



Annual report

April 2018 - December 2018

Charity Commission Registration Number: 1155562



Overview

- ▶ This has been another eventful and transformative year for LAPA.
- ▶ In June 2018 our Russian entity merged with another animal welfare charity - RAY. We hope our combined teams will be more efficient and help more animals.
- ▶ This year we have decided to change the timing of our financial reports going forward by aligning our financial years to calendar years. Therefore, this report represents our results for 9 months, from April 2018 to December 2018. Going forward, our financial year will start on 1 January and end on 31 December.
- ▶ A huge heart-felt thank you to everyone who has been involved in our programmes. Those who donated or volunteered both in Russia and in the UK. Those who made it possible to bring the first dogs into the UK, fostered them, rehabilitated them, helped re-home them and of course those who opened their hearts and took them home.

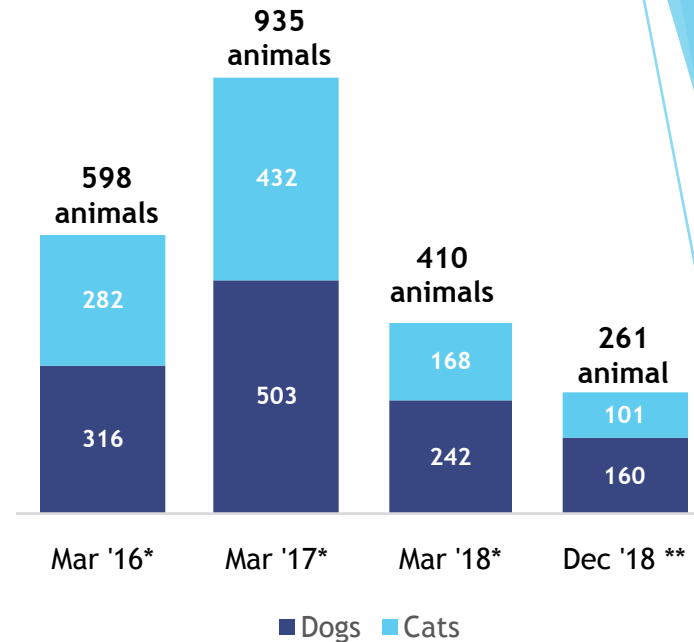


It has been a challenging and exciting year for us. We could not have done it without you. Thank you!



Neutering programme

- ▶ Neutering is the only humane way of controlling the population of stray animals. Without neutering those animals will flood the streets and animal shelters. Rehoming alone will not solve the problem.
- ▶ **One female cat** can give birth to 3 - 4 kittens at a time 3 - 4 times a year. That's **up to 16 kittens a year**. **One female dog** can give birth to 4 - 15 puppies at a time 1 - 2 times a year. That's **up to 30 puppies a year**. Many will die suffering and the survivors will go on to reproduce at the same rate. So you can see how quickly the numbers can add up.
- ▶ During the 9 months of 2018 we paid for the neutering of **261 animals (160 dogs and 101 cats)**.



* - Financial years (12 months) ending 31 March.

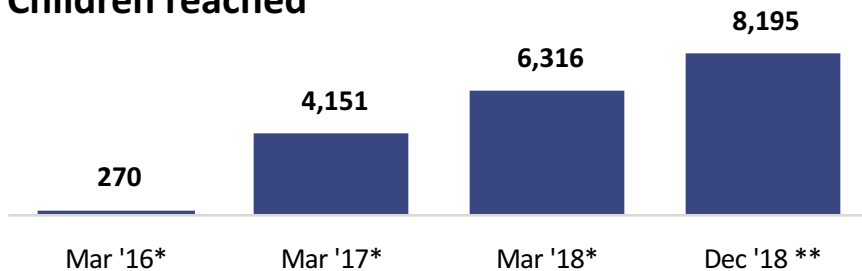
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Educational programme

The PAW of Friendship

Our unique, bespoke and interactive educational programme for children on safe and responsible treatment of animals is going from strength to strength. There are at least 4 lessons in the programme for each age group. Children learn through play, debate, drawing and making presentations. The programme is conducted by 2 full-time experienced teachers in Russian or English.

Children reached



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Other projects

Animal Taxi RayMobil

- ▶ We contributed towards the cost of the project started by RAY in Russia, Animal Taxi RayMobil, in August 2018. Most of the costs were covered by fundraising initiatives in Russia and a grant from the Office of the Mayor of Moscow.
- ▶ RayMobil is a specially equipped vehicle, driven by professionally trained drivers who are able to handle dogs and cats competently and carefully.
- ▶ This service is aimed at helping shelters in the Moscow region. The help includes transporting shelter animals to and from vet clinics as well as delivering food and other essentials to the shelters.
- ▶ RayMobil is free, it can not be used for commercial purposes and is funded by public donations.



Other projects

Big rescue project in Alexino (Tula region)

- ▶ We were involved in a project of rescuing 40 stray dogs from an industrial estate. The residents of the neighbouring properties demanded that these dogs should be killed. The local authority told local volunteers that the dogs should be removed from the estate immediately or they will be killed. All the adult dogs on the estate had already been neutered by us, so the numbers would not increase, but this was not enough.
- ▶ Saving those dogs was a big undertaking. The volunteers found a friendly shelter for some of them. A couple of disabled and old dogs went into a foster home. We made a contribution towards the cost of this project, including petrol for transportation, crates, dog collars with ID tags, worming and flea treatments, vaccinations, as well as fees of the professional dog catchers for the less socialised and scared dogs.
- ▶ A number of the rescued adult dogs and puppies have subsequently been trained, transferred to the UK and rehomed (see next page for details).



Other projects

Rehoming programme

- ▶ On 20 July 2018 we brought our first Russian rescue dog into the UK - a dog called Marsha. This event marked the beginning of a small but meaningful programme for us. A programme of giving some Russian dogs a chance of finding a happy forever home in the UK.
- ▶ Why do we do it? Because they deserve it, because it is their only chance to have a good life and because these animals are the best ambassadors for our work. They have very limited chances of being rehomed in Russia. It is our responsibility to help them.
- ▶ In 2018 we brought 7 dogs to the UK, all of whom have been successfully rehomed.



↑ *Marsha at the vet clinic in Russia*

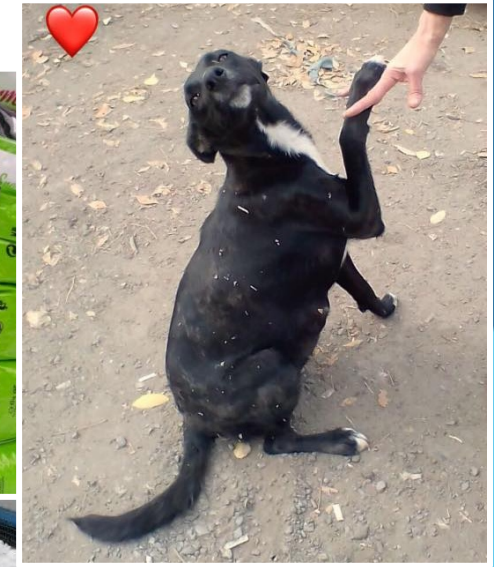


Marsha found a loving home in the UK →

Other projects

Shelter support

- ▶ We continued supporting shelters and rescue groups. This included helping shelters “Beskudnikovo” and German Shepherd Rescue Group “Time to go home!” in November 2018 by buying a much needed large quantity of emergency supply of food and medication.



Other projects

Construction of a warm cabin

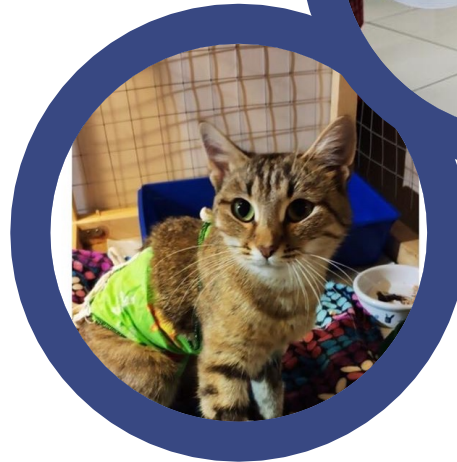
- ▶ We helped provide a warm cabin for the shelter called “The journey home” in Ryazan region in December.
- ▶ Normally the shelter dogs live in makeshift wooden kennels which are insulated by hay. It’s just about good enough for young and healthy dogs to survive severe cold weather which lasts for months. But old, sick dogs, or those recovering from surgeries simply cannot survive in these conditions.
- ▶ We raised over £1,200 to provide the shelter with a stand alone cabin. There is electricity and heating in the cabin, so some vulnerable shelter residents could safely spend their winter nights inside.
- ▶ The cabin has a place for post-op recuperation for dogs, a separate section for ill or frail dogs and a small space for volunteers to take a break.
- ▶ The volunteers have also installed a fridge into the cabin where they can keep essential medication.



The oldest and most vulnerable dog of the shelter (called Grandad or Дед in Russian) is having his first night in the warmth!



**THANK YOU
for your continuous
support!**





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