A black and white dog is running through a field of tall grass and yellow flowers. The dog is looking towards the camera with a happy expression. The background is a lush green field with trees in the distance.

*Because every animal  
deserves to be respected!*

**ROLDA**  
Annual Report and Accounts  
2020

***#givehope***

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# 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

1

Account name: Fundatia ROLDA  
IBAN EUR: RO58BTRLEURCRT0PA6711501  
SWIFT/BIC: BTRLRO22  
Bank name: Banca Transilvania

## ONLINE DONATION

2

<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

3

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!

Join us for updates about ROLDA rescue missions in Romania:



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



[rolda.org/subscribe-to-news-letter](https://rolda.org/subscribe-to-news-letter)

Donations are urgently needed to fund life saving missions right now:



[rolda.org/donate](https://rolda.org/donate)

## 2. Message From Our Founder



### MESSAGE FROM OUR FOUNDER

I have been doing a lot of thinking about ROLDA's past, present and future, which of course includes our wonderful ROLDA supporters.

Science has provided us with answers regarding the origins of our planets, our species and how, via evolution, we have ended up here, as we are today. One of the most important aspects of being human is our unique ability to talk to one another, to express ourselves at a deep level. When it came to the origins of the written word, the twist of signs gave birth to letters, then words, which we routinely use to define a pencil, a phone, a TV programme or food. Or cruelty. as possible.

We also express our deep emotions and our bonds with others. And beyond everything else, we communicate the knowledge that love conquers all.

Communication and compassion are the greatest things I can share with ROLDA supporters, besides my love for animals and in this report, I am happy and grateful to present to you the numbers that ROLDA has achieved during 2020, a tough year for all of us.

I am even happier to tell you that 2021 will be an extremely precious year for ROLDA - **This year we celebrate our 15 years anniversary!**



### Together, we can accomplish more during 2021!

When ROLDA started, I never imagined how we would be 15 years later, or how fast the years would pass.

Together with my team, we were always busy with what happens today, with rescuing and other struggles. For big charities, 15 years is a fraction of their long existence, which in some cases dates back 100 years.

Considering I have been involved with ROLDA since the beginning and over half my life, **for me, these 15 years represents everything: the inception, the hard everyday struggles and the dreams to make ROLDA more amazing.**



ROLDA is an amazing mixture of international leaders, volunteers, adopters, and donors, who have joined the small, young but amazing Romanian team which has grown considerably over the last year.

The ROLDA mission is to rescue, shelter, rehabilitate and rehome the abused, neglected homeless animals in Romania. But as I have been involved since the beginning, I know what's behind these words: tears, restless nights, worries, disappointments and sacrifices.

And yet, I get goosebumps whenever I think of tiny details like a pair of eyes saying goodbye to me for the last time, my fingers letting go of a grateful paw going to a forever home (who I know I will not see again), the transformation of a dog from a traumatized stray into a great companion. I have lived countless moments like these, too many to count. And every time, it's different and special.

I feel blessed to enjoy doing my work, which is also a bit of an obsession. ROLDA has shaped me into the person I am today, I have a reason to believe, to fight and hope. And I wonder if, in fact, the whole mission can't be said more simply: **ROLDA gives hope – because hope is what gives our lives a purpose.**

I am grateful that technology united ROLDA supporters from around the world, people I probably wouldn't meet without modern technology. But I am most grateful that we communicate as friends, and I will be always here to respond to your questions or to hear the suggestions you might have.

Thank you and stay safe!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dana', located below the 'Thank you and stay safe!' text.



Dana Costin, Founder & CEO ROLDA



# 3. Then & Now:

THE DOGS WHOSE LIVES ROLDA TRANSFORMED

## Katiusa

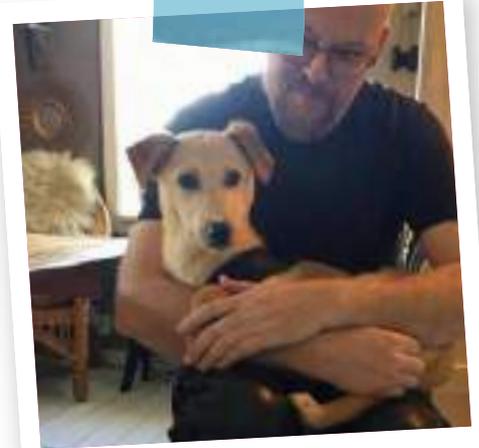


RESCUED  
IN DECEMBER 2020

**Medical condition:** leg/back side of the body injured by a large military vehicle

**Help provided:** surgery and post operative care

**Outcome:** completely recovered



ADOPTED IN SWEDEN

## RAMBO

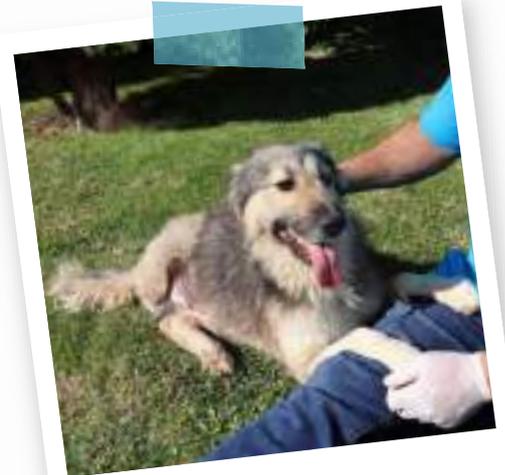


RESCUED  
IN AUGUST 2020

**Medical condition:** back leg severely infected

**Help provided:** amputation, post surgery care, treatment for parvo, rehabilitation

**Outcome:** completely recovered, functional in 3 legs



ADOPTED IN SWEDEN

# STEFANUT



RESCUED  
IN DECEMBER 2020

**Medical condition:** generalized mange,  
found on the road screaming after being  
hit by a car

**Help provided:** treatment for mange

**Outcome:** completely recovered



ADOPTED IN THE UK

# OSCAR

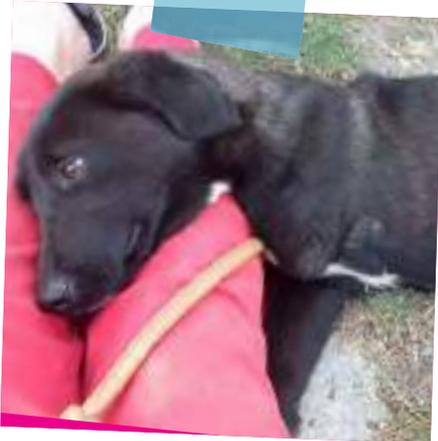


RESCUED  
IN FEBRUARY 2020

**Medical condition:** rescued from Tulcea  
county with a malformed leg which  
needed amputation

**Help provided:** surgery,  
post-surgery treatment

**Outcome:** completely recovered,  
functional in 3 legs



ADOPTED IN SWITZERLAND

## 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 a small charity supported internationally that helps abused, neglected and unwanted animals in Romania using a responsible, efficient, and humane approach. Our programs serve animals in need 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. Bites From the Past



Hope, the first blind senior dog saved from the company where Dana's parents worked (2002)



Labus, the first dog that needed amputation (2002)



Bela, the first #roldadog that flew in the US (2003)



Dana and Bela, before CHAMP Conference (Orlando, FL- 2003)



Dana and Rex, the first dog saved from local PS (2004)

## Testimonials

*— I have known Dana Costin for over 20 years when she was rescuing dogs in her apartment in Galati. Against all odds Dana has managed to save more animals lives than thought possible. ROLDA has become the leading rescue center in Romania, a role model for others, a sanctuary for the dogs that are so maligned in her country. Romania is a far better place because of Dana and ROLDA.*

**Beatrice Welles** – daughter of famous Orson Welles  
Animal activist in the US and ROLDA supporter since 1999



*— I want to commend you on the incredible work you do for animals! It's because of wonderful organisations such as yours that animals are given the voice and representation they deserve.”*

**Elle**  
from Animals Australia

*— Congratulations to Dana and ROLDA on their 15th anniversary! I love everything Dana does for dogs in Romania. Her mission to rescue, shelter, rehabilitate and rehome abused and neglected animals is one that I share. I will continue to support her in the future.*

*Dana's perseverance and creativity have saved thousands of dogs during the cold Romanian winter and I want to extend my sincere thanks for everything she does. I encourage others to join me in supporting Dana and ROLDA with their lifesaving work.*

**Cathy Kangas**  
Founder, The Cathy Kangas Foundation for Animals



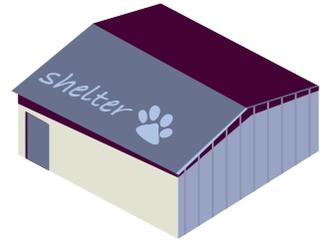
## 6. 15 Years Later



20,000  
animals helped



17,000  
animals sterilized



2  
sanctuaries built

# 15 years ago

our small shelter was already 3 years old



ROLDA Small Shelter in 2004

# 15 years ago

the large shelter was nothing but an empty piece of land



# 15 years ago

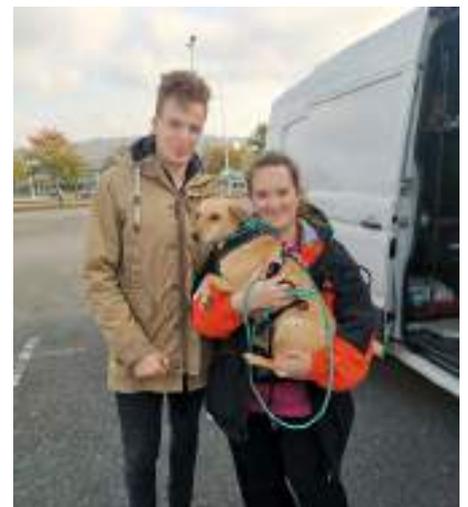
ROLDA was just a name



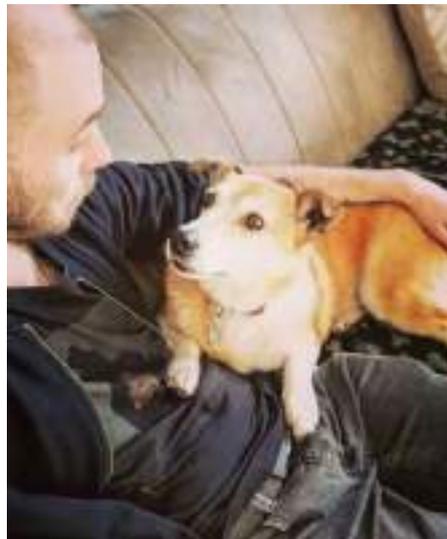
# 15 years together ❤️



# Rescued in Romania. Loved around the World.





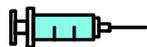


# 7. Our Year in Numbers

OUR WORK IN 2020



We saved **162** new dogs from the streets or from imminent danger.



We sterilized **159** pets from the community.



We provided emergency medical aid for **187** pets from poor communities.



We offered **4 tonnes** donated food.



We provided shelter for **600** dogs.

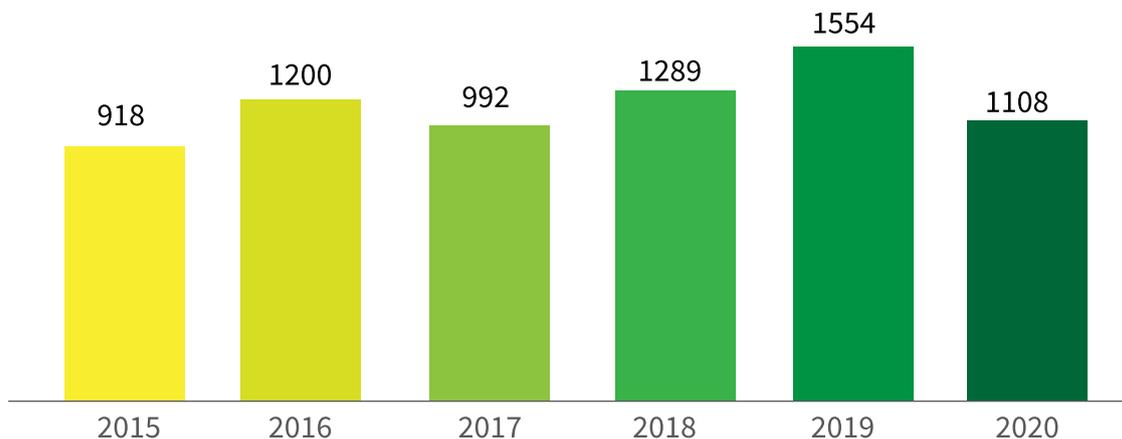


We rehomed **100** dogs into forever, great homes.

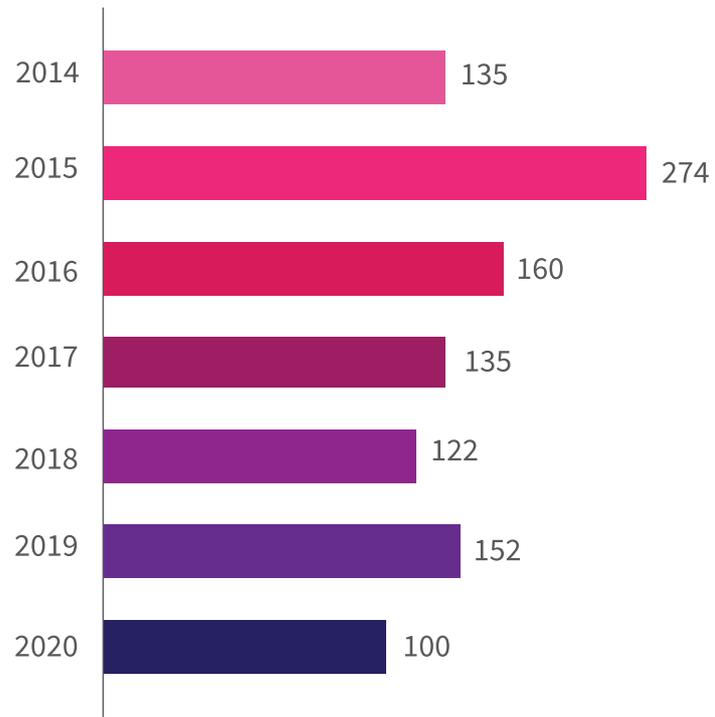


We microchipped **321** dogs.

ANIMALS HELPED IN THE PAST 6 YEARS



## DOGS ADOPTED IN ROMANIA AND ACROSS EUROPE IN THE PAST 7 YEARS



Total numbers since ROLDA was founded in 2006:



Total animals helped – 21,321



Total social cases – 2,907



Total sterilized – 16,446



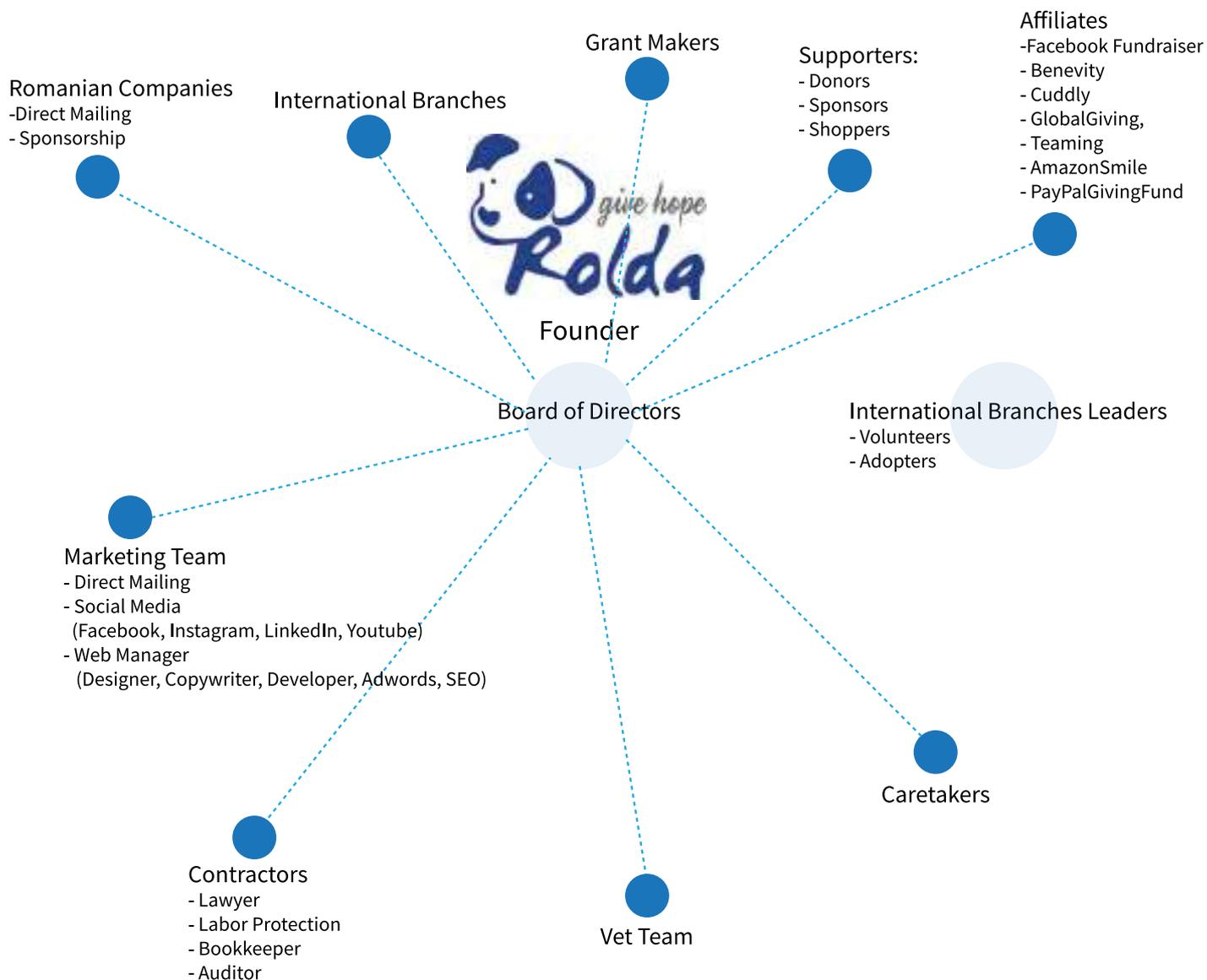
Total adopted – 1,874

# 8. Governance:

ROLDA Foundation is a non-profit, non-governmental entity incorporated under the current Romanian laws, registered in the Registry of Foundations and Associations from the Justice Court in Galati, Romania - No. 5/PJ/2005, 30-1/1679. The Unique Registration Number is CUI: 18416340.

The Board is formed by the founder, two board members from the international branches (one from Switzerland and one from Norway), one board member from Romania and a treasurer.

The professional structure is defined according to the following organizational chart:



For complete transparency and maximised results, the bookkeeping, legal services and marketing services have been outsourced since 2006.

# 9. Transparency & Trust:

## ROLDA ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

### OTHER INCOME SOURCES IN 2020\*

Sponsorship from Romanian companies – 7,200 USD

Benevity – 3,283 USD

PayPal Giving Fund – 178 USD

Global Giving – 332 US

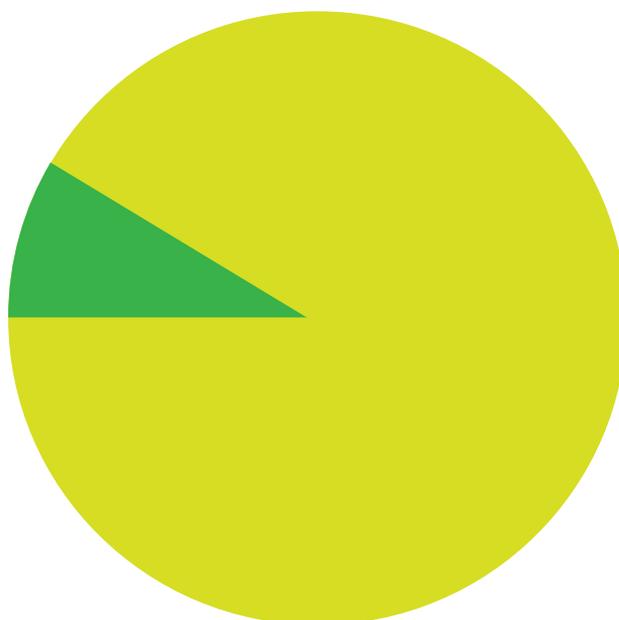
Facebook Fundraiser – 19,223 USD

Teaming – 663 USD

\*Exchange rate from July 29th, 2021

### HOW MUCH WE SPEND

**6%** Indirect Costs



**94%** Direct Animal Care Costs:

68% Shelter Costs, Food, Vet Bills, Medicine

14% Salaries

12% Other Costs

# ANNUAL BUDGET ROLDA

1<sup>st</sup> Jan 2020 – 1<sup>st</sup> Jan 2021

Currency RON: 18.01.2021; conversions: RON/EUR, RON/US\$, RON/GBP, RON/AU\$

TYPE OF COST	COST 2020	COST DESCRIPTION
<b>ONE TIME/CAPITAL COSTS</b>	<b>41420</b>	Replace power transformer; Program therapy for seniors; Campaign dog houses; Major repairs for 2 paddocks; Purchase refrigerator and washing machine for shelter.
		Capital costs represent 2% from total expenditures.
<b>COSTS MADE FOR DIRECT ANIMAL CARE</b>	<b>1302874</b>	Direct costs include food (premium food for animals in our shelters, food for the pack of dogs fed on the streets, food donated to poor animals in rural community); medicines purchased (vaccines, parasites control, first aid supplies, prescribed treatments), veterinary bills and sterilization & microchipping program for poor pets; rescue van costs; dogs transport in countries where they are adopted; utilities for shelters; web related costs; disinfectants and cleaning, consumables others, shelters security; small pieces of equipment and supplies for maintenance, repairs.
<b>COSTS FOR RESCUE &amp; ESSENTIAL TEAM</b>	<b>439445</b>	Costs for the rescue and essential staff include the salaries paid to the caretakers, international staff.
<b>MANDATORY RUNNING COSTS FOR SHELTERS</b>	<b>30475</b>	In order for shelters to function as per current laws, we have to pay external services like bookkeepers, auditors, legal advisor/lawyer, DDD services, labor protection specialist and medical annual check for caretakers.
<b>TAXES &amp; FEES</b>	<b>31057</b>	VAT return, taxes paid to municipalities in Smardan and Galati, bank fees (2470), Court fees, other taxes.
<b>OTHER COSTS</b>	<b>69540</b>	Costs that don't fall under none of the above category and protocol.
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1873391</b>	Direct costs represent 92% from total expenditures.
<b>INDIRECT COSTS</b>	<b>128660</b>	Marketing (postage, advertising, printing) related, handmade products
		Indirect costs represent 6 % from total expenditures.
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2043471</b>	

# 10. How to Navigate Online:

## ROLDA WEBSITES

A small group of people with big hearts created a chain of websites to help people from all over the World who support ROLDA to learn about what we do, where and why.



### Step 1: Get informed!

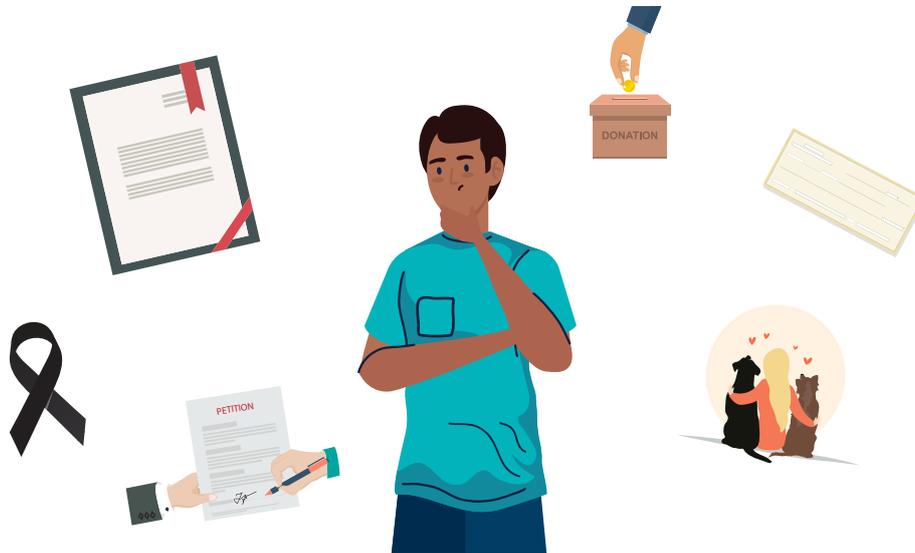
ROLDA Romania (in Romanian): [rolda.ro](http://rolda.ro)

ROLDA's websites (in English or other languages):

- Our main website (in English): [rolda.org](http://rolda.org)
- ROLDA UK: [uk.rolda.org](http://uk.rolda.org)
- ROLDA Australia: [rolda.org.au](http://rolda.org.au)
- ROLDA Switzerland (in French): [rolda.ch](http://rolda.ch)
- ROLDA Norway (in Norwegian): [gatehunderfraromania.rolda.org](http://gatehunderfraromania.rolda.org)

## Step 2: Take action! (English language websites only):

- ▶ [sponsoradog.rolda.org](https://sponsoradog.rolda.org) – If you want to adopt or sponsor a dog from the ROLDA shelters, or if you want to sponsor a pet from poor communities
- ▶ [help.rolda.org](https://help.rolda.org) – Take a stand against animal abuse – sign our petitions campaigning for animal rights



## Step 3: Different ways to help (English language websites only):

- ▶ [shop.rolda.org](https://shop.rolda.org) - If you love to shop with a purpose and give back to animals. Apart from handmade items by Romanian artisans, in ROLDA's Shop you can find virtual gifts that enable real help for animals in need, and even free e-cards you can send to your friends on special occasions.
- ▶ [memorials.rolda.org](https://memorials.rolda.org) - If you want to keep the memory of your lost pet alive, this is where you can start a fundraiser in memory of your beloved pet.
- ▶ [legacy.rolda.org](https://legacy.rolda.org) - We created this page with information about legacy, wills and bequests for people who like to carefully plan their future and invest into animals future.
- ▶ [cryptoforanimals.org](https://cryptoforanimals.org) - If you want to bring your compassion for animals to a new level and are ready to use a futuristic method to donate, stay tuned – we are preparing a section of our website dedicated to those who use crypto currencies.



# 11. Running a Dog Shelter Properly:

## DISEASE CONTROL MANAGEMENT

Running a shelter-home to 700 dogs is full of challenges, the most demanding and important of which is the maintenance of excellent hygiene and the vigilant management of any disease which could potentially spread.

Keeping high standards of cleanliness and adhering to strict protocols are key to keeping all our dogs healthy and happy, which is essential to their future potential for adoption — ROLDA's ultimate goal for every dog.



Galati – the region in which ROLDA's shelters are based – is surrounded by water (the Danube and Siret rivers plus a few small lakes near to our shelters). Romania is host to hot, heady (and sometimes humid) summers. From May and until late October, mosquitoes are a living nightmare. Not just for animals, but people are affected by these insects, some of which can carry the dangerous West Nile disease.

For dogs, mosquitoes can carry Heartworms known as *Dirofilaria*. It's a silent disease which unfortunately passes unnoticed until it's too late. When dogs start having difficulties breathing, it's usually too late because heart and lungs have been ravaged by the worms. Prevention is the only effective option to keep dogs healthy and happy.

ROLDA's large shelter is in a rural setting, on the outskirts of town. It's a quiet, pleasant and verdant location, but despite the serenity of the remote locale it entails its own problems. From early spring fleas (when they are especially aggressive) are another constant nuisance, to make things worse, nearby livestock help them spread. These parasites are especially dangerous when they carry diseases like *Babesia* which has become more and more frequent in recent years, it is very a serious disease which affects the kidneys. If diagnosed early, *Babesia* can be cured, but even if the dog is lucky enough to survive, having the disease doesn't confer any immunity, meaning dogs can easily be re-infected the next summer.

All dog owners will know the essential preventative measures – vaccines, pills against parasites and spot on treatments – all purchased to protect our beloved furry companions

against illness. However, a shelter as large as ours requires further protective measures be taken:

- ▶ When a new dog is brought into our care, the **transport kennel** and the **van** must be thoroughly **disinfected**.
- ▶ The new dog is placed in a kennel either alone or with other dogs brought in the same day. This is the **quarantine area** separated from the rest of the kennels. It has a separate entrance with special infection-control measures.
- ▶ Any new dog welcomed in the shelter is medically **examined**, treated for any injuries, receives medication to kill any internal parasites and are checked and treated for fleas.
- ▶ If dogs have the appropriate weight and are physically healthy, they are immediately vaccinated and placed in quarantine for 21 days to protect the wellbeing of our other dogs.
- ▶ As soon as the quarantine period is over and the dog remains in good health, it are **sterilised** by our experienced vet.
- ▶ Romanian law demands that a dog to be **microchipped, sterilised and vaccinated**. However, from years of experience, we know undergoing both vaccination and sterilization in a short period of time can be very physically demanding. ROLDA's chief priority is always the safety of the dogs in our care. Therefore, we adapt this process in accordance with the best interest of the animal.

Despite ROLDA's rigorous approach to ensure the health of our dogs, there are some tragic and unforeseeable circumstances that arise that are simply unsolvable. Regrettably, vaccination – whilst absolutely necessary – can sometimes activate dormant disease in some animals, such as **distemper** and **parvo**. Distemper is not curable. Its effects can pass, though even if the dog survives, their brain can be permanently damaged and furthermore they can remain infectious to other dogs. At ROLDA, distemper is one of the extremely rare circumstances when a dog is euthanised. Dogs ravaged by distemper have no quality of life, exist in a life of misery and are a danger to other dogs. This is especially the case in puppies, who have zero chance of recovery from the disease.

Puppies are sometimes asymptomatic following their first vaccination but upon receiving their second dose some develop an illness and tragically do not survive. However, despite these awfully sad cases, vaccination has saved the lives of thousands of dogs that are in or have passed through our care.

In summary, **our dogs are surrounded by often unperceivable threats**. Bacteria, parasites, viruses are all ever-present dangers that we must mitigate to the best of our ability. Each of our 700 dogs is wholly **dependent on us to safeguard their health against these silent killers**. Furthermore, it is also our responsibility to protect our hardworking staff, volunteers and the local community to prevent the spread of disease. Keeping our shelter safe against highly transmissible diseases that can easily harm vulnerable dogs (with weakened immune systems, puppies or elderly dogs) is one of the highest priorities for ROLDA and we pride ourselves on maintaining the highest standards of safety and care for our pups.

# 12. Nothing Taken for Granted:

## ROLDA'S HEARTFELT THANKS TO OUR SUPPORTERS

Our gratitude goes to:

- ▶ **ROLDA Rescue Team and Caretakers** that work 7 days/week to make sure the dogs have all they need while in our care and to prepare them to travel into great, forever homes.
- ▶ **ROLDA Supporters** from all over the world who believe in our mission, who trust and support us by donating, sponsoring our dogs and adopting dogs from our sanctuaries.
- ▶ **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 incredible loyal, inventive and amazing colleagues not only in the good times but especially in the bad times.

# 13. A Picture is Worth a Thousand Woofs:

ROLDA'S PHOTO OF THE YEAR

Superb way to express human-animal connection and the transformation of humans in the company of our furry friends.

— Photo courtesy of Lolita Morena



# 14. 1 minute, 1 lifetime:



*This section is dedicated to all the dogs from public shelters across Romania who became victims of people's greed, irresponsibility and indifference.*

**00:00**

If I may take only 1 minute from your time, I would quickly tell you that ROLDA continues to need you to transform the lives of abused and neglected dogs in a country with 2.5 million strays. Because **every minute in Romania** a dog is hit by a car and suffers until he passes away, alone. When you will finish reading the message, 1 more will have gone to Dog Heaven, either from under the wheel's of a truck or from a horrible dog pound.

**00:20**

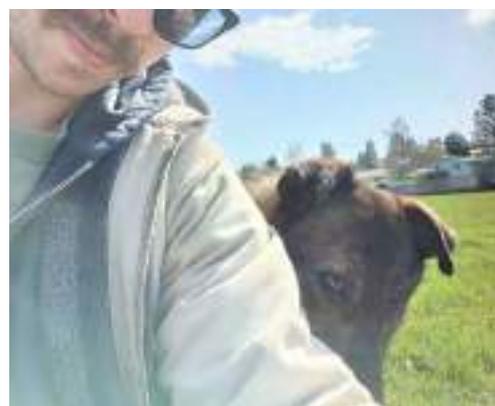
Please listen... I have 40 seconds left to give a meaning to time that passes too quickly, word after word, second after second and to ask you to stay TOGETHER and empower this time with the gift of life. Because you have the power to make out of this minute a unique opportunity. **This 1 minute, is a lifetime.** A life like Tom's.

**00:30**

We can transform a dog's life and prevent him to end up under a truck's wheels or in filthy prisons called public shelters. Tom was saved by ROLDA from a local public shelter, he was living in a kennel full of large dogs which wouldn't give this gentle dog any chance for survival. With eyes full of tears, our minds were blocked by hundreds of images of dogs we had already met during that day, but in that second, when we saw Tom, we knew he is too vulnerable and needs our help. ROLDA saved Tom from a sure death, we transported him in our shelter and few weeks later, he flew to WA, USA.

**00:50**

**10 seconds** won't be enough to describe a visit to the public shelter, how dogs try to climb over the gates, how they stick their heads between the bars, looking into your eyes to see your soul. But to cheer you up, I have enough time left to tell you how gorgeous Tom's smile is today.



Every minute is vital especially for those running out of time, suffering in this cruel world. The good news is, for some, we can make a difference before it's too late. It only takes a minute, but it will last forever. My time expired, a promise is a promise. If you love all dogs with your big heart, be the promise they need.

PS. For the ROLDA team and for all the wonderful supporters like you, 7,884,000 minutes have already gone by, from the beginning in 2006 when we officially became a registered charity. 15 years have already passed. **Together, we are the change for animals in need.**

For our **15 years anniversary**, we couldn't have dreamt to celebrate this moment with anyone else but you. **Because together, we're the people that can give these animals a better future.**

## 15. Friends Around the World:

ROLDA INTERNATIONAL

As we continue the legal battle in Court against the local steel company owned by Lakshmi Mittal – one of richest men on Earth – heartless enough to let the dogs collected by ROLDA from his property without promised investments and without basic care.

The costs incurred to keep these dogs alive and the ROLDA large sanctuary functional during 2020 were partially covered by our foreign partners, the #roldafamily who never let us down:



# 1.USA



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)

MOTTO:

— *“Because every animal deserves to be respected”*

## Highlights in 2020

- ▶ Continued direct mailing fundraising
- ▶ **Dream** was adopted in the US
- ▶ Partnership with [BringFido](#) 

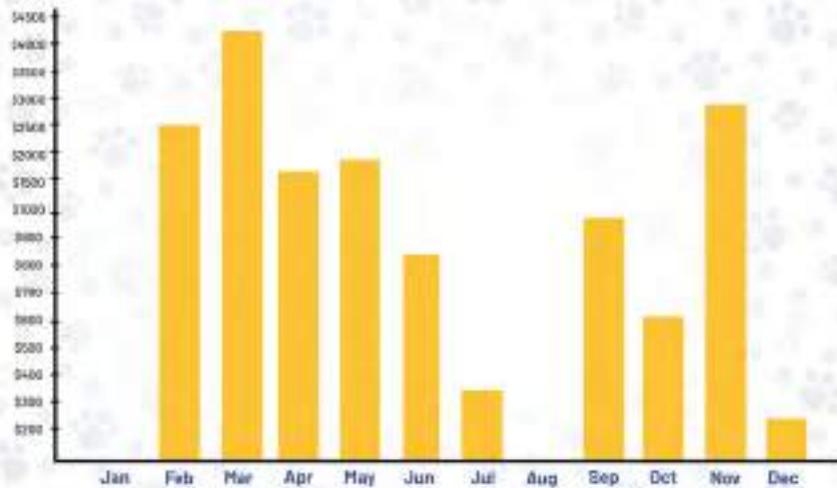
**ROLDA USA Latest F990**  
Fiscal year July 1, 2019 - June 30, 2020

**Total revenue:** 157,013 USD  
**Total expenses:** 117980  
**Excess:** 39,033 USD  
**Grants sent to Romania:** 55,097 USD

## Partners



### Donations received by Facebook Fundraiser



### Donations received via Benevity platform



## Contact ROLDA USA



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/ROLDAorg



<https://rolda.org>



@roldaorg

## Make a gift to ROLDA USA

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



Donate directly by PayPal: [Paypal.me/ROLDA](https://www.paypal.com/RO/LDA)



Make an online donation: [rolda.org/donate](https://rolda.org/donate)



Leave a gift for our animals in your will: [legacy.rolda.org/usa](https://legacy.rolda.org/usa)



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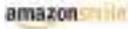
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[smile.amazon.com/ch/32-0176929](https://smile.amazon.com/ch/32-0176929)



GoodShop

[goodshop.com/nonprofit/romanian-league-in-defense-of-animals-rolda-greenbank](https://goodshop.com/nonprofit/romanian-league-in-defense-of-animals-rolda-greenbank)

## Dream's Diary

**29th June** (before his arrival)

*Is there a certain food he likes? I have a bed, a bowl, toys, a blanket, lots and lots of treats and food, a leash, a collar, and some vitamins. I sometimes cook rice because American dog food does not have grains, which are good for their heart. I also have wet and dry dog food.*

*I have a place that he can sleep in the living room, but he can choose to sleep anywhere he likes between the living room, hallway, and bedrooms.*

*PS: His new name will be Jaxton*

**5th July**

*Dream landed safely and is still with the people who will be transporting him to my home tomorrow.*

**6th July**

*His trip was exceptionally long, but he was well taken care of and finally got here, 45 minutes earlier than they thought he would. I can see he will be a big boy when he grows up. :))*

*He is in the photo with my mom. He kept jumping up to sit with her.*

**19th July**

*Just a little update Dream (now Jaxton) slept with me out in the living room last night... crawled up onto the sofa and snuggled in! I love that boy!*

**9th August**

*Here are some recent photos of Dream (Jaxton) that were taken.*

*He's grown so much and is mostly potty trained. He still gets really excited and will nip or jump, but he is learning not to. He loves to sit in my lap and gets really excited to see me - which I love. He is the perfect dog for us!*

**20th August**

*He is doing very well and is growing in height and weight. He is becoming calmer, but has his moments of high energy. but he is still a puppy. :) He is such a good boy and is learning how to get along with the girls... he's almost convinced one to play with him... He is mostly potty-trained and is listening better to what I want him to do. He is a very spoiled, loved, and cherished member of our family!*

*Thank you for suggesting we adopt Dream! He is our dream!*

-- From Stacey who adopted Dream in the US



# 1. NORWAY



FULL NAME: ROLDA Gatehunder fra Romania Oslo og Omegn

LEGAL STATUS: Non-profit organization; Reg. No. 998398495, Member of Grasrotandelen

## Highlights in 2020

Online fundraising events:

- ▶ Calendar Sale
- ▶ Christmas Handmade Products Sale (made by Hege)
- ▶ Handmade Items Sale (made by Matilde)
- ▶ Online Fundraising (by Marte)



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

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

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



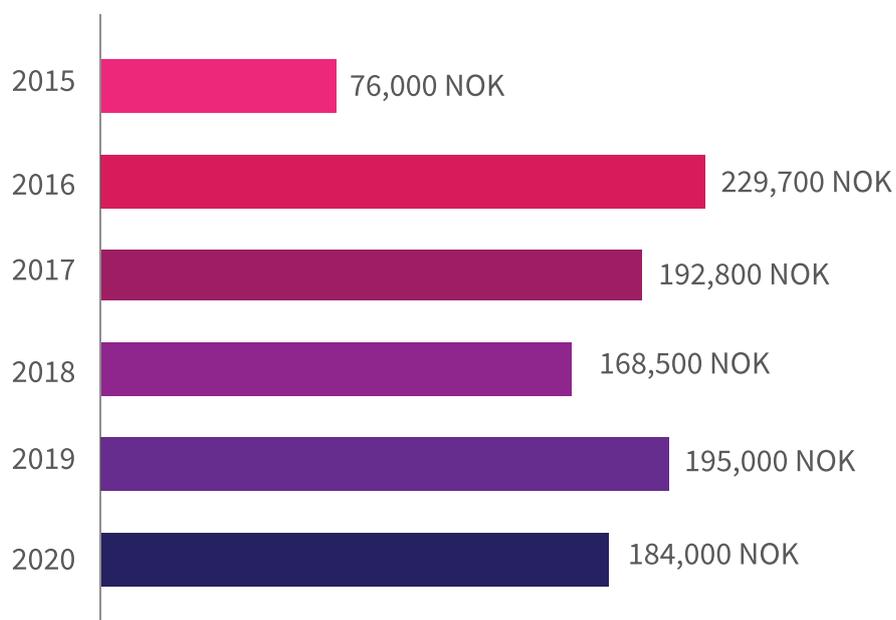
Big thanks for Lin Santori from Gatehund for including ROLDA Norway in her fundraising initiative Fredagstieren!

**Funds transferred to Romania in 2020\*: 184,000 NOK**

\*Donations decreased with 6% compared with 2019



#### EVOLUTION OF DONATIONS TRANSFERRED FROM NORWAY TO ROMANIA OVER THE PAST 6 YEARS



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## Make a gift to ROLDA Gatehunder fra Romania Oslo og Omegn

 Vipps 524987

 [PayPal.me/SaveStrays](https://www.paypal.me/SaveStrays)

 Bank account: 6219 13 48082

 [spleis.no/org/1685](https://spleis.no/org/1685)

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### 3. AUSTRALIA



FULL NAME: ROLDA Incorporated (ROLDA Inc.)

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

MOTTO:

— *“Because every animal deserves to be respected”*

#### Financial Report ROLDA Inc.\* in Australia for 2019-2020

**Total Liabilities:** 36,669 AUD

**Profit:** 39,247 AUD

**Total Income:** 158,694 AUD

**Total Expenses:** 119,272 AUD

*\*Audit report created by Hall Chadwick Queensland*



Contact ROLDA Inc.

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Kick the tin for a good cause — ROLDA Inc.



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Account name: ROLDA Inc. -- BSB: 032-515 -- Account number: 337936 -- Bank name: WestPac



Donate by phone: Call 0473 001 274 and donate by credit card. All donations are processed in AUD.



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

#### Announcement about adopting a #roldadog in Australia:

Unfortunately due to huge distance and long shipping times, coupled with quarantine laws, it just isn't feasible to adopt dogs into Australia.

## 4. SWITZERLAND



FULL NAME: Association ROLDA Suisse

LEGAL STATUS: Non-profit organization

MOTTO:

—*“En adoptant un chien c’est en sauver deux!!”*

### Highlights in 2020

#### June

- ▶ Swiss volunteers visited Romania to deliver doghouses to pets from rural communities
- ▶ Photo shoot for the 2021 calendar
- ▶ Took pictures of sponsored dogs and dogs ready for adoption

#### August

- ▶ Adopted dogs were united with their forever families

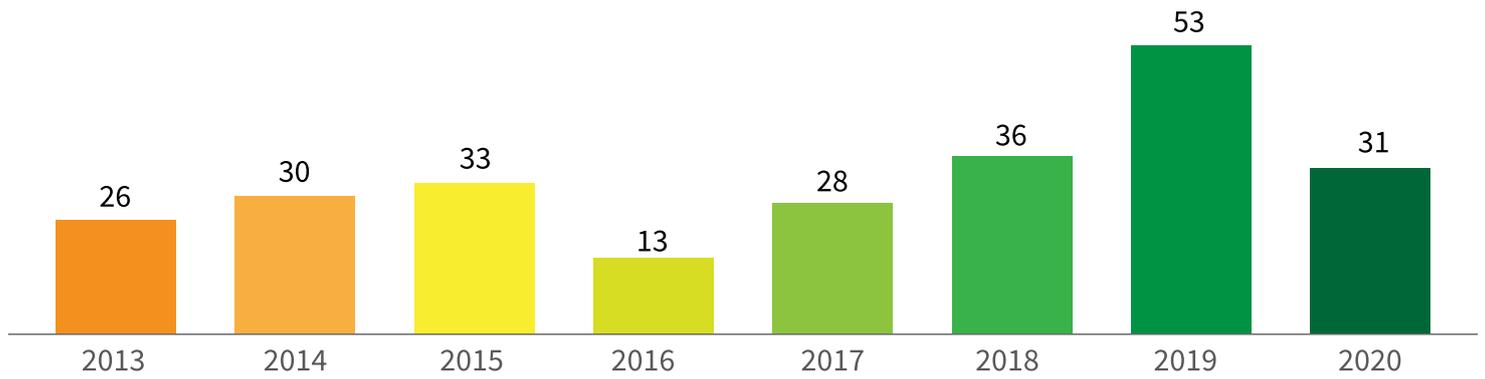
#### November

- ▶ Food and treats donated from Swiss Animal Protection arrived at the shelter just before Christmas

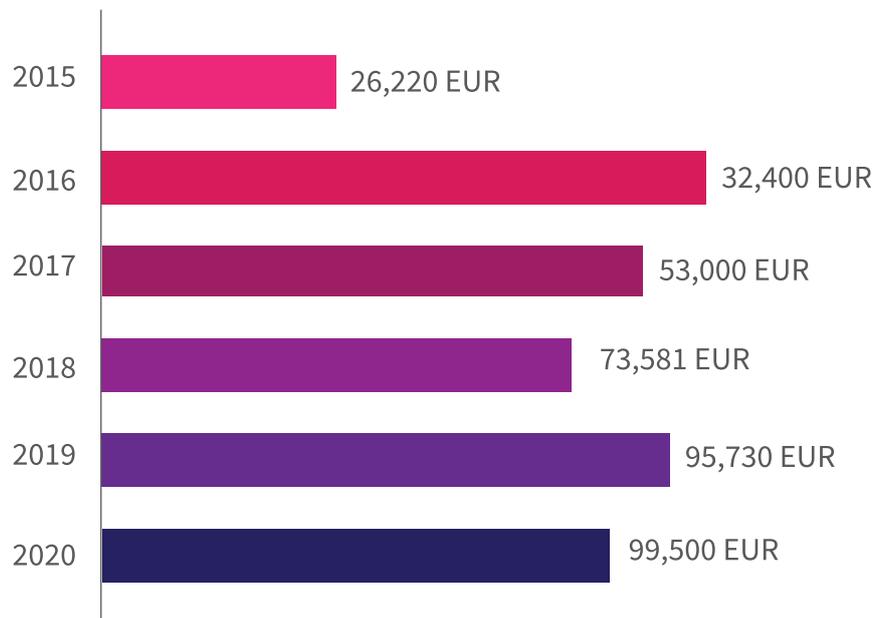
#### December

- ▶ Calendar sale

## DOGS ADOPTED IN SWITZERLAND SINCE ROLDA SUISSE WAS FOUNDED



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To become member of our association, please visit: [ch.rolda.org/devenir-membre](http://ch.rolda.org/devenir-membre)

## 5. GERMANY



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

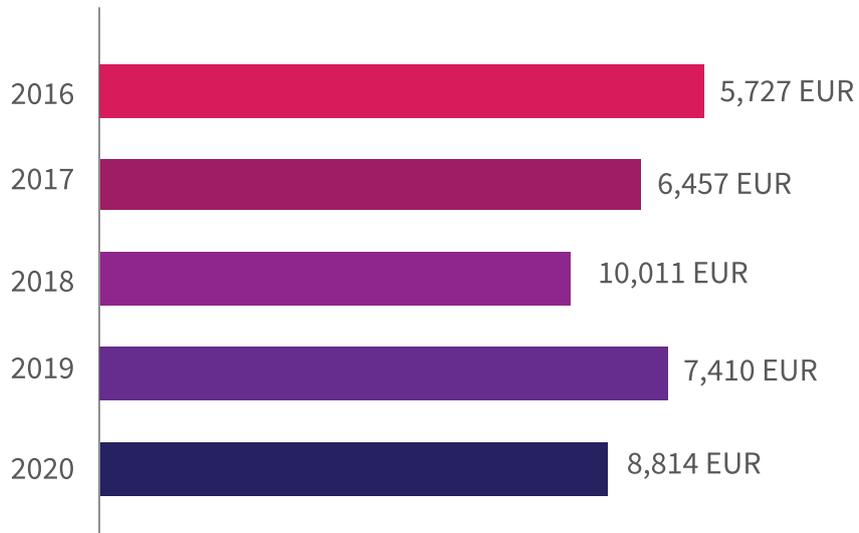
LEGAL STATUS: in liquidation - nonprofit, tax-exempt organization

Registration no: VR 3910 HL

MOTTO:

— *“Weil jedes Tier Respekt verdient.”*

## EVOLUTION OF DONATIONS TRANSFERRED FROM GERMANY TO ROMANIA OVER THE PAST 5 YEARS



### Contact ROLDA Germany

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Online donations are welcomed: [info@rolda-deutschland.org](mailto:info@rolda-deutschland.org)



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## 5. UNITED KINGDOM



FULL NAME: ROLDA UK

LEGAL STATUS: CIO, Reg. no. 1162690

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

MOTTO:

— *“Because every animal deserves to be respected.”*

### Highlights in 2020

▶ Media coverage in WunderDogMagazine <https://wunderdogmagazine.com/news/how-you-can-help-dog-charities-during-the-coronavirus-outbreak/>



ROLDA founder Dana

ROLDA: Since its inception in 2002, ROLDA has helped more than 20,000 dogs. Based in Galati, Romania's poorest region, the charity works on combating the dog overpopulation while providing care for dogs – those who have humans and those who don't –, and ROLDA also runs education programmes

ROLDA told Wunderdog: “Due to coronavirus, we are starting to struggle as our supplies typically come from

Spain but of course due to border closures, they can't get to us. We're trying to raise funds to be able to buy food locally and are also providing a guide on how to stay safe during this crisis.

“We currently have 700 dogs over two sanctuaries. We believe the numbers will rise as more case in Romania emerge, and people start to abandon their dogs on the streets.”

- ▶ Media coverage in The Ark, Catholic Concern for Animals' flagship magazine.



- ▶ Media coverage: article in The Telegraph



**Financial Report ROLDA UK**  
Fiscal year 01.07.2019 – 30.06.2020

**Total income: 4,800 GBP**  
**Total expenses: 3,794 GBP**  
**Total cash funds: 1,006 GBP**

## Donations made by ROLDA UK for Romanian project



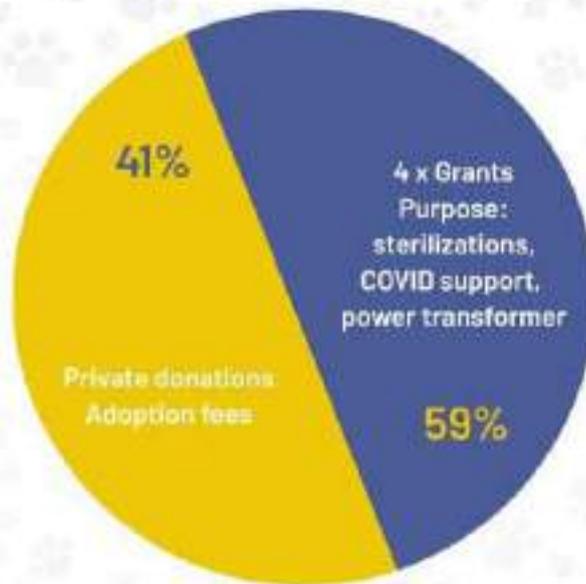
*give hope*

## Donations made by ROLDA UK for Romanian project



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### Ways to help ROLDA UK:



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Address: Barclays Bank



Checks payable to ROLDA UK should be sent to:  
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Manchester, M61 0BW



Donate by SMS: Text **ROLDA 10** to 70085 to donate £10

### 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](https://givingonline.org.uk/Rolda-UK_3444/index.html)



Charity Car

<https://www.charitycar.co.uk/rolda-uk>



## 6. SWEDEN



FULL NAME: Association ROLDA Sverige

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

MOTTO:

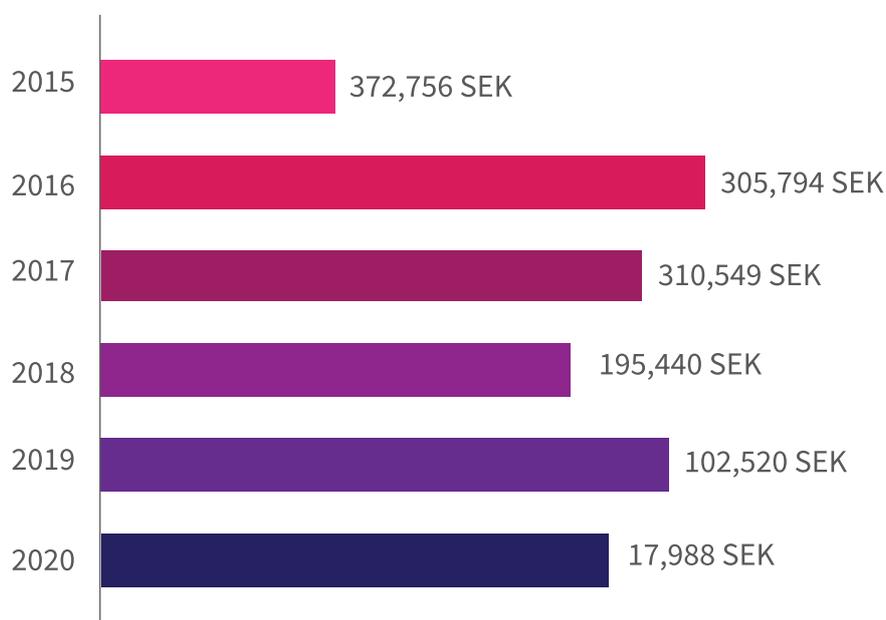
— *“Vi anser att alla hundar förtjänar en chans.”*

### Highlights in 2020

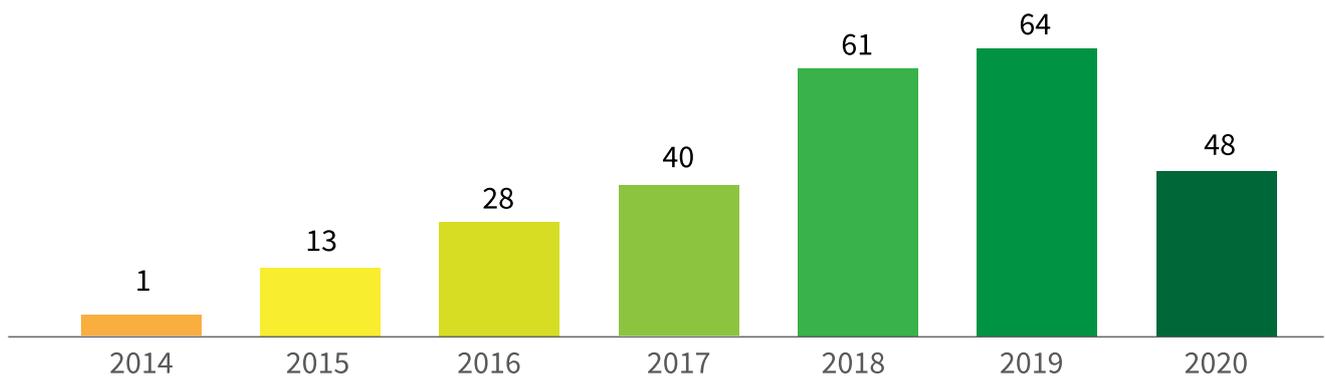
- ▶ September: Adopted dogs were united with their forever families
- ▶ December: Calendar sale



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OVER THE PAST 6 YEARS



## DOGS ADOPTED IN SWITZERLAND SINCE ASSOCIATION ROLDA SVERIGE WAS FOUNDED



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### Ways to help ROLDA Sverige

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## 7. THE NETHERLANDS



FULL NAME: ROLDA Netherlands

LEGAL STATUS: Regarded as an ANBI charity under Dutch Fiscal Number RSIN 8258 20 157



## 8. ROMANIA



### Highlights in 2020

▶ The year started with the **#NeverLetGo** campaign to help prevent the abandonment of dogs, especially senior dogs, who need a forever home. As they navigate their later years and start experiencing health problems, they deserve more than ever to not end up in a shelter.

#neverletgo

Watch the **English** version by clicking the image above or the link below:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M438aNfTP2s>

Thanks to our volunteers, the campaign was translated in several other languages:

**French:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pRtu9op0JUw>

**Norwegian:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jQod4N6JulQ>

**German:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UJ9BSkQ1Q-0>

**Romanian:** [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JIRF9\\_4hO9Q](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JIRF9_4hO9Q)

▶ **Swedish:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wZ9OOcgPa8M>

▶ In February, the power **transformer broke**, putting the wellbeing of the dogs from the large shelter in danger. Luckily the problem was solved within days thanks to supporters from all over the world.

▶ The COVID crisis **increased the price** of consumables like gloves, disinfectant, masks etc. Even finding food was a problem for a short while when the **trucks from Spain were blocked** at customs, imports were stopped and expensive dog food from supermarkets disappeared. Thankfully this lack of supplies didn't last. To help us through these tricky times, we received a much needed food donation from Germany in February, and Switzerland in November.

Many animals were abandoned because COVID, including of fear that animals can transmit this disease. To counter attack this fake news, ROLDA created and distributed a leaflet which was also available online, in English.

▶ Just before lockdown started, the ROLDA team visited the **horrible local pound** and saved a few dogs which were transported to safety in our care. If we wouldn't have hurried, because of all the safety restrictions that were soon enforced we probably wouldn't have found those dogs alive!

- ▶ The number of volunteers and adopters dropped during 2020 due of all the COVID safety restrictions; we were visited only by Swiss supporters in June.
- ▶ In September, some of our dogs were **transported to Switzerland and Sweden** to their forever homes.
- ▶ The **Walk Challenge** was a fundraising event made in October month, when supporters sponsored one or more #roldadogs to go walkies with the ROLDA President, Dana. We decided to repeat this event, considering how successful it was.
- ▶ **Shelter repair work:** 2 paddocks renovated in October
- ▶ **Christmas Awareness Campaign:** a video was created to raise awareness about animals abandoned after the holiday season. Watch the video here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fX62T-ikWJg>



# 16. From Romania with Love:

## ROLDA DOGS IN HAPPY NEW HOMES

We always said that adopting is the best gift you can give a rescued dog! Every adoption is a touching story itself, where dog transformation and human emotions mix and balance to create a perfect bond.

But sometimes we want to share with you special adoption stories that touch our hearts in a way different than others.

### LISA (SWEDEN) ADOPTED BARTY

Barty was found wandering the streets of Galati. Being blind was not easy for him to survive on the streets so we suppose he wasn't abandoned for long.

Life in the shelter was not easy for a blind dog, so many new sounds and smells, a new place to learn and adapt into. As we were getting him out of the kennel he was trying to approach us and let us pet him, he had a very good personality, so we vowed that we will find him the best home possible, as no dog should be in the shelter for his whole life!

And finally this autumn we could fulfill our promise!

Barty is living now together with the pack at Lisa, our President from Sweden.



### OWEN (UK) ADOPTED FLASH, SAVED BY ROLDA FROM A FILTHY PS

*"It's been 6 months since the day I picked him up and it's best thing I've ever done. Thank you all so much for letting me adopt this brilliant little dog! He's everything I could ever wished for and more, my best mate!"*



## PICIU ADOPTED BY OUR SUISSE PRESIDENT, MICHELE (THE 3RD #ROLDADOG SHE ADOPTS)



## ANGELA (UK) ADOPTED DARIE

*"The whole adoption process with Darie was such a positive process with ROLDA. Having found Darie, Gemma was my main contact and my many questions were answered speedily and where necessary relaid to Romania and answered very efficiently. As Darie had a phobia of the lead, I'd asked for a video of how he was on the lead so as I could research how to deal with the problem, and it came the very next day. I was reassured of ROLDA's excellence by the amount of care they have for the dogs. As it was lockdown, my home check was done digitally and was extremely thorough, making sure that we were the right family for Darie to come to. This really impressed me.*



*The only thing that I could say was slightly disappointing was that the travel company didn't send any photos of the dogs in transit. As an adopter, to know that our dog is finally on his way on the long drive from Romania, is a worrying process that he would be ok. A few photos would have been reassuring, even general ones of all the dogs in their travelling cages. This of course was out of ROLDA's hands so quite unfair of me to comment. We did receive regular updates enroute, just not photos! I cannot fault the time and care that I have been given by ROLDA. Sarah is the main contact for Dan who we are adopting and who is arriving in January. Gemma and Sarah have been excellent, professional and extremely friendly. I am already recommending ROLDA to friends based on our experience and the good that they truly do in Romania."*

## FRANCESCA (UK) ADOPTED TEAR (NOW ANYA)

*"Anya was so scared when we first picked her up. She did not move at all in the back of the car on the way home. I would notice her looking at me and when I looked at her she would move her head away, she wanted no eye contact! Anya had to be carried in the house and then stood in the kitchen not wanting to move, and trying to make herself as small and invisible as she could. She would cower if we walked past her too quickly, she struggled to walk past people with walking sticks or people who would use ball throwers. She was scared of bikes, cars, loud noises, the sound of water running from the tap, the kettle boiling... the list was endless!*

*In the days following her arrival, Anya found comfort in our two resident dogs and her observing them with us and us with them made her realize she was now safe and no harm would come to her EVER! Every day she is becoming more confident and her eyes are no longer scared and her body is no longer tense. She is now warm, happy, relaxed and content.*

*I have followed overseas dog rescue since 2013. ROLDA was one of the rescues that I always followed, mainly because the Facebook page and website was so easy to follow and always updated. We wanted to rescue a dog direct from a shelter and not one that had been brought over to a rescue and then fostered out (we wanted to see the change ourselves). We had three dogs at that time so was unable to adopt another.*

*The adoption process was very good, there were no issues. From the first enquiry through the webpage to the moment we picked Anya up, communication has been brilliant. We were worried at first as we were unsure about the after adoption support, but as soon as we found out there is a lifetime support and if there are any problems we can always contact ROLDA, we felt reassured.*

*With regards to the adoption process, from our personal experience, we feel nothing needs to be improved. The process from start to finish was brilliant."*



# 17. In This Together:

HOW EVERYONE CAN HELP

