

NES Project 2025

For animals in need
at Coron island, Philippines

Worldwide we give a voice to animals who are in need of good health, safety and a humane environment



Who are we?

Animals First Foundation is a non-profit organization with a ANBI status. This means that at least 90% of our income will be spend to the animals in need.

We strive for a world where humans and animals can live together as one community, in harmony and mutual care.

According to the Western culture it is common that a dog or cat lives as a pet in our homes. Not every culture recognize this way of living. Therefore we believe that a community of humans and animals can live together in harmony without being a house pet. We see this way of living successfully in countries like Turkey and Mauritius.

Our goal is to help animals who live in unhealthy or violent circumstances. We help them by stabilizing their reproduction and treat diseases within the animal population. This makes them more accessible to be part of the local community. We will also educate the local community how to coexist harmoniously with the animals. This way it is possible to realize a sustainable local solution: a self-managing community that takes care of both human and animal. This distinguishes us from other foundations that relocate animals to other countries by adoption.

We aim to realize this goal by using the Neuter – Educate – Sustain principle (NES)

Our 3 principle program



NEUTER

The dogs and cats population will be stabilized by spaying/neuter 70% of the population, vaccinate against rabies and provide them with medical treatment for skin diseases.



EDUCATE

The local community will be educated how to live in harmony with the animals.

Additionally a Local Volunteer Group will be set-up that will take care of the dogs and cats.



SUSTAIN

Sustainable solution such as public shelters spots, nutrition programs and treatment programs will be set-up to support the Local Volunteer Group in taking care of the dogs and cats.

What's the problem?

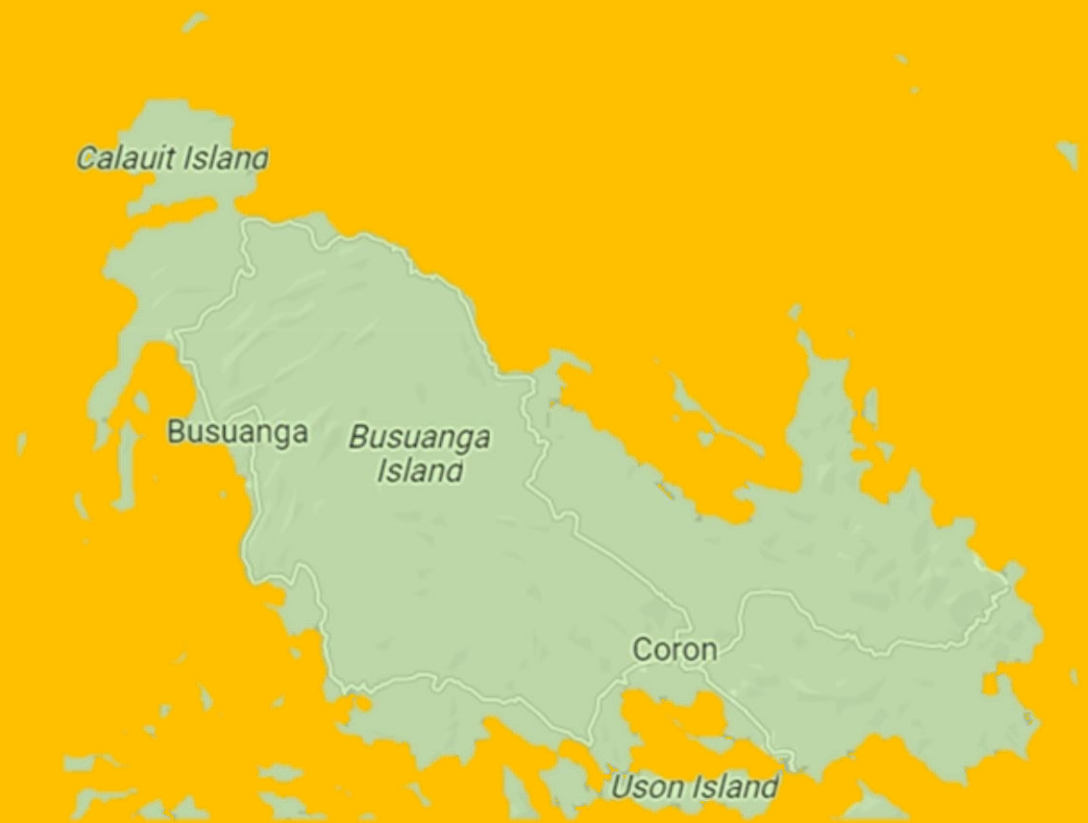
Coron Island is located in the Philippines, and faces a significant issue with an uncontrolled dog and cat population estimated at 10.000 animals.

Due to the absence of a medical care system for animals, dogs and cats continue to reproduce in unhealthy and hopeless conditions. To reduce the population, animals are unfortunately subjected to inhumane treatment by the local government. For instance, dogs are captured in cages placed at the garbage collection area, where they are left to perish from starvation.

Unfortunately the most humane way locals are able to end the suffering of animals is for example by drowning kittens.

Together with partner foundations, veterinarians, and volunteers, we aim to implement the NES program within 6 years. Each year we will implement one NES project, starting from 2025.

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And what are we going to do about it?



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What are the goals for 2025?

In the year 2025 we will launch this multi-year project by implementing the NES program in Guadalupe, Coron city. Under the guidance of our chairman, who will travel to the project location, we plan to complete the project in two weeks. By starting in the center and most tourist area of the island, our goal is to set an example for a large audience, which can contribute to the success of future NES programs.

Neuter

♥ By using the Trap Neuter Return method in total 300 - 400 dogs and cats will be spayed/neutered.

♥ Vaccinated dogs and cats against rabies.

♥ Animals with skin diseases receive the necessary medical treatment.

Educate

♥ Our local representative will be given a seat on the local government board in order to show the government how they can handle the animals humanely.

♥ Establish a self-managing Local Volunteer Group (LVG) that will be trained how to take care of the animals.

♥ A LVG-member will be trained how to organize Animal Care Education Events for the local community.

Sustain

♥ Establish agreements with the local government to address the following:
1. How they can handle the animals in a humanely way.
2. Arrangements for the placement of shelter spots, where street animals can find shelter and receive food and clean drinking water from the LVG.

♥ A public shelter spot will be realized for the street animals.

♥ The LVG receives a monthly donation from our foundation to support the care of the local dog and cat populations.

How will we accomplish the goals?

Neuter



In total 300 – 400 dogs and cats will be spayed/neutered, vaccinated against rabies and dewormed.

Under the supervision of the local veterinarian from Palawan Animal Welfare Foundation, Inc. (PAWFI) we will spay/neuter and vaccinate the dogs and cats. Our goal is to spay/neuter and vaccinate 250 animals during a 5 till 7-day Neuter & Vaccination Event.

The veterinarians will be assisted by their

Assistants who are responsible for monitoring the animals' condition during the operations. Additionally volunteers will help with the logistics, such as moving the animals.



Animals with skin diseases receive the necessary medical treatment.

Skin diseases, such as scabies, are common in tropical countries. Scabies is a highly contagious disease that causes intense itching for the animals. Scabies is a zoonosis and therefore a 'red flag' for people to come near the animal. Due to the lack of treatment, the excessive scratching can lead to wounds and create opportunities for other diseases to worsen the situation.

On the positive side, scabies is easily curable with selamectin. By treating these types of skin diseases, animals can experience a more comfortable life and become more integrated into the local community.

Educate

♥ **Our local representative will be given a seat on the local government board in order to show the government how they can handle the animals humanely.**

Our local representative, Peter Ponnet, is a Belgium local resident who lives for more than 20 years at Coron island. Our goal is to give Peter 'a seat' at the local government board. This way it makes it possible to put animal welfare on the agenda and give the local government a new perspective on how to live together with the street dogs and cats.

♥ **Establish a self-managing Local Volunteer Group (LVG) that will be trained how to take care of the animals.**

We will collaborate with local residents to establish an LVG responsible for daily animal care. This group will receive education on animal treatment, proper feeding practices, giving medical care, and how to serve as role models within the local community.

The LVG will consist of four members: a team lead responsible for coordinating nutrition and treatment programs, managing financial matters, and serving as the foundation's contact person. Additionally, there will be a minimum of two members who will take turns providing daily care for the animals, and one individual responsible for organizing educational events for the local community.



♥ **A LVG-member will be trained how to organize Animal Care Education Events for the local community.**

The goal of the foundation is to give the community a sustainable solution where they can build on. A powerful building block is education. We are convinced that by demonstrating to the local community how they can coexist harmoniously with animals, they will come to appreciate the rewards and beauty of being one unified community.

The designated LVG member, our local representative, will receive educational content from the foundation to incorporate into their events. Together, we will collaborate on event planning, including scheduling, and defining the target audience, which may include schools and other groups.

Sustain

♥ **Establish agreements with the local government to address the following:**

- 1. How they can handle the animals in a humane way.**
- 2. Arrangements for the placement of shelter spots, where street animals can find shelter and receive food and clean drinking water from the LVG.**

The success of our sustainable solution depends on securing the support of the local government. Our goal is to encourage the local government to stop the practice of capturing and confining street animals in cages, which often leads to their unfortunate end. Together with the help and advice of the founder and Director of Aklan Animal Rescue & Rehabilitation Center (AARRC), Michel van der Kleij, we aim to achieve this goal. Public shelter spots will offer a remedy to the problems posed by street animals, as they will no longer need to seek shelter and sustenance within the cities. Consequently, there will be no need for animal capture. We have sent a letter to the Mayor of Coron to initiate discussions and reach an agreement on the terms and conditions.



♥ **A public shelter spot will be realized for the street animals.**

Istanbul, Turkey's largest city, serves as an example of harmonious coexistence with street animals. The city has implemented public shelter spots for thousands of street cats, and the local community actively tends to their needs by providing food and water. In return, these cats help control the rodent population by hunting mice, thereby preventing rat infestations. Istanbul demonstrates that living in harmony with street animals is achievable.

In Coron City, we will establish public shelter spots, starting with one. In the upcoming years we will expand this over the island. With these public shelters the animals have their own place to go for shelter, food and clean drinking water.



♥ **The LVG receives a monthly donation from our foundation to support the care of the local dog and cat populations.**

We are happy to see that the local community is already providing food for the street animals. We believe that their sense of responsibility will continue to develop throughout the duration of this project.

We understand that the local community is not able to fully cover the financial needs of providing food for the whole animal population. Therefore our goal is to support the local community by offering a monthly donation that encompasses 2.000 meals per month, clean drinking water and medical treatment for skin diseases. The LVG will receive the monthly donations in order for them to provide the animals.

After the successful implementation of the spay/neuter event and the setup of public shelter spot, we will start the monthly donations.

Give a voice to animals in need

Please
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Now

Big or small, we appreciate every donation. Your donation will be entirely devoted to animals, as we do not pay salaries and are exempt from gift tax.

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You can transfer an amount according to your own wishes to our account number.

Do you want to make a business donation?

Animals First Foundation has a ANBI status which means you can donate with tax benefits.

What can you expect from us?

We'll keep you updated

We greatly value all donations, whether large or small, as they enable us to create a healthy and secure environment for dogs and cats. To keep our sponsors well-informed about the project they have contributed to, we will provide them with the following information throughout the project:

- ♥ Monthly social media updates with photos and video's about the project's progress.
- ♥ A quarterly report on how the grant is used, together with supporting photography.
- ♥ A short video documentary of the NES program that will be realized at the project location.
- ♥ An Annual report of the financial year 2025 and achieved goals will be shared publicly.

Every donation goes to the animals

We handle your donation with care, so at least 90% of the donations go directly to the animals. AFF will spend your donation as follows:

0% Salary

All of our (board)members work as a volunteer, we do not pay salaries.

1,7% General expenses

Administration and operational programs.

74,5% Spay & vaccination

To stabilize the dogs and cats populations.

12,6% Medicine and food

To protect and support the dogs and cats population.

11,3% Materials and supplies

For the benefit of the project.

Yours sincerely,



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The board members of
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