

# Helping Pets Affected by the Earthquake in Turkey

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Dear Anicom,

We are grateful for Anicom's support in response to the earthquake in Turkey in February 2023. As you know, the devastating earthquakes in Turkey and Syria led to over 3,800 aftershocks, resulting in collapsed buildings, homes, and communities as well as to abandoned, injured, and orphaned domestic and wild animals.

Your generous gift of \$73,748 AUD (\$46,461 USD) has helped save the lives of many dogs and cats, through grants made in support of two of our partners on the ground in Turkey:

Angels Farm Sanctuary, Turkey: Anicom's support has fueled their ability to care for sick, injured, abandoned, and orphaned pets. This includes approximately \$31,461 USD which was used primarily to fund nutrition and health expenses for animals in need and helped with the purchase of a vehicle to rescue abandoned and injured cats and dogs.

HAYTAP Turkey: Furthermore, your grant provided approximately \$15,000 USD to cover a portion of the cost to purchase a new vehicle after one of their trucks was crushed by a building that collapsed when they were working in the field.

IFAW and our partners are so grateful for Anicom's compassionate support in the wake of this devastating earthquake. We are pleased to share an update on the impact of your generosity. Please don't hesitate to reach out with any questions.

Best regards,

Meghan Devitt  
on behalf of Liz Fowler, Deputy Vice President of Development



## HAYTAP Turkey

HAYTAP is an animal rights organization founded in 2008 that works to improve the welfare of animals in Türkiye through advocacy and companion animal projects that support veterinary care for stray dog and cat populations. They have a team of trained responders experienced in deploying to disaster areas to rescue animals. They also operate two farm animal sanctuaries. In the wake of the earthquake in February, and amidst the ruins, HAYTAP veterinarians and volunteer responders set up an animal services tent to treat the rescued

animals pulled from the wreckage. When a building collapsed in the wake of an aftershock, destroying their rescue vehicle, your support enabled IFAW to quickly purchase a replacement vehicle to allow teams to resume their work, ultimately saving more lives.

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▲@Haytap. Haytap's new vehicle, purchased partially with funds from IFAW after their old truck was destroyed in an earthquake.

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# Angels Farm Sanctuary Turkey & Individual Rescue Stories



We are pleased to share with Anicom a handful of stories of rescued cats. Images and translated captions were provided by Angels Farm Sanctuary.

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"Our @h.a.r.k team went to a notice we received in piazza in Kahramanmaraş. There was a demolition in the next building and there was a woman's funeral that could not be removed without demolishing the building. The cat, whose name we learnt was Suzi, was going in and out of that woman's side. After a lot of effort, we caught it and took it and the building continued to be demolished. The owner @capkn\_suzi had been looking for her for weeks without giving up and finally asked us at night time in the morning we gave her the good news Suzi is with us. After about 40 days she met her brother"



# Angels Farm Sanctuary Turkey

Angels Farm Sanctuary Turkey is a 33-year-old organization, which founded the 2021 Haybap Ferdinand Animals and Nature Association and the search and rescue team H.A.R.K. The farm in Kemalpaşa, Izmir, Turkey's first and the largest in the world, cares for 5,700 rescued animals from 159 different species throughout their lives.

The H.A.R.K. search and rescue team traveled to the region many times since the second day of the earthquake, and the first province they reached was Kahramanmaraş, the epicenter of the earthquake. The team, which first participated in the rescue of people under the rubble, pivoted to participating in animal rescue efforts after the fourth day. They took hundreds of animals that were housed in the shelter there (prior to the earthquake) and those left at the shelter by their owners affected by the earthquake under their protection and sent them to the farm in Kemalpaşa-Izmir. The team also traveled to Hatay, Malatya, Adiyaman, and Osmaniye provinces.

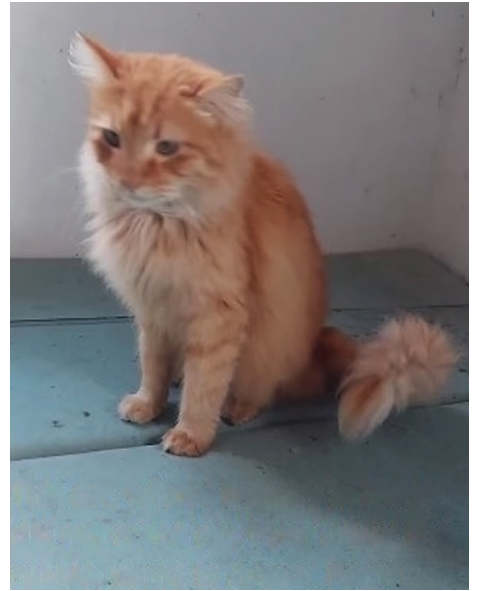
Anicom's first donation to Angels Farm Sanctuary helped secure transportation (the purchase of a truck) to move rescued animals from the affected areas to their sanctuary near Izmir, and to deliver pet food to families in need. The organization estimates that this vehicle will reduce their future transportation costs by 80%, as they will now be able to avoid the substantial costs incurred previously for car rental and pet transfer.

Through Anicom's generous second donation, you enabled Angels Farm Sanctuary to send their H.A.R.K. rescue team to retrieve injured, abandoned, and orphaned cats and dogs. Our funding also covered the cost of the animals' veterinary care

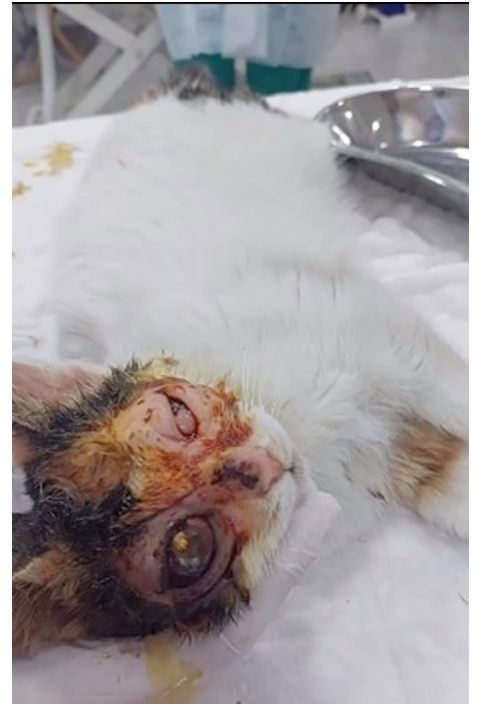
and services, and food.

In the various trips to the region surrounding the earthquake's epicenter, the Angels Farm Sanctuary team reunited the animals with their owners. The most touching of these reunions was the rescue of a white deaf cat in Malatya, who was in his workplace during the earthquake and could not be rescued by the teams because the building was heavily damaged. They are still in contact with the owner of this cat, whose name is Kivanç, and the cat is now very healthy and happy. They rescued hundreds of animals such as cats, dogs, birds, fish, chickens, donkeys, cows, etc. every time they went to the earthquake zone, and they accepted hundreds of animals rescued by other teams at their farm. The total number of animals they rescued is around 1,700. This includes approximately 700 cats and 100 dogs rescued, about 750 of which received veterinary care. Several examples of the care provided are: a dog and cat who had their arms amputated, a cat who underwent eye surgery, the sterilization of all male and non-pregnant female cats, and care for hundreds of pregnant cats that gave birth. The organization is still currently caring for about 150 cats. Most of the animals rescued from the earthquake zone are sick and have low immunity, with chronic reoccurrence of disease. This requires ongoing or periodic treatment of these chronically ill animals, especially the 150 cats still in care. Angels Farm Sanctuary handed over the animals whose owners could be identified (and who were able to care for their animals following the earthquake). The rest were treated, sterilized, and will live at the farm for the rest of their lives.

Anicom's gift also supported our partner in purchasing food for the 1,700 rescued companion animals. The funds have also been used to cover veterinary treatment, surgery,



▲ "This cat, whose owners in Hatay did not come out from under the rubble, came to Angels Farm Sanctuary and was adopted"



▲ "The cat that was under the rubble for days in Kahramanmaraş and was rescued by the H.A.R.K team. Unfortunately, it lost its eyes. Nobody adopted her and she still lives with us at the farm."





and medication (including de-wormer/ external parasite treatment) as well as some construction costs to create additional spaces for these new animals at their facility.

Furthermore, new animal enclosures are constantly being built on the farm, as animals must be kept separate in some instances (according to their health status and compatibility with each other). More than 20 new areas have been created thus far, along with ongoing additions to the patient cages in the clinic on the farm.

Finally, the truck Anicom financed has greatly reduced transportation costs for Angels Farm Sanctuary. Now the sanctuary only has transport costs for animals coming from very far away. Otherwise, all animal rescues are conducted with the truck Anicom helped to provide. Approximately 200 animals have been helped to date. Furthermore, they have been utilizing the truck to transport all necessary equipment when they are conducting disaster responses. This (being able to

travel with the necessary equipment in one trip) makes responses much more successful.

Angels Farm Sanctuary continues to provide food support to pets in the region most affected by the earthquake. Furthermore, most of the cats currently in care on the farm are pregnant, so the cat population is always increasing (necessitating additional food supplies) due to births.



◀ “The woman who has 15 cats and rescued some of her cats rescued the other cats remaining inside” Images taken from a video of the rescue.



# More individual rescue stories

“On the evening of the third day of the earthquake in Kahramanmaraş, the H.A.R.K team goes to rescue animals in the Kahramanmaraş municipal shelter. At around 11 p.m a car approaches and a middle-aged man gets out of the car, crying and saying that he has come to deliver his cat Thor to the shelter out of desperation. Sibel Çakır, the founder of the H.A.R.K team, tells him to hand the cat over to them and that he can get his cat back after the bad days have passed. Thor did not eat for days and was very aggressive due to stress.

He is rehabilitated in a separate section at the farm. He starts to eat and calm down. 1 month later, the owner calls and says he wants to take Thor. One of our followers takes Thor and takes him to his father. The happiest moment for all of us is when the children are reunited with their owners.”



◀ “Cat rescued from the 12th floor in Malatya was handed over to its owners”



◀ “Rescued from the Kahramanmaraş shelter. One arm was amputated. Adopted”