

Project report

"Reconstruction of the main building for the needs of Animal Shelter 'SECOND HOME'"

Dear Supporters, we would like to provide you with an overview of the progress of the reconstruction project. The reconstruction of the animal shelter "SECOND HOME" started in August 2017 and is still ongoing. The project is being implemented in Vēži-1, Demene parish, Daugavpils region, LV-5442, Latvia.

Project purpose:

- To rebuild the previously used main shelter building with the view to improving welfare standards for animals within the Animal Shelter "SECOND HOME";

Building description:

1. On the first floor there will be:

- 1.1 Reception for visitors;
- 1.2 Kitchen - for cooking and storing food for animals;
- 1.3 Veterinary Cabinet - for intake of animals, for veterinary assistance, there will also be neutering projects carried out (neutering of animals whose owners are on social welfare, neutering of feral cat colonies);
- 1.4 Recovery room for keeping animals post operation;
- 1.5 Isolation room - a room where sick animals will be kept;
- 1.6 Cats' room - our shelter's cats will live there;
- 1.7 Boiler room;
- 1.8 Changing room for our staff who are taking care of our animals;
- 1.9 Grooming room for animals;
- 1.10 Storage room for washing machine and laundry;
- 1.11 WC suitable for people with special needs
- 1.12 Ramp for people with special needs. This will make our shelter more accessible for absolutely everyone who are interested in helping our animals.

2. On the second floor will be

- 2.1 Kitchen for staff members and volunteers - for lunch breaks and volunteers who come to us for the full day;
- 2.2 Room for seminars / education – here we are going to organize informal education and seminars for children and other organizations. These workshops will mostly be aimed at discussing topics related to animal welfare and responsible ownership;
- 2.3 Accommodation for colleagues and volunteers from international and national organizations - this strategy is very popular abroad, when people from other welfare organizations travel to each other and exchange experiences working for short periods in colleagues' organizations;
- 2.4 One office;
- 2.5 Room with 2 kennels - these kennels are for those dogs that can not live in outdoor kennels (eg. very small puppies; dogs requiring rehabilitation or dogs who have lived in a home environment before entering our shelter);

The result of the project will be a complete rebuild from an old, farmhouse type, wooden building to a modern multifunctional animal shelter, complying with all sanitary and aesthetic requirements.

The total amount for the project is €177,108.30. As a result of active, energetic and professional activities of the Society 'The Pet's Second Home', significant financing was secured for the reconstruction of the building:

- European Union's European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD) in the framework of the LEADER program €45,000.
- International Welfare Organization 'Dogs Trust Worldwide' €90,000.
- Daugavpils County Council €10,000.
- As well as donations from people who support and believe in us €14,200.

However, for the co-financing project and completion of all the work, we still require €17,908.30 in funding/donations and we would be grateful for your support and help!

Foto report

August



September



October





November – December



January

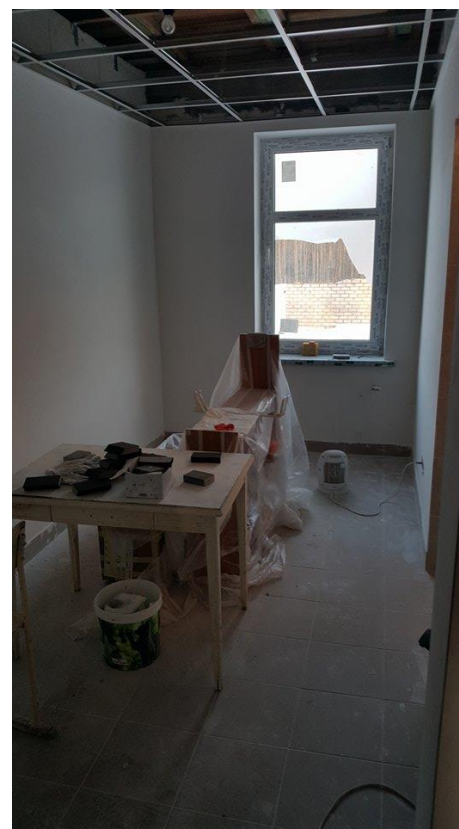


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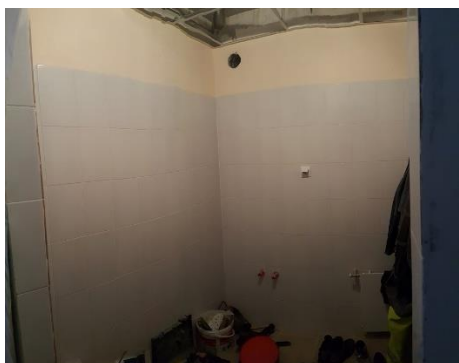
Isolation room



Veterinary cabinet



WC



Recovery room



Kitchen



Storage room



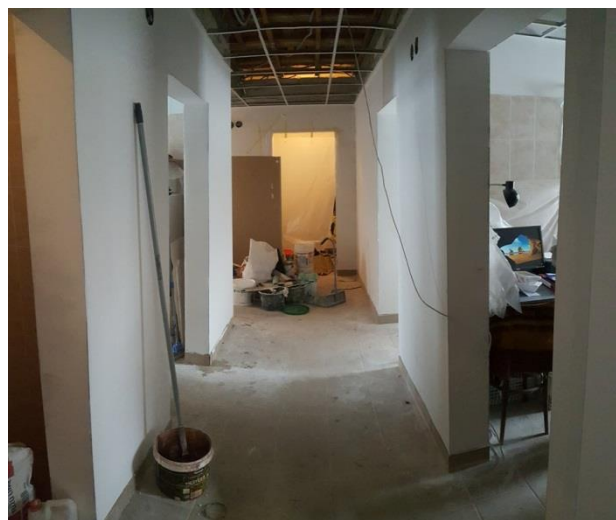
Cats' room



Kitchen



Corridor



Grooming room



Changing room



The reconstruction is still in progress. Before we complete the building work, we will provide you with another update!

Finally, we would like to share with you some pictures which show the original condition of the Society 'The Pet's Second Home' Animal Shelter's 'SECOND HOME' main building and land when purchased in 2014...

All land was covered with grass and bushes...



One of the rooms....



Kitchen/corridor....



Kitchen.....



Completely useless barn.....



Our first 'compound' and dog Julia...



Field where we have now 7 kennels!



This is how we used to bath our animals...



We were building first compounds with our hands...



These photos prove that people's trust and support can change many things in this World. Thank you very much to all those who believed and supported us, and continue to do so!

Together we can accomplish a lot of good results!



Kindest regards,

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Board Members of Society 'The Pet's Second Home'