# **AUXAN Newsletter**

2nd Edition, 2 January 2020



# A word from our president, Jennifer

We've been operating for 6 years now - how time flies! Despite many obstacles and periods of discouragement, we are still passionately devoted to this cause which is so dear to our hearts! There are numerous battles ahead that we must win with our very limited time and resources, but we won't give up, because small victories fill us with joy. They encourage us to double down on our efforts for the desperate animals who depend on us to improve their lives! The most beautiful gifts we receive are the messages of gratitude from the organisations we support; their generosity of heart is immense and touches us greatly! We are in awe of their empathy and compassion because we know their daily life is really tough. They have so little, but these animal rescue groups perform miracles. Many people are reluctant to make donations to small and medium-sized associations, yet it is precisely these that are close to communities and in contact with local inhabitants, who are the ones that save and care for the animals. Often people prefer to give to the well known organisations, those that have the wealth to fund huge awareness campaigns! Our biggest asset is that we can make timely decisions and respond quickly to an emergency; this is a luxury nowadays in comparison to all the big enterprises

where every decision is subject to multiple meetings and discussions between managers. At AUXAN, it's simple: if we receive an SOS and we have the means, we react immediately so we can help animals at risk without delay. We would love to write to you more often about our activities, but it all takes time, which we prefer to dedicate to our four-legged companions. Of course, the administrative side of things is important, even if it isn't always visible. And we have to send out our requests and updates in French, English and German so that we can reach as many of our generous supporters as possible. Thank you for your loyalty and trust!



#### Introduction:

This 2nd edition will help you to discover some of the key facts and figures behind AUXAN Association, with images of some of the animals we helped in 2019.





## **Our Finances**

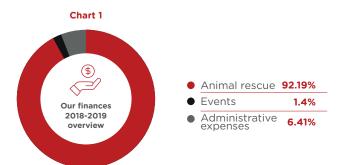
Some figures

We have summarised our activities in the form of graphs and charts, itemising the organisations that have benefited from AUXAN Association's support. The aid provided may be material (food, equipment, medical equipment), financial, or human (support, coaching) in nature.

#### **Account Transparency**

Our accounts are transparent, meaning every one of you has the right to request a copy of these, which we will send with pleasure.

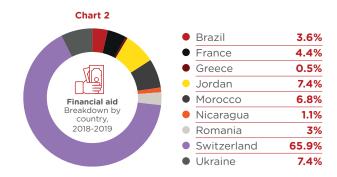
Here are 3 charts to illustrate our finances. The data used are for the 6th tax year, AUXAN's tax year running from the 1st June 2018 to the 31st May 2019



We strive to redistribute the maximum amount of donations received to the animals themselves, while maintaining a minimum budget allocated to events and administrative expenses.

#### **All Volunteers!**

Everyone at AUXAN is a volunteer, even our accountant, Philippe. We'd like to take this opportunity to congratulate him, because in 2019 he created his own association to help animals and their owners who are facing difficulties in Switzerland. The "CapAnimalia Association", established in Valais and recognised as a public utility, has as its main mission the recovery of abandoned dogs and cats, housing them in the chairman's home, located at La Coudre. They stay here while they receive all of the necessary care and wait to be re-homed with a caring family in the area. As some animals are no longer suitable for adoption, in this case, they stay permanently at La Coudre.



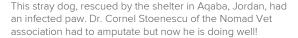
# First neutering campaign of 118 animals in Aqaba, Jordan:

A major new project in 2019: help provided for animals in Jordan. We funded a neutering campaign that ran for two weeks, in June 2019; it was led by a vet, Dr. Cornel Stoenescu, from the Nomadvet association, in aid of the Al Rabee Society for Nature and Animal Protection founded by Rodica Toma Athamneh in Agaba. In this country, conditions for animals are awful: no arrangements, no infrastructure in existence to accommodate the animals that are victims of abuse and torture. As a result, stray animals, especially dogs, are killed en masse and the methods used are appalling (poisoning or shooting) because the Jordanian government and the local authorities are not in the slightest bit concerned. There are very few animal shelters in this country, they survive only thanks to one-off donations from Jordanians or foreigners.

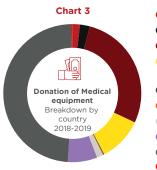
The neutering campaign, long-awaited by AUXAN's president, was finally launched this year and proved a resounding success. In total, 118 animals were neutered (117 dogs, of which 95 were female and 22 male, and one cat), while others were provided treatment. This is a wonderful example of the successful collaboration between 3 animal protectorates, based in Jordan, Romania and Switzerland!











1.8%	South Africa	•
2.3%	Brazil	•
27.9%	Spain	•
	France, Corsica	•
10.4%	Rèunion	
0.2%	Greece	
0.1%	Hungary	•
1.5%	India	
6.9%	Morocco	•
48.8%	Romania, Serbia	•
0.2%	Ukraine	•



### hree generous sponsors of medical equipment:

e'd like to take the opportunity to thank our 3 main sponsors of medical equipment:



GENOLIER FOUNDATION (Genolier)



Veterinary clinic L'ami des 4 pattes (Morges)



ASSUT MEDICAL (Pully)





Thanks to this generously donated equipment (such as surgical sutures, saline solutions, bandages, gauze, etc) or materials sold at cost price (catheters for urinary infections), we have been able to continue to provide medical equipment to organisations in Morocco, **Union Marocaine pour la Protection Animale (UMPA)** and Brazil **Clinique VetLagoa**.





# 2019 Overview AUXAN News

## I. Activities in Switzerland

# A. Mailshot to foundations in Switzerland, several months of work...

Many of our supporters advised us to contact foundations in Switzerland for financial assistance. Completed in 2019! This ambitious project required several months of work—here are the steps we took:





### Step 1

build a complete database of all foundations in Switzerland where the word "animals" is mentioned in the statutes (any language)



#### Step 2

Create and print all the materials for this mailshot campaign (a cover letter, the AUXAN presentation brochure and the Newsletter) in French and German! Many thanks to Margot for her help as a volunteer translator into Swiss German!



#### Step 3

follow up on responses. Here is a summary:

- Mailing to 65 foundations (47 in German-speaking Switzerland, 18 in French-speaking Switzerland)
- Number of replies: 26, representing a response rate of 40%.

BALANCE SHEET: a foundation in the German-speaking part of Switzerland donated 2000 CHF. We'd like to sincerely thank them here. All of this effort was not in vain...

## B. Help for farm animals in Switzerland Association La Bouche Qui Rit

In early December, we visited the "La Bouche Qui Rit" shelter in Martigny, a Swiss non-profit association founded in 2014 by Wendy and Nicolas. Wendy is a young woman in her thirties, with a solid head on her shoulders and a real passion for animals. She took the time to show us all the different enclosures and share the story of some of their residents... The association saves and homes so-called "cash animals" that have been abused, abandoned or destined for slaughter; more than 500 have been saved since the opening of the shelter, which operates only thanks to the help of volunteers!

On the day of our visit, we counted: 5 horses, 2 donkeys, 2 ponies, 14 cockerels, 23 rabbits, 22 goats, 8 sheep and 10 pigs.







## C. Foster Family for Suzy

In early July, we received an SOS from a mother and her 3-year-old daughter in Geneva. Victims of domestic violence, they had to be urgently placed in social housing in Geneva. Since animals were forbidden there, Sonya and Selina were left with few options. They could place Suzy, their beloved 10-year-old cat, in a shelter while waiting to find a new home, but for how long? Selina cried every day at the thought of being separated from her cat. Touched by this story, we agreed to foster Suzy. Their only wish was to be able to visit their cat once a week. Promise kept! For 4 months (from July to October 2019), we pampered Suzy. And the most incredible thing in this story is that Suzy, who was a somewhat temperamental cat, opened up and underwent something of a makeover by befriending and playing with Anabelle, the president's cat!

The 3 were finally and permanently reunited at the end of October. The family has even grown since mid-November, with the arrival of Mussa, a pretty little white kitty from a Spanish shelter. A reunited family that is doing wonderfully in a permanent home in Carouge.





### II. Activities Abroad

### A. Two neutering campaigns in Romania, more than 100 animals neutered!



With the support of the Romanian Association "NomadVet", we have sponsored two neutering campaigns in Romania:

#### **CAMPAIGN 1**

In early September, AUXAN assisted the veterinarian in neutering 30 dogs from Valeria's shelter, "Take Me Home Foundation/ La-Ma Acasa", 80 km from Bucharest and home to more than 400 dogs. To carry out this neutering campaign in very spartan conditions, Dr. Stoenescu from the "NomadVet" Association had to show ingenuity by setting up an open-air operating room. Accustomed to working in extreme conditions, nothing can stop him and that's why we collaborate with him: he always keeps his word when it comes to caring for animals!







#### **CAMPAIGN 2**

In October and November 2019, we funded a neutering campaign in the village of Vulturu in the Vrancea district, 200 km from Bucharest. Accompanied by a colleague and 3 volunteer veterinary students, Dr. Cornel Stoenescu and his team neutered a total of **77 animals**, including 58 dogs and 19 cats. In these villages, many elderly people were delighted to be able to benefit from this free treatment and the neutering campaign! They jumped at this opportunity for free care for their pets.



Romania Sept-Nov 2019: 107 sterilized animals



19 x cats



88 x dogs

# B. Purchase of food for 225 cats in Ollioules, France, Association Ecole du Chat d'Ollioules

In November 2019, our donation allowed the Ecole du Chat d'Ollioules to purchase 688 boxes of Felix cat food, equivalent to 275kg of quality food and 21 days' worth of nourishing meals for the 225 cats at the shelter.



#### C. Help for animals in Nicaragua, Shellton Zamora Foundation

The shelter of the Shellton Zamora foundation was set up in Managua in 2010. Moved by the sad fate of the animals, the founding president, Karla Zamora, a very modest woman, rented some land to house the animals. In Nicaragua, the fate of work horses is cruel; exploited to exhaustion, with days of 18hr of work and no food, many of them die of fatique or their limbs fracture because of the heavy loads they carry.

As of today, the shelter houses more than 60 dogs, 30 cats, 3 horses, 1 sow and 2 cockerels. Karla also feeds a colony of 30 cats in the neighbourhood. Some resident animals have died due to a lack of means to treat them urgently; this is the art of getting by ... in a complicated economic context, the Shellton Zamora Foundation tries, within its economic means, to help animals as well as the most disadvantaged people and children. Unfortunately, with only 3 committed donors and her husband's salary of \$600, Karla had trouble making ends meet.

Despite this poor financial situation, the results of their work are exceptional! Indeed, the foundation has managed to save more than 400 animals and is trying to raise awareness among the local, often very poor population about the proper treatment of animals.

Our donations made it possible to:

O BUILD A STABLE: for the rescued horse « The Mare »













# D. Help for hens in Belgium Association Les Poules Heureuses

Following the SOS launched by Maryse Borremans, from the association "Les Poules Heureuses de la ferme lovely ASBL" in Zillebeke, in a poignant message, we wanted to help this woman in distress. For nearly 20 years, this non-profit association has saved tens of thousands of battery laying hens, by welcoming them to its shelter (up to 4000), or by rehoming them in private homes. Following the death of the co-founder in July 2019, Maryse, aged 69, was left alone to manage everything on this 2-hectare farm with 500 chickens and a few cockerels. Overwhelmed by the workload and with invoices piling up, we provided our modest support by covering 2 months of rent for the farm.



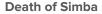


#### E. Miscellaneous News

# Some examples of support / Coaching provided by AUXAN

AUXAN also offers support to other organisations. Here are some examples of our work:

- Written testimony in the context of a trial (ARIEJO-APADS Association in Toulouse,-France)
- Collaboration with a graphic designer to create 4 signs for Vetlagoa Clinic, in Marica, Brazil
- Drafting of press releases, online fundraising, online petitions in 3 languages, letters of thanks, compilation of files in English, guide to responding to forms requesting financial support for SOS Animal's Kiev (SOS-SPA) Association, Ukraine



Simba, adopted in March 2018 near Geneva, was enjoying happy days at the side of his new mistress. This bliss was sadly short-lived, as he began to show severe gastric symptoms. After months of support and intensive care, he died on Friday, September 13th.





### Celebrating 22 years of SOS animal's Kiev Shelter (Spa-SOS) in Ukraine

Every year for 3 years now, Jennifer has attended (at her own expense) the annual ceremony of SPA-SOS Kiev, a shelter we have faithfully supported since the creation of AUXAN.









#### Jenny awarded degree in animal law, May 2019

It is with a certain pride that the president has passed (with honours) the diploma course in Animal Law from the University of Limoges, in France.

The preparation gained from this diploma in animal law allows law students or experienced lawyers (lawyers, magistrates, lawyers within animal protection associations...) to acquire knowledge in the field of law applicable to animals. They receive specialist training in animal law, a subject that is never taught in the normal curriculum of the Bachelor's and Master's degrees in law (regardless of specialisation).



#### A lovely surprise, thank you Brigitte for your help



# 3 Plans for 2020

- Update the website
- Translate and format this newsletter in English and German
- Finalise a video of the rescue dog « Louza »
- Continue to develop sales of our range of gluten-free gourmet granolas (for humans)
   « Les Granolas de Jenny », in order to continue to supply the association's coffers.
- Negotiate prizes for the golf tournament raffle in aid of VetLagoa, which will take place on Saturday 23rd May at Golf Parc Signal de Bougy, "Charity Competition for Linda's "Lagoa" Association". You're all welcome!



# Fieldwork 2019 Summary:

In 2019, the key work conducted by AUXAN was carried out in the following countries:



# FOOD & EQUIPMENT

Donation of animal feed & assistance in purchasing equipment to improve the living conditions of animals (e.g. enclosures)

BELGIUM
BRAZIL
FRANCE
MOROCCO
NICARAGUA
ROMANIA
SWITZERLAND
UKRAINE



#### MEDICAL SUPPLIES

Donations of medical supplies (consumables or equipment) to allow veterinarians to treat animals under optimal conditions

> BRAZIL MOROCCO UKRAINE



#### **FUNDING**

Funding to cover the payments of outstanding bills or veterinary care

FRANCE
JORDAN
MOROCCO
NICARAGUA
SWITZERLAND
UKRAINE



# SUPPORT & AD HOC FIELD ASSISTANCE

Coaching proposals to help associations gain visibility & increase the pool of ad hoc host families

> BRAZIL SWITZERLAND UKRAINE

# **Make a Donation**

#### Payment method 1



### **Postal account**

#### Recipient:

AUXAN (AUXan ANimalibus) Case Postale 102 CH-1110 MORGES 1

**No** 12-857957-2

**IBAN:** CH48 0900 0000 1285 7957 2

**SWIFT/BIC:** POFICHBEXXX

#### Payment method 2



### **Bank account**

#### Recipient:

Association AUXAN Chemin du Banc-Vert 8 CH-1110 Morges

**Banque :** Crédit Suisse AG, CH-8070 ZUERICH

**CCP Banque:** 80-500-4

IBAN: CH14 0483 5211 7658 2100 0 SWIFT/BIC: CRESCHZZ80A

## Payment method 3



# **Postal account**

#### **BV** - Swiss residents only

If you would like to receive a deposit slip, you can:

#### Either write to:

Association AUXAN Case Postale 102 CH-1110 MORGES 1

Or send an email request to:

contact@auxan.org

#### Payment method 4



# **Credit Card or PayPal**

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