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2025

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Neutering News



We're proud to say that for every one dog we rehomed in 2025, 37 were spayed. That figure says a great deal about where our work has the most impact. Every adoption matters to us and each dog that finds a safe loving home is a life changed for the better. But the reality is that rehoming alone cannot keep pace with the number of dogs being born into difficult and often dangerous circumstances.



Unplanned litters mean more puppies growing up without proper care, many of them facing hunger illness neglect or abuse from the very start of their lives. Spaying prevents that suffering before it begins. It stops the cycle at its source and reduces the number of dogs who will ever need rescuing, rehoming or emergency help.

This is why we are so grateful to those who support our Spay a Stray campaigns. They are about long term change, not quick fixes. By focusing on spaying now, we are protecting future generations of dogs and easing the pressure on already overstretched rescue systems. While we will always celebrate every dog that finds a home, prevention remains the cornerstone of our work because the most compassionate action we can take is to ensure fewer dogs are born into a life of misery in the first place.

Update: Ukraine

As the fourth year of fighting in Ukraine begins, the misery endured by people and animals continues without a break. In Zaporizhzhia, Irina and her small team remain in desperate circumstances working just hundreds of metres from the frontline. We continue to condemn the cruelty of those who began and support this brutal and pointless war while ordinary people and innocent animals pay the price.



Despite caring for more than 530 animals, when this emaciated boy was brought to the shelter they did not turn him away. They never do. Even with resources stretched to breaking point, compassion comes first.

The challenges they face are overwhelming. Electricity cuts last up to 18 hours at a time even as temperatures remain below zero day and night. After working outside in freezing conditions all day, the team returns to cold, dark homes. Illness and exhaustion are constant yet they keep going because the animals depend on them.



As we sit in warm, centrally heated homes with our dogs wrapped in cosy blankets and their Christmas toys piled nearby, spare a thought for Irina and her team. They are working bravely in unimaginable conditions, risking their own safety every single day to save lives that would otherwise be lost.

They urgently need our help. Vet bills never stop and food, heating and basic care all come at a cost even in the middle of a war zone. If you are able to spare a few pounds, you can help this starving boy and so many others who rely on this shelter for survival. You can also take a moment to silently thank a team who ask for nothing for themselves. We know not all heroes wear capes.



Thanks to the kindness of our supporters, we were able to raise sufficient funds for Irina to buy hay to keep the animals warm over the brutal Ukrainian winter.

Some words from Irina in Ukraine:

‘Today, we sincerely thank our friends at the wonderful organization Paws2Rescue for their continued help to our shelter. You are just our angels, because thanks to you, our shelter finally has hay! All the animals are just delighted. And most importantly, now our animals are not cold. Preparation for winter is going on little by little and we sincerely thank you from the bottom of our hearts. There is still a little left for the shelter to be completely ready for the cold weather, all that remains is to repair the old kennels and buy new ones for new dogs. And thanks to you, now we are sure that they will be warm! Thank you from the bottom of our hearts.’



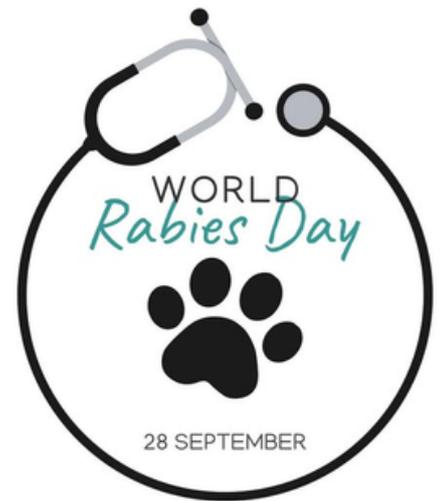
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Spay Ukraine

Shortly after World Rabies Day on September 28th, Dr Razvan and the team took the Paws2Rescue mobile vet clinic into Ukraine. Two surgeons, two anaesthetists, one field veterinarian to dart animals and four assistants for the recovery room. neutered an amazing 222 dogs in that time but also, crucially, gave each one a vital rabies vaccinations.

Rabies was already a serious public health concern in Ukraine before the war. Since then, the situation has worsened dramatically. In the first quarter of 2024, 369 communities reported animals infected with rabies, up from 190 communities the year before. This rise is largely due to animals being displaced or abandoned, routine vaccinations breaking down and veterinary services struggling under extreme pressure.

This is why the work carried out by the team matters so much. By neutering and vaccinating dogs in a war zone, they are not only protecting individual animals but helping to prevent a growing public health crisis, often at great personal risk to themselves. thank you, Dr Razvan and the team and to our supporters who donated so this mission could happen.



Update: Peru



Our work with our overseas partners continues and we were proud to support neutering efforts in Lima, Peru in September and October. Some of the areas where we work in Peru are challenging as the local communities face very difficult lives which presents many obstacles for our team. Despite this, they persevere, driven by their dedication and love for animals. We're also proud to support education efforts such as going into schools and discussing animal care. The students are always eager to attend these sessions, listening carefully and attentively. By educating the next generation about compassion, we can help secure better outcomes for animals in these hard-to-reach communities.



Update: Romania

Thanks to your incredible support, we are delighted to share that the fence at the Sanctuary has now been fully repaired, ensuring the safety of all our dogs. With your help, we were able to raise the full £3,300 needed. The fence repairs were extensive: iron pipes were welded around the entire perimeter and the mesh was securely attached using special clamps, concrete fixings and additional fittings to ensure a long-lasting solution. Labour costs were included and the builders have assured us that this new setup will be much more durable in protecting the dogs from wandering or harm.

Previously, with the water pump broken, Melisa and the team had been struggling to fill bottles from the well and keep the Sanctuary clean. We were able to replace the pump, at a cost of around £400, thanks to general donations which has made daily life much easier for the team and the dogs.

The Sanctuary has minimal running costs but from time to time maintenance like this is essential. Your generosity has made a real difference in keeping the dogs safe, secure and happy. We are incredibly grateful to everyone who contributed and supported this unglamorous but necessary work.



Snow has begun falling across almost the whole of Romania and daytime temperatures have dropped below freezing. Does our team stay at home in the warmth? Of course not. They are still out there every day making sure the stray dogs are fed until every tummy is full.

As temperatures plummet in Romania the plight of stray animals becomes even more severe. We have rescued dogs in the past whose paws had quite literally frozen solid. This is the suffering we hope to prevent through our Spay a Stray campaign. However the reality right now is that there are still so many homeless dogs that our rescue capacity is completely overwhelmed.

We would love to bring every dog back to the sanctuary but we are already overcrowded. So we do what we can. We make sure the strays are fed. Thanks to your generous donations our rescuers have food to take out to the dogs each day throughout the winter.

One day we hope this will no longer be necessary. One day we hope that changing attitudes towards spaying and rehoming will mean there are no strays left to feed. Until then thank you for standing with us and for helping these dogs survive the cold.



Romania leads the way on fireworks



**Clujul renunță la
artificii și petarde
în noaptea de
Revelion**

pentru a proteja animalele și mediul

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Romanians can no longer buy fireworks after much tighter laws on pyrotechnics were introduced. The changes follow years of serious injuries and are designed to limit public access to dangerous items. Only low risk decorative fireworks are now allowed while powerful fireworks and technical materials are banned for personal use. Fines range from 1,000 to 7,500 lei with much higher penalties for companies and possible prison sentences in serious cases. We're pleased to report that these ridiculously loud fireworks can now only be used by trained and authorised pyrotechnists under controlled conditions and police have already seized large quantities of illegal items.

Even more welcome is the news that more cities are also replacing New Year fireworks with light or laser shows which are safer and kinder to animals, the environment and people sensitive to noise. Constanta Cluj Napoca Brasov Suceava Galati and Buzau have already made the switch with positive public reaction and there is now a petition for Bucharest to do the same.

Come on, Britain! It's time to do the same.

Fundraising and Event News



We had a busy Christmas raising funds this year! Our Carol Service at Northchapel was such a lovely evening of doggy fun. And with Christmas fairs filled with goodies made by talented supporters, mystery boxes, Christmas draw, calendars and our bauble sales, the past few months have been full-on but so rewarding.

We were delighted that our patron Ricky Gervais took time out of his busy schedule to dangle his baubles for us and help promote our gorgeous gifts, courtesy of The Lovely Keepsake Company. We are so grateful to everyone who supported us in so many ways, whether by attending events, buying gifts, donating items or simply spreading the word. Your support has helped us raise much-needed funds for the animals we care for and reminded us once again how lucky we are to have such a kind and generous community around us.

Have you joined our auction group?

Our auctions have been incredibly important to our fundraising in 2025 and have raised thousands to support our campaigns and help animals in need. They have become a really positive way for people to support our work while also getting something in return. We're thrilled to say our Christmas Auction raised an incredible £1295!

Through our Facebook auction group you can bid on a wide range of items knowing that every penny goes towards our work, such as taking dogs out of the grim public shelters so they can live a better life at our Sanctuary. It is a simple way to support us while picking up something you like at the same time. So why not join the Paws2Rescue Auction Facebook Group and get involved?

We know that many people are feeling the pressure of the cost of living and that donating is not always easy. That is why our auctions work so well. With our auction, you can treat yourself, buy a gift or bid for a useful item for your dog. What you spend helps us continue our vital work. Or you could declutter and donate an item or simply share the group with others. Every bit of support adds up and together we can help animals where they need it most.

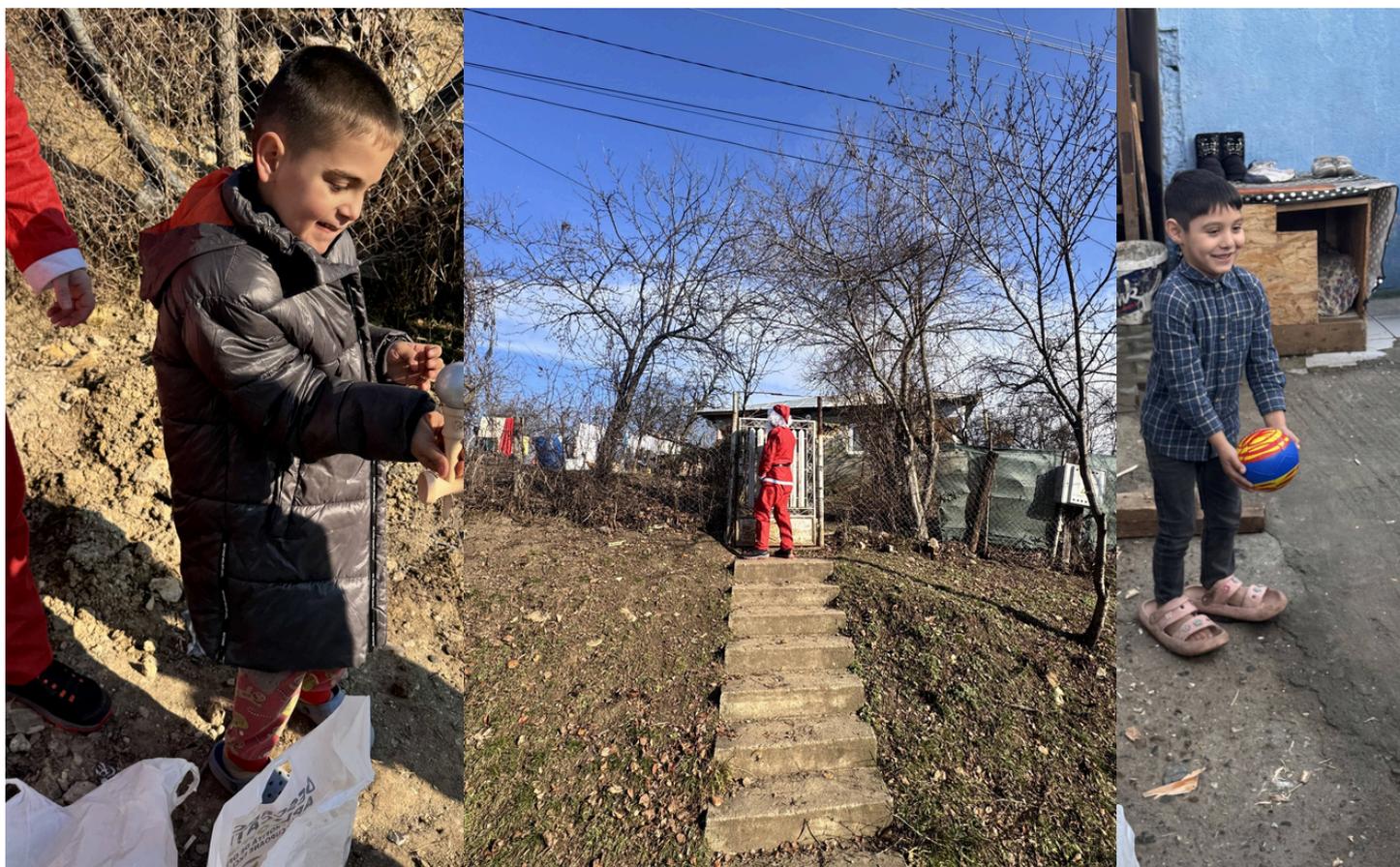


Our Romania Christmas Appeal 2025

This year, once again and for the 13th year running, we shared a magical Christmas in rural Romania. We filled suitcases with your beautiful hat, scarf and glove sets, warm coats and toys. This year the favourite toys were kendamas, a simple but fun skill toy where children try to catch a ball on different cups or a spike. They are currently all the rage in Romania!

Many of the communities we visit are extremely poor. For some children these gifts are the only treats they will receive all year and your kindness brings moments of joy that would otherwise be impossible. We will also bought food locally, providing Christmas dinners in areas where treats are in short supply so that even more families and animals benefitted directly from your support.

Thank you for helping us keep the magic alive this Christmas.



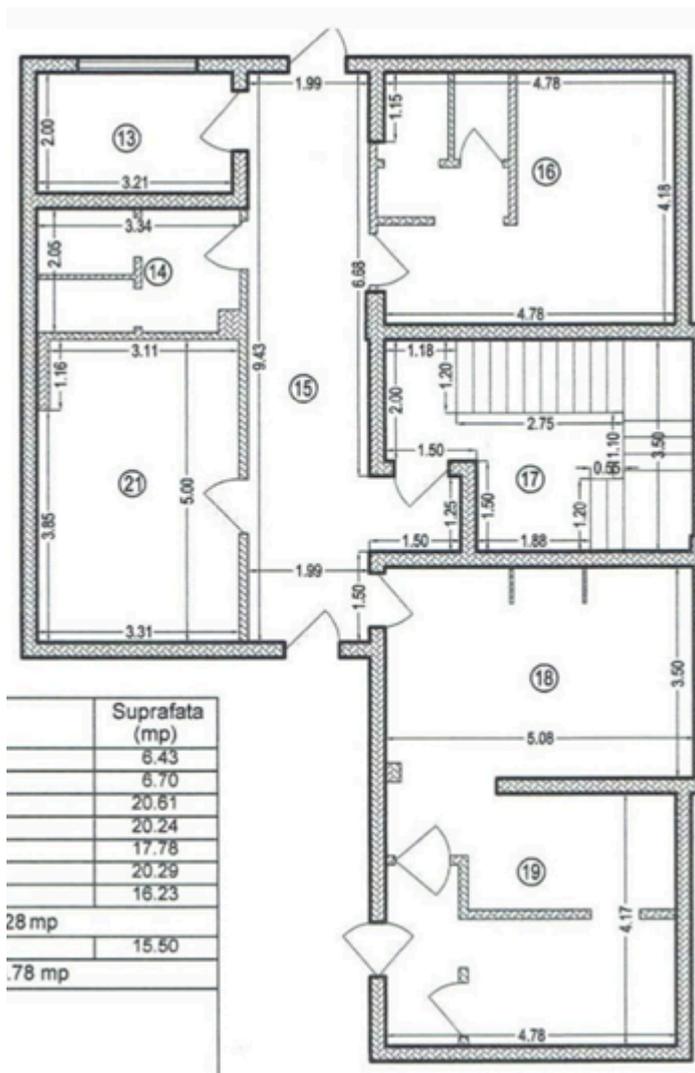


All we wanted for Christmas...

This year, Santa Paws paid a very special visit to Paws2Rescue. His name is Ricky Gervais, our incredible patron, tireless supporter of animals around the world and a brilliant comedian. Following his global Mortality tour, Ricky's generous donation to Paws2Rescue has made a huge difference, helping bring our plans and dreams for 2026 and beyond closer to reality.

Just days ago, during our Christmas week in Romania, we had the immense pleasure of visiting the property that will become our newest social veterinary clinic in Bucharest. Work will begin in January and the clinic is expected to be ready for authorisation within just a few months.

Without our very own Santa Paws, this project and so many others would still be just a dream. A huge thank you to Ricky Gervais and to every single person who supports and donates to our vital work saving and protecting animals in need.



Adopted and Adored: Bruno

Handsome Bruno was rescued in July 2023 and he truly touched our hearts. He was a tiny puppy suffering from a severe and extremely painful skin condition and he was close to death when we found him.

He was rescued just an hour before he would have died. So young so tiny and so cold, Bruno was soaked through after a night in the rain and already slipping into a pre coma state. From the very start he showed incredible strength and determination and was soon wrapped up warm and safe at the vets.

Thanks to fundraising for his vet care we were able to give him the treatment he desperately needed and set him on the road to recovery. Bruno then hit the jackpot with his new forever home.

Fast forward to December 2025 and just look at this gorgeous happy boy now. This is why we rescue and rehome.



Adopted and Adored: Fergus

Fergus has just celebrated his 13th birthday and 5th Gotcha day. His mum says, *'He's annoying, smells from both ends, needy, pushes his butt so hard on the settee recliner buttons when he wants a butt scratch, that you're up and down like a yo-yo, he's obsessed with sweets and runs anytime he hears a wrapper (no Fergus, it's just a pack of plastic hooks), jumps in my grave every time I move, insists on thinking he's the size of a Chihuahua and being a lap dog, steals my space in bed, has to come everywhere with me and throws paddies when we go to the groomers.....and I wouldn't have him any other way, he saves me every day, gives unconditional love, makes me get out even when I want to hibernate and hide from the world, he keeps my feet warm (and my cold heart) and he is, as I tell him everyday in our driving home song, my bestest friend in the whole wide world (sorry Mum). Thanks for letting me adopt him Paws2Rescue!'*

Mabel

How could anyone beat and kick such a sweet gentle girl? That was the exact question Alison, aka Mama Paws, asked herself 11 years ago when she brought little Mabel home from a life of hardship in Romania. From that day on, Mabel has never known a single second of suffering.

She loves a puppuccino and a warm bed but more than anything, she loves her mum, who has given her the wonderful life she never dared hope for.



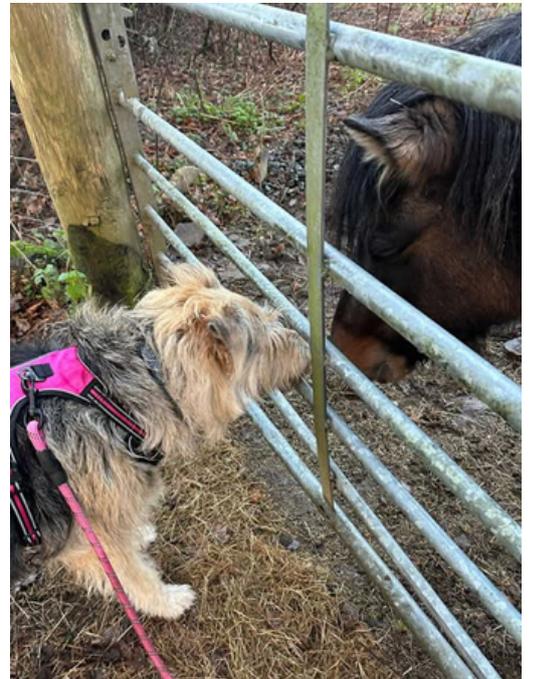
Adopted and adored: Penny

Do you remember our last newsletter featuring Fluffy, Britain's most overlooked dog? Well, we ended 2025 with the very best news. Fluffy has found a wonderful new home!

Now called Penny she has settled in straight away and we are so incredibly grateful to Jennifer for giving her the chance she so deserved. She told us:

'Penny has settled in beautifully. She seems happy and relaxed and has been open to play and affection from the start. We've been going slowly, but she's enjoyed exploring the garden, the local woods, and meeting the animals and people around us. It really feels like she knows she's home now. Thank you to everyone who has loved and supported her whilst she's been looking for a home.'

Penny has always had so much love to give and now she is exactly where she belongs as Queen of the Sofa in a caring home with a bright future ahead of her. Stories like hers remind us why we do what we do and why we never give up on a dog.



Thank you!

We are so grateful to all our sponsors and supporters whose generosity keeps our work going. We'd like offer a big welcome to The Lovely Keepsake Company who are now offering a range of beautiful Paws2Rescue products. Please view them here: <https://tinyurl.com/yzspn88c>

Huge thanks also to 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 for their continued kindness. We also want to give a very special shoutout to Big Yellow Self Storage for all their incredible help with our Christmas appeal. Their support is always amazing.

And of course we couldn't do any of this without our regular supporters. Whether you donate when we post appeals, share our updates on social media or simply tell others about our work, your generosity and belief in what we do mean the world to us. Thank you for being part of the Paws family and helping us make a real difference every day.

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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

Standing Order/ Direct Debit. 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.

Easyfundraising.org.uk. Just shop online using the easyfundraising.org.uk website. Over 2,700 major retailers are on this site. A percentage of everything you buy comes to us and it does not cost you a penny!

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Please email management@paws2rescue.com for ways you could support us.

Thank you!