

ACTIVITY REPORT UKRAINE 2025


#give hope



Four years after the war in Ukraine begun, ROLDA continues to help the local rescuers who chose not to flee, to defend their country and protect the animals they love.

Ukraine is a country devastated by war, people are discouraged by cold, mud, freezing, explosion, destruction and death they see or feel around.

With parts of Ukraine transformed into ruins, it will take years for the country to recover, even after the war will be over.

In the months to come, ROLDA will continue to support Ukrainian animals and animal welfare organisations impacting by the war for as long as we can, even if the international interest on this subject dramatically reduced.



2025 IN NUMBERS

🐾 We helped approx 19000 dogs and cats



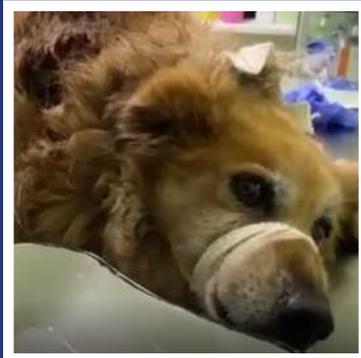
🐾 We distributed repeated, small grants to 40 rescuers across the country helping them cover food, veterinary emergency and medical after care



The ROLDA team joined local Ukrainians on several evacuation missions to extract animals in cities near the frontline in Kharkiv



Helped with repairs 2 shelters destroyed by bombs.



Delivered food to Irina's shelter in Zaporizhezhe



 We transported humanitarian aid for animals to different locations in Ukraine



 We covered blitz sterilization campaigns across different cities in Ukraine



TOTAL NUMBERS COVERING PERIOD FEB 2022 – DEC 2025

Help with repeated grants approx 40
different rescuers and shelters



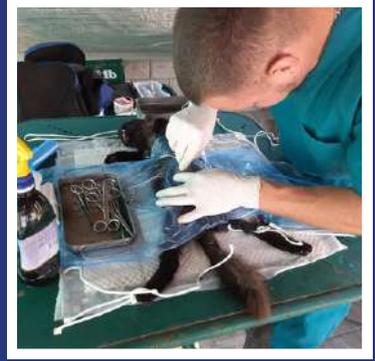
Send funds for food and vet aid for approx 63000
animals especially located near the battle zones



Deliver 70 tons of supplies (food for animals
and humans, hay for farm animals)



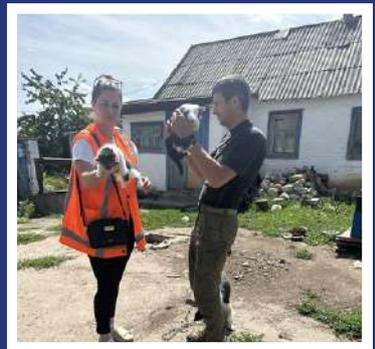
🐾 Sterilized approximately 5000 animals.



🐾 Join evacuation missions to extract animals (dogs, cats, goats, horses, cows, donkeys etc) near front line in Kherson and Kharkiv



🐾 Meet various rescuers in Kherson, Kharkiv, Mykolaiv and Zaporizhezhe to check first hand their work for animals and report back to our supporters.



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CALENDAR

OF

EVENTS

GRANTS DISTRIBUTED (MONTHLY OVERVIEW)

12
January

10
March

13
February

11
April

14
May

13
August

13
June

5
July

15
November

16
September

9
October

26
December

Total = approx. **19,000** animals helped
and **157** grants distributed
(some repeatedly, to the same rescuers)

JANURY

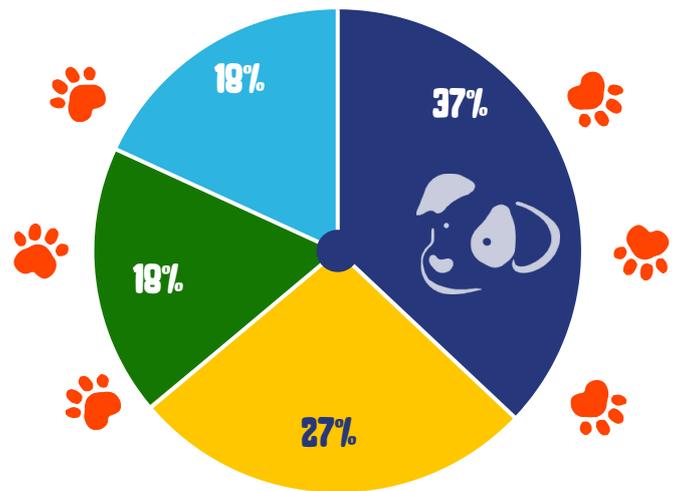


- Svetlana for her 68 cats, 46 dogs, 4 birds and two hedgehogs, also snails
- Олена to rescue animals in Mykolaiv
- Ludmila P. to feed pack of homeless animals plus her 34 cats at home, 16 cats and 3 dogs at shelter, plus 15 homeless cats
- Irina O. for helping animals in Zaporizhezhe
- Татьяна O. to feed homeless animals
- Myroslava to feed her animals
- Dmitry from Charitable Foundation for Animal Protection and Development for 1556 dogs, 556 cats, and 39 horses
- Elena T. for approx 130 dogs and a few cats in her care

- Animal rescue Kharkiv for emergency animal evacuation in villages close to battle zone

- Inessa to pay veterinary emergency for injured animals in Korosten area

- Irina for her shelter with hundreds of animals saved in Zaporizhezhe
- Robert to evacuate animals close to battle zone and buy food for hundreds of dogs from his shelter



FEBRUARY

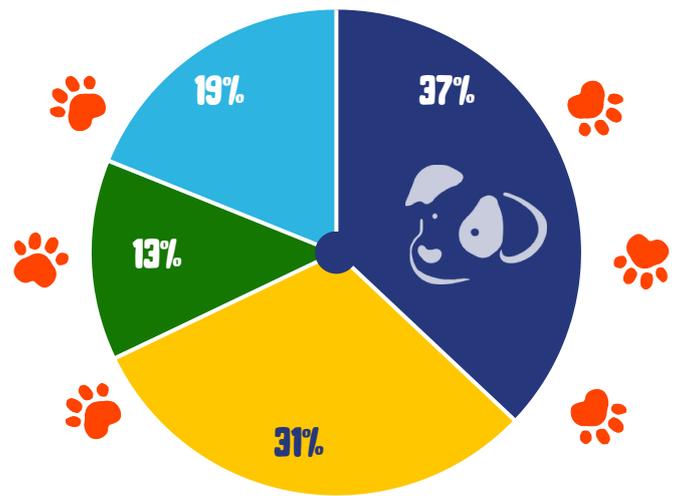


- Irina F. from helping homeless animals
- Dmitry for helping around 1556 dogs, 556 cats, and 39 horses around Kharkiv
- Ludmila P. for helping 34 cats at home, 16 cats and 3 dogs at shelter, plus 15 homeless cats
- Олена К. for rescuing animals located near front lines, plus helping animals from 5 shelters
- Tatiana helping animals in Vilniansk

- Happy Paw shelter
- Help Homeless Animals with 155 dogs, 14 cats and 17 goats
- Myroslava helping homeless animals in Lviv
- Yuri from BF BO Shelter Laska helping evacuating animals in Kharkiv

- Inessa helping animals in Korosten area
- Helping Global Animal Rescue and Response, a US charity to go to Ukraine and help animals and people in Kharkiv area
- Irina Didur shelter with over 500 animals

- Animal rescue Kharkiv for animal rescue mission in war zone



MARCH



- Animal rescue Kharkiv for animal rescue mission in war zone
- Inessa helping animals in Korosten area



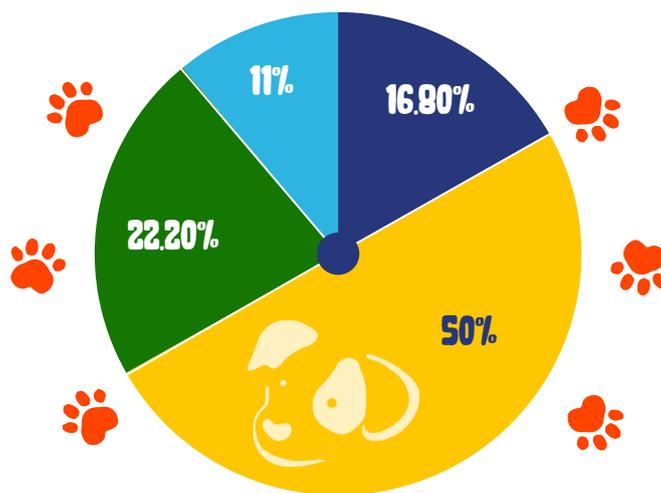
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- For Good, a shelter with 300 animals in Lviv
- Ludmila P. for helping 34 cats at home, 16 cats and 3 dogs at shelter, plus 15 homeless cats



- Irina Didur shelter with over 500 animals in Zaporizhezhe
- Tatyana from Fond Felix helping animals in Boryspil
- Chance Animal Protection helping 400 dogs and 100 cats in Orihiv, Stepanohirsk, Vasylivka



- Shelter "love and affection" in Odessa
- Svetlana T. with 68 cats, 46 dogs, 4 birds and two hedgehogs, also snails in Zaporizhezhe



APRIL

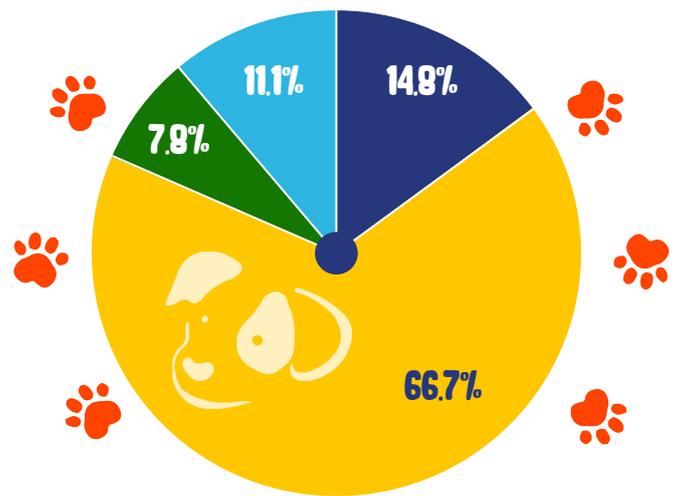


- Animal rescue Kharkiv for animal rescue mission in war zone
- Inessa helping animals in Korosten area
- Irina Didur shelter with over 500 animals in Zaporizhezhe
- Home Of Rescued Animals with 170 dogs, 150 cats and around 400 wild animals (including foxes, owls, hawks, deer, raccoons, and others) in Lviv

- Dmitry helping community from villages close to battle zone in Kharkiv
- Tetyana for her 20 dogs

- For Good shelter with 300 animals
- Lyudmila Potapova for 34 cats at home, 16 cats and 3 dogs at shelter, plus 15 homeless cats

- Olena to rescue animals in Mykolaiv
- Tatyana for Fond Felix shelter
- Help animals Ukraine for 10 cats, 6 dogs, 2 cows, 4 calves, strays pack to feed



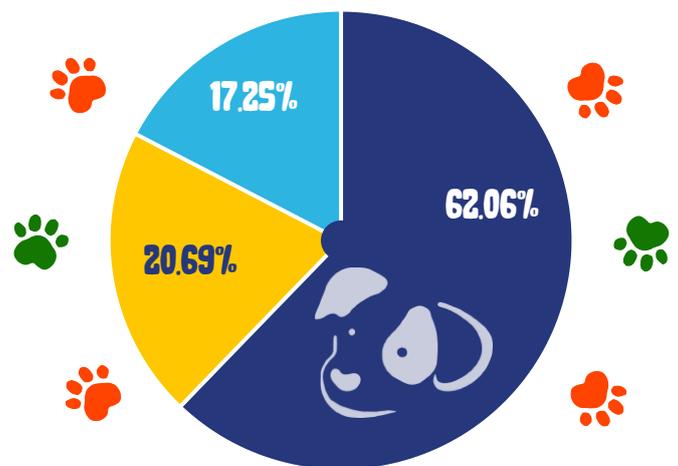
MAY



- Animal rescue Kharkiv for rescue missions from evacuating areas in their region 20.68%
- Inessa helps injured animals, including other rescuers Ruslana and Olga 20.68%
- Dmitry helps community with pets and farm animals from villages close to battle zone in Kharkiv 6,9%
- Irina D. treats injured animals and houses in the shelter many difficult to adopt, shy or disabled dogs 6,9%
- Lyudmila M. helps animals in Odessa region 6,9%

- Shelter Pegasus for their animals in Dnipro
- Home of Rescued Animals shelter with 170 dogs, 150 cats, around 400 wild animals
- Chance Animal Protection team helps animals in Orihiv, Stepnohirsk, Vasylivka
- Myroslava feeding animals in Lviv

- Olga S. for her 155 dogs, 14 cats and 17 goats in Odessa
- Shelter Love and Affection for 32 cats, 7 puppies and 2 dogs in foster care, plus more than 200 street cats and 90 street dogs
- Svetlana T for 68 cats, 46 dogs, 4 birds and two hedgehogs, also snails
- Tatiana from Home of Rescued animals
- Victoria for her 52 cats in Dnipro



JUNE

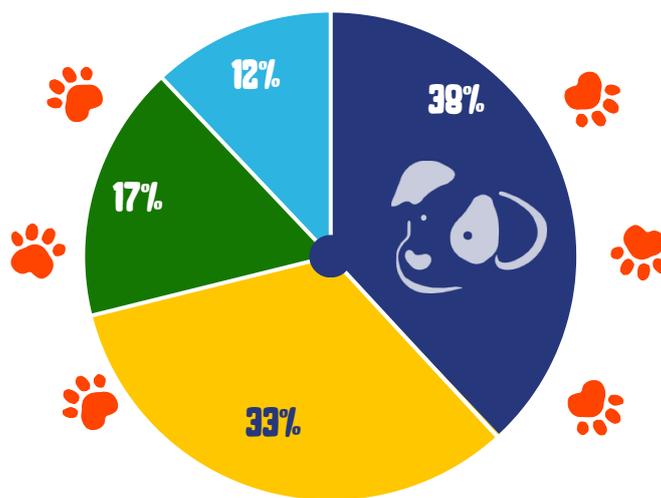


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- Shelter Pegasus for animals in their care
- Tatiana for helping animals in Vilniansk

- For Good shelter with 300 animals
- Irina F for feeding and treating animals in Zaporizhezhe
- Myroslava for helping animals in Lviv
- BF BO Shelter Laska to help animals in their care in Dnipro

- Pride Rehab Center for their animals in Mykolaiv
- Oksana S. for helping animals in Cherkasy
- Shelter Love and Affection for their animals in Odessa

- Animal rescue Kharkiv for rescue missions from evacuating areas in their region
- Inessa for emergency medical care for animals in Korosten



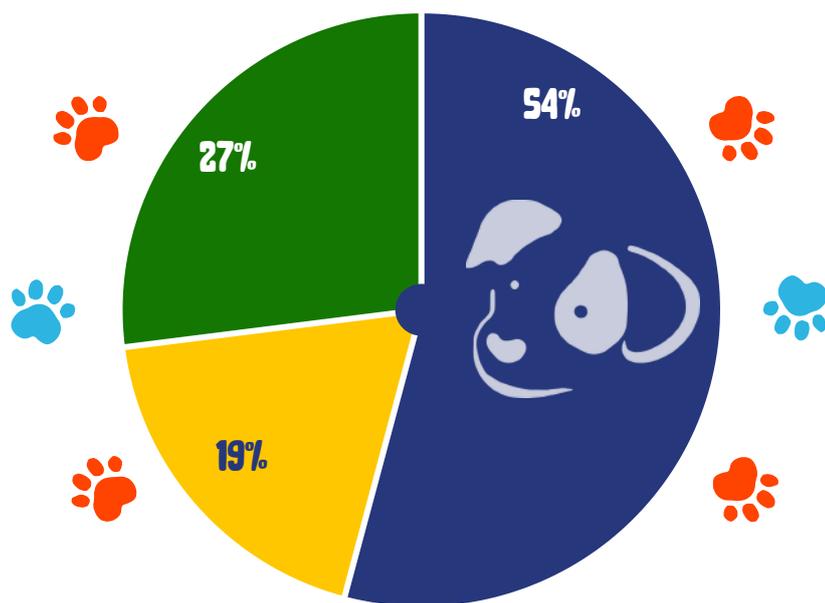
JULY



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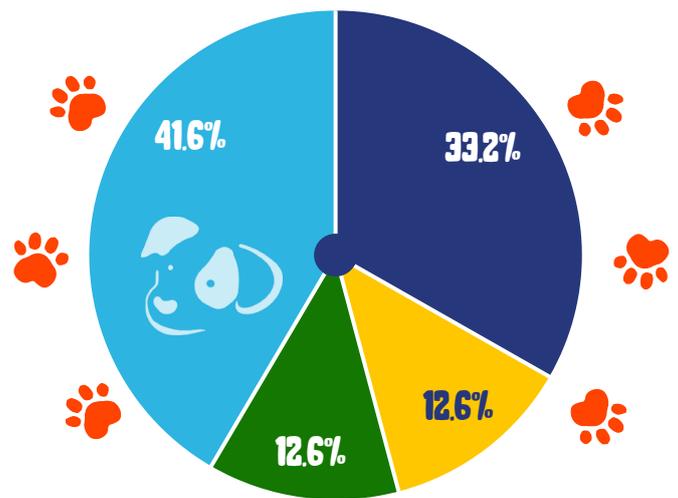
• Tanya S. helping animals in Donetsk
• Ann P. helping animals in Mykolaiv and Odessa
• Home of Rescued Animals in Lviv to help 170 dogs, 150 cats Around 400 wild animals (including foxes, owls, hawks, deer, raccoons, and others)



AUGUST



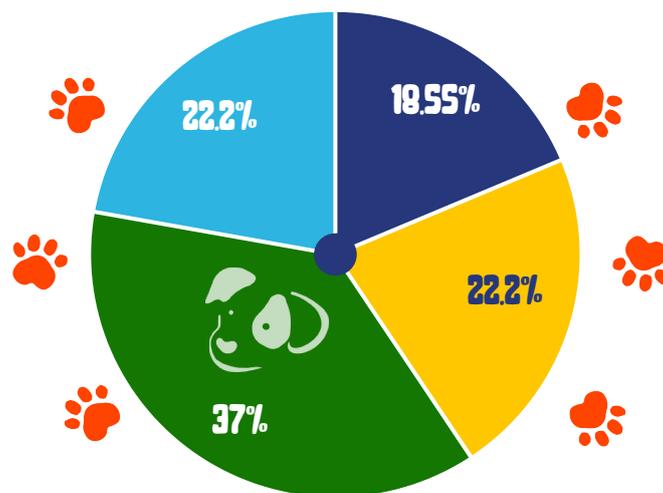
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- Lyudmila M. for helping animals in Odessa region
- Lyudmila P. for feeding packs of dogs and cats in Kropyvnytskyi
- Shelter Pegasus for helping dogs and cats in Dnipro
- Alena M. for her shelter with 80 dogs, as well as other animals in Odessa
- For Good shelter with 300 animals
- Home of Rescued Animals in Lviv to help 170 dogs, 150 cats Around 400 wild animals (including foxes, owls, hawks, deer, raccoons, and others)
- Svetlana T for helping 68 cats, 46 dogs, 4 birds and two hedgehogs, also snails
- Tatiana O. helping animals in Vilniansk
- Fond Felix shelter helping animals in Kiev



SEPTEMBER



- Alena M. for her shelter with 80 dogs, as well as other animals in Odessa
 - Chance Animal Protection, shelter with 400 dogs and 100 cats
 - For Good, shelter with shelter with 300 animals
 - Helga for her 67 dogs, 50 cats
 - Irina F for her rescued animals
- Dmitry for supporting a community with over 1500 dogs, 500 cats and approx. 40 horses
 - Home of Rescued Animals in Lviv to help 170 dogs, 150 cats Around 400 wild animals (including foxes, owls, hawks, deer, raccoons, and others)
 - Irina D. for helping animals in Zaporizhezhe area
- Lyudmila M. for helping animals in Odessa region
 - Lyudmila P. for feeding packs of dogs and cats in Kropyvnytskyi
 - Olga for her 102 animals: 58 dogs, 44 cats in Nikolaev
 - Pride Rehabilitation Center for the animals they look after in Mykolaiv
 - Shelter Pegasus for helping dogs and cats in Dnipro
 - Tatiana O. helping animals in Vilniansk
- Inessa for emergency medical care for animals in Korosten, including helping other rescuers Ruslana and Olga
 - Animal Rescue Kharkiv for evacuation missions



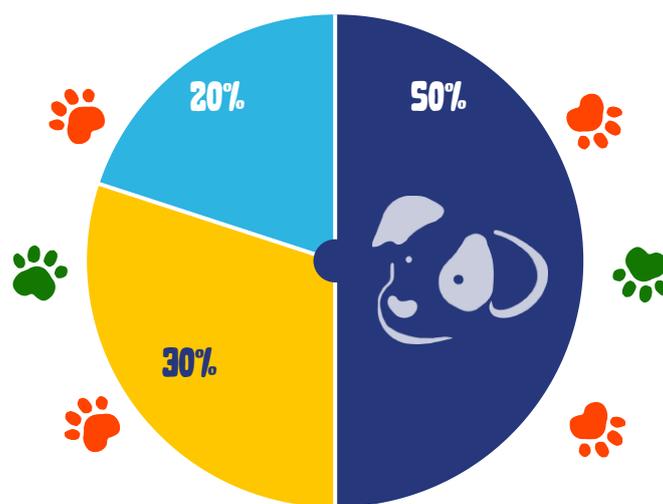
OCTOBER



- Animal Rescue Kharkiv for evacuation missions
- Inessa for emergency medical care for animals in Korosten, including helping other rescuers Ruslana and Olga
- Tatyana from Fond Felix for the animals in her shelter, located in Boryspil (near Kiev, under constant attack recently)

- Irina D. for helping animals in Zaporizhezhe area
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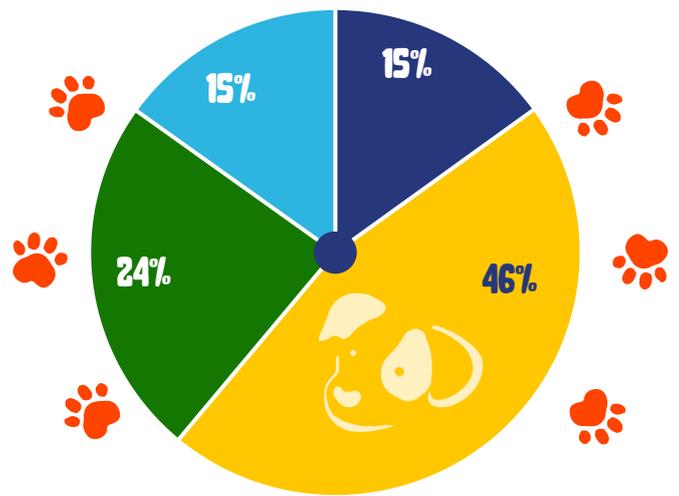
- Myroslava for feeding homeless animals in Lviv
- Oksana S. for animals looked after by Tania
- Svetlana T. for helping 68 cats, 46 dogs, 4 birds and two hedgehogs, also snails in Zaporizhezhe
- Irina A for feeding homeless animals in Kherson



NOVEMBER



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- Shelter For Good in Lviv
- Alena and her shelter for 80 dogs, as well as other animals in Odessa
- Galina and Chance Animal Protection shelter with 400 dogs and 100 cats in Orihiv, Stepnohirsk, Vasylivka and villages in Zaporizhezhe region
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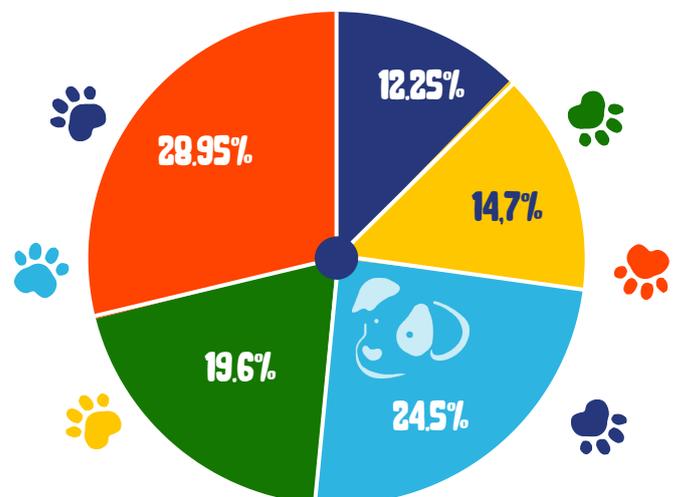


DECEMBER



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- Shelter Pegasus for their rescued animals in Dnipro
- Svetlana to feed street animals in Zaporizhezhe
- Tatiana from Fond Felix in Boryspil
- Victoria in Dnipropetrovsk Oblast for her approx. 50 cats
- Tatiana from Vilniansk for her pets
- Yuri from Shelter Laska in Dnepr

- Dmitry for villages surrounding Kharkiv
- Home of Rescued Animals in Lviv for 170 dogs, 150 cats and approx 400 wildlife in Lviv
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- Lyudmila M. for her shelter in Odessa
- Inessa for emergency medical care for animals in Korosten
- Animal Rescue Kharkiv for evacuation missions



LOCATIONS WHERE **ROLDA** HELPED

2025



● Helped only in 2022
 ● Helped in 2022 - 2024
 ● Helped only in 2024

HOW WE USED DONATIONS IN 2025

Housing Ukrainian rescued dogs in Romania and prepare them for adoption

Sending funds in Ukraine in form of small, repeated grants sent for:



Animal **rescues** from battle zones.



Sterilizations



Feeding dogs, cats, farm and other animals



Evacuation missions



Emergency **medical** costs



Repair shelter partially destroyed by bombs



Create **new enclosures** to rescue injured animals

Travel to Ukraine:



Visit of ROLDA team to Zaporizhezhe



Visit of ROLDA team to Kharkiv



ROLDA TEAM JOINED RESCUE MISSION AND EVACUATED DOGS AND CATS IN KHARKIV AREA

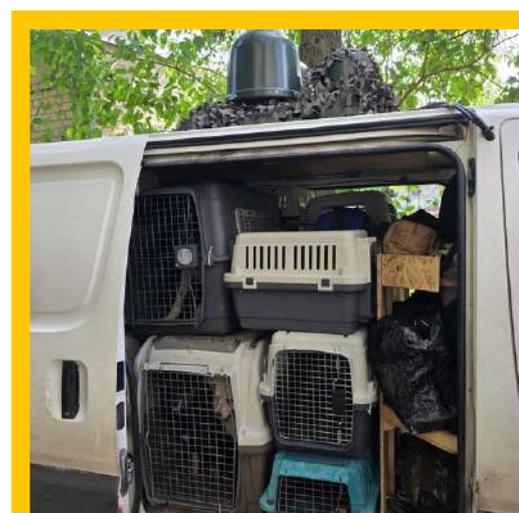
"Each time I travel to Ukraine, I must prepare myself mentally. I want to be an asset, not a liability.

While I hope to document the lifesaving work that ROLDA supporters make possible, I must prioritize the mission: find animals that need help, secure them, and make a safe, swift exit. Then repeat.

Explaining my trips to colleagues, supporters, friends, and family is always a delicate matter. They have my best interests at heart, and I understand their concerns. Each journey is emotional, upsetting, and undeniably a little dangerous. But I feel compelled to go—these animals have no one else."

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Dana personally met Irina D. from Zaporizhezhe and visited her shelter, which was generously helped by ROLD supporters, since the beginning of the war.



ROLDA TEAM JOINED RESCUE MISSION IN BOROVA

“I recently returned from Ukraine, and I can't stop thinking about what I saw. Villages transformed into ruins. Bridges destroyed. Anti-drone mesh nets stretching for miles. And everywhere, dogs and cats wander alone, starving, waiting for someone to help them.

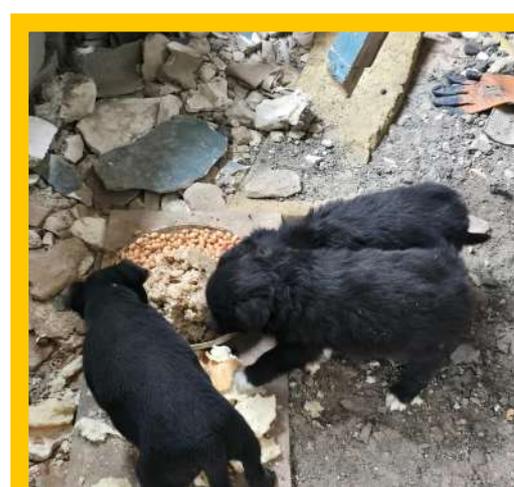
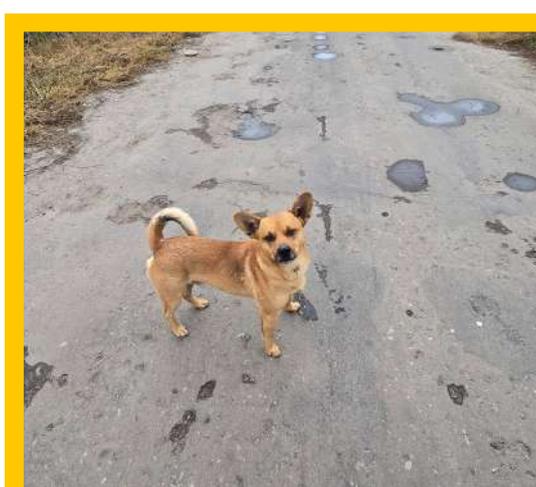
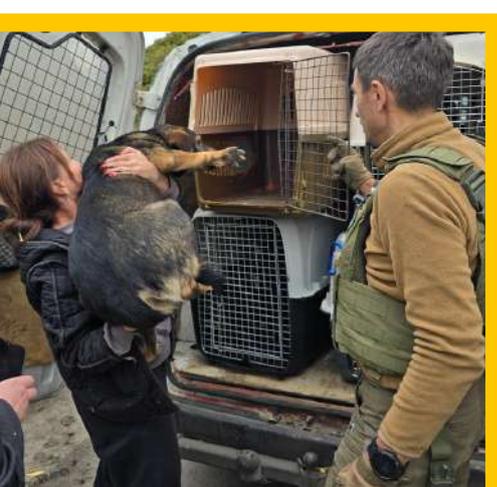
The war has pushed things further than most people can imagine. But in the middle of this devastation, I met up with someone extraordinary. His name is Ruslan, and he risks his life every day to rescue abandoned animals from active war zones.”

“During my October trip, I returned to Borova - a place we'd evacuated animals from a year earlier. [...]

I held a tiny rescued puppy against my chest. A puppy we'd just found hiding in a giant cement block that could have crushed him instantly. I couldn't feel his heartbeat through my protective vest, but I knew he was alive. And I knew he now had a chance.

These rescue missions happen because of people like you.”

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REMARKABLE RECOVERIES



BEFORE



AFTER

BARBARISKA

A few months ago, after returning from the clinic, our ROLDA Rescue Hero Inessa received another urgent call: a dog had been hit by a car and was lying on the ground, unable to get up. She was in desperate need of help.

We rushed the dog — later named Barbariska — to the clinic. X rays revealed the heartbreaking truth: her spine was broken. The doctor could not promise she would ever walk again, but her life could be saved.

The women who had been feeding Barbariska in their yard arrived at the clinic in tears. They begged us to help her and promised that, even if she never walked again, they would take her home and give her a safe, loving life.

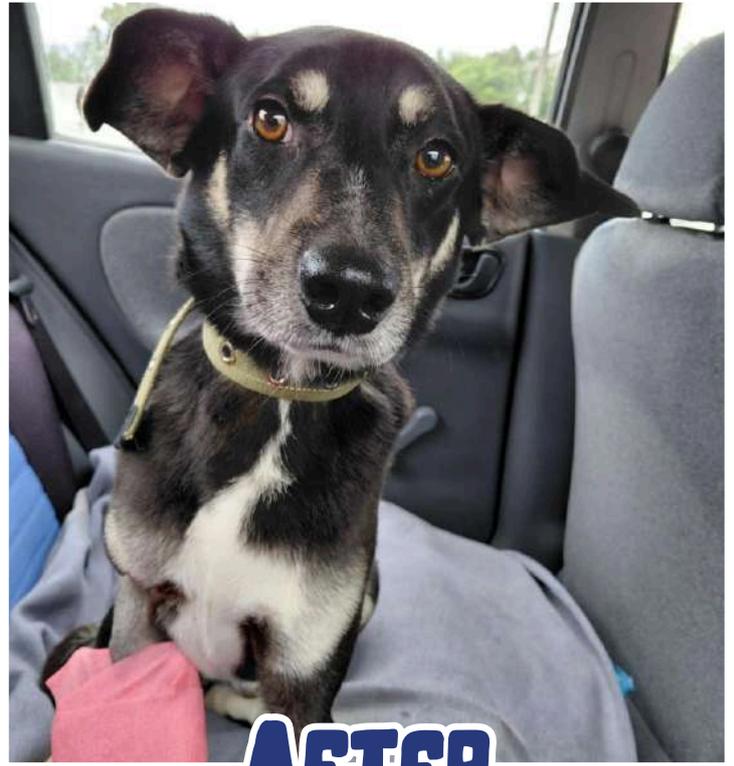
Barbariska underwent surgery, but her condition remained extremely fragile. Her journey was far from over. She still faced many challenges, and her future was uncertain — yet she was surrounded by people who cared deeply about her.

One of them is Oksana, our ROLDA hero from Korosten, who opened her home to Barbariska after the operation. With guidance from the veterinary team, she is learning how to provide the daily care this brave girl now needs.

Every moment of comfort, every gentle touch, gives Barbariska strength in her fight to heal. Recovery will not be easy. But Barbariska is not alone. She has a community standing by her, cheering her on, and giving her a real chance at a life filled with safety and love.



BEFORE



AFTER

JOKER

Joker lived in the courtyard of a multi story building, cared for by a small group of kind elderly women — all over 75 years old.

They didn't have much, but what they did have, they shared with him: scraps of food, gentle words, and the comforting presence of love. Joker wasn't just a stray. He was their dog — their companion, their joy.

Then one day, tragedy struck. Joker was hit by a car. Terrified and in pain, he could no longer stand or use his paw. The women who loved him were heartbroken. They immediately reached out to our ROLDA Rescue Hero Inessa, begging for help.

Joker was rushed to the clinic — the same one that has saved so many of our most seriously injured rescues. X rays revealed the extent of the damage: • multiple fractures in his paw • a fracture dislocation in his joint • a torn ligament Joker underwent surgery, and then the long road to recovery began.

Days passed, then weeks. He fought through pain, through discomfort, through every challenge rehab brought. Slowly... very slowly... he began to walk again. And then he began to run — not fast, not perfectly — but joyfully.

But Joker's journey didn't end there. Step by step, he is proving just how strong, determined, and full of life he truly is.



BEFORE



AFTER

BARSIK

This is Barsik. He was found alone on the streets of Korosten by our ROLDA Rescue Hero, Inessa, who immediately noticed something was terribly wrong.

Barsik's head was twisted sharply to the side — and he couldn't turn it back. He was also suffering from a painful abscess and a wounded tail.

We rushed him to the vet clinic, hoping for answers. The diagnosis was serious: a severe inflammation of the bone near his ear. The pain was so intense that it forced his head into that fixed, unnatural position.

Barsik needed surgery — and thanks to swift action, he got it. When we first shared his story, his future was uncertain. He was in pain, frightened, and struggling.

But today, Barsik is feeling very well! His head is back in a normal position, his tail is healing beautifully, and his playful, curious spirit has returned.

From the harsh streets of Korosten to a safe place filled with care and love, Barsik's journey shows just how powerful compassion can be. He's stronger, happier, and finally free from pain.

GOOD NEWS



GOSHA

Once more, the “Give Me a Paw, Friend” shelter—one of the local shelters ROLDA has been supporting—was caught in the destruction.

Animals were injured. Enclosures and kennels were torn apart. The place they called home was no longer safe.

Gosha, one of the shelter dogs, was terrified. In panic, he tried to tear off the cladding of his enclosure and huddle behind the booths. In the chaos, he injured his shoulder and ear.

Now, Gosha is recovering. But the trauma runs deep—for him and for all the animals who lived through that terrifying night.

Even in war, animals feel fear. And they deserve safety, healing, and love.

This is not one of ROLDA’s shelters, but we’ve been working closely with local partners in Ukraine to support their efforts and help animals like Gosha survive and heal.



GOOD NEWS



BUSYA

This is Busya, a sweet puppy rescued by our ROLDA Rescue Hero, Inessa.

When Busya was found, she had a broken back leg. An X-ray revealed that the fracture was not only severe but also old, making her case especially complicated.

The doctor explained that surgery was the only way to give Busya a chance to walk normally again.

Busya bravely underwent an operation, and a special device was placed on her paw to help her bones heal correctly.

Because her injury had been left untreated for so long, her recovery will take more time than usual.

But with patience, care, and love, Busya now has a real chance to grow up healthy and strong.



GOOD NEWS



GRETA

Meet Greta. A year ago, she was found on the street in heartbreaking condition.

A kind volunteer — helping our ROLDA Rescue Hero Inessa — saved her life. Greta was given a second chance.

For a year, she lived in a loving foster home, cared for by a good woman. Finally safe, finally loved. But just a week ago... something went terribly wrong. Greta stopped eating. And then — the convulsions began.

We rushed Greta to the clinic.

The tests revealed babesiosis — a deadly infection caused by a tick bite. She was fighting for her life again. Greta stayed at the clinic for several days, receiving emergency treatment.

Her repeat blood test showed signs of improvement.

She began to eat again. We bought the medications she needs to continue her treatment... and brought her back home to recover in the arms of the woman who never stopped loving her.



GOOD NEWS



MOTYA

This is Motya. A kind man found her crawling helplessly and took her in.

He soon realized something was very wrong — Motya couldn't walk. She dragged her back legs behind her and moved only with her front paws.

He reached out to Inessa, our ROLDA Rescue Hero, for help. We thought she had been hit by a car. But the truth was even worse.

At the clinic, X-rays revealed the unthinkable, Motya had been shot with a pneumatic weapon. The bullet was lodged in her spine. Yesterday, Motya underwent surgery. The bullet was removed. Then came the MRI. The news broke our hearts. Motya has almost no chance of walking again. She will likely remain a spinal patient for life.

But we won't give up on her. At the clinic, Motya is receiving the care and support her fragile body needs. Soon, she'll go to Ruslana, a kind woman who has already opened her heart to three spinal patients and one-eyed Styopa, whose story you already know.

Motya may never walk again, but she will be safe, loved, and never alone.



DANA'S JOURNEY TO UKRAINE'S FRONTLINES



For a week, Dana Costin, ROLDA's Founder and CEO, traveled across northeastern Ukraine, reaching as close as possible to the natural border with Russia in the Kharkiv region—a landscape shaped by war. Constantly surrounded by the distant echoes of bombs, she visited frontline villages, destroyed homes, and rescue missions for both people and animals.

“One day, I joined the Animal Rescue Kharkiv team, delivering 400 kg of food and rescuing animals from evacuated villages. Tragically, a rocket struck one of those villages the day after I left, claiming the life of a woman who had chosen to stay.

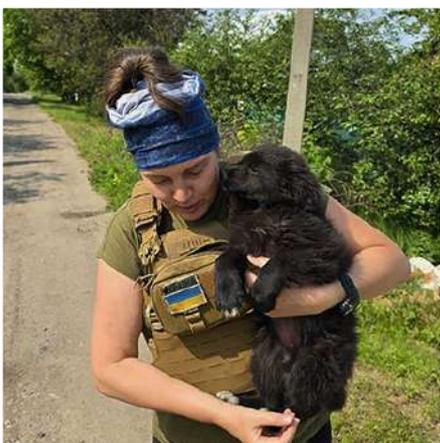
Another day, I visited Robert's shelter, home to hundreds of dogs. With the help of the police, we accessed a restricted area near a military base, rescuing puppies trapped under the rubble of a destroyed vehicle.

Throughout the journey, I witnessed the toll of war—bridges reduced to rubble, homes freshly destroyed, and military convoys moving under a somber sky. Sirens blared, and radar alerts pinged my phone, reminding me of the constant threat.

This trip wasn't about getting too close to danger or taking too many photos—it was about understanding and respecting the resilience of those living through this conflict. While Ukraine faces significant challenges at the frontlines, both its people and its defenders continue their fight, one day at a time.

ROLDA has been actively supporting animal rescuers in Ukraine since the war started by providing aid, medical care, and resources for injured and homeless animals.

Our ongoing efforts help local rescuers save lives, offer shelter, support pet owners and ensure long-term care for animals in need.



Over the last four months, ROLDA has distributed vital grants successfully to support individual rescuers and NGOs across Ukraine.

Our efforts have made sure that thousands of animals receive the care, shelter, and medical aid they need, despite the challenges of war.

And with ongoing support, we continue to expand our reach, aiding more shelters and continuing to be a lifeline for Ukraine's most vulnerable animals.

Thank you to all the donors and partners who make this mission possible.

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