Tierschutzverein Region Wartau c/o Im Bugg 4 9478 Azmoos Stumme Brüder Stiftung Im Mühleholz 14 FL-9490 Vaduz

Azmoos, 15. Juli 2023

Application for support / Presentation of the organisation

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen,

We are a small, active animal welfare organisation based in Azmoos, in the municipality of Wartau. For over 10 years we have been running a rescue centre for land and water turtles at Bugg 4 in Azmoos. Turtles that have been found (abandoned) and are no longer wanted find a temporary home with us until they can be placed with suitable new owners. The animals mainly come from the canton of St. Gallen, but also from the neighbouring cantons of Graubünden and Glarus as well as the Principality of Liechtenstein.

The animals are rehomed by private individuals, veterinary practices, the St. Gallen Veterinary Office, the Toggenburg Animal Welfare Association, Liechtenstein Animal Welfare Association, Sargans-Werdenberg Animal Welfare Association, Small Animal Rescue, the police and even customs have brought animals to us. We are the only association in the entire canton of St. Gallen that specialises in turtles, which is why our catchment area is now quite large. The enclosures and ponds for the animals we take in have to be maintained. The costs for maintenance such as food, vet, electricity and water are also very high.

It is planned to rebrand the entire enclosures this summer. The ageing all-top slats need to be replaced. The new fencing will be made of black sheet metal, which will then probably last 'for life'. We also currently need 2 new filter systems with pumps for the turtle ponds and an additional Neogard breeding bed for the tortoises. You will find a cost breakdown in the enclosure. The work is being carried out on a voluntary basis by our association members. The costs for the planned work and purchases total CHF 4'500.00

We would be very pleased if the Silent Brothers Foundation could support us financially with this project and would ask you to consider our application for support favourably.

We would also be happy to talk to you personally.

Best regards

Animal Welfare Association Wartau Region

The President Andrea Lippuner The Actuary Regula Sieber