



TOLFA

Tree Of Life For Animals

TOLFA UK

ANNUAL REPORT
FOR 2023



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Charity: 1120789

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Bretherton and Kerry Wilkins

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HEALING FROM THE HEART



The Tree of Life for Animals (TOLFA) UK was established in 2005 as a not-for-profit organisation. In September 2006, TOLFA UK became a UK Registered Charity no: 1120789. TOLFA UK's main purpose is to support the work of the TOLFA Animal Hospital in Rajasthan, India, who are an Indian Registered Charitable Trust no: 3397/23.10.06

TOLFA UK acts as the main administrative office for TOLFA outside of India. They promote awareness amongst the public and professional bodies in the UK and other countries around the world about the charity and raise funds to support the work done at our TOLFA Animal Hospital based in Rajasthan. The funds raised cover running costs such as staff salaries, medicines, animal feeds, keeping our rescue vehicle on the road and utilities, running projects, and the costs of the building work for the ongoing development of the hospital and sanctuary. TOLFA UK also helps to promote increased general animal welfare.

OUR VISION: A world where animals live free from disease and are valued as our equals

OUR MISSION: To provide vital and preventative healthcare to India's ownerless animals and educate communities in their welfare and value



MANAGING TRUSTEE'S STATEMENT

“ Reflecting on 2023, I feel it has been a good year for TOLFA.

Despite the cost-of-living crisis biting ever deeper, our regular supporters have continued to donate, allowing us to continue to support the Rescue Project in India.

In 2023, we finally managed to raise £29,967 needed to fully flood proof all our kennels. Raising the kennels is necessary due to the increasingly heavy monsoons and the unseasonable occurrence of heavy rain, which has caused them to flood multiple times since 2019, causing extreme distress to patients and dirty, dangerous working conditions for our staff.

This year we also received a very generous legacy from the estate of Patricia Joan Hartley. Legacies are truly life changing for Charities, and this one has allowed us to plan for our future, rather than just 'dream'.

2023 was also the year of our 18th Birthday. TOLFA first opened its doors on 4th October 2005- World Animal Day. In this, our 18th Year, we reached out and helped 30,000 animals, an impressive number yes, but we shouldn't lose sight of the fact that each of those 'numbers' is an individual animal with their own (often very sad) story to tell, and each has benefitted from the high quality care and love they receive at the hospital, which I have witnessed first hand during my 2023 visits.

I feel privileged to be a Trustee for TOLFA UK and a member of the wider TOLFA family.”

K Wilkins

KERRY WILKINS

Managing Trustee



Kerry with co-trustees Karyn, Deepa, Andrew & Naomi

2023 IMPACT

Rescue & Care



5,794

Total Animals
Admitted

122,249

Total
Treatments
of Admitted
Animals

19,224

Rescue Calls
Attended

7,581

Street
Treatments
Provided

&

232

Surgical
Operations



ABC & Anti Rabies



3,233

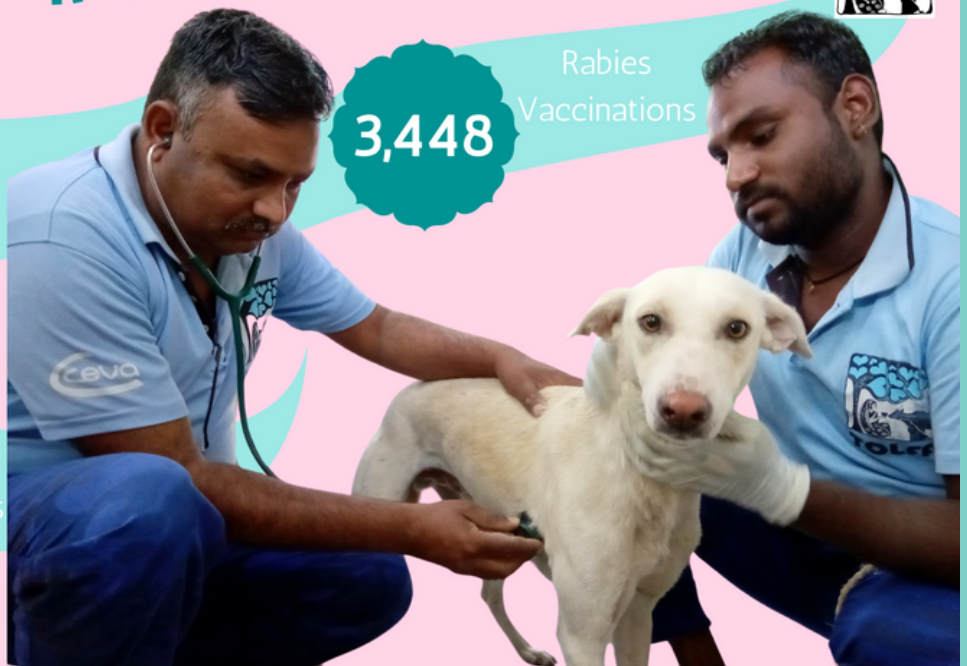
Animal Birth
Control
Operations

3,448

Rabies
Vaccinations

Incl.
92

Owner Dog
ABC Operations



2023 IMPACT

Rural Animal Health

4,709

Total Animals
Treated, Of Which
There Were...

4,299
Goats

193
Cows

97
Buffalo

63
Other

&

40

Surgical
Operations
Performed



Pet Clinics

5,406

Total Animals
Treated

4,758
Dogs

Of Which 1,044
Treated For Free

378
Cats

Of Which 203
Treated For Free

7
Other

All Treated
For Free

268

Owner Kennel
Admissions



OUR PROJECTS

Rescue & Care

With our animal ambulance service, we respond to calls from the public about street animals that are sick or injured. Our team then either provides 'on the spot' treatment or takes the animal to our hospital for care and further attention. When in our care, the animal is treated with love and kindness and provided with medical care from our vets and trained compounders.

Once an animal is recovered, we assess them to determine if they are fit to return to the street. If they are then they will be returned to the exact spot they were collected, as they will often have a territory, animal family or human care-giver to return to. If there is a reason that they can't be returned (there is human conflict, they are disabled, or too young), then we will either find them a home with caring local people, or they will stay at TOLFA and receive lifelong shelter with us.

In 2023, the Rescue and Care Project rescued and admitted 5,794 animals and provided on the spot street treatment for a further 7,581 animals (total of 13,375 animals).



OUR PROJECTS

Anti-Rabies & Sterilisation

TOLFA sterilises and rabies vaccinates every dog that is treated as well as catching dogs specifically for sterilisation and vaccination, with support from the local Ajmer Municipality.

In 2023, the Rabies Eradication & Sterilisation Project sterilised 3,233 dogs and vaccinated 3,448 dogs against rabies.

Owner Animal Clinic

We provide quality veterinary services (preventative and medical/surgical treatment) to local pet-owners. We also have the option of hospitalisation and boarding facilities in our separate owner dog kennels at our main hospital in Kharekheri village.

In 2023 a total of 5,406 owner animals were treated through this project. Of those, 1,254 were treated for free and 4,152 were treated on a donation basis.



OUR PROJECTS

Rural Animal Health (RAH)

TOLFA offers free or heavily subsidised veterinary services to the livestock animals of the rural poor. Many local village people rely heavily on their animals and if one becomes sick or dies, it can lead a family into poverty.

Our in-house dispensary runs a free clinic every day for these animals and villagers attend from the 10 villages surrounding the hospital. Most of these animals are goats and are of vital importance to their owners, who are usually subsistence farmers.

In 2023 we treated 4,709 animals through the RAH clinics at our dispensary, 4,299 of these were goats.

**Total Animals
Reached Across All
Our Projects**

30,744

In 2023



OUR NEWS

Floodproofing The Hospital

Our major focus in 2023 was fundraising to rebuild the remaining parts of the hospital that are prone to flooding during the monsoon - 60-kennel block, mange kennels, and the yard area between. Our goal was to raise £25,000, and we ultimately exceeded this by raising almost £30,000. As the cost of building materials and labour is still increasing this means we can cover the full cost of the works with a little contingency funding. We raised £13,906 via Global Giving, £2,000 from offline contributions and £13,809 from a grant from Dogs Trust Worldwide. The rebuild will be an extensive undertaking but will make a life-changing transformation to the kennels, for both our canine patients as well as our Indian staff.



18th Anniversary Lunch

In October, our UK trustees hosted a special lunch at Sticky Mango in South London to celebrate TOLFA's significant anniversary. It was a fantastic opportunity to reunite with key supporters whom we hadn't seen in person for some time. We expressed our appreciation for TOLFA's tremendous accomplishments and recognized them on this special occasion. We look forward to organising more gatherings like this in the future.

OUR NEWS

Improved Cat Facilities

In 2023, we made significant enhancements to our cat facilities, as there was a noticeable increase in cat rescues over the last seven years. The previous built-in pens were replaced, and the cat house was divided with a sliding door.

The removal of the old pens has doubled the space, now serving as the cat medical bay for sick and injured felines. Sick cats are now housed in eight new stainless steel cages providing sturdier and more hygienic conditions. These were purchased with £3,662 raised through our micro project on Global Giving, . The cages have attached food and water bowls to prevent spills, while the medical bay has additional space for treatment and individual exercise.

The other side is designated for our resident shelter cats and those on the path to recovery but not yet ready for release. This area includes access to the cat garden, offering enrichment like trees, a cat tunnel and hanging toys.



THE FUTURE

TOLFA SANCTUARY

TOLFA's current facility is an animal hospital that houses over 500 animals undergoing medical treatment. However, due to the overwhelming number of animals needing lifelong care, it has unintentionally become a shelter too. Many of the animals rescued and treated by TOLFA are now healthy and happy, but have disabilities or were displaced from their home areas at a young age. The hospital does not have enough land or the appropriate facilities for their long-term needs. To give these animals high-quality, lifetime care and to create space at the hospital so TOLFA can save many more lives, a Sanctuary is urgently needed.

At the Sanctuary, healthy rescued animals will live in spacious open areas where they carry out natural behaviours in a beautiful, peaceful environment. Furthermore, this unique facility's holistic approach will include:

- A centre for humane education
- Animal-assisted therapy and skills workshops for disabled and impoverished youth
- A Women's Employment and Empowerment Project
- Innovative environmentally sustainable methods
- Environmentally friendly agriculture.

We will be fundraising to create the Sanctuary in stages.



FUNDING

Grant Funding

We're immensely grateful for the support and contributions we've received from various organizations – whether it's for ongoing costs or special capital projects. Here are the generous grant-makers who provided funding in 2023 and the specific projects they supported:

- **Dogs Trust Worldwide** (Floodproofing 60 Kennel Block) – £13,809
- **The Dragonfly Schools Foundation** (3x Trainee Sponsorship) – £3,684
- **Persula Foundation** (3x Staff Sponsorship) – £5,000
- **Animal Defence Trust** (Rescue Project) – £3,000
- **Barbara & Jim Charitable Trust** (Rescue Project) – £3,000
- **The Marchig Animal Welfare Trust** (Rescue Project) – £43,740
- **Valerie White Memorial Trust** (Rescue Project) – £500
- **Jean Sainsbury Animal Welfare Trust** (Rescue Project) – £5,000
- **Castanea Trust** (Rescue Project) – £4,000
- **The Olsen Trust** (Rescue Project) – £5,000

We also received a kind donation from **Ceva Sante Animale** of £1,871 for staff uniforms.



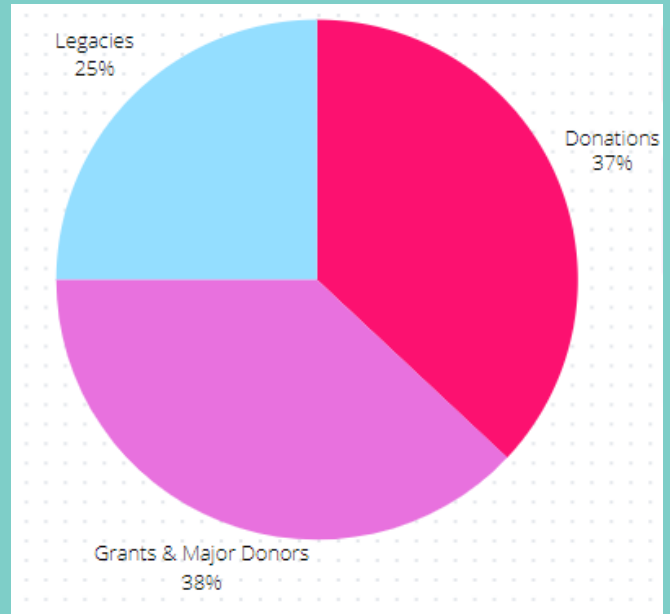
FUNDING

Donations From Individuals

We are incredibly grateful to everyone who makes a donation to TOLFA, especially at the current time when there is a cost of living crisis in the UK. We'd like to give particular thanks to the following donors who have made significant contributions in 2023.

**Alison Jaques, Serena Schellenberg, Lady Odile Slynn,
Mr & Mrs O'Leary, Earl & Countess of Stockton,
Peter Maloney, Rohitesh & Marisha Dhawan,
Taresh Dhawan, Gary Sambol**

TOLFA UK Income 2023



Legacies

We are humbled to have received a legacy of £53,000 from the late Mrs PJ Hartley, one of our supporters who passed away in 2023. We are grateful for her contribution, which will be directed towards the growth and improvement of TOLFA's Animal Hospital and Sanctuary. With this funding, we'll be able to ensure our operation remains sustainable and continue to care for animals for years to come.



HOW TO HELP

Donate

You can help us continue the work we do. Sponsor a kennel, become a Friend of TOLFA or simply donate money, goods, or services. Visit our website - tolfacharity.org - for more information

Sponsor

We are very keen to build working relationships with companies and individuals no matter how small or large. If you feel you would like to help us in this way and fulfil your corporate and social responsibility, please contact us - enquiries@tolfa.org.uk

Fundraise

If you would like to hold a fundraising event on our behalf, let us know, we will support you all the way, please email us - events@tolfa.org.uk

Purchase

We have a selection of original and handmade Indian jewellery, gifts, and handicrafts available in our eBay shop. Visit our eBay shop here: https://www.ebay.co.uk/usr/tolfa_charity

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