



# VIER PFOTEN Romania

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# Our vision and mission

- **Our vision is “a world without animals in suffering”.**

The respect for any live form is the basis of our motivation. There are many suffering animals around us. They need us. We could help them by means of a mentality change. The first step is to realize that animals, like humans, can feel joy and pain. They are living things with their own characteristics, and we should take responsibility for them and to realize that they have the right to live in accordance with their necessities.

- People have to admit they have no right to exploit animals.  
This objective could be achieved by:
  - Improved (and enforced) animal protection laws
  - A change of mentality, especially concerning the consumer concept, to avert animal suffering
  - New farming methods, protecting the welfare of livestock
  - A global ban on animal experimentation practice
- Immediate support for animals in need.

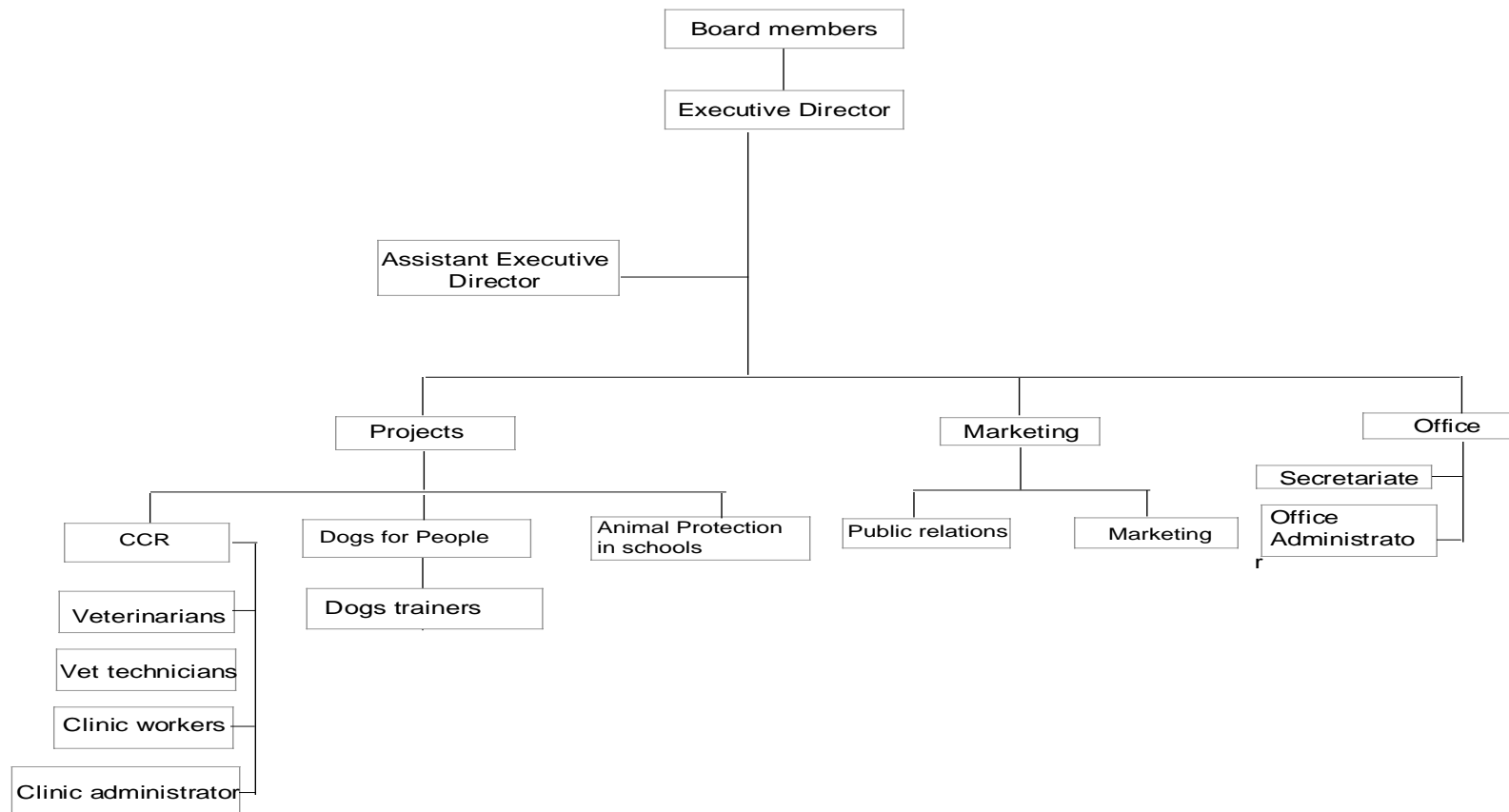


# Very short history

- VP-RO was founded in March 2000, in Bucharest, the Romanian capital.
- The main goal: to save the stray dogs.
- In January 2000 the first mobile clinic of VP came to Romania.
- February 2001 - VP-RO is organizing the first demonstrations for animal rights, ever in Romania, against killing stray dogs of Bucharest.
- March 2001 - VP becomes the partner of Bucharest city hall for a massive sterilization program. The contract is broken by the Mayor 6 weeks later.
- October 2001 - VP starts the first campaign for animal welfare, ever in Romania, dedicated to the stray dogs. The targets are not reached.
- March 2002 – VP-RO starts the sterilization program, using first mobile clinic of VP, working in several cities of Romania. Since that moment VP is using three mobile clinics, working in: Romania, Bulgaria, Germany, Sri Lanka and Greece. More than 28,000 dogs were sterilized, treated and vaccinated.
- October 2006 – VP-RO has a team of 30 persons involved in several projects and campaigns, being a pioneer in Romania in many animal welfare directions.
- You can find more on: [www.vier-pfoten.ro](http://www.vier-pfoten.ro)



# VIER PFOTEN Romania team



## What does VIER PFOTEN Romania do? (1)



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**CCR** - The main project of VP-RO is related to the stray dogs: CCR – **catch, castrate, release**. All the steps of this project are covered by our team: vets, vet assistants, dog catchers, clinic workers and drivers. The team is helped by the local animal protectors and sometimes by volunteers. The project can run in cities where the authorities don't kill or have stop killing stray dogs. All the costs for handling the animals are taken by VP-RO, with the financial support offered by VP-International and by the few Romanian donors.

**The target:** saving the stray dogs with a long term solution and by improving the national mentality regarding stray animals.

## What does VIER PFOTEN Romania do? (2)



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**Animal Protection in Schools** – Project has started in 2003, in Bucharest. In 2003, 50 kids from a primary school were involved in step by step lessons. Since 2004 is officially implemented in schools of Bucharest, involving until now more than 1500 kids. In school year 2006/2007 will reach up to 3000 kids. The support of the project is the school book “Close to the animals”. We introduce to the kids situations and principles of animal welfare. We bring the kids in direct contact with animals and with their daily problems to survive. The project is running with support of the Bucharest Inspectorate for Education.

**The target:** animal welfare manual for Romanian primary schools.

## What does VIER PFOTEN Romania do? (3)

**Dogs for People** – The project has started in 2004. It involves stray dogs selected by a specialized trainer and people became trainers and dog handlers. Dogs were trained to become companions for different kind of people with special disabilities and also for rescue actions. Dogs are selected from the street and they passed several exams after hard training. Today we work for more than 40 kids with special problems, cooperating with dedicated NGO and local authorities. Our dogs are the first Romanian stray dogs involved in such program.

**The targets:** increasing the awareness regarding stray dogs. Offering help to people and animals alike.



## What does VIER PFOTEN Romania do? (4)



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**Wild animals in captivity** – VP-RO has made several researches regarding wild animals in captivity, focusing on big cats and brown bears. The results of the researches: VP has the largest data base, in Romania, about this issue. VP International started a project for saving the orphan brown bears, located in Romania, Harghita. VP-RO is cooperating with Ministry of Environment in order to settle the methods for a national counting of the wild animals in captivity and for defining the strategies for handling with the illegal ZOO and with the very large number of state ZOO that will to be closed till 2007.

**The target:** no wild animals in private captivity and EU ZOO directives implemented in Romania.

## What does VIER PFOTEN Romania do? (5)

**Rescue actions** – since the Tsunami in Sri Lanka, VP-RO has developed a rescue team, specialized in emergency actions after floods. In May and June 2005, May 2006 our teams have been beside animals and people in need, offering food, water, medical supply & care and saving animals in danger. Tens of tones of food have been delivered to large animals that survived the floods and also to birds and pets. Our boat have brought to safety land tens of frighten animals. We work in partnership with local authorities and with specialized rescue companies.



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**The target:** immediate help to animals in need.



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