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Activity Report



2026

July-August-September-October

In Memory of Jesse



Jesse volunteered for ARK (Animal Rescue Kharkiv) an organization that ROLDA has partnered with to support frontline rescue since the beginning of the war in Ukraine.

On 25 October 2026, a car loaded with rescued animals was parked in front of an improvised shelter in Kramatorsk. Jesse was in the car holding a dog when a drone hit the vehicle. At that moment, Jesse was badly injured and the dog in his arms didn't survive. Volunteers rushed to evacuate all the animals from inside the shelter and the military took Jesse to hospital. Sadly, a few hours later doctors announced that nothing could be done to save Jesse.

For years, Jesse went into conflict zones including Ukraine, rescuing both animals and people from horrifying situations. I never met Jesse personally but I know just how valued he was by everyone who knew him. He helped Ruslan when not many did, and went to places that not many others would. He had the training, the military skills, the courage and an unwavering passion for animals. From the day he was gone, the animals waiting to be saved in Donbas lost a true protector.

I feel like everything that could be said about this terrible incident has already been said over the past few days—by those who knew Jesse, those who didn't and those who have no idea that a mission in Ukraine involves far more than "wearing a helmet and a protection vest".

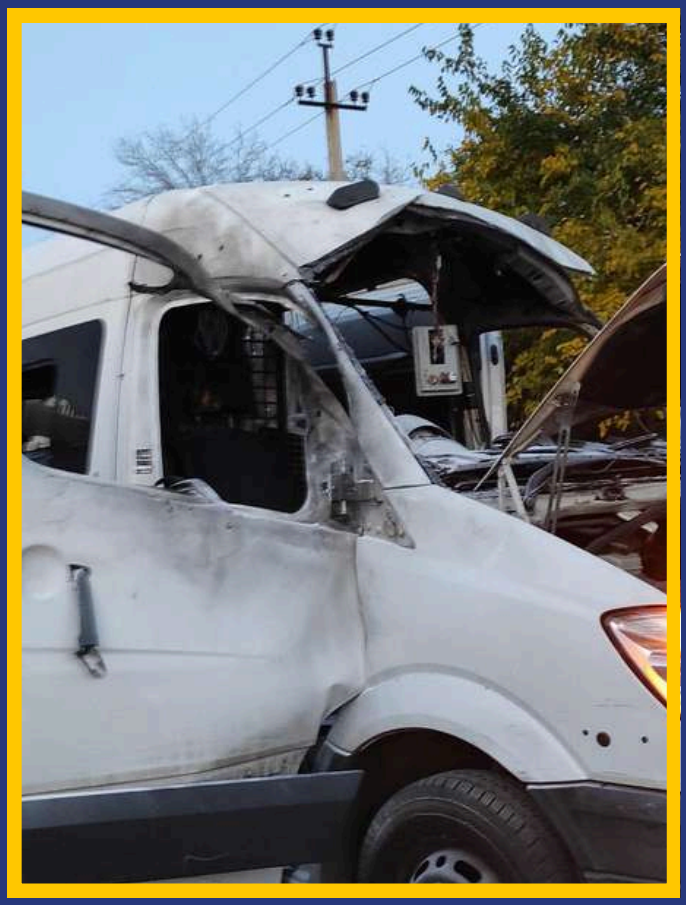
I simply want to offer my humble tribute to Jesse. I hope he knew that his actions were not in vain. Hopefully, his courage will inspire others to step forward, as ARK and other rescue organisations near the frontline need less poetry and more active volunteers.

He will always remain in our hearts. Rest in peace, Jesse.

AREAS WE FOCUSED







- Purchasing an armored vehicle for ARK
- Supporting evacuation missions near the frontline
- Feeding rescued animals and packs of stray cats and dogs
- Covering medical bills to treat injured animals
- Sponsor Animal-Assisted Rehabilitation and Nature Therapy Program



TOTAL NUMBER OF ANIMALS HELPED:





APPROX. 3000 ANIMALS













Locations



Number of grants distributed across Ukraine: 43

(9 July, 14 August, 12 September, 8 September)










Good friend















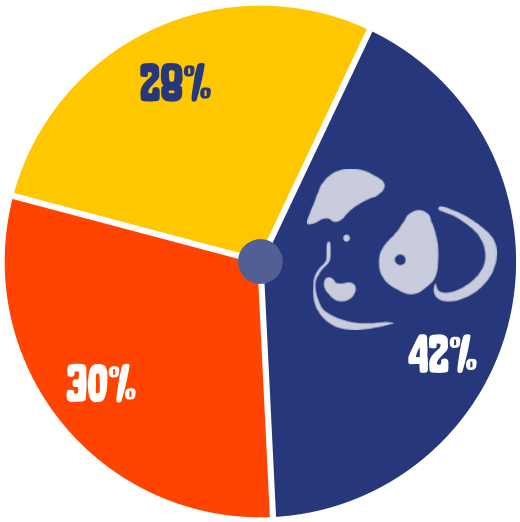




Distribution by months:

July

- 42% Kharkiv: therapy program, rescuing from near frontline
- 28% Kharkiv, Korosten, Zaporizhezhe: medical bills and feeding
- 30% Boryspil, Kropyvnytskyi, other evacuation missions



July in numbers : Report from ARK

- Completed missions: 18
- Requests fulfilled: 204
- Total evacuated: 648 animals and 7 people



Breakdown of rescued animals:

- Dogs: 207
- Puppies: 71
- Cats: 264
- Kittens: 96
- Other: 10 (1 goat, 5 parrots, 2 chinchillas, 2 chickens)



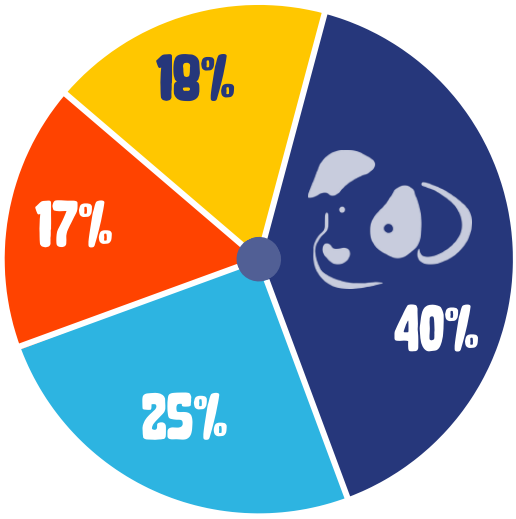






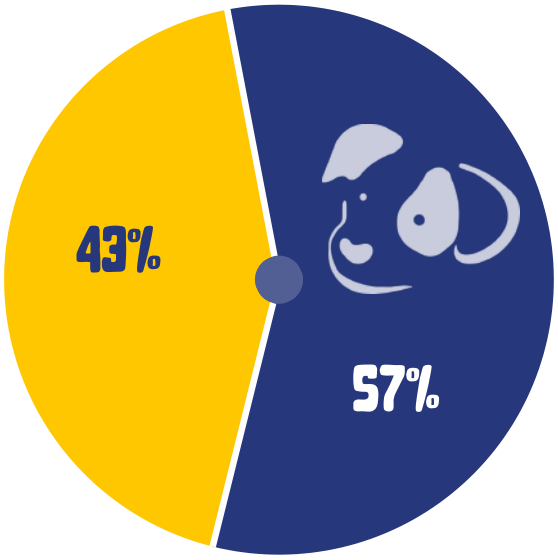
August in numbers:

- 40% Kharkiv: therapy program, rescuing from near frontline
- 18%: Zaporizhezhe: feeding homeless animals and shelter care
- 25% Kharkiv, Korosten, Kropyvnytskyi: medical bills and feeding
- 17% Boryspil (near Kiev), Kherson, Lviv, Zaporizhezhe, Vilniansk: feeding abandoned animals



September in numbers:

- 57% Kharkiv: therapy program, rescuing from near frontline
- 43% Kherson, Korosten, Kropyvnytskyi, Odessa, Zaporizhezhe, Vilniansk: medical bills, feeding abandoned animals, rescuing from near frontline



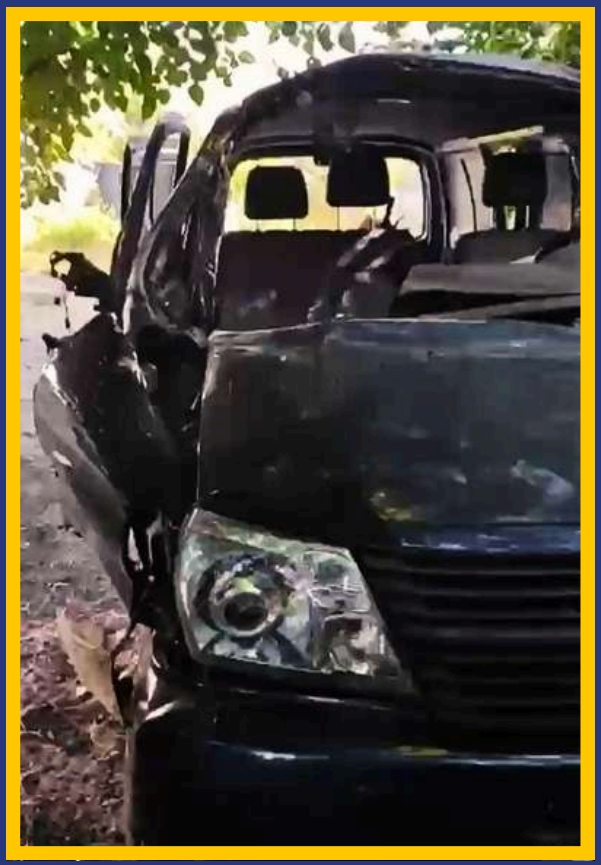


On 31 August, the car in which Ruslan and a French volunteer were along with animals saved, was hit by a drone.
The French volunteer suffered serious injuries while Ruslan, despite being injured managed to give first aid and drive to the nearest hospital.
During the "adaptation" period when Ruslan could not do evacuation missions himself, the rescue updates were slower.

Update from Ruslan:

"Our evacuation process is now running daily. My injury forced us to reorganize operations, and over the past month, we've successfully adapted to a new workflow. As a result, in just the first 9 days of October, we've already evacuated 357 animals. To put that into perspective, our previous monthly average was around 450 animals. In September alone, our hotline took 500 requests, and we evacuated about 850 animals. Here's how the process works for the full picture: one field team collects animals based on urgent requests and brings them to a private property in Kramatorsk. Three team members are based there, feeding, caring for, and preparing the animals for transport to Kharkiv. This transfer now happens every two days, bringing in 70–90 animals per run—cats, dogs, parrots, chinchillas, and even turtles! We reunite some of them with their owners, while for others, we are actively looking for adoptive families and partner organizations to help with placement."

Update: In October month, the private location from Kramatorsk which Ruslan referred about was hit by a drone and destroyed by fire.





OCTOBER

The vast majority of funds sent to Ukraine during October focused on Kharkiv area.

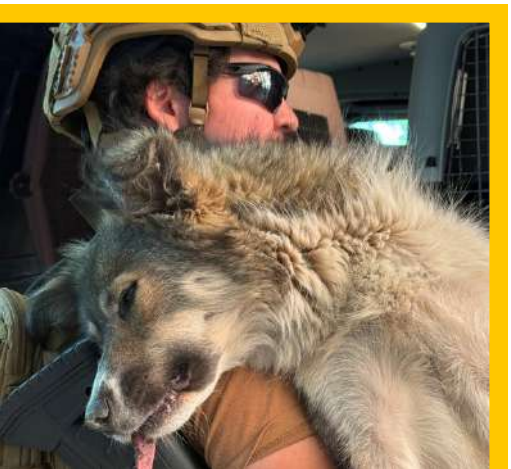
Besides funding the therapy program and the rescuing from near frontline, an armored vehicle was purchased and delivered from Germany to ARK for a better protection of their rescue team which is going daily in dangerous zones.

Considering that the situation is rapidly changing in Donbas, that drones attack happen more frequently but the requests from the field do not decrease, it is vital for the team going in true battle zones, where bombs, rockets and drones fall from everywhere, to be able to return safely, together with the animals they save.

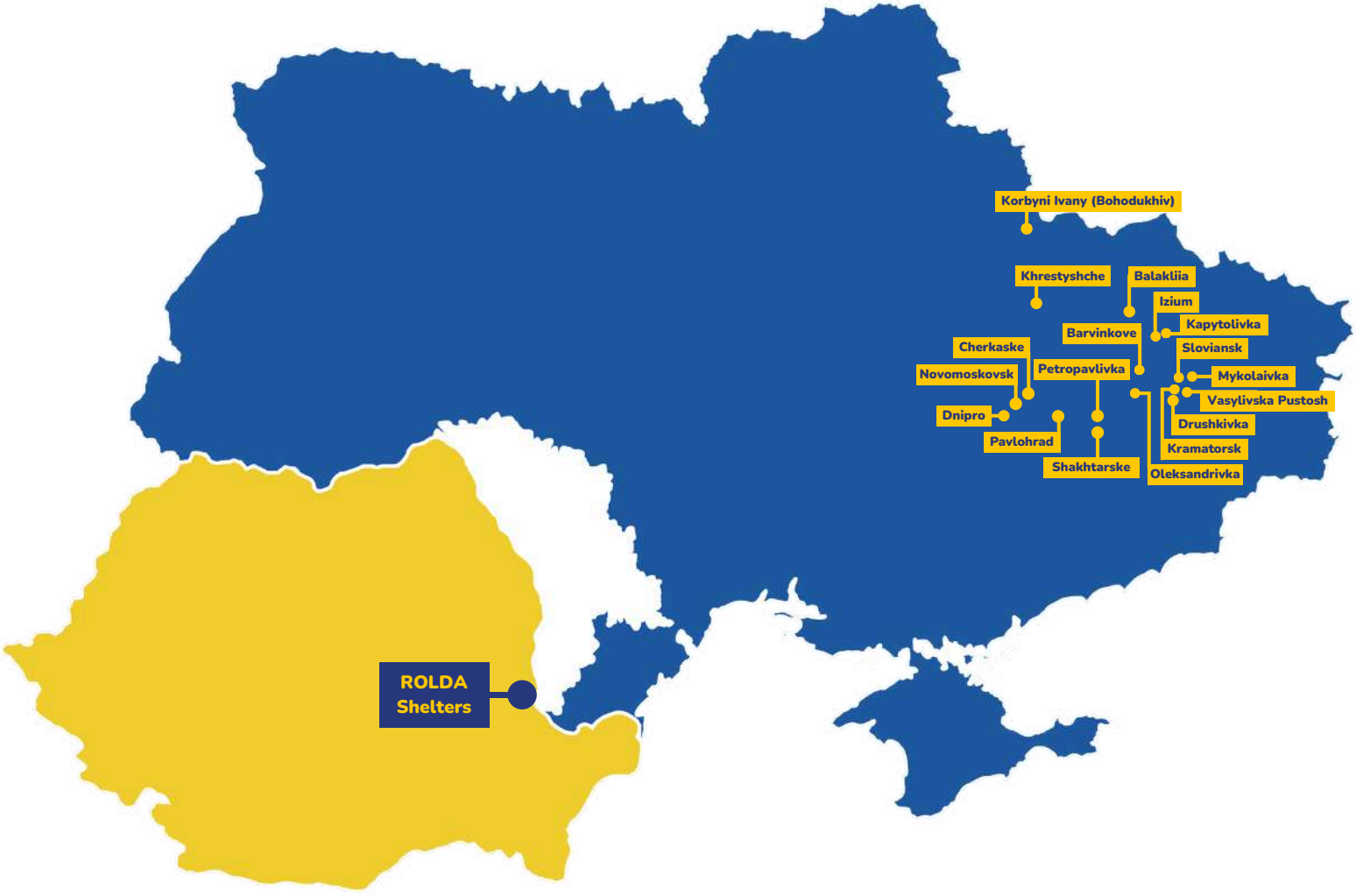
The fundraising for armored vehicle happened in September/October and we are grateful to all our supporters who made a contribution.

Thank you for your generosity.







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12. **Druzhkivka / Kramatorsk / Dnipro**
13. **Khrestyshche / Druzhkivka**

The routes for the above missions are almost the same during these months and cover the most dangerous zones near the front line, where no other organization goes to extract animals to safety.
Every time rescuers go there is a high risk that they will never return back.

But they continue to do so, week after week, approx 3 times/week.










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