

SAVING SUFFERING STRAYS



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Since the end of the war, 30 years ago, when thousands of dogs were abandoned by their owners, Sarajevo, Bosnia-Herzegovina has been a desolate and dangerous place for stray dogs. Today they are still the victims of abject cruelty on a daily basis.

Saving Suffering Strays (SSS) was established in 2012, by a group of women in the UK, to help care for and home, starving, abused and abandoned street dogs in Sarajevo, and support the work of Lone Rescuer Milena Malasevic.

Lone rescuer, Milena Malasevic has been feeding, caring for and rescuing Sarajevo stray dogs for over 20 years. At great risk to her own personal safety, Milena rescues vulnerable dogs from notorious killing stations in the Sarajevo area, and cares for over 90 desperate and vulnerable street dogs at any one time. To date she has rehomed over 1000 dogs to the UK and other European countries and continues to do so with the help and support of Saving Suffering Strays, a non-profit voluntary organization.

Milena and SSS work exclusively with Riad Bubu, a wonderful kennels located around 30 minutes from Sarajevo which, up until recently, housed almost 300 dogs waiting for their chance of a new life. A Two-phase plan was conceived to reduce the number of dogs in SSS care and create a facility to better support the vital work of Milena and her team. Olsen Animal Trust, set up to provide financial support and resources for non-profit and charitable animal organizations worldwide, launched the OAT 100 fundraiser in

December 2018 as part of Phase 1. They gifted Saving Suffering Strays the funds needed to transport 100 dogs to the UK, and

their campaign raised funds for a further 37 dogs to travel. UK based charity Just for Dogs, now in official partnership with Saving Suffering Strays, provide the dogs with shelter and rehome them to loving families from their rehoming center in Derby.

However, with street dog numbers still increasing in Sarajevo, and no government enforcement of the animal welfare act in place, Milena, aged 69, continues to rescue and nurse sick dogs and puppies in a tiny apartment on the twelfth floor of a tower block in Sarajevo. In recognition that this situation cannot continue, Saving Suffering Strays have launched a life-changing project to help Milena to continue to care for the strays of Sarajevo in a brand new facility that will provide both her and the dogs she rescues with a safer environment in which to stay for as little or as long as they need - The Forever Centre.

The facility itself will provide living accommodation for Milena, enabling her to leave the confines of her tower block. The design of the facility will be overseen by Roger Bralow MRCVS and will provide housing for puppies, a quarantine area for sick dogs and basic treatment room. It will also provide purpose built indoor/outdoor accommodation for dogs who are unadoptable, giving them lifetime sanctuary.

BECAUSE EVERY DOG DESERVES A HOME

If you would like to donate to this amazing project, you can send donations via PayPal to enquiries@savingsufferingstrays.com (ref: brickappeal)

or

via bank transfer:

Lloyds Bank

Account Name: Saving Suffering Strays Sarajevo - Milena Malesevic

Sort Code 30-67-72

Account Number: 23045962

(Ref: Brick Appeal)

You can also sponsor one of our strays from as little as £2 a week. £8 a month will cover a dog's veterinary bill for a month and £17 feeds a dog for a whole month. Full sponsorship of one of our dogs costs just £11 a week - £44 a month. For full details, please visit www.savingsufferingstrays.com/sponsoring

Thank you for your continued support from all at Saving Suffering Strays!

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