



Who are we?

„Deutschland sagt Nein zum Tiermorden e. V.“ (engl: Germany says no to animal murder; short: DsN e. V.) is a registered, non-profit animal welfare organization, founded in 2012, which was born out of the idea of helping where help is most needed.

We stand for sustainable animal welfare and initiate, for example, castration programs at home and abroad. We are actively involved on site when helping hands are needed. The members of our association all work on a voluntary and unpaid basis. Therefore, we are especially grateful when we find new members and donors who, like us, dedicate themselves to a good cause. Would you also like to support us and contribute to our work? Then please do not hesitate to contact us. Helping hands are always welcome!

Together we can achieve our goals!

What means animal welfare to us?

DsN e. V. has been maintaining its own private farm for dogs and cats in need in Giurgiu, Romania since the end of 2015. With permission according to § 11 TierSchG (German animal welfare law) of the veterinary agency in Cologne, Germany, we also arranging transports of dogs and cats to Germany to give them the opportunity of a better life.

Many of our members know our protégés, as they regularly travel to Giurgiu to actively help on site and to actively pursue animal welfare - we are particularly proud of this commitment! DsN e. V. stands up for more animal rights and for better animal protection laws worldwide, whether for pets, farm animals or wild animals. For us it is 'animal protection is human protection', because where animals are tortured, there is a general climate of violence.

That is why early education in schools is also on our agenda. DsN e. V. seeks contact with educational institutions, local authorities and politicians, sensitizes fellow human beings to the concerns of animals and against animal rights violations!

What is the DsN farm?

In November 2015, we had to rescue 200 dogs from the municipal shelter of Giurgiu within 2 weeks, or the mayor would have started euthanizing them. The situation was (and unfortunately still is) dramatic, immediate action was needed to save the dogs' lives. We could not allow dogs to be killed. Looking at these dogs and knowing if we didn't make it, they would die, was among the worst of our animal welfare work so far. A solution was needed! Under extreme time pressure, we found a solution: a farm, ideal for our purposes – on the outskirts of the city, with plenty of space, completely fenced in, buildings that could be converted and expanded, no neighbors. After intensive consultation with our Romanian partners and our members, the decision was made: **We dare! We will do it!**

After we collected the needed amount of money to set up everything and do some needed renovations the first rescued animals could move in. We started from the scratch with 250 dogs and cats in total.

In the course of the last two years, we had to rescue dogs from the public shelter again and again to save them from euthanization. Especially sick or injured animals hardly have a chance there. In spite of mediation, the number of dogs and cats on the farm increased steadily, so that we constantly have 250 dogs (at peak times there were almost 500 dogs) and 60 cats. There are also some handicapped dogs (e.g., after leg amputation) and again also smallest puppies, which were abandoned e.g. directly in front of our gate. We also do not close our eyes to emergencies that we find on the street in Giurgiu, e.g., animals hit by cars.

There are also dogs on our farm that are not permitted in some European countries (e.g., in Germany) due to their breed (such as American Bulldog, American Pitbull Terrier or Staffordshire Bull Terrier). We put all our effort into taking care of these lovely souls as well since they deserve only the best!

What actions do we take?

We have already supported animal welfare projects nationally and internationally with active help on site, with collections of food donations and also with financial donations. We conduct our own castration campaigns in Romania and have also been active in Bulgaria and Bosnia.

- **Medical care**

The care and maintenance of the "DsN-Farm" in Giurgiu, where about 200 dogs and 40 cats are living, costs the association DsN e. V. a lot of money. In addition to mundane essentials such as food, water, electricity, a roof over their heads when it rains, protection from the cold, wet and also the sun, so many animals also need daily veterinary care. 200 dogs that need to be vaccinated, 200 dogs that need to be neutered, 200 dogs that need to be microchipped. 200 dogs that need to be dewormed regularly, that need to be protected regularly with "SpotOns" against fleas, ticks and mosquitoes. These are just the standard costs to take care of the animals. In addition, there are emergencies and the treatment of sick or injured dogs. An emergency hit on the road can quickly swallow up large sums in treatment costs - or a protracted infection, an injury, a necessary X-ray or ultrasound examination, an operation, etc. With so many dogs, this adds up to several thousand euros every month - on average, the vet's bill is around €5,000 every month. In addition to this, 3 tons of food plus cat food, puppy food, special food for e.g., cats with kidney disease, dogs with heart disease is needed ... We fight every day to be able to bear these costs - even if it sometimes seems hopeless and we sometimes don't know how we can pay the bills. This is where we need your help!

- **Castration projects**

The number of street dogs in Giurgiu unfortunately increased a lot in the last years. On the one hand, this is due to the fact that during the time when the Romanian killing law was out of force, many dogs from Bucharest were abandoned in the periphery. On the other hand, it is mainly due to the fact that dog owners in Giurgiu (as in most cities in Southeastern Europe) have no money or desire to have their animals neutered. Offspring are often either abandoned or thrown away like garbage.

This is where we become involved: We educate locally and offer neutering campaigns for dog owners since the beginning of our engagement in Giurgiu. Studies have shown that castrating only stray dogs has little or no effect. The house and yard dogs are the source of the not ending stream of puppy offspring. Interested citizens can sign up for an appointment, and in one weekend up to 100 animals can be neutered. The cost of €30 (including aftercare) is borne by DsN e. V. So far, these offers have been well received by citizens. Also, in 2017 and 2018 we called again for our campaign "Castrations for Dogs in Giurgiu". In castration campaigns, where Giurgiu citizens could have their dogs and cats castrated free of charge, we have been able to castrate hundreds of domestic and farm dogs. Unfortunately, due to COVID we had to pause these campaigns but we are planning on resume this important project in 2022.

- **Animals seeking a home**

We are heavily invested into the issue of adoptions. Despite our efforts to solve the problem on site, such as with castration campaigns, the number of dogs (whether in the shelter or abandoned on the street) will not diminish quickly. Only by continuous transporting dogs from the farm to partners and foster homes in Germany we can regularly rescue dogs from the shelter. Because at the shelters in Rumania the conditions for the animals are terrible. In the years of our engagement on the spot in Giurgiu many of our protégés could already find a new home in Germany and the neighboring countries.

All our dogs and cats are chipped, vaccinated, dewormed and (if old enough) neutered. They have an EU pet passport and travel with TRACES to Germany.

Pre- and post-controls, protection contract and protection fee are of course a matter for us. Every animal that was once under the protection of DsN e. V. is under our protection for the rest of its life!

What is our goal?

Our long-term goal is to manage and maintain an animal shelter in Romania where animals are treated with respect and get the help and care they need. The shelter will be a safe place for abandoned animals and will make sure that needed standards are met. By conducting castration campaigns, we also try to minimize the number of street dogs who suffer starvation and several diseases.

The overall goal of our actions is to improve the situation for animals in Romania and stop the suffering. Every day we are making progress in achieving this goal, but there is still a lot work ahead of us. This is why we are grateful for every helping hand and/or donations.

How can you help?

There are several ways to help us achieving our goal! By donating money, you can help us maintaining the farm since there are many worksites such as fences (to create off-leash running space), rumshackle kennels or medical care station. Some of our special breeds who are not permitted in some European countries need special conditions as they get stressed quickly. This is why we are planning to build a space with low stimuli environment to give these dogs a chance to have a peaceful life on our farm.

It is also possible to become a food sponsor or a castration sponsor for a dog or a cat on our farm. With €10 a month it is possible to feed one dog on our farm. You see - even small amounts of money can help!

How to become a member?

You would like to become a member with us? You are only a few steps away from becoming part of our strong community. For an annual fee of €39 you have the opportunity to make a difference in animal welfare! At DsN e.V. every member is equal and gets the opportunity to contribute to our work according to their individual capabilities.

If you are interested in becoming a member just complete our online form. Click on the following link: www.deutschlandsagtnein.org/mitgliedschaft.