



EQUIPMENT AND VEHICLE REQUIREMENTS

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Everyday animal care depends not only on dedicated staff, but also on reliable transport, agricultural machinery and equipment essential to the day-to-day running of our centres. We are looking for businesses and donors who can provide new or serviceable used vehicles and machinery, contribute towards their purchase or help equip them for their intended use.

1. Most urgent requirements

Requirement	Why it matters	Class
Compact Bobcat-type loaders	Manure removal, work around stalls and pens, loading and materials handling; additional machines are needed at the centres.	A
Small tractors with hydraulic trailers	Lightweight, manoeuvrable equipment for work in stables and across the centres. One tractor cannot handle several tasks at once; a breakdown can bring work to a halt.	A
Medium-sized tractors with front loaders	Moving and loading straw, hay and other materials. Ageing equipment leads to costly downtime and repairs.	B
Horseboxes, trailers and animal transport vehicles	Safe transport of animals between centres, to veterinary facilities and during rescue operations.	B
Vans, UTVs and electric utility vehicles	Staff logistics, access across extensive grounds, and transport of equipment and supplies.	C

A – urgent operational needs; B – essential fleet replacement and expansion; C – supporting requirements.

2. Equipment requirements – 20 vehicles and machines

The equipment types and brands listed below are examples. The models are provided for reference and do not constitute an exhaustive list of acceptable donations.

No.	Equipment	Qty	Preferred models / requirements
1	Bobcat-type machinery / compact work equipment	3	Telehandler; articulated loader; compact tractor – exact mix to be confirmed.
2	Small tractors	3	Kioti or JCB; one hydraulic trailer for each tractor (specifications to be agreed).
3	Medium-sized agricultural tractors	2	Kioti, New Holland; for transporting straw and hay; front loader (TUR) preferred.
4	Two-horse horsebox	1	Renault Master L3H1 with low entry/ramp; two-horse Mercedes Sprinter with side access; two-horse Toyota Proace Max – options to be checked with a specialist vehicle converter.
5	Horse trailers	2	Cheval Liberté; two-horse trailer with suitable payload capacity and maximum authorised mass.

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No.	Equipment	Qty	Preferred models / requirements
6	Vehicles for transporting small animals	3	Ford Transit Custom, VW Transporter / Caddy Maxi, Toyota Proace; safely fitted animal transport compartment.
7	Vans / minibuses	2	VW Transporter, Ford Tourneo Custom / Transit, Toyota Proace Verso, Mercedes Vito.
8	Off-road UTV/SSV vehicles	2	Enclosed, combustion-engine models; examples include Segway Villain and Linhai UTV. Utility specification preferred.
9	Melex-type electric vehicles	2	One vehicle for approximately 20 passengers; one four-seat vehicle with space for luggage. The 20-passenger vehicle will need to be selected individually to meet the requirements.

3. Operational context and urgency

Only one small tractor is currently in use at Modlimowo, although operational needs call for several machines of this type.

Equipment already in use: The Foundation has one Bobcat-type machine at its farm near Legnica. Additional machines are also needed at its animal care centres.

The case for replacing ageing equipment: Repairs to worn-out tractors can cost PLN 25,000–30,000 per incident. A small tractor was valued at approximately PLN 124,000 in a recent settlement.

Objective: Reduce breakdowns and downtime, improve animal care and lower equipment operating and repair costs.

4. Indicative cost estimates – new and used equipment

Indicative gross prices per unit are shown in thousands of PLN. These are planning estimates, not quotations. Actual prices depend on the model, year, specification, mileage or operating hours, and the seller's tax status.

No.	Item	Qty	Used / unit (PLN '000)	New / unit (PLN '000)
1a	Telehandler	1	95–200	350–500
1b	Articulated loader	1	80–180	200–350
1c	Compact tractor (e.g. Bobcat CT)	1	65–125	140–200
2	Small tractor (Kioti or equivalent)	3	50–100	115–160
2a	Hydraulic trailer for a small tractor*	3	5–12	9–20
3	Medium-sized tractor with front loader	2	110–220	240–360
4	Two-horse horsebox	1	110–260	310–450
5	Two-horse trailer	2	13–28	30–43
6	Vehicle for small animals**	3	55–120	150–220
7	Van / minibus	2	70–160	190–320
8	Enclosed UTV/SSV	2	25–70	55–110

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No.	Item	Qty	Used / unit (PLN '000)	New / unit (PLN '000)
9a	Electric vehicle, approx. 20 passengers***	1	65–170	170–350
9b	Four-seat electric vehicle	1	15–45	50–95

Procurement option	Estimated cost of the complete package
Purchase of used equipment	PLN 1,196,000–2,632,000 (PLN 1.196–2.632 million)
Purchase of new equipment	PLN 3,072,000–4,811,000 (PLN 3.072–4.811 million)

* The estimates include three hydraulic trailers, one for each small tractor.

** Basic vehicle purchase budget; specialist transport crates, fitted cages, ventilation or air conditioning for animal compartments may increase the cost.

*** The price must be confirmed with the supplier; the range does not represent a confirmed quotation for a Melex model.

5. Technical requirements for accepting donations

Equipment group	Minimum acceptance criteria
Loaders and tractors	Working hydraulic system; suitable lifting capacity and attachments; service records; availability of repairs and spare parts; checks for leaks and brake defects.
Trailers and horsebox	Appropriate maximum authorised mass and payload capacity; sound floor and ramp; adequate ventilation and animal safety features.
Animal transport vehicles	Surfaces that can be washed and disinfected; adequate ventilation; secure mounting of animal carriers; suitable temperatures and sufficient space for the species being transported.
UTVs and electric vehicles	Suitable bodywork or weather protection, sufficient payload capacity and access to servicing; electric models must also have batteries and charging systems in good condition and be authorised for use on the intended site.

6. How can you support the Foundation?

You can help by donating a machine or vehicle, contributing towards its purchase, supplying attachments, offering preferential pricing or covering transport, inspection and repair costs. We also welcome safe, serviceable used equipment that is economical to maintain.

I would be delighted to hear from you by phone or email. Together, we can make a real difference to the animals in our care — even the smallest gesture can achieve great things when we join forces.

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