

# DogsnHomes Rescue joins forces with Ukrainian War Animals Relief Fund to Support a Million DOGS and CATS in Ukraine Left Behind During the War

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UK charity, DogsnHomes Rescue is proud to announce its partnership with US non-profit, Ukrainian War Animals Relief Fund (ARF) to help companion animals in Ukraine. Nearly seven million people have fled Ukraine since the Russian invasion in February 2022 and at least 30% of Ukrainians have been forced to leave their pets behind. This means unprecedented numbers of abandoned dogs and cats are now wandering the dangerous streets without homes.

DogsnHomes Rescue has already delivered 40 tonnes of aid via several missions since the war began. It is now arranging an HGV with over 20 tonnes of donated food and supplies for dogs and cats to be delivered to a warehouse on the Polish-Ukrainian border in July.

Shortly after this has arrived in Poland, a volunteer from DogsnHomes Rescue will travel to the warehouse and meet the ARF team before the aid is taken into Ukraine. ARF has assembled an impressive team of vets and vet nurses from around the world including volunteers from Australia, Canada, Denmark, Norway, Mexico, the UK and many European countries.

With a unique approach, ARF, founded by US Dot Com serial tech entrepreneur Dan Fine, is building a web portal for warehouses, drivers and shelters to use. This allows shelters to catalogue animals in their care and request food, medicines and supplies, while providing drivers the opportunity to verify their requests prior to fulfilling them. The concept is to streamline aid for companion animals by connecting aid workers together and creating the nation's most comprehensive database of abandoned pets in over 1,000 shelters.

The DogsnHomes Rescue and ARF partnership has a far reaching vision. In addition to delivering aid, the team will be visiting shelters containing thousands of abandoned and stray cats and dogs. The aim is to spay and neuter 500 animals over two weeks initially, to prevent a surge of unwanted pregnancies.

In addition to being spayed or neutered, all the animals will be photographed and micro chipped, with their details added to the portal. This database will enable the animals to be reunited with their owners as families return or rehomed.

Gary Baxter, Co-founder of DogsnHomes Rescue says,

"We are proud partners of ARF and are delighted to be working in collaboration with them. Working together as a team enables us not only to deliver aid for dogs and cats on the largest scale we have to date, but also to assist ARF in establishing their first mobile spay and neuter clinic and data capture for the portal."

"We know that many Ukrainians had no choice but to either let their dog or cat loose at the station or try to find a nearby shelter that was open, overcrowded and understaffed", says Dan Fine, Founder of ARF. "We were wondering what we could do to help these innocent animals, so we put our heads together and formulated ARF."

This ambitious project needs significant funding as it requires a lot of equipment, supplies and aid to make it happen. Volunteers are giving up their time to go to dangerous places and funds are urgently needed to help the companion animals of Ukraine in their desperate need.

Donations to this project can be made via <https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/spay-ukraine>

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## Editors' Notes

DognHomes Rescue (Registered Charity No. 1183775) is a small charity, based in Fleet, Hampshire, with a simple mission: To rescue dogs from Portugal and the UK and find them forever homes. The charity takes the time to listen to potential owners' preferences and match the right people with the right dog. Since the start of the Ukraine war DognHomes Rescue has also provided aid for DOGS and CATS, working with partner charities in Ukraine.

Everyone at DognHomes Rescue is a volunteer and 100% of all donations goes to helping companion animals in need. [Dognhomes.org.uk](https://dognhomes.org.uk) <https://en-gb.facebook.com/DognHomes/>

Ukrainian War Animals Relief Fund is a US non-profit society that consists of passionate animal lovers. As many local and international animal non-profits abandon Ukrainian animals due to the human risk of warfare, ARF delivers medicine, supplies and food to shelters. They also rescue abandoned animals left in dangerous situations, because they firmly believe no animal deserves to be left behind.

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