solid block), muslin squares, soft baby hairbrush/comb, baby toothbrush, baby toothpaste</p> <p><b>KEEPING WARM:</b> Baby hat, mittens, socks</p> <p><b>FOR SAFETY REASONS, WE ARE UNABLE TO ACCEPT SECOND HAND ITEMS FOR BABIES</b></p>
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<b>AGE 2-4</b>	<p><b>TOYS:</b> Cars, dolls, soft toys, superhero bits and bobs, easy jigsaw/shapes, easy card games eg. Snap</p> <p><b>STATIONERY:</b> Colouring book, sticker book, stencils, chubby/easy grip colouring pens or crayons, colourful pencil case</p> <p><b>PERSONAL CARE:</b> Face cloth, soap (solid block), sponge, toothbrush, children's toothpaste</p> <p><b>KEEPING WARM:</b> Hat, gloves or mittens, warm socks, bed socks</p>
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<p><b>AGE 5-9</b></p>	<p><b>TOYS:</b> Cars, dolls, soft toys, superhero bits and bobs, jigsaw/puzzles, card games, small musical instrument (no batteries), skipping rope, tennis ball, small lego sets</p> <p><b>STATIONERY:</b> Notepads, colouring by numbers book, exercise book, pens, pencils, colouring pens and pencils, erasers, colourful pencil case</p> <p><b>PERSONAL CARE:</b> Face cloth, soap (solid block), sponge, toothbrush, toothpaste, hairbrush/comb, hair bands, hair clips/bobbles</p> <p><b>KEEPING WARM:</b> Hat, gloves, warm socks, bed socks</p>
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<p><b>AGE 10-14</b></p>	<p><b>TOYS:</b> Card games, travel size games (eg. Four in a Row), dominoes, tennis ball, skipping rope, small musical instrument (no batteries), rubix cube, small lego sets</p> <p><b>STATIONERY:</b> Notepads, pretty writing sets, exercise books, maths set, pens, pencils, colouring pens and pencils, erasers, colourful pencil case, ruler</p> <p><b>PERSONAL CARE:</b> Face cloth, soap (solid block), toothbrush, toothpaste, hairbrush/comb, hair bands, hair clips/bobbles</p> <p><b>KEEPING WARM:</b> Hat, gloves, warm socks, bed socks</p>
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## **OLDER TEENAGER**

### **TOYS:**

Card games, travel size board games (eg. chess), dominoes, tennis ball

### **STATIONERY:**

Exercise books, pretty notebooks, football/picture themed notebooks, pens, pencils, colouring pens and pencils, erasers, colourful pencil case, ruler

### **PERSONAL CARE:**

Face cloth, soap (solid block), toothbrush, toothpaste, hairbrush/comb, hair bands, hair clips, nail sets (excluding nail varnish)

### **KEEPING WARM:**

Hats, gloves, warm socks, bed socks

**\*\*\* WE ARE ALWAYS IN SHORT SUPPLY OF SHOEBOXES SUITABLE FOR OLDER TEENAGERS**

## **DOGS**

Unfortunately we are unable to accept items for dogs for this Christmas campaign..... But we will never forget them.

If you would like to donate either £5, £10, £20, £other, we will purchase dog food in Romania on your behalf and make sure that their hungry tummies receive good quality food this Christmas

With enough funding we may even be able to buy some new kennels, which are desperately needed in some of the shelters, so that the dogs won't have to endure the winter months exposed to the harsh weather conditions.

Please donate via our normal methods of payment (PayPal/Bank Transfer etc) and **reference your donation 'CHRISTMAS DOG'**

# **WINTER COATS, WINTER JUMPERS, HOODIES/SWEATSHIRTS**

**If you wish to donate winter coats, jumpers, hoodies/sweatshirts,  
please note the following:**

- Sizes accepted - babies, children, older teenagers - up to age 18  
(No adult clothing)
- Please ensure all clothing is clean and without holes or tears in the fabric
- Please remove any items from pockets
- Please check all zips and fastenings work
- Only clothing suitable for winter months is required. We cannot accept any light-weight clothing
- Do not place clothing into shoeboxes (ONLY hats, gloves and socks can go into shoeboxes)

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**Romanian children are always extremely grateful for the things  
they receive but you will bring extra big smiles to their faces if the clothing  
you donate has a logo on it - they love to have a logo like Nike or Adidas!!  
It's a real treat for them to be able to have.**

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**UNFORTUNATELY WE CANNOT ACCEPT ANY OTHER TYPES OF CLOTHING**



## **SORRY, BUT “NO THANK YOU”**

**Please DO NOT include any of the following items in your shoebox:**

- SWEETS
- CHOCOLATE
- FOOD (of any kind)
- LIQUIDS OR LOTIONS
- PRESSURISED CANS (eg Aerosols)
- BATTERIES
- ANY ITEMS CONTAINING BATTERIES
- GLASS ITEMS (eg. bottles)
- MIRRORS
- MAKE-UP
- RELIGIOUS/POLITICAL ITEMS
- WAR RELATED ITEMS (eg toy guns or knives)
- PLANTS
- SEEDS
- READING BOOKS
- SHARP/ FRAGILE ITEMS
- DAMAGED/ DIRTY ITEMS
- ITEMS INAPPROPRIATE FOR THE AGE GROUP YOU HAVE CHOSEN

Please also **DO NOT SEND** us:

- ANY CLOTHES (with exception of those we have specified)
- BABY ITEMS (eg. prams, buggies, moses baskets)
- LARGE TOYS/GIFTS (only send what will fit into your shoebox and what is specified on our gift list)
- DOG ITEMS (of any kind and including food)

**Any inappropriate items will be removed from shoeboxes.  
If this happens the item will be forwarded on to another charity.**

## **AND LAST BUT NOT LEAST**

The whole of the Paws2Rescue team  
and the children and dogs in Romania would like to say  
a huge thank you for your love and kindness  
and your ongoing support.

Together we can put smiles on faces this Christmas.



**Paws2Rescue**

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(Sutton, Surrey Branch)

