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# REPORT FRIENDS FOREVER 2023



Many seniors in Romania live on the edge of collapse, depressed, in poverty, often being forced to choose between buying medicines or paying utility bills. Having a pet, for many, is the best thing that has happened to them.

Older pet owners often shared how empty and desolate their lives felt without their furry companions, even though they acknowledged the occasional challenges of owning an active pet.

## JANUARY 2023



- Cornelia from Constanta we helped her paying the vet costs for her dog Daisy, that has a skin chronic disorder. Cornelia has 3 more dogs in her care.
- Margareta from Barlad we covered the sterilization costs for the 3 cats she adopted at the end of last year
- Tanta from Bucharest we stepped in as she couldn't afford paying the vet treatment for her senior German Shepherd, Blacky, that can barely walk, much less run.

TOTAL AMOUNT SPENT: 1.695 LEI (APROX. 340 EURO)

## FEBRUARY 2023



- Corina from Timisoara rescued sweet puppy Bibita from a school yard, where he was abandoned. We covered the costs for deworming, vaccination, flea protection and microchipping the lucky pup.
- Valeria, a resident of Bucharest, Romania, relied on the support of ROLDA to cover the cost of the surgery on her dog Rita's right rear leg. Rita's diagnosis revealed a complex orthopedic issue, coxofemoral subluxation alongside a severe, grade IV bilateral patellar luxation in her back legs.
- Ilinca from Bucharest 7 dogs and 5 cats rescued and cared by her, were dewormed and received flea protection due to ROLDA. We will also help her to microchip 5 of the dogs as soon as the vet can go to her home.

TOTAL AMOUNT SPENT: 2.789 LEI (APROX. 560 EURO)

## MARCH 2023



- Anisoara is a widow with a very small pension and 3 Pekinese dogs in her care. She struggles to make ends meet, scraping by with just enough to pay for electricity, water, and food for herself and her furry companions. One of the 3 dogs is very old and suffers from glaucoma and urinary incontinence, but diapers are a luxury for Anisoara. ROLDA helped Anisoara to buy diapers for the senior dog.
- Tulcea is one of the poorest counties of Romania. Ms. Lautaru and her sick daughter struggle financially but find joy in caring for rescued cats. They need assistance with sterilizing 8 cats (5 females, 3 males). To help the cats, ROLDA decided to spay/neuter and provide medical care.

When the first surgery to fix Hera's leg failed, Iulia was devastated. The dog couldn't use the leg at all, and the pain was excruciating. Iulia lives in Bucharest where there are plenty of vet clinics she could go to for a second opinion, but with such a small pension she couldn't afford to pay a new surgery, so Hera was convicted to a painful life. ROLDA paid for the surgery and Hera's leg was fixed and she is nicely recovering.

Ms. Iordan lives with her husband and their II cats in Tulcea with only 300 E per month. Nine of the cats were sterilized through a local charity, and she urgently requested ROLDA's assistance to sterilize the remaining two. We were happy to lend a hand to Ms. Iordan and the seniors who depended on us to help them stay connected to their beloved pets.

### TOTAL AMOUNT SPENT: 3.154 LEI (APROX. 630 EURO)





### APRIL 2023



Anisoara is a widow with a very small pension and 3 Pekinese in her care. She can barely cover the costs for the utilities and the food for herself and the dogs. One of the 3 dogs is very old and suffers from glaucoma and urinary incontinence and in March ROLDA helped Anisoara buy diapers for her. Her condition started to deteriorate; she had to wake up at night to change her position because she was crying and she also started to go round in circles. We helped her investigate further and the doctors discovered she had a brain tumor that couldn't be operated on at such an advanced age. Since her pain was so bad, it was decided to put her to sleep, and this was a very hard decision to be taken for Anisoara.

Valeria from Bucharest – In February, ROLDA helped to pay for the surgery of the right back leg of her dog Rita that was diagnosed with coxofemoral subluxation and a patellar bilateral luxation degree IV, on her back legs. After the surgery, during the routine checks, the doctors discovered a second surgery is required to give an almost normal shape to the leg and to use it better. We covered the costs for the surgery and for the annual vaccine and health document.

Rodica was living in Bucuresti but due to her son, four dogs and a tomcat she decided to move to Brasov and offer them the chance to breathe fresh air and live close to the mountains. One of her dogs, Daisy, needed to be neutered as this was not possible until now due to some health problems. ROLDA paid for the blood tests and the sterilization.

#### TOTAL AMOUNT SPENT: 2.450 LEI (APROX. 490 EURO)





### MAY 2023



- Corina from Timisoara and Bibita, whom we helped in February to cover the costs for deworming, vaccination, flea protection and microchipping, needed us again, as their income is very low, and Corina could barely cover the monthly costs. We bought dry food and flea & ticks protection for Bibita.
- Antoaneta lives in Caracal and she always loved animals. She has 3 dogs saved from the streets of Caracal: senior Linda, Rocky the German Shephard, Mingiuta and 7 cats. She loves them to the moon and back and will do everything in her power for them. With ROLDA's support, this month she vaccinated and microchipped all her pets and we are very glad we could help!

TOTAL AMOUNT SPENT: 1.400 LEI (APROX. 280 EURO)

# **JUNE** 2023



- Mrs. Reian is from Tulcea and we met her through our local partner association The Great Catsby. She recently found in her yard 2 tomcats that have become part of the family and she needed our help to sterilize them, which we did.
- Paraschiva has loved animals since she was little. She has 9 cats in her care: Lili, Tigrut, Mica, Printi, Flori, Zurli, Minus, Fulgi and Mami that brighten her days and make her laugh. ROLDA covered the deworming costs for 2 of the cats and we will also help her sterilize 2 tomcats in the next weeks.

Lidia has 4 dogs and 5 cats. Her husband died last year and from her small monthly income she cannot pay for her medicines (she suffers from diabetes and a special form of depression) and her pets' medicines. Her dog Bella has heart worms and needs monthly treatment, other dog has mange and needs to be treated and these are only a few of the problems they face. She was very happy that thanks to ROLDA all the dogs received internal and external parasite treatment, Bella received her heart treatment and dry food was bought both for dogs and cats.

A last case we helped was of a woman with serious health problems that took in her care a dog found at a metro station in Bucharest. She vaccinated, microchipped and treated him for internal & external parasites. Unfortunately, the neighbor's cat scratched his eye, and he urgently needed surgery. After many tests done and treatment, he had a surgery, but his eye couldn't be saved anymore. It was removed and replaced with a glass one.

#### TOTAL AMOUNT SPENT: 2.725 LEI (APROX. 550 EURO)





# 2023



- Mrs. Marioara and her husband have rescued 70 stray dogs in the past years. Their income is very, very low and they hardly cover the food costs for them, as kibbles are getting more and more expensive. They asked for our help in paying the costs of 12 flea and tick prevention treatments.
- Remember Rita and her owner, Mrs. Valeria? We helped them in getting the much needed surgery for one of Rita's affected hindlegs and now it was time to operate the other. Everything went very well and she is now recovering. Mrs. Valeria would have never been able to afford these surgeries and Rita would have continued suffering.

- Mrs. Gabriela lives in Cernica and cares for 3 cats and 3 dogs rescued from the streets: Richie, Bobita and Cucut. Due to increasing prices, she can barely pay the monthly expenses and buy food for them. ROLDA bought food for the 3 dogs.
- Bella is one of Mrs. Lidia's pets (she has 4 dogs and 5 cats). In July we helped her again by buying Bella's treatment for heart worms.
- Also Mrs. Anisoara and her pets, Richie and Lola, were helped by our team in the past. Richie has urinary incontinence and needs daily diapers and pads. We covered the costs for diapers, for flea and tick prevention treatment for the other dog and for food. We are glad we could help in keeping the pets and their owners safe and happy!

#### TOTAL AMOUNT SPENT: 3.115 LEI (APROX. 625 EURO)





# AUGUST 2023



- Mrs. Vasilica rescued from the street a pregnant female dog who gave birth to 6 puppies. This took her to owning 9 dogs as she couldn't find adopters for the 6 puppies. In this moment all the female dogs are sterilized, and she asked for our support for external flea & tick prevention treatment.
- Ioana has a retired neighbor with very low income who has 10 dogs in her care and many cats. Whenever she can, she buys food to help her. All her pets are rescued from the streets and are very well cared for even though she faces a difficult situation. ROLDA provided food for the pets in her care.

- Mrs. Gabriela has 15 dogs, 3 with mange and 2 receiving cancer treatment, needing follow-up appointments. ROLDA paid for the treatment and testing of dogs with mange.
- Mrs. Zenovia raised a small puppy, Thor, since he was just a newborn, feeding him with a syringe. The puppy's mother died in a car accident, and he had 2 more brothers that also died. Thor is 5 months old now and he was run over by a car 2 months ago. He was checked by the vet, and it was found that it had a broken bone in the knee and a broken toe. He needed a plaster cast. ROLDA helped with all the vet costs.
- Mrs. Mariana has a dog and a rabbit. She contacted us to help her with the costs of the tests for the rabbit, because he had an irritation on his back that was not healing and needed to be investigated. Going to the vet for the tests and the treatment, she also sterilized the rabbit. ROLDA paid the vet costs for the tests and the sterilization.
- Mrs. Gaby lives on the outskirts of the city and takes care of 15 dogs and more than 10 cats on the field near her house. She recently rescued 2 more cats that were abandoned, one was already sterilized and for the other she needed our help for sterilizing her and for the flee & tick external treatment. ROLDA also bought her food for the dogs she cares for.

TOTAL AMOUNT SPENT: 3.085 LEI (APROX. 620 EURO)

## SEPTEMBER 2023



- Bella has heart disease and she needs a very expensive treatment each month. ROLDA sponsored her treatment for 2 months.
- Mrs. Paraschiva asked for our support for vaccinating two cats and for castrating a tomcat.
- Pufi has heart issues, he went for a vet check and to get his new treatment and ROLDA covered the related costs.

- Mrs. Gabriela found a tomcat abandoned that she took immediately to the vet for a check and to be castrated. Having a very low income she couldn't cover the costs, and she contacted us for support.
- Shoni had an ear infection, he needed to go to the vet many times to be cleaned and treated and now he is finally healthy again. We helped his owner with the costs.
- We helped Bobita also in the past and we continue doing it. This time his owner contacted us requesting our support for buying food. There are periods when she can hardly cover her monthly expenses...
- Mrs. Lucica is from Scornicesti and a few weeks ago 7 cats were thrown over her fence, in the yard. Since she had other rescued kittens with panleukopenia she asked our help to urgently vaccinate all 7, to keep them healthy and avoid other problems and expenses. The cats will be also sterilized with our support.

### TOTAL AMOUNT SPENT: 3.117 LEI (APROX. 620 EURO)





## OCTOBER 2023



- Mrs. Antoaneta asked ROLDA's support for vaccinating two rescued dogs.
- Mrs. Gabi is feeding not only her cats but also the ones that found refuge on a field near her house. Since all the prices for the cat and dog food went up she can hardly manage to buy food for her ones and she called to see if we could help in any way. We sent her cat food.

- Mrs. Lucica from Scornicesti had to do the second vaccine for the 7 cats that were thrown in her yard and we continued our support, as promised. As soon as the doctor will approve, they will be also sterilized by ROLDA.
- Mrs. Gabriela had a very difficult surgery and all the money she had was spent on medicines and other costs related to it. Her dogs were without food, and we made arrangements to ensure they were fed. This is the message she sent us: "Hooray, today the little one will eat their fill. Thank you very much ROLDA, I wish you good health and all the best."

#### TOTAL AMOUNT SPENT: 2.763 LEI (APROX. 550 EURO)





## NOVEMBER 2023



- Mrs. Antoaneta rescued 2 cats that were sick and needed treatment for panleukopenia. We provided assistance with her treatment expenses and also facilitated the FPV test.
- Mrs. Gabriela is retired and takes care of her sick brother.Her income is insufficient to adequately care for her four adopted cats. ROLDA provided support in sterilizing the four cats.
- Mrs. Anisoara's dog is very old, and she has no money to pay for her treatments. She needed dental cleaning and sanitation and ROLDA helped with the costs.

- Mrs. Ilinca rescued recently 3 more cats: Betty, Tanu and Athos a small kitten found on the street. She needed internal deworming and external treatment for flees and thicks to start preparing them for vaccination and not put in danger the other animals in her care.
- Mr. Cristi is the owner of sweet Daisy. She was hit by a car and her back legs were damaged: the left leg was broken in 2 parts and the right one was also hurt. Thanks to our help Daisy had the surgery and the left leg was fixed with a metal rod. She is now slowly recovering and each day she feels better and better. Without us, her surgery could not be done.

### TOTAL AMOUNT SPENT: 3.781 LEI (APROX. 750 EURO)





## DECEMBER 2023



Mrs. Gaby saved little Plusi from the street. Unfortunately, when she found her, half of her nose was missing, she was prone to infection in the uterus and her liver was enlarged. The cat was extremely gentle, and Ms. Gaby immediately took her to the vet, but she couldn't afford to pay all the costs, as she is retired due to illness and her income is very low. At first the doctors thought the cat had infectious peritonitis, a disease that can only be treated at exorbitant costs, and the mortality rate is 90%. Fortunately, the cat did not test positive for this disease. The cat did all the analyzes and investigations necessary to have the right diagnosis and administer her the appropriate treatment. ROLDA helped with all these costs, and the cat is now recovering, in Gaby's care.

Mrs. Lidia has 3 dogs, each of them with a different health issue: Pusica has kidney problems, Belluta has heart issues, both of them needing daily treatment, and the third one started losing the fur on his back, he needed to have a dermatological examination and then he received treatment. Mrs. Lidia could not have covered the vet bills without our help, and we hope the three sweeties can live many more years loved and well cared for by her.

TOTAL AMOUNT SPENT: 3.781 LEI (APROX. 750 EURO)



