

# INTRODUCTION OF PRO ANIMALS'

## PRO ANIMALS FINLAND (PAFi)

PAFi is a registered Finnish animal protection association founded in 2005 by **Kiia Vasko**. PAFi operates on a grass root-level, focusing its support on one small cooperation partner at a time. PAFi helps to improve the situation of animals locally by e.g. reducing the stray animal population through spaying & neutering programs and by educating the local people to take responsibility for animals. PAFi doesn't provide animals for adoption to Finland from any other countries.



## PRO ANIMALS ROMANIA

Pro Animals Romania is an animal protection association founded by **Carmena Serbanoiu** and her daughter **Patricia Paraschiv**. Since 1999 Pro Animals Romania has been running an old dog shelter of Tg-Jiu without any support from the city. In addition to maintaining the shelter of over 400 dogs, Pro Animals Romania takes care of all animal protection-related issues of Gorj County. Since the current shelter isn't suitable for taking care of animals and the city also wants the lot for more profitable use, Pro Animals Romania is searching for a new site and hopes to raise enough funds for a new, modern animal welfare centre.



## THE COOPERATION BETWEEN PAFi & PRO ANIMALS ROMANIA

PAFi and Pro Animals Romania have cooperated closely since 2005. The first cooperation project was a neutering campaign in August 2006.



The long-term key-projects include a sponsor dog programme to ensure the everyday welfare of the shelter dogs, therapy dog programme aimed at elderly people, education programme in local schools of Tg-Jiu and spaying & neutering programmes to reduce the number of stray dogs.





## OUR GUIDELINES AND GOALS

- To improve the welfare of homeless and abused animals in Tg-Jiu and its surroundings by supporting the shelter of Pro Animals Romania and helping victims of animal cruelty in the area.
- To implement long-term spaying & neutering programmes to reduce the number of stray animals and encourage locals to spay & neuter their own pets.
- To push through an EU –level animal welfare law that covers all companion and stray animals in all member states of EU and pressure the authorities to abide by the current animal welfare law of Romania.
- To promote a cruelty-free and responsible pet ownership.
- To improve the status of stray animals e.g. by education and media coverage.
- To enhance the cooperation between local animal welfare organizations (such as Pro Animals Romania) and local authorities & communities.



## OUR ACHIEVEMENTS (2006-2009)

- Through our sponsor dog programme we have ensured the welfare of the 400 stray dogs of Pro Animals Romania's shelter.
- Spaying & neutering-project in August 2006. Moreover, all the female dogs of the shelter are spayed as soon as they arrive at the shelter.
- 2007-2008 an educational programme for children in local primary schools. This initiative was financed by the Finnish Ministry of Education.
- Therapy dog programme for the elderly people.
- Local and national media coverage of our work and animal protection in Romania. Media coverage also in Finland of the situation in Romania.
- Petitions and reports distributed to worldwide animal welfare organizations, the EU, national and local officials in Romania.



**Pro Animals Finland and Pro Animals Romania  
are registered, non-profitable animal protection organizations.**

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