# PAWS2RESCUE



# **Neutering News**





#### Our Lifesaving Work Around the World

Our rescued dogs in Romania are safe. Many live happily in our Sanctuary with large areas of space, freedom and love. Sadly, some of our dogs will never be suited to family life but they have found their forever home with us. That's why we do not post endless sad stories on our social media to promote adoption (although we're thrilled when we match the perfect dog to the perfect family). Instead, we put our focus where it makes the biggest difference: neutering, every day, every week, for as long as it takes.



#### World Stray Day, April 4th

To mark World Stray Day, we held special neuter campaigns across several countries. In Scorteni, Romania, our team joined local vets to neuter more than 160 animals in just two days. We even brought our flags to celebrate St George's Day alongside the campaign. In total, 65 animals were neutered in April as part of our continuing efforts there, and we are proud to be heading towards our 20,000th neuter in 2025.



Our own Medical Centre and Paws2Rescue vets in **Romania** have continued neutering in association with local NGOs. In just four days, over 300 animals were treated. These campaigns rarely get the attention they deserve on social media, but we will never stop. Every day and every week our teams are out there neutering, because it is the only way to reduce stray animal populations.

In **Kropvnytskyi, Ukraine**, our 2025 neuter campaign has begun. The situation there is extremely difficult. One shelter told us: "Right now, we are drowning in endless problems and constantly fighting to overcome them. At this point, I'm even curious when this black streak will finally end... One of the current issues is finding a veterinarian who is willing to come to the shelter for sterilizations. The vet who used to come no longer does as it's a long journey to us and many men are afraid to travel because of the risk of mobilization. They could be stopped on the road and taken straight to the military."

Thanks to your donations, a vet with exemption status was able to travel and dedicate two days to the campaign. In that time 17 animals were sterilised, with costs totalling 19,700 UAH. Every donation makes this possible, and we cannot thank you enough for supporting this vital work.

In **Peru**, our team faced particularly difficult conditions in the shanty towns where the police had to guard the vets and volunteers. Despite the challenges, a huge 372 animals were spayed during this campaign. This incredible achievement made possible thanks to your support.



#### **Spay and Neuter for Hope Mobile Clinics**

Thanks to our nine incredible runners in the London Landmarks Half Marathon who raised £6,000, we are now planning two Spay and Neuter for Hope Mobile Clinics in Ukraine, led by our amazing Dr Suteu Razvan. These clinics will spay and neuter hundreds of animals while also treating injuries and medical problems. We already have two generators donated and £3,000 set aside for supplies, fuel and animal food, but we will need much more to make this mission possible.

#### Why Neutering is Vital

Neutering is at the heart of everything we do. It is the only long-term solution to tackling the problem of stray animals and our teams work tirelessly to spay and neuter cats and dogs in some of the toughest conditions. In 2025, for every dog adopted into a family home, 60 dogs will have been neutered. In August, for example, only two dogs will come to the UK for adoption, while hundreds more will be given a better future through neutering





# **Fundraising News**

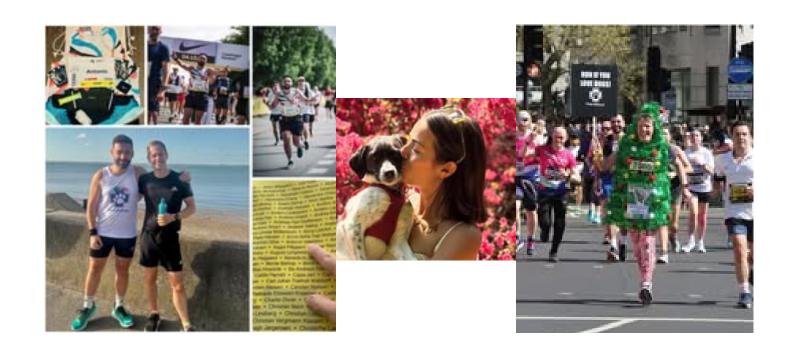
### Lacing Up for Paws2Rescue

Over the last few months, some of our incredible supporters have pulled on their running shoes to raise vital funds for Paws2Rescue. On 6 April a team of nine took part in the London Landmarks Half Marathon. Among them was the UK's most famous Christmas tree! The team raised an outstanding £1,381.80 including Gift Aid.

We are also hugely grateful to Antonio Valentino, who took on the Copenhagen Marathon, and to Georgia Owens, who braved the Thai heat to run a 10km and raise £534. The effort and commitment from each of our runners is inspiring and every pound they raised goes straight to helping animals.

As a volunteer-led charity, we do not spend donations on overheads or salaries. Instead, the money raised is used directly for neutering campaigns, medical supplies, food, and emergency rescue. It is thanks to the generosity and determination of supporters like Gill, Antonio, Georgia, and our London Landmarks team that we can continue this vital work.

If you are planning to take on a running event this year and would like to run for us, we would love to hear from you. Every mile makes a difference.



#### Did you know we run regular auctions?

Our auctions are a vital part of our fundraising and a brilliant way to pick up a bargain while supporting our work. By joining our auction site on Facebook you can bid on a wide variety of items knowing that every penny raised goes directly towards helping animals in need. Join here: <a href="Paws2Rescue Auction Facebook Group">Paws2Rescue Auction</a> Facebook Group

Like all charities, we understand that many people are struggling with the cost of living crisis. Times are difficult and it can feel harder than ever to spare money for donations. That is why our auctions are such a good option as you can treat yourself or buy a gift at a great price while knowing that what you spend is making a real difference. It means you get something useful or special and at the same time you are helping us continue our vital work. Win win!

In May, our Facebook Auction raised £500 thanks to supporters who donated items and placed bids. That full amount went straight to Paws2Rescue vet Dr Dan Valentin so he could buy the stethoscope he urgently needed to care for horses and dogs.

You can help us achieve even more. Take part in our next auction by placing a bid, donating an item or simply sharing the page with others. Every contribution adds up and together we can provide vital support where it is most needed.



#### **Visiting Romania**

During our April trip to Romania, we spent a week at our Sanctuary, enjoying time with the dogs, sharing Easter eggs and playing every day. In rural Romania the Easter tradition of dyeing boiled eggs is still very much alive and it was a joy to be part of this local custom. The hot weather made it essential to put out paddling pools so the dogs could stay cool while enjoying the Sanctuary grounds.

Our visits are not just about caring for the animals, but also about supporting the local community. We celebrated Easter with those in the villages most in need, sharing food and spending time with them. It is important for us to work alongside the community so they know we are trying to make things better for everyone, and helping the animals is part of that effort.

During this trip, we also visited Save The Horses Romania, bringing two of our Paws2Rescue vets to carry out health checks on new entrants. For some of our volunteers, like Nisha on her first visit to rural Romania, the experience was eye-opening. She was surprised to see that villagers still rely on wells for their water and enjoyed filling bottles with the fresh water that we take for granted in the UK.

Sadly, despite our efforts, many animals continue to suffer. In April we visited a public shelter where dogs are at risk of being killed. We left with our car full of dogs. One of the dogs we took from the kill shelter was horrifically injured. We took him straight to the vet clinic and named him Ben. His wounds were infected and he was in serious pain, but he will survive thanks to those who donated to help pay his bills.



In June we rescued a total of 20 new dogs, including senior Emily. Senior dogs like Emily are often abandoned because of their age or health problems, yet they still have so much love to give. Saving seniors is especially important as they are vulnerable, often overlooked, and need the care and attention that our Sanctuary provides.

In addition, we rescued nine more dogs from Irina's shelter on the frontline of Zaporozhye in Ukraine and brought them to our Sanctuary. Here, they can finally live in safety, far from the horrors of war. Our Sanctuary continues to provide a secure, peaceful home for animals who have suffered trauma, whether from abandonment, injury, or conflict, giving them a chance to recover and thrive.

Our trips highlight why our work in Romania is so crucial. It is not just about rescuing and caring for animals, but about showing the community that change is possible. By working together, we can improve life for both animals and people, creating a safer, kinder environment for everyone.



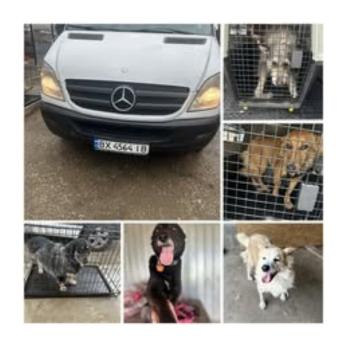














#### **Good News!**

#### A New Beginning for Tasha

When we first met Tasha in Romania, she had spent her whole life tied to a chain in a garden, her coat matted and her world miserable and loveless. It was heartbreaking but we were determined that with love and care she could have a completely new start.

Since arriving at our Sanctuary, Tasha has been gently groomed and cared for by our team. Her beautiful coat has been carefully de-matted and she is now a bright, playful little dog who loves following the team around. Tasha enjoys cuddles and will happily spend time with her person, soaking up all the attention and love she missed for so long. Tasha has also been socialised with the other dogs at the Sanctuary and gets along beautifully, showing new found curiosity about the world.

We conduct stringent medical checks on all our dogs before they are cleared for rehoming. and we are thrilled to share that Tasha will soon be on her way to her forever home. Thanks to the care of Melisa at our Sanctuary and the generosity of our supporters, Tasha has a second chance at the life she always deserved. Her journey is a reminder of why our work rescuing and caring for dogs, especially those who have been neglected or abandoned, is so vital. Her smile says it all!





# Thank you!

We are incredibly grateful for the ongoing support from Oh So Precious pet keepsakes, Jaime Correia Aesthetics in Manchester, Timeless Beauty in Cumbria, St Alban's under 8s girls' football team and Clever Soap vegan body products. Your kindness means the world to us. A huge thank you also goes to Big Yellow Self Storage, who back us through rain or shine.

Team Paws! We've gained the prestigious Investors in Volunteering accreditation for the next three years. We always welcome new team members and provide full training. Interested? Please email management@paws2rescue.com.

And of course, we cannot forget our regular supporters, the amazing people who donate when we post appeals and share our updates on social media. Your generosity and belief in our mission make everything we do possible. From the bottom of our hearts, thank you.













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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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