



SUFLETE DRAGI ASSOCIATION

Presentation and Activity Report

2025



“Beyond the shelter walls... we rebuild hope!”

Vidra, Ilfov County • Romania

1. Who we are

Suflete Dragi Association was officially established in 2013 to support the work of co-founders Alina and Anda Murgu, who have been involved in animal protection since the 2000s.

The organisation is dedicated to rescuing abandoned animals, caring for them in its own shelter and promoting them for adoption, as well as organising ongoing campaigns within the community.

The Association's shelter is located in Vidra, Ilfov County, and serves both the local community and animals from Bucharest, Giurgiu, Călărași, Teleorman, Dâmbovița and other counties.



Co-founders of Suflete Dragi Association – Alina and Anda Murgu

Our mission

Our mission begins where others have given up. We do not simply rescue animals from the street: we treat them, restore their dignity and give them the chance to rebuild their trust in people. The shelter is a transit point on their way to a safe and happy life.

In collaboration with associations in France, Belgium and beyond, Suflete Dragi has helped facilitate more than 5,000 international adoptions over the years.

Main areas of activity

- *Rescuing abandoned animals or animals at risk.*
- *Providing food, care and medical treatment.*
- *Rehabilitation and monitoring of animals with health problems.*
- *Responsible promotion for adoption and support for adoptive families.*
- *Sterilisation campaigns and actions to prevent abandonment.*
- *Collaboration with organisations and volunteers in Romania and abroad.*

2. Activity report – 2025

In 2025, animal protection activities were organised around the Association's three essential objectives: rescue and care, responsible adoption and preventing abandonment. A significant part of the adoption and foster-care activity was carried out in collaboration with the French partner Celestia and the network of adoptive and foster families.

Adoption results documented as part of the collaboration with Celestia

267	14	16	297
<i>direct adoptions from the shelter</i>	<i>adoptions after foster care in France</i>	<i>re-adoptions after returning to the system</i>	<i>animals adopted in total</i>

The 297 direct adoptions reported for 2025 include 216 dogs and 51 cats adopted directly from the shelter, 13 dogs and 1 cat adopted after staying with foster families in France, as well as 14 dogs and 2 cats re-adopted after returning to the system.

Additionally, through Suflete Dragi Association and its authorised transport service, we were able to facilitate the international adoption of a further 314 dogs who reached their new homes and families in France.

Shelter situation

In June 2025, during a visit by three volunteers, 426 dogs and 39 cats were registered at the Suflete Dragi Association shelter. This figure reflects the situation at the time of the visit and does not represent an annual average.

In addition to the adoption results, 2025 involved taking in and managing complex cases, as well as strengthening the procedures for selection, placement and post-adoption follow-up.



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3. Welfare, crisis situations and adoption follow-up

Animal protection does not end at adoption. In 2025, Celestia's work highlighted the need for a continuous monitoring and intervention system, including for animals that returned to the association's care.

Returns to adoption

11 animals that travelled in 2025 returned to the adoption system: 8 dogs and 3 cats. Of these, 8 were re-adopted during the year, while 3 dogs – Volcan, Obii and Arès – were still waiting for a family at the end of the reporting period.

Two other cases, Aphrodite and Bloom, dogs adopted before 2025, returned to the association and had not completed a new adoption by year-end.

Medical and health situations

Cases requiring veterinary and administrative monitoring were managed, including problems detected after adoption, infectious diseases, medical investigations and situations requiring special health procedures.

Escapes and adaptation

There were cases of escape linked to difficult adaptation, post-repatriation stress or unsuitable environmental conditions. Most animals were recovered; in Darko's case, the search continued and ultimately ended positively with his recovery.

Foster families and continuity of care

As of 31 December 2025, 14 animals were in foster families in France and Belgium: 11 dogs and 3 cats. Foster families played an important role in assessing the animals' needs and preparing them for stable adoptions.

These situations confirmed the importance of carefully selecting adopters, informing them and providing support after adoption.



4. Strengthening the organisation and procedures in 2025

A major objective in 2025 was to professionalise and strengthen working procedures so that animal protection is supported by administrative, health and legal processes that are as clear as possible.

Improving adoptions and repatriations

- *updated adoption contracts, with clauses on abandonment and appointment of a guarantor;*
- *new contracts for foster families and a welcome booklet for puppies;*
- *electronic signature and stricter document checks;*
- *checklist for welcoming the dog into the family;*
- *veterinary certificates signed by adopters for better traceability;*
- *departure checklist and better coordination of ICAD formalities.*

Volunteering and human resources

In 2025, 11 new volunteers joined the Celestia team. Volunteer onboarding tools were created and the information base used to support adopters and volunteers was expanded.

Meetings and coordination

Meetings and coordination calls were held between the Celestia team and the shelter, as well as internal meetings to monitor cases, manage crisis situations and prepare future projects.



5. Communication, partnerships and community mobilisation

Suflete Dragi Association's work relies on the involvement of the community, volunteers, partner organisations and people who choose to support animals through donations, adoptions, volunteering or promotion.

Partnerships and solidarity actions documented in 2025

As part of the collaboration with Celestia, partnerships were developed or renewed with organisations and companies such as Stériliz'Action, Alodis, Thundershirt, Lilo, Weenect, DogChef, Z'en Animo, Zoomalia and Stériliz'Action-Animaxy.

Food collections, events and fundraising campaigns were organised, including Animalis events, Summer Dog Party, raffles, participation in KingPet, sales of calendars and tote bags, as well as volunteer visits to the shelter.

Communication and visibility

In 2025, partner Celestia continued to develop its online presence, with 14,632 followers on Facebook, 222 on Instagram and 251 on TikTok, as well as creating its own website and redesigning the partner shelter's website.

Prevention and responsibility

For Suflete Dragi, preventing abandonment remains just as important as rescuing animals already in need. Sterilisation, microchipping, responsible adoption and community education are essential tools for reducing the number of abandoned animals.

During 2025, free sterilisation campaigns were carried out in southern Ilfov (the municipalities of Berceni, Jilava and Vidra), making it possible to sterilise more than 700 dogs and cats, both owned and stray. These campaigns were funded mainly by organisations abroad (Germany, Switzerland and France) to reduce the number of abandoned animals and support both disadvantaged local communities and animals living on the street.



6. Conclusion

The year 2025 was one of intense work, in which animal protection activities were accompanied by efforts to professionalise, improve procedures and strengthen international partnerships. For Suflete Dragi Association, every animal rescued, treated and prepared for a family represents another step forward in the fight against abandonment.

We continue to build a community where abandoned animals are not seen as a problem without a solution, but as lives that deserve protection, treatment and a new chance.

“They have no voice. But they have you.”



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