

ExoldaAnnual Report and Accounts ROLDA 2019

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Fighting the Good Fight: How You Can Join Our Cause

1. Fighting the Good Fight:

HOW YOU CAN JOIN OUR CAUSE

Your gift has an immediate impact for Romanian animals in need!

You have the power to save a dog from misery, hunger and abuse.

Today.

BANK TRANSFER

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Account name: Fundatia ROLDA
IBAN EUR: RO58BTRLEURCRT0PA6711501
SWIFT/BIC: BTRLRO22
Bank name: Banca Transilvania
Bank address: Movilei 2-8, Bloc D, parter,
Galati, Romania

ONLINE DONATION

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https://rolda.org/donate

On ROLDA's secured website, you can donate by PayPal or Stripe (using your card).

TRANSFORM ROMANIAN ANIMALS' FUTURE: MENTION ROLDA IN YOUR LEGACY

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Visit

https://legacy.rolda.org

Select your country and read how you can mention ROLDA in your legacy.

Thank you for empowering us to take action for thousands of voiceless animals, waiting to be saved!

updates on ROLDA's rescue missions in Romania:



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Join the ROLDA
Rescue Team
even if you are
miles away:



rolda.org/ subcribe-to-newsletter

Donations are urgently needed to fund life saving missions right now



rolda.org/donate

2. A Call to Action:

ROLDA'S MISSION & MESSAGE FROM OUR FOUNDER

MOVING FORWARD LIKE WINNERS DO.

I am looking forward to delivering you a summary of news from the past year. It is said that winners are always moving forward. In fact, this is what we have done every year, helped by people like you. And 2019 was not an exception.

One of the things I want to start with is to **thank you** for being with us for another year, with your heart close to ROLDA and for generously offering from your own pocket, gifts that made our work possible.

ROLDA rescue missions in Romania are supported by people from all over the World, from Australia, United States, Canada, across Europe (and even some people located in Asia or South Africa), and we are equally grateful to each and all.

You are amazing because, from all the hundreds of worthy animal charities, you choose to donate, trust and care for our organization. With respect to your donations, ROLDA makes efforts to keep the administrative (indirect) costs as low as possible.

AT THE END OF 2019, ROLDA REACHED AN IMPORTANT MILESTONE: 20.000 ANIMALS BEING HELPED SINCE ROLDA CAME INTO EXISTENCE.

20.000 animals helped is a lot to count. It's 20.000 new faces, new stories, 20.000 times holding a defenseless soul in your arms, feeling each of their hearts beating fast, their paws – relaxed or tensioned, their eyes begging, expressing fear or despair. Providing the right medicine is the vet's job, giving the right cure for an injured, hurt soul is a ROLDA job.

And most of the time, we did it the right way. In some cases, we couldn't save the dogs and for these we cried, we felt guilty, but we move on because there are so many more dogs needing our help.

20,000 big thank yous for making our rescue mission in Romania possible and efficient. I cannot measure the gratitude I feel for you.

I know it's there, in my heart, every moment.

You are my heroes and I hope to have you for many more years to come, by ROLDA's side – for as long as you will be satisfied with our work.

Thank you for helping ROLDA move forward.

Together, we help Romanian animals stay alive with dignity, be well cared, treated, respected and adopted into forever homes. Together, we help them have a better and safe future.

With respect and hope,

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Dana Costin, Founder & CEO ROLDA





3. Then & Now:

THE DOGS WHOSE LIVES ROLDA TRANSFORMED



Bela



RESCUED IN AUGUST 2019

Medical condition: severe, big open wound on her face caused by a sharp object Help provided: surgery and post operative care

MARCH 2020

Outcome: completely recovered



ADOPTED IN SWITZERLAND

Ilona





Medical condition: extremely severe, massive head infection

Help provided: multiple surgeries and IV treatment with antibiotics FEBRUARY 2020

Outcome: completely recovered



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ADOPTED IN SWEDEN

Romeo



RESCUED IN APRIL 2019

Medical condition: severe, risk of generalized infection

Help provided: wound cleaning,
emergency medical assistance

APRIL 2020
Outcome: completely recovered



ADOPTED IN ROMANIA





RESCUED IN FEBRUARY 2019

Medical condition: severe,
at risk of getting blind

Help provided: surgery to both eyes
and post surgery care

MARCH 2019 Outcome: completely recovered



ADOPTED IN SWEDEN

4. Driven by Love:

HOW AND WHY ROLDA BEGAN

Over the years, people have often asked me: "If you could be anyone in the world, who would you be?"

My name is Elena Daniela Costin, or Dana for short. I started ROLDA soon after I finished high school.

During my 20s, the stray population boomed all over Romania, including in my hometown Galati. My first rescue dog was a German shepherd, which I found full of blood and open wounds, abandoned in a local park after an illegal dog fight. Printz was the first dog my parents allowed to stay in our tiny apartment!



I have a story for almost all the 20,000 other dogs helped by ROLDA after Printz.

Read the full story on: https://uk.rolda.org/biography

Dana Costin
CEO & Founder ROLDA



ROLDA is an international charity that helps abandoned animals in Romania using a responsible, efficient, and humane approach. Our programs serve hungry, abandoned, and abused animals, as well as pets with financially troubled owners such as senior citizens, retirees, and unemployed people.

Vision

To build a world free from homeless, unwanted animals that suffer terribly on the streets.

A World where each dog and cat has the opportunity to form a strong, lifelong bond with their human companion.



Mission

To build humane and sustainable habitats for abused animals and to create safer, cleaner habitats to benefit the people in Romania.

5. Our Year in Numbers:

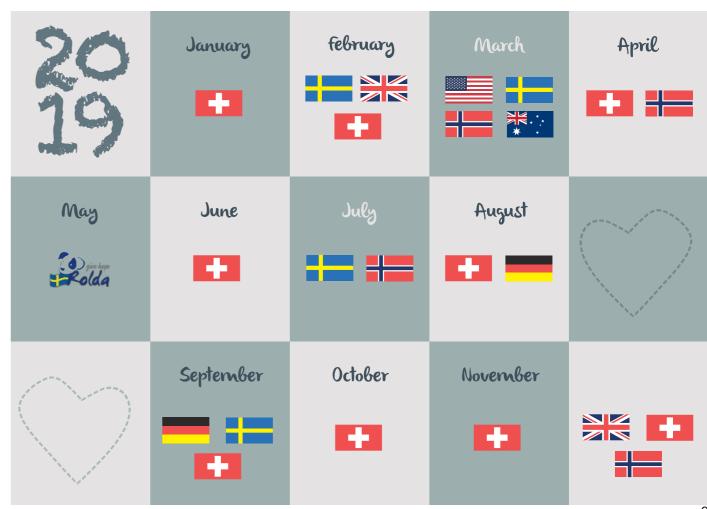
ROLDA RESCUES, INCOME & EXPENSES

The budget gaps filled after a Multi-Billionaire abandoned hundreds of dogs in ROLDA care and refused to respect his contractual obligations.

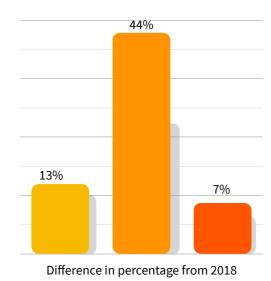
ROLDA supporters recall that starting 2016, our charity struggles to fill the huge gaps left in the budget, after the company owned by Lakshmi Mittal refused to pay for the food and shelter related costs for 250 from the total of 644 dogs from ROLDA sanctuary.

Mobilizing all the teams from international branches, ROLDA started in parallel with the legal actions against Mittal corporation – the battle to secure funds to look after these dogs, because we never abandon a dog in need.

Below, you can see how we manage to **fill the budget's gaps** during 2019, helped by our **foreign partners**. This year, we continue the complicated journey to secure the funds for these dogs because they have nobody else to rely on, except #roldafamily and our greatest supporters who never let us down.

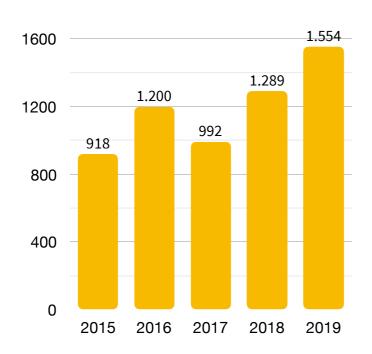


Your generous support enabled ROLDA to reach:

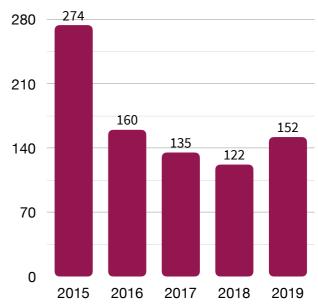


209 pets from poor communities helped with food and medical care
663 dogs and cats sterilised in the rural communities
152 dogs adopted in Romania and across Europe
2018 values

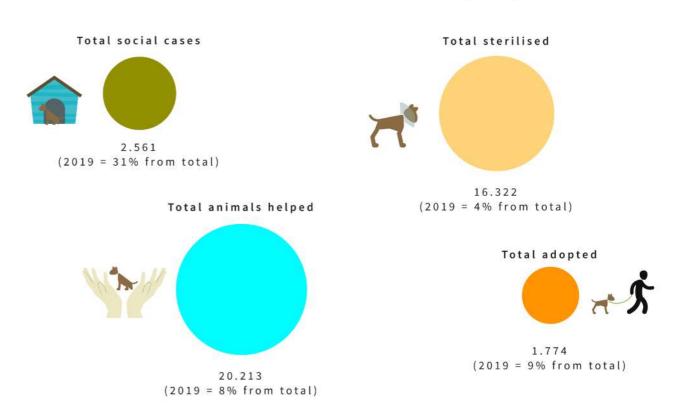
Animals helped by ROLDA in the past 5 years



Dogs adopted in Romania and across Europe in the past 5 years



Total numbers since ROLDA was founded (2006)



ROLDA International Branches Contributions for Animal Rescue in Romania:

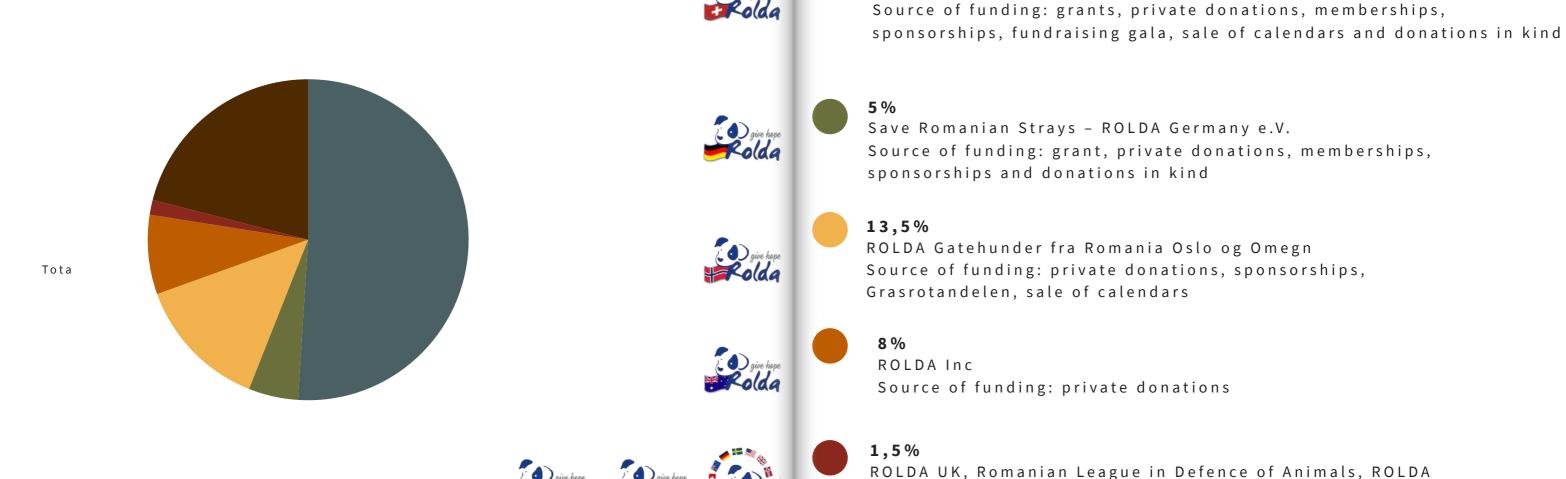
51%

21%

Association ROLDA Sverige

sale of calendars

Association ROLDA Suisse



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Source of funding: private donations, Benevity and Workplace giving/Payroll giving, affiliate programs

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6. Transparency & Trust:

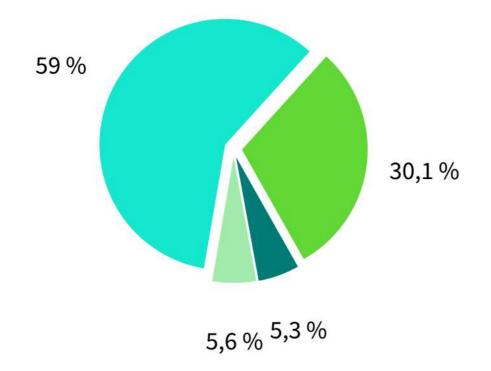
SOURCE OF FUNDING

Over time, ROLDA's mission and the plight of dogs in Romania has resonated around the world, striking chords in the hearts of animal lovers everywhere. Our cause has attracted both the attention and generosity of a diverse range of supporters. During 2019, the majority of ROLDA's income came from corporate giving.

It is encouraging to see that more businesses from Romania and from abroad choose to support community activities like our's through **sponsorship programs** (which have also fiscal advantages in some countries) or **employees matching gifts/payroll giving programs**.

ROLDA is tremendously thankful to all who made or consider to make a contribution, especially when there is an immense competition.





ROLDA's sister-charities (international branches) have stimulated both awareness and discussion around the homeless dog crisis in Romania. Kind supporters from all over the world are looking beyond their borders and offer what they can to help. ROLDA is humbled to receive almost a third of our income from our wonderful international supporters.

Whilst grants make up only a small proportion of our donations, ROLDA is eternally grateful for every penny we have received from such generous **grant makers**.





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Expenses Explained

ANNUAL BUDGET ROLDA

 1^{st} Jan $2019 - 1^{st}$ Jan 2020

Currency: RON; conversion: 1E = 4,7 RON

PRODUCT	COST 2019	OBSERVATIONS
Food	703.142	Food section includes the premium dog food from Greenpoint supplier (Spanish origin), the supplements purchased from Auchan supermarket, the food for donkeys and cats.
Medicine	211.173	Medicine section includes the purchase of vaccines, preventive treatments against fleas, ticks, heartworms, first aid supplies, prescribed medicines, diagnostic snap tests.
Cars	106.393	Cars section usually includes with fuel costs, rescue vans repairs and maintenance, car insurance, ITP control, vignettes. As an exception for 2019, the total also includes the cost of purchase a Dacia rescue van (65.271 RON)
Vet bills	165.131	Vet bills section includes the emergency treatments, surgeries, post surgery care, sterilization campaigns for dogs and cats from poor communities and costs incurred to prepare dogs to travel abroad (passports, vet checks).
Utilities Shelters	20.782	Utilities section includes electrical, phone, water bills, wood for stoves— heating, waste/garbage fee.
Salaries RO	275.175	Salaries RO section includes the salaries paid to 7 caretakers, the salaries' taxes plus bonuses for Easter, Christmas etc.
Contractors	209.515	Contractors section includes the annual payments made to lawyer, bookkeeper, labor protection, notary, auditor, DDD services, occupational medicine.
Shelter related	28.901	Shelter related costs usually include consumables (gloves, buckets, disinfectant, cleaning supplies), bottled water for caretakers costs, as well as small pieces of equipment and supplies for maintenance, repairs. As an exception for 2019, the total also includes new Kuranda dog beds for small sanctuary and bed replacement parts.

Salaries Intl ***	99.462	Salaries Intl section includes salaries paid to foreign employees.
Shelter security	118.055	Shelter security section includes the annual payments made to the company hired to protect the large sanctuary from thieves or people who might enter uninvited to hurt the dogs as well as costs incurred with surveillance system installed at the small sanctuary.
Taxes	65.775	Taxes section includes the Court fees, the annual taxes paid to Smardan City Hall, Galati City Hall, the VAT returned to the state, other taxes (e.g. a tax paid to police to stamp the large sanctuary' safety plan), bank related fees. Note: From the total taxes, the bank related fees represent 2945 RON.
Renovation Building	23.828	The renovation-building section includes one-time costs incurred for the small shelter attic repair, new electric system, purchase of a new chainsaw, the costs incurred to replace all the wood dog beds at the large sanctuary, architect plans for the cat sanctuary, demolition of old building where the cat sanctuary will be built.
Web related***	122.501	The web related section includes web management & implementation, hosting and domains renewal fees, website backup, Adwords account management, graphic web design.
Marketing *** Advertising Printing Related	48.851	This section includes printing, postage, other advertising and marketing costs related.
Other costs	20.298	Other costs section includes various expenses which can't be classified in any of the above sections.
Handmade RO	14.498	Handmade RO section includes the costs incurred to purchase handmade objects crafted by Romanian artisans, sold/distributed/offered as gift by ROLDA branches to foreign supporters.

7. Long-Term Change:

HUMANELY REDUCING ROMANIA'S STRAY DOG POPULATION

Fighting daily against an overwhelming animal overpopulation affect not only the animals, but people as well, both physically and emotionally.

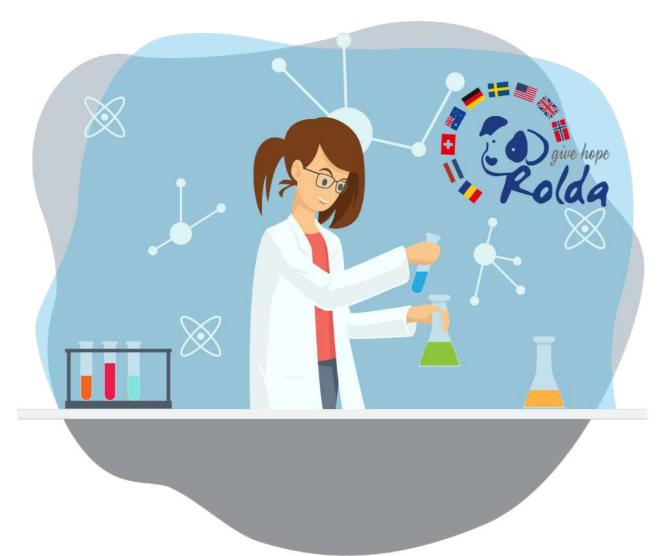
Strong graphic images circulating fast around the globe thanks to social media describes the sad reality of being a stray, which we often have the luxury to turn our head, close our eyes, to ignore it, but they, the strays, have nowhere to hide from it.

Unless we fight for them: to change laws, where possible; to make a gift for their medical care; to sponsor their sheltering in good places where they will be protected; to adopt them instead #of buying pure breed dogs.

Over the years, like many other charities, **ROLDA** searched the "magic" formula to put an end effectively to strays overpopulation.

Adapted to the Romanian reality, the formula is a combination of:

STERILIZATION + AID FOR PETS IN POOR COMMUNITIES + EDUCATION



8. Victory for the Underdogs:

ROLDA'S TRIUMPH IN COURT



THE BIGGEST BATTLE ROLDA HAD SINCE IT WAS FOUNDED.

ROLDA: The first and the only charity that has taken the risk to legally fight a top global corporation in defence of our dogs.

We survived 3 year long battle in Court... and won!

When the manager of a local steel plant (owned by steel tycoon Lakshmi Mittal) abused the dogs from their premises, ROLDA ignored her threats and reported the incident to their headquarters in London. The manager angrily and illegally broke the conditions of a contract with ROLDA, refusing to fulfil their legal obligations.

ROLDA sued ArcelorMittal (AMG) in March 2016 and again 3 years later. After we won in the Galati Court of Law, AMG made an appeal to the Superior Court of Justice and then, to the Supreme Court of Justice in Bucharest, where they hired a world famous lawyer to represent them. All the judges gave a favorable decision to ROLDA, in all three Courts of Laws.

These 3 years were extremely stressful for ROLDA, not only emotionally (hearing the AMG despicable defence), but also financially, because literally overnight we faced a dangerous situation - seeing the budget reduce by 40%.

We knew the worst case scenario was that ROLDA would have to close down the large shelter, but we are fighters and we never give up on our dogs!

Helped by the amazing international team, against the odds, **ROLDA survived month after month**. Even AMG people were surprised we managed to keep the large shelter going for so long.

When the trial ended at the Supreme Court in Bucharest, AMG was forced to pay penalties and repair the unfinished paddocks for the dogs.

To this date, even if the trial officially ended in May 2019, AMG refused to pay the penalties in full.

ROLDA had to hire a debt collector to recover the money and this sadly meant we had to start a new trial.

For a corporation as big as AMG, with many principles and code of conduct nicely written on paper, their approach during the ROLDA case (starting with threats from the local manager, the horrible lies they said in Court, the abuse against dogs, and their refusal to respect the court's final decision) seems unbelievable and outrageous. Sadly, this is the truth.

During August, ROLDA's founder sent the first batch of letters to all home addresses of Lakshmi Mittal, the owner of AMG.

With an estimated fortune of 16 Billions (!!!) (source https://celebritynetworthwiki.org/richest-business/lakshmi-mittal-net-worth/) in 2018, L. Mittal is one of the richest men on earth. ROLDA doesn't beg for gifts, but we want what's rightful ours. For him, the amount requested by ROLDA is "nothing".

In case he refuses to reply or ignore our letters, we will not discourage but will continue to send him the same letter, on and on.

In brief, this is the story of the biggest battle we had since ROLDA was founded.

A battle who has a winner: ROLDA; a battle that made us stronger, more united as a team; a battle that proves that all ROLDA members share the same ethic values and courage, when we all agreed with no hesitation to stand up and fight against a giant corporation instead of letting our dogs down and choosing a more "comfortable" solution.

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9. Sanctuary for #roldadogs:

OUR SHELTERS

Big Shelter



12 paddocks (120 kennels), running spaces, staff operational building

Maximum capacity: 700 dogs

Opened in: 2007

Annual budget required: 300.000 EUR

Surface: 25.000sqm

Small Shelter



15 kennels, running spaces, staff operational building Maximum capacity: 70 dogs

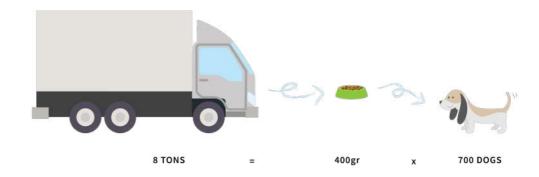
Opened in: 2003

Annual budget required: 30.000 EUR

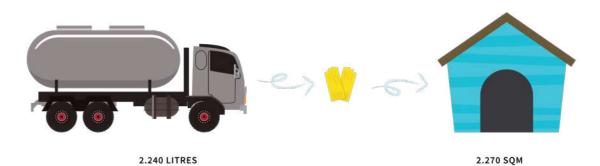
Surface: 2.200sqm



We need 8 tons of food to feed our 700 dogs.



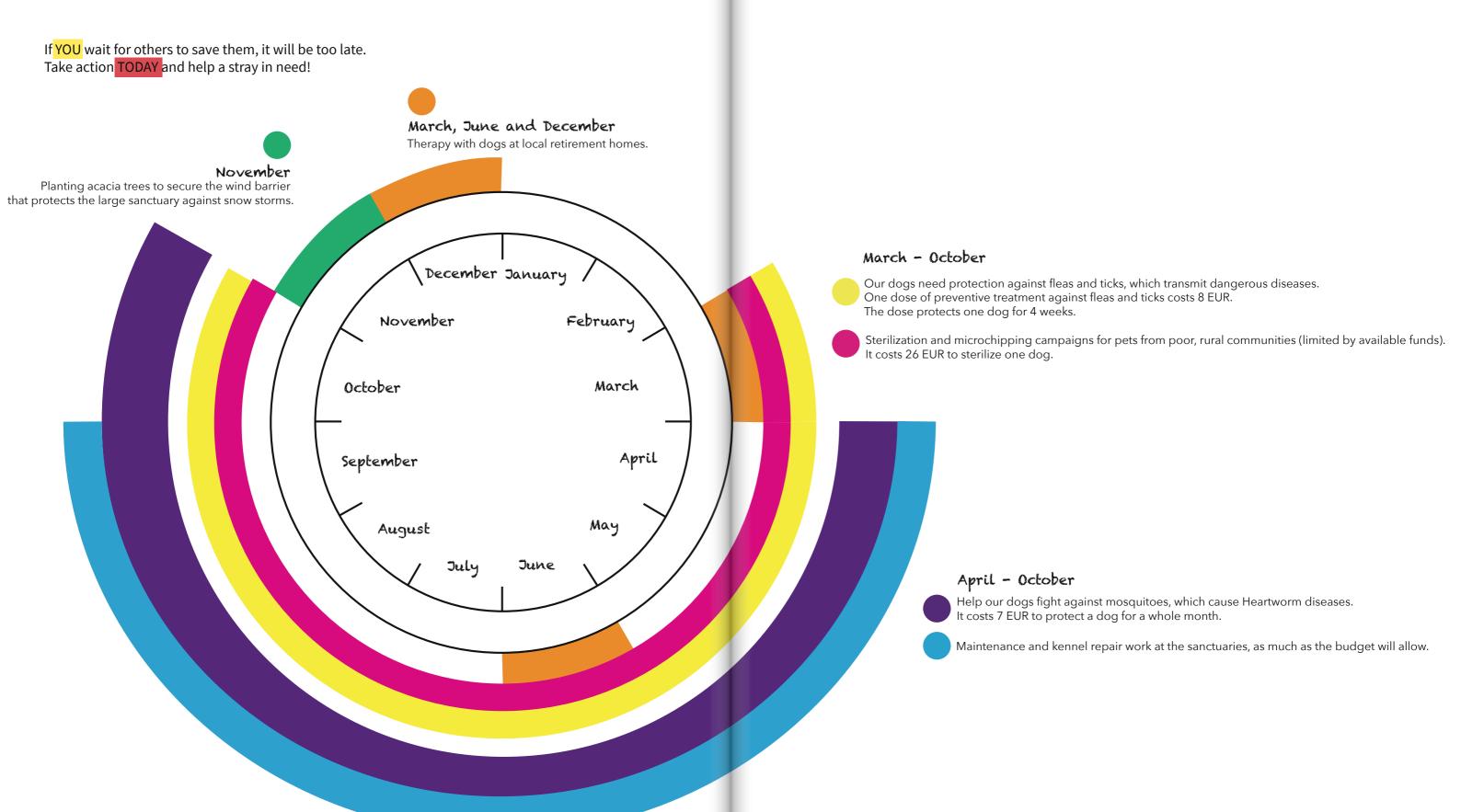
We need 2.240 of diluted disinfectant to clean our shelters for 1 month.



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10. Here & Now:

ROLDA'S ONGOING PROJECTS



11. Building the Future: ROLDA'S CAPITAL AND CONSTRUCTION COSTS

CAPITAL COSTS 2019:

Accomplishments

- ► Hand crafted new wooden dog beds for the whole large shelter 650 dogs;
- New Kuranda beds for the small shelter, purchased from the UK 50 dogs;
- We bought a new rescue van to replace the old van we had since 2007.

Looking into the future 2020/2021*

- Ventilation system;
- Heating system;
- Clinic roof repairs;
- Build cattery unit for disabled, senior cats;
- Add running spaces.

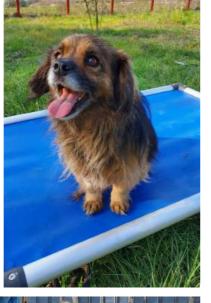
Project name (label)	Estimated cost EUR	Fundraising starts (month/year)	Ideal deadline	Why is the project required?
Ventilation system for small shelter (urgent)	7500	July 2020 (delayed from February 2020)	Before humid season	Prevent intense moisture which might affect dogs' health
Heating system for small shelter (recommended)	9850	July 2020 (delayed from February 2020)	Before winter	Gives the dog the possibility to use 1.5 square meter of kennel 'heated floor to warm his body

Project name (label)	Estimated cost EUR	Fundraising starts (month/year)	Ideal deadline	Why is the project required?
Repair the clinic roof and walls protection (urgent)	17850	Sept 2020 (delayed from April 2020)	As soon as possible to prevent additional damage	Protect the building against water infiltration caused by heavy rains and snow melting
New cattery for senior and disabled cats (recommended)	8700	October 2019 (GlobalGiving)	Summer 2021	Provide safety to neglected senior, disabled cats
Running space for large shelter' paddocks (urgent)	6300	July 2020	As soon as possible	For dogs daily exercise

^{*}Note: In case the funds will be raised for the projects listed below, our estimation to complete these capital projects are extended toward summer 2021, due to limited logistics and delays caused by COVID crisis.







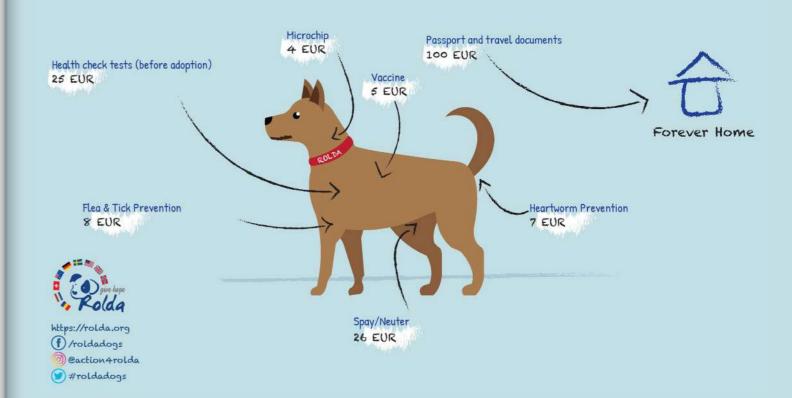




12. Our Promise:

HOW EVERY DONATION DIRECTLY FUNDS ANIMAL CARE

WHERE YOUR DONATIONS GO SO

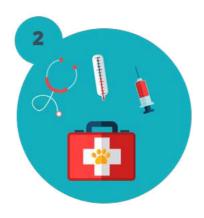


13. Our Core:

ROLDA'S PHILOSOPHY & ULTIMATE OBJECTIVES



ROLDA Rescue team saves the dog.



Dog is transported to the veterinary clinic for a basic check and vaccination. If injured or in poor shape, the dog is placed under treatment.



The dog is placed in quarantine for 21 days from the last vaccine.



The dog is sterilized and identified with microchip.



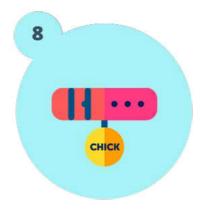
The dog is moved from quarantine to the kennel, which he shares with 4-5 other healthy dogs. Dogs are grouped depending on the dog's tolerance to each other.



The dog is tested to see how he reacts with other dogs, strangers, on the leash, or during feeding time.



Some dogs need rehabilitation because they are over stressed, scared, not trusting of people or trouble makers with other dogs.



Dog is socialized and when needed, trained to accept leash walking.



The dog is advertised on our website in order to find a forever home.

BEHAVIOR ASSESSMENT

The behavioural and psychological assessment of our dogs is perhaps one of the less conspicuous roles of our team, though one essential to ROLDA's ultimate goal for every dog in our care; to see them go on to an adoring family and happy new home. ROLDA never rehomes a dog unless they are in good psychological and physical health and our team and vet are sure they will adapt well to a new environment and would not find the journey distressing. In order for this to happen, ROLDA performs a rigorous assessment of adoption candidates and finds for them the perfect new environment and people for their needs, personality-type and idiosyncrasies.

Dogs, like people, vary greatly in their personalities and temperament. Many are traumatised by past experiences and possess negative predispositions towards humans and/or other dogs. Some may recover this trust over time, or some will remain wary and require an understanding and reassuring presence to feel comfortable. ROLDA's shelter and medical staff are highly experienced in interpreting canine body language and patterns of behaviour. Over time, as the relationship and trust between our team and new arrivals grows, they become to know our dogs and are able to make a well-informed and accurate assessment of their suitability for adoption.

However, canine behaviour is a complex aggregate of environmental and social factors. ROLDA's behavioural assessment considers these factors and allows a dog to express themselves in different settings and scenarios.

Shelter Environment vs. Home Environment

A dog shelter can be a stressful and noisy environment. Dogs, like humans, express themselves when in need or when wishing to express a particular emotion. A shelter can be a cacophony of the voices of hundreds of dogs all vying for attention. This environment can be stressful for dogs unaccustomed to busy environments or intimidated by large groups.

ROLDA dogs go on to private homes usually as the only household pet or one of few. We assess our dog's behaviour in both the shelter and private settings to allow a shy, defensive or otherwise hyperactive dog the chance to be themselves in a peaceful setting in which they are confident and happy.

Group Interaction vs. One-on-One Interaction

Individual attention is important in details: from eye contact, which should or shouldn't happen (depending on the dog) and continuing to every clue that a dog (that used to be a stray for his whole life, totally independent and acting like a wild animal) can give in a human's presence.

Individual attention from an owner or caregiver is important to dogs of all ages. How a dog behaves is strongly influenced by human contact. It is difficult to evenly distribute attention and affection to even a handful of dogs and completely impossible in large groups.

A calm, caring and assertive influence can radically change a dog's behaviour, especially over time. The small details are important: eye contact (depending on the dog), touching consistent with how much the dog enjoys being touched, consistent and fair expectations behaviour, the tone and volume of our voices, our body language and how to approach a dog all contribute to trends in behaviour.

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ROLDA assesses each dog's behaviour alone, in the context of the group with other dogs and one-on-one with one of our team.

OTHER COMMON FACTORS AND TRENDS WE OBSERVED ARE:

Institutionalisation

Unfortunately, many dogs stay with us for several years and some become either too accustomed to the setting and routine of the shelter or form attachments to our team and may become distressed by a new environment, especially dogs later in their years.

Domineering

Some younger, male dogs will see their peers as competition and seek to bully and occasionally fight in a quest to establish superiority.

Aggression During Feeding

The majority of our dogs were either born or have lived much of their life as strays. We provide ample food and no ROLDA dog goes hungry, though it is the instinct of dogs used to group feeding in the wild to make a reserve of excess food underneath them and will growl or fight to protect it.

Predatorial Instincts

Some of our dogs have spent their entire lives in the wild and find it exceedingly difficult to shed predatorial instincts to small wildlife.

ONCE RE-HOMED, SOME COMMON TRENDS WE NOTICED:

Mollycoddling

Many adopters understandably want to shower their new canine companion with love and affection. However, when a dog enters a new home it is essential that they learn the rules of the house. By being too lenient in this induction phase, dogs will struggle to understand how they are expected to behave. A kind but assertive attitude is required to reinforce expectations of behaviour which will allow the dog to become comfortable and confident at home without "taking over".

Underestimation

Adopters sometimes fail to consider the dog entering their home is used to a life in the wild. Dogs with a stray upbringing can often be more cunning, bullish and resistant to authority than dogs purchased from breeders or pet shops.

ROLDA'S CANINE BEHAVIOURAL ASSESSMENT PLAN:

- Observe dog with staff inside kennel
- Observe dog in a large group of dogs
- Observe dog outside kennel alone
- Observe dog with staff outside kennel
- Observe how dog walks leashed
- Observe energy levels
- Observe general health and temperament

ROLDA's behavioural assessment also includes evaluating how comfortable each dog is adapting to necessary aspects of life in a private home.

We see how well they adapt to being on a collar and then a leash and walking with a leash with the guidance of a person. Furthermore, we mark each dog's energy and excitableness on a scale from One – Five. One indicating a very sedate and relaxed dog, five indicating a hyperactive and highly demanding dog. This is essential in matching dogs to perfect homes; dogs who are less active are ideally suited to older people without young children at home. Highly excitable dogs are much more suited to younger families able to indulge their energy.







14. A Picture is Worth a Thousand Woofs:

ROLDA'S PHOTO OF THE YEAR

The new https://sponsoradog.rolda.org website was launched in November, 2019 and presents visitors two options: to adopt or to sponsor remotely. Those wishing to sponsor are presented with a choice of six donation packages of varying amounts to suit all budgets.



Annual Pawsitive Gift 232 USD



One time Pawsitive Gift 348 USD



Monthly Pawsitive Gift 29 USD



Food bowl for a healthy life 12 USD



Straw and coat to keep warm during the winter 17 USD



Visit to the Vet for regular heath checks 58 USD

The hopeful adopter finds all the necessary information to find among our dogs their next furry member of the family on our adoption page. Here potential adopters can learn all about our dogs, how comfortable they are around other dogs and people, their medical history and of course, the results of our behavioural assessment.

ROLDA uses our plentiful experience, but also the adopters and web visitors' feedback to make this website as comprehensive, user-friendly and accessible as possible.

ROLDA promises to keep this information as complete and as up-to-date as possible. We understand dogs change over their lives just as humans do and we guarantee potential adopters receive current information when making their decision.

Dogs are **divided into the categories** of "great companions" – which can be adopted immediately, for sponsor only – that are not recommended yet for adoption, because they need more rehabilitation and classified as "shy – needs encouragement", which are suitable for adopters with moderate experience handling former stray dogs.



 Dario with Berti picture courtesy of Sylvia N.

15. Friends Around the World:

ROLDA INTERNATIONAL

We are a Global organization with 7 offices all over the World.

1. AUSTRALIA



BECAUSE EVERY ANIMAL DESERVES TO BE RESPECTED

FULL NAME: ROLDA Incorporated (ROLDA, Inc.)

LEGAL STATUS: incorporated charity, ABN 38 420 396 060 (ACNC) ARBN 624 622 859

(ASIC)

Funds transferred from Australia to the Romanian project:

March: 9,400 AU\$ (28,079 RON)

April: 7,965 AU\$ (23,384 RON)

TOTAL = 17,365 AU\$

Financial Report ROLDA, Inc. in Australia for 2018-2019*

Total Assets:	\$ 22,453
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Total Liabilities: \$ 82,515

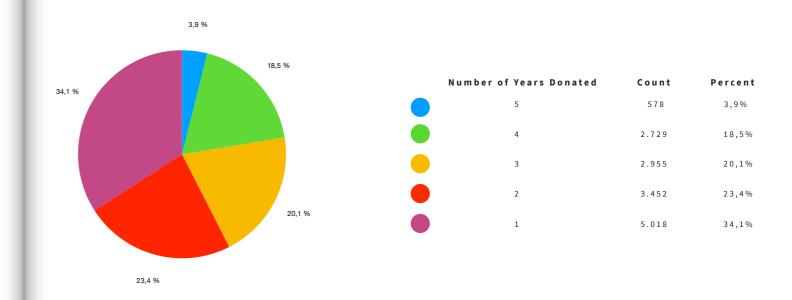
Net Assets: \$ 60,061

Total Income: \$ 186,311

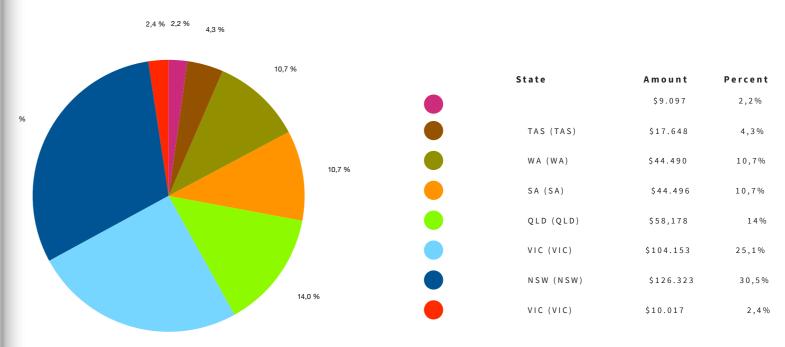
Total Expenses: \$ 251,752

*Audit report created by Brad Crooks, director of Addison Partner Chartered Accountants.

Gift Counts by Number of Years Donated



Gift Amounts by State



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CONTACT ROLDA, INC.





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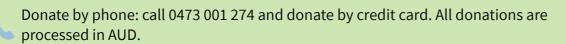
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https://au.rolda.org









—— Checks payable to ROLDA Inc. should be sent to: PO Box 5919 -- Brendale DC -- QLD 4500.



2. SWITZERLAND



give hope EN ADOPTANT UN CHIEN C'EST EN SAUVER DEUX!

FULL NAME: Association ROLDA Suisse

LEGAL STATUS: non-profit organization

BADGES: Top Fundraiser; Top Grant maker

HIGHLIGHTS IN 2019

May: Transport of donated supplies to Romania

May: 3rd Fundraising Gala, 2 celebrities invited

June: Swiss volunteers attend dogs & cats sterilization campaign in villages, visited the retirement home, made photos session for dogs calendar 2020

August: 200 dogs sterilizations sponsored by a Swiss foundation

October: Facebook event to sponsor 20 #roldadogs for a year

November: 29 dogs adopted travelled to Switzerland; collection of supplied sent to Romania shelters; 280 dogs sterilizations sponsored by a Swiss Foundation; Clickanimaux fundraised for dog Liberty.



Big thanks to Fabrizio Basso from Pet's Planet who offers a bag of dog food to each person from Switzerland that adopts a #roldadog and more, gives preferential prices for all types of food to ROLDA Association's members. And that's not all: for a number of years, Fabrizio is also donating a percentage of his sales to our Swiss Association.

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With part of the Swiss team at the ROLDA large shelter



Dana, Fabrizio and Lolita during the fundraising Gala





Article in the Swiss media about Lolita and ROLDA

HIGHLIGHTS IN 2019



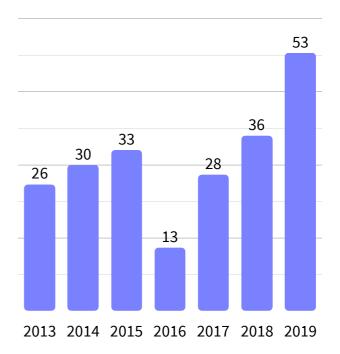
Fabrizio, Pet's Planet CEO



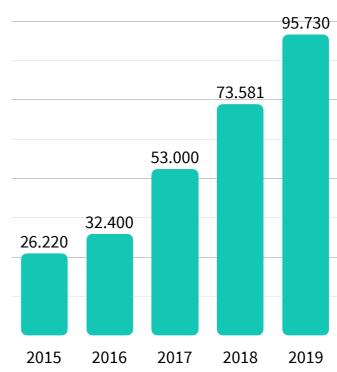


Fundraising Gala reunited 100 amazing supporters

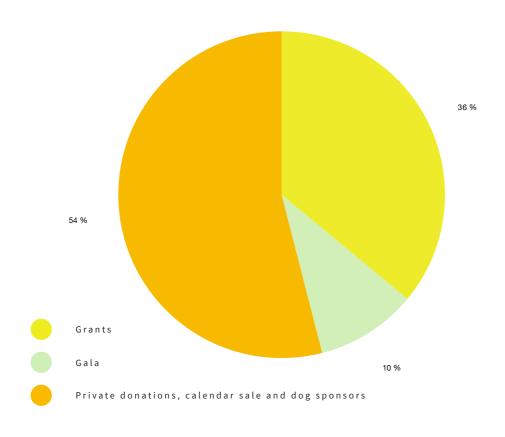
Dogs adopted in Switzerland since ROLDA Suisse was founded



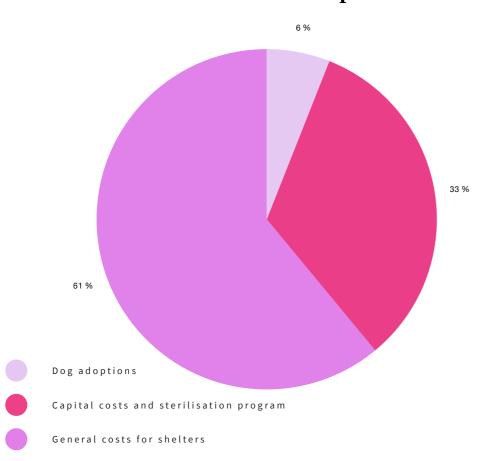
Evolution of donations transferred from **Switzerland to Romania** over the last 5 years



Source of donations in Switzerland



Where Swiss donations were spent in Romania



CONTACT ROLDA SUISSE



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Online donations are welcomed:

PayPai https://PayPal.me/SaveStrays



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or directly on our secure website: https://ch.rolda.org/sauvez-des-vies/

TO BECOME MEMBER OF OUR ASSOCIATION, PLEASE VISIT:

https://ch.rolda.org/devenir-membre



3. USA



BECAUSE EVERY ANIMAL DESERVES TO BE RESPECTED.

FULL NAME: Romanian League in Defense of Animals, Inc (ROLDA USA)

LEGAL STATUS: nonprofit, tax-exempt 501(c)(3) corporation (tax ID number 32-0176929)

HIGHLIGHTS IN 2019

Direct mail fundraising improved during past 12 months.

Spring: ROLDA logo was trademarked in the US.

June: Our friend, Rhone wrote a well documented article in Rover.com the Dog People Magazine: https://www.rover.com/blog/romanian-animal-rescue-is-on-a-mission-to-help-countrys-enormous-stray-dog-population/

ROLDA USA LATEST F990 — fiscal year July 1st, 2018 - June 30th, 2019

Total revenue: 100.224 USD

Total expenses: 118.578 USD

Deficit: 18.354 USD

Grants sent to Romania: 33.974 USD

CONTACT ROLDA USA



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Contributions made by US supporters to ROLDA USA are tax-deductible to the extent permitted by the law. The ROLDA's Tax Identification number is 32-0176929.



Donate directly by PayPal: https://Paypal.me/ROLDA



Make an online donation: https://rolda.org/donate



To make a gift for our animals in your will: https://legacy.rolda.org/usa



Checks payable to ROLDA USA should be sent to: PO Box 4674 Crofton MD 21114

FRIENDS OF ROLDA USA CAN FIND US ON:



Discover our measured goals and donate with confidence! https://www.guidestar.org/profile/32-0176929



Corporate matching gifts are much appreciated! https://causes.benevity.org/causes/840-320176929

GIVING ASSISTANT

Transform every online purchase into a donation for ROLDA! https://givingassistant.org/np#romainia-league-in-defense-of-animals



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Amazon Smile

https://smile.amazon.com/ref=smi_ext_ch_32-0176929

goodshop

GoodShop

https://www.goodshop.com/nonprofit/romanian-league-in-defense-of-animals-rolda-greenbank

4. NORWAY



FULL NAME: ROLDA Gatehunder fra Romania Oslo og Omegn

LEGAL STATUS: non-profit organization; Reg. No. 998398495

Member of Grasrotandelen (audited in 2019)- see document on next page.

HIGHLIGHTS IN 2019

Joined Spleis – the Norwegian fundraising platform https://www.spleis.no/org/1685

The Cattery project raised 10.650 NOK.

Other online fundraising events:

- Calendar sale
- Christmas hand made products (created by Ingrid and Hege)
- Gnomes campaign (created by Matilde)
- Online fundraising (created by Marte)







"B for Binga" Book was written by Marte in Norwegian and English and sold online Worldwide. The entire profit from the books sale is donated to ROLDA Norway.

You can order your own "B for Binga" awesome book here:

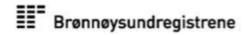
https://www.lulu.com/shop/marte-alstad/b-for-binga/paperback/product-24322185.html

Donations in kind:

1487 collars and leashes donated by Marie-Desire from PodencoKlubben for #roldadogs.







Organisasjonsnr: 998 398 495 ROLDA GATEHUNDER FRA ROMANIA - OSLO OG OMEGN c/o Hege Jurs Granveien 23 1394 NESBRU

Deres ref. AR328483340 Vår ref. 2019717337

18.07.2019

Bekreftelse på mottatt og godkjent årsregnskap for regnskapsåret

Vi har den 07.07.2019 mottatt og godkjent årsregnskapet. Årsregnskapet er nå offentlig tilgjengelig.

Du må kontrollere at de registrerte data er korrekte:

Årsregnskapet for regnskapsåret 2018 omfatter perioden fra 01.01.2018 til 31.12.2018.

Årsregnskapet er satt opp etter kravene i forskrift til lov om frivillig virksomhet.

Hvis opplysningene ikke stemmer, ber vi om å bli kontaktet.

Du kan klage på dette vedtaket. Klagefristen er tre uker fra du mottok vedtaket. Klageinstansen er Finansdepartementet, men du må sende klagen skriftlig til Regnskapsregisteret. Det må gå frem hvilket vedtak du klager på og klagen må være begrunnet, datert og undertegnet av klageren. Se forvaltningsloven §§ 28-32. Du har rett til å se sakens dokumenter, men med de begrensningene som følger av forvaltningsloven §§ 18 og 19.

Gratis tilgang til norske lover finner du på www.lovdata.no.

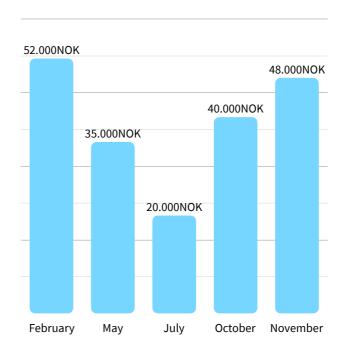
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Brønnøysundregistrene - Regnskapsregisteret

Brønnøysundregistrene
Postadresse: Regniskapsregisteret, Postboks 900, 8910 Brønnøysund
Telefoner: Opplysningstelefonen 75 00 75 00 Administrasjonen 75 00 75 09 Telefaks 75 00 75 05
E-post firmapost@breg.no Internett www.breg.no
Organisasjonsnummer: 974 760 673

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Funds Transferred to Romania in 2019

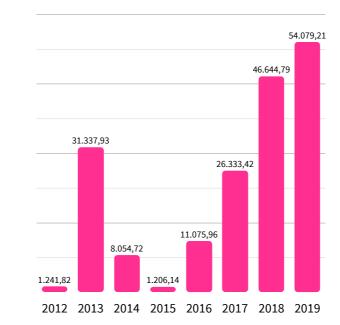


February: 52.000 NOK (24.892 RON) May: 35.000 NOK (16.695 RON) July: 20.000 NOK (9.520 RON) October: 40.000 NOK (18.212 RON) November: 48.000 NOK (22.238 RON)

TOTAL = 195.000 NOK (91.557 RON)

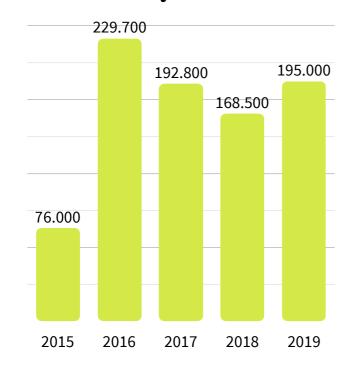
Donations increased with 12% compared with 2018.

Evolution of Grasrotgivers and funds received via Grasrotandelen



Year	Grasrotgiver	Amount
2019	131	54.079,21
2018	122	46.644,79
2017	91	26.333,42
2016	68	11.075,96
2015	21	1.206,14
2014	23	8.054,72
2013	40	31.337,93
2012	21	1.241,82

Evolution of donations transferred from Norway to Romania over the last 5 years



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Bank account: 6219 13 48082

5. GERMANY



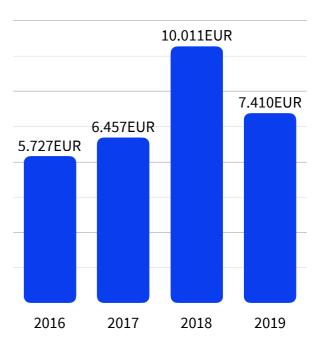
WEIL JEDES TIER RESPEKT VERDIENT.

FULL NAME: Save Romanian Strays - ROLDA Germany e.V.

LEGAL STATUS: non-profit, tax-exempt organizatio5

REGISTRATION NO: VR 3910 HL

Evolution of donations transferred from Germany to Romania over the last 4 years



Compared with 2018, last year's donations have dropped significantly, down 26%.

The ROLDA German branch found 2 additional permanent collaborators (Laura and Sylvia) and a private grant maker who made a contribution to sterilization campaign for pets from rural, poor communities.

CONTACT ROLDA GERMANY



Save Romanian Strays - ROLDA Germany e.V. c/o Sabine Grahn Ostpreußenring 51 Lübeck



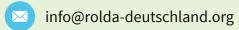
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https://rolda-deutschland.org/ROLDA-Germany

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Bank details:

Save Romanian Strays – ROLDA Germany e.V.

IBAN: DE95230400220019277300

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Online donations are welcomed: info@rolda-deutschland.org



or directly on our secure website:

https://rolda-deutschland.org/ROLDA-Germany/spenden/



To make a gift for our animals in your will: https://legacy.rolda.org/germany/

6. UK



BECAUSE EVERY ANIMAL DESERVES TO BE RESPECTED.

FULL NAME: ROLDA UK

LEGAL STATUS: CIO, Reg. no. 1162690

Gift Aid can be claimed for gifts in GBP made by British supporters.

Funds transferred for the Romanian project:

December 2019: 562 GBP

FINANCIAL REPORT ROLDA UK* — Fiscal period: 1st July 2018 - 30th June 2019

Total donations: 2.461 - from which Gift Aid: 54

Total payments: 1.460

Cash Funds at year's end: 1.001

*Audited by PBS & Co

CONTACT ROLDA UK



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https://uk.rolda.org



/ROLDAdogsUK

WAYS TO HELP ROLDA UK



Make a gift by PayPal: https://paypal.me/roldauk



Make a gift for animals your will: https://legacy.rolda.org/uk



Bank account details: ROLDA UK SC 20-09-72

AC 23689565 IBAN GB85 BARC 2009 7223 6895 65

Address: Barclays Bank



Checks payable to ROLDA UK should be sent to: Suite 9273, PO Box 4336 Manchester, M61 0BW

OTHERS WAYS TO HELP ROLDA UK



Payroll Giving is a valuable, long-term source of income for charities.

Regular donations help charities budget and plan ahead, helping them make a lasting difference.

https://givingonline.org.uk/Rolda-UK_3444/index.html



Charity Car https://www.charitycar.co.uk/rolda-uk

7. SWEDEN



ive hope ADOPTERA EN HUND, RÄDDA TVÅ!

FULL NAME: Association ROLDA Sverige

LEGAL STATUS: Registered, non-profit association, Org.nr 802490-7050

Badges: Top Donor (individual), Most Adopted ogs

HIGHLIGHTS IN 2019

Jan: fundraising for new van.

March: we were visited by Lisa;

May: we were visited by Lisa, Kajsa-Stina and her sons Axel and Calle;

June: two transports of dogs organized by Lisa and our Swedish volunteers;

August: donation from Liselotte for heartworms pills for all dogs for one month and dog beds donation;

September and October: #roldadogs arrived in safe families in Sweden;

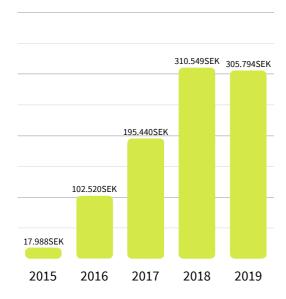
November: calendar sale;

December: Jenka and Lisa visited the shelters and returned to Sweden with adopted dogs.

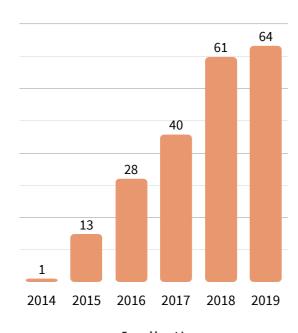


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Evolution of donations transferred from Sweden to Romania over the last 5 years



Dogs adopted in Sweden since ROLDA Sverige was founded



Excellent!Most adopted dogs by ROLDA Sverige

CONTACT ROLDA SVERIGE



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Make a gift by PayPal: https://PayPal.me/SaveStrays



Make a gift for animals your will: https://legacy.rolda.org/sweden

16. From Romania with Love:

ROLDA DOGS IN HAPPY NEW HOMES

Norway



Sweden



Sweden



Switzerland



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17. Outside the Box:

INSPIRED IDEAS FROM ROLDA'S INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY

HELP DOGS BY GIVING TIME, NOT MONEY

We also know that some people are afraid to use airplanes, some are simply too far away (like our US or Australian supporters) and it's too expensive to come and rescue; some people have extremely busy lives, or small kids or busy jobs, some have medical conditions that prevent them to go on long distances.

For these people who can't travel in nearest future to help ROLDA Rescue Team in Romania, we'd like to present some examples of people who still make a great difference, helping #roldadogs from behind their computers, from the comfort of their homes.

Lorna from the US

Lorna lives in the USA and can't travel to Romania but uses **Matching gift** at the company where she works and convinces her colleagues to **donate via Benevity** where ROLDA USA is registered.

David from the UK

David from UK became aware of ROLDA work 7 years ago. He is retired and suffers a heart disease, he can't travel (he also wouldn't have lots of money for travelling) but he promised to help us.

When David decided to sell his old car, he used https://www.charitycar.co.uk/rolda-uk/ and donated his car to ROLDA UK.

Matilde from Norway

Matilde from Norway can't travel to Romania but decided to help our charity by **translating articles** and texts for social media from English to Norwegian, enabling us to better communicate with our Norwegian supporters.

Matilde also handcrafts various items that she sells online for Romanian dogs.

Anne from Australia

Anne from Australia is 83 years old and Romania is too far away for her now.

This didn't discourage her because all her life, she wanted to help the voiceless, the animals that needed her the most. Anne mentioned ROLDA in her will as an investment in her own values and our dogs' future.

18. ROLDA Needs You:

HOW YOUR SUPPORT MAKES OUR WORK POSSIBLE

Andy from Australia

Andy from Australia heard of ROLDA 3 years ago. He was silent for 2 years, observing what we do, reading our reports. Impressed by Bela story, he decided it's time to make his community aware of Romanian dogs' plight and started to distribute our leaflets received from ROLDA Australia branch.

Do you plan to organize a fundraising party, a Christmas event, spread leaflets, put a stand in a market, attend a conference, talk to a corporation to sponsor us... there are more ways to make good and the most important start is with good will.

Share

Dance to save animals! DONATE TAKE ACTION NOW FOLLOW

PROTEST PIN Follow

SPONSOR a dog Make a gift today

SPONSOR a dog Adopt a di

Like #givehope

Sign petition!

Will you help them?









FOR THE ANIMALS:



Rescue dogs abused like Bela



Provide sheltering and special care to 350 senior dogs



Help the pets that belong to owners with low income from rural area

TO HELP MORE AND BETTER:



For extra comfort: Ventilation and heating to ROLDA sanctuary



For cats, too: Sanctuary for disabled, senior cats



For the seniors: Therapy with #roldadogs in the largest retirement home

ROLDA COMMITMENTS:



Help the abused, neglected, homeless animals



Offer immediate medical assistance to injured animals found on the streets



Rescue - Provide good sheltering conditions - Rehome in perfect forever homes every dog

ROLDA PROMISE:



Provide full transparency about how supporters' donations are being used by publishing online or sending by email on request the annual report, financial statements, the list of expenses made for Romanian projects



Fight against animal abusers and against the illegal public shelters in Romania



Help the poor community who struggle to look after their pets and farm animals responsibly

ROLDA VALUES:



Honesty in every day work, relation with donors and collaborators



Endurance is one of our best weapons against all the rescuing difficulties



Responsible commitment for animals rescued

19. Leaving a Lasting Legacy:

A UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY FOR GOOD



It is said that when facing death, we are all equal but during our lifetime, we are able to make choices, to have different values that we embrace and protect.

During my lifetime, I choose to help animals, luckily I am not alone, many people from around the world believe in ROLDA and what my team and I do.

I am privileged to rescue injured, dying dogs and offer them a totally new life. I am grateful to be able to tell you their stories so you know the situation animals face in Romania, to understand it better and be part of the solution, if you want to.

Today I have a different story to tell you: It's about a human and not a dog. I have plenty of dogs I can tell you about, but finding humans seem to be rare. And especially because it's rare, I have to tell you **Liselotte's** story.

She heard of ROLDA online, because she was following ROLDA Sweden's facebook page. Over the years, she read about our Swedish colleagues regularly visiting Romania, about the dogs from our shelters. She saw pictures of happy ROLDA dogs adopted into Swedish families. She silently watched our work, cried and smiled with us.

She couldn't adopt a **#roldadog** and she had a good reason for this. She knew her time on earth would end soon but her heart and mind were close to animals from all over the world, even to her last moments. At some point, Liselotte contacted our Swedish president, Lisa and offered an important donation. She offered to replace all the old dog beds in the large shelter and to buy preventive treatments for our dogs.

Her generous donation made Liselotte a ROLDA top donor and we wanted to send her a surprise gift as sign of gratitude for her important support. Sadly, she didn't live long enough to enjoy our gift. She didn't get to see the new dog beds, or enjoy, like we do, watching the dogs playing happy, protected from the bitter cold. But maybe from where she is now, she sees.

Often, after someone passes away, except for the closest ones, people start forgetting. Maybe this is our "defense" against something we can't control, against death.

Every time I look at the dog beds, I will remember Liselotte, the person I never met but who made such an important contribution for hundreds of #roldadogs. And every time I remember, I will thank my dogs for teaching me to be grateful.

The story of Liselotte can change each of us and influence our decisions: During our lifetime, if we are lucky to afford it, we can make good in this world we live in, to make it better. Liselotte knew how to split the funds she had to what mattered most to her: helping Romanian animals, helping dolphins and monkeys etc.

In the end, when all the material things that surround us stop having any importance, it remains only what we fight for, what we believe and invested into. I can't help wonder, if there were more people like Liselotte, what this world would look like?

If helping **#roldadogs** is one of your priorities, you can choose to make a donation today to help our current rescue efforts or you could invest into the safe future of our dogs.

You can visit the website below, choose your country from the menu list and learn how to mention ROLDA in your will:

https://legacy.rolda.org

20. In This Together:

HOW EVERYONE CAN HELP



21. A Cause for Applause:

OUR AMBITIOUS VISION

WHY PAWZUP CENTER?

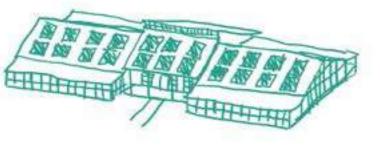
ROLDA operates in one of the poorest regions of Romania, where a family of 4 (or more) members survive with approximately 150 EUR/month.

Around 200.000 street dogs, working animals (donkeys, horses) and poor pets (cats, dogs) are exposed to starvation, risk of abandon, diseases or death. The local small clinic can't cope with a huge demand of small animals wounded or sick and large animals that are basically sacrificed because there is no veterinary clinic equipped for them.

WHO ARE THE BENEFICIARIES OF THE PAWZUP CENTER?

- ▶ Homeless animals local homeless animals will be rehabilitated and adopted;
- Farm animals local farm animals will be saved and will live the rest of their lives unexploited, in a comfortable sanctuary;
- Senior People local seniors will enjoy the therapeutic benefits of the only recreation center in South-East Romania;
- **Local Community** the local community will be welcomed to attend outdoor educational activities.

PAWZUP CENTER



HORSE SHELTER



DONKEY CENTER



SMALL FARM



DID YOU KNOW?

The PawzUp Center ...

- ▶ Will serve the second metropolitan area(after Bucharest), in Galati-Braila;
- ▶ Will be located in one of the poorest regions of Romania;
- Will cover the needs of a community spread on a surface of 27.158 km²;
- Will help approximately 200.000 animals (small pets and farm animals);
- Will help 2.000 animals anually.

The PawzUp Center's Functions:

- Rehabiliation center for animals;
- Recreation outlet for the senior community;
- Educational pourposes for the young generation;
- Helping the rehoming of small pets;
- Provide an environmentally friendly space.

Estimated costs related to PawzUp Rehabilitation and Adoption Center:

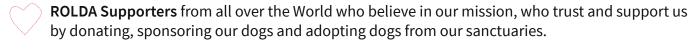
PHASE	COST	DESCRIPTION
Land	400,000 EUR	The land must be easily accessible for animal lovers and easily connectible to utilities (electricity, gas, waste removal)
Utility Connection	170,000 EUR	Utilities: water station, solar panels for electricity and heating, wind power generators, road access and visitor parking space
PawzUp Rehabilitation and Adoption Centre	300,000 EUR	The architectural design keeps in mind the sun/shade distribution and uses green technologies for heating, electricity as well as using recycled materials for the building
Sanctuary for Horses and Donkeys	260,000 EUR	The Sanctuary enables us to offer temporary and permanent shelter and medical help to approx. 20 horses and 50 donkeys simultaneousously. The building"s plans and cost estimation were made bz Concept Airnature, a Romanian-French company. Copies of these documents can be sent to our sponsors
Veterinary Clinic	250,000 EUR	For the diagnosis, emergency aid, post-op care, rehabilitation and long term treatments for small pets and large farm animals

Read more about PawzUp Rehabilitation and Adoption Project on: https://rolda.org/cause/pawzup-center

22. Nothing Taken for Granted:

ROLDA'S HEARTFELT THANKS TO OUR SUPPORTERS

Our gratitude goes to:



ROLDA Volunteers who put their energy, time and skills in favor of our charity.

ROLDA Affiliates and Corporate Partners who help us raise funds to reach more animals in need.

ROLDA International Partners for being incredibly loyal, inventive and amazing colleagues not only in the good times but especially in the bad times.

ROLDA 2019 AWARDS GALA

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