



Activity Report

Ukraine 2023

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

Ukraine is a country devastated by war, the people there face the cold, bombings, destruction and death. With parts of Ukraine transformed into ruins, it will take years for the country to recover, even after the war is over.

In the months to come, ROLDA will continue to support the animals and animal welfare organisations of Ukraine who have been impacted by the war, even if the international interest on this subject has dramatically reduced.

2023 in numbers



Helped approx 11000 dogs and cats



Helped Peaceful Heaven of Kharkiv
distribute thousands of meals to
people and animals





Distributed small grants to 40 rescuers across the country



The ROLDA team visited the gray war zone in Kherson





Helped 3 shelters with reconstruction
after they were affected by bombs



Paid for 6 sterilization campaigns
in different cities across Ukraine



Distributed 50 tons of food and medicines

Total numbers combined (2022 and 2023) include



We have helped over 40 different
rescuers and shelters



Sent funds for food and vet aid for
approx 25000 animals





Delivered 60 tons of supplies (food for animals and humans, hay for farm animals)



Approx 1000 animals have been sterilized





124 dogs have been extracted from the war and transported to our shelter



5 shelters have been repaired after being destroyed by bombs



We funded the emergency evacuation of animals
in the flooded zone in Kherson

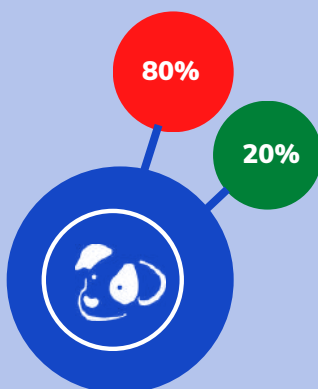


CALENDAR of events

January



ROLDA helped Anastasia build additional enclosures for new injured animals to be sheltered. **18 small grants** were distributed to different rescuers, among which a 16 years old boy who, together with his family, has helped over 200 dogs and cats.



Activities and distribution of donations:

- Donations to Ukrainians (80%)
- Housing dogs and prepare Ukrainian dogs to be adopted (Romania) (20%)

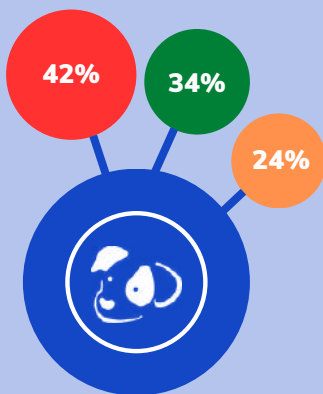
February

One year since the war started.

ROLDA distributed support to approx 1000 animals, including cats, dogs and farm animals. **10 small grants** were distributed to **8 different organizations**. Among those us Marinka, who has a small farm and constantly needs support for her horses, donkeys and cows. On top of the support offered to Ukraine, ROLDA sent a small grant to a cat charity in Syria, following the devastating earthquake there.



Activities and distribution of donations:

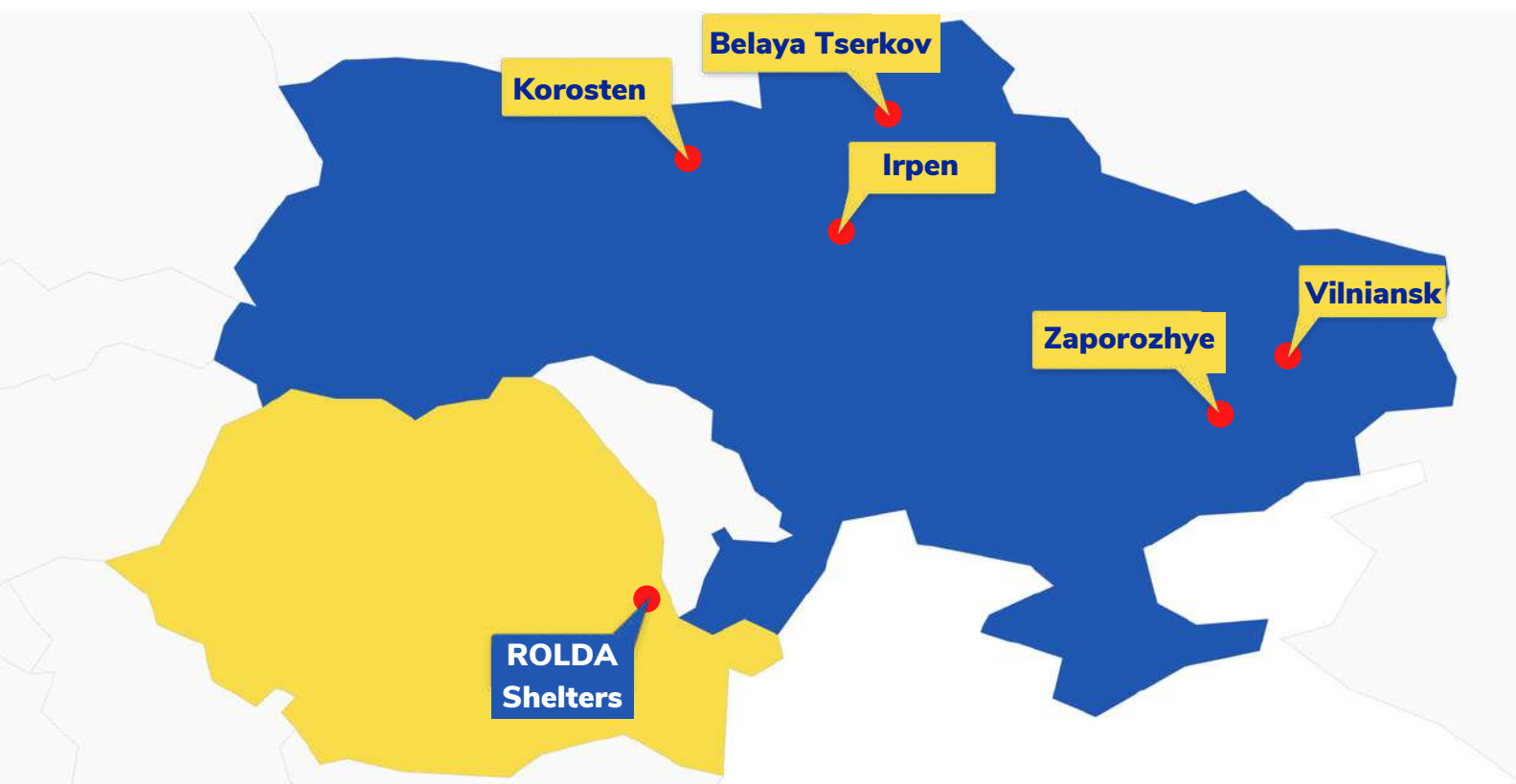


- We provided support to Irina from Zaporozhye who looks after over 522 animals, we also helped "Favourite Animals" who house 52 cats and supplied Marinka with straw for her farm animals.
- ROLDA has supported organizations and individuals in Kherson, Zaporozhye, Kryvyi Rih, Odessa, and Mykolaiv, providing essential assistance for dogs, cats, and goats.
- ROLDA sent a grant to Vladyslav from "Peaceful Heaven of Kharkiv" to distribute food for pets owned by seniors in territories free from Russia occupation.

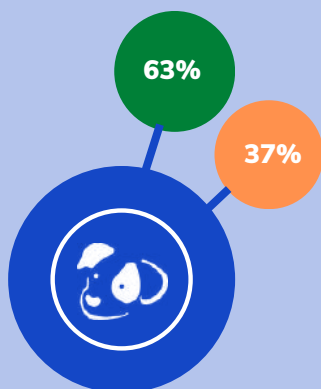
March

7 small grants were distributed to help approx 800 cats and dogs.

One of the recipients was Vladyslav from Peaceful Heaven of Kharkiv who estimate there are 20000 animals in Kharkivska, Dergachivska, Balakliyska, Izyumska and Kupyanska who need help.



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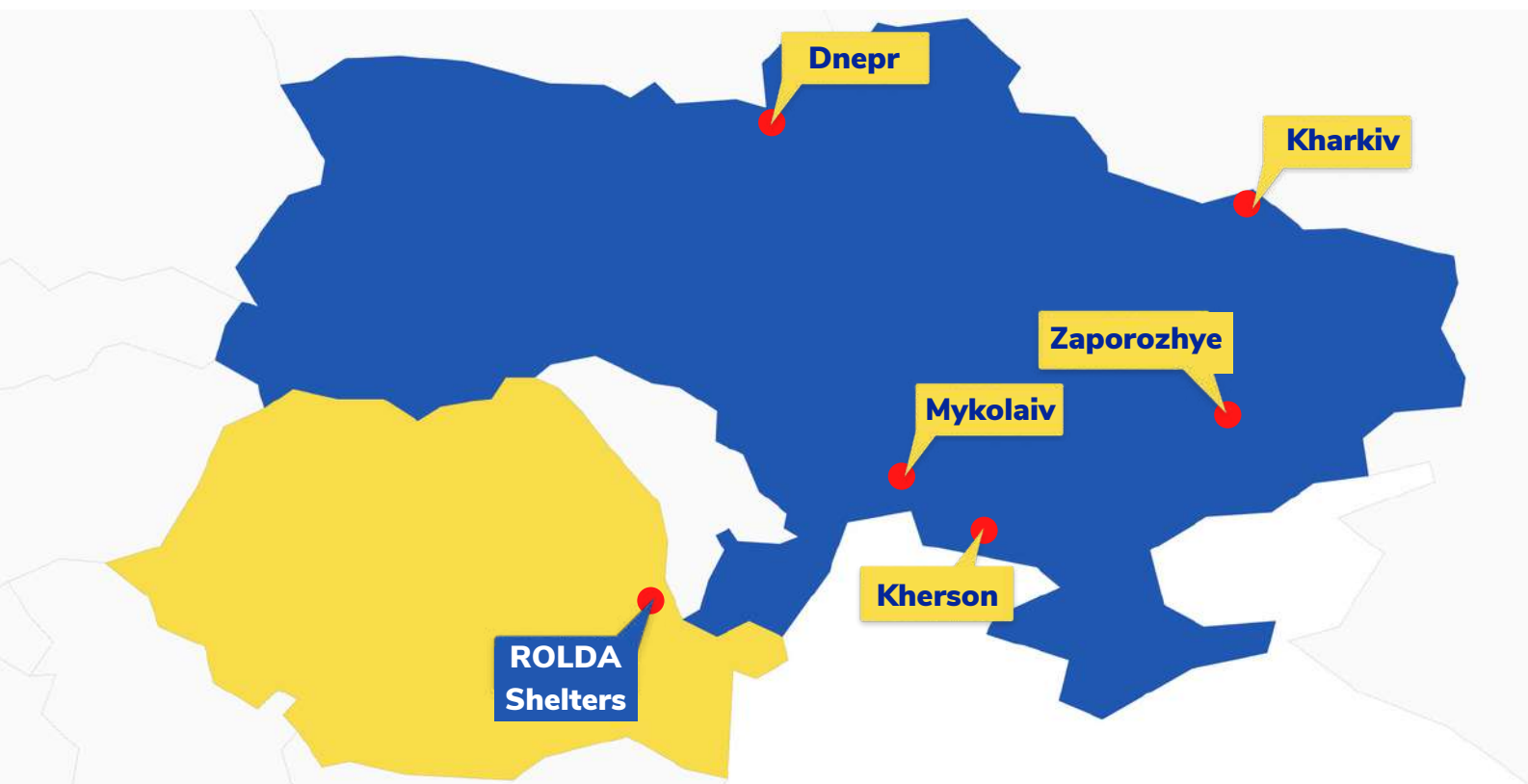


- Support sent to pets owned by people from Belaya Tserkov; to Irina from Zaporizhzhya who cares for over 500 animals; to Tatiana from Vilniansk who feed 56 dogs and 74 cats every day;
- Help dogs and cats from the private shelter owned by Inessa, who also rescue severely injured animals in Korosten.

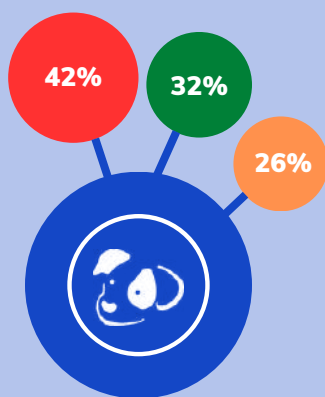
April

8 small grants were distributed to **5 different locations** in Ukraine.

One of the recipients was Irina who looks after over 500 animals in Zaporizhia area, some of her dogs (and cats) are taken from the frontline by soldiers and brought to her in life threatening conditions to be helped.



Activities and distribution of donations:



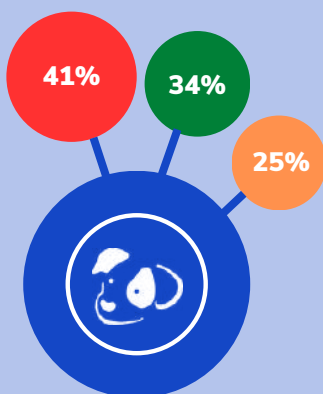
- Robert from Kharkiv who rescue, sterilize and runs a shelter for 130 dogs and 50 cats;
Olena from Mykolaiv who split our grant to the animals from 5 different mini shelters: 32, 19, 59, 28 (Natasha), 12 animals;
Irina who continue to look after over 500 animals in Zaporizhezhe area;
- Help animals Ukraine" are looking after cats, dogs and calves in occupied Kherson;
ROLDA also sent funds to Inessa and Lida, the two ladies we work with in Korosten, since the war started.
- Send a new grant to Yuri and will continue to support him expand and renovate the shelter, to welcome more animals in need in the Dnepr war zone

May

ROLDA distributed support to approx 1500 animals, including cats, dogs and farm animals.
In total **11 rescuers** from **8 different locations** received a small grant to help them keep going.



Activities and distribution of donations:



- Help over 500 animals and build more enclosures;
Feed stray animals and pay vet bills;
Emergency medical bills;
Help farm animals;
- Medical bills and animal food for animals looked after
Олена К. and 5 different mini shelters;
Yuri for shelter repairs;
Irina A. for feeding street animals and paying for
medical emergencies;
- Feed the street animals, pay for emergency vet bills
and help over 400 animals.

June

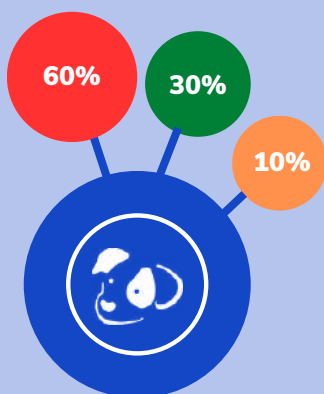
Around 80% of the funds sent to Ukraine were used to rescue animals from the flood zone, either by locals, or by other people who travelled from all over Ukraine to help after the dam was destroyed in a military operation in Kherson.

In total, ROLDA distributed small grants to **20 recipients**.

In addition ROLDA collected 10 dogs at the border and transported them safely to our shelters. The dogs belonged to Lida from Korosten who also received food aid from us.



Activities and distribution of donations:



- Help approx 800 dogs and cats
- Cost for Ukraine dogs in ROLDA shelter
- Food aid to Korosten and transport of new dogs from Ukraine to Romania

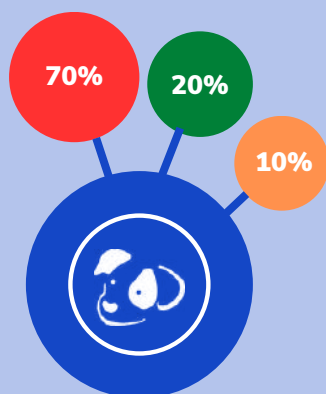
July

Humanitarian transport arrived in Mykolaiv and was distributed among several rescuers. Small grants were distributed to **8 recipients**.

One of them was Nina from Happy Paw who shared donations with Pegasus shelter in Odessa who welcomed most of the animals saved from the flood when the dam in Kherson collapsed.



Activities and distribution of donations:



- Small grants distributed to Ukrainian rescuers
- Housing Ukrainian rescued dogs and prepare them for adoption
- Purchase of food and transport it to Mykolaiv

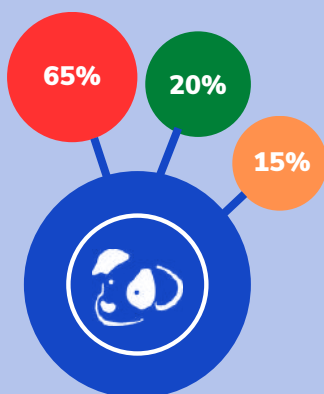
August

Funds were distributed to **14 recipients** in **6 locations**.

The ROLDA team went to Kherson and met Aleksey and his team who actively help animals and people located in the gray area, in the conflict zone. It was a powerful experience that none of us will forget.



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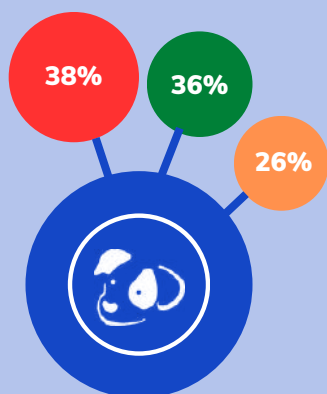
- Small grants distributed to Ukrainian rescuers
- Housing Ukrainian rescued dogs and prepare them for adoption
- ROLDA team trip to Ukraine to deliver supplies in Kherson

September

ROLDA distributed support to approx 900 cats, dogs and other animals. One of the recipients is Svetlana who rescues all types of animals including snails and hedgehogs.



Activities and distribution of donations:



- Feeding homeless animals;
Help approx 300 animals;
- Helping 5 different shelters in Mykolaiv;
Help approx 600 dogs, cats and farm animals
- Helping homeless animals in Zaporizhezhe;
Inessa for her shelter and animals helped in Korosten;
Irina D for over 500 animals located in her shelter in Zaporizhezhe;

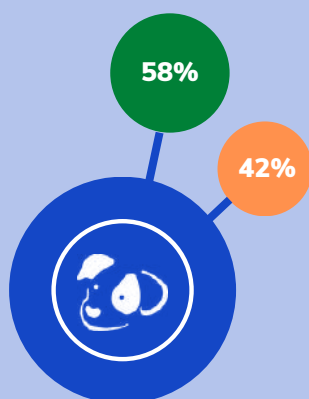
October

We continued to help Ukraine animals, distributing small grants to **9 rescuers**.

One of them is Dmitro who actively helps animals in Kharkiv. Together we organized sterilization programs which were documented with pictures.



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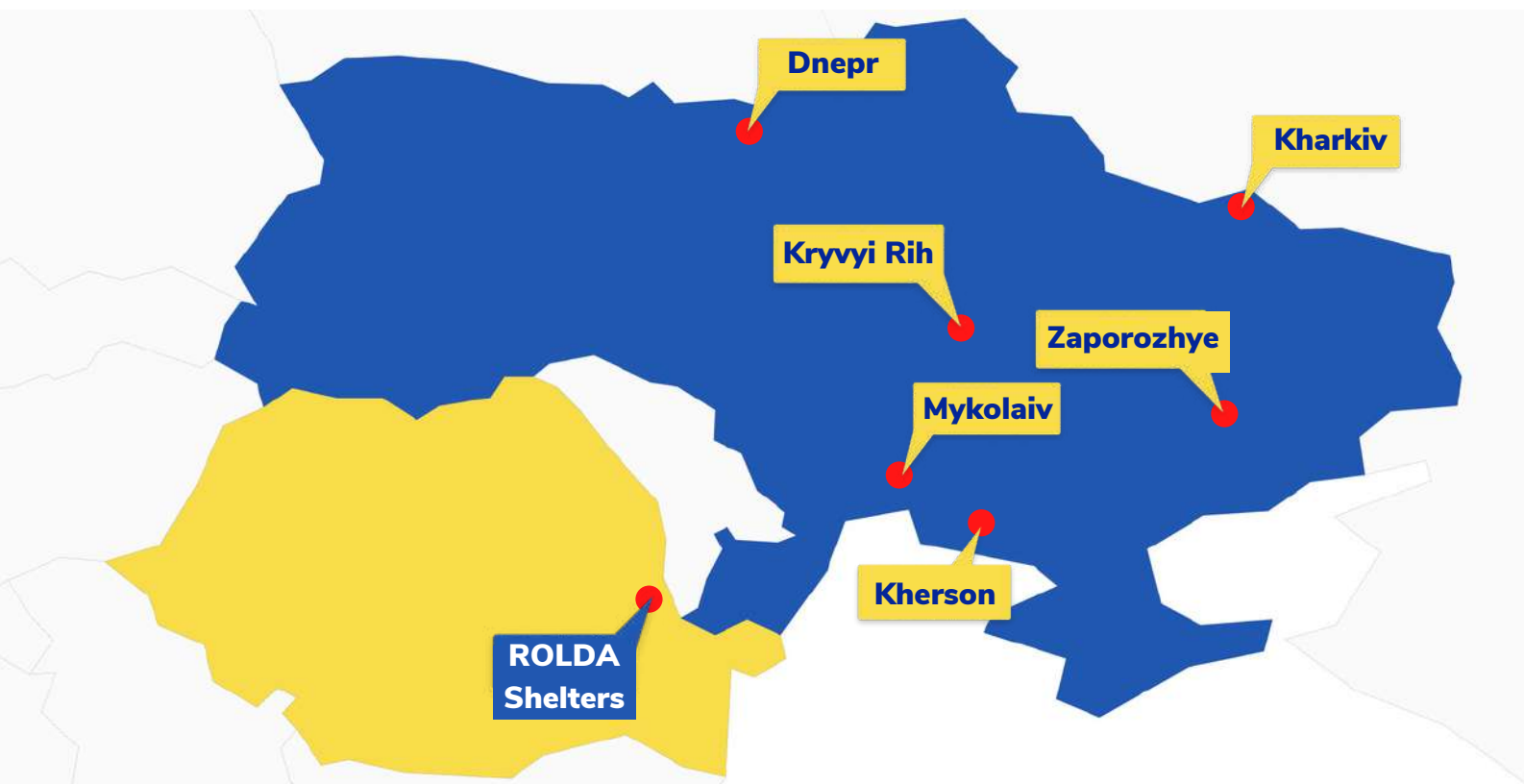


- Dmitro in Khark; Ирина from Irpin for helping injured animals; Tatiana from Viniansk for her pets and packs of strays; Robert from Kharkv for rescuing injured and building - expanding the shelter;
- Helping Yuri from BF BO Shelter Laska Dnepr, Inna from Ternopil and Катерина

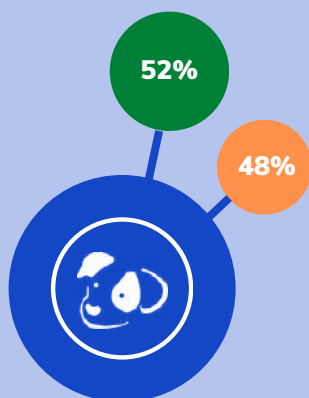
November

ROLDA distributed small grants to **12 recipients**.

One of them is Elena from Kherson who rescued and looks after 125 cats.



Activities and distribution of donations:



- Help approx 1300 dogs, cats and farm animals in Mykolaiv, Zaporozhye and Kherson;
- Help approx 700 dogs, cats and farm animals in Dnepr, Kryvyi Rih and Kharkiv;
Ирина Т. in Kherson 25 dogs, 12 cats plus packs of street dogs in Kherson;

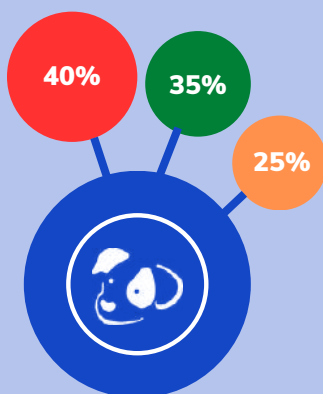
December

ROLDA distributed small grants to **22 recipients**. One of them is Lyudmila for her 34 cats at home, a dozen of animals from local shelters, plus homeless cats she regularly feeds in Kropyvnytskyi.

Thanks to our incredibly generous supporters, the ROLDA Christmas campaign raised 14k USD for Ukraine which was distributed at the end of December and will continue to be shared in January.

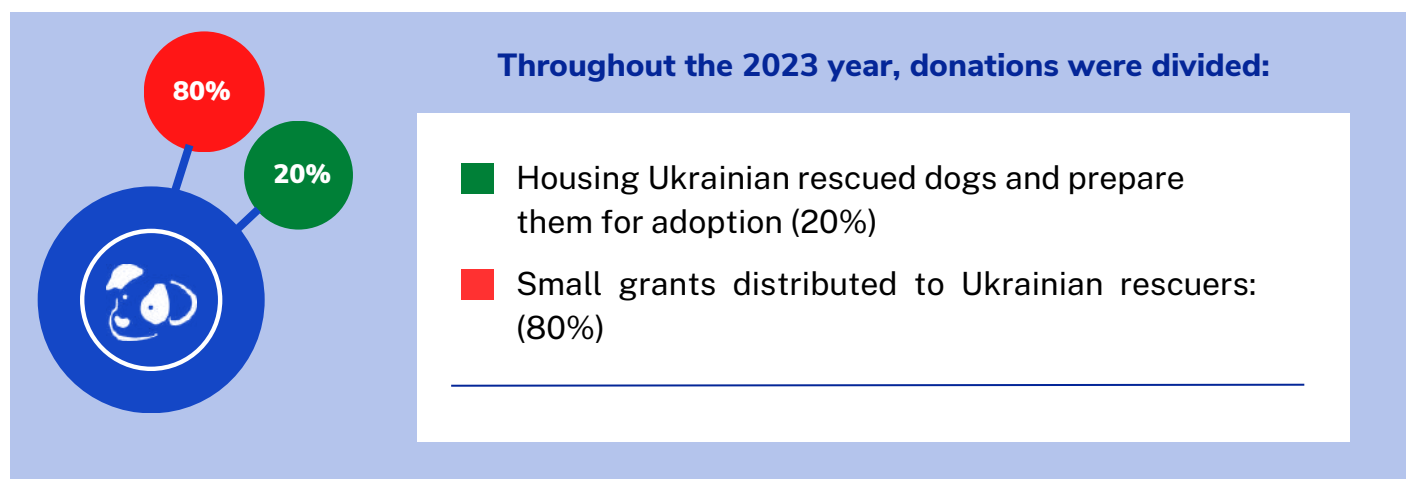


Activities and distribution of donations:



- Irina for her over 500 animals in Zaporizhezhe; Robert for his shelter with 400 dogs and 50 cats in Kharkiv; Aleksey for his shelter with 300 dogs, 80 cats and animals helped in war zone in Kherson; Lyudmila helping homeless animals;
- Svetlana T in Zaporizhezhe for 68 cats, 46 dogs, 4 birds and two hedgehogs, also snails; Marinka for farm animals supported by SAP; Animals in Law from Irpin; 4Paws shelter in Kherson;
- Katerina for her animals; "Help animals Ukraine" in Nogayske; Tatiana from Vilniansk for her animals;

Locations where ROLDA helped



When the war began, ROLDA had zero contacts in Ukraine, so our team started to reach various people and create connections; getting feedback, learning how to avoid scammers, and being very careful to document the support we provided. Using Google translate, we have been able to communicate as well as can be, given the circumstances.

We are proud to say that many of the contacts we started to support in early 2022 still get regular grants from ROLDA, some of them have even sent us diplomas in recognition of our efforts.

Testimonials and awards from Ukrainians


ROLDA continues to help people and animals in war-torn Ukraine. We've received some heart-warming and encouraging words from a number of our beneficiaries:



A testimonial card with a blue and yellow background. It features a quote from Ludmila from Borodyanka, thanking ROLDA for financial support for their animals. The quote is enclosed in a white box with a black border. Above the quote is a small logo with a cat face and the text "#give hope".

“Thank you so much for your financial support for our animals! I was very touched. Honestly, I cried because this amount was enough to buy hay for our shelter. Now I can pay for it in full and I think it will be enough for delivery!”

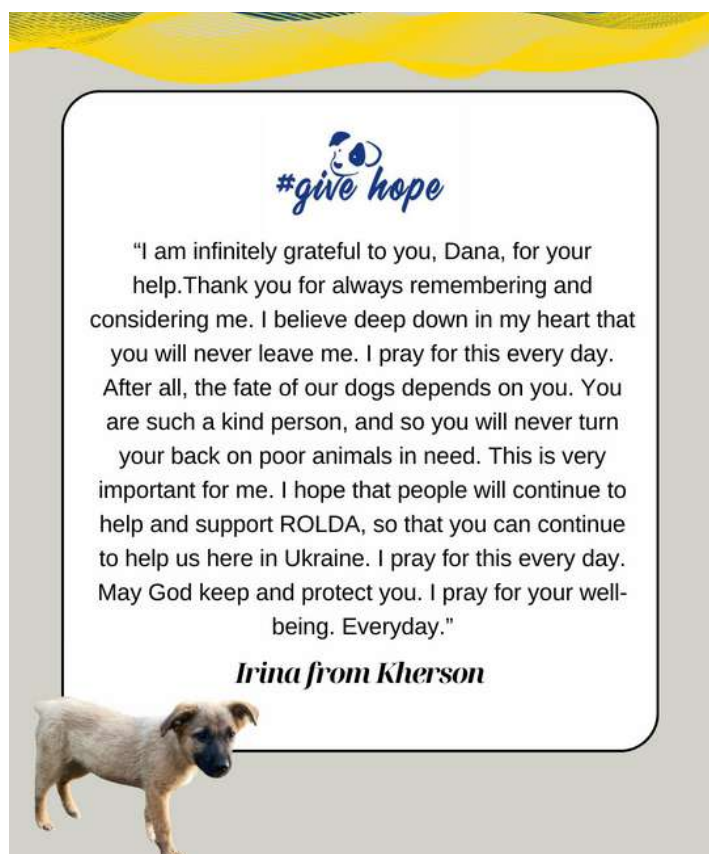
LUDMILA FROM BORODYANKA



A testimonial card with a blue background. It features a photo of a grey and white kitten looking down at a bowl of brown kibble. The kitten has a small blue tag with the text "#give hope" on its ear. Below the photo is a quote from Lida from Korosten, thanking ROLDA for helping them sterilize 110 cats. The quote is enclosed in a white box with a black border. Above the quote is a small logo with a cat face and the text "#give hope".

“The community in Korosten is grateful to ROLDA. Thanks to you, we managed to sterilize 110 cats. ROLDA is an amazing charity.”

Lida from Korosten



A testimonial card with a grey background and a yellow wavy border at the top. It features a quote from Irina from Kherson, thanking Dana for help and support for ROLDA. The quote is enclosed in a white box with a black border. Above the quote is a small logo with a cat face and the text "#give hope". Below the quote is a photo of a small, light brown dog.

“I am infinitely grateful to you, Dana, for your help. Thank you for always remembering and considering me. I believe deep down in my heart that you will never leave me. I pray for this every day. After all, the fate of our dogs depends on you. You are such a kind person, and so you will never turn your back on poor animals in need. This is very important for me. I hope that people will continue to help and support ROLDA, so that you can continue to help us here in Ukraine. I pray for this every day. May God keep and protect you. I pray for your well-being. Everyday.”

Irina from Kherson



A testimonial card with a yellow background featuring a pattern of white paw prints and bones. It features a quote from Claire from Poltava, thanking Dana for help and support for ROLDA. The quote is enclosed in a white circle with a black border. Above the quote is a small logo with a cat face and the text "#give hope".

“My dear, God bless you for your help! Now I get just a few donations coming and the costs are high because of the sick and the disabled animals, on top of all of the other animals – around 200 in total to look after every day! Today I bought food for all from your donations. If it wasn't for you and ROLDA, the dogs would have been hungry. Dana, thank you very much!”

Claire from Poltava



"I am very touched by your care and trust in my work. It used to be very difficult for me, and sometimes it seemed I was alone in this world. People did not understand me, insulted me and looked at me as if I was sick. When the war began, it became even more difficult. But good people learned about my animals and me and began helping us. On the one hand, accepting such large amounts of help is probably not modest. Still, on the other hand, this is even more responsibility and an opportunity to improve the life of the shelter, accept other animals, and buy them everything they need and of the best quality. I also dream of returning to my hometown, buying a place for all the cats, and finding responsible families for them! Therefore, you have every right to ask me for reports and checks. I will provide everything with gratitude."

Elena from Kherson

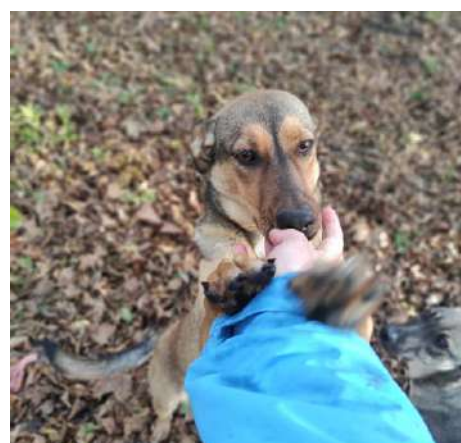


"The people of Mykolaiv are full of gratitude to *ROLDA* for the fact that you are people with good souls and help us in Ukraine during such a difficult time, as the war continues.

You are true angels! I believe that God sends animals along the path to us to see what kind of people we are, and what kind souls we have. Animals are our test as humanity. And you at *ROLDA* are people with strong characters, who never leave us behind, but help us to save animals.

I am so grateful to you, from the bottom of my heart. Thank you to you, Dana, your organization and your whole team"

Olena from Mykolaiv



Remarkable recoveries



Kuzya was found on December 29, 2022 in Kamyshevakh, near Zaporozhye, an area under constant shelling. His face tells his story: I survived the Ukrainian war.

Kuzya is old, with multiple health issues including severe mange. All of his fur was full of wounds from scratching and his skin was red raw.

People found him crying in a barn. His loud cries for help guiding the rescuers to him. He was exhausted, couldn't even stand, hungry, with one eye completely damaged and the other barely functional.

Kuzya was hospitalized for weeks, needed treatment and a special diet, but he recovered and that's only because of your support!



Ryzhik was saved by Olena in Mykolaiv, she was seriously injured: both hind legs were completely damaged; one had an open fracture and the bones were piercing the skin, and an X-ray showed that all the toes were broken in the other. She needed complicated and expensive surgeries to help her walk again, and had a long road to recovery.

The fact Ryzhik is alive today and pain free is because of you, we couldn't be more grateful!

Good news



Don't you love a rescue story with a happy ending?!

This gorgeous cat was found by Irina, our fellow rescuer in Ukraine. He was fighting for his life in a well of water, drenched, exhausted and hopeless.

We don't know how long he had been there, fighting for survival, but it must have been an incredibly frightening time for him.

Today, he is living in his new home with his forever family – warm, loved and content.

A just 7 months old, Nika's owner passed away in the apartment he shared with her. For more than 2 weeks, Nika was trapped inside the apartment – with no food and no water, next to the body of the owner she loved.

Nika was found severely emaciated. We are very happy to report that Nika has fully recovered and is now perfectly healthy, playful and ready for a fresh new start!

Thank you for funding Nika's treatment and rehabilitation and offering her a second chance at life!

[See the video](#)





At 10 years old, a dog is already in its senior years. So, imagine how much 10-year-old Alpha, was suffering whilst trying to survive on an industrial plant.

Her eye were severely damaged due to the bitter cold and she was malnourished. Rescue volunteers found her and took immediate action to get her the veterinary care she urgently needed.

She has now had surgery on her eye and is adjusting to her new life in our shelter.

She is safe, warm, fed and well cared – a far cry from the homeless dog she once was.

May you live out your senior years in comfort and peace, beautiful Alpha!

[See the video](#)



Chapa was rescued at the beginning of this year by our friends in Ukraine. He was in a terrible state, dirty, very skinny, his fur matted and full of knots and he seemed to have no reason to live.

Look at him now! This is what love and good care do! He looks completely different and his life is about to change. He came to our shelter in June and we are about to start looking for the perfect family for this young and beautiful boy!

[See the video](#)



**Thank you for being there for
animals that have nobody else!**



ROLDA Team

Help Ukraine animals win the war!