

WHO WE ARE



Cartagena Paws is a volunteer based organization dedicated to the rescue of the injured, abused and abandoned street animals of Cartagena, Colombia. We provide these animals with food, shelter and medical treatment. Our ultimate goal is to find each and every one of them a loving and permanent home.

CARTAGENA, COLOMBIA



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ANIMAL RESCUE
ORGANIZATION

OUR MISSION

Our mission is to change the lives of animals in Cartagena, Colombia by changing the culture of animal abuse and neglect present in and around the city.

Part 1: Provide safe homes in Colombia and around the world

Part 2: Capture, Spay/Neuter, Vaccinate, Release

Part 3: Educate



CAPTURE & RELEASE

On a small scale, Cartagena Paws has worked to vaccinate and spay or neuter animals in the streets through capture and release programs. Cartagena is the only major city in Colombia that does not receive funding from the government to oversee spay and neutering programs. Therefore, it is on individual foundations and veterinarians to provide those services to stray animals.

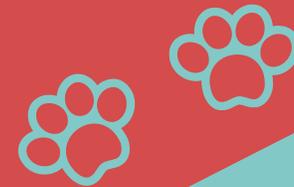
There are over 400,000 stray animals in Cartagena, Colombia. Many experience years of abuse or neglect, and are starving and injured.

Each and everyone of these animals deserves better. Help us make a difference today.



EDUCATION

The largest hindrance to the animals of Cartagena is the culture around treatment of animals. Cartagena Paws began a campaign to counteract this culture of abuse called, Compassion and Empathy for Children through Animals. In this program, elementary age children are taken to meet animals that are in foster and learn about their experiences. They are then asked to perform small tasks that help that animal directly or others surrounding their school, such as collecting leftover food scraps to give to animals in the streets. These small acts of empathy help to create change in perspective for the children and the welfare of the animals they service.



FINDING HOMES

What makes Cartagena Paws different from other rescues in Cartagena is that there is dedicated time to each rescue. Every animal that goes into Cartagena Paws' care has 2-3 months of recovery time, including veterinary services, vaccines, and spaying or neutering. Afterwards, he or she is placed in foster care for socialization and determination of best fit homes. Finally, the animals are then either adopted to families in Colombia or flown the United States. In the United States, he or she is either placed in a Forever Home or a partner rescue, such as Buffalo Cares, that puts them into foster care before adoption placement.

All donations go directly to the treatment and welfare of the animals. Services provided are veterinary care, food, shelter, and water. Cartagena Paws does not have a designated shelter site. The organization works exclusively with local clinics and fosters, which allows the rescue to focus on a few animals at a time and fully maintain their needs.