

ANIMAL LIFE ANNUAL REPORT

2016

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1. TEAM AND MISSION

Animal Life is a non-profit organization, founded in 2006, whose members were brought together by their love towards nature and animals. We started as eight people, some left, some stayed, new friends joined us along the years and look at us now, ten years later, animated by the same desire to build a better world, with people who respect all life forms.

Here is a part of our team:



Georgiana Pop: cats and dogs administration, international adoptions.



Oana Lazăr: Animal Life Facebook page administration, promoting dogs and cats.



Judith Farcas — Kobori: long distance adoption, dog training.

Cristina Cristea: Animal Life website administration, cat adoptions.



Loredana Kaschovitz: cat adoptions.



Larisa Rosian: cat administration.



Cristina Niculescu: international adoptions,
dog administration.



Otilia Pana: international adoptions.



Andreea Roseti: marketing and communication.

Animal Life consists of voluntary members and the above mentioned team is daily assisted by a large number of volunteers: Anamaria Benedek, Raluca Filip, Anamaria Acu, Radu Vulcu, Andreea Man, Eniko Gall and many others whom we are extremely grateful to.

Mission:

In order to build this world we desire we conduct awareness raising actions, educational activities as well as practical ones such as interventions for animals in urgent need of help. Here are some of our main activity areas:

a. Administration and help for pets and farm animals

This has become our main activity field, administering stray dogs and cats is our daily endeavor. We wish for a country with no abandoned and mistreated animals, and these are the measures we take:

- taking in, fostering, neutering, administering vaccines to abandoned animals until they can be adopted by families.
- promoting the adoption of pets as opposed to purchasing them.
- neutering and spaying pets for people who cannot afford such interventions.
- preventing abandonment and cruelty towards animals through awareness campaigns and educational programs in kindergartens and schools.
- collaborating with the public shelter for promoting adoptions and preventing the euthanizing of healthy dogs.
- interventions in the case of accidents by saving, taking in and treating animals.
- monitoring legislative projects for the insurance of an adequate direction towards the administration of stray animals.
- consulting with authorities for an optimal administration of pets (National Sanitary-Veterinary Authority, Sibiu City Hall, Sibiu Police).

b. Rescuing wild animals

We also act in emergency situations for wild animals whereby we work together with other specialized organizations who possess the necessary know-how. Over the past years we intervened for the rescuing of an increasingly large number of birds to whom we offered the chance of treatment and release into their initial habitat thanks to the Friends of Storks Association Cristian.

c. Plantings and greenings

Together with the friends from the Associations “Verdele-n Sus”, “Tășuleasa Social”, “Let's do it Romania”, we get involved yearly in all greening and tree planting campaigns in our county.

d. Lobby, social conscience

We desire a generation of responsible Romanians, attentive towards their environment, who have the courage to express their point of view even by protesting on the street if necessary. Flash-mobs or anti-fracking demonstrations, we do not fear expressing our opinions and the ideas we believe in.

e. Educational Campaigns

Education is the only means to positively change things on the long run. Only through a generation of children who are responsible and empathetic can we hope for a balanced country, where nature and animals are valued and protected.

2. ANIMAL LIFE SHELTER

We are aware that we started off on a hard path, but this is the project which will allow us to strongly optimize our activity.

In order to continue helping animals who have been abandoned we are in need of a center where they will be taken in, cleaned, consulted and accommodated.

The shelter will function as a placement center where animals will be accommodated under the best conditions until they will be adopted. Additionally, the shelter will be provided with a small veterinary office and a space for keeping serious cases in need of treatment.

The buildings we have in mind will not only help us accommodate the animals under our care. This will also be a space dedicated to offering medical treatment and especially to conducting the spay and neuter interventions which we offer for free to people who cannot afford them.

More than this, our shelter will be the place where people who want to help us can come meet their friends and protégés. We will finally be able to have a structured program for socializing with the dogs, to organize activities with children and families and potential sponsors will very clearly see the results of their support.

In 2016 the following works were done on the Animal Life construction site:

- Exterior plastering
- Interior plastering
- Screeds
- Exterior platforms
- Drainage
- Electrical installations
- Doors and windows

The images say it all:



We are still very much in need of help. Our contact details as well as the ways we can be helped are published on our website www.animallife.ro with a separate section dedicated to the shelter.

CURRENT ACTIVITY

SPAYING AND NEUTERING – INTERVENTIONS - ADOPTIONS



Our current activity includes offering veterinary assistance to animals whose owners do not have the financial means necessary, interventions in cases of accidents and cases of abuse, attending to the animals in our care, spaying and neutering pets for preventing their breeding and abandoning.

Some statistics about the animals in our care:

CATS 2016:

Taken in: 206

Deceased: 25

Adopted:153

Spayed and neutered: 188

DOGS 2016:

Taken in: 250

Deceased: 20

Adopted: 147

Spayed and neutered: 317

We mention that the cases of death refer to animals which fell victims to traffic accidents, terminally ill animals or puppies and kittens which were separated from their mother after birth and could not be saved. In very serious cases, the decision to euthanize the animals were taken together with the veterinarian.

Clarification: Animal Life does not euthanize healthy animals and has no maximum limit to the accommodation of animals.

Spaying and Neutering

Ever since 2014 Animal Life conducts a spay and neuter program financed by the Asociația Vielshofener Hunderettung und Tiertafel through which 15 dogs are spayed and neutered every month.

We constantly focus on increasing the number of spayed and neutered animals from one year to another since we are convinced that this is the only viable solution for managing the stray dog problem. We also invest in massive additional spay and neuter campaigns* and try to obtain the assistance of the authorities in this regard.

*See below further details about these additional spay and neuter campaigns

Interventions

The number of cats and dogs rescued from critical situations in 2016 has been extensive; here are some images from cases where we were able to take pictures or to film:





Treatments and vaccine administrations

Animal Life does not only assist the animals taken in by its members but also offers help

to a great number of people who request assistance from us.

The demands are diverse and refer both to animals and to humans.

Thus, we offer free spay and neuter to pets of people who cannot afford such interventions, the same goes for treatments and vaccines. In order to have a control and some statistics of the number of people/ interventions, we have designed a form in December which is to be filled by those who request help. Thereby, next year we will have concrete numbers in this regard.

Adoptions

In the case of adoptions we refer to local adoptions, international ones as well as long-distance adoptions

Local adoptions are conducted through:

- adoption questionnaire which has to be filled by the future owner in order for us to be able to choose the most appropriate animal
- adoption form through which the adopter assumes responsibility for the animal. The form also allows us to properly verify the potential adopter
- home visit at the adopter in order to verify the accuracy of the information filled in the adoption form

We chose to give animals for adoption only in Sibiu county because of our wish to verify the families and people adopting from us. The cases when animals leave the country are rare, excepting our friends.

Given the fact that Animal Life takes over and posts all messages from people who want to give their pets away for adoption, the number of dogs and cats given away locally is smaller than the number of international adoptions.

International adoptions

International adoptions are only conducted through our partner associations or through other associations which have been verified and are authorized. All animals up for adoption

through our association respect the legal requirements, including TRACES certificates. We only use authorized transports.

Partner Associations:

Streunerhilfe International, Germany – <http://www.streunerhilfe-nordgriechenland.de/>

Freie Tierhilfe, Germany – <http://www.freietierhilfe.de/>

Vielshofener Hunderettung und Tiertafel, Germany –
<https://www.hunderettung-tiertafel.eu/index.php>

Other partnerships with associations that assist us with funds and materials:

Grossenhainer Tierschutzverein, Germany - <http://www.grossenhain-tierschutzverein.de/>

Friends of Homeless Dogs, Finland <http://www.koirienystavat.com/en/home>

Long distance adoptions

Long distance adoption is a concept which allows us to take care of animals who are not easily adoptable or very old and which stay in our care for years. People who do not have the space necessary for a real adoption can become adoptive parents for an animal about which they receive regular updates, information, movies and pictures and whom they can also visit. The long distance adopter contributes with 40 RON (9 Euros) per month for the expenses of his or her protégé.

Now some of our soul projects which do not only refer to animals



Our grandmother, Ms. Hilde, whom we visit weekly and help with all home tasks as well as with her expenses and medical needs.

Veronica, an orphan who loves animals and whom we helped to find an asylum, prepare the necessary paperwork, get a job and cover various expenses.

Wild animals

This year we had the chance to save a little fox who found shelter in a barn and was hunted by the villagers. We managed to free her in an isolated, more secure area.



We also got involved in the case of a deer which was hit by a car. However, despite veterinary help, we could not rescue him.



We had two European water turtles, found in the city, one of which was freed in a lake where fishing is forbidden and the other currently hibernating at one of our colleagues until spring, when she will be freed.

Farm animals

In 2016 we took in two little donkeys, Piciu and Aleman.

Unfortunately for Piciu, he couldn't be helped anymore, not even at the University Clinic Cluj Napoca, because the tumor at his leg and a liver disease convinced medics to recommend his euthanasia.

The bad state of his health was probably the reason he had been abandoned in the first place at the city borders.



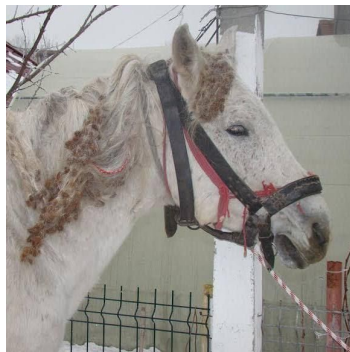
Aleman on the other hand was very lucky because we found him a home next to a female donkey and her baby on the domain of a friend who

loves animals. There they have a lot of space, a nice companies and a warm stable.

Another special case was Benny the buck, who had been abandoned by a shepherd after having received so many hits that he could not walk anymore. Fortunately he too found a lovely shelter where he can live in peace.



We also tried taking in a severely injured horse. However, our negotiations with the owner proved to be futile. Fortunately, our colleagues from the Friends of Storks Association managed to save him and the old horse is now safe and sound.



Also towards the end of the year we received a request for help from the Sărata village, where a resident had left 40 cows on the field from autumn until the middle of December, at temperatures below -14°C. Fortunately, local authorities from Sibiu intervened immediately after we contacted them: in the same day, the anti-fraud department identified the owner and

forced him to shelter the animals.

3. SPAY AND NEUTER CAMPAIGNS

Spay and neuter campaign conducted in the time frame 31 July – 05 August in Șura Mica in collaboration with Romania Animal Rescue



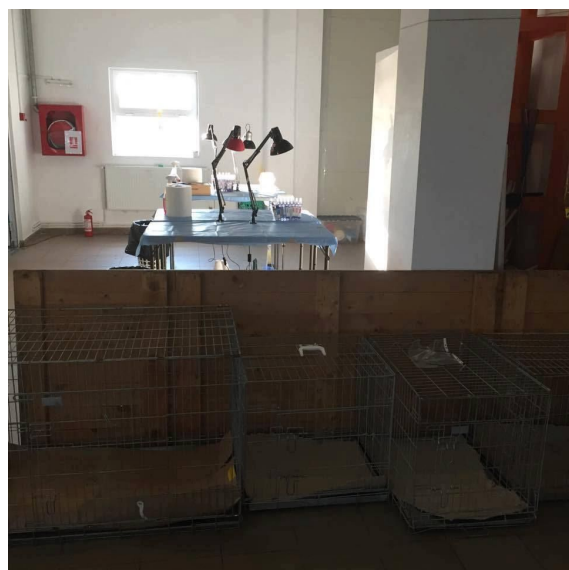
The campaign was organized as follows:

- Romania Animal Rescue offered us the help of their medic and technician team formed by: Miruna Berzuc, Roxana Stan, Valeria Chivu, Andrei Constantin și Anda Popescu.
- The mayor of Șura Mică, Valentin Ristea, offered us assistance by informing the population and allowing us to use a generous space for conducting the interventions (the communal sport hall)
- Animal Life provided several cars and volunteers which brought the dogs, prepared

them for the interventions, offered them post-surgery care and returned them to their owners at the end.

A warm thank you to our exceptional volunteers, who were at our side day by day and without whom we would have been desperate and powerless:

- Key Volunteer n° 1 – Adina Maria,
- Key Volunteer n° 2 – Ms. Adriana,
- Our extraordinary volunteers for awakening from narcosis: Amalia, Diana, Georgiana, Izabela, Iaryna, Ștefi, Adriada și Bianca.
- Our friends and volunteers of the association which were present and helped whenever it was necessary: Daniel Pușcaș, Bogdan Brylynski, Mihai Covalciuc, Mihai Niculescu, Acu Anamaria, Adriana Bucur, Cristina Dinca, Roxie Ghiura, Larisa Rosian, Dana Stanila, Raluca Filip, Cristina Geana, Alexandra Dumitru, Loredana Kaschovits, Andreea Man.
- Friends and volunteers without whom activities like appointments, contact and information would have been a total chaos: Extraordinary volunteers - Oana Lazar, Cristina Cristea, Eniko Mihai, Radu Vulcu.



- We received the help of the associations: Nicola Lehmann – Streunerhilfe International and Marianne Braß – Freie Tierhilfe.de. who raised fund and physically helped during the entire week
- Thousands of thanks to all who donated and thus assisted with covering the costs for one or more interventions and who donated disinfectants, bandages, gloves and

disposable shoe covers!

- Animal Life supported the costs for the surgeries as well as for the accommodation and the meals of the medic and tech team.

A couple of testimonials from the members actively implicated into the campaign:

“The number of spay and neuter interventions performed is remarkable, **357 animals**, 212 dogs and 145 cats.

Therefore: 212 (spayed and neutered dogs) x 2 (mating periods/year) x 6 (average no. of offspring/ litter) = 2.544 puppies and 145 (spayed and neutered cats) x 2 (mating periods/year) x 4 (average no. of offspring/ litter) = 1.160 kittens

We are talking about a total of **3.704** animals who were spared from a life of suffering by being abandoned as young, because of an unneutered male or an unsprayed female, who often is thrown out together with her offspring.

With good and bad, with emotional moments and moments when we thought we won't make it, with beautiful and understanding people, who asked us if we can keep it up and who offered us a cup of cold water when we needed it, as well as with people who were upset with us, we kept going for 6 days, days when we ate and slept sporadically, when we worked from dusk till dawn, we ran, we drove hundreds of kilometers, we dragged and cleaned cages, washed floors dozens of times, carried beds, blankets and cartons, were bitten and scratched, climbed on walls to save a swallow who got trapped in the operation room, ran after cats and dogs who could not be controlled even by their masters, laughed and cried together!

An experience which brought us together and closer to our purpose of enforcing and respecting the law and diminishing the suffering of animals.”

Spay and neuter campaign 22 August – 19 September 2016 in Șelimbăr

In this campaign, organized by the Șelimbăr City Hall and Vier Pfoten România, Animal Life acted as a consultant in the pre-campaign period, participated at the associated press conference and actively got involved in helping underprivileged people transport their animal at the location where the interventions were conducted.



Fundația Vier Pfoten în colaborare cu
Primăria Comunei Șelimbăr organizează:

CAMPANIE DE CASTRĂRI GRATUITE

a câinilor!

Perioada: 22 August - 19 Septembrie 2016

Locație: Com. Șelimbăr

*Asigurăm transportul animalelor pentru
persoanele care nu au această posibilitate!

Adresa:

Terenul de fotbal din Șelimbăr

Telefon:

contact: **0730.583.510**

teren: **0730.339.016**

**Atenție! Medicul recomandă să nu hrăniți animăluțele (câinii)
programate pentru castrare cu 12 ore înainte de operație!*



Primăria comunei Șelimbăr

4. EVENTS, FUND RAISERS, CONFERENCES, EXCHANGES OF EXPERIENCE

PARTICIPATING AT TREE PLANTING CAMPAIGN



Members of Animal Life participated to tree planting campaigns as well as actions for their tending, organized by the “Cu verdele-n SUS” Association.

In April, 450 volunteers planted approximately **10.000** saplings of oak, ash and maple in Arpașu de Jos village, Sibiu county.

The planting of the 10.000 saplings is part of an ambitious project of the “Cu verdele-n SUS” Association, entitled “Let’s raise a forest”, project which is planed for a 5 year period and focuses on turning a 2 hectare terrain of unusable pasture from Arpașu into a young forest which will be taken care of until maturity and enlistment in the forest registry.

SEMIMARATON 2016



The Half Marathon organized by the Community Foundation Sibiu has a 5 year long history in our town and Animal Life has been a participant from the first edition in 2012.

We had 154 runners and 506 supporters and managed to raise 36.635 lei.

As usual, our runners made it into the top of fundraisers: Maria Cismaru, Judit Farcas – Kobori, Radu Hasan.

With the obtained money we have managed to improve the medical office and the stationary area for dogs, however, there remain many other things to be done.

A description of the extraordinary atmosphere at the Half Marathon Sibiu 2016 in a couple of words:

“It is not just a sport event because it is not focused on performance. It is not just a

charitable event because it is much more than that. On Saturday we saw a couple of thousands of people who act in order to improve things. We expressed our most sincere gratitude to people who passed the finish line, who donated, who organized this amazing event! And the most beautiful thing said by a gentleman after he had run 21 km was “We thank you because you offer us the opportunity to help!” It was a day with so much positive energy that it will last the entire year! Friends with Animal Life T-shirts made by themselves, friends from Germany who traveled here to run or who ran in their hometowns, children who hugged us and asked when they can finally come to the shelter to help us out... IT WAS MAGIC! And not least, we think of our colleagues at Animal Life who, during the last months, have become authentic athletes and fundraisers.” Animal Life Member

SIBIU CHALLENGE 2016





Sibiu Challenge took place on the 11th of June, and Animal Life was present for the third consecutive year. As the organizers wrote on the event's website: "It is a day in which we transform the Sub Arini Park into an authentic sport arena, by providing participants with all conditions necessary for practicing a sport: sport infrastructure, equipment and specialized guidance from professional instructors. In front of the Municipal Stadium, on an area of asphalt and grass, there will be build 20 sport zones where interested persons can practice: football, mini-football, basket, mini-basket, climbing and zip-lining, foot-tennis, volleyball, ping-pong, fitness, gymnastics, handball, martial arts for children and adults, sportive dance, street dance, badminton, rugby, activities for children and parents. The event is for the 5th consecutive time enlisted on the Municipality's Sports Agenda."

For us it has been a new opportunity for socializing activities with the dogs in or care and to get to know better our friends and supporters in Sibiu. We installed an Agility Course for our dogs and everyone who wanted to participate with their furry companions. It was a good opportunity for fundraising and dog-training demonstrations with our dedicated colleague, Adina.

VISIT AT FOOTPRINTS OF JOY CERNAVODA AND MEETING WITH THE PRESIDENT SARA TURETTA





In June, as part of an experience exchange initiative, Animal Life visited Save the Dogs in Cernavoda, an association which has been fighting for years in one of the poorest zones of the country in order to create a better life for humans and animals. Not only dogs have an exterior and interior living space, but cats too, and horses and even donkeys. Children take trips to the shelter and children with autism and disabilities can join therapy sessions with the donkeys. More than this, the association implemented an educational program in schools and with a mobile clinic they permanently travel through the cities and villages in the area in order to offer free help to the animals with owners or abandoned ones. It's extraordinary what one person who dedicates their entire life to helping animals can achieve! It's extraordinary how the world

really can be changed through kindness! We are grateful to the president of the Save the Dogs Association, Sara Turetta, for her friendship and assistance! We hope that one day we too will get as far!

PARTICIPATION TO THE GREENPEACE CAMP



In August, the vice president of Animal Life, Andreea Rosetti, was selected alongside Adrian Bibu, the promoter of the sport events under “Protejați Pădurile României” (Protect Romania’s Forests), to participate at a Greenpeace camp organized near Lake Vidraru.

The purpose of the camp, which unites activists from several European countries, is to document and map some of the last virgin and cvasi-virgin forests in Europe. The next step consists of including them in the Virgin Forest Registry and integrating them into the UNESCO Heritage to ensure their protection.

Here is the message of the two participants from Sibiu:

“For days have passed since we reached the Greenpeace Camp. We have already forgotten which day today is, where our phones are... And that is not because we are eternal students who like to dream and forget about themselves, but because in just a couple of days we managed to forget about the crazy world back home and to truly live. Yes, to truly live, to see the stars, to feel the rain and simply quietly watch a swallow or a tree. In our day-to-day life we don't do this anymore since we always seem to be in a race for career, business, acknowledgement, material goods and whatnot. But let us explain why we are here: we are here so that your son or daughter will be able to walk through these woods 20 years from now. We are here so they won't have to fight for fresh water in the future. We are here because we don't want the world we grew in to disappear. And no, we are not exaggerating. Everything we take for granted today can disappear tomorrow, and by tomorrow we mean in a couple of years. We will not get into detail about climate change, we just want to talk about the last virgin woods in Romania. These woods represent a model shaped by nature throughout thousands of years until they reached perfection. A secular forest is shaped in such a way that bad weather conditions, disease and parasites cannot affect it anymore, because it acts as a whole, a network of trees, plants, earth, insects, birds, animals. All these form together an organism which lives and thereby regulates the climate, oxygen and our, the humans', health. Throughout time people tried to replant what others had ruined, however, the way it usually happens, they cannot re-create a perfectly natural model: habitats get lost, species die out, the balance gets lost. A virgin forest, once destroyed, is lost forever. Moreover, if we want to make further reparations, we need these forests as a model which we study and follow. We are here, at Cumpana, to map one of the last virgin forests in Europe. Not in Romania, but in Europe. Because we need to show to the people running this country that this type of forests does exist and that we need them to survive. We ask ourselves very often: why do we have to fight for our future? Why should we fight for every river, every forest, every species? Because humans have forgotten what they once used to know and what nature has always known: we are all connected. We are all part of a whole which needs balance in order to properly function. So we want to tell you, the tourist after whom we had to pick up the trash, and you too, sarcastic friend who asked us whether we go to the Greenpeace camp to hug trees: we are here for your children and for ours. Because very soon your pizza will have no tuna anymore, the air in your city will not be breathable anymore and the draught will dry out the flowers in your garden. Our indifference, our decade long greed is slowly, but steadily showing its consequences. And not even you, friend, will be able to outrun them. For now, we will go to the forest to measure (and yes, to hug) trees because we are “freaks”. Later we will stand by the fire with other “freaks”, scientists, biologists, etc., who are looking for solutions for the future of your children...and our children. But you should know that, if you wished to join us, we would be very glad!” (Andreea and Adrian)

The message of the participants from Sibiu became viral, being published on the Greenpeace site, on the “România Curată” (Clean Romania) site as well as by the local and national media. We hope that it helped enforce the ecologic cause and the dissemination of the

alarm signal for protecting the environment through signing the Greenpeace petition “Protect the Virgin Forests of Romania” (“Protejați pădurile virgine ale României”), which you can find here: <https://act.greenpeace.org/ea-action/action?ea.client.id=1850&ea.campaign.id=53806>

DOG FEST SIBIU 19 SEPTEMBRIE 2016





Dog fest is an annual event organized by Royal Canin in collaboration with Hornbach and Animal Life. The main purposes of the event are to offer the possibility of socializing for dogs and their owners, to promote adoptions and the optimal ways of taking care of and feeding dogs. For us it is an excellent opportunity of presenting our protégés, to talk to people and inform them on our activities and the solutions of managing the dog population we consider to be the most adequate. Furthermore, it was a great occasion to take part in games and an agility contest as well as to organize a fund raising bazar.

INTERNATIONAL COMPANION ANIMAL WELFARE CONFERENCE Oct 2016



At the beginning of October, the International Companion Animal Welfare Conference took place in Dubrovnik, Croatia, organized by Dog Trust, the largest foundation of this type from Great Britain.

We sadly reached the conclusion that a lot of small Romanian organizations we used to know have disappeared over time and the fight against abandonment and animal cruelty in

Eastern Europe is far from being won. We still have a lot to learn, still have a lot of work to do, but we are optimistic and motivated.

5. Projects

Animal Life Project 'Piticii de Azi, Voinicii de Mâine' (Today's Dwarfs, Tomorrow's Titans)



The Project "Piticii de Azi, Voinicii de Mâine" organized by the Animal Life Association was co-financed by Sibiu Local Council and the Sibiu Mayor's Office through the "Community Agenda 2016".

Motivation for the project:

Since we are quite a lot of parents in our association we noticed something: around the

ages 3-5, children are easily learning habits which are very healthy, whereby the kindergarten represents an important influence factor. We noticed in our families how simple it can be for children to learn how to keep their home and the environment clean, to throw paper away in the paper bin, plastic in the plastic bin or to act kindly to animals. This is how the idea for this project came up, where children can learn about natural resources – where they come from and why it's important not to waste them, as well as about the proper way to act towards nature and animals.



The project took place between June 1st and November 30th 2016 in 10 kindergartens from Sibiu, which benefitted from:

- visits from an Animal Life teacher and interactive lessons where children learned about natural resources, the need to protect, the proper behavior towards animals and the society;
- nature trips in the park, the Natural Sciences Museum, the Equestrian Club and the Equestrian Base.



Within the project, the “Little Manual on Best Practices of Being Good to Nature and to Yourself” was designed, with information on recycling, proper eating habits, gardening and involvement into the community. The Manual can be downloaded from our site www.animallife.ro



The complete project file, the wallpaper, the kit used in kindergartens, participant lists can be also consulted on request by parties interested to replicate this project.

6. LEGISLATIVE IMPLICATIONS AND INITIATIVES

Animal Life is part of the Sibiu community and it is our firm belief that organizations of our type are meant to notice problems arising in certain areas, as well as to offer solutions to these problems. We are also convinced that on the long term, only a good collaboration between government entities and organizations can help building the world we all desire. These are the reasons we get involved in the community life, we meet local authorities' representatives and make collaboration proposals for solving the issues in our local community.

This year we salute the openness of the Sibiu City Hall, represented by Mr. Răzvan Pop, deputy mayor, as well as of the County Council, represented by Ms. Daniela Cîmpean, vice-president, who both were reliable and trusted discussion partners.

Proposition for the DLC MODIFICATION (Decision of the Local Council) submitted to the Sibiu City Hall and discussed with Mr. Iancu Boțocan, Head of Dog Population Management.

Provided that the Animal Life Sibiu Association represents a great number of pet owners, we further describe our position with regards to the modification proposed for the Decision Project with regards to modifying and completing D.L.C. no. 210/ 2001 for the approval of norms and infringements regarding the housing, keeping order and public order, commerce and transportation in Sibiu Municipality, republished based on D.L.C. no. 389/2012 of Sibiu Municipality Local Council.

We propose the following:

- *reformulation of letter b Article 8 DLC 210/2001 as follows: while walking dogs on public domain, it is mandatory to keep them in leash, regardless of size or breed, and big size dogs are to wear a muzzle. Owners will carry the animal's health book as well as a broom or a plastic bag or rubber gloves for collecting the dog's dejections. After collection, the bags are to be thrown into the nearest garbage bin.*

We request these modifications since it is sufficient that the owner has a plastic bag in order to clean up dejections. We consider that the initial proposed law formulation permits an abusive application of the law as it happened in other cities where fines were given to owners who did not have all three objects on them.

Furthermore, we consider the formulation regarding the throwing away of the bag only at home to be very hard to apply, provided that sometimes the way home can last for hours, this is not an applicable measure. Because waste collection is not conducted selectively in the city, the dejection bags will still end up in the same place of collection, that is why we propose that this measure is applied similar to any other European city, by permitting the collection of dejections in public garbage bins.

- *reformulation of letter d Article 8 from DLC 210/2001 as follows: owning and breeding dogs in apartment building or in buildings with more inhabitants can be made only through the horizontal and vertical neighbors' approval*

We request the annulation of this Article from the list of infringements since Article 23 (b) from the Attachment to DLC 210/2001 Sibiu for the approval of norms and infringements regarding the housing, keeping order and public order, commerce and transportation in Sibiu Municipality

is against the regulations of: Article 2 (2) from Ordinance 2 / 12.07.2001 regarding the juridical regulation of infringements, with ulterior supplementations and modifications (“Through decisions of local and county public administration authorities, in all activity fields, sanctions are designed to the extent that in the respective areas there are no existing contraventions by laws, ordinances or governmental decisions”), in the sense that:

- *these establish contraventions for the infringement of the regulations regarding ownership, breeding and health of animals, given that Local Councils are not authorized to establish through decisions contraventions in the areas in question, on the one hand because those specific areas do not belong among its responsibilities/ competences (according to Article 11 (k) Government Ordinance 42/2004 regarding the organization of veterinary activity, approved and modified through Law no. 215/2004, The National Sanitary Veterinary Authority grants contravention penalties for the infringement of sanitary-veterinary norms) and, on the other hand, because contravention penalties for infringement of regulations for owning, health, and wellbeing of animals are being sanctioned contraventionally by superior normative acts (Law 205/2004 regarding Animal Protection, Government Decision 984/2005 regarding contraventions to the sanitary-veterinary norm with ulterior supplementations and modifications, Government Ordinance 55/2002 regarding the ownership of dangerous and aggressive dogs, Law no. 61/1991;*

We consider that Article 8 (d) attachment to DLC no.210/2001 republished is against the provisions:

-Article 36 paragraph (1) Law no. 215/2001 updated: “The Local Council has the initiative and decides, within the context of the law, in all matters of local interest, excepting the ones given by law to the competence of other authorities of the local or central public administration” reported to the provisions:

- *Article 8, paragraph (2) Law no. 205/2004 regarding animal welfare, as amended and supplemented, (regarding to which “Conditions for keeping, owning and sheltering animals are appointed by order of the president of the National Sanitary Veterinary and Animal Welfare Authority”);*
- *Article 36, paragraph (2)-(9) Law no. 215/2001 updated, responsibilities of the Local Council and the way of conducting these responsibilities;*
- *Article 10 (b) and (c) in conjunction with Article 2 from Governmental Ordinance 42/2004 regarding the organization of veterinary activity, approved and amended through Law 215/2004, the National Sanitary Veterinary and Animal Welfare Authority designs the sanitary-veterinary regulations which are UNIQUE AND MANDATORY for all animal*

owners and controls the application of these norms.

- Article 63 from Governmental Ordinance 42/2004, regarding *the organization of veterinary activity, approved and amended through Law 215/2004*, “The National Sanitary Veterinary and Animal Welfare Authority organizes public sanitary-veterinary activities on the entire territory of the country in a unitary way for the insurance of the health of the animals, the public health, animal welfare, environmental protection and food product safety.”
- Article 9 (a), (b), (c), (g), (h) from Governmental Ordinance 42/2004, “State sanitary services have as a competency field: the assigning of duties and responsibilities of legal and private persons in the sanitary-veterinary field, the assigning of duties and responsibilities of public administration entities in the sanitary field, authorization, accreditation and ratification in the sanitary-veterinary field; animal health, public veterinary health.”
- Article 11 (k) Governmental Ordinance 42/2004 regarding the organization of veterinary activity, amended and approved through Law 215/2004, the National Sanitary Veterinary and Animal Welfare Authority issues penalties for the infringement of sanitary-veterinary norms.
- According to Article 14 paragraph (1) (a) and (b) and Governmental Ordinance 42/2004 “official veterinary doctors have as responsibilities the applications of sanitary-veterinary provisions as well as the control of the way these are applied by private and legal persons for the protection and improvement of animal health, for the protection of public health, animal welfare, environmental protection and animal safety.”
- *Article 62 (a) from Governmental Ordinance 42/2004 regarding the organization of veterinary activity, approved and amended through Law 215/2004*, “The National Sanitary Veterinary and Animal Welfare Authority has as its purpose the protection of animal health, animal safety, the prevention of disease transmittal from animals to human, the safety of animal products destined for human consumption, the sanitation of animal fodder and environmental protection, as far as animal breeding, identifying and registering animals, excepting equines, are concerned” as well as the provisions:
- *Article 4 from the Implementation Rules of Law 205/2004, regarding animal welfare, as amended and supplemented, the National Sanitary Veterinary and Animal Welfare Authority Order no 31 from 31 March 2008 respectively the MIRA Order no. 523 from 30th June 2008 according to which “the number of animals, excepting wild animals, owned by a private or legal person, is not restricted, as long as the conditions for*

applying the health, safety of protection norms for animal welfare are respected”,

-Article 4 from Law 60/2004 regarding the ratification of the European Convention for pet welfare “(1) Every person owning a pet or taking care of one must take responsibility for its health and welfare. (2) Every person owning a pet or taking care of one must ensure all necessary conditions, care and tending in accordance to its ethological needs, in accordance to its species and breed and must especially: a) ensure, in sufficient quantity, food and water; b) ensure the freedom of movement necessary, c) ensure that the animal will not be let to roam free. (3) An animal cannot be kept as a pet if: a) the conditions of paragraph (2) are not respected; or b) the condition are respected but the animal cannot adapt to captivity”.

reported to:

- provisions of Article 3, paragraph (2), Article 6, paragraph (1), Article 13 (a) and (b), Article 80, Article 81 paragraph (1) and (2) from Law 24/2000, as amended and supplemented,*

in the sense that:

- It brings under regulation the problem of owning, raising, sheltering and ensuring the health of animals in the area of sanctioning animal owners for infringements of the norms for owning, raising sheltering and ensuring the health of animals provided that the Local Councils are not enforced legally to adopt decisions in the above mentioned fields (with the exception of establishing/functioning of the “Services for stray dog population management”, under the condition of the Governmental Emergency Ordinance 155/2001 and of Governmental Decision 955/2004 and the establishment of the quantum of the tax for claiming/ adopting a dog”, in accordance to Article 8 from the Governmental Emergency Ordinance 155/201, as amended and supplemented, these issues are given by law among the responsibilities of other public administration institutions, respectively to the National Sanitary Veterinary and Animal Welfare Authority, Ministry of Interior, Ministry of Agriculture, Ministry of Environment and other Environmental Authorities, the Local Police etc.*
- It adds to the law by regulating legal matters regarding the reciprocal obligations of co-owners of real estate (or cohabitants) provided that this area is regulated by Law no 230/2007 regarding associations of owners, the Housing Law or the Civil Code and the superior normative acts invoked do not authorize Local Councils to complete their dispositions through Decisions.*
- It adds to the law and restricts the ownership of animals, conditioning it to the neighbor’s approval, provided that:*
 - o owning animals is not restricted by law, under the condition that the*

sanitary-veterinary norms are respected;

- o litigations between the co-owners of a yard (with the purpose of owning/utilizing the yard held in co-ownership) are solved on the basis of the Civil Code, provided that the law does not provide otherwise and not on the base of Local Council decisions.*

We are very interested in your opinion regarding these arguments and suggestions and we respectfully ask you to communicate it to us or to invite us to a discussion whereby you can use the contact details provided in the heading.

PROPOSAL FOR INTERVENTION IN THE CASE OF HUMAN-WILD ANIMAL CONFLICTS

On the 13th of October 2016, following a lack of coordination on the side of local authorities, a bear was deadly shot in the center of Sibiu. The chaotic way actions were conducted as well as the failure of the interventions of various institutions are regrettable, the more that in a city like Sibiu- bordering a forest- such an event should not have come as a surprise (especially given two similar incidents in the past). Furthermore, local authorities should have contacted central authorities at least to receive advice on how to solve the matter in an acceptable way, provided the lack of a protocol for dealing with such situations at that time.

With the occasion of meeting prefect Roman the same day, we described our point of view on the intervention to capture and free in a natural environment of a wild animal, in that case, of the bear which reached the city's center.

We acted and edited a material with the feedback from WWF Romania, which was sent as a proposition to the Prefect of Sibiu, on 07.11.2016, as well as to the Environment Ministry on the 18.11.2016.

The document can be found here <http://animallife.ro/stiri-2/propunerea-animal-life-in-ceea-ce-priveste-procedura-de-interventie-si-protectie-pentru-animalele-salbatice>.

Our proposition was never answered by the Prefect of Sibiu, however, the Environment Ministry, through State Secretary Erika Stanciu, provided us with a written answer regarding the Ministry's position on the matter: <http://animallife.ro/stiri-2/raspuns-oficial-de-la-ministerul-mediului-in-privinta-gestionarii-situa>

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7. FUTURE PLANS



For the year 2007, our main goal is the finalization of the Animal Life shelter.

Other projects include

- organizing two spay and neuter campaigns for dogs and cats in the bordering villages;
- organizing a campaign for free shoeing and veterinary assistance for horses and donkeys in one of the neighboring villages;
- organizing of a fund raising event entitled "City of Animals"- for which we will apply a new project on the Community Agenda;
- continuing the ecological education program in schools and kindergartens;
- organizing nature trips within the county in order to green difficult to access areas.

8. FINAL WORDS



Animal Life is an Association based on friendship and the desire to do good. For 10 years we have been present in Sibiu, driven by our belief that we can change the world around us. Every animal saved, every helpful gesture to a human or animal in a critical situation is important. That is why we will continue our work every day. For any details regarding our work we happily await your inquiries.

9. BALANCE SHEET

The Balance Sheet will be published as soon as it will be finalized for the year 2016.