

SANCTUARY STORIES

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ANIMAL SOS SRI LANKA

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UK Registered Charity 1119902

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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.



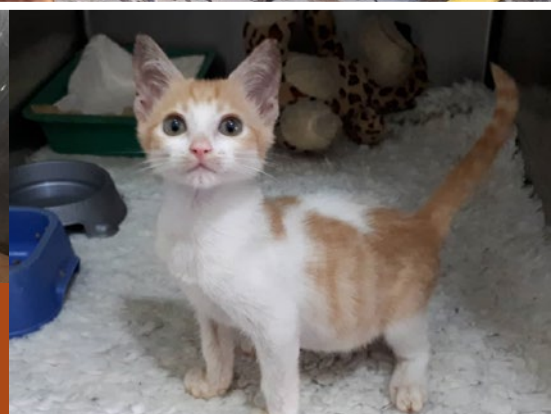
OUR ACHIEVEMENTS (JANUARY-DECEMBER 2018)

- ♥ We provided over 19,000 treatments for diseases, wounds, fractures and tumours
- ♥ We sterilized 1356 dogs and cats and conducted 450 other surgeries
- ♥ We conducted over 7000 bloods tests-smears/chemistry/haematology
- ♥ We provided over 7000 vaccinations against rabies and other dangerous viruses
- ♥ We provided over 16,000 anti-parasitic treatments (worming, mange, tick, flea treatments)
- ♥ We are currently caring for 1413 dogs and 65 cats at the sanctuary
- ♥ We feed over 1600 cats and dogs EVERY day (sanctuary animals and hungry strays in the area)
- ♥ We are operational EVERY day of the year

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL OUR WONDERFUL SUPPORTERS FROM THE SOS TEAM!



KARINO He was dying from cat flu when rescued, but we nursed him back to health and found him a loving home.



CINDY

Pedigree dogs are often status symbols in Sri Lanka, but the reality is that many pedigree breeds suffer terribly just like the strays due to ignorance and neglect. We don't know the full history of Cindy, an owned Great Dane pup, around 9 months old but we were recently alerted to her fading away at a veterinary practice and, as a last ditch attempt to save her life, were requested to help her. We agreed and were shocked by her state. She was skeletal, immobile with huge and very deep pressure wounds. She weighed only 17.7kg. In the few weeks we have had her, she has improved significantly.



She has gained weight (now 28 kg) her huge pressure wounds are healing and she is now walking. The best news of all is that a supporter from the UK has fallen in love with her. He plans to fund all the costs to adopt her in the UK once she is fully recovered and all the formalities are done. What a lucky girl to have a second chance like this.

MIRACLES AT THE SANCTUARY

"Miracles don't just happen, people make them happen."

BEAUTY

Beauty is one of the worst

cases we have taken in. She was collapsed with the most horrific facial wound, her eye was prolapsed, lower jaw fractured and she was dehydrated and had blood parasite disease as well. But, we gave her a chance and, with surgery and loving care, we pulled her through. Just look at the transformation of this beautiful happy dog !



CONNIE

Connie arrived in a

coma after a road traffic accident. She had brain damage and a dangerous tick borne disease called babesia. Again, we gave her a chance and she came out of her coma and is now happily running around the sanctuary.



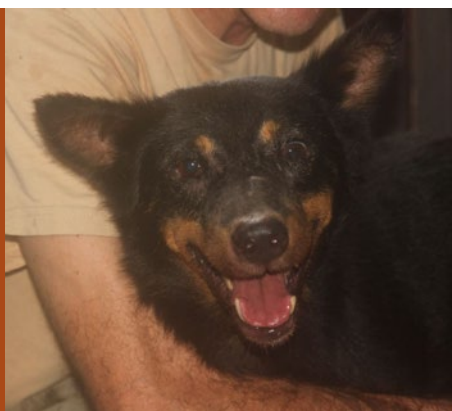
RAVI

This tiny 1 month old pup was hit by a vehicle and arrived with a fractured jaw and in a coma. He recovered because we gave him a chance.





We get visitors from all over the world visiting our sanctuary. Sri Lanka is now a top holiday destination, so many tourists are flocking to the island. Many visitors are sensitive to animal suffering and are relieved to find a project like ours for the suffering strays. Many animal loving locals also visit the sanctuary and bring supplies of rice and other much needed items. The dogs and cats are always happy to see them all.



A HAPPY ENDING FOR MANU!

We rescued this very sweet boy because he had multiple TVT's (transmissible venereal tumours) He had tumours in his eye, penis and mouth and had suffered immensely. TVT's are sexually transmitted cancers spread via mating. ManU responded well to his treatments administered by our experienced and dedicated team. The treatment for TVT's is chemotherapy- Vincristine, and regular blood checks are important during chemo sessions (like with humans) to ensure the blood count is ok. Chemo causes anaemia but the added complication in Sri Lanka is that many dogs also suffer from blood parasite diseases like babesia. These blood parasites destroy vital blood cells too, causing severe anaemia, so we blood test each dog when admitted to the sanctuary to promptly diagnose and treat these diseases. ManU recovered well and those painful tumours are no more. Once fully recovered, we vaccinated and neutered him and then found the most incredible home by the seaside for him to live out his days.

Some of the many lives saved &

THESE ARE JUST SOME OF THE DOGS THAT ARRIVED AT THE SANCTUARY COLLAPSED AND PARALYZED, BUT ARE NOW WALKING.



ATHENA

Hit by a bus and walking again within a month under our care.



AMAIA

Run over in our local area and paralyzed. Amaia had babesia too, but she is now healthy and walking.



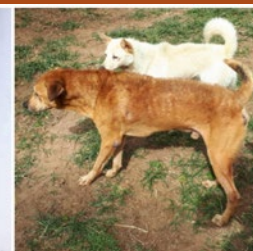
EDDY

Small pups don't stand a great chance of survival alone on the roads in Sri Lanka. So many are killed and badly injured like Eddy. He was paralyzed after being hit on the road but he was lucky to come to us and within a few weeks is walking. He is best mates with Cindy the Great Dane.



AMBA

Amba was hit by a train in Ambalangoda. She was collapsed, had horrific injuries and was so critical we thought we would lose her that same night. Against the odds she survived and is out and about now.



NORWAY

Norway was dumped outside our sanctuary and next to our Buddhist Shrine during a rainy night a few months back. He was weak, dehydrated, suffering from babesia and disabled too. Within 2 months under our care, he was walking.



BOB

12 year old street dog hit by a vehicle on the road and paralyzed, but we gave him a lifeline. He is now walking and safe at the sanctuary.



Where there is love, there is life!

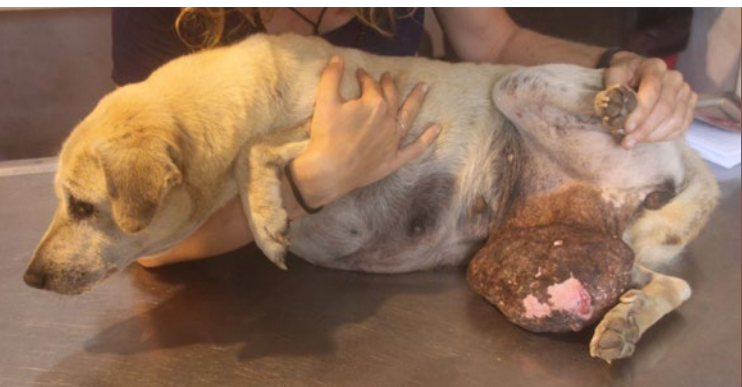
transformed thanks to YOUR support!



DEXTER Dexter is fighting fit now. He had a nasal TVT (transmissible venereal tumour) and babesia too and was successfully treated for both at the sanctuary.

GANDHI

Gandhi was an old boy and arrived at the sanctuary near to death after a tough, painful and neglected life on the streets. He had blood parasite disease, heart problems, lesions on his eye, snout and throat as well as an ear infection. How he suffered! But, we pulled him back from the brink and look at him now, handsome and happy!



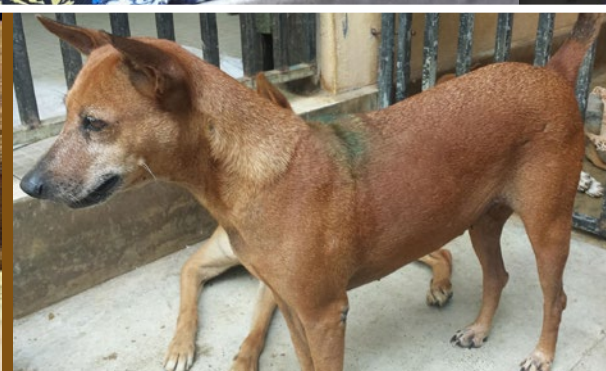
DANA

She was rescued from Galle and had a huge tumour which was successfully removed.



ALEXI

This tiny pup was delivered to the sanctuary collapsed and dying from babesia, a tick borne disease that causes severe anaemia. She weighed just 0.8kg. We battled to save her life and she survived.

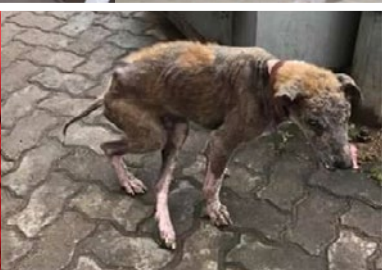


PETER PAN

A village dog slashed simply because he chewed some clothes. The life threatening wound was crawling with zillions of maggots, but we rescued him just in time and the wound has healed nicely and he is now safe at the sanctuary.

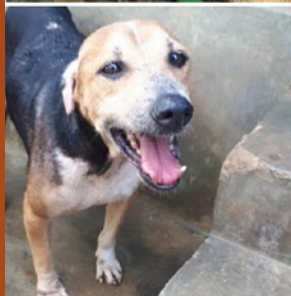


THIJIS Nursed back to health



MAVADO

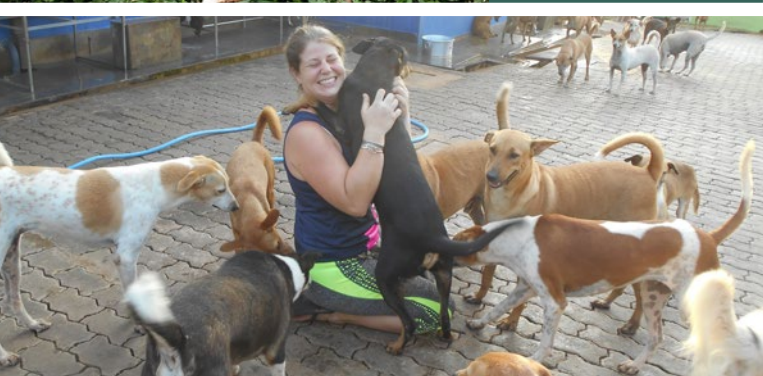
Collapsed and literally being eaten alive by maggots. We saved his life and nursed him back to health.



TURCO

He could barely stand when rescued and was weakened from disease like so many strays. We restored his health and he is a happy boy at the sanctuary now.

SANCTUARY SCENES



APPEALS

Outreach Programs

We urgently need sponsors for our vital outreach programs. There are an estimated 3 million strays in Sri Lanka, many of whom are suffering from disease and horrific injuries on the road. The best way to reduce all the suffering we see on a daily basis is through spay/neutering. Our free programs are always in demand, but are costly at around £400 a day. Please help to sponsor a program so we can continue this lifesaving service.

Last year we sterilized 1356 dogs and cats and treated 1000's of cats and dogs and other animals for a range of ailments/diseases as well as vaccinating against rabies, a deadly disease in humans and animals.

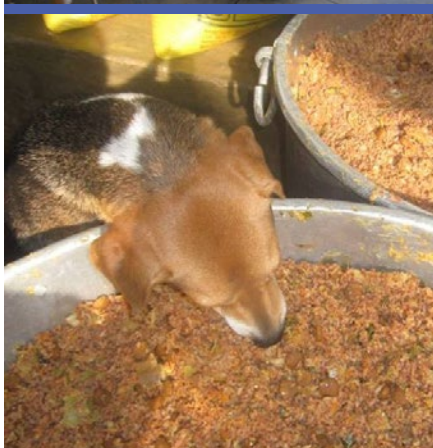


Feeding 1600 Cats and Dogs a Day

Would you consider helping towards our daily feeding costs? We are currently using 250 kilos of rice, 200 kilos of fish, 120 kilos of vegetables plus complete dry biscuits and 4 boxes of



tinned fish per day. The cost to the charity is around £380 a day, so that is over £11,400 a month. Our feeding program also includes starving street animals that patiently wait for their only daily meal. Our rescues deserve a good nutritional diet and this helps many of them to pull through from their critical conditions. Please help if you can.



Fundraising

Fundraising is a very important aspect of the charity, without it we could not survive. There are so many ways in which our supporters can help us : Coffee Mornings, Afternoon Tea, Stall at Car Boot Sale, Table Top Sale, Organise a Jumble Sale or a Stall at a Christmas Fayre, Pamper Evening, Organise a Gig/Party/Ball/Festival, Cake Sale, Mufti Day (at your place of work) Name the Teddy/Dog/Rabbit, Online auctions/selling pages, Raffles, Supermarket/Superstore Collection, Challenges - marathon, triathlon, sky dive, abseil, trek, cycle ride, swim.



All of our supporters organise these themselves and we are happy to provide collection boxes and leaflets and any advice where we can. Please email

denize@animalsos-sl.com.



URGENT APPEAL FOR FUNDS

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 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 1600 cats and dogs fed EVERY day - the sanctuary animals and starving strays in the area that wait patiently for 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.

Giving Life Through a Legacy

"Wherever there is a human being, there is an opportunity for a kindness." -Lucius Annaeus Seneca

We give a glimmer of hope to so many otherwise doomed animals. The miracles we perform in healing almost lifeless animals and restoring them physically and emotionally cannot be measured by words alone. Their survival depends on our survival and the best way to ensure our survival is through YOUR support. Legacies can give us financial stability, ability to grow and expand our vital services and give life to so many



more desperate animals. There are also generous tax concessions for leaving a legacy to a UK Registered Charity. Animal SOS Sri Lanka Registered Charity no is 1119902. We are a small charity but doing a HUGE amount of vital work in Sri Lanka. The charity is run by unpaid trustees who absorb the administrative work so the funds donated go directly to the animals. That shows how much we care and for any animal lover, there is no greater way of directly helping and saving lives than remembering our charity in your will.

There is no greater legacy than giving the gift of life to others.

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

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Imagine the suffering this dog endured after having his leg severed in an accident and the stump becoming infected with maggots and pus. We rescued him just in time and nursed him back to health and happiness. Animal SOS Sri Lanka is a UK Registered Charity battling to help the forgotten street animals in Sri Lanka. We are caring for over 1000 rescued stray cats and dogs at our beautiful sanctuary in southern Sri Lanka including Tanar, the dog in the photo. We also conduct feeding, homing, neutering and rabies vaccination programs too. The charity is run by unpaid volunteers, so, with us, more funds go directly on saving lives and alleviating animal suffering. We desperately need donations to continue our lifesaving work, so PLEASE help us.

**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.)

Signature..... Date.....

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

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