

FOUR PAWS 2021 YEAR IN REVIEW

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RESCUES & OPERATIONS IN 2021

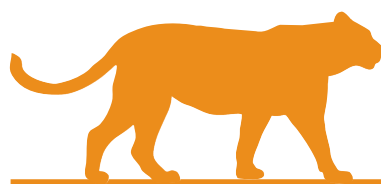


5 European brown bears & 2 Syrian brown bears rescued and brought to BEAR SANCTUARY Domazhyr, Ukraine

1 European brown bear rescued and brought to Arosa Bear Sanctuary, Switzerland

2 Syrian brown bears transported to The Wild Animal Sanctuary in Colorado, USA

3 Asiatic black bears rescued and brought to BEAR SANCTUARY Ninh Binh, Vietnam



2 lions, Samson and Tom rescued and brought to LIONSROCK Big Cat Sanctuary, South Africa

7 lions, Simba, Roman, Vincent, Dolf, Ellie, Geena & Elza rescued and brought to FELIDA Big Cat Sanctuary, Netherlands

1 Siberian tiger, Tzesar rescued and brought to FELIDA Big Cat Sanctuary, Netherlands

2 tigers, Jade and Jasper transferred to LIONSROCK Big Cat Sanctuary, South Africa



16 dogs rescued from a slaughterhouse in Cambodia

61 dogs transport intercepted and rescued from future slaughterhouse in Cambodia

8 cats and 20 dogs rescued from slaughterhouse and transported to the USA for adoption

Numerous dogs and cats helped after devastating earthquake in Bali

Stray Animal Care Programs in Southeast Asia: in Bali, Cambodia, Vietnam, India, Borneo **10,099 dogs and cats** received medical care; **24,356 meals** distributed

Moldova Program in Chişinău: Feeding, bringing emergency supplies to overrun shelters, providing medical assistance, building shelters for strays and educating schools and locals on humane management of strays. **200 female dogs** to be sterilized

Stray Animal Care Programs for thousands of cats and dogs in Ukraine, Bulgaria, Romania and Jordan



Slaughterhouse Closure: A FOUR PAWS Hallmark

Sustainable, Lasting Change

March 2021: Cambodia

On March 4th, 2021, **FOUR PAWS rescued 16 dogs from an infamous slaughterhouse in Skun, Cambodia, and closed the facility for good.** This slaughterhouse was especially shocking given the magnitude of its operation, and the animal suffering was immense. We knew that we could put a huge dent in the dog meat trade by shutting this one facility down.

Since its opening in 1995, roughly one million dogs have been killed in this facility with up to 200 dogs slaughtered per day. Although the FOUR PAWS team in Southeast Asia has witnessed unimaginable suffering in their work to end the dog and cat meat trade, the slaughterhouse in Skun was one of the most horrific facilities they had ever seen. This slaughterhouse was built for high volume: all cement, rusty cages, and ground layered with dirt.

Remarkably, the dogs were quite calm given their terrible ordeal. Following the rescue, all 16 dogs were brought immediately to our shelter partner, **Animal Rescue Cambodia**, where they received medical check-ups and initial treatment. These dogs were severely dehydrated and weak, some barely able to wag their tails. One dog however, **Albus**, was visibly happy to see the team – his tail was wagging like a helicopter! His excitement showed the resilience of these dogs and their ability to understand when they are in good hands.

Albus, Maxwell, Treasure, Sanford, Shine, Sammy, Gadget, Browney, Rebecca, Ayako, Sandy, Duke, Chippie, Lark, Agent C, and Suzie have all been adopted and are now living happy, healthy lives with their new families in the USA!

How We Provide Sustainable Change:

Our team carefully identifies dog and cat meat trade operations across Cambodia, looking for livelihood conversion opportunities. This includes identifying individuals involved in the dog and cat meat trade who are interested in making a change for a variety of reasons, be it social pressure, guilt, or remorse.

The slaughterhouse owner was very cooperative, and generally interested in exiting the trade — he reached out to FOUR

Above: Albus chews a bone after his rescue from the Skun slaughterhouse. Below: After being removed from his overcrowded slaughterhouse cage, Albus receives a big hug from his rescuer.

PAWS expressing his remorse and his desire to make a change, and we agreed to assist him in converting his slaughterhouse business to one that doesn't involve animals. The owner is interested in pursuing several small businesses to generate income for his family. First, the couple will open a small general shop for the local community offering dry goods and groceries. The shop will also be equipped with a small motorbike wash service, which are popular among both motorbike and tuk tuk drivers in Cambodia. FOUR PAWS will be supporting the purchase of equipment and tools to make this a reality.

To ensure no animals are harmed in the future, the owner signed an agreement with FOUR PAWS, stating that as of April 3, 2021, they will surrender all dogs on the premises to FOUR PAWS with no financial compensation, surrender all dog and cat meat trade-related equipment, tools, and any other trade-related articles used to operate the business to FOUR PAWS, and allow their destruction or removal thereof. The owner also pledged a lifetime commitment to not be involved in any dog meat-related businesses. Our local team will follow up regularly with the owner and local authorities to ensure that the premises remain dog-meat free. Without providing support, the owner of this slaughterhouse would be unable to transition to an alternative livelihood. In addition to closing slaughterhouses, FOUR PAWS is actively engaging with multiple government agencies to curtail and eliminate the dog and cat meat trade all together.

FOUR PAWS is committed to helping those that are genuinely committed to standing up for animals, helping facilitate the transition into positive, cruelty-free, and safe alternative livelihoods that contribute to communities' economies, health, and animal welfare.





A Message from Danika Oriol-Morway

Executive Director, FOUR PAWS USA

Dear Friend,

As we get ready to welcome the new year, I want to personally thank you for your generosity and partnership throughout 2021. Despite its challenges, this year was one of extraordinary growth for FOUR PAWS USA.

Thanks to your support, we were able to save more lives and advance our mission even further.

Here are some 2021 highlights:

- Rescued 7 lions – Simba, Roman, Vincent, Dolf, Ellie, Geena, and Elza – from unsafe keeping conditions in Romania and relocated them to FELIDA Big Cat Sanctuary in the Netherlands.
- Transported 2 Syrian brown bears – Ulysses and Homer – to local sanctuary partner, The Wild Animal Sanctuary in Colorado — our first-ever rehoming of wild rescued animals to the USA!
- Rescued 16 dogs from a slaughterhouse in Cambodia and facilitated the permanent closure of the slaughterhouse, and rescued an additional 61 Cambodian dogs that were confiscated en route to a slaughterhouse.
- Transported 8 cats and 20 dogs rescued from the meat trade in Vietnam and Cambodia to the USA for adoption into loving homes.
- Rescued 5 European brown bears and 2 Syrian brown bears and relocated them to BEAR SANCTUARY Domazhyr, a species-appropriate forever home in Ukraine.

Relocated 2 lions, Samson and Tom, and 2 tigers, Jade and Jasper, to LIONSROCK Big Cat Sanctuary in South Africa.

Provided medical care to 10,099 dogs and cats in Southeast Asia and distributed 24,356 meals, and quick-response care for stray companion animals following the earthquake in Bali.

Because of you, FOUR PAWS has been able to support one of the most vulnerable populations in the world: those without a voice.

While our rescue work can be unpredictable and challenging at times, your generosity and support continuously inspires me — and the entire FOUR PAWS USA team — to work hard each day and show up for animals worldwide.

Providing lifelong safety, care, nourishment, and enrichment for our rescued animals is not only about improving their lives — it's also about improving humanity.

I hope you enjoy the articles in this publication, as they highlight some of the incredible rescue missions accomplished this year thanks to your support.

While you learn more about the work we do across the globe, I hope that you will consider joining our year-end fundraising efforts by making a gift to ensure 2021 is our most impactful year yet. It's easy to give — make a one-time or monthly recurring gift on our website or send a check using the enclosed prepaid envelope.

Please accept my gratitude for joining us on this journey, and for helping us make the world a better place for animals.

On behalf of the team at FOUR PAWS USA, thank you for your continued support.

Best wishes for a joyful holiday season and a happy new year!

With gratitude,

Danika Oriol-Morway
Executive Director, FOUR PAWS USA



Seven Rescued Lions Find Peace and Sanctuary from Dangerous Breeding Conditions

September 2021: Romania

At the end of September, FOUR PAWS successfully rescued seven lions — **Simba, Roman, Vincent, Dolf, Ellie, Geena** and **Elza** — from unsafe keeping conditions in Picior de Munte, the Southern region of Romania. The owner legally kept and bred lions on his private property; he was also involved in the illegal trade and abuse of lions for entertainment. FOUR PAWS successfully negotiated with the owner to allow the seven lions to be rescued and relocated to our species-appropriate sanctuary.

The Story of Simba: From a young age, **Simba** was kept in a separate enclosure from his siblings. His father rejected him, which forced him to live in a tiny and desolate space. The three-year-old male lion made headlines in late 2020 after he was used in a Romanian musician's music video. In this video, it was noticeable that Simba was in a poor condition and suffered from multiple injuries. His horrendous appearance and abuse led to a public outcry. Authorities seized Simba, but later returned him to his owner because he had a legal license to keep lions. Romania had banned the keeping of big cats and other wild animal species in circuses in 2017. However, private keeping is still allowed with a special permit. Sadly, Simba is one example of the thousands of wild animals worldwide who are exploited and abused for commercial trade, entertainment, and private ownership.

The Day of the Rescue: A FOUR PAWS team of six experienced veterinarians arrived on-site to rescue the three female and four male lions. Our

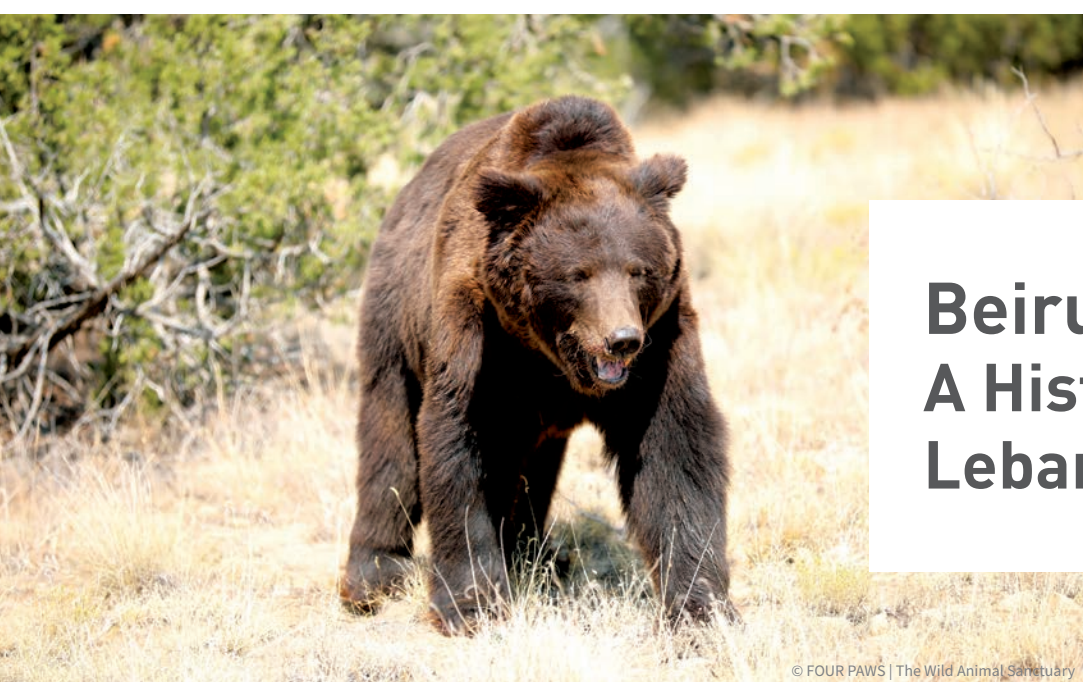


team included men and women from multiple partner organizations; we sought help from our partners to ensure a safe transfer and transport. It was a complicated mission: all but two of the lions were kept in the same unsafe enclosure. Conditions were challenging and required maximum security measures. The veterinary team successfully placed several of the lions under anesthesia in order to safely remove them. After a long journey, the lions arrived at our FELIDA Big Cat Sanctuary. Each lion received a thorough veterinary check and an individualized treatment plan. As FOUR PAWS does not allow breeding of our animals in captivity, each of the lions will eventually be spayed or neutered once we've concluded they are healthy enough to undergo the procedure.

Plans for the Future: FOUR PAWS plans to bring the five youngest lions to our LIONSROCK Big Cat Sanctuary in South Africa as soon as possible. Lion Simba and lioness Elza will likely become permanent residents of FELIDA as they require lifelong, specialized care and treatment.

Thank You to our Major Donor: Tigers in America

We are so grateful to our major donor, **Tigers in America**, for helping support this rescue and for naming lioness, Ellie and lion, Vincent! **Tigers in America** does incredible work to help big cats across the USA from all walks of life. We are appreciative of their support of this mission and their commitment to expanding their reach and supporting big cats worldwide.



Beirut Bears: A Historic Journey from Lebanon to Colorado

July 2021: Lebanon to Colorado

On July 19, 2021, two Syrian brown bears, now named **Ulysses** and **Homer** and affectionately known to the FOUR PAWS team as the "Beirut Bears," arrived at our partner sanctuary, The Wild Animal Sanctuary in Colorado. **Their arrival marked a historic moment for FOUR PAWS International: it was our first-ever wild animal transport to the United States!**

Journey to the USA: Homer and Ulysses journeyed over 7,500 miles to find their peaceful forever home — a mission that had been two years in the making. These bears lived the first 18 years of their lives in a small, concrete cage in Lebanon before being rescued by FOUR PAWS with our partners, **Animals Lebanon** and the **Karmagawa Foundation**. The bears were flown into Chicago International Airport where they were greeted by caregivers from The Wild Animal Sanctuary and our USA team. Following their arrival, we drove them via caravan from Chicago, IL to Colorado. Our Executive Director, Danika Oriol-Morway and our Digital Communications Coordinator, Ren Bettencourt accompanied the bears on their journey.

A Better Life: Following a quarantine period and health assessments, the bears were released to roam free within the sanctuary where they felt grass underneath their paws for the first time. For the rest of their lives, they will explore 103 acres of species-appropriate wilderness. Ulysses and Homer can finally rest, falling asleep to the sounds of crickets rather than bomb explosions. The bears love to spend their days lounging in the pool and breathing in the fresh mountain air.

Our Founder's Society members made this mission possible. A special thank you to the Karmagawa Foundation for their generous support of the transfer from Lebanon to the USA.





Our BEAR SANCTUARY Domahyzz Rescues Four Baby Bears!

July 2021: Ukraine

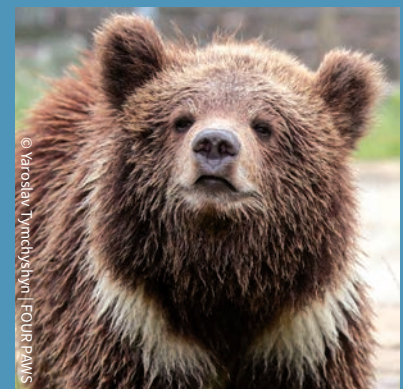
BEAR SANCTUARY Domahyzz is one of our newer sanctuaries, completed in 2017. Located in Ukraine, the sanctuary offers a species-appropriate forever home for captive bears rescued from cruel situations and poor housing conditions. There are tall trees for shade, grass fields for playing, and bear pools for cooling off. Currently, our sanctuary is home to more than 30 bears who have suffered traumatic pasts. While BEAR SANCTUARY Domahyzz provides a lifelong home to bears from a variety of inappropriate keeping conditions, the sanctuary was specially developed as a resource and long-term solution for bears confiscated from bear baiting, a practice used by hunters to train dogs how to sniff out, corral, trap, and kill bears.

In July 2021, we were pleased to welcome new baby bear residents to the sanctuary! Their names are **Andor, Jenny, Toby, and Moris**. Andor was the first cub to arrive, rescued from use as a tourist attraction in Skole, Ukraine. Soon after, Jenny, Toby, and Moris arrived together. Before these three arrived under our care, these little bear cubs were used as “selfie bears” for tourist photos in a petting zoo in Ukraine. Now, all four adorable cubs are settling into a new, species-appropriate life. Of the three cubs, our caretakers have noticed Jenny is the boss. She sets the tone and dominates the games our bears conjure up, while Moris and Toby are more docile. They go with the flow! Socialization is specific to each bear. Sometimes, bears enjoy being surrounded by other bears and other times, they prefer to be alone. With this group, we are pleased to see that all four cubs are enjoying each other’s company and quickly becoming friends.

Just a few months old when they arrived at the sanctuary, these cubs have made great progress since July! All four of them are healthy and enjoy playing fun games together like jumping in the pool, chasing each other, and rolling around on the grass. Andor, Jenny, Toby, and Moris all have big appetites and were able to graduate up to the same meals as the adult bears, supplemented by a daily milk supplement to keep them growing big and strong. Other snacks the cubs enjoy are cottage cheese, grapes, watermelon, and their seasonal favorite — pumpkin!



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End-of-Year Giving Opportunities

There are so many ways to further your impact for innocent animals around the world. FOUR PAWS has the capacity to accept the following gift contributions:

- Legacy bequests
- Donor Advised Fund (DAF)
- Required Minimum Distribution (RMD)
- Stock transfers
- Cryptocurrencies including Bitcoin and Ethereum
- Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCDs)

Thank you so much for your generous donations throughout 2021.

If you have any questions about these giving options, you can receive guidance from your financial advisors. We are also happy to help field any questions as we are able. Please contact Keira Haley, keira.haley@four-paws.org, for more information.

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The Happiest Holiday News!

Rescued Pooch Sanford Thanks You!

From Cambodia to the USA

Saved from the dog meat trade, **Sanford** now has an amazing family in the USA to spend his holidays with! Sanford was rescued from a rust-covered cage in a dark, concrete slaughterhouse in Cambodia.

From Cambodia to the USA: After FOUR PAWS intervened, we brought Sanford to our partner shelter Animal Rescue Cambodia where he received immediate medical attention and tons of affection. Slowly, he learned to trust people. Sanford, now **Pache**, was brought to the USA to escape the dog meat trade along with 19 other dogs. They were flown to Los Angeles and then driven to our shelter partner, **The Barking Lot**, in Southern California.

Pache’s mom shared with us how he is doing, and it warms our hearts! “When he first came home, he was very shy but he warmed up so fast. When we tell people his origin story, they almost don’t believe it because he’s so friendly and loves attention. He loves going to the beach, going for runs, playing at the park with other dogs, and cuddling on the sofa to watch movies with us. His favorite toy is his Kong ball — he loves playing fetch! His favorite treat is Greek yogurt, he goes wild for it. Our favorite memory with Pache is the day we went to **The Barking Lot** and he chose us. Thank you so much for saving him, he is the best!”

