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Neutering News



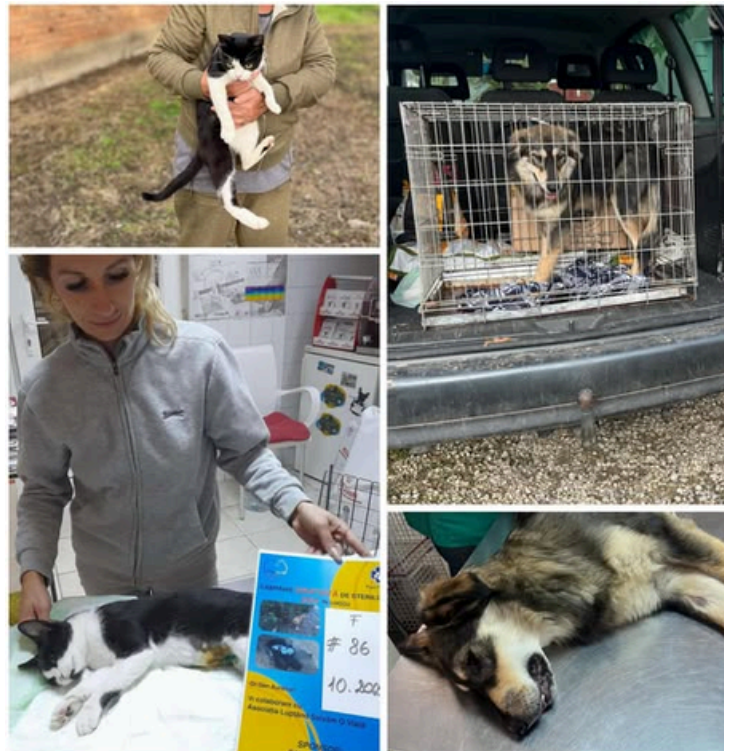
To give an idea of the scale of the issue, in just one week in October, 200 cats and dogs were neutered in Lima, Peru. Meanwhile, our monastery neuter programme and the West Romania Spay a Stray campaigns continued to make a difference. Take the white stray girl, for example—Number 89 in the campaign. A kind stranger brought her to the vet to ensure she wouldn't add to the stray population. Communities are starting to hear about our work, and more people are stepping up to help, bringing animals in and joining us in this fight.

Of course, there's still work to be done. Many remain unaware of the importance of spaying and education is an ongoing challenge. But the impact of these campaigns is undeniable. Continual neutering and education are driving real, lasting change.

To everyone who has supported us—thank you, from the bottom of our hearts. Together, we're creating a brighter future for animals everywhere.

A WHOPPING 18,000 NEUTERS AND COUNTING!

Thanks to your incredible support, we achieved a milestone that fills us with pride—18,331 animals neutered! While this is a huge accomplishment, we still have a long way to go in our mission to reduce the number of unwanted animals born into hardship. That's why we're neutering even more now.



Christmas Appeal 2024

This year, we decided to revamp our Christmas Appeal based on the challenges we faced in 2023. The shoebox campaign, which relied heavily on volunteer hours and high costs, became increasingly difficult due to new regulations and paperwork. Two volunteers worked tirelessly, but the process was slow and costly with red tape consuming money we would much prefer to spend on direct help.

We're pleased to report that the 2024 appeal, though different, was a huge success. Alison and Kelly from our team travelled to Romania to personally distribute food parcels to many families and spend time with hundreds of families and lonely seniors, making a huge impact in some of Europe's most impoverished regions.

And we didn't forget about the animals: we fed the strays, we rescued animals in distress and we supported our rescuers in every way we could. We were also thrilled to see the signs of change in Romania, such as the heart warming sight of companion dogs being taken to the shopping mall, unthinkable just a few years ago.

Going forward, we will continue to focus the Christmas Appeal on providing essential food and gifts to families and animals in need, ensuring every donation goes directly to those who need it most. Thank you for your continued support!



International Updates

PERU

Our work in Peru, in conjunction with our partner NGO out there, continues to grow stronger, with successful spay and neuter campaigns in some of Lima's impoverished shanty towns. We're thrilled to have managed to source new accommodation for our rescued animals, enabling us to help even more. We're also taking our message beyond the shelters, bringing education to the next generation to foster greater understanding and compassion for animals. Even Lima FC has joined the cause, actively promoting the adoption of stray pups. We're absolutely thrilled to see the Paws2Rescue mission expanding globally, making a real difference around the world.

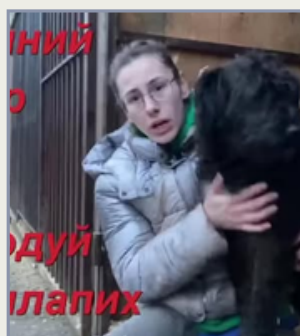


UKRAINE

Sadly, for Irina and her team in Zaporozhye, Ukraine, life continues to be an almost impossible challenge due to the war.

We continue to support Irina and the almost 1,000 animals she cares for in every way we can after the devastating bombing of the shelter.. We took several of her dogs into our care in Romania after the horrendous attack, and these wonderful pets are soon to travel on the Happy Van to their UK forever homes. We also sent a much needed gift to buy Christmas food.

Please join us in sending prayers and hopes for peace in Ukraine in 2025.



Amazing Alison



Our founder, Alison, was recognised as a runner-up at the BBC Make A Difference Awards on in 2024, and honestly, we're not the least bit surprised! Out of thousands of entries, she made it to the final four—a testament to the incredible work she's been doing for years.

From saving thousands of stray dogs to leading our life-changing neutering campaigns, Alison has poured her heart and soul into making the world a better place for animals. Her vision brought the Paws2Rescue Sanctuary to life, a vision of a safe haven for traumatised dogs who may never thrive in a traditional home. And her efforts don't stop there. It's thanks to Alison that our work has gone global, with groundbreaking campaigns not just in Romania but in Peru, Ukraine and Egypt too, tackling animal welfare challenges in some of the poorest communities.

Alison's determination, grit and endless compassion have inspired so many of us to take action and make a difference. As she said at the awards, "I hope that I can continue to be an inspiration to others, showing that with determination and hard work, you can achieve, and drive the change you want to see in the future."

We couldn't be prouder of her and her achievements—this recognition is so well-deserved!

Some of our Success Stories

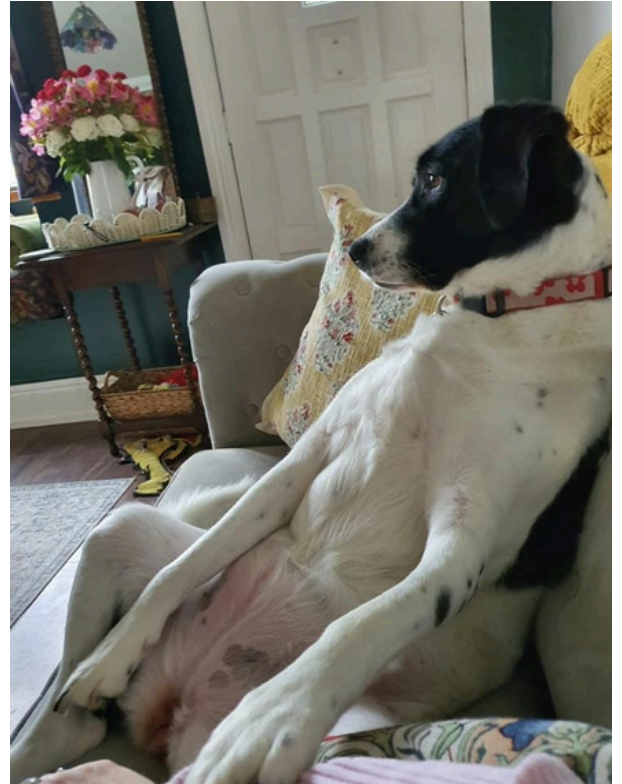


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FERN

Fantastic Fern, fondly nicknamed "silly cow," is a rescue dog with a truly amazing story. Her family recently discovered she has an incredible gift to detect seizures. Despite no training, Fern knows when her owner is about to have one. She'll nudge and pester until they sit down, then lean against them to provide support. Afterwards, she gently nudges under their torso to help them sit up and stays close until they've fully recovered.

Fern joined the family 2½ years ago through Paws2Rescue. Back then, she was a wild and untrained bundle of energy. Now, she's grown into the most loving and loyal companion while still keeping just enough of her cheeky, goofy side to make everyone laugh.

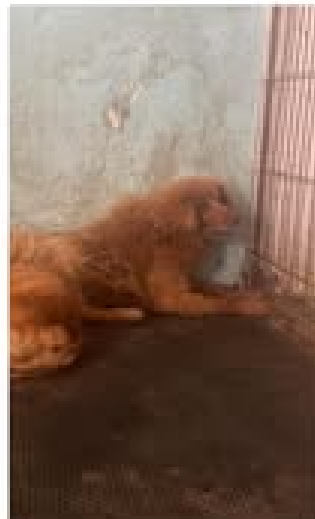


TAZ

Thrown into a public shelter, senior boy Taz and his friend Foxy were absolutely terrified. They couldn't understand what they had done wrong or why their world had suddenly fallen apart. Frail and heartbreakingly old, Taz caught our attention during visits to Romania. He always looked so sad and unsteady and we worried endlessly about how he could possibly endure another harsh winter outdoors.

But Taz's story took a beautiful turn when he arrived at his wonderful foster home with Sara in the UK. Though a bit stiff from his journey on the Happy Van, he settled straight in after a warm bath. He soon made it clear that being hand-fed is his preferred way to dine! since then, he's also been exploring the soft, cosy beds and enjoying some much-needed rest.

The transformation is astonishing. Seeing this gentle senior finally experiencing comfort, warmth, and love fills us with joy. Taz truly deserves this new chapter. Paradise found. Oh, and Foxy came too!



ANGEL

While we've seen attitudes towards animals slowly changing in Romania, there are still those who haven't embraced the message. Just look at the man who shooed away a poor dog in October. Abandoned at a restaurant, scared and hungry, we returned to feed her each night. As soon as a space became available, we brought her to the Sanctuary where she quickly settled in. Fast forward to today, and we could barely recognise the happy, loving and joyful dog she's become. Angel has truly made our Christmas. She's a real diamond. Angel is now available for adoption and we are confident she will find the loving home she deserves soon.



Chloe's story touched a lot of hearts this year. She was a stray, blind and alone with her newborn puppies, facing unimaginable challenges in a shanty town area of Lima, Peru. We can't even begin to imagine how terrified she must have felt, struggling to care for her pups without any support. Yet, despite everything, Chloe has shown incredible resilience.

Chloe's journey has not been easy. She had no milk to feed her pups and had to undergo emergency surgery for a large cyst, which turned out to be a deceased foetus. She was also full of worms and needed medication to regain her strength. But thanks to the kindness and support of so many, Chloe is now safe in foster care with a wonderful lady, receiving the care and attention she deserves. We've named her Chloe, after a very special lady and we are over the moon to know she is safe.



ALI

We rescued her from a kill shelter earlier this year, and she was named after our founder, Alison, who felt a special connection with her. She has the most beautiful soul, and we loved spending time with her whenever we were in Romania.

Seeing Ali now, adopted and cherished in a wonderful home in Germany, truly warms our hearts. This is what brings us joy and makes everything we do worthwhile.



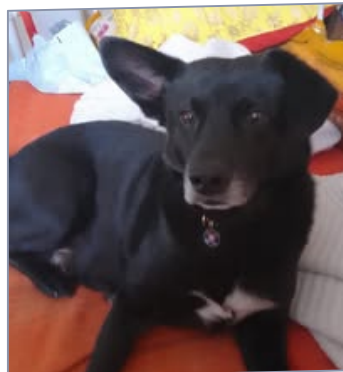
BECCA

Rescued from a kill shelter in August 2021, Becca had a heartbreaking past where she gave birth and lost her pups. At the end of November, for the FIRST TIME in three years, Becca ventured out of her kennel and joined the other dogs in the sanctuary, even if only for a short while before retreating back to her safe space. It's nothing short of a miracle and a beautiful step towards her happily-ever-after. She's now living without any pressure, with the freedom to run (or not) as she pleases, all day long.

Becca is just one of many trauma dogs for whom the Sanctuary will likely be their forever home. We're so grateful to those who sponsor our dogs, who are forever in our care.



International Black Dog Day



October 1st was International Black Dog Day, and we celebrated the beautiful black dogs we've rehomed! These wonderful dogs often face challenges in finding homes, but we've rehomed many amazing black dogs who are now living their best lives with new families. From playful pups to gentle seniors, they all have their own unique personalities and have brought joy to their new homes.

So, let's take a moment to appreciate these stunning black dogs—whether they're wagging their tails, snuggling for cuddles, or just being their wonderful selves. Thank you to all the families who've given them a chance.

Sanctuary Update

Our Sacred Hearts Sanctuary, a long-held dream, is now a reality. The project is complete, with solar panels installed, the exterior freshly painted and the lights and CCTV fully operational - no more working by car headlights in the dark, Romanian winter! New insulated kennels were also delivered to the Sanctuary in early November. Now every enclosure is toasty warm - just in time for winter. The Sanctuary has the capacity to welcome 200 dogs, providing them with a safe haven and a second chance at life.



New arrivals are placed in quarantine to ensure their health and assess their needs. While some dogs will go on to find loving homes, others, like Sam, are too traumatised to thrive in a typical household. Sam, once terrified and unable to trust humans after being rescued from the public shelter in 2019, now lives safely at the Sanctuary with Melisa, receiving 1-to-1 support, training and care.

Thanks to the Sanctuary, dogs rescued from the dreadful conditions of public shelters can finally experience love and freedom. This incredible achievement wouldn't have been possible without your support. From the bottom of our hearts, thank you for helping us make this dream come true.

To learn more about Sam and our Sponsor Dog Programme, please visit www.paws2rescue.com/sponsor-a-dog/



Fireworks Campaign

In 2020, Lyssa and Toby found their forever home in the UK, joining a loving family. Toby, initially fearful, blossomed under Lyssa's guidance; she became the supportive sister he needed to overcome his past trauma. Their bond was unbreakable, sharing joyful days with their human siblings and Silas, the cat. Tragically, their happiness was shattered during the recent fireworks season. Both dogs were terrified of the loud explosions and the relentless noise proved too much for Lyssa. Overwhelmed by fear, she suffered a massive stroke and, heartbreakingly, did not recover. Her sudden loss has left her family, our team and supporters feeling devastated and also angry.

Fireworks are becoming an increasingly depressing regular feature on our adopters' page, with countless stories of the traumatic impact they have on dogs. For animals like Lyssa, the stress and fear are devastating and many families feel powerless to protect their pets. But it's not just domestic animals who suffer. Statistics show that fireworks have severe consequences for wildlife too. Birds are often startled by loud explosions, abandoning nests and flying into buildings or power lines in panic. Small mammals and insects, essential to our ecosystems, are also negatively impacted by the noise and pollution.

Lyssa's tragic death highlights the urgent need to address the dangers fireworks pose to animals and wildlife. Despite ongoing awareness efforts, incidents like Lyssa's continue to occur, fueling our determination to advocate for change. We have been actively campaigning for stricter regulations on the sale and use of fireworks, emphasising the profound and far-reaching impact they have on all animals.

On 9 December 2024, Members of Parliament debated firework regulations. Discussions highlighted the need for tighter licensing provisions and stronger enforcement to mitigate these risks. While no immediate legislative changes were enacted, the debate was a step forward in acknowledging and addressing public concerns. In memory of Lyssa, we will continue to raise awareness about the dangers of fireworks and advocate for legislative changes to protect our beloved animals and wildlife. We encourage our supporters to join us in this mission by signing petitions, sharing information and supporting initiatives aimed at creating a safer environment for all. On a final note, it's not often we see Romania spearheading animal rights, but this year the City of Cluj-Napoca said "Let us enter 2025 joyfully but quietly", announcing the organisation of the first pet-friendly New Year's party, without fireworks. Here's hoping that one day the rest of Romania, and the UK too, will follow this example.



Thank you!

We are incredibly grateful to Mistletoe Mutts for their generous £250 donation towards our Prepare for Winter campaign. A huge thank you also goes to Gillian, who will be running the London Landmarks Marathon in her infamous Christmas tree outfit along with 9 other fabulous Paws runners.

Thanks to the amazing supporters of our Sponsor a Dog programme we've been able to send £3,305 to keep our trauma dogs safe, warm and well-fed this winter.

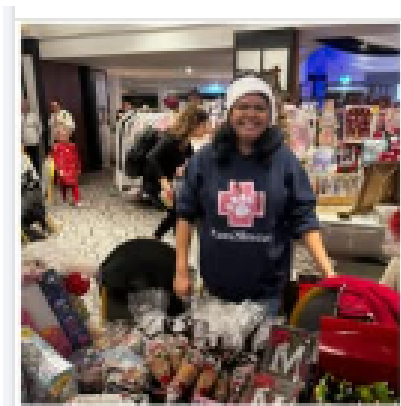
We're also hugely appreciative of the continued support from Oh So Precious pet keepsakes, Jaime Correia Aesthetics in Manchester, Timeless Beauty in Cumbria and Clever Soap vegan body products, whose kindness means so much to us. And of course, a heartfelt thank you to Big Yellow Self Storage for their many years of incredible support. A special shoutout to St Alban's Under 8s girls' football team for choosing us as their sponsor for 2025—what an honour!

A massive thank you as well to Linda, Jenny and Mandy for raising a fantastic £203 at the Kilnwood Vale Christmas fair, and to everyone at the Crowne Plaza Hotel fayre, where we raised an incredible £500! And huge thanks goes to the talented crafters who generously made the beautiful gifts for us to sell.

And of course, our regular supporters, the ones who kindly donate when we post an appeal and share our social media posts. Your generosity and belief in our mission make all the difference—thank you from the bottom of our hearts!



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Ways to 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

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