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about us

Save the Dogs and other Animals was created in 2002 in Romania, a country where stray dogs are an endemic phenomenon and the animals are exterminated by bloody methods.

Through its two centres based in Cernavoda and Medgidia, *Save the Dogs* develops activities aimed at preventing the problem of strays by applying the "neuter and release" approach. By means of its mobile clinic, *Save the Dogs* also reaches areas with no veterinary services. Furthermore, the organization manages an international adoption program and runs education projects in Romanian schools.

Given the tragic circumstances in which equines live in Dobruja, the region in which *Save the Dogs* operates, the organization has set up a specific program for the home care of these animals in collaboration with the partners - *Donkey Sanctuary* (United Kingdom), *Friends of Homeless Dogs* (Finland) and *Animal Care Austria*. The interventions in the area include information and educational activities addressed to owners and concerning the proper management of donkeys and horses.

Footprints of Joy is *Save the Dogs* headquarters, a stunning low environmental impact shelter for dogs, cats, and equines that will become a centre for the promotion of voluntary work with pet therapy and education programs aimed at children and their families.

In collaboration with *Fondazione Paideia*, the organization has started the first donkey assisted therapy in Romania dedicated to the disabled children of the orphanage *Don Orione* in Bucharest.

Save the Dogs is a member of CIAO - Comitato Italiano Associazioni e ONG in Romania (Italian Committee for Organizations and NGOs in Romania).

What I had dreaded for long did occur on September 2nd: a dramatic accident took place in Bucharest and involved a 4-year old, named Ionut, and a few dogs, defined as "strays", which were actually inside a private property. You all know what happened in the following days, but we have pieced the sad story together on pages 4 and 5 of this issue of *STD News* for those who could not keep up with the events through the social media. Well, things were inevitably bound to go this way and I will explain why.

In December 2008, when the new framework law on animal protection banning euthanasia was approved, the mechanics of Romanian bureaucracy got jammed up. Since then, Bucharest City Hall and many other municipalities have spent millions of euro while a marginal number of dogs have actually been neutered and released each year. Elsewhere - like in Constanța - the killing has never ceased, with perfectly healthy dogs passed off as "incurably ill". In short, the implemented activity is quite loose and does not comprise all the actions needed to solve the endemic problem of stray animals. This is why the tragedy of Ionut did not strike me like a bolt from the blue.

As it was to be expected, this was just what Romanian politicians - supported by television networks, which are all firmly in their hands except the State one - were waiting for. They had already tried two years before, when a woman died after she had been attacked in Bucharest by some dogs, but at that time the media bubble did not last long, as the police showed that the poor woman had entered a private courtyard in the attempt to steal some scrap metal while the dogs were properly shut in the courtyard itself. This time, however, the unclear circumstances around the accident were quickly silenced, and the crusade against the strays was held in the strongest possible terms, with TV reports covering the death of the child and the emergency of stray dogs broadcast 12 hours a day. I was in Romania in those days, and I can assure that the public opinion was brutally manipulated - a full-blown brainwashing, worthy of the times of Ceausescu.

Today I am writing with a heavy heart, after the decision of the Constitutional Court of Romania to consider as legitimate the hideous law that was approved by the Parliament on September 10th, six days after the child's death.

My state of mind - and that of all those who work with me - is hardly imaginable. We are shocked, bewildered, and incredulous. We will have to check our Mayors' willingness to continue the work done so far (for updates see page 5, Ed). Perhaps we will have to leave the field to private firms that may take our place and make a clean sweep of the dogs in Medgidia and Cernavoda. At best we are bound to endure endless atrocities, which we will be witnessing helpless for years, awaiting a European directive on companion animals that is slow to come. This is why today we need you more than ever - to finally build a large veterinary clinic. The clinic, of which we have already spoken and which you will find mentioned on page 9, will allow us to increase the number of animals rescued from the street.

If we will be able to emotionally handle the difficult years ahead of us, we will have won our battle. We will have to fight pessimism, anger, and resignation, but if we will let positive feelings prevail - finding the strength to pursue our mission in the animals saved by *Save the Dogs* - we will achieve victory.

editorial

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The death toll for strays

THE "STRAY-KILLING" LAW IS A VICTORY FOR CRONYISM AND CORRUPTION. VICTIMS WILL BE HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS.

The Animal Protection Framework Law (9/2008) had been pending for more than two years with the Romanian Ministry for Public Affairs. In spite of the protests held by various associations, including *Save the Dogs*, the completion of the Law has been waited for 24 long months but never came. Matters were brought to a head on September 2nd by the horrible death of a 4-year old, which appeared to be caused by the bites of a few stray dogs, on the outskirts of Bucharest. However, a note of caution is required as numerous were the speculations arising about it during the reconstruction of the dreadful event. One thing is certain: there are many doubts about the veracity of the official story. It has been demonstrated that the dogs charged with the boy's death were actually being kept inside a private property, and their DNA was never found on the poor child's wounds. These elements do suggest a political exploitation of the tragic event.

A very fast procedure

A few hours after the accident, the Romanian media unleashed a veritable anti-stray psychosis, which prompted President Traian Basescu to dig out his hobbyhorse and call for the mass killing of dogs. It took six days for the law to be drafted and presented to the Chamber of Deputies, and only 48 hours for it to be

approved by the Parliament with a bipartisan vote. That was on September 10th. The appeal filed by 30 Senators supported by some animal welfare organizations with the Constitutional Court was fruitless: on September 25th, after a 4-hour discussion, the Court dismissed the request of revision as groundless, thus allowing the so-called "stray-killing" law to become State Law.

Romania playing deaf to Europe

While the appeal was being prepared, *Save the Dogs* took the diplomatic way and contacted representatives of politics and European diplomacy. 48 hours be-

fore the ruling of the Constitutional Court, we were received by the Ambassador of Romania in Rome, Ms. Dana Constantinescu, who showed her interest in the cause of animal rights and assured she would plead it with the Romanian authorities. Meanwhile, MEPs calls increased together with those put out by the world's largest organizations, including IFAW, *Humane Society*, *Dogs Trust*, and WSPA. All the attempts of the latter to freeze the law and organize a working group that includes *Save the Dogs* proved vain - at least as we write this. Ms. Angela Merkel herself spoke words of criticism, but the real news, in those hectic hours, came



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Demonstrations

Sweden, Finland, Austria, Greece, the Netherlands, Turkey, the UK, Germany, Italy, Belgium, and many others. In those crucial days, plenty of capital cities saw the parades of outraged animal rights advocates. Our partners *Hundhjälpen*, *Friends of Homeless Dogs* and *Animal Care Austria* gave a significant contribution by arranging events in Scandinavia and Austria in which many of our dogs took part. People organized themselves in Romania, too. Unlike in 2001, protest sit-ins were held in Bucharest and Constanța, as well as in small provincial towns, and dozens of people opposed the captures by the dog catchers in the street. September 10th was indeed a black day, but it did mark the timid and yet definite descent into the field of that part of the Romanian civil society that cares for animal rights.

from the crowds in the street. Demonstrations followed one another across Europe and even Romania witnessed an unprecedented awakening among people: there was no longer trace of the immobility of 2001, which enabled Basescu, the then-Mayor of Bucharest who relied on the general indifference of the local population, to exterminate 144,000 dogs in 7 years in the capital alone.

The "stray-killing" Law

At the heart of the measure is the possibility to kill the dogs that have been kept in public facilities for 14 days, unless the local Administration has the resources to keep them for a longer period. The unanimous vote of the Romanian parliament succeeded in wiping out The Universal Declaration of Animal Rights, the Europe-

an Convention for the Protection of Pet Animals and the Written Declaration of the European Parliament dated 26/2011. The consequences of the measure became soon apparent. Already in the afternoon of September 10th, we received reports of indiscriminate killings, poisonings, heaps of dead animals, and teams of catchers with nets and steel snares combing the country. The measure had not yet been passed, but the slaughter in the streets of the country had already begun.

An incalculable damage

Those who witnessed the aforementioned facts of 2001 have strong feelings of *déjà vu* that are bound to drag on for a long time, at least as long as the EU does not issue a regulation on pet animals, which will not happen before another two or three years. At that point, Romania will have to adapt its legislation. But until then hundreds of thousands of dogs will be killed in such a way that has nothing to do with the concept of "suppression by euthanasia." In addition to the pain of the animals, it is not difficult to imagine what social unrest this situation can lead to throughout the country. Many will not bear the psychological burden of the atrocities they will be forced to witness every day and the same Cristina Topescu - famous Romanian journalist - told us: "I can no longer live in my country, I'm thinking of leaving."

Corruption, cronyism, and government ineptitude - these are the real evils of the country, the cost of which is being paid by strays. The Municipalities have handled the issue of stray dogs in a deliberately ineffective way, squandering a staggering amount of public money. As a matter of fact, the Municipality of Bucharest - a metropolis with 3 million inhabitants, hin-



terland included - has an annual budget of 3.3 million Euros to manage two dilapidated dog pounds and 8 dog catchers, and the city of Constanța spends 1.5 million Euros every year to kill 7000-8000 dogs in a cruel manner, while its streets are teeming with hungry and abandoned animals.

Cernavoda and Medgidia say no

One month after the approval of the law, the Mayors of Cernavoda and Medgidia spoke out against the killings. The Municipality of Cernavoda, too, will implement a dog registry and make it mandatory for owners to neuter their dogs, with penalties against those who fail to comply, as it is already happening in Medgidia. Thus *Save the Dogs* will have the opportunity to work on the key elements of its activity, which in recent years has yielded great results: the number of stray dogs in Cernavoda fell from 2,000 in 2002 to 250, while the dogs living within courtyards are 1,600. Of these, only 300 have been neutered and it is therefore here that our organization will focus its action. In Medgidia, on the other hand, we will go ahead with the "door-to-door" activity started this year.

Just a few Romanian Mayors have disassociated themselves from the law and all of them govern Municipalities in which the work carried out by serious organizations is proving to be effective.

Beside: A demonstration in Constanța
Above: A dog caught in Mangalia



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A stable for horses like Margherita

IN ROMANIA IT IS NOT UNCOMMON TO COME ACROSS ABUSED EQUINES. THIS IS THE WORST CASE WE RUN INTO.

Margherita's torturer was clubbing her in the middle of the road because the exhausted mare had collapsed to the ground and was no longer able to get up. The terrible scene was witnessed by members

of the Medgidia staff, who found themselves in disbelief in front of a dreadful sight. Under the blows struck by the man lay a motionless and defenseless animal, covered with bloody wounds oozing with

pus. The horse was all skin and bone, her spine was clearly visible and her look was apathetic and resigned. Needless to say, the animal was in desperate condition and probably would have died if we had not intervened at the last minute. On the arrival of the police, called by our staff, the mare was impounded and immediately transported to our shelter in Cernavoda, where she was given first aid. Later it emerged that the owner of the animal was a young man with mental disorders living in a situation of profound social and economic degradation. Unlike his father, who during our visit proved to be conciliatory and cooperative, the man repeatedly threatened the members of our local team who went to his home to check the condition of any other animals that



Above: Margherita at Footprints of Joy shelter shortly after she was impounded

Beside: Margherita today. The mare is fine, she regained weight and her wounds are healed



might be kept at the scene. For this reason - and for fear that the situation could repeat itself - *Save the Dogs* decided to lodge a complaint against the man for mistreatment. The dossier, handed over to the police, is now with the Public Prosecutor's Office of Constanța awaiting judgment, while the man is regularly checked by members of the Medgidia staff.

Now, after a few months, our Margherita - as we named her - is much better. Her wounds are almost completely healed. She has regained weight and has overcome that fear of the people that led her to freeze with fright at the presence of humans. She also has a companion, the horse Romika, one of the guests of our shelter for abused horses in Cernavoda. The two are inseparable.

A bequest to *Save the Dogs*, a better tomorrow for animals in Romania

Romanian animals live through a non-stop emergency situation. Today *Save the Dogs* is concerned with alleviating their suffering and saving lives, but we have to think about the years to come, too. Looking ahead means acting on the mechanisms of politics, promoting a change in people's mentality, educating the new generations in a respect culture, making our work on the ground more effective. Time, skills, effort and patience will be spent for many years into the future in order to give the animals a chance to live peacefully in their present time.

With a testamentary bequest you can join us on this long journey.

Think about it today and contact our offices at +39 02.39445900 or at info@savethedogs.eu to have all the information you need to make your choice. A bequest is a concrete gesture towards a better tomorrow for animals in Romania.

The Equine Project

Thanks to a special program dedicated to equines, we have managed to do a lot for them in recent years, and many horses like Margherita were given the chance to escape hunger and ill-treatment. A significant part of the project consists in delivering free home care to the animals owned by poor families. Through this work, our staff provides veterinary care to donkeys and horses but also useful information to their owners, who often lack the basic knowledge to properly manage their animals. Furthermore, thanks to our new partner *Animal Care Austria*, who visited our centres last May, in the coming months we are going to develop a targeted intervention to be carried out in Roma neighborhoods, where it is a tradition to trade in horses and exploit them.

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By doing so, farmers avoid to shoulder the costs of their maintenance during the months of inactivity.

As part of the development of the activities in favour of horses and donkeys, the purchase of a trailer to transport the animals to our shelter is a goal attained with the help of many friends. As a matter of fact, a makeshift means of transport had been used so far, and another trailer, safe and comfortable, and in line with the Romanian laws on animal transport, was now necessary.

The new stable

The new stable, which will complement the existing one at *Footprints of Joy*, is the second goal we reached shortly after the sad story of Margherita. The construction work began in mid-October and the funds for its realization (20,000 Euros) were made available by private donors and organizations who placed their trust in our project: *PetPlan Charitable Trust* (UK), *Horses on Death Row* (USA), *Friends of Homeless Dogs* (Finland), and *Hundhjälpen* (Sweden). To all of them we offer our heartfelt thanks.



At the top: The stable at the equine shelter of *Save the Dogs*. The construction of the second facility will allow us to save many more horses.

At the bottom: The trailer for the transport of equines purchased thanks to the many friends of *Save the Dogs*

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Dear supporters, you are the oxygen of our projects!

FILIPPO AGOSTINO, 35 YEARS OLD, FROM TURIN. SINCE JANUARY 2013 HE IS THE GENERAL MANAGER OF SAVE THE DOGS ROMANIA.

"I had already lived in Romania - he explains - and I was aware of the dramatic issue of stray dogs plaguing the country. What I had seen in Bucharest had left its mark on me and I thought that one day I would put my skills to the service of an organization committed to animal rights. I imagined, however, a commitment as a volunteer, based in Italy, and instead..."

Instead, you have a key role in *Save the Dogs*. What brought you to Bucharest in the past?

My previous work. For a long time I have been dealing with children's support for an Italian organization and that has been a very intense experience. Fresh out of my Master's program in Social Development, I have worked across Eastern Europe for seven years and stayed in the Romanian Capital for long.

You went from humanitarian commitment to that to animals. Was it difficult?

Not in the least. Indeed, I believe that the latter, too, can be considered as "humanitarian" engagement. A project such as ours, in such a context, makes sense only if accompanied by a serious work on the community. This is why I am enthusiastic about the attention given to children by *Save the Dogs*. I am convinced that they are our best allies and that the protection

of the animals goes hand in hand with a respect culture learned at an early age.

You have worked in Bucharest but now live in Cernavoda. Have you noticed differences between the Romanian Capital city and the provinces?

Yes, many. There is more poverty and distrust here. People have more of a closed mind and it is difficult to live in an environment in which you are always perceived as an "outsider." But I believe that these same reasons make our work even more important: perhaps because of these difficulties, no significant entities take care of stray dogs in these areas. And it is here that our action becomes essential.

September 25th was a tragic day for the work of *Save the Dogs*. What's your experience on the ground after the approval of the new law?

Our work is constantly hampered by bureaucracy and politics and the new measure does place further limitations on our action. I'm glad to see a positive reaction from the people and the municipalities in which we have been working for years now, but there's no disguising the fact that the work of *Save the Dogs* is likely to take a step back with the entry into force of the law. As of today we will have fewer

resources to fight against a backward political class and the constraints it imposes. This is why it is even more important to keep on building on the cornerstones of our work: sterilization, identification, sanctions for pet abandonment and development of a respect culture. It's a renewed challenge, now more than ever.

What's your overall impression of this first year with *Save the Dogs*?

Definitely a positive one, in spite of the daily difficulties. But I fear that the worst is yet to come and that the promulgation of the new law is bringing in a truly black period.

Is there a message you would like to send from Romania to our supporters?

I'd like to tell them that they are more important than what they think. In such dramatic circumstances, they are the ones that make us carry on. Donations, even small ones, are the oxygen of our daily activity. Even the e-mails, Facebook messages, and demonstrations of affection that we receive are fundamental. They help us not to lose heart, to believe that we can rely on our supporters and that we are not alone in this remote part of Romania.

Above: Filippo Agostino, General Manager of *Save the Dogs Romania*, with Lena, one of the horses at Footprints of Joy shelter



Who's this lad?

INCREDIBLY ENOUGH, THIS HAPPY FOUR-LEGGED IS THE PUPPY IN THE COVER PHOTO. HERE IS HIS STORY.

Juno wandered unnoticed and lonely in the vicinity of Medgidia's dumping ground, looking for something to eat. That morning of last June some members of our staff were in the area on their usual patrol. Considering the numerous lesions covering the dog's body, they soon realized that that starving and frightened puppy would never survive life as a stray. As a matter of fact, the little one was affected by mange, a disease that is very common among stray dogs and that - if untreated - leads to the death of the animal.

Away from danger

The poor animal was rescued by Ylenia, our adoption manager in Italy, who was visiting Romania right in those days. The dog was brought to the shelter in Medgidia so that he could be given first aid. The veterinary examination of the parasite infestation confirmed it was mange and the therapy against the disease began as soon as possible, despite the fear that the dog could not make it.

Little Juno - as he was named by our staff - survived, and a few months later he is unrecognizable. Once he had recovered, he was allowed to leave the quarantine area and start the cycle of mandatory vaccinations. The amazing improvement of his physical condition has been going hand in hand with that of his emotional health: the fear and mistrust that Juno inevitably showed on his arrival at the shelter have gradually given way to the confidence in those who still look after him.

A future with a loving family

Our task now is to continue to study and work on the temperament of little Juno to assess the right timing for his adoption. He has been included in the Finnish program and, considering his progress as well as his small size, we are confident about his future. We hope he'll leave Romania as soon as possible, off to the new life he deserves.



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The new veterinary clinic is now urgently needed.

Thanks to the care of our vets, Juno is safe, but many dogs like him still desperately need *Save the Dogs'* work. Unfortunately, we are in serious trouble as the administration of Cernavoda has decided not to renew the lease of the premises where our clinic is situated and by December 31st we will have to move elsewhere. This happens right in the middle of the emergency associated with the approval of the "stray-killing" law that drives us to intensify both care and neutering activities.

This is why today, more than ever before, we really need your help!

Indeed it is time to build the new veterinary clinic, for which a fundraising campaign was launched in 2012. The facility will be located next to *Footprints of Joy* shelter and only you can help us to build it with a small or large contribution. You can sponsor a specific area of the facility with donations ranging from 500 to 1,500 Euros. Or you can make a donation, even a small one, specifying "New veterinary clinic" as a reason for payment. You will find further information on our website www.footprintsofjoy.eu or you can call us at +39.02.39445900. We are confident that, thanks to you, we will make it this time, too.



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Above: Juno runs happily in the socialization area of the shelter in Medgidia.

At the top right: Juno inside his kennel at the clinic in Medgidia, a few hours after being rescued.

Beside: The new clinic will be a prefabricated building constructed with cutting-edge and wood-like materials that will give the building a pleasant rustic look.

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A demanding year for STD

IN 2012 THE SHARE OF FUNDS ALLOCATED TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF OUR PROJECTS IN ROMANIA WAS 77%.

When looking at the income statement for 2012, the first fact that we observe is a significant drop in Italian donations (-33.62%) along with a boost in those from abroad (+9%). As a matter of fact, thanks to its Northern European partners, *Save the Dogs* increasingly stands out as an organization with an international scope.

The decline in revenues

From a statistical point of view, 2012 is the first year in which we see a decline in our revenues, while historically the organization has grown by 20-25% each year.

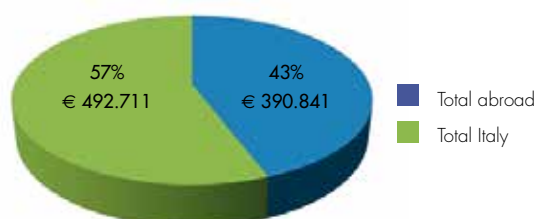
In view of the difficulties to cover the running costs in Romania, the fundraising campaign for the new veterinary clinic was stopped in mid-year. We were aware of the impossibility of such an investment during such a critical economic situation and therefore decided to "freeze" the project in anticipation of better times. We now hope that the pressure from the local authorities to close down the old facility will not give us trouble from a bureaucrat-

ic and administrative point of view.

Like every other year in the past, the main challenge for 2012 was the funding of the projects for *Save the Dogs* Romania. In 2012 the amount allocated to our affiliates in Cernavoda and Medgidia touched a real record (848,000 Euros, that is 55,000 Euros more than in 2011), which is justified by the completion of *Footprints of Joy* facility. € 630,000 were required to cover current expenditure (operation of the veterinary centres and international adoption program), € 218,000 have been invested in the new shelter, while the remaining € 34,000 were used for the unplanned maintenance of the other structures (see section "Investments").

For more details, the extensive report by Filippo Agostino, general manager of *Save the Dogs* Romania, is available to our members.

When we have a look at the expenses reported under the "Projects" item, in addition to the funds that were directly destined to our affiliates, we must mention other costs we incurred in Italy, including the purchase of equipment for the shelters and all the items of expenditure connected with the van that is used for the transport of the animals arriving from Romania. On the other hand, it is not possible to quantify the value of the material that our office in Milan dispatches on a weekly basis, as it would be extremely laborious to give



2012 total donations: € 883,552

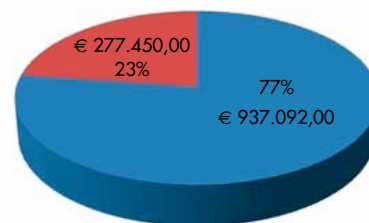
each object/product a market value. In total, in 2012 we sent 6.5 tons of goods.

A virtuous organization

The costs incurred for events, communication, promotion of the projects, and fixed overheads (staff costs, administrative expenses, etc.) fall into the "other expenditures" category. As we can see from the comparison between 2012 and 2011, the "Other Expenditures" section decreased by about 9,000 Euros. In 2012 the share of funds allocated to the implementation of our projects in Romania was 77%, while 23% was used to operate our office in Milan and to finance

the fundraising and communication activities. *Save the Dogs* has therefore established itself as a virtuous organization, for which the top priority is to implement activities in favour of animals and to develop sustainable and long-term projects in the area where we decided to operate.

(We remind you that our Organization Report for 2012 is available to members who request it. Please, ask our office in Milan).



■ Expenditure on the projects
■ Other expenditures

2012 total expenditures:
€ 1,214,542

Beside: A part of the area dedicated to the dogs inside *Footprints of Joy* shelter

As donations from abroad grow, *Save the Dogs* increasingly stands out as an organization with an international scope.

SAVE THE DOGS AND OTHER ANIMALS ONLUS INCOME STATEMENT - 31st DECEMBER 2012

EXPENDITURES	31.12.2012	31.12.2011	REVENUES	31.12.2012	31.12.2011
EXPENDITURES ON PROJECTS	€ 937.092,00	€ 687.339,00	DONATIONS	€ 1.140.787,00	€ 1.046.194,00
Operating costs in Romania	€ 652.662,00	€ 648.742,00	Donations	€ 678.223,00	€ 621.832,00
Donations to Save the Dogs Romania	€ 583.883,00	€ 581.732,00	Donations	€ 678.223,00	€ 621.832,00
Cost for the staff in charge of adoptions in Italy	€ 30.002,00	€ 27.545,00			
Staff travel expenses	€ 15.759,00				
Purchase of miscellaneous goods	€ 12.948,00	€ 17.478,00			
Air animal transport - international adoptions	€ 2.589,00	€ 6.217,00			
Shipping costs for materials sent to Romania		€ 9.432,00			
Costs for animal transport by land	€ 7.481,00	€ 6.338,00			
Miscellaneous expenditure on <i>Footprints of Joy</i> project	€ 223.327,00	€ 555,00	Donations for <i>Footprints of Joy</i> project	€ 143.787,00	€ 403.500,00
Costs for the construction of the shelter	€ 218.611,00		Donations for <i>Footprints of Joy</i> project (vet clinic)	€ 143.787,00	€ 403.500,00
Miscellaneous expenditure		€ 366,00			
Communication campaign	€ 4.716,00	€ 189,00			
Costs to support donkey-assisted therapy	€ 3.770,00	€ 11.481,00	Donations for donkey-assisted therapy	€ 3.770,00	€ 16.862,00
Donations to Save the Dogs Romania	€ 3.770,00	€ 11.000,00	Donations for donkey-assisted therapy	€ 3.770,00	€ 16.862,00
Miscellaneous expenditure		€ 481,00			
Costs for education project	€ 4.726,00	€ 4.000,00	Donations for education project	€ 4.240,00	€ 4.000,00
Donations to Save the Dogs Romania	€ 4.726,00	€ 4.000,00	Donations for education project	€ 4.240,00	€ 4.000,00
Costs for mobile clinic project	€ 42.678,00		Donations for mobile clinic project	€ 42.678,00	
Donations to Save the Dogs Romania	€ 42.678,00		Donations for mobile clinic project	€ 42.678,00	
Donations to related bodies in Romania	€ 9.929,00	€ 22.561,00	Voluntary tax donations	€ 268.089,00	
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OTHER EXPENDITURES	€ 277.450,00	€ 286.810,00	OTHER REVENUES	€ 42.406,00	€ 58.525,00
Costs for events	€ 3.705,00	€ 40.144,00	Fundraisers	€ 10.848,00	€ 37.313,00
Costs for Piovani's concert		€ 36.226,00	Piovani's concert		€ 28.309,00
Costs for summer lunch		€ 3.918,00	Summer lunch		€ 9.004,00
Costs for Italian opening of new shelter	€ 1.846,00		Italian opening of new shelter	€ 2.957,00	
Costs for miscellaneous events	€ 1.859,00		Miscellaneous events	€ 7.891,00	
Membership campaign	€ 781,00	€ 715,00	Membership dues	€ 20.191,00	€ 20.060,00
Costs for membership campaign	€ 781,00	€ 715,00	Membership dues	€ 20.191,00	€ 20.060,00
Other expenditures	€ 49.113,00	€ 42.402,00	Other revenues	€ 67,00	€ 1.152,00
Costs for project promotion	€ 49.113,00	€ 42.402,00	Other revenues	€ 67,00	€ 1.152,00
Fixed overheads	€ 223.851,00	€ 203.549,00	Ending inventories	€ 11.300,00	
Utilities	€ 10.965,00	€ 7.696,00	Gadget stock	€ 11.300,00	
Rent of the premises	€ 13.320,00	€ 13.000,00			
Bank and postal charges	€ 19.602,00	€ 13.364,00			
Staff	€ 149.553,00	€ 122.648,00			
Administrative expenses	€ 10.385,00	€ 15.937,00			
Depreciation and amortization	€ 10.238,00	€ 8.101,00			
Other operating expenses	€ 3.427,00	€ 12.702,00			
Interest expense	€ 1.067,00	€ 1.032,00			
Extraordinary operating expenses	€ 1.472,00	€ 3.047,00			
Miscellaneous purchases	€ 3.822,00	€ 6.022,00			
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	€ 1.214.542,00	€ 974.149,00	TOTAL INCOME	€ 1.183.193,00	€ 1.104.719,00
OPERATING SURPLUS	-€ 31.349,00	€ 130.570,00			

OUR PARTNERS

Animal Care Austria (Austria)



Save the Dogs and Animal Care Austria have been partners since 2013. The organization supports our home care program dedicated to owned donkeys and horses.

To support *Animal Care Austria*:

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The Donkey Sanctuary (UK)



Save the Dogs and The Donkey Sanctuary have been partners since 2008. Each year, the organization supports the Footprints of Joy shelter dedicated to abused donkeys, for which it financed the construction of three stables and the connection to the water network.

To support The Donkey Sanctuary and contact the organization:

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Friends of Homeless Dogs (Finland)



Save the Dogs and Friends of Homeless Dogs have been partners since 2007. The organization provides for the adoption of Romanian homeless dogs in Finland and supports the home care program dedicated to owned donkeys and horses. It organizes several fundraisers for Save the Dogs.

To support *Friends of Homeless Dogs*:

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Horses on Death Row (USA)



"Save the Dogs and Horses on Death Row have been partners since 2012. The organization supports the shelter *Footprints of Joy* dedicated to abused horses.

To support Horses on Death Row and contact the organization:

www.horsesondeathrow.org

Hundhjälpen (Sweden)



Save the Dogs and Hundhjälpen have been partners since 2005. The organization provides for the adoption of Romanian homeless dogs in Sweden and organizes several fundraisers for Save the Dogs.

To support *Hundhjälpen*:

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