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ANIMAL SOS SRI LANKA

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Our Story

There are thousands of stray animals in Sri Lanka suffering from horrific injuries, malnutrition and disease. Dogs and cats with fractured spines, severed limbs and maggot infested wounds; pups and kittens living on festering rubbish dumps; animals slowly dying of tick fever, womb infections and bleeding tumours-suffering in agony until they die. With the risk and associated fear of rabies, strays are often demonised, leading to cruelty at the hands of humans. This ocean of suffering and misery is heart breaking for any animal lover to witness, let alone walk away from.

Animal SOS Sri Lanka, a UK registered charity, was founded on the vision of Kim Cooling who, after witnessing the appalling plight of animals there, particularly the strays, decided to take action to help them. With a distinct lack of safe havens and veterinary care available to strays in Sri Lanka, our work and facilities are a lifeline to many otherwise doomed animals.

before



POM POM

She was a neglected, unloved and a very depressed pet that we rescued and nursed back to full health in just 3 months. Pom Pom had mange, babesia and maggot wounds, but just look at this happy little girl now!

after



OUR ACHIEVEMENTS (January-June 2018)

- ♥ We provided over 7,200 treatments for diseases, wounds, fractures and tumours.
- ♥ We sterilized 745 dogs and cats and conducted 250 surgeries for other conditions.
- ♥ We conducted over 3,500 bloods tests-smears/Chemistry/Haematology
- ♥ We provided over 2,000 vaccinations against rabies
- ♥ We provided over 8,000 anti-parasitic treatments (worming, mange, tick treatments)
- ♥ We conduct weekly outreach programs in local villages-treating, sterilizing and vaccinating cats and dogs.
- ♥ We are currently caring for 1,300 dogs and 77 cats at the sanctuary.
- ♥ We feed over 1,500 cats and dogs EVERY day (sanctuary animals and hungry strays in the area)
- ♥ We are operational EVERY day



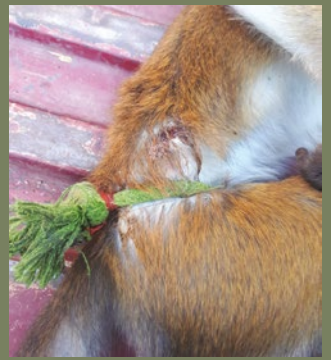
It's not only cats and dogs that we help!!



BOBO We had been feeding some cats and dogs belonging to some very poor folk quite near to our sanctuary. We neutered and vaccinated their animals too. We feel it is important to work within communities to change hearts and minds. This is the only way to make long-term change. The people lived in tents by the beach and kept a monkey as well as the cats and dogs.

We strongly believe that wildlife belongs in the wild, but with inadequate animal welfare laws in Sri Lanka, we are helpless in trying to reduce the many cruelty cases we encounter. Then one day, the people just disappeared without trace but the dogs and cats were still there near the tents. We later heard the family had all been taken away and were in prison on drug charges. We found the monkey loitering around with rope around its waist. He had obviously been freed and had remained in the area he knew. Sadly, some locals suddenly appeared out of the blue and one of them started hurling large rocks at the monkey with great force, hitting the monkey's head and chest. Our brave manager who was there to feed the animals and look for the monkey, tried to protect the monkey, challenging the gang and chasing them away, saying she was going to call the police. She had to alert another manager at the sanctuary for reinforcements as we knew if left, the gang might return to kill

the monkey. The injured monkey was totally terrified after the unprovoked attack and we had problems trying to catch him as he was scared and had climbed up a tree. We somehow managed to net him and took back to the sanctuary for treatments. Once there, our vet had to sedate and stitch up the wounds and also remove the embedded rope around his waist. One of his teeth was knocked out by the rock as well. So, the monkey we named Bobo was nursed back to health at the sanctuary. He was rather challenging to put it mildly and badly bit our manager on the arm. However, we persevered and then found him a place at a wildlife rehabilitation project in a National Park. The aim is to gradually introduce him back into the wild. We have kept close contact with the park and are pleased to hear that Bobo is doing really well and will soon be released back to where he belongs -the wild. Regarding the cats and dogs, we found a foster place for the kittens and continue to feed the dogs every day.



INJURED COW

An innocent young cow wanders into someone's garden and eats some flowers. For this 'crime' a psychopath tries to cut the cow's tail off. This happened in our village where the sanctuary is situated. The cow has an owner and he delivered the cow to us for treatment. We had to suture up the semi severed tail. Thankfully, the cow survived.



HAPPILY HOMED

We endeavour to find loving homes for cats and dogs that we have rescued and nursed back to health. It's not easy as many dogs are kept as guard dogs in Sri Lanka and chained or confined in small wooden kennels. However, these lucky rescues found the perfect forever homes.

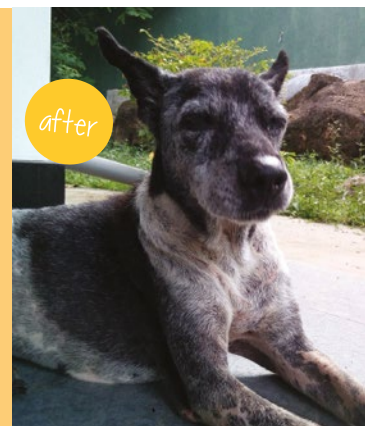


before



TOMMY

He was delivered to our gates in a sack. Poor old Tommy was suffering from babesia, E.canis, mange, and in a really sad, neglected state. We nursed him back to health and a lovely couple adopted him. **These are the happy endings we work so hard for.**



after

SELLI

Selli was rescued from abuse by a shop keeper in Colombo. Our manager was passing and spotted the pup being swept out of the shop with the garbage. We nursed him back to health and he was adopted by a friend and supporter of the charity who lives in Sri Lanka.



before



HUGO AND ELLA

Ella and Hugo were rescued as pups by tourists. Hugo has babesia so we nursed him through that. Our friend and supporter Shyam, offered them both a loving home and they are now her pampered pets.



after

ZESA
Our beautiful 3 legged girl, Zesa, found an amazing home in a beautiful villa with 2 acres of land. Zesa was delivered to us in January 2017 by 2 locals who informed us that her leg was recently amputated after an accident and she was living on a main road in Matara. She was sick with babesia too, but we nursed her back to health.

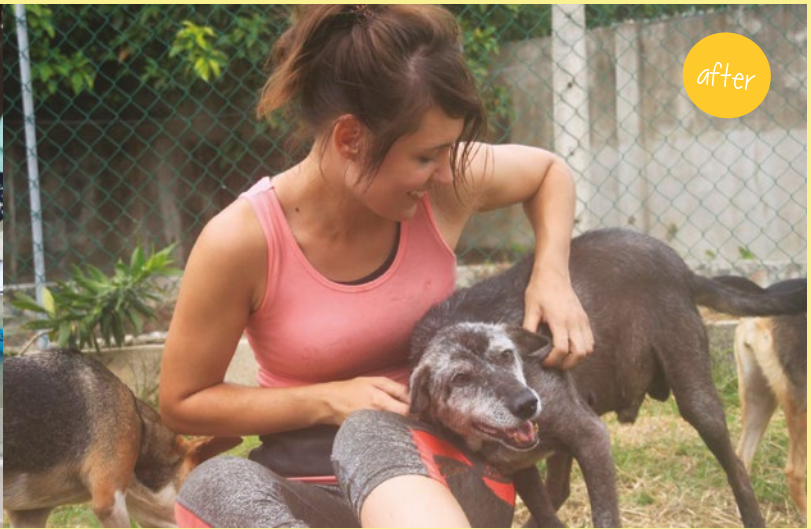


TIC AND TAC

These two found loving homes too



SID Hairless, weakened through hunger and disease and with maggot wounds. Within 2 months, we restored his health.



after



before



after

DIBIKA

Dibika was delivered to our gates by locals in the most horrific state imaginable. She had a huge tumour too that we surgically removed and her health was restored.

Some of the
many lives saved
& transformed...

IBI

Ibi was cruelly attacked and almost killed for entering a mosque. When she arrived at the sanctuary we had to revive her with oxygen and adrenaline, she was almost dead. She also had babesia which caused weakness and severe anaemia. However, we pulled her through against the odds and she is safe at the sanctuary.



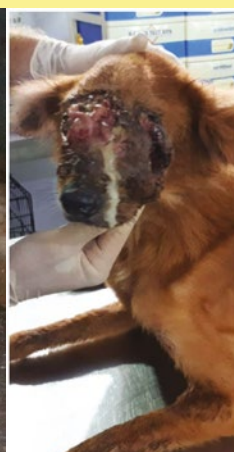
before



after



before



after

BERMIE

Bermie was a neglected pet. He suffered for many months in absolute agony due to a horrific tumour (TVT) that was eating away his face. He also had babesia, a dangerous tick borne disease. We treated him initially for the babesia and then with chemotherapy for the Transmissible Venereal Tumour, which is a curable disease. Bermie recovered well as you can see and remains at the sanctuary.



DIKWELLA Dikwella was tied to a tree by his elderly owner who lived in Dikwella. The man died and kind neighbours fed the dog to keep him alive. However, Dikwella developed a horrific nasal tumour that grew and grew. The cancer destroyed his eye and perforated his mouth. He had breathing problems, huge swelling and infections too. In fact, the swelling was so severe, Dikwella could not even eat. We rescued him and the battle for life began. To complicate things further Dikwella was very distrustful of humans and tried to bite us at every opportunity. We didn't give up though and gave him convalescence liquid food to sustain him until we could shrink the tumour, as well as pain relief and other meds to help his condition and ease the suffering. As well as the facial cancer, Dikwella also had babesia, complicating his treatments further, but, we battled on and so did he. Dikwella soon stopped fighting against us and joined ranks. He realized we were trying to save his life and he didn't want to die. He has now fully recovered and is a colourful and very happy character at the sanctuary.

SHERLOCK

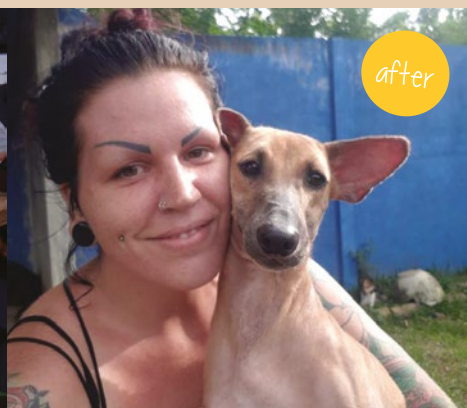
Rescued as a pup from a main road, he was weakened through disease and his front legs deformed through calcium deficiency. He soon recovered under our care.



...because of
YOUR
support!!



VIBER Viber was a neglected and emaciated pet. He was half the weight of a male rottweiler and had maggot wounds, an eye infection and was critically ill with babesia. He also had diarrhoea and vomiting (he vomited up a piece of plastic) soon after arriving at the sanctuary! We nursed him back from the brink and he is a healthy, happy boy now.



ALBITA

Albita was rescued during one of our outreach programs. She was weakened through disease and nearing the end of her short, painful life. She was lucky though as we gave her a second chance and nursed her back to health. She remains happily at the sanctuary.

KONGA

We heard there was a dog in our village that was deliberately trapped by some villagers as she was deemed to be a nuisance. They wanted the dog dead. We raced to the scene and witnessed a horrific scene of the dog caught by the neck in the barbed wire trap and screaming for her life. We managed to cut the dog free whilst being verbally abused by the evil people who wanted her dead. The dog we named Konga, was terrified but thankfully recovered from the ordeal and lives happily at the sanctuary.



PIXI AND PUPS (PIA AND PATRICK)

This sweet family were rescued when we did an outreach program. They were drenched in the rains. They are all alive today as we took them in.

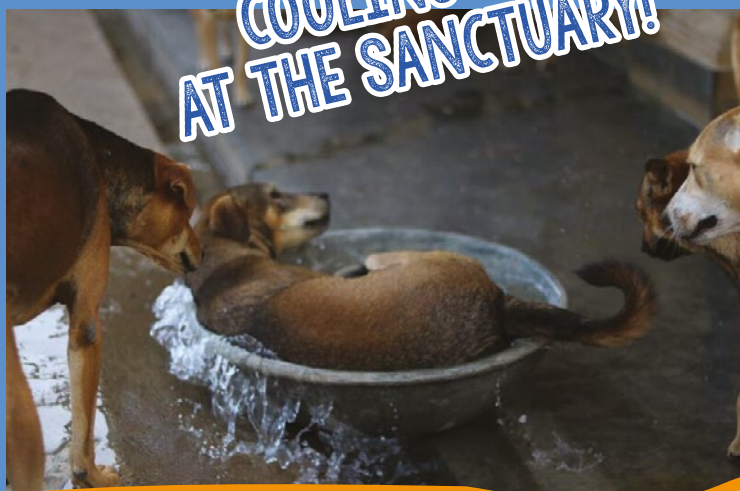


OLIVE

Olive is our quality control/food inspector. She checks the food at the lower site sanctuary every day and has got rather chubby in the process. Olive has been at the sanctuary for many years now. We took her in, as she would have been euthanized due to her mange.



COOLING OFF
AT THE SANCTUARY!



NEWS

Our vital Outreach Programs continue. These are weekly programs in the local communities where we help cats and dogs by offering free neutering, veterinary treatments, rabies

vaccinations, free collars and leads and animal welfare education. Neutering reduces the numbers of unwanted litters born to suffer and die and many of the animals we see at these programs would otherwise have no access to veterinary care. These programs are costly, around £400 each week. Please consider sponsoring one.



FUNDRAISERS



Please consider doing a fundraising event for us, this could be a coffee morning, cake bake, marathon or any other creative idea to help raise precious funds for the charity. One supporter in the US donated funds after dressing up as James Bond at an event. Another supporter in Australia organised a High Tea fundraiser.

CHINGFORD SHOP

We have a new Charity shop with the aim of bringing in revenue to help towards our mounting running costs at the sanctuary.

We always need donations of gold & silver, antiques and any other items that we can sell to generate funds for the animals.



~ In Loving Memory of animal lovers Stephen Henry Fennell and Paul Jeremy Goodwin ~
To live in hearts we leave behind is not to die...

URGENT APPEAL FOR FUNDS

'We will not be remembered by our words, but by our kind deeds'

We desperately need funds to continue our life saving work. We give a second chance to so many otherwise doomed animals. Our vital outreach programs where we neuter/treat/vaccinate against the deadly the rabies virus, help so many animals in need and humans too. We are still taking in very critical cases that would die without our input. Donations directly SAVE and TRANSFORM lives with our charity and they also transform communities too, making rabies a risk of the past, helping the life chances of children through education which in turn promotes compassion to animals and hope for a better future. Remember, with our charity, donations go directly to the animals as we all volunteer our time for free here in the UK. Our running costs are currently around £30,000 a month now. This is a huge amount for a small charity.

Your donations can help us in many ways:

- Fund our weekly neutering and rabies vaccinations outreach programs that benefit so many animals and humans, reducing animal suffering and unwanted litters. The cost of a daily outreach program is approximately £400 and covers vet fees, medications/treatments and educational materials.
- Fund the daily care of animals living at the sanctuary. The costs of medications, veterinary care, monthly anti-parasite treatments, vaccinations and care staff at the sanctuary.
- Fund our vital feeding programs – around 1500 cats and dogs fed EVERY day - the sanctuary animals and starving strays in the area that wait patiently for us to give them their only daily meal.

HELP US BY DONATING

Donate by Cheque

Please make cheques payable to: **Animal SOS Sri Lanka**

Post to: **12 Cheyne Avenue,
South Woodford, London E18 2DR**

Monthly Standing Order

Having regular monthly funds helps us to continue caring for the dogs and cats at the sanctuary and rescuing other desperate cases. You can download a standing order form from our website www.animalsos-sl.com or complete the form in this newsletter.

Gift Aid

Gift Aid increases the value of donations to our registered charity by allowing us to reclaim basic rate tax on your gift. If you pay higher rate tax you can claim extra relief on your donations too. So, if you are a UK tax payer and have not already completed a declaration, please check the Gift Aid section in the advert below. If eligible, tick the circle in the advert, include your full details and return to us so we can make your donations go even further at no extra cost to you. You can download a Gift Aid form from our website www.animalsos-sl.com

Giving Life Through a Legacy

If you are an animal lover and want to leave a legacy to make a real difference to the lives of cats and dogs in the most desperate need imaginable, then please do consider remembering Animal SOS Sri Lanka, a UK Registered Charity, in your will. You can see where your legacy will go with us, directly on the animals and saving precious lives. We are a no-kill organisation and believe in giving animals a chance if there is a glimmer of hope. We can do so much more with a legacy - buy more land, develop land we already have, expand our vital outreach programs, expand our education programs and ultimately help to secure a better future for the suffering animals. A legacy will also give us security to continue our project without being hand to mouth each month. We have such a large animal family at the sanctuary and without us they would face a very bleak future. All members of our dedicated UK team



work as unpaid volunteers to ensure more funds go directly towards helping and saving the lives of animals. There are generous tax concessions for leaving a legacy to a registered charity too. Our UK Registered Charity No is: 1119902. Please help us.

There is no greater gift than the gift of life



URGENT APPEAL TO SAVE LIVES

Sadly, we see many horrific injuries on animals that are caused by human ignorance. Neck injuries are common because people tie ropes and wire around a dog's neck or tether with tight chains. The wounds get fly strike and then become life threatening. This happened to Valentina, but thankfully we managed to save her life and nurse her back to health. Animal SOS Sri Lanka is a UK Registered Charity dedicated to alleviating the suffering of stray animals in Sri Lanka. We are currently caring for over 1000 rescues at our sanctuary and also conduct neutering, vaccination and homing schemes. We need your help to continue this vital work
THE BEST GIFT OF ALL IS THE GIFT OF LIFE, PLEASE DONATE NOW

PLEASE HELP US TO CONTINUE GIVING THESE ANIMALS A FUTURE BY DONATING TODAY. There is no greater gift

Give more at no extra cost to you:

☐ **GIFT AID.** I would like Animal SOS Sri Lanka to reclaim tax on this & all future donations until I notify you otherwise. I confirm I am a UK taxpayer & that I pay as much income or capital gains as Animal SOS Sri Lanka will reclaim in the tax year (currently 25p in every £1 donated.)

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I enclose ☐ £100 ☐ £50 ☐ £25 ☐ Other £

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