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Dear Sir or Madam,

The armed conflict in Ukraine has been going on for almost 3 months already. All this time hostilities in Mykolaiv and Kherson regions do not stop. The Mykolaiv organization of Ukrainian Red Cross Society was one of the first who responded to the threat of a humanitarian catastrophe.

Right now our organization carries out several target programs of humanitarian help. Of course, our main efforts are targeted at the affected civilians. However the situation in Mykolaiv region has become an emergency for animals as well. The armed conflict has brought immense suffering, not only for people but also for animals, both domestic companions, farm animals and those left behind the zoo.

The main directions of current humanitarian programs of Mykolaiv organization of URCS:

- evacuation of the population from communities, suffering from active hostilities and can't stay in these territories;
- accommodation and assistance to refugees;
- collection and delivery of humanitarian aid directly to people who remained in war zones;
- relocation of refugees in the territory of Ukraine and abroad.

In the context of realization of the aforementioned programs our help to people is inseparable from the help to their animals:

- many evacuated citizens are forced to leave their cats, dogs and farm animals behind;
- civilians, affected by war, poverty and destruction of infrastructure, are in need of pet food and other supplies;
- refugees, relocated within Ukraine or abroad, move together with their displaced animals, and lack pet food, medicines, harness and travel supplies;
- animal shelters are not coping with new organizational and financial challenges, that are caused by the armed conflict;
- Mykolaiv Zoo, being closed for visitors because of ongoing hostilities, lacks the means to provide for its animals.

In many cases the Mykolaiv organization of URCS has to intervene on its own accord and to provide animal relief efforts to private citizens and institutions:

- individuals;
- veterinary clinics;
- animal shelters.

Right now our organization has pressing need for the following things:

- pet food;
- pet medicines;
- veterinary supplies;
- pet relief packs;
- emergency funding and financial support.

We address you as like-minded people, who profess the same humanistic values as we do. Your contributions, regardless of form or amount, will be used to provide critically-needed assistance to the animals of Mykolaiv and Kherson regions, and to help get as many of them to safety as possible.

We thank you for your attention and we hope we will be able to achieve a fruitful, long-term partnership based on mutual trust and support - in order to fulfill our common humanistic mission.

Sincerely yours,
The Head of the Mykolaiv Regional Organization of URCS



Andriy SKOROKHOD