

All for One & **ONE** for **PAWS**

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As they rise from the ashes, the passion of the Qatar Animal Welfare Society's volunteers burns even more. **QH** takes a look at the current situation of the devoted community as they take care of their four-legged friends.

Fire consumed a part of the Qatar Animal Welfare Society (QAWS) in September, razing a building and taking the lives of innocent animals. To some, the sight of flames ravaging the surrounding was unbearable. So were the cries of desperation of forty animals, all at the same time.

And it all happened in one hour.

"There was an electrical fault in the fuse box in the isolation unit. The fuse box caught fire and because the building was all wood. It just all caught fire really quickly," said Janet Berry, one of the founders of QAWS, "We lost the whole shelter within an hour."

She was at home eating lunch when everything happened. "We have no idea that it would go that quickly. We thought we would have more time," she said. People started showing up immediately to help out. "People we didn't know turned up there. And the dogs, they just opened the doors and let all the dogs out into the farm," she continued.

"They went to move to the cats and just started to open the cats' doors and the whole thing went up in smoke and they couldn't get to them."

QAWS lost a possum, two dogs, three rabbits and 34 cats and kittens.