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FOUR PAWS' PROJECTS ON STRAY ANIMAL POPULATION MANAGEMENT

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FOUR PAWS was founded in 1988 in Austria to campaign against fur farms and against battery farmed eggs.

In 1994 FOUR PAWS started to work internationally and today has offices in thirteen countries.

This international approach allows FOUR PAWS to lobby and campaign more effectively, improving animal welfare and thousands of animals' lives each year.

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Wild animals

- ⇒ Bears (7 sanctuaries)
- ⇒ Big cats (1 sanctuary, 1 Rescue center, 1 bigcat center)
- ⇒ Orangutan (1 « school » in Borneo)

Farm animals and nutrition

⇒ Private AW label (Tierschutz-Gütesiegel)

slaughter? Transport?



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Stray /Companion animals

- ⇒ Equids: Petra, Feral horses Danube Delta
- ⇒ Stray animal care
- ⇒ Companion Animal Responsible Ownership



Disaster Relief Unit (Chennai – India, floods Balkans)



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FOUR PAWS' Stray Animal Care

33 Members,
mainly
vets and animal
catchers,
mainly based in
Bulgaria, Romania,
Austria, Ukraine

FOUR PAWS' work for stray animals in 2015

Overall 12,451 cats & dogs
have been neutered, vaccinated, dewormed



FOUR PAWS team treated cats & dogs in **9** countries and **28** cities.



www.four-paws.org



FOUR PAWS' Successful CNR Approach

- ⇒ Only Method recognised by the WHO
- ⇒ Only sustainable solution as the last census in Sofia, Bulgaria, reveals
- ⇒ There are however pre-requisites:
 - *Good collaboration with local Authorities
 - *High number of neutered strays (over 60%) and household animals (free neutering campaigns)
 - *Increased adoptions from street and shelters...

The number of stray dogs in Sofia is 3844

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According to the latest census conducted by FOUR PAWS the number of stray dogs has decreased three times in 9 years

The FOUR PAWS experts reported a considerable decline in the number of stray dogs in Sofia. Today they presented the results of the latest census conducted in the second half of 2015. The total number of stray dogs in Sofia is 3844, which is nearly 2,000 less than two years ago and nearly 7500 less than in 2007 when the first similar census was carried out.



Dogs for people

- Started in 2004
- Aims to train strays as therapy dogs
- 1 project leader, 4 handlers + 4 dogs, 1 psychologist
- Dogs are chosen from shelters, or have been saved, or come directly from the street through a selection process (dogs have to pass successfully successive tests)
- Work in center for children with special needs and retirement houses



Therapy center for children with special needs

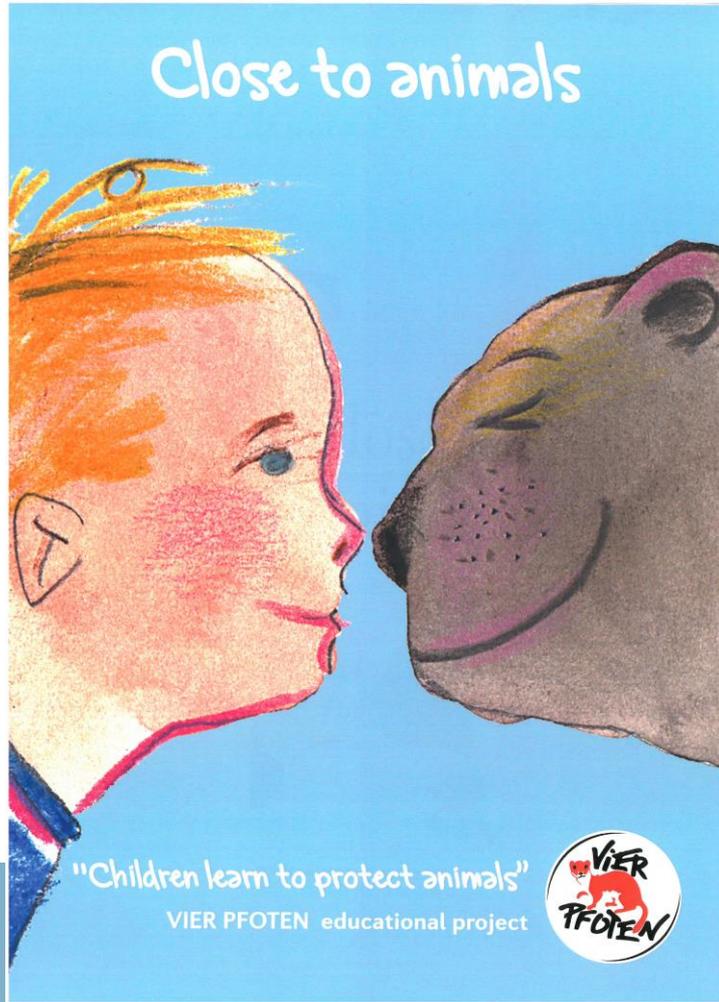
January 2016

Opening of an **Animal-Assisted
Therapy Centre** in Bucharest

Entirely free for the Little patients
24 Patients – up to ca. 50 patients



Educational project for kids



FOUR PAWS go to schools to give educational courses and published and distributed school books for Romanian, Bulgarian and Moldovan children

- Romania: 9-11 y.o. children. Since 2005 over 220 schools benefited from the program

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Educational project for teenagers



« Powerful Paw »

In Germany, Austria and Bulgaria

A « teenagers club »

Magazine and an Internet Forum

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Campaigns



Deceitful online sellers. Exploited animals.
Tragic consequences.



Stoppt die Welpendealer!

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Der Handel mit Rassewelpen boomt. Sie werden billig im Internet, in Zoohandlungen und auf öffentlichen Plätzen angeboten.

In Osteuropa unter schlimmsten Bedingungen produziert, werden Hundebabys viel zu früh von ihren geschundenen Müttern getrennt und meist krank, mit gefälschten Impfpässen quer durch Europa transportiert. Ihre neuen Besitzer sind meist mit hohen Tierarztkosten und oft mit dem frühen Tod der Welpen konfrontiert.

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Sie sind überall

Sie ist Haustier Nummer Eins, doch Millionen ihrer Artgenossen vegetieren auf unseren Straßen dahin, hungrig und meist krank; Streuner Katzen sind auch in Deutschland ein Problem.

Gemeinsam Verantwortung übernehmen ...

Unglücklicherweise ist vielen Menschen das Leid der herrenlosen Katzen noch immer nicht bewusst und kaum jemand fühlt sich für sie verantwortlich. Ständig auf der Suche nach Nahrung leiden die geschwächten Tiere an Krankheiten, die sie auch auf Hauskatzen übertragen. Die einzig nachhaltige und tierechte Lösung ist: Gemeinsam Verantwortung zu übernehmen. Nur durch die Unterstützung der Bevölkerung, von Tierärzten und Gemeinden kann das Leid der herrenlosen Katzen eingedämmt werden.

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Mehr Menschlichkeit für Tiere

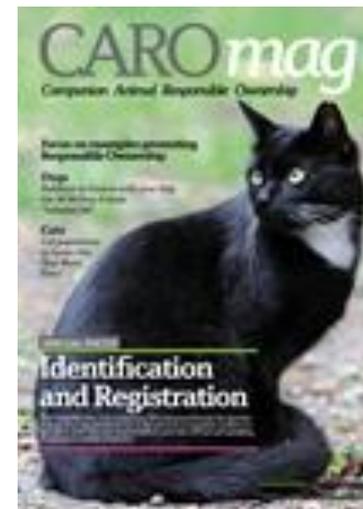
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CARO (Companion Animal Responsible Ownership)



Project aiming at disseminating reliable scientific knowledge and supporting the development of a European overall strategy on responsible ownership of dogs and cats.

- ⇒ Websites with educational/practical information
- ⇒ Scientific tools (I&R, CNR approach...)
- ⇒ Special focuses (I&R, Cat and dog Trade)
- ⇒ Expert group on canine and feline traceability



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Research:

Report on Identification, vaccination and movement of dogs and cats in Europe

1. Identification

Existing and missing rules, problem met in practice with transponders and transponders' codes, the role of competent authorities, veterinarians and transponders' manufacturers etc.

2. Pet Passport

What it is (a sanitary travel document) and what it is not (an ID document), its limits, the vaccination proofs issues etc.

3. TRACES

How to improve the system to better integrate cats and dogs?





CONFERENCE

Identification, vaccination and movement
of dogs and cats in the EU:

How to improve the Pet Passport and TRACES systems?

Brussels, 21 and 22 June 2016
Representation of the State of Hessen to the EU



Conference:

Identification, vaccination and movement of dogs and cats in the EU

Brussel, 21/22 June

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