

# TOLFA UK

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ANNUAL REPORT  
FOR 2022



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Naomi Steward, Louise Mitchell, Karyn Robinson, Deepa  
Thomas-Sutcliffe, Kiren Bhogal, Andrew Prentis, Sue  
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# HEALING FROM THE HEART



The Tree of Life for Animals (TOLFA) UK was established in 2005 as a not-for-profit organisation. In September 2006, TOLFA UK became a UK Registered Charity no: 1120789. TOLFA UK's main purpose is to support the work of the TOLFA Animal Hospital in Rajasthan, India, who are an Indian Registered Charitable Trust no: 3397/23.10.06

TOLFA UK acts as the main administrative office for TOLFA outside of India. They promote awareness amongst the public and professional bodies in the UK and other countries around the world about the charity and raise funds to support the work done at our TOLFA Animal Hospital based in Rajasthan. The funds raised cover running costs such as staff salaries, medicines, animal feeds, keeping our rescue vehicle on the road and utilities, running projects, and the costs of the building work for the ongoing development of the hospital and sanctuary. TOLFA UK also helps to promote increased general animal welfare.



**OUR VISION** A world where animals live free from disease and are valued as our equals

**OUR MISSION** To provide vital and preventative healthcare to India's ownerless animals and educate communities in their welfare and value

# MANAGING TRUSTEE'S STATEMENT

“ Just as we were all getting over the Covid pandemic, we had to come to terms with the war in Ukraine, followed by a major cost of living crisis. It has been heart warming for me to know that our regular donors have continued to support us in 2022, despite everyone feeling ‘the pinch’. Successful grant applications and generous responses to our online campaigns, have meant we have been able to cover the day to day running costs of the hospital in Rajasthan, purchase a much needed new Rescue Vehicle and secure funding for kennels for our general puppy ward.

In December I was fortunate to visit the hospital and spend some time with the patients and staff. Whilst I was there we experienced frequent power cuts, bitter cold mornings and nights, midday heat, a plague of flies, and a day of flooding. Our dedicated staff never complained they simply got on with the job, always putting the animals first.

In 2022 TOLFA helped 32,902 animals.  
I feel privileged to be a Trustee for TOLFA UK. ”

*K Wilkins*

**KERRY WILKINS**

Managing Trustee



Kerry with the nurturers Guddu, Jacky & Bunty at TOLFA

# 2022 IMPACT

## Rescue & Care 13,970 animals reached



5,981 animals  
admitted



7,989 street  
treatments

## Anti-Rabies & Sterilisation



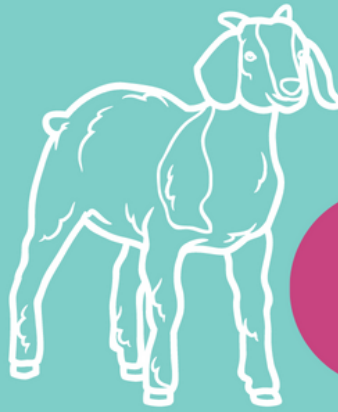
4,239 dogs  
sterilised



4,280 dogs  
rabies-vaccinated

# 2022 IMPACT

## Rural Animal Health



4,686 animals  
treated

## Owner Pet Clinic 7,837 animals treated



7,066 dogs  
treated

725 cats  
treated



# OUR PROJECTS

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## Rescue & Care

With our animal ambulance service, we respond to calls from the public about street animals that are sick or injured. Our team then either provides 'on the spot' treatment or takes the animal to our hospital for care and further attention. When in our care, the animal is treated with love and kindness and provided with surgical/medical care from our vets and trained compounders.

Once an animal is recovered, we assess them to determine if they are fit to return to the street. If they are then they will be returned to the exact spot they were collected, as they will often have a territory, animal family or human care-giver to return to. If there is a reason that they can't be returned (there is human conflict, they are disabled, or too young), then we will either find them a home with caring local people, or they will stay at TOLFA and receive lifelong shelter with us.

**In 2022, the Rescue and Care Project rescued and admitted 5,981 animals and provided on the spot street treatment for a further 7,989 animals (total of 13,970 animals).**



# OUR PROJECTS

## Anti-Rabies & Sterilisation

TOLFA sterilises and rabies vaccinates every dog that is treated as well as catching dogs specifically for sterilisation and vaccination, with support from the local Ajmer Municipality.

**In 2022, the Rabies Eradication & Sterilisation Project sterilised 4,239 dogs and vaccinated 4,280 dogs against rabies.**

Since 2005 we have sterilised 33,181 dogs and rabies vaccinated 39,491 dogs.

## Owner Animal Clinic

We provide quality veterinary services (preventative and medical/surgical treatment) to local pet-owners. We also have the option of hospitalisation/boarding facilities in our separate owner dog kennels at our main hospital in Kharekheri village.

**In 2022 a total of 7,837 owner animals were treated through this project. Of those, 2,063 were treated for free and 5,728 were treated on a donation basis.**





# OUR PROJECTS

## Rural Animal Health (RAH)

TOLFA offers free or heavily subsidised veterinary services to the livestock animals of the rural poor. Many local village people rely heavily on their animals and if one becomes sick or dies, it can lead a family into poverty.

Our in-house dispensary runs a free clinic every day for these animals and villagers attend from the 10 villages surrounding the hospital. Most of these animals are goats and are of vital importance to their owners, who are usually subsistence farmers.

**In 2022 we treated 4,686 animals through the RAH clinics at our dispensary, 3,929 of these were goats.**

**Total Animals Helped  
In 2022 Through All Projects**



**32,902**



# OUR NEWS

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## More Staff for TOLFA India

It is the role of TOLFA UK to support the growth and development of TOLFA India, and to this end we are pleased to have secured funding for two new roles. Long-term supporter Alison Jaques has kindly sponsored the salaries of our first Digital Communications Manager and HR Manager in India. Sumit started as our DCM in October and is already doing great with our social media output. We are still recruiting for the HR role.

## New Kennels for Puppies

Thanks to a grant from the AV Martin Foundation we now have new stainless steel kennels for our most vulnerable patients. The Foundation also funded the building of the General Observation Ward of our Puppy Isolation Unit in 2020. The new kennels have been installed in the Gen Obs Ward and are a more secure and hygienic way of housing small and sickly puppies.

## Staff Laptops

In March 2022 Rohitesh and Taresh Dhawan, and Deepa Thomas-Sutcliffe kindly sponsored the purchase of six laptops for our staff. Previously four staff had been sharing two old laptops, but with the new machines they were able to have one each. These staff are Sitaram (Accounts Manager), Roshan (Accounts Assistant), Radhe (ABC and Contracts Manager) and Parvin (Local Donors and Fundraising Manager). The two other laptops are for the new roles of Digital Comms Manager and HR Manager.



# OUR NEWS

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## New Rescue Vehicle

In 2022 we ran a successful crowdfunding campaign for a new rescue vehicle. As our street treatments increased we had to use one of the two original vehicles for street treatments, leaving us to struggle with all the rescue admissions using just one vehicle.

Fortunately through Global Giving, and a contribution from online platform Power Of One, we were able to raise £8,400 to purchase the vehicle, modify it for rescue use, and cover the first couple of months of fuel costs. We are very grateful to everyone who contributed.

We receive up to 50 emergency rescue calls every day. Having the second rescue vehicle to transport serious cases to the hospital, means we can still treat lesser conditions on the street. The new vehicle has been modified to transport dogs while the other rescue vehicle has a special hydraulic lift on the back for loading large animals like cows.



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## Support for Indian Staff

During the Covid-19 pandemic in 2020, we received a huge amount of support for our Global Giving appeal to help with potential medical costs for our staff. We feel fortunate that in the end we did not need to use all of the funds raised for this purpose, however we were keen that our Indian staff benefit from the money raised on some way.

Our Medical Fund Committee decided that £5,000 should stay in a Staff Medical Fund, while a total of £6,088 will be spent on the following:

- a staff room at TOLFA for rest and lunch breaks (we currently have no facility like this for our 60+ staff)
- a bike shade on site for staff who use motorbikes (the main mode of transport to/from work)
- to fund 6 months school fees for all the children of staff who are currently in education

We believe this is a beneficial use of the funds that will make a real difference to our staff's experience at TOLFA, as well supporting them during the cost of living increases that are being seen globally. Our staff are all very hard-working and we're happy to be able to provide these benefits.

Staff and their families, like Sonu pictured, will benefit from the re-purposing of funds from our Global Giving appeal to support our staff during the Covid-19 Pandemic.



# OUR NEWS

## Grant Funding

Whether for the ongoing costs of our Rescue & Care Project, or for special capital projects, we are always extremely grateful for the support and contributions of these organisations. In 2022 we were fortunate to receive funding from the following grant-makers.

Animals Australia (Rescue & Care)	£2,605
The Dragonfly Schools Foundation (3x Trainee Sponsorship)	£2,673
Persula Foundation (3x Staff Sponsorship)	£5,000
Animal Aid Unlimited (Rescue Project)	£7,890
Animal Defence Trust (Rescue Project)	£2,000
Alice Noakes Memorial Trust (Rescue Project)	£1,500
Barbara & Jim Charitable Trust (Rescue Project)	£3,000
The Marchig Animal Welfare Trust (Rescue Project)	£43,740
Valerie White Memorial Trust (Rescue Project)	£500
Jean Sainsbury Animal Welfare Trust (Rescue Project)	£10,000
AV Martin Foundation (Cages for Gen Obs Ward)	£3,500
Betty & Bernard Davidson Charitable Trust (Infrastructure)	£1,160
Greek Animal Rescue (Rescue & Care)	£2,000



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## Donations From Individuals

We are incredibly grateful to everyone who makes a donation to TOLFA, especially at the current time when there is a cost of living crisis in the UK. We'd like to give particular thanks to the following donors who have made significant contributions in 2022.

**Alison Jaques, Serena Schellenberg, Lady Odile Slynn, Mr & Mrs O'Leary, Earl & Countess of Stockton, Peter Maloney  
Rohitesh Dhawan, Taresh Dhawan**

## Legacies

We were extremely touched to receive a legacy of £25,000 from our dear friend and former treasurer Terri Costain, who passed away in 2021. Terri's legacy will go toward the development of staffing and infrastructure of our organisation in India. This will make TOLFA more sustainable going into the future and mean that we can continue to help the animals for many, many years to come.



# HOW TO HELP

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## Donate

You can help us continue the work we do. Sponsor a kennel, become a Friend of TOLFA or simply donate money, goods, or services. Visit our website - [tolfacharity.org](https://tolfacharity.org) - for more information

## Sponsor

We are very keen to build working relationships with companies and individuals nomatter howsmall orlarge. If you feel you would like to help us in this way and fulfil your corporate and social responsibility, please contact us - [enquiries@tolfa.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@tolfa.org.uk)

## Fundraise

If you would like to hold a fundraising event on our behalf, let us know, we will support you all the way, please email us - [events@tolfa.org.uk](mailto:events@tolfa.org.uk)

## Purchase

We have a selection of original and handmade Indian jewellery, gifts, and handicrafts available in our eBay shop. Visit our eBay shop here: [https://www.ebay.co.uk/usr/tolfa\\_charity](https://www.ebay.co.uk/usr/tolfa_charity)

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