

# Sulala Animal Rescue

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## Sulala Animal Rescue Google Document

**Update January 2nd:** No animal food has entered the Gaza Strip since 9 October. Cats and dogs (strays and those with owners) are starving, and Saeed has two bags of food left for 120 cats and 30 dogs. Our call is more urgent than ever.

In summary we ask the Israeli government to:

- 1) Allow animal food in through Kerem Shalom crossing. Our donor organization Animals Australia is willing to help with the costs. Several trucks are needed as there are millions of animals in the Gaza Strip.
- 2) Designate a safe area in the Gaza Strip where Saeed can take the animals and they won't be targeted by bombs
- 3) Allow Sulala safe passing to the north so we can rescue the abandoned, wounded and starving animals there

## Who to contact?

### 1. Israeli government

We believe the Israeli government is the only one who has the power to allow animal food into Gaza. Below a few suggestions of who you can contact (title 1.1 and 1.2 - under title 1.3 you can find a template letter)

#### 1.1 Israeli diplomatic missions

You can reach out to the Israeli ambassadors in your country. This website gives you an overview of all Israeli embassies in different countries:

<https://embassies.gov.il/Pages/IsraeliMissionsAroundTheWorld.aspx>

Below contact information for a few of the countries that have the most leverage to influence Israeli policy - my apologies if your country is not on here. Please don't hesitate to contact the ambassador in your country using the link above. Thank you so much!

**United States:**

Mr Michael Herzog

Telephone: (202) 364-5500

Email: [info@washington.mfa.gov.il](mailto:info@washington.mfa.gov.il)

**Israeli mission to the European Union and NATO:**

Mr Haim Regev

Telephone: +32 2 3735500

Email: [info-eu@brussels.mfa.gov.il](mailto:info-eu@brussels.mfa.gov.il)

**United Kingdom:**

Mrs Tzipi Hotovely

Telephone: 020 7957 9500 (Monday - Thursday 9:30 to 12)

Email: [consular10@london.mfa.gov.il](mailto:consular10@london.mfa.gov.il)

**Germany:**

Mrs Talya Lador-Fresher

Telephone: +49(0)89 543486 - 500

Email: [info@munich.mfa.gov.il](mailto:info@munich.mfa.gov.il)

**France:**

Mrs Alona Fisher-Kamm

Telephone: +33 01 40 76 55 13

Email: [consularinfo@paris.mfa.gov.il](mailto:consularinfo@paris.mfa.gov.il)

**Canada:**

Mr Ronen Hoffman

Telephone: (613) 750-7500

Email: [info@ottawa.mfa.gov.il](mailto:info@ottawa.mfa.gov.il)

**1.2 Israeli institutions** (this list is amended after feedback from somebody up in these institutions - he said writing emails to these two addresses would be most effective and emails to all other addresses will be marked as spam)

- **COGAT (Coordination of Government Activities in the Territories)**  
[m.pnz@cogat.gov.il](mailto:m.pnz@cogat.gov.il) and [mnz@mgar.co.il](mailto:mnz@mgar.co.il) - phone: +972 3-6977342
- **Israeli Defense Ministry:** [pniot@mod.gov.il](mailto:pniot@mod.gov.il) - phone +972 3-6975540

**1.3 example letter for Israeli government institutions and diplomatic missions**

Dear [Recipient],

I hope this message finds you well. I am writing on behalf of Sulala Animal Rescue in Gaza, the sole animal rights organization in the region.

In the midst of the ongoing conflict, I bring to your attention the dire situation faced by innocent animals in Gaza, who are among the most vulnerable victims of the current circumstances.

Since October 9th, the Gaza Strip has faced a complete restriction on the entry of animal food, leaving millions of animals in desperate need. Sulala Animal Rescue, which has been distributing food to displaced individuals with pets during the conflict, had to halt operations in mid-December due to depleting stock. As of January 2nd, they have only two bags of food left for the 120 cats and 30 dogs (including 20 disabled ones) under their care. The urgency of this matter cannot be overstated.

Simultaneously, the animals' lives are in peril due to ongoing bombings, and Sulala is struggling to find a secure location to protect them.

Many animals were abandoned in the north when their owners fled south. Sulala receives reports on a daily basis about animals starving and wounded in the northern area of Gaza - which is currently prohibited for Palestinians to access.

We urgently request your assistance in addressing three critical issues:

1. **Entry of Food for All Animals:** We appeal to the Israeli government to allow multiple trucks of animal food through the Kerem Shalom crossing. Gaza is in desperate need of food and medicine for the millions of cats, dogs, donkeys, horses and birds that live there. Sulala, in coordination with donor organization Animals Australia ([info@animalsaustralia.org](mailto:info@animalsaustralia.org)) and Israeli animal rights organizations can arrange for trucks filled with animal food to go to the Kerem Shalom checkpoint. Sulala needs a guarantee that it can enter.
2. **Designation of a Safe Area for animals:** We ask for the Israeli army's cooperation in designating a safe area within the Gaza Strip where Sulala can take the animals, ensuring their safety and well-being amid the crisis.
3. **Permit for Rescue Operations in the North:** We seek a permit for Sulala to access the north of Gaza to rescue starving and wounded animals.

Your support in communicating this urgent matter to the relevant authorities can significantly contribute to alleviating their suffering.

We understand the sensitivity surrounding discussions related to Gaza and approach this issue with the utmost respect. Your assistance in these matters can make a substantial difference in ensuring the well-being of innocent beings caught in the crossfire.

You can contact Annelies Keuleers from Sulala at [annelies\\_keuleers@hotmail.com](mailto:annelies_keuleers@hotmail.com)

Thank you for your consideration and potential assistance in this urgent humanitarian cause.

Sincerely,

[Your Name]

[Your Contact Information]

## 2. US representatives

### 2.1 Who to contact?

We've only detailed contact information for US politicians here as we believe the United States as most leverage on Israeli decision making. Of course we encourage you to also contact your local politicians and request them to put pressure.

#### 2.1.1 Contact lines:

- <https://5calls.org/> is an easy website that helps you find out who **your representatives** are, and it allows you to contact them in an easy way. There is also a 5calls app you can download on your smartphone.
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- You can call the **White House Comment Line** at 202-456-1111 or 202-456-1414
  - → Hours of operation are 11am to 3pm ET Tuesday - Thursday
  - Say: hi, my name is (NAME) and I'm calling to urge president Biden to call on Israel to allow animal food into the Gaza Strip
  - You can also send a message via this link - but you'll have to cut some words from the draft letter. This is for citizens all around the world: <https://www.whitehouse.gov/contact/>
- To contact secretary Blinken: (202) 456-1111
- You can also use this link to email all your representatives at once - you need to change the title and the body of the email to tell them to let in animal food. But it means you will not have to write and send the same emails all over again: <https://actionnetwork.org/letters/tell-congress-ceasefire-now>

### 2.2 example letter for US representatives

Dear [Recipient],

I trust this message finds you well. I am reaching out on behalf of Sulala Animal Rescue in Gaza, the sole animal rights organization in the Gaza Strip.

In the midst of the ongoing conflict, I draw your attention to the critical situation faced by innocent animals in Gaza, who are among the most vulnerable victims of the current circumstances.

Since October 9th, the Gaza Strip has endured a complete blockade on the entry of animal food, leaving millions of animals in dire need. Sulala Animal Rescue, actively providing food to displaced individuals with pets during the conflict, had to cease operations in mid-December due to dwindling supplies. As of January 2nd, they possess only two bags of food for the 120 cats and 30 dogs (including 20 disabled ones) under their care. The urgency of this matter cannot be overstated.

Simultaneously, the animals' lives are in peril due to ongoing bombings, and Sulala is struggling to find a secure location to protect them.

We implore your assistance in addressing three critical issues:

1. **Entry of Food for All Animals:** We appeal to the Israeli government to permit multiple trucks of animal food through the Kerem Shalom crossing, urgently needed for the millions of cats, dogs, donkeys, horses, and birds residing in Gaza.
2. **Designation of a Safe Area for Animals:** We request the cooperation of the Israeli army in designating a secure zone within the Gaza Strip where Sulala can relocate the animals, ensuring their safety amid the crisis.
3. **Permit for Rescue Operations in the North:** We seek a permit to access the northern area of Gaza, where abandoned animals are starving and wounded. This region is currently prohibited for Palestinians to enter.

We kindly request your support in urging the American government to leverage its influence to encourage the Israeli government to address these urgent matters. Your advocacy can significantly contribute to the well-being of these innocent beings.

We understand the sensitivity surrounding discussions related to Gaza and approach this issue with utmost respect. Your assistance in these matters can make a substantial difference in ensuring the well-being of innocent beings caught in the crossfire.

Thank you for your consideration and potential assistance in this urgent humanitarian cause.

Sincerely,

[Your Name]

[Your Contact Information]

### **3. Animal Rights Organisations**

#### **3.1 Israeli animal rights organizations**

Through our donor organization In Defense of Animals, we are in touch with different Israeli animal rights organizations. They are also trying to put pressure on the Israeli government.

If you have a contact with an Israeli animal rights organization, we encourage you to reach out to them. But generally, I don't think clogging their inboxes with emails will encourage them to help us. While animals are the priority and cooperation between Sulala and Israeli animal rights organizations in the past has been very positive - Gaza is still a very controversial and painful issue to people on both sides and our goal is not to annoy or anger people. The important thing is that they are aware of the issue and they are doing what they can.

#### **3.2 International animal rights organizations**

**HSI, IFAW, and Four Paws, along with our donor organization Animals Australia, are keeping a close eye on the situation.** They're very worried and doing what they can to put political pressure. However, they can't do much right now because the Israeli government is mainly in charge of the Gaza blockade.

We ask you to **not put in requests with other organizations on our behalf**

e.g. please don't ask Egyptian shelters to take our dogs from Gaza. We don't want to send the dogs from Gaza into Egypt, plus this is logistically impossible. We don't want these organizations to needlessly put in effort for a request that didn't come from us directly.

The most important thing international animal rights organizations can do is **take a public stance to put pressure on governments**. If you want to send a letter, I recommend you send the following:

Dear [Animal Rights Organization],

I trust this letter finds you amidst these challenging times. I am writing to you on behalf of Sulala Animal Rescue in Gaza, the sole animal rights organization in the Gaza Strip.

As the Gaza Strip continues to grapple with severe challenges amid the ongoing conflict, animals emerge as one of the most vulnerable populations. The restricted access to aid since October 9th has left animals in desperate need of essential supplies.

The situation is dire, and time is of the essence. Currently, Sulala has only one week of food left for the animals, and their suffering is intensifying due to the scarcity of food and shelter. The absence of fuel entering the Gaza Strip means that donkeys and horses have become the sole means of transportation, exacerbating their already tremendous suffering.

We urgently seek your support in mobilizing pressure on the U.S. government and Israel to facilitate the immediate entry of much-needed animal food into Gaza. The animals, including cats, dogs, horses, donkeys, and birds, are in desperate need, and swift action is crucial to alleviate their suffering.

Recent news of the opening of the Kerem Shalom crossing brings a glimmer of hope, potentially allowing for more efficient transportation of essential supplies. We encourage your organization to leverage this development in your communications to underscore the urgency of the situation.

We kindly request that your esteemed organization consider crafting open letters directly addressed to the U.S. President and the Israeli government, urgently urging them to facilitate the entry of essential animal aid. Emphasize the non-political nature of this issue, underscoring that animals are innocent beings caught in the crossfire. Regardless of political affiliations, compassion for these innocent lives should resonate universally.

A collective appeal from animal rights organizations to the highest authorities can bring critical attention to the urgent need for action.

Together, we can make a meaningful impact on the well-being of animals in Gaza. Thank you for your swift attention to this urgent matter, and we eagerly await your support.

Sincerely,