



Paws2Rescue

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Our Romania Christmas Appeal 2025

Even though we're an animal charity, we try to help the people in the areas we work in, especially at Christmas time. This year, for the 13th year in a row, we shared a special Christmas with children and families in rural Romania. We packed suitcases with the gifts our supporters donated including warm hats scarves and gloves as well as coats and toys.

One of the most popular toys this year was a kendama. It is a simple but fun skill toy where you try to catch a ball on different cups or a spike and it has become very popular with children in Romania.

Many of the communities we visit are very poor. For some children these gifts are the only presents they receive all year. Your kindness brings moments of happiness and excitement that would not otherwise be possible. We also bought food locally so families could enjoy a Christmas dinner. This helped both people and animals in the community and made sure your support reached as many as possible.

Thank you for helping us keep the magic of Christmas alive for children and families who need it most.



Dogs Who Found Their Forever Homes

Every year, we find loving homes for lots of dogs. Here are a few special ones.

Bruno

Bruno was rescued as a tiny puppy who was very sick and close to death. He was cold and needed lifesaving care. Thanks to fundraising, he received the treatment he needed and slowly recovered. Today Bruno is a happy, healthy dog living in a loving forever home.

Fergus

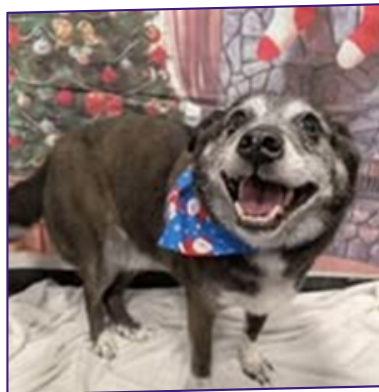
Fergus recently celebrated his thirteenth birthday and his fifth Gotcha Day. His mum says he is smelly, needy, obsessed with sweet wrappers and thinks he is the size of a Chihuahua!. He steals space in bed and demands constant cuddles but she would not change a thing about him

Mabel

Mabel was rescued many years ago after a life of hardship. Since then she has never known suffering again. She loves warm beds, puppuccinos and being close to her mum who gave her the life she dreamed of.

Penny

Penny waited a long, long time to be adopted. She ended 2025 with the best news of all when she finally found a home. Penny settled in quickly enjoying long walks in the woods and her new role as Queen of the Sofa.



Helping animals around the world

Ukraine

The war in Ukraine continues to cause so much suffering for people and animals. Our wonderful friend Irina and her small team care for more than 500 animals close to the frontline fighting. Even when food and electricity are limited, they never turn animals away. When a very thin and hungry dog was brought to the shelter, they took him in without hesitation because we know that animals suffer in war, just like humans. Thanks to the kindness of our Paws2Rescue supporters, we were able to help Irina buy hay to keep the animals warm during the harsh winter. Irina sent a message saying that the animals are no longer cold and that this support has made a huge difference.

Peru

In Peru we supported spaying and neutering programmes and worked with local communities. We also visited schools to talk about caring for animals. The students listened carefully and were keen to learn. Teaching kindness helps animals have better futures.

Romania

In Romania, we repaired the fence at our Sanctuary to keep the dogs safe and secure. We also replaced a broken water pump which made daily life much easier for the team and the dogs. During winter, our rescuers go out every day to feed stray dogs in freezing temperatures. Although the Sanctuary is full they make sure no dog is forgotten. Thanks to donations they are able to provide food throughout the winter.

We're also very happy that Romania has also introduced stricter rules on fireworks. Have you got a pet who is frightened by fireworks? Then you'll agree that quieter celebrations are safer and much kinder for animals who can be frightened by loud noise. Fingers crossed that we have the same rules here soon!



Helping Dogs Have Better Lives

In 2025 we helped dogs in many different ways and we are very proud of what was achieved by the whole team.

Rehoming dogs is one of the most rewarding parts of what we do. Every dog who finds a home finds safety and love. Some dogs have never even slept in a warm bed before. Some have never had toys or regular food. Some are discovering what it means to be cared for every single day. Each adoption changes a life and every dog matters to us. But the truth is that just rehoming doesn't keep up with the number of dogs being born into difficult situations. That is why spaying and neutering are so important. For every one dog we rehomed, we helped spay 37 dogs. This is how we can help the most.

What is Spaying and Neutering?

Spaying and neutering means dogs cannot have puppies. This is one of the kindest things we can do for animals. We all love a cute, cuddly puppy and kitten, but when animals are not spayed or neutered, too many poor puppies and kittens are born and there are not enough homes for them. Some grow up without proper care and many face very hard lives from the start. By spaying and neutering adult dogs, fewer puppies are born into danger, fewer dogs need rescuing later and the dogs we operate on live healthier and happier lives.

This is why our Spay a Stray campaigns are about making long term changes. By acting now we are protecting future generations of dogs. We have our own vet team that travels with a mobile clinic in hard to reach areas so we can help as many dogs and cats as possible.

We want every dog to be a wanted dog.



Our Sponsorship Scheme

We always try our best to rehome as many animals as we can. Sadly, some dogs have been treated so badly that they are too frightened to live in a home. They have learned that humans are not safe and trusting again would take a very long time. When this happens, we promise them that even if they can never live in a house, they will always be safe with us. They will be fed every day and cared for with patience and love. And we don't just rescue paws...we also rescue hooves! We look after rescue horses and rescue donkeys who need somewhere calm and kind to live.

Meet Ghiga the Donkey

Ghiga has had many 'owners' during her life who treated her like a piece of farm machinery and worked her very hard. She was abused and neglected and when she was no longer useful, she was sent to be killed. Then something amazing happened: Ghiga was rescued by a kind lady who did not want her to work anymore. She wanted her to rest and enjoy her retirement with her horse friend, Cardi. Now Ghiga is safe and loved.



Meet Rina the Dog

Beautiful Rina grew up on the streets. Even as a cute fluffy puppy people chased her away and were unkind to her. Those scary experiences stayed with her and now Rina loves playing with other dogs but she is still very nervous around people. As one of our sponsor dogs, she is cared for with love and is slowly learning to trust humans again but it will take time.

If you cannot rehome a dog from us you could still help by sponsoring one of our trauma animals. Sponsoring helps pay for food care and shelter and it only costs £5 a month. By sponsoring one of our trauma animals you become part of their story. You help give them safety and love and most of all, a future where they do not have to be afraid anymore. Please visit www.paws2rescue.com/sponsor-dog/ to see more of our lovely animal friends.

Thank You for Helping us to Help the Animals

Looking after so many rescue animals costs a lot of money. We need to buy food, medicine, beds and warm, safe places for animals to live. We also need it to help animals feel better when they have been hurt or frightened. That is why raising money is so important for us.

We are very grateful to everyone who helps us!

We want to say a huge thank you to the **The St Albans City Youth FC U8 Girls “Romans“ team**. We are so proud to be their team sponsor and we feel very lucky to support such a brilliant team. Thank you for helping us care about animals and sharing your kindness with us.

We would also like to welcome **The Lovely Keepsake Company**. They make lovely Paws2Rescue products and when people buy them it helps raise money for our rescue animals.

A big thank you as well to:
Oh So Precious Pet Keepsakes
Jaime Correia Aesthetics in Manchester
Timeless Beauty in Cumbria
Clever Soap Vegan Body Products

We are also very thankful to **Big Yellow Self Storage** for helping us so much with our Christmas appeal. Their support helped many animals stay safe and warm.

And of course we could not do any of this without our regular supporters. Some people donate money. Some share our posts. Some tell their friends and family about us. Every kind action helps.

Thank you for being part of the Paws family and for helping animals who need love and care.