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# GENERAL INFORMATION

## ENVIRONMENT



### Basic Information

Amos Shelter was established in January 2019 with the mission of providing refuge for homeless animals. However, it quickly exceeded its intended capacity, leading to significant overcrowding. This situation has raised concerns regarding the well-being of the animals in our care.

The kennels currently in use were constructed by dedicated volunteers, but they were designed as a temporary solution and were not sustainable for the long term. As the demand for sheltering services has increased, we have received a growing number of calls each day, yet the influx of donations has not kept pace. This disparity has placed immense strain on our organization, making it increasingly difficult to maintain operations and provide adequate care for the animals.

### Improvements

To ensure the continued success of Amos Shelter and to improve the living conditions for the animals, it is essential to implement changes. This includes seeking additional funding, upgrading our facilities, and expanding our resources to better support our mission. Without these improvements, we risk compromising the quality of care we provide and our ability to fulfill our commitment to the animals that depend on us.

### Financial Statement

As a newly established organization, our donations are currently limited. Many potential donors perceive us as a relatively new entity that must demonstrate its effectiveness before they feel comfortable making a donation.



# VARDARISHTE

## GOVERNMENT SHELTER



### Saved from death

The only government shelter in Macedonia, Vardarishte, is known as a death zone for animals in the region. Consequently, Amos Shelter has made it their mission to visit and rescue any animals they can from this facility. During our most recent visit in the winter months, Amos observed several deceased animals, victims of starvation, disease, or exposure to the cold. On that day, Amos rescued three puppies that were severely dehydrated and malnourished.

Numerous organizations and individuals have been actively working to remove as many animals as possible from this shelter, striving to save them while also leaving food and blankets for those that remain.

Unfortunately, only one of the three puppies survived, and it is currently receiving care to recover its health. All three puppies were infected with the parvovirus, which poses a serious threat, especially at their young age. Parvovirus can lead to severe gastrointestinal distress, dehydration, and can be fatal if not treated promptly. The risk of infection highlights the urgent need for intervention and veterinary care for vulnerable animals in such situations.

### Surviving pup





# CURRENT EXPANSION

## AMOS GOSTIVAR SHELTER



Amos Shelter has relocated to the Gostivar facility. Although the site requires significant improvements, we have successfully utilized the space to provide essential shelter for homeless dogs in need.

Unfortunately, the local community has not been particularly welcoming, as the area has a reputation as a dumping ground for unwanted animals, a practice we no longer permit. We have encountered threats from various individuals, experienced break-ins at the facility, and, most alarmingly, discovered at least one instance of poisoned food left on the grounds with the intent to harm the animals. Fortunately, we conduct thorough inspections of the facility before releasing any dogs from their designated kennels.

Overall, this year has been quite stressful and disappointing, but we remain hopeful for the future.

As a farewell to 2019, someone from the surrounding area left two sick puppies in a box outside the shelter facility. Unfortunately, despite receiving appropriate veterinary care, the puppies did not survive.





# FUTURE PLANS

## AMOS GOSTIVAR SHELTER



Amos Shelter has conducted several meetings with the municipality of Gostivar, indicating a promising future for establishing a shelter in that area, which would be managed by Amos Shelter. In the beginning of 2019 findings revealed alarming conditions, with reports and video evidence showing dogs being confined without food or water. In some cases, desperate animals have resorted to cannibalism for survival.

In light of these distressing circumstances, Amos Shelter has been granted access to the facility and permission to renovate it. This will enable us to create a safe and humane environment that meets the basic needs of the animals, ensuring they have adequate living conditions and proper care. This initiative aims to transform the current dire situation into a sanctuary where animals can thrive and receive the support they desperately need.

To make this vision a reality, we will need the support of the general public. We will be seeking volunteers who can assist us with the physical renovation of the facilities, bringing their skills and enthusiasm to help improve the living conditions for the animals. Additionally, we will reach out to local businesses for donations of building materials and supplies, which are crucial for the renovation process.

The municipality will also provide financial support by assigning one paid worker to assist at the shelter. Additionally, they will lend Amos Shelter the municipal van that was donated by UNDP for transporting homeless dogs, as well as offering any available building materials from the municipality to aid in the renovations.



# HOARDING SITUATION

## CAT RESCUE



More than 30 cats were rescued from a hoarding situation in an urban apartment building after multiple neighbors had reported a foul odor coming from the area for years now.

## Feeding time at Amos



The majority of the cats were feral, and over 50 were found in the apartments, primarily featuring significant black and white markings. These cats resulted from inbreeding among four siblings that the owner had taken in as kittens more than six years ago from the street but had neglected to spay or neuter. Many exhibited physical deformities, and the group included cats of various ages, ranging from seven years old to just a few months old.

Amos Shelter successfully captured and removed over 30 cats from the premises. Unfortunately, the stress associated with their removal led most to develop symptoms of Feline Infectious Peritonitis (FIP), resulting in only a few surviving the ordeal.

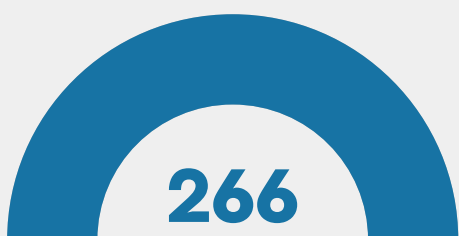
This situation has left Amos Shelter with a substantially high unpaid veterinary bill.



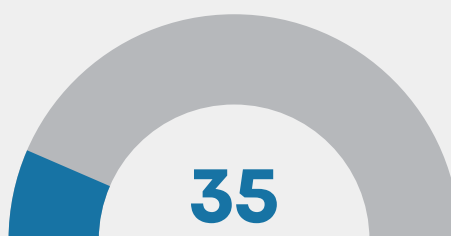
# AMOS PERFORMANCE

## ANIMALS AT AMOS

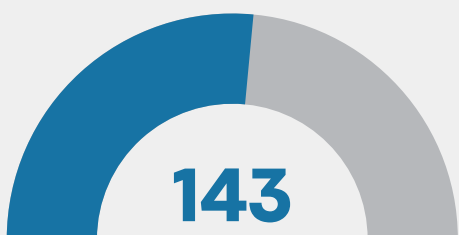
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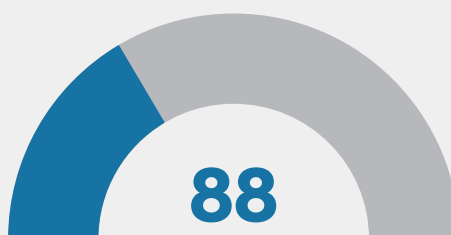
Passed away



Still in Amos care



Adopted



### Overview

Overall, Amos Shelter is currently at full capacity and cannot accept any more animals until new facilities are established. Out of the 266 animals sheltered at Amos Shelter, a critical oversight was the lack of adequate quarantine areas, particularly in the cat facility, where an outbreak of Feline Infectious Peritonitis (FIP) occurred, resulting in multiple fatalities and significant veterinary expenses. Additionally, the puppy area was contaminated with parvovirus, leading to several puppies not surviving.

As a newly established shelter, Amos Shelter acknowledges these mistakes and will not accept any new animals until these issues are fully addressed. Once resolved, the shelter will only intake animals up to its capacity, after which any additional animals in need will regrettably have to be turned away.

While we are grateful that 88 animals have been adopted, Amos Shelter still cares for 143 animals—three times the number our facilities can adequately support.

