It’s been a year since war in Ukraine begun. Our lives changed ever since but the most dramatic impact war had on refugees and even worst, on families who lost dear ones. In the months to come, ROLDA will continue to support Ukrainian animals and animal welfare organisations impacting by the war.
2022 in numbers

- Support for 20 different rescuers and shelters
- Money distributed for food and vet aid for approx 5000 animals
- 40 tons of supplies delivered (food for animals and humans, hay for farm animals)
- Over 300 animals sterilized
- 104 dogs extracted from war transported in our shelter
- 2 shelters repaired after being destroyed by bombs
February 2022:

In less than 48 hours after the Russian invasion, with the help of our supporters, ROLDA stepped up to help the animals of Ukraine.

Having no previous contact with Ukraine, ROLDA contacted randomly shelters in Ukraine to arrange rescue missions to get the dogs to safety, to be able to send them money as well as physical packages with food and medical aid and to make sure all these will reach the destination.

Google translate was a useful tool to keep communication clear.
March 2022:

March is the best example of how ROLDA managed to organize, one after another, rescue missions transporting dogs from war to safety in our private shelters. A total of 66 dogs were saved from different parts of Ukraine during March, just before West countries started to impose strict import rules which made new rescue missions very difficult.

From these 66 dogs, as you read these lines, in Jan 2023, 90% were already adopted in the US, Switzerland and Sweden. It costs 300 USD/month (or 250 GBP/month) for each dog coming from Ukraine to stay in quarantine and be prepared for adoption.

Wednesday 16th March: ROLDA completed a successful rescue mission, rescuing 15 adult dogs and 8 puppies from Korosten (near Kyiv, the capital of Ukraine).

Friday 18th of March: we rescued two dogs from Kyiv and 21 dogs from Cernauti (Southwestern Ukraine).

Monday 28th March, we were able to rescue four dogs and one puppy from Anastasiia Animal SOS Odesa (Southern Ukraine)

Tuesday 29th March: We arranged for 15 dogs to be transported from Korosten (second transport) to ROLDA.
Until summer 2022, ROLDA supported the refugees and their pets

The Romanian town of Galati (only 8km from the Reni-Giurgulesti border with Ukraine) has seen an influx of refugees arriving with their dogs and cats. ROLDA's vet is on sight, offering free emergency veterinary care and advice and procedures to help refugees to continue their journey with their beloved animals legally in West Europe.

We arranged for a supply of animal food to be sent to a refugee camp in Tulcea (Romania) Printing and distributing leaflets in the Ukrainian language, explaining to the refugees how they can source help for their animals and how they can reach us for advice and support.
As number of refugees decreased, ROLDA continued to support animals in Ukraine by sending humanitarian aid (food and medicines for animals, canned food for people) and money to private rescuers. We helped them purchase veterinary costs, food, repair shelters affected by bombs or expand enclosures to welcome more animals in need. Ukrainians send us receipts to justify these costs. Some rescuers provided also photos as evidence they sterilized animals.

In Korosten alone, Lida managed to sterilize 100 cats.
Local rescuers distributing food for animals in Mykolaiv and Zaporizhzhia regions

See videos

https://www.youtube.com/shorts/0WmuHTe7VEQ
https://www.youtube.com/shorts/9A-51YrojJc
https://www.youtube.com/shorts/F5BKONFTBjE
Source of donations: private donations and grants

Funds raised for Ukraine animals primarily come from private individuals that responded to our Facebook campaigns. In addition, we are extremely grateful to a number of grant makers from the US, the UK, Switzerland who contributed to our work.
Where donations go:

- Animal Rescue (10%)
- Sirius (10%)
- Инесса Власюк (10%)
- Оксана Середа (10%)
- Private shelter in Kiev (10%)
- Шárka Flekačová (20%)
- Korosten Hachiko (30%)

Activities and distribution of donations:

- Transport 14 dogs (5%)
- Housing dogs and prepare them to be adopted (40%)
- Donations to Ukrainians (55%)
Milestone: First Ukrainian dog adopted in the US

Location

Activities and distribution of donations:
- Korosten: 10%
- Zaporizhezhe: 15%
- Kherson: 15%
- Chernihiv: 15%
- Milestone: 60%
Activities and distribution of donations:

- Buy hay for farm animals (10%)
- Chance shelter (10%)
- Renovate shelter of Lida that burn (30%)
- New building for Give Me A Paw (50%)

Support to build drainage for shelter run by Irina

Location

Donations were divided equally for:

- Housing dogs and prepare Ukrainian dogs to be adopted (RO) (20%)
- Сніжана Бугрік (20%)
- Марина Грощик (20%)
- Ірина Мурга (20%)
- Татьяна Охрименко (20%)
And for:

- Яна Лущик (20%)
- Ирина Дидур (20%)
- Chance Shelter (20%)
- Šárka Flekačová (20%)
- Ирина Мурга (20%)

SEPTEMBER and OCTOBER

Location

Donations were divided to:

- housing dogs and prepare Ukrainian dogs to be adopted (40%)
- donations to Ukrainians (60%)

from which

- Lida (10%)
- Екатерина Кузнецова (10%)
- Светлана Новохатская (10%)
- Ирина Дидур (20%)
- Фонды для стерилизации (20%)
- Shelter repairs (30%)
We distributed small grants to more recipients to help them buy heating supplies for winter, power generators, as well as food and medicines. We also bring more dogs from Lida (Korosten) to ROLDA and send them humanitarian aid.
Donations were divided to (December)

- Tetiana Kotolovska (5%)
- Екатерина Кузнецова (5%)
- Елена Таран (5%)
- Ирина Тютюн (5%)
- Ирина Мурга (5%)
- Марина Грицик hay for farm animals (5%)
- Transport 10 dogs Korosten (10%)
- Humanitarian aid in Korosten (20%)
- Инесса Власюк (20%)
- Ирина Дидур (20%)

Testimonials

Елена Таран
from Kherson

"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."
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 the ordered hay. Now I can pay for it in full and I think it will be enough for delivery.

Ludmila from Borodyanka (June 2022)

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 on top of all other, about 200 of them in total to look after every day! Today I bought food for all from your donations, if it weren’t for you and RGLDA, the dogs would have been hungry. Dana, thank you very much!

Claire from Poltava (June 2022)

Help Ukraine animals win the war!

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