

The plight of Ukrainian animals recognised by Australia



Like the people of Ukraine Australians are animal lovers. There are almost 29 million pets in Australia today - more than the estimated human population of 25 million. Three in five Australian households have a pet. 90% of Australian households have had a pet at some time. The most popular are Dogs just over 5 million and Cats at 3.8 million.



In a ceremony at the Ukrainian Embassy in Canberra on Friday 29th July President of Australian War Animal Memorial Organization *Nigel Allsopp* presented Ambassador *Myroshnychenko Vasyl* with a bronze plaque and medallion honouring the animal heroes of the war. The plaque and medallion will be dispatched to the Prime Minister of Ukraine for eventual display at an animal memorial.

There are hundreds of thousands of pets suffering from abandonment or dispossession alongside their owners in Ukraine – and it’s becoming increasingly difficult to access these high demand items – so they can provide a basic level of care to their pets.

The following animal and bravery associations in Australia support and recognise the deeds and sacrifices animals have made and continue to endure, during war.



Nigel Allsopp

President Australian War Animal Memorial Organization



Andrew Kendall

National President Australian Bravery Association



Ray Thomas

President Australian Air Force Military Working Dog Association



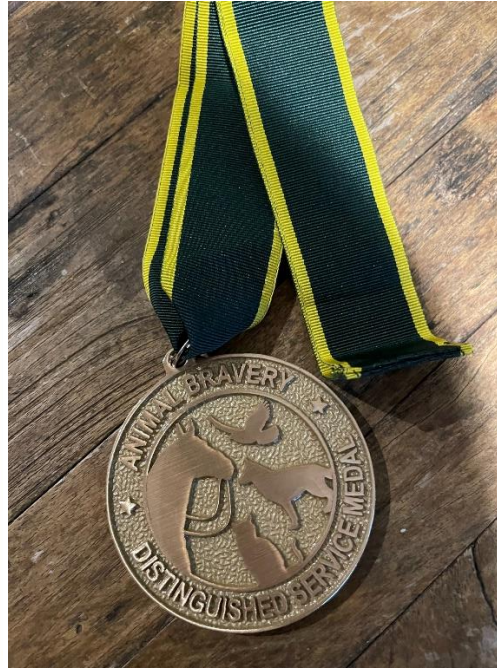
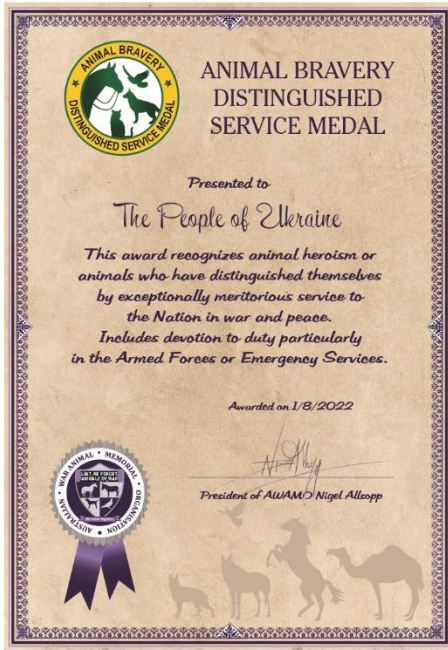
Lawrence Watts

National President Australian Light Horse Association



Greg Kakoschke

Chairman Australian National Pigeon Board



The certificate that accompanies the bronze plaque and the medallion to be presented to the Ukraine Prime Minister.

The Australian War Animals Memorial Organisation (AWAMO), in partnership with PETstock is helping to facilitate a delivery of more than \$500,000 of essential pet care supplies to animals impacted by the war in Ukraine. This shipment is sea bound to Poland already from where it will be dispatched to warehouses along the Poland border and within Ukraine.

AWAMO staff will be, along with its charity partner in Ukraine *UPAWS* delivering supplies to the most affected areas or animals in need. Whilst awaiting the shipment to arrive by sea AWAMO has already dispatched funds to the Bear Sanctuary Domazhyr in Lviv which provides a species-appropriate home and lifelong care to brown bears abused as baiting bears. Secondly there are more than 100 000 horses in Ukraine, many of the horses are caught up in the war, with no possibility to flee and seek safety, with no shelter and care. Having money in hand for urgent needs can make the difference between life and death. AWAMO have provided funds for feed and supplies for horses most at risk during this horrific war, via a USA charity *Fleet of Angles*.