



Furries For Kids

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FURRIES FOR KIDS: CUDDLY ANIMALS CARE FOR ORPHANS

To make friendship perceptible is the goal that Europe's first and unique cuddling zoo pursues. Our voluntary workers regularly visit orphan children in children's villages and homes in cuddly animal costumes to foster the children's mental health through laughter and vitality. This helps in dealing with traumatic experiences.

Laughter as a therapy

The emotional and physical absence of their parents often creates a fear of bonding with someone else and causes gaps which are hard to fill. They unlearn to trust. This oftentimes affects even the youngest.

There the visits of our cuddly animals take effect. Furries For Kids helps children to relearn to trust and creates friendships in a playful manner. Because they resemble their smaller relatives our big, cuddly animals are quickly accepted and trusted. Their affection comes without conditions. The goal is to give each child the attention and closeness they need and want to allow.

„It's wonderful to see children forget about their emotional pain in a natural way“, confirms Angela Hartl, former director of the children's village of Pötsching. For her, the visits offer joy and play while helping to cope with negative experiences.

About Furries For Kids

Furries For Kids was founded in 2013 in Vienna. Its primary goal was to make people forget the troubles and sad phases of their daily life. Today the cuddly animals of Europe's first and unique regularly look after five children's villages and homes with about 200 children. All round about 50 voluntary workers work committedly to gift joy to many more children in Austria and Germany.



FACT SHEET

Established:	October of 2013
Place of business:	Vienna, Austria
Executive director:	Ing. Andreas Bartl
Service:	Interacting with children and others in need through pantomimic performances in anthropomorphic animal costumes. In care facilities and homes, at events and in public
Funding:	Donations, sponsorship, grants, fund-raisers at events
Executive board:	Ing. Andreas Bartl (Chairmen) Roland Sommerbauer
Auditors:	Mario Schneider Bernhard Schiller
Members:	21 anthropomorphic actors 24 pedagogues, supporters and other volunteers
Employees:	2 honorary office employees



REGULAR VISITS

For lasting effect of our work our cuddly zoo visits the following children’s villages and homes regularly:



Kinderdorf Pötsching

since 2014, approx. 50 children



Landesjugendheim Schauboden

since 2016, approx. 50 children



Anton-Afritsch-Kinderdorf

since 2015, approx. 40 children



Sozialpädagogische Einrichtung St. Benedikt

since 2015, approx. 10 children



SOS Kinderdorf (Gruppe Seestadt)

since 2015, approx. 30 children

COOPERATIONS

Our cuddly zoo visits critically ill children in their private surroundings to distract them and their whole family from their illness affected everyday life.

These visits happen in line of these cooperations:



Make-A-Wish Österreich

since 2015, in Vienna and Graz



Mobile Kinderkrankenpflege Wien

since 2019, in Vienna



FUNDING

The visits and appearances of our cuddly zoo are a gift to the children. All our staff works honorary for a good cause. However, our work creates cost. For example, for travelling, materials, costumes, repairs and staff training.

Funds from donations and sponsorship are necessary to keep up our charitable work. With those means we are able to cover our expenses. Surpluses we use to fund projects in the children's villages and homes.

Appropriate use of our funds is confirmed by independent auditors in a public annual report and is approved by an officially recognized chartered accountant.

You can find this report on our website.

SPONSORS

Special thanks go to our socially committed and loyal partners. Their thorough assistance, fostering and recognition of our work for and with orphaned children is the greatest gift to us.

THANK YOU!

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