



Neutering News

We cannot emphasise enough the critical importance of spaying and neutering: it lies at the very heart of our mission. While a litter of puppies may appear cute in photos shared on social media, and we do manage to find homes for some of them, the reality is that thousands more face a much darker fate. Many suffer from preventable diseases, fall victim to traffic accidents or are sent to public shelters, where they endure short, harsh lives. The only real, long-term solution to this problem is neutering, as it stops millions of unwanted animals from being born into a life of misery.



Though it's not the easiest sell on our social media, neutering is the most essential and impactful action we can take. It prevents countless animals from experiencing needless suffering. Ultimately, while it may not be glamorous, it is by far the most powerful tool we have to create lasting change for animal welfare.



So we're thrilled to announce that between July and September 2024, we managed to neuter a fantastic 628 dogs in rural Romania! Our August campaign saw word spreading as people brought their own pets to be spayed. and our September Spay a Stray is focusing on females, like the girl who was found in a cemetery and became spay number 7. Sometime we discover dogs in terrible situations, such as this poor boy who had been tied with string that had dug into him. Of course we rescued him and ensured he had the vet treatment he needed.



New Project News!

Exciting announcement klaxon! We are absolutely over the moon to share the news of our latest project, which will span the next 3 to 5 years. Thanks to our patron Ricky Gervais, who generously donated funds to us following his Armageddon World Tour, we have acquired a beautiful piece of land just north of Bucharest.

This gated plot features large buildings and will be transformed into a centre that includes facilities for horses, a vet clinic for dogs and small animals and a neutering clinic. The site boasts two sizeable buildings, smaller houses, a tractor store, stables and even a former distillery! Our ambitious future plans also include training and education facilities.

Currently, there are no similar clinics within at least a four-hour drive, making this a vital resource for communities and rescuers in rural Romania. As you can imagine, there is a tremendous amount of work ahead of us! The site also features a UNESCO Heritage well that will require some specialist attention and will provide fresh spring water.

Once we complete the planning phases, we will be reaching out for builders and volunteers to join us. If you know any construction workers who might be interested in a unique holiday experience, please let us know!

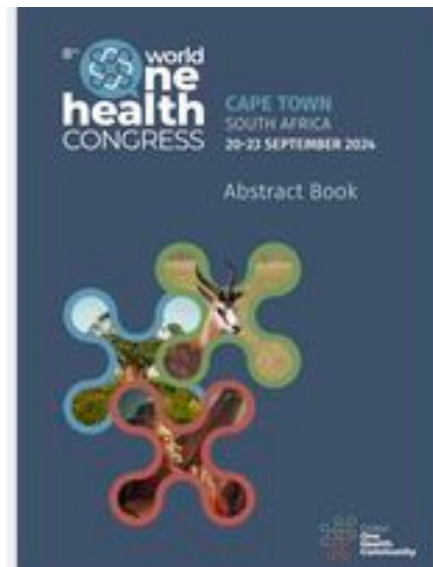
A massive thank you to Ricky Gervais for turning the dreams of Paws2Rescue and Save the Horses Romania into a reality and for his unwavering support for animals worldwide. This is a dream we have been eager to pursue for over two years. We also extend our gratitude to everyone who supports our efforts as we create lasting change for animals across Romania and for your contributions to this exciting project.



Canine Brucellosis Research Update

Paws2Rescue is committed to promoting evidence-based measures that safeguard animal welfare. We advocate for proactive approaches such as thorough screening, spaying, neutering, and isolating positive cases to prevent the spread of brucellosis. Since late 2023, we have been sending blood samples from adopted dogs to the state-of-the-art APHA laboratory in the UK for testing prior to their departure from Romania.

In our last newsletter, we talked about our research programme and we are pleased to say our brucellosis research project in Romania was presented at the World Health Conference in South Africa in September by Dr Mada Lixandru, one of our Paws2Rescue vets who is specialising in disease research.



Education is the Key



The message is spreading that educating the younger generation about compassion for animals is crucial. We are delighted to see how well the children are embracing this message in our educational classes. Here is an example of one of these classes taking place at a school in Peru. The enthusiasm and engagement of the students is obvious as they learn about the importance of kindness towards animals. It is inspiring to witness their growing understanding and compassion, which we believe will create a positive ripple effect in their communities.

Protest against Turkish Law

Like many animal lovers, we were deeply appalled to learn of Turkey's new law that mandates the rounding up and euthanasia of all stray dogs. In response to this alarming development, Alison participated in a protest in London, standing alongside numerous other rescue organisations and individuals united in their outrage against the legislation.



Progress in Romania!

Who would have thought we would see this in Romania! A brilliant new initiative in Oradea. Every bottle recycled bottle provides a little food for the stray dogs!

Let's pray that this is a success and other counties start to follow suit.



International Homeless Animal Day



The sad truth is that every day feels like International Homeless Animal Day for us. However, we continue to feed the dogs that no one wants, rescue as many as we can, and provide vet care for those in need. We also remain dedicated to neutering efforts, hoping that one day, no animal will be homeless.

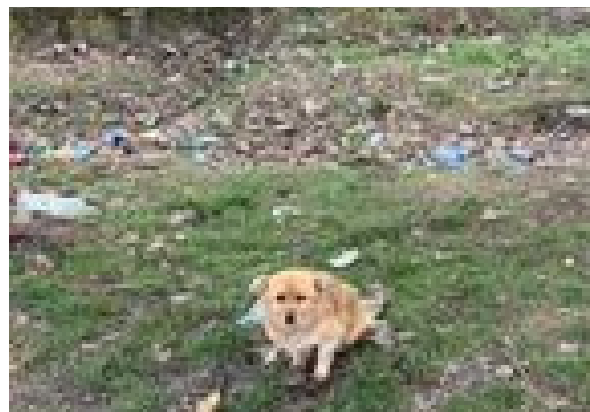
Success Stories



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STAR

When Star was left paralysed and abandoned, the situation appeared hopeless. However, fate took a positive turn when we intervened and rescued him from that heartbreaking circumstance. Following his rescue, Star received the vet care he desperately needed, and with love and support, he began to reclaim his life.



We are overjoyed to share that Star has just celebrated his first gotcha day with his incredible new family here in the UK. This milestone marks not only a year of recovery but also a journey that highlights the power of love, resilience and second chances.



Star, your remarkable transformation is a testament to compassion and dedication. We are genuinely delighted that you have finally found the happy ever after that you so richly deserve!

FOXY

At approximately twelve years of age, Foxy endured a dismal existence in a public shelter, where her prospects for the future were bleak. However, our team intervened, rescuing her along with eleven other deserving souls and bringing them to the safety of our Sanctuary.



Thanks to the generous support of Coney Hall Brownies, who are kindly sponsoring her veterinary treatment, Foxy has made remarkable strides in her health and well-being.

Now, Foxy eagerly anticipates the most wonderful Christmas gift imaginable—a new life filled with love, companionship, and security in a caring family here in the UK.



Sanctuary Update

Our Sacred Hearts Sanctuary has been a long-held dream and we are thrilled to announce that it is now finished. The second half of the project has now been completed, with solar panels installed and the exterior freshly painted. We now have the capacity to welcome 100 dogs and to provide them with a safe haven.

New arrivals will be placed in quarantine until their blood test results arrive, allowing us to assess their health and needs properly. While some of our dogs can be rehomed, there are sadly others who are simply too traumatised to thrive in a typical household. However, at the Sanctuary, these dogs will finally experience happiness and love for the first time in their lives.

Our Sanctuary enables us to continue rescuing dogs from the dreadful conditions of public shelters, offering them the freedom and safety they deserve. We would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to all our supporters who have made this incredible achievement possible. Your generosity and compassion have truly transformed the lives of these deserving animals, and we are deeply grateful for your ongoing support.



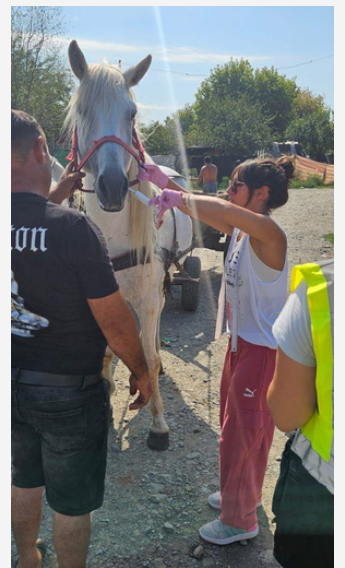
Celebrating Our New and Existing Vet Scholars



Our Paws2Rescue vet scholar programme, now in its 8th year in Romania, is one of the legacies we are immensely proud of. With students having completed their six years of veterinary training, we now have dedicated community vets actively at work. This year, we welcomed three new scholars—George, Anda, and Maria—alongside others in their 3rd and 4th years, ensuring a continuous flow of skilled professionals dedicated to supporting our work in Romania.

Thanks to a generous donation from our patron, Ricky Gervais, we were able to offer an additional scholarship this year and we are incredibly proud that the wonderful and deserving Anca Stoenescu has been awarded it. Studying at Spiru Haret Veterinary University, Anca is committed to transforming her community and changing the way people perceive and treat animals. With six dogs of her own, all rescued from the streets or adopted from shelters, Anca exemplifies the spirit of Paws2Rescue.

We take great pride in all our qualified vets - Razvan Suteu, Mada Spataru, Laza Rondelli, Claudia Andrei, Magda Radu, Alina Murgu, Dan Valentin Luminita Streinu - and current scholars, as they represent the future of stray animal care and community support. They are the compassionate future we strive towards. A huge thank you to everyone who supports us—you too are part of our lasting legacy.

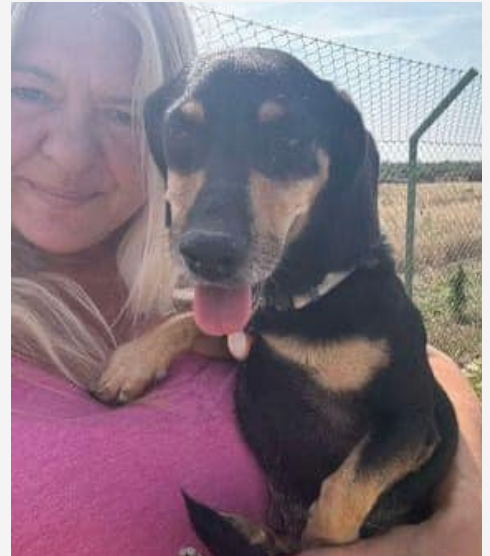


Lending a Helping Paw in Ukraine

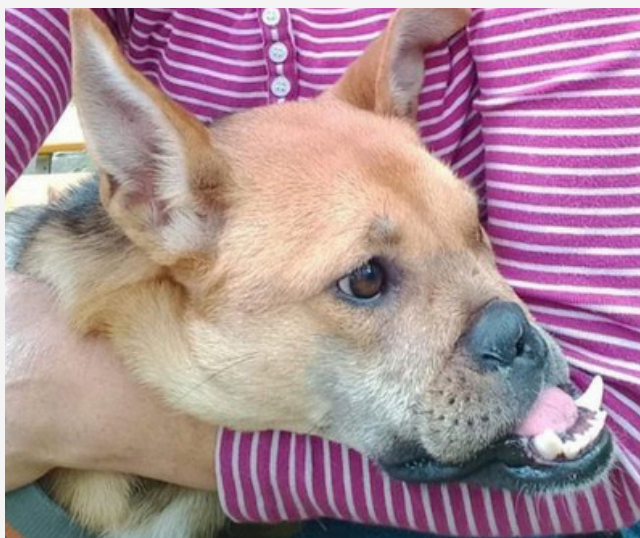
We are sad to share the devastating news that, once again, Irina's shelter in Zaporozhye, Ukraine, has come under attack. At the end of September, the shelter was shelled, leaving many of the 500 plus animals in a state of shock, injury, and deep trauma. This is not the first time Irina's shelter has faced such a terrifying ordeal in the ongoing conflict, and each incident leaves behind more wounded animals and shattered lives. They have had to take all the animals out of the vet clinic and are talking to them about what more we can do to help.

In the wake of this latest attack, we have sent emergency donations to cover the mounting veterinary bills and provide urgent care for the injured animals. The toll this takes on the animals, as well as on the shelter staff who care for them day in and day out under such difficult circumstances, is unimaginable. These animals, already vulnerable, now face even more suffering as a result of the violence surrounding them.

Our hearts go out to everyone affected by this senseless violence and we stand in solidarity with Irina, her shelter, and the brave animals that have endured so much. We can't show images of the shelter as they are too traumatic, but here are two of the lovely dogs we have already evacuated to the safety of the Sanctuary.



Good News for Gamila!



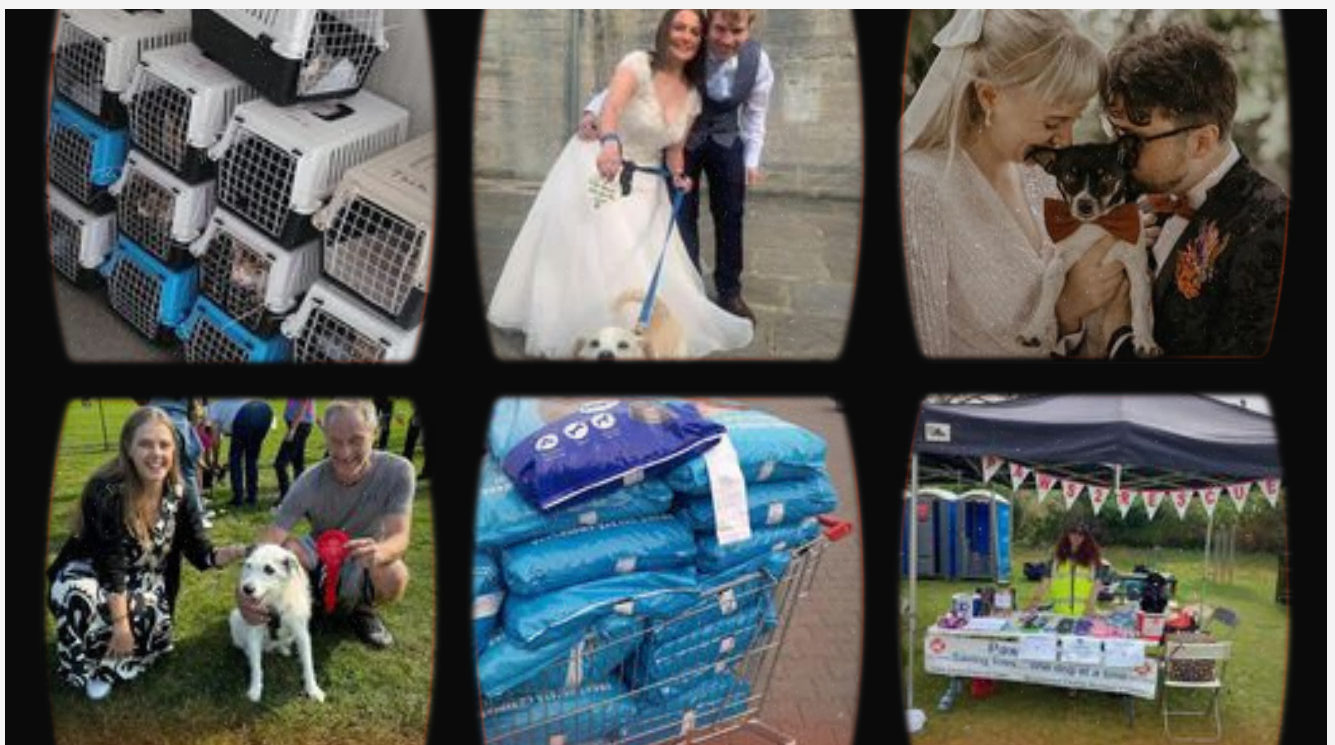
All our dogs are special, but occasionally, we come across one who has been so profoundly let down and mistreated by humans that they tug extra hard on our heartstrings. Gamila is one such dog. Shot in the face in Cairo, Egypt, she sustained catastrophic injuries and many suggested that the kindest option would be to have her put to sleep. However, having encountered dogs with similar injuries before, we knew there was a possibility she could be helped.

Thanks to the kindness of our supporters, who were as heartbroken and outraged as we were, we successfully raised the funds needed for the surgery that Gamila so desperately required. We are pleased to share that she has made a remarkable recovery and to top it off, has found a loving forever home in Germany.

Thank You!

In these challenging times, we're incredibly grateful to all our supporters. From lacing up their running shoes to take part in the Great North Run and Scottish half marathon, running and supporting our stalls at shows, promoting us on their special days, donating crates for our neuter campaigns to digging deep when we put out a call for help - our supporters have helped us to improve the lives of so many animals this quarter. And not forgetting the Big Yellow Storage Company whose kindness means the world to us.

However you choose to support us, we want to say a heartfelt thank you – because without you, we couldn't continue helping animals in need.



Ways to Help Us.

We have some lovely bandanas and calendars for sale. Why not buy some as stocking fillers this Christmas?



How else can you help us?

As a registered charity, we are reliant on the generosity of our supporters to enable us to continue to end animal suffering. We are extremely grateful for any donations, however small. Donations can be made to Paws2Rescue in a number of ways:

Cheques/ Charitable Aid Foundation cheques can be sent to our registered address at 71-75 Shelton Street, Covent Garden, London, WC2H 9JQ.

Bank Transfer. Metro Bank Account name: PAWS2RESCUE Sort code 23-05-80
Account number 13210508 IBAN: GB19MYMB23058013210508 SWIFT: MYMBGB2L

Standing Order. Regular monthly donations can be set up by standing order.

Legacies. Please consider leaving us a small sum in your will.

PayPal and Just Giving. Ad hoc donations can be made online via Just Giving or PayPal using paws2rescue@outlook.com.

Text. PAWS + amount e.g. PAWS10 to 70085.

Facebook. We're a Facebook Registered Charity and you can set up your own fundraiser for us on Facebook. Why not set one up for your birthday and ask people to donate the cost of a birthday card?

eBay. You can sell your items on eBay under your own account and ask for a percentage of the money raised to go to Paws2Rescue.

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Thank you!