

# Believe in Dog

Nikki Tibbles founded Wild at Heart Foundation in 2015 with one ambition: to compassionately reduce the world's 600 million stray dog population. We are dedicated to working closely with our global project partners to facilitate sterilisation, education and welfare programmes to achieve this goal.

### Our vision

75% of the global dog population do not have an owner to care for them. Wild at Heart Foundation wants to end the suffering and improve the wellbeing of vulnerable stray dogs across the world; to make real and lasting change and to help abandoned and unloved dogs receive the care they deserve.

### **Our Ethos**

Wild at Heart Foundation believe that each and every dog deserves the chance to live a healthy, happy life, free from the threat of pain, suffering, cruelty or neglect. We champion compassion and collaboration; we believe that there is a power in kindness and community, and that by working together towards a common goal, we can help make the world a better, kinder place.



Nikki Tibbles, Wild at Heart Foundation Founder

### Our Strategy

### **DID YOU KNOW?**

75% of the global dog population are strays.

### Sterilisation

Sterilisation remains the single most effective and compassionate method of controlling the stray dog population. Without intervention, 1 female dog and her litter of puppies could result in 67,000 more homeless dogs living on the streets in just 6 years.

We are proud to make sterilisation an integral part of our mission and to date, almost 30,000 dogs have been sterilised as part of our global programme.

### Welfare

Every single day, an estimated 1.2 million puppies are born, but tragically 80% of these will die before they reach adulthood.

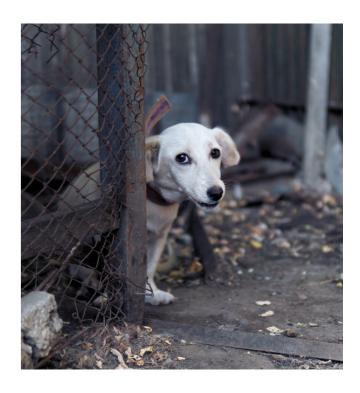
Wild at Heart Foundation is dedicated to working closely with global project partners to provide vital financial support. This ensures that abandoned, unwanted and vulnerable stray dogs all over the world receive the care they deserve, and provides them with the opportunity to thrive, rather than just survive.

This funding allows the facilitation of vaccinations and sterilisations, along with providing general veterinary care, food and shelter for those dogs who aren't fortunate enough to have a home of their own. Our support makes such a difference to dogs of all ages, some of whom have waited a lifetime to experience kindness and safety.

### Education

The safety, health and welfare of stray dogs is largely dependent on the actions of humans. Wild at Heart Foundation supports global project partners to encourage their local communities to change attitudes and behaviours towards dogs and to treat them with the respect and kindness they deserve.

Our UK Be Kind education programme aims to support the mental wellbeing of young people and help them to understand the positive impact that dogs can have on their welfare.



### Our Projects

Our projects focus on sterilisation, welfare and education programmes, with our work stretching across all four corners of the globe.

From Mexico to India, Romania to South Africa and Ukraine, we aid multiple Project Partners to ensure that the needs of vulnerable stray dogs are met, whilst also supporting welfare and education work here in the UK.

Your donations will help us to continue this vital work; we can't wait to see the impact your support is going to have on the lives of stray dogs in our Project Partner communities.

#### The scope of our work:

- Sterilising and vaccinating street dogs to minimise the growth of the stray dog population and spread of disease.
- Meeting the nutritional and medical needs of stray dogs living long-term in shelters across multiple worldwide locations.
- Providing nourishment and sterilisation to the abandoned dogs affected by the conflict in Ukraine.
- Making sure that UK pets affected by the cost-of-living crisis can remain with their owners in loving homes.
- Helping our global project partners to maintain the upkeep of their shelters.

### How your Money Helps

£10 could support pet food banks

£25
could vaccinate
a dog

£40 could sterilise a dog

£80 could provide medical care for a dog

£150 could feed a dog for 6 months

### Top Fundraising Tips

Whether you're seeking sponsorship from friends and colleagues or holding a sale or event for Wild at Heart Foundation, the following tips will help get you started.

### Setting up your Fundraiser

There are now more ways than ever to fundraise for Wild at Heart Foundation. We're registered across a number of platforms, ensuring that you can choose the fundraising model that's right for you.

#### **Facebook**

Start a fundraiser on Facebook (a popular option for people who generously choose to ask for donations in place of birthday presents or other special occasions), or add a donation button to any post. How to set up a Facebook fundraiser.

#### Instagram

Create a nonprofit fundraiser that will live in your bio for 30 days. Choose to extend the fundraiser, hide it from your profile, or end it early. While your fundraiser is active, you'll be able to share it on posts, in stories, or a live video. How to set up an Instagram fundraiser.

#### **JustGiving**

Set up your own fundraising page and start raising money for Wild At Heart Foundation.

Alternatively, you can run your fundraising campaign offline and donate the proceeds directly to us once completed.

### Tell your Story

Tell the story of why you're doing a fundraiser, why you've chosen to support Wild at Heart Foundation, and any other details which will help people to connect with your personal challenge – everyone loves a story!

### Set a Target

People are more inclined to support if they know they're contributing towards a set goal. Set a realistic target and keep them up to date with your fundraising progress.

### Gift Aid

If you're a UK tax payer, by adding Gift Aid to your donation at no extra cost to you, Wild at Heart Foundation will receive an extra 25p for every £1 you donate, which makes a huge difference to our fundraising efforts.

### Spread the Word

Don't be shy! Be sure to tell everyone about your fundraiser via your social platforms.

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# Fundraising Ideas

There are hundreds of fun ways to get involved and help raise funds for Wild at Heart Foundation.

Fundraisers are a great way to socialise, meet new people (and dogs!), bring communities together, and – of course – raise vital donations for stray dogs who urgently need our help. From baking to bungee jumping, swimming to spacehopping, the only limit on your fundraising potential is your imagination.

### Hold a Bake Sale or Competition

Organise a bake sale at your work or school and enjoy a guilt free slice (or two), knowing that your contribution has supported international stray dog welfare; or add a competitive element and challenge your peers to a bake-off style competition, all in the name of dog.

### Go Walking for WaHF

Whether you choose to jog, walk or run your way through your fundraiser, with or without your four-legged friends, exercise challenges are also a great way to meet other local doglovers, socialise, and simply enjoy the great outdoors.



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### **Challenge Yourself**

Whether it's cycling, swimming or even sky diving, there are so many ways to challenge yourself in the name of stray dog welfare. Join an organised challenge or race, or simply set yourself a target and encourage friends and family to sponsor you.

### Go Cold Turkey

Why not try giving something up? Whether for a week, or even a month, accept the challenge to go without your favourite treat and raise money for stray dogs in need.

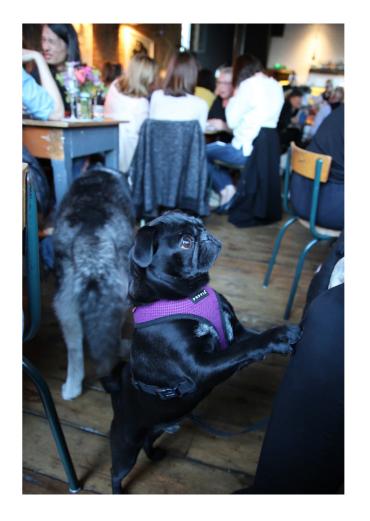
### Put a Show On!

Whether a standalone event, or part of a bigger event such as a fete or sports day, host a dog show, a variety performance, or even a karaoke night!

### Hold a Games Tournament

Get friends, family, or colleagues together for a games evening. Play cards, board games, video games; maybe even combine this with a pub quiz event.

For further ideas visit www.thegivingmachine.co.uk/blog/posts/fundraising-ideas/





### Important Stuff

To put our minds at ease and make sure that your fundraiser is carried out without issue, please take note of these details.

### Health and Safety

Just remember, it's mainly about common sense! Be sure to follow the advice of equipment manufacturers and the professionals supervising any facilities you may be using as part of your fundraiser.

### Food Hygiene

Super important! Make sure you take the utmost care and follow the rules when handling, preparing, cooking, and storing food.

### **Data Protection**

All records (whether paper or electronic) of people involved in a fundraising event must comply with the Data Protection Act; so, don't share information about someone without their permission or keep details about them any longer than necessary.

### **Raffles and Lotteries**

There are strict rules and regulations relating to lots of aspects of holding raffle and lottery events. Contact your local authority before you get started, just to check the do's and don'ts.



# Paying in Money Raised

Thank you so much for raising money for Wild at Heart Foundation! Here's what to do next.

If you've collected cash donations or proceeds from a raffle, sale, or event, you can donate these to Wild at Heart Foundation in several ways.

#### Online

### **Bank Transfer**

If you'd prefer to transfer a donation directly into our charity account, our bank details are:

Account Name: Wild at Heart Foundation Account Number: 54488121 Sort Code: 40-06-02

### Via Cheque

We are very happy to receive donations by cheque. These should be made out to "Wild at Heart Foundation" and posted to Wild at Heart Foundation, Unit 4 Linford Estate, Linford Street, London, SW8 4AB.

### Get in Touch

### We're always happy to hear from our fundraising community!

Please note though, that we're a small and busy team. Whilst we try our very best to make sure that all enquiries are responded to as soon as possible, occasionally it may take us a little longer. Please mark any timesensitive enquiries as urgent where possible.

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