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ANIMALS**

SUOYARVI - FIRST VET CABINET

WHERE IS SUOYARVI?

- **Suoyarvi** is a small town of 10K residents located 140km northwest of Petrozavodsk, Republic of Karelia, Russia

EFFECTIVE
SHELTER

LACK OF VET
SERVICES

HOPE FOR THE
FUTURE



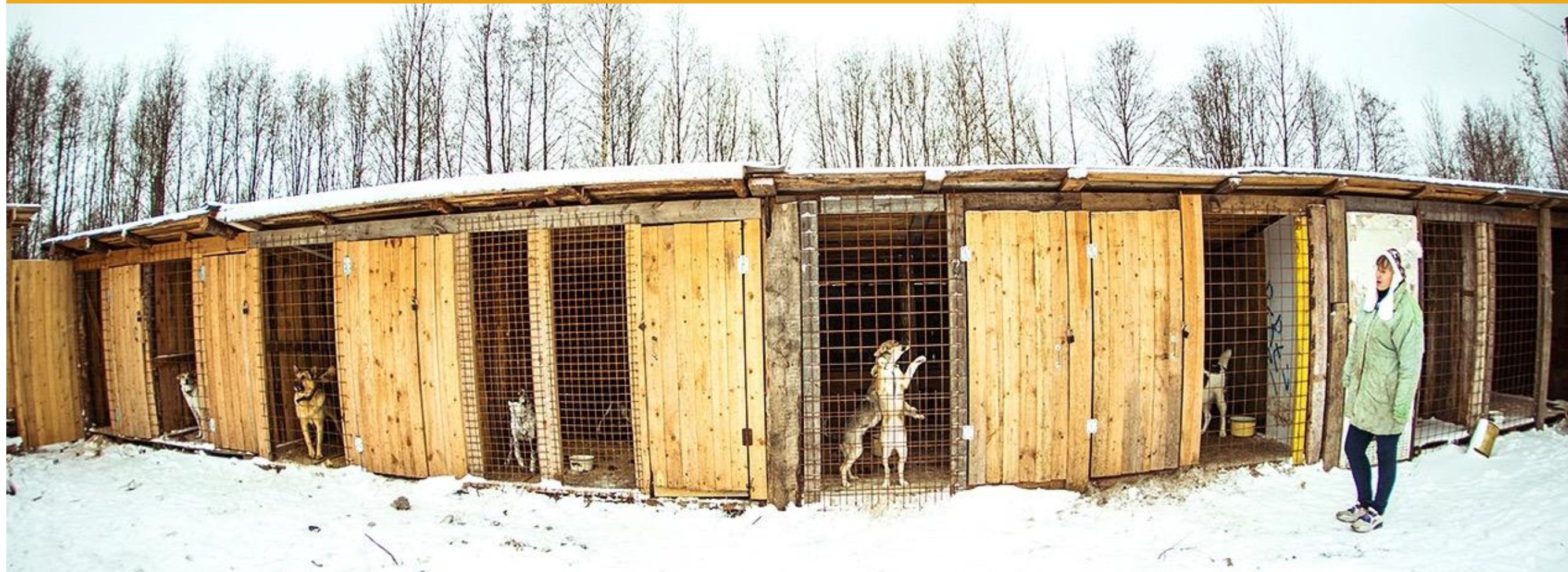
HOMELESS ANIMAL CRISIS

- Similar to many other cities and towns throughout the former USSR, Suoyarvi had a severe stray animals crisis.
- Common issues such as lack of sterilization programmes and citizens' attitude towards the problem result in the increase of stray animals' reproduction with little or no chance of survival and possibility of finding home for the newly born kittens and puppies.
- Instead they are left to be hit by cars, killed by wolves and other animals, extreme weather conditions, starvation or human cruelty.
- The society is yet to be educated on responsible pet ownership and benefits of sterilization.



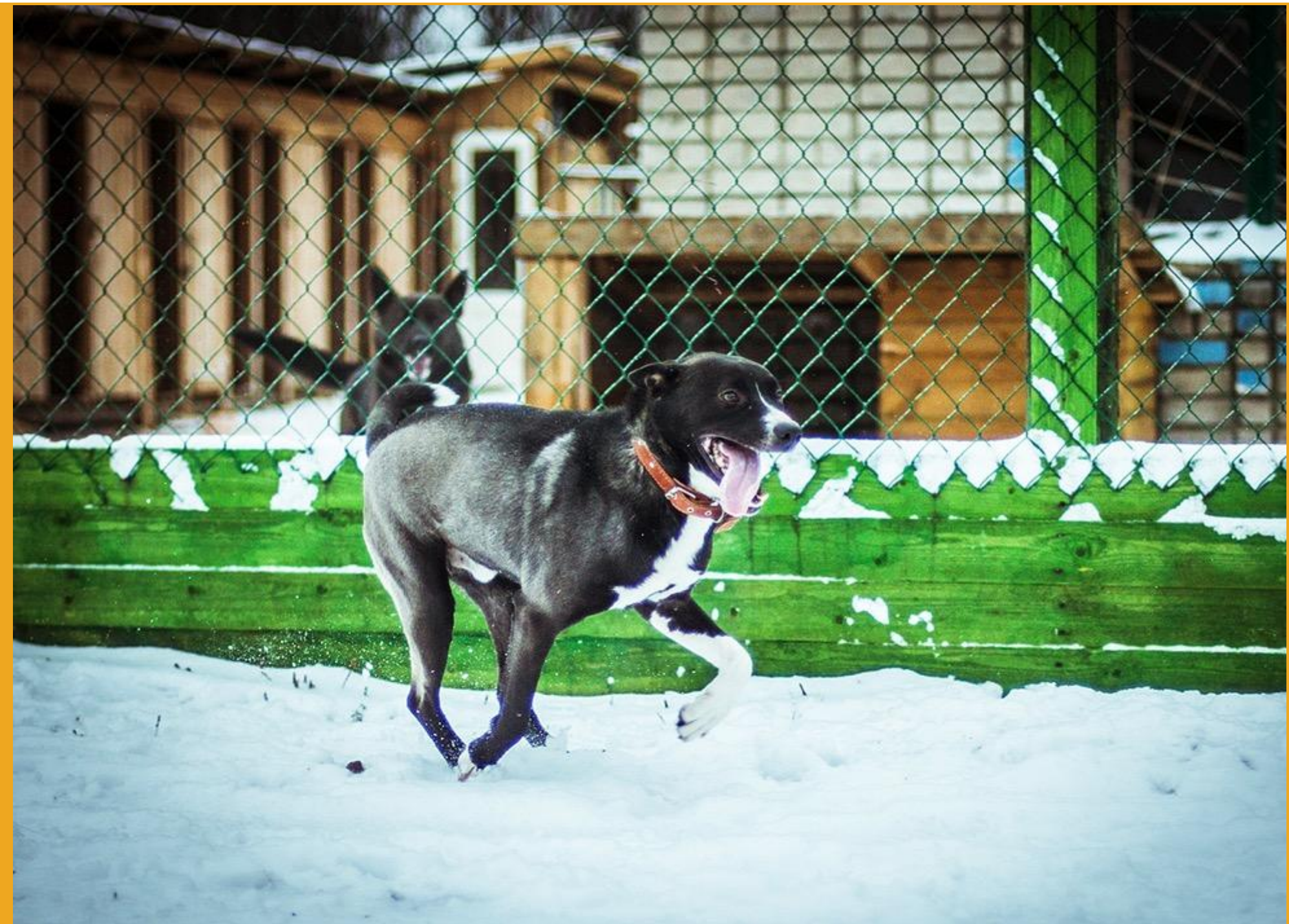
FIRST ANIMAL SHELTER

- Despite its size and bleak financial state, Suoyarvi is home to Russia's pioneer animal shelter operating on the Western model of animal welfare that has since become an inspiration to the rest of the country.
- The first private shelter was founded by a small group of women led by a volunteer - Rita Terehova. The local administration provided the land to build the shelter, offering, however, no further financial support.
- Forgotten Animals helped them to build the shelter and implement proper practices. The shelter survives on Rita's and her team's personal funds and small donations. Their average personal income is £90 per month.



FIRST ANIMAL SHELTER

- Since opening its doors 4 years ago, the shelter has found homes for over 450 cats and is currently a temporary home for almost 50.
- Other achievements include: teaching humanity and responsible pet ownership in schools, organizing shelter visits and volunteering opportunities for students, participation in town events, organization of dog and cat adoption shows, etc.
- In its 4 years of existence, the stray animal situation of Suoyarvi has improved tremendously – stray dog population has been counted – it decreased by 60%.



LACK OF VET SERVICES

- **Suoyarvi, as many towns in the region, doesn't have a properly functioning modern-day vet.**
- **The only tiny, state-run veterinary center is managed by one doctor and administrator limited in resources and unable to cope with the amount of animals coming in from Suoyarvi and nearby villages.**
- **The center doesn't have any adequate medical equipment or medications and is often unable to rescue animals in need: many of them are simply left to die.**
- **Because of the lack of local vet services, residents are often forced to travel to the region's capital city of Petrozavodsk, 200km away, a journey that is too expensive for the majority of Suoyarvi's low-income population.**
- **Sterilization of pet cats is rarely available from a visiting vet and non-existent for pet dogs.**

HOPE FOR THE FUTURE

- The shelter has been recently donated un-occupied space to be repaired and used as the town's first private vet cabinet. The space is in an empty shell and requires significant amount of work in order to be transformed into a 7-room vet clinic
- The plans are to create a modern day facility that will include: a fully equipped Vet cabinet, Surgery, 2 Recovery room for cats and dogs, Temporary housing room for healthy cats, Kitchen, a Leisure room / Accommodation for charity staff visiting out of town
- A local vet has completed the training organized by Forgotten Animals with UK vets from Mayhew Animal home. She will be available to work in the centre when it is built.
- The funds required for the completion of the project have been calculated by local volunteers taking into account discounted rates they managed to obtain.

If funding is raised we can make this hope a reality!



HOW YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

**With your donation, Suoyarvi will have a chance to obtain its first social vet cabinet.
LOCALLY, this will contribute to:**

- Saving lives of so many dogs and cats dying because of the lack of affordable vet services;**
- Providing subsidized services to low-income pet owners;**
- Reducing stray animal population by preventing births of un-wanted animals that will never find loving home and destined to suffer.**

GLOBALLY, this example city can be one of the few success stories of a complex approach to animal problem in Russia. They started with nothing (like most animal welfare groups in Russia). Through perseverance and openness to new ideas, they were able to secure help and guidance from outside. They work to eliminate causes of the problem and not just fight consequences.

Will you help them become a great example for other towns?

BUDGET

EXPENSES	COST GBP
Labour for repair of the spaces	£4,900
Equipment and supplies cost	£4,550
Administrative expenses	£600
TOTAL:	£10,050

HELPING IS EASY!

Here are 3 easy ways to help:

- Donate by visiting our website: www.forgottenanimals.org
 - Donate GBP/EUR/USD [here](#)

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- Bitcoin or other Cryptocurrencies [here](#)
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