

**INTERNATIONAL
ANIMAL RESCUE.**



THE RESCUER 2026

**PROTECTING ANIMALS, HABITATS
AND OUR SHARED FUTURE** 



Hello, and welcome to the latest edition of *The Rescuer*. Thanks to your support, this year has been full of remarkable milestones and groundbreaking achievements for animals and conservation alike. It's been difficult to fit it all in!

One of my proudest moments was opening the first phase of our new sanctuary at Ushi in Armenia, giving many more rescued bears the chance to live as naturally as possible. The sanctuary was officially opened by our patron, actor Steven Cree, whose visit featured on the BBC, helping shine a spotlight on the project and raise awareness of the plight of captive bears.

We also celebrated a world first by becoming the first organization to fit a bear with a prosthetic paw – yes, really! It's not the first time we've pioneered life-changing treatment. When we first started doing dental work on rescued dancing bears many years ago, it had never been done before – now we've

completed over 600 procedures! It just goes to show what can be accomplished when you combine determination, expertise and compassion.

Together, we're giving more animals a second chance and helping to protect their habitats too. You'll notice we've included QR codes alongside our stories so you can see more of the amazing impact you make.

My heartfelt thanks,

Alan Knight OBE,
President



This year marks a significant milestone: **20 years of our work in Indonesia.**

Looking back, it's astonishing to reflect on everything we've achieved together in that time: protecting vital forests, building lasting partnerships with local communities, and improving the lives of orangutans, slow lorises, macaques, and countless other species.

It's a milestone worth celebrating, and one that reminds us how much can be achieved through long-term commitment and collaboration.

You might also notice our updated look and a new logo.

Why the change? We wanted to make our charity stand out more and make what we share easier to read, whether you're one of

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our many long-term supporters or reading our updates online for the first time. You can find out more about what inspired the refresh on pages four and five.

It has truly been a year of achievements, and every success you read about has been made possible by supporters like you.

Thank you for helping to protect wildlife and their natural worlds.

Gavin Bruce, CEO





WE'VE HAD A MAKEOVER!

You may have noticed *The Rescuer* looks a little different this issue. That's because we've refreshed our look, with easier to read type and a simpler logo. But at heart, we're still the same charity you know and love.

We've been rescuing animals since 1989 and, thanks to you, we remain exactly what we've always been: a small, dedicated team that never gives up. Our new logo reflects that same sense of purpose and puts our name front and center. It's a name we all know and love, and one that says so much about who we are and what we do.

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Our new logo.

TWO REASONS FOR THE CHANGE

The first is that many of you told us our old logo and text were becoming hard to read, so we've simplified things, with clearer type and a simpler layout, which you'll see in the magazine and the new donation form. We've also made it easier for you to donate in a way that suits you, such as on the phone or online.

The second is that more of our work now happens online, and our logo, with its detailed globe and animals, didn't work well shrunk down to fit a phone screen. Our new logo is designed to work clearly, wherever you see it.

WHAT HASN'T CHANGED

Everything that matters. Our mission is the same: rescuing animals, protecting their habitats, and tackling the root causes of animal suffering. Think of it as a fresh coat of paint that will help us be visible in an increasingly digital world, so that we can continue our life-saving work long into the future.

OUR LOGO THROUGH THE YEARS

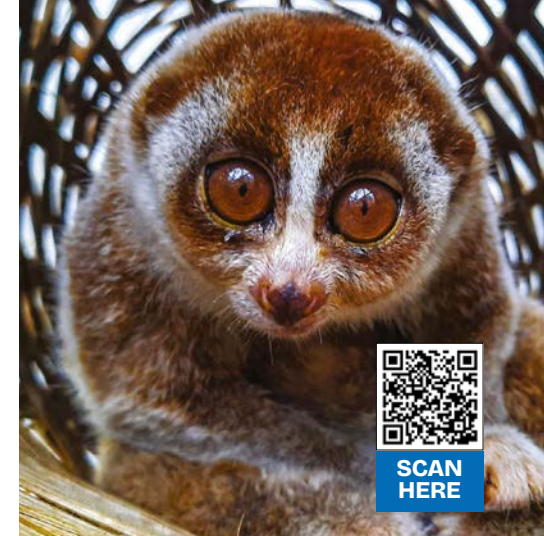
Our logo has actually evolved a number of times over the years – do you recognize any of these?



WHEN OUR LOGO DISAPPEARED ...

You might remember that for World Wildlife Day in 2023, we removed every animal from our logo for a single day, to make a simple point: without nature, there is no wildlife. That message is also at the heart of our new look.

Over the coming months, you'll see our refreshed brand appear gradually across our letters. We hope you'll find it easier to read and we'd love to hear what you think.



BRINGING YOUR IMPACT TO LIFE

We also know many of you are happy using QR codes these days, so you'll find more of them throughout the magazine. Simply scan one to watch our videos of the animals you're helping and see the real difference your support makes. Scan the code above for a heartfelt thank you from our team around the globe!



PROVIDING EXPERT CARE AND SECOND CHANCES IN INDIA

Vasi

At our bear rescue centers in Agra, Bannerghatta and Bhopal, our dedicated partners, Wildlife SOS, continue to provide expert veterinary care, enriching environments and lifelong sanctuary for rescued sloth bears.

As the monsoon draws to a close and temperatures rise, keeping the bears cool becomes a priority. Without sweat glands, bears rely on water to regulate their body temperature, so they spend plenty of time splashing in their pools, resting in the shade or eating ice pops made from fresh fruit by their caregivers.

VASI WALKS AGAIN, THANKS TO YOU!

Earlier this year, Vasi became the first sloth bear in the world to be fitted with a prosthetic limb after losing his paw to a snare trap.

Working with Derrick Campana, founder of Bionic Pets and known as the "Wizard of Paws", we created a bespoke prosthetic designed to withstand the demands of a bear's natural behaviors, including climbing and digging.

There was no guarantee Vasi would accept his new limb, but to our delight he did. Today, he's moving around the sanctuary with greater confidence and comfort.

**THANKS TO YOUR
SUPPORT, INNOVATIVE
SOLUTIONS ARE POSSIBLE,
GIVING BEARS LIKE VASI
THE SECOND CHANCE
THEY DESERVE.**

Raju, India's last dancing bear.

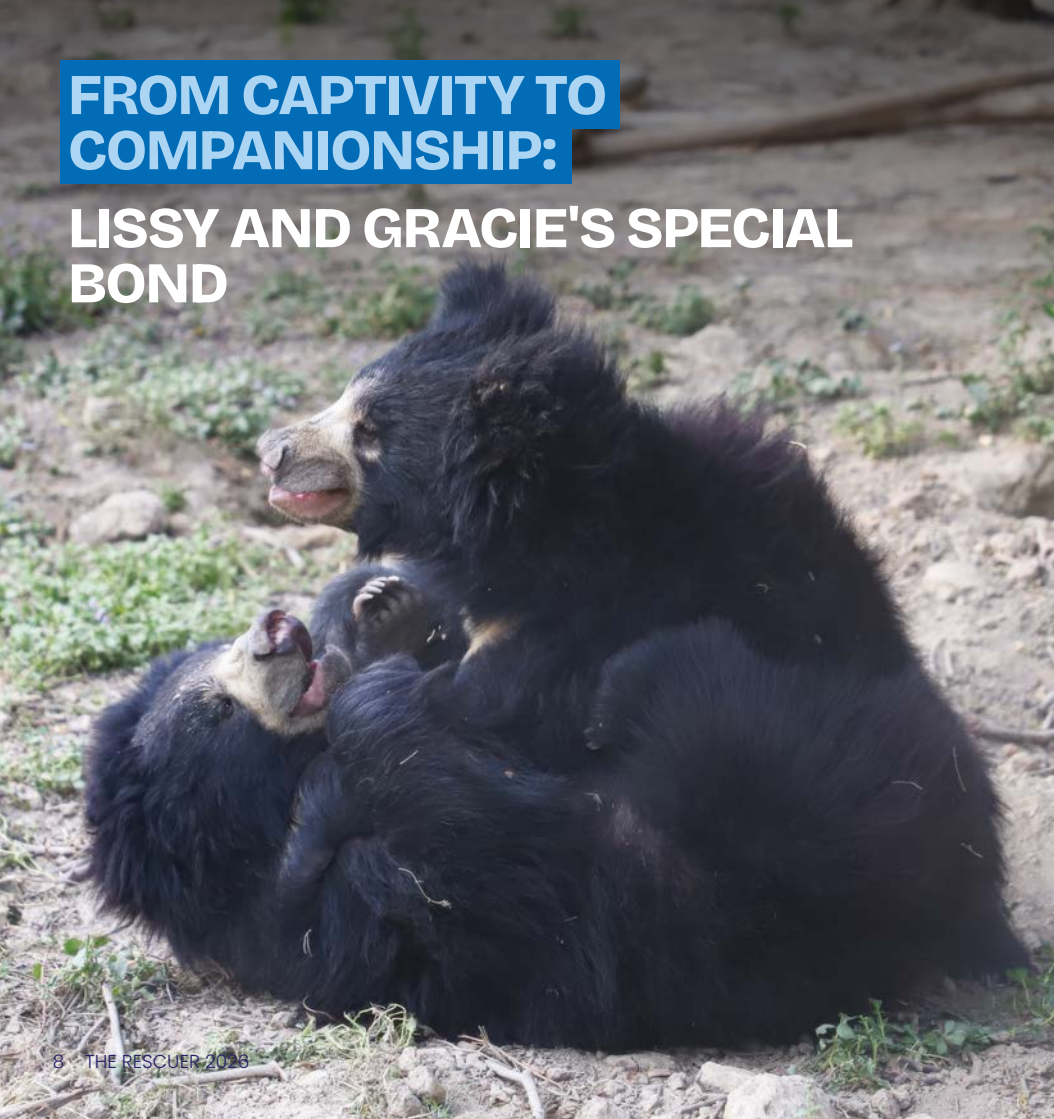
IS THE DANCING BEAR TRADE COMING BACK?

When we rescued the last dancing bear from India's streets in 2009, we helped end a centuries-old practice built on the cruel exploitation of sloth bears. So, the discovery of two more dancing bears this year was worrying.

Remaining vigilant is essential to stop this cruel trade from returning. We continue to work closely with Wildlife SOS and Indian authorities to respond quickly to reports of bears being trafficked across the border.

FROM CAPTIVITY TO COMPANIONSHIP:

LISSY AND GRACIE'S SPECIAL BOND



Lissy



Gracie

This year, we rescued two sloth bears from the illegal dancing bear trade. Three-year-old Lissy was found following a tip-off from forest officials. A few months later came Gracie, a 12-year-old bear who had spent her entire life in captivity.

Like so many dancing bears before them, both endured unimaginable cruelties. Their teeth smashed out, their muzzles pierced with hot pokers, ropes threaded through their wounds to force them to "dance".

TODAY, THEY ARE FINALLY SAFE.

During their quarantine periods in neighboring dens, their caregivers noticed something special. Despite being separated, both bears showed a keen interest in one another. So, once Gracie's quarantine ended, the team carefully introduced them to each other.

THE RESULT EXCEEDED EVERYONE'S HOPES.

Lissy and Gracie quickly formed a bond and are now inseparable. They spend their days exploring their enclosure together, mock wrestling and curling up, side by side to sleep. Their companionship is helping both bears settle in and leave their traumatic pasts behind.

HELP THEM HEAL ➡



SUPPORT LISSY AND GRACIE'S FUTURE

You can now adopt Lissy and Gracie as a pair and help provide their expert care, while following their journey through regular updates. Their adoption form is enclosed.



Adoption Pack



PROTECTING WILDLIFE AND THEIR HABITATS: INDONESIA



SCAN
HERE



SCAN
HERE

Azim

Baby pangolin



SCAN
HERE

This year marks 20 years of conservation in Indonesia with our partner, YIARI. Together, we continue to protect endangered wildlife while restoring the forests they depend on.

The results are clear. So far this year, no orangutan rescues were needed, and monitoring confirmed a total of 10 babies born in the wild — a sure sign that rehabilitation and habitat protection are working.

WILDLIFE GIVEN NEW BEGINNINGS

Scan the QR codes to bring these stories to life.

In March, **Azim**, a **Malayan sun bear** rescued after months with a snare embedded in his leg, was returned to the wild following specialist veterinary treatment.

In April, a **large orangutan** found repeatedly entering a coconut plantation was safely translocated to Gunung Palung National Park, far away from human activity.

And in May, a **baby pangolin** was treated for sinusitis before being released into protected forest, where she now has the best chance of a healthy future.

ORANGUTAN CENTER NARROWLY ESCAPES WILDFIRES

Last month, forest fires came within 300 feet of our orangutan rehabilitation center in Borneo, threatening lives, surrounding forest and two decades of orangutan rehabilitation.

Dr Karmele Llano Sánchez, YIARI's Director, said:

"The smoke was extremely thick, and nearly 100 people worked tirelessly to stop one fire and keep the area safe."

For now, all the orangutans have been moved to safety, but the situation remains volatile. As Indonesia moves deeper into the dry season, we remain on high alert, with scientists warning of a super El Niño.

The 2015 super El Niño fueled devastating fires, causing a severe haze crisis, and prompting the emergency rescue of 44 orangutans. The YIARI team has described these conditions as being much worse, and we have yet to reach the El Niño's peak. We aim to keep you updated as the situation develops.



**SUPER EL NIÑO
= AN EXTREME
WARMING OF THE
OCEAN THAT TRIGGERS
SEVERE WEATHER
WORLDWIDE, SUCH AS
INTENSE DROUGHTS,
FIRES AND FLOODS.**



Forest fires filled the area around the center with thick smoke.

The blaze spread to within approximately 300 feet of the center.



The Power of Mama have completed specialist training to respond to fire emergencies.



RANDY MEETS HIS SURROGATE MOTHER, SEPONTI.

When we rescued Randy last year, he was only two years old and being kept in a tiny cage. We found him weak, malnourished and living in shocking conditions, with barely enough room to turn around. Evidence of a healed leg fracture suggested he'd had a very sad start in life.

Randy has since made a positive recovery at our rescue center in West Kalimantan. Over the past couple of months, he has been slowly introduced to a surrogate mother, Seponti, who was herself rescued as an orphan in 2015. Their bond has grown, and Seponti is already showing encouraging signs of accepting Randy as her own by carrying him protectively.

**WATCH THE
EMOTIONAL MOMENT
RANDY BONDS WITH
SEPONTI, HERE:**



SCAN
HERE

The pair were introduced through carefully managed sessions in an enclosure, allowing them to build trust in a safe and controlled environment. In the coming months, they'll progress to spending time together in the protected forest, in preparation for a release into the wild together.

This is a significant milestone in Randy's rehabilitation, and Seponti is thriving in her new nurturing role. We look forward to bringing further news on both orangutans' progress.



Randy and
Seponti



BUILDING FUTURES IN ARMENIA

With your support, we've been able to press on with plans to build a second bear sanctuary in Armenia to further our mission to rescue every caged bear in the country.

The first sanctuary in Urtsadzor provides a safe space for when bears first arrive with round-the-clock veterinary care. The new sanctuary in Ushi is high in the mountains, making it the ideal temperature for hibernation over winter. It will also free up capacity for new bears who urgently need rescuing.



ACTOR STEVEN CREE OPENS PHASE ONE OF THE NEW SANCTUARY

In May, we were delighted to welcome IAR patron, Steven Cree, to officially open the first phase of the new sanctuary alongside our president, Alan Knight OBE.

Steven has found international recognition starring in the series *Outlander* and the Bafta-winning film, *I Swear*, but he still makes time to support our charity, which is a cause close to his heart.



One of our kind benefactors, David Coupe, accompanied Steven and Alan on the visit to Armenia. He shared his first impressions:

"Last year, Alan asked if I'd like to see the operation firsthand... How could any animal lover refuse?"

"What stood out at both sanctuaries is the dedication of all the local staff who focus on giving the bears the best possible life. As an animal lover, it's satisfying to know you CAN play a part in helping to give bears a better life, and they are in very good hands."

OUR SANCTUARIES ARE THE ONLY SAFE HAVEN FOR BEARS IN ARMENIA. THANK YOU TO EVERY ONE OF OUR SUPPORTERS WHO HAS HELPED US COMPLETE THIS FIRST PHASE.

Mr Gatekeeper



THE FIRST BEARS AT USHI ARE FLOURISHING

These four bears are already settled in and thriving at the new sanctuary at Ushi.

MR GATEKEEPER

Mr Gatekeeper, who once parked himself in front of his enclosure gate and refused to move, has become much more accommodating at Ushi. He's now thoroughly mobile, digging, foraging and splashing to his heart's content.

IVY

Ivy was so small when we rescued her, we thought she was a cub. In fact, she was fully grown. Her poor treatment in captivity had stripped her of vital nutrients. Now, Ivy is making up for it, snuffling up everything from termites to berries, in one go.

NOAH

After a life of misery in a bolted cage, Noah has been given a second chance at happiness. It's taken him a while to adjust, but now his full personality (cheeky and mischievous) is beginning to shine through.

ACHON

She spent 15 years in captivity with no mental stimulation whatsoever. Now, Achon is an elderly bear, and she has plenty to occupy her, including best friend Noah who is always by her side.



Noah

Achon

PROTECTING WILDLIFE IN COSTA RICA



In Nosara, Costa Rica, the veterinary team are constantly adapting their care for different species, with different needs. From howler monkeys with life-threatening electrocution injuries to a pair of illegally trafficked emus, the team has treated, rehabilitated and released record numbers of animals this year.

As if that wasn't enough, the IAR Costa Rica rescue center was audited and accredited by The Global Federation of Animal Sanctuaries (GFAS), the gold standard in animal care. It also received the Blue Flag award for its ongoing commitment to the environment.



17 = NUMBER OF ANIMALS WE RELEASED OVER TWO DAYS IN MAY

Animals released included:

2 Pacific screech owls,
1 woolly possum,
1 common possum,
1 crested caracara, 5 variegated squirrels, 4 orange-fronted parakeets and 3 doves.



Popeye

POPEYE SWIMS TO FREEDOM

We're often amazed by the resilience of animals like Popeye. He arrived at the center with devastating injuries after his flipper was tangled in discarded fishing line.

The team managed to free Popeye, but sadly, his flipper had to be amputated. What followed was days of care and rehabilitation, but we never gave up on Popeye.

It was a happy day when we released him back into the ocean where he swam confidently towards freedom with three flippers.

TWO EMUS FAR FROM HOME

This year, we rescued two emus from illegal captivity in Costa Rica. As a non-native species, they cannot be released, so our sanctuary will always be their home. Thanks to the generosity of local supporters and businesses, a spacious new enclosure was built just in time to house them before the rainy season.



PICTURE PERFECT

Captured by our CEO, Gavin Bruce, during a visit to Nosara, this remarkable photograph shows a tiny squirrel receiving an x-ray after breaking its leg in a fall from a tree.





TRAFFICKED SLOTHS BROUGHT TO SAFETY

In October 2025, we rescued three trafficked three-toed sloths from a shack on Costa Rica's Pacific coast, far from their Caribbean habitat.

After veterinary checks and rehydration, the sloths were found to be healthy but highly stressed. They were quickly transferred to The Sloth Institute for specialist care.

PAMPA ON THE MEND

Pampa the armadillo was brought to our center after being hit by a vehicle. He had a fractured carapace and an inflamed hind leg.

After treatment to repair his armor, Pampa is recovering well in our care, and we're confident he'll make a full recovery.



IGUANA RESCUED AND RELEASED

This green iguana arrived at our center after being cornered by dogs. Following treatment for a hind leg wound and oral fluids, it made a full recovery and was released back into the forest later that day.

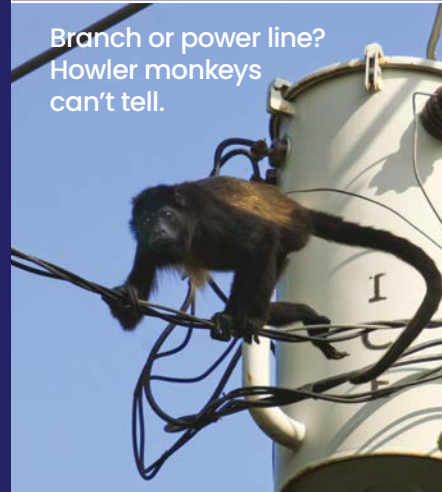


HOPE FOR HOWLER MONKEYS

Amazing news! Last year, with your support, we led a national campaign for safer power lines in Costa Rica to protect howler monkeys and countless other species from electrocution. The campaign was a success, with Costa Rica's Constitutional Court backing change and ordering urgent measures.

"What happens next is important," says Gavin Bruce, IAR CEO. **"This is a significant ruling which we hope will force Costa Rica's electricity providers to take action to prevent the needless loss of wildlife from electrocution".**

WE LOOK FORWARD TO BRINGING YOU MORE NEWS ON THIS HUGE WIN FOR WILDLIFE IN THE FUTURE.



Branch or power line?
Howler monkeys can't tell.



Insulated cables save lives.



FANTASTIC FUNDRAISERS

Whether they're running, baking, walking, swimming, abseiling or knitting, our fantastic fundraisers are making a real difference for animals and their habitats. We think that's well worth celebrating.

CAKES FOR APES

This April, our Cakes for Apes fundraisers raised **\$20,307**. That's enough to pay for food and medicines for all the orangutans in our care for over half a year!

US-based supporter, **Bridget Doane**, delighted guests with homemade dog treats as well as cakes and managed to secure matched funding for \$800.

Laura Grant in the UK raised an incredible £900. The icing on the cake (quite literally!) was Laura's hand-knitted orangutan, which she raffled.

THANK YOU TO EVERY SINGLE PERSON WHO BAKED, DONATED, RAFFLED AND TOOK PART IN CAKES FOR APES THIS YEAR. WE HOPE YOU'LL JOIN US AGAIN NEXT YEAR:
www.cakes4apes.org



CAKES FOR APES
An International Animal
Rescue Event



Willie Nelson and Ruth Bader Ginsberg (Bridget's dogs) pitched in for their fellow animals.



Laura baked and knitted for the orangutans.

STEP UP FOR BEARS

In July, fundraisers across the UK raised **£5,700** by taking part in **Step Up for Bears**, a virtual challenge that saw supporters walking 56 miles throughout the month – that's 1 mile for each of IAR's rescued bears in Armenia.



Step Up for Bears fundraiser, Stephen Witte, raised over £1,400 with his dogs, Max and Holly.

SUPERSTAR FUNDRAISERS

OLIVER AND ADA SEWELL

Special shout out to **Oliver (14) and Ada (5) Sewell** in the UK for being our top Cakes for Apes fundraisers this year raising **£1,105**. Proud Grandmother Dawn said: "They were over the moon and will be back again next year."



GREER BULLOCK

Alongside **Greer's annual Didik Day**, she raised **\$782** with friend, Theresa Tasker, through a Cakes for Apes event, and signed up for The Rainforest Run with partner Tim. Greer continues to inspire us with her dedication every year.



MADALAINE LEVISTON

A huge congratulations goes to **Madalaine** from Scotland for completing the Edinburgh Marathon in May on an unseasonably hot day. Madalaine secured matched funding for her efforts and raised an amazing **£2,000**.



PATTY CUTHBERT

A big thank you to **Patty** for so far raising **\$4,196** this year through her **Rainforest Jewelry Collection**. Patty collects and sells unwanted jewelry in Canada, while raising vital awareness about endangered orangutans.



GET INVOLVED

There are so many ways you can raise funds for our work. For more info, or inspiration, get in touch at fundraising@internationalanimalrescue.org or call us on (508) 426-4503. We'd love to hear from you!

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

For the year ended
31 December 2025

Ongoing global conflicts and continued economic volatility are affecting charities everywhere. These challenges have had a dramatic effect on the cost of our work protecting animals and habitats around the world.

We know many of you are feeling this financial pressure too. We never take your generosity for granted. Every gift you give us matters, and we work hard to ensure it goes as far as possible to help animals in need.

In 2025, our income rose to \$1.86 million, an increase of \$420,000 over the previous year. A large part of this increase was thanks to a generous \$100,000 contribution from a new donor and a single legacy gift of \$150,000. In addition, regular giving support from our Friends of IAR helped us keep pace with rising costs.

Legacy gifts mean so much to us. They allow us to plan further into the future and keep our promise to animals long after a supporter's lifetime. We are deeply grateful to everyone who chooses to remember IAR in this way, and we are proud to help countless animals in their memory.

Thanks to this higher income, we were able to allocate \$178,000 more to our animal protection projects in 2025 than in the previous year, an increase made possible only because of your generosity. Otherwise, activities across our various projects have been maintained through the steadfast support of IAR's donors.

Our fundraising costs rose slightly, mostly due to inflation. However, IAR has also made long-term investments to future-proof our work and safeguard the sustainability of our projects.

Our unrestricted reserves of \$392,000 support our working capital needs and protect us against unexpected shocks, while also helping fund future animal protection initiatives.

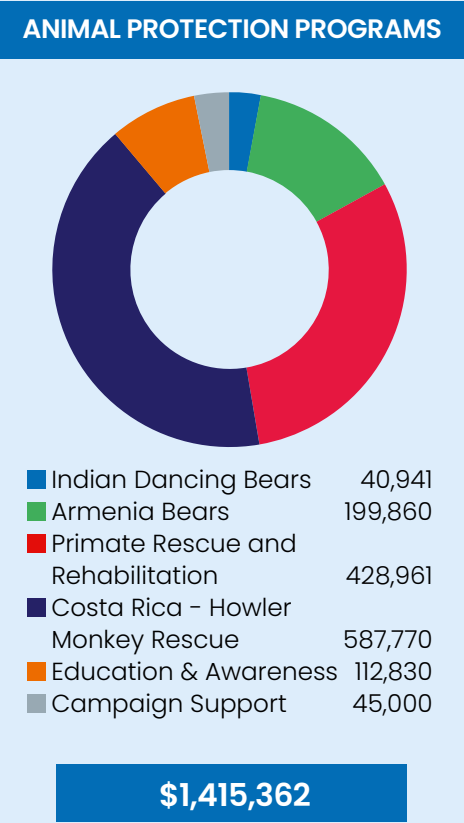
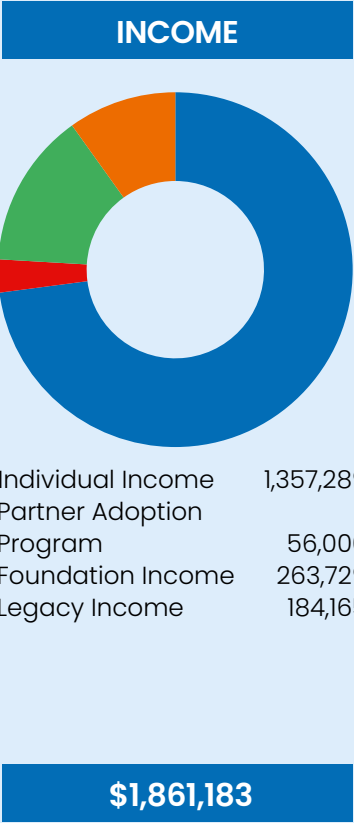
A heartfelt thank you to all our supporters, who are our superpower and make sure we can continue to help animals in need.

INCOMING RESOURCES	Unrestricted funds 2025	Restricted funds 2025	2025 (\$)	2024 (\$)
Voluntary income				
Donations	1,701,702	120,000	1,821,702	1,416,666
Investment & Other Income	39,481	-	39,481	23,528
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES	2,753,837	1,184,255	3,938,092	3,772,721
RESOURCES EXPENDED				
Program Services	1,415,362	-	1,415,362	1,236,928
Management and General	96,452	-	96,452	104,432
Fundraising and Development	238,296	-	238,296	203,918
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED	1,750,110	0	1,750,110	1,545,278
NET INCOME				
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources	(8,927)	120,000	111,073	(105,084)
Net Assets Released from restrictions	47,368	(47,368)	-	-
Fund balances at 1 January 2025	353,803	62,922	416,725	521,809
FUND BALANCES AT 31 DECEMBER 2025	392,244	135,554	527,798	416,725

IAR US Board of Directors	
President: Alan Knight	Executive Director: Gavin Bruce
Treasurer: David Rap	Board Director: Matthew Hough
Board Director: Christine Southworth	

The financial summary shown is an extract from the organization's draft financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2025. The full financial statements were prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. For further information, please contact the Treasurer at the IAR US office address. International Animal Rescue US's auditors are CliftonLarsonAllen LLP at 100 Front Street Suite 720 Worcester, MA 01608.

FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES



Figures taken from IAR US draft 2025 accounts.

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LOVE TO ANIMALS**

THANK YOU!

Gifts in Wills holds a very special place in our work, helping create a future where animals are safe and nature is protected. Gifts in Wills are vital and fund a third of our lifesaving work.

"We know by leaving a gift in our Will, we will help other animals in the future, and it is our way of saying a big thank you to such a compassionate cause."

Rachel and Adrian Creed,
IAR supporters.



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