



# FORGOTTEN ANIMALS ANNUAL REPORT 2019

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## OUR 2019 IN FACTS, FIGURES AND ACHIEVEMENTS

- Started the first in Russia **farm animal welfare project** to improve the living conditions and welfare standards of animals used in food industry, thanks to the grant from **The Centre for Effective Altruism**, details on **page 3**.
- Took concrete steps toward building Russia's first real **Wild Animal Sanctuary** in collaboration with a major international animal welfare NGO. We hope to share the **first big update in spring - summer 2020**. More on page 3.
- **Spayed and neutered 1948 cats and dogs in 11 cities in 2 countries**, preventing thousands of unwanted animals from being born to be abandoned to suffer, details on **page 4**.
- Successfully completed the next phase of the multi-faceted project in **Petrozavodsk** in collaboration with Dogs Trust Worldwide, implementing transportation aid for the remote areas and spaying and neutering **1000 owned dogs**. Prepared the ground for new project developments, details on **page 9**.
- Our Spay and Neuter social ads continued to get exposure, reaching the eyes and ears of the public through **hundreds of printed ads, 177 radio streams and over 32300 visualizations** and thousands of reposts online.
- Successfully completed our **Humane Education** pilot in Moscow region and conducted lessons in **5 schools and kindergartens, reaching 1000+ children**.
- **Moldova** - continued our multi-faceted work to help animals and people and participated in **organisation of a neutering marathon**, more on **page 11**.
- Continued to support the work of **UTYOS**, a unique wildlife rehabilitation centre, who successfully rehabilitated and released **6 orphaned bear cubs**, with the support from Brigitte Bardot Foundation, and started **building a facility to save many more**, details on **page 14**.
- Participated, fundraised and spoke at **events** to raise awareness of various animal-related problems, including **CatFest in London and Vanessa-Mae concerts in Russia**, attended by **thousands of people**.
- Using the new law on animal treatment **provided legal support and pressed charges** for many animal abuse cases, more on page 21.
- Continued alleviating the burden of animal shelters and volunteer groups through **in-kind donations of food and supplies** and by **funding housing construction and vehicle purchase**, more on **page 18-19**.
- Visited and assessed the situation in several facilities **keeping captive wild animals** (zoos, petting zoos, semi-private collections such as resorts and truck stops) to prepare the foundation for **reinstating the position of the Captive Wildlife Officer** that was put on hold due to the lack of funding in 2019.
- Strengthened existing and established new partnerships and collaborations with large international animal welfare organizations in UK and the Netherlands (**Dogs Trust Worldwide, Bears in Mind, World Animal Protection International, Compassion In World Farming**) allowing our team members to get trained by and exchange the knowledge with the best animal welfare advocates for the benefit of animals in Russia. Stay tuned for new exciting collaboration.
- Starting from 2019 FORGOTTEN ANIMALS is a **registered charity in the United States** (page 23)



## NEW MASSIVE PROJECT TO HELP FARM ANIMALS IN RUSSIA

We are very excited and proud to announce the start of an unprecedented long-term project to **improve the welfare of farm animals**, the work that has never been done before in Russia or former Soviet countries.

The project is supported by a grant from **The Centre for Effective Altruism's Animal Welfare fund**, whom we're incredibly grateful to, for believing in our mission.



📷 Jo-Anne McArthur / Oikeutta eläimille



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To gather the best know-how in order to make our work as effective as possible, our project manager Tatyana, who is working directly in Russia, has had an incredible opportunity to meet and learn from the best professional animal welfare advocates at **Compassion in World Farming** and **World Animal Protection International**.

We thank everyone involved in making the beginning of this crucial project possible and look forward to taking concrete steps to **improve the lives of millions of farm animals in the world's biggest country!**

## RUSSIA'S FIRST REAL WILD ANIMAL SANCTUARY: Work in progress

2019 was a very prolific year for our work. Thanks to establishing an important collaboration with a major international animal welfare NGO and thorough research performed by our team, we were able to take **first concrete steps toward building Russia's first real Wild Animal Sanctuary**.

Thousands of wild animals, like the bears you see on the pictures below, are abused and neglected in captivity every day and are in a dire need to be rescued and given the **opportunity to live a stress-free life** without having to endure unwanted human contact and perform unnatural tricks.



Yasha, the circus bear attacked his handler. We tried to rescue and re-home him abroad, (Russia has no sanctuaries). The owner refused to give him up.



UFC lightweight champion, Khabib Nurmagomedov and his "pet" bear he used to "spar" with.





Zhorik, one of the hundreds of “truck-stop bears” sitting in filthy barren cages around Russia.



Another circus bear forced to perform absurd unnatural tricks for public.

We are currently working on finalising some details and cannot wait to share the first big news with our supporters! We hope to be able to do that in spring-summer 2020.

## SUBSIDIZED NEUTERING: preventing suffering on the street

Sterilisation have and will always be one of our priority programmes for companion animals. In 2019 alone we managed to spay and neuter 1948 cats and dogs.

Spaying and neutering cats and dogs is the only **effective, long-lasting and humane** way to fight the huge and ever-growing stray and abandonment problem.

Our campaigns come with an **educational and awareness component** to teach communities about the importance (and safety!) of neutering and promote **responsible pet ownership**.

With the generous support of our donors we help thousands of cats and dogs (and their human guardians) every year, and **prevent the suffering for millions** of unwanted puppies and kittens.



An unspayed homeless cat and her kittens abandoned on the streets of Sochi. This is what we are trying to prevent by popularising and funding sterilisation.

Thank you, our dear donors and supporters, for helping us make Russia and former Soviet countries a better place for companion animals!



## “Happy Tails”

Here are just some of the **happy endings for thousands of animals** we help every year with your support in many towns and villages across Russia and former Soviet countries.

### **Belochka: from broken paws (and heart) to a big happy family**

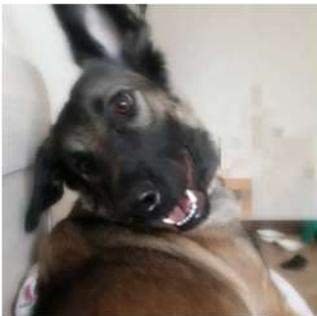
This heart-warming story began when Anna noticed a dog with severely damaged paws in one of the remote industrial areas of her town. Anna immediately realised, that the dog did not have much time unless she was rescued and urgently treated. Anna worked hard to earn her trust and to get closer to the terrified, injured animal.

After a few of days, Belochka, as Anna named her, got comfortable around her and allowed to be rescued and rushed to a vet. After a complete recovery, she was spayed through our Subsidised Neutering Programme, along with two of her new canine “siblings”, both rescued by Anna before.



**This quick and safe procedure prevented the birth of hundreds of unwanted puppies and gave these dogs and their rescuer a serene and happy life together.**

### **Bella: from a stray with no name to a spoiled companion**



Yet another former stray dog was rescued and found her loving home thanks to our Subsidised Neutering Program in Astrakhan, southern Russia.

For volunteers it is always much easier to re-home an already sterilised animal, as the surgery in Russia is very expensive, especially for larger dogs.

**Thank you, our amazing supporters, your help gives abandoned animals a second chance in life!**

### **Three sad beginnings, one happy ending**

All of these cats were rescued by our volunteers from a certain death on the streets: Mindy was saved from being torn apart by stray dogs, Persik (Peach) - was hit by a car and was severely injured, and little Chloe was orphaned as a kitten and simply couldn't survive on her own. Each of them would've ended up being just a number in a long line of unwanted suffering animals, fighting to survive. Volunteers were able to rescue, spay and neuter and quickly re-home these kittens, who now live a happy life, loved and spoiled by their new families.



## The “lucky” dozen

In March 2019, 12 cats were thrown out on the street after their beloved human suddenly passed away.

None of the cats were sterilised and three of them were already pregnant.

Volunteers were able to quickly rescue and re-home all the cats, once we assured them they will all be neutered through our Subsidised Neutering Programme.

All of them are cherished and loved now and will never be abandoned again.



## Faith in humanity restored

On the contrary to the previous one, this is the kind of story that will **restore your faith in humanity**. Two young kittens were at risk of being thrown out after their elderly human passed away. But instead of getting rid of the cats (as, unfortunately, often happens), the lady's family, despite having a very modest income, took both kittens in to be part of their family.

We helped spay and neuter both cats, who today are living their best life, adored and cared for by this sweet family!

**We thank this wonderful family for doing the right thing and our supporters for making our Spay and Neuter Campaigns possible!**



## Rescue ONE, help TWO



Ray was not even 2, when those he trusted the most - his humans - decided they've played enough with the cute puppy and surrendered him to an already overcrowded struggling local shelter.

This is how Marina, his new "mum", got him. Stressed, disoriented and still unneutered, Ray started immediately marking the furniture all over his new home. The presence of another unspayed female dog worsened the situation even further.

Looking for a solution, Marina found out about our Subsidised Neutering programme. She was very happy, as she couldn't afford the procedure for even 1, let alone 2 adult dogs.

Ray, and his new canine sister Groza, were sterilised together. Today, they are living in a perfect tandem without the risk of producing unwanted puppies, destined to suffer.

**Our regular donors make this possible, even a small monthly donation makes a huge difference!**

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## Rescued from a life of abuse just in time

Umka was only 4 months old, when she was snatched from her previous owners who beat her and nearly starved her to death. A mere sound of a male voice would terrify her, touching was out of question.

It took Umka months to get used to her new "mum" Julia, and over a year to stay calm around Julia's husband.

Today, she is a happy 1.5 year old dog who enjoys forest walks, river swims and road trips with her loving family.



**Umka was neutered through our Programme to keep her healthy and avoid unwanted puppies. "We did this because Umka is our family, we want what's best for her" said Julia.**

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## Third time is a charm



Ayna was betrayed twice and ended up on the streets both times, until her current family with three kids fell in love with her and decided to adopt her.

For Natalia, the decision to spay came even before they took Ayna home: "who would want puppies when there are hundreds of unwanted dogs like Ayna sitting in shelters or suffering on the streets?"

"Don't be afraid of sterilising. It will not harm your pet, but instead will help improve their life" said Natalia.

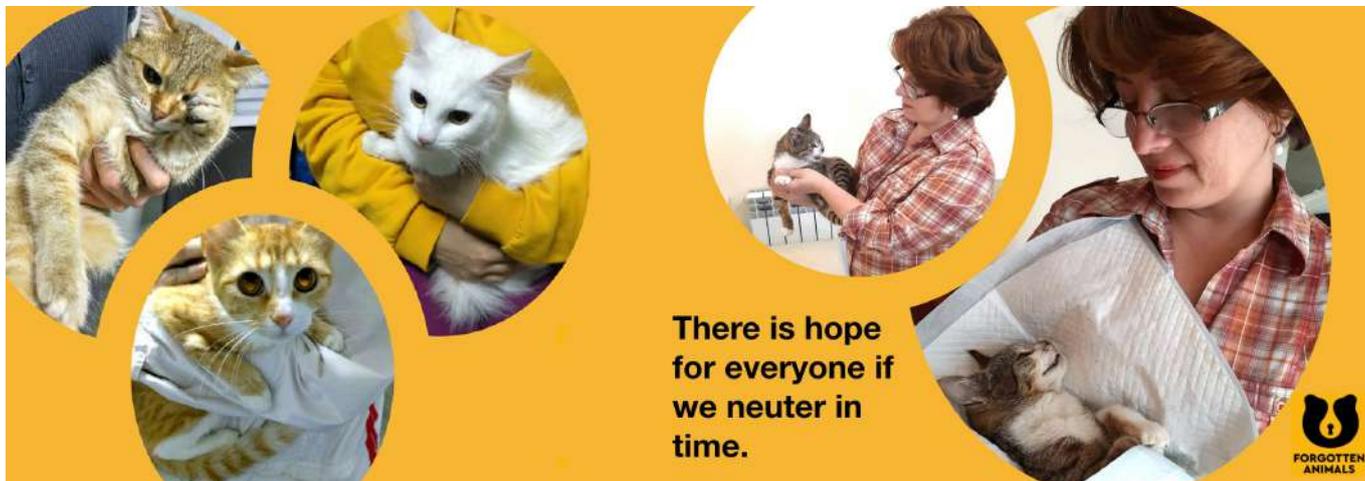
**This is why the educational component is so important to keep raising awareness.**



## The battle, that never stops

Thanks to our regular supporters, our Subsidised Neutering Campaign continues to help animals (and people) all year round! Only **over the summer of 2019, 250 cats** have been fixed in different villages and towns, to prevent the birth and suffering of thousands of kittens.

**This was only possible thanks to our donors and their continuous support, the more you help us, the more animals we manage to save!**



## It takes a village!



Yenotaevka, a small rural town in southern Russia is a great example of **what an informed community can do** when working together!

With the population of only 8000, the citizens started their own Sterilisation Project in 2017. With our recent guidance and support they managed to help **over 300 cats and dogs**.

Thanks to our **awareness campaigns**, more and more people decide to neuter their pets, **reducing the number of abandoned puppies and kittens**.

**We are grateful to our donors for helping us reach such amazing results!**

## 118 "Thank you" from Siberia

These dogs and cats, along with other 114 other animals (and their very grateful humans) from Novosibirsk are sending a huge "thank you!" to our donors and supporters, who help make our Spay and Neuter programme possible!



## Forgotten animals of Dagestan

For the past few years, whenever possible, we have been working in Dagestan to build up the culture of Spaying and Neutering and educate community about responsible pet ownership and humane treatment of animals.

The republic is new to animal welfare and there is still a lot work, but it's stories like this, that motivate us to continue our work!

Before learning about sterilisation and fixing her first rescue cat through our programme, Gulya allowed her to get pregnant and kept one of the female kittens. This second time, knowing about the benefits of the procedure, she brought her new cat to get spayed, as soon as it was time.

Education is key and spreading the knowledge greatly improves lives.



## New Significant Achievements in Petrozavodsk

In 2019 we continued our long-term multi-faceted work in Petrozavodsk, started 2017 with the support from Dogs Trust Worldwide. This project aims at raising awareness of the importance of sterilisation and provides subsidised spay and neuter services for dogs of low-income households.

In 2019 within the framework of the second phase of the project we achieved the following results:

- 1000 dogs were spayed and neutered by our highly trained vets, preventing the birth of hundreds of thousands of unwanted puppies;
- thousands of people were educated on responsible pet ownership through direct campaigns and social ads (printed, radio and a viral Internet video);
- specifically equipped transportation aid has been implemented to transport the dogs from remote locations to the clinic and back.



Examples of our printed social ads promoting sterilisation





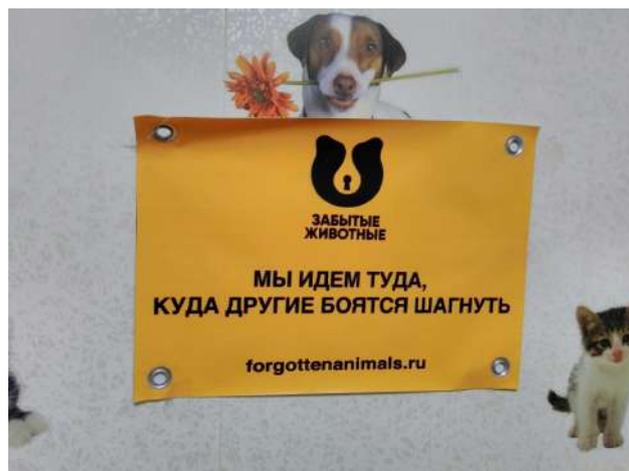
Lily and Fairy are only two of many dogs, whose owners live in the remote area of Solomennoye, far from the region capital, the city of Petrozavodsk and have no car. They couldn't afford to bring their dogs in to get sterilised.

Lily and Fairy and their owners benefited from the newly implemented transportation aid.

**Thank you Dogs Trust Worldwide for supporting our work.**

The team of [Dogs Trust Worldwide](http://www.dogstrustworldwide.org) visited our Petrozavodsk team in March 2019 and they were extremely impressed to see the hard work being put into the social media marketing and the high quality surgery being carried out by our partner vet clinic. Starting from September 2020, we are planning to add an additional educational component to the project.

**We look forward to continuing this crucial work and we thank Dogs Trust Worldwide for their guidance and support in this journey!**



The team of Dogs Trust Worldwide observing the work of our partner veterinarians and visiting our pioneering local shelter during their field trip to Petrozavodsk in March 2019.



**Iriska's story** is exactly why this project is so important!

Irina was taking a walk when she saw a scared puppy sitting outside of a shop. Huge sad eyes looked up. 'The owner must be nearby', Irina said to herself. She waited and waited, but nobody came for the puppy.

Irina simply couldn't walk away, she took the puppy with her and named her Iriska (Toffee), for her beautiful golden colour and sweet personality.

Irina socialised Iriska and taught her how to walk on a leash and play.

Two weeks after rescuing Iriska, Irina found out that she was one of the three puppies abandoned in three different spots around the city that day. Apparently, the the owner wanted to get rid of his unspayed dog's litter.



She spent months looking for a new home for Iriska, but it wasn't easy with so many unwanted dogs on the streets and in overcrowded shelters. In the meantime, Irina fell completely in love with Iriska and at the end decided to keep her. Irina took Iriska to get spayed as soon as the time was right.

We praise responsible dog owners like Irina and hope to continue our work in Petrozavodsk until neutering becomes a strong part of the mindset within the local community and there are no more homeless dogs on the streets and surrendered to the shelters.

## MOLDOVA: fostering an effective animal welfare community



In October 2019, with the support from Forgotten Animals and Dogs Trust Worldwide, the director of the neutering centre we helped launch in 2018 in Chisinau, Moldova attended the annual International Companion Animal Welfare Conference (ICAWC) in Malta.

The amount of knowledge and connections gathered at such an event is priceless and we cannot wait to see the results it will bring to improve animal welfare and raise public awareness in Moldova.

 ICAWC picture courtesy of Dogs Trust Worldwide



## Moldova Spayathon

Our wonderful Ana, who leads the work of Forgotten Animals in her native Moldova, joined forces with the progressive mayor of Chisinau Ruslan Codreanu, 15 veterinarian surgeons from World Vets, vet students from the State Agrarian University of Moldova and local volunteers to organise and support a 5 day Sterilisation Mission to spay and neuter around 300 dogs!

The Spayathon made a huge impact on the local community, not to speak about the golden learning opportunity for the future Moldovan veterinarians.



📷 Courtesy of World Vets.

**We thank everyone involved and hope to work together again soon!**

## WORK WITH FUTURE GENERATIONS

In 2018-19 Forgotten Animals successfully created and piloted the new comprehensive education programme, supported by The Persula Foundation. The programme was created using the methodology devised by the Dogs Trust education team based on the Theory of Change. It was **customised for Russian culture, context and mindset**.

We piloted the programme in a rural area of Moscow region and as a result **reached 1,090 children over 66 lessons in 5 schools and summer camps** between November 2018 and July 2019.

To do this we **employed one full-time teacher** who worked on delivering the programme to children, improving and tailoring its messaging and designing age-appropriate materials.



## Humane Education: Progress and Next Steps

We have distributed the template of the programme, lesson plans and presentations to our contacts within the educational community across Russia and all Russian-speaking countries to **identify new teachers and tailor materials** specifically to those regions.

Our ultimate goal is to set a **quality benchmark for Humane Education lessons** and provide keen educators with all they need to reach the hearts and minds of as many children as possible to foster a more humane, responsible and compassionate new generation.



## World Animal Day with Kids!

In celebration of **World Animal Day** on October 4<sup>th</sup>, Forgotten Animals gave special lessons at one of the Balashikha's kindergartens. The kids loved it!

They learned why it is important to care for their pets and how to properly express their love.



World Animal Day - a kinder world for animals starting with kids

They built pet shelters, role-played and sang songs about companion and wild animals. It was an intense and absolutely delightful day for everyone involved!

Parents, touched by this experience, collected and donated food and medical supplies to shelters.



## WILD ANIMALS: rescue, rehabilitation, release

Wildlife Rehabilitation centre Utyos, which we have been supporting and working with for many years, continues their work for animals. In 2019, **six orphaned bear cubs**: one Himalayan and five Brown, successfully finished their long rehabilitation and **were released back to where they belong**. Here are some images of this incredible moment.



Besides that, the team's **main priority in 2019** was the **reparation of the larger section of the bear cub enclosure**, which was not operational and was drastically reducing the amount of orphaned bear cubs Utyos could accept for rehabilitation. With the help from Forgotten Animals and the [Brigitte Bardot Foundation](#) the team finally started this massive and much needed work.

All enclosures are surrounded by an electric fence and equipped with 24h video surveillance to monitor the cubs. There is a den-like construction where they can sleep, keep warm and hide. **All natural conditions are present**: grass, trees and berry bushes to encourage the cubs to forage, play and learn all natural skills they will need to survive in the wild, once released.

Until the repair works started, only the small section (1 hectare) has been operational. Once the work is over, the larger section (3 hectares) should be back in use (ca. summer 2020).



The fence was collapsing in places because the posts weren't secured well enough. Panels were missing and fence poles were loose. The beginning of repair works.

Once the enclosure is operational, it will be **possible to save and rehabilitate up to 20 more bear cubs**. An additional enclosure will also **allow to separate the two species** of bear cubs during rehabilitation - Brown and Himalayan. In the wild, the two species have a predator (Brown) - prey (Himalayan) relationship, so ideally, the cubs **should be rehabilitated separately**.



## Next steps for 2020

This spring and summer Utyos will work on installation of an electric fence on the inside and outside perimeter of the enclosure, as it was done in the smaller one.

The electric fence will prevent cubs from escaping and protect them from such predators as adult bears and tigers.

A new feeding and immobilisation cage will be constructed. CCTV cameras will then be placed around the perimeter to keep an eye on the cubs in rehabilitation without disturbing them.



A new feeding and immobilisation cage.

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## Animals the centre took care of in 2019

In September, a 13-year-old female tiger Rigma from the Prymorsky Zoo was brought to Utyos for temporary residence while a new enclosure was being constructed for her at the zoo.

After spending 5 months in the care of Utyos, she went back to her new home on January 30, 2020.



Beautiful Rigma enjoying being in her natural habitat



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## Too abused to be free



In July, two Himalayan bear cubs were **confiscated** by the Khabarovsk Hunting Administration from a **traveling circus 'Adrenaline'** and **brought to Utyos** for rehabilitation. Sadly, the cubs were **severely malnourished and habituated**; and hence **unsuitable for the release into the wild**.

The circus owner claimed they were "a gift" from a friend and he provided them with adequate care.

In early December, after gaining the necessary weight and improving their general condition, cubs were transferred to the **Khabarovsk state zoo** for permanent residence, where they will be **looked after for the rest of their lives**.

Along with the cubs, a **white-tailed eagle** listed in the Red Book for Endangered Species of the Russian Federation was **confiscated from the same circus** and sent to Utyos for rehabilitation.



The eagle arrived to the centre in **very poor condition**. He had bald patches under his wings. His beak was overgrown and clearly caused him a lot of discomfort. The poor animal had been kept in a small wooden crate where he **couldn't even fully stretch his wings**. The owner of the bird could not provide the necessary paperwork to confirm that he obtained the bird legally. Therefore, he is **being charged with illegal keeping of an endangered species** and is facing a hefty fine.

The highly protected bird was treated for injuries, given enough space and much needed enrichment to gain strength and to grow back its beautiful feathers, and eventually was transferred to the Primorsky Zoo by order of the Ministry of Natural Resources.

### Permanent centre residents

For the past few years the centre has been a permanent residence for roe deer and an extravelling circus tiger, Zhorik, whose story you can [read on our website](#).

The animals are in good health and receive the best care available.



These young roe deer are among the animals enjoying the life in huge natural habitats of the Russian Far East.

They were saved and are cared for by UTYOS, which has been doing amazing work preserving the unique biodiversity of the region for over 30 years.

### Getting international exposure for the important work

In January-February 2019, the work of the centre was featured in a **viral video** created by the Dodo social media platform.

It was viewed over 128,000 times on YouTube and shared by Facebook users over 20,000 times.

Forgotten Animals Programme Director was interviewed for the video to tell about the amazing work UTYOS does to rescue, properly rehabilitate and release wild animals to their natural habitat.

Here's a picture of Eduard Kruglov, the director for the centre and the son of the founder with one of the orphaned bear cubs he rescued. You can watch the full video [here](#).



## RAISING AWARENESS

### CELEBRITY ENDORSEMENT

The world-renowned violinist **Vanessa-Mae** is not only talented in anything she does, but also has a **very kind heart and cares about animals**. Every chance she has, she urges her fans to do the same. During her recent concerts in Russia, Vanessa invited us to broadcast a video on one of the most pressing animal welfare topics in Russia - **the use of animals in entertainment**, to thousands of her fans. Our talented volunteer Elena created and scored the video, you may watch it in full [here](#).



### CATFEST, LONDON 2019

Catfest is an annual event that attracts cat lovers from all over the world. Hundreds of people (and some kitties) come to share their passion and knowledge about all things feline. **Our founder Anna gave an insightful talk to raise awareness** of current issues of stray cats in Russia and the former Soviet countries, and our volunteers raised donations and awareness at our information stand. Thanks to the **in-kind donation by Canton Tea**, we managed to raise funding to help cats suffering on the streets of Russia. We thank the organisers for having us and everyone who donated.



# ALLEVIATING BURDEN FOR SHELTERS AND RESCUE GROUPS

## Food for Unwanted Dogs and Cats

Thanks to our partnerships with retailers and producers, and through our Humane Education programme, every year we manage to raise in-kind donations of food and supplies for animal shelters and rescue groups.

The absolute majority of shelters in Russia and former Soviet countries is extremely overcrowded and underfunded. Volunteers always struggle financially and rarely have time to deal with social media marketing and fundraising. The culture of donating to animals in Russia is not as developed as it is in Europe or the United States.

That is why, as much as our funding allows us, we finance neutering, which drastically raises the chance of an animal to be re-homed. But we also teach volunteers how to improve their work to make it more sustainable and long-lasting and support their efforts with these in-kind donations.



Thanks to our Humane Education Programme, these sweet kids from a school in Odintsovo got together to help local shelters by collecting food and supplies for rescue animals.

Our Humane Education Programme is fostering a kind, responsible and compassionate new generation.

We are hoping to expand our reach to more towns and regions, hoping to work with less advantaged children, as well.



## Warm Housing for 46 Abandoned Dogs

In fall 2019 we received a cry for help from a small shelter in Tambov, Russia, run by only 2 volunteers. Their **46 rescue dogs were at risk of slowly freezing to death in their decrepit outdoor enclosures**. The harsh Russian winter was approaching and they urgently needed to build 12 warm enclosures, which required 140 000 RUB (about £1,762).

Volunteers were running the shelter only using **their own little money and some rare donations**. They barely had enough to feed and care for their animals and didn't have the money for new enclosures. **We couldn't turn them down**.

Tatiana, the founder, started "Lyubimets" (The Loved One) by **saving three puppies from the streets**. She found homes for all three, but **couldn't stop rescuing animals ever since**.

Sick, blind, hungry cats and dogs, abandoned by owners of born directly on the street - she would try and save them all, never turning a blind eye on anyone.

**With your help we raised nearly the whole amount for Tatiana and they built the new housing.**

Below you can see some of the animals Tatiana saved and the progress of the construction.



The first three puppies that started it all



Mayak, one of the recent rescues who was found covered in dirt and machine oil. Now safe, recovering and soon ready to be adopted



Building new warm enclosures



Some of the animals Tatyana saved and re-homed over the years



Construction manager supervising the works



## 101 Saved Souls and Counting

Another urgent appeal we couldn't ignore arrived from Marina and Alexander, who have been rescuing animals in their small shelter 'Saved Soul' for years, all on their own. Both retired on **£160/month in total**, they use all their money and rare donations to care for **over 100 rescue cats and dogs**. They were forced to leave their ramshackle city house (you could see the stars through the ceiling holes) because their neighbours started poisoning their animals, fed up with the barking.

They had to move to an old hut with a small piece of land 86 km from the city, with no neighbours or shops nearby. This saved their animals, but now they had another problem: getting to the vet or buying food was impossible, as **their 40-year old car just broke beyond repair**. For Marina and Alexander and their animals, this was equal to death of starvation. A lot of their animals are old, have been severely abused and have special needs. If any of them gets sick, they are doomed.

The good news was that there was a reliable used car for sale for only £875. We helped Marina and Alexander raise a part of that sum and they were able to buy the car to continue helping animals.

**We thank everyone who donated! Here are some of the animals they saved and their new car.**



## USING LAW TO PROTECT ANIMALS: work in progress



2019 started with a small legal victory! A criminal case has been initiated against the governor of Irkutsk region for an **unlawful** hunting and killing of a hibernating bear in 2017. The charges included hunting off season, without a license and official position of power abuse.

Among other animal welfare advocates, Forgotten Animals has been fighting for this case to be brought to trial and we were very happy to finally see it happen! **The trial is not over yet, but the governor lost his position, which is already a victory!**

Every year we **consult on dozens of cases** of animal abuse, abandonment, veterinary malpractice, abusive animal hoarding, dog fighting, petting zoos illegally keeping exotic animals, international illegal wildlife trade and many more. **Russia is finally taking small steps in the right direction**, all thanks to hard work of animal welfare advocates lobbying for a better legislation!

## CAPTIVE WILD ANIMALS urgently need our help!

Our Captive Wildlife work was put on hold in 2019 due to the lack of funding to hire a dedicated project officer. But every chance we had, we visited captive facilities and documented the inadequate conditions animals are kept in. All this proof will be used to improve their conditions.



We hope to raise necessary funds in 2020 to cover a full-time position of Captive Wildlife Officer who will continue our work on improving wildlife captivity standards in Russia and the former Soviet countries.

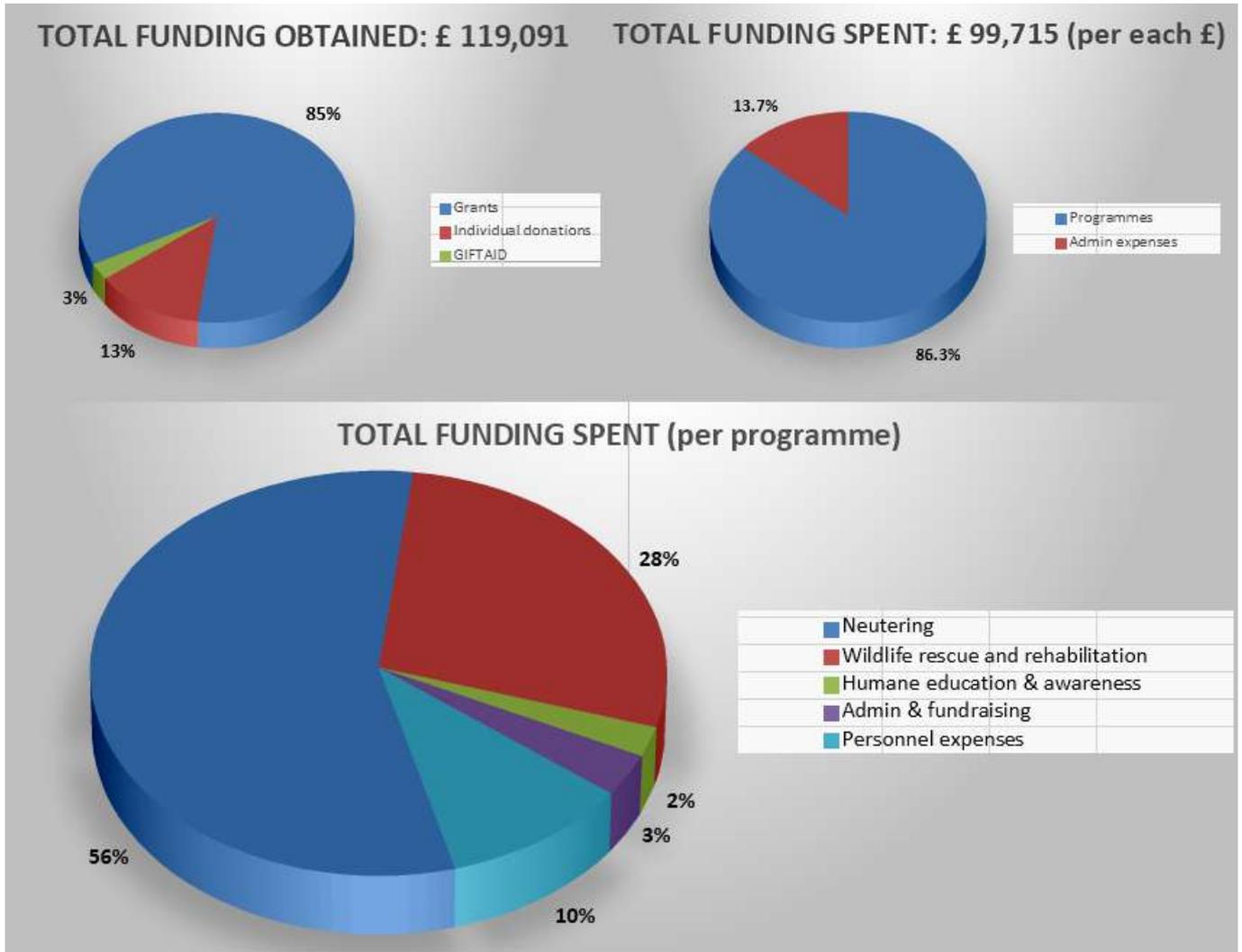


## OUR INCOME AND WHAT WE SPENT IT ON IN 2019

Main sources of our income are grants and individual donations.

All funding received has allowed us to relieve and prevent animal suffering, run subsidised neutering projects, start farm animal projects, rescue and rehabilitate wild animals and shine the light of many crucial animal related issues and problems.

None of this would be possible without the donations and grants we receive.



## GOVERNANCE IN PLACE

Our board of Trustees oversees all of our financial activities and play an active role in management decisions.

All projects are verified by means of receipts, photos, videos from the project leads and local volunteers and through visits by our team, when necessary.

Some of the projects are run exclusively by our staff or volunteers, while other projects we are involved in, are regularly visited by Forgotten Animals team members to assess progress.

All projects provide regular detailed expense reports.



## FORGOTTEN ANIMALS IN THE UNITED STATES



Huge News! Starting from December 2019, Forgotten Animals is a registered **charity in the United States of America** as Domestic Non-profit Corporation in the state of Arizona.

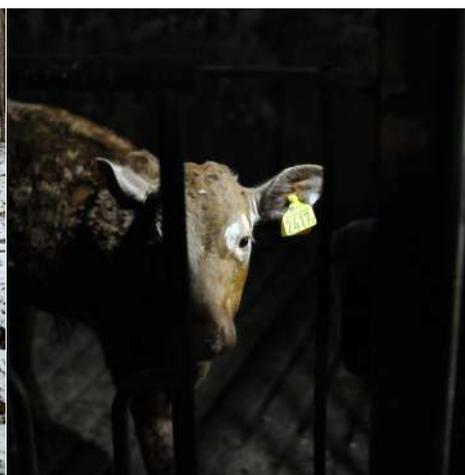
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Here is our US director Kinebritt Johnson on her volunteering trip to UTYOS. Kinebritt had a chance to see their resident rescued tiger Zhorik, who lives in a huge forest habitat, up close while he was being fed in his [personal dining room](#).



## 2020 GOALS AND PLANS

- Finalise the acquisition of land and start building Russia's first real Wild Animal Sanctuary for wild animals to live the rest of their days in an environment as close to the natural as possible;
- Complete the first phase of the Farm Animal Welfare project to improve living conditions of farm animals, raise welfare standards and secure funding for the next phase of this long-term project;
- Provide emergency assistance to well-run animal shelters in need, in order to assure they survive the consequences of COVID-19 pandemic and economy shutdown;
- Raise funding to reinstate the Captive Animal Welfare officer position to improve living conditions and standards of wild animals kept in zoos and other captive facilities;
- Shut down as many petting & traveling zoos and baiting stations as possible, using the new law;
- Rescue as many wild animals as possible from abusive captivity and private ownership;
- Prosecute animal abusers without having to turn down the cases we get asked to help with;
- Neuter as many cats & dogs as the funding allows, reducing the number of unwanted animals and lowering pressure on overcrowded shelters.



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