

Going for a walk to fill their bowls

On May 9, 2026, the “Futteranker” food run took place in Mannheim for the 10th time, and we were there with a booth once again.



Futteranker is a nonprofit organization dedicated to ensuring that pets owned by people in need are cared for in a manner appropriate to their species. Its goal is to prevent animals from becoming seriously ill—and thus unable to receive veterinary care—or from having to be surrendered to animal shelters due to their owners’ financial hardship.

To collect food donations, Futteranker organizes the Futterlauf once a year. The 2.4-kilometer course winds around two small lakes and features several checkpoints staffed by various exhibitors specializing in animal welfare, pet supplies, and animal health. For every kilometer run, Futteranker receives a food donation from a sponsor.

More than 800 visitors, accompanied by over 200 dogs, took to the streets that day in fine weather to rack up as many kilometers as possible. Some of them also stopped by our booth to learn about the work of Animal Protection.

Through donations and the sale of small handmade items, we were able to raise €100 for the animal shelter on Aegina.

Of course, we hope that some of you runners have fallen in love with one of the dogs featured here and would like to give one a forever home.



Of course, it would be even better if we could find a sponsor and a venue to host a “mini food drive” to benefit Animal Protection.

Yours Mariska