

SANCTUARY STORIES



WINTER 2017/18

ANIMAL SOS SRI LANKA

Animal SOS Sri Lanka
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.

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO OUR WONDERFUL SUPPORTERS FROM THE SOS TEAM



OUR ACHIEVEMENTS IN 2017 (January - December 2017)

- We provided over 17,500 treatments for diseases, wounds, fractures and tumours.
- We sterilized 1255 dogs and cats and conducted 850 surgeries for other conditions.
- We conducted over 7500 bloods tests-smears/ Chemistry/Haematology and 4500 other tests- skin scrapes, parvovirus and distemper tests.
- We provided over 6500 vaccinations against rabies and other dangerous viruses.
- We provided over 15,000 anti-parasitic treatments.
- We conduct weekly outreach programs in local villages-treating, sterilizing and vaccinating cats and dogs.
- We are currently caring for 1147 dogs and 89 cats at the sanctuary.
- We feed over 1300 cats and dogs EVERY day (sanctuary animals and hungry strays in the area)
- We are operational EVERY day

Surya before...



...and after!



Surya the orphaned, disabled and very sickly kitten survived and is now healthy and very active.



LIFE AT THE SANCTUARY

DAILY ROUTINES INCLUDING; CLEANING, MEDICATIONS, WOUND CARE, PHYSIOTHERAPY FOR DISABLED DOGS, COOKING DINNER FOR THE DOGS AND CATS, FEEDING THE SANCTUARY ANIMALS AND HUNGRY STRAYS IN THE AREA, SHOPPING FOR SUPPLIES, BATHING, GROOMING, SOCIALISING THE ANIMALS AND LOTS MORE. WE EMPLOY FULL TIME STAFF TO HELP CARE FOR ALL OUR ANIMALS WHICH INCLUDES WESTERN MANAGERS AND 2 LOCAL VETS. WE CAN'T MANAGE THIS HUGE PROJECT WITHOUT DEDICATED STAFF TO ENSURE THE SMOOTH RUNNING OF SUCH A HUGE OPERATION. THE SANCTUARY SPANS OVER 4 ACRES OF LAND WHICH IS DIVIDED INTO 2 SEPARATE BUT ADJOINING SITES. THE DOGS ARE MAINLY FREE-ROAMING, SOME ARE IN SMALLER SOCIAL GROUPS AND THE CATS LIVE IN OUR CATTERY. THERE ARE CLINICS AT BOTH SITES WHICH ARE ALWAYS FULL WITH CRITICAL CASES. IT'S EXTREMELY BUSY AND WE ARE ALWAYS RUSHED OFF OUR FEET.



ANIMAL SOS SRI LANKA RECYCLES

TO RAISE MUCH-NEEDED FUNDS FOR THE CHARITY WE RECYCLE **STAMPS, FOREIGN COINS/NOTES & POSTCARDS**. ANY QUANTITY IS VERY MUCH APPRECIATED. PLEASE SEND TO: 64, FAIR ACRES, PRESTWOOD, GT MISSENDEN, BUCKS HP16 0LE OR EMAIL ANIMALSOS Sri Lanka@hotmail.com

OUTREACH PROGRAMS

WE CONTINUE OUR WEEKLY OUTREACH PROGRAMS IN THE VILLAGES, REACHING OUT TO CATS AND DOGS THAT WOULD OTHERWISE HAVE NO ACCESS TO VETERINARY CARE. THE ROOT CAUSE OF THE SUFFERING OF CATS AND DOGS IN SRI LANKA IS OVERPOPULATION. THERE ARE TOO MANY UNWANTED LITTERS BEING BORN OR DUMPED ON THE STREETS, TO SUFFER AND DIE HORRIBLE DEATHS. NEUTERING IS THEREFORE AN IMPORTANT PART OF OUR WORK. AT THESE PROGRAMS WE NEUTER/SPAY, TREAT WOUNDS, TREAT INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL PARASITES, CLIP NAILS, REMOVE TICKS AND HAND OUT EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS, PLUS FREE COLLARS AND LEADS WHICH HELP TO PREVENT HORRIFIC NECK WOUNDS. WE ALSO VACCINATE AGAINST THE DEADLY RABIES VIRUS. THESE PROGRAMS COST AROUND £350 FOR THE DAY AND SPONSORS ARE URGENTLY NEEDED TO ALLOW US TO CONTINUE PROVIDING THIS VALUABLE SERVICE. WE HAVE LITERALLY HELPED 1000S OF CATS AND DOGS THROUGH THESE PROGRAMS, SO WELL WORTH SPONSORING IF YOU CAN PLEASE.



PIERROT

BLIND PIERROT HAD THE BEST CHRISTMAS PRESENT OF ALL, A LOVELY NEW HOME. WE TOOK PIERROT AND HIS SIBLINGS IN SOME YEARS BACK FROM A TEMPLE. THE KITTEN HAD THE MOST HORRIFIC VIRUS MAINLY AFFECTING THE EYES. HE LOST BOTH EYES BUT HIS LIFE WAS SAVED AND HE IS NOW ON CLOUD 9.



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He was collapsed and in deep shock when rescued. His ear was eaten alive by maggots and he was weakened through blood parasite diseases. However, he survived against the odds under our dedicated care.



Christopher

Rescued from a busy road and dying on his feet from a cocktail of diseases. His blood count was so bad from tick borne diseases that we had to give him a blood transfusion. We pulled him through and his life was saved and transformed. He is such a happy boy now.

Happy endings that YOUR



Cecil

Fading away and dying from diseases on the streets like most strays, we rescued him and nursed him back to health.



Fluffball



Probably used as a breeding dog by some ruthless people, Fluffball was discarded on a busy street in Colombo because his face was being eaten alive by maggots. We rescued him and nursed him back to life from the brink of death. He is a happy and healthier boy now.



Brownie

13 year old gentle pet dog that had boiling water thrown over her by a monster. Brownie was also suffering from babesia, a dangerous tick borne disease. It was touch and go but we pulled her through and she was reunited with her grateful owners.



Jessy

Run over by a careless driver, Jessy was lying helpless with paralyzed hind legs, in the rain and without food. We gave her a lifeline and with good care and treatment, she was quickly walking again.

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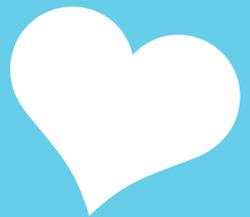
Santa Claus

We heard about a blind dog that was being abused in Ratnapura, a long distance away from us and agreed to help. Santa Claus arrived just before Christmas and is a sweet lovable boy. Our vets conducted surgery on his eyelids, resulting in the best gift of all for the New Year - his sight restored.



Oregano

Rescued from a temple and nursed back to health



Lucy, Mango and Pups

We rescued Mango from a locked, abandoned house. She had maggot wounds and was pregnant. Lucy, a pregnant dog was rescued from a hotel a distance away after we were informed she had a large TVT (transmissible venereal tumour) on her genitals which would have placed her and her pups at considerable risk with a natural birth. So, Lucy had a c-section at the sanctuary and 5 pups were delivered. Sadly, the weakest pup died. Lucy quickly rejected the pups so we placed them with Mango, who was heavily pregnant and already producing milk. Mango cared for Lucy's pups as her own and a few days later went into labour. Her first pup was born dead and we had no choice but to do an emergency cesarean on her too. 2 pups were born, 1 pup had to be revived but thankfully survived. Surrogate mum Mango did an amazing job with all 6 pups, her own and Lucy's. The pups are growing up fast and are happy, playful and very healthy fluffballs. Lucy's cancer was successfully treated and she was sterilized and a healthy girl now. More lives saved and transformed through our work.



Godfrey

Stoned, beaten and standing in a road perhaps hoping to be killed to end his suffering in this cruel world. We took him in and he arrived at the sanctuary with a huge maggot infested wound, weakened by blood parasite diseases and like a skeleton. We brought him back from the brink like we do with so many critical cases.



English Classes and Animal Welfare Education

We have been providing English classes for around 40 village children during the last few months. This not only enhances the children's life chances, but is also a good forum to educate about animal welfare and the importance of loving kindness and compassion. Changing hearts and minds is key to long-term change in animal welfare in Sri Lanka and this is a good start.



NEWS

HUGE THANKS TO THE LOVELY FOLKS AT HEMEL HEMPSTEAD SORTING OFFICE FOR RAISING AN AMAZING £1846.49 THROUGH A FUNDRAISER FOR THE CHARITY. WHAT AN AMAZING TEAM THEY ARE!



ANNUAL SHIPMENT



THANK YOU TO OUR WONDERFUL AND VERY DEDICATED GUERNSEY AND CORNWALL SUPPORT GROUPS WHO WORK SO HARD THROUGHOUT THE YEAR TO RAISE PRECIOUS FUNDS FOR US.

Our annual shipment was sent out to the sanctuary from the UK last August. It's an exhausting process and a true labour of love involving months of hard work by Trustees and supporters who have full time jobs or their own businesses to run. It wouldn't be possible without the help of our friends Liz and Colin Stuart at Somerset & Dorset Animal Rescue. Liz and Colin store and collect donations for us at their farm. They help to load the containers and are amazing supporters of the charity. We receive donations from friends, family, supporters and from our Amazon Wish List. The majority of the items that fill the container are donated from Centaur Services. Last year we were lucky enough to receive fantastic donations from Butchers, Barking Heads, Ocado, Zooplus, Applaws, Millpledge and Leucillin UK. Most of these supplies are not available in Sri Lanka and make a huge difference to the life of our residents out in Sri Lanka. Once shipped, it takes four weeks to reach Sri Lanka and once cleared by customs, the hard work starts to unload everything. Because of small bridges and lanes to the sanctuary, we have to ferry the supplies via various vehicles, a process that usually takes around 12 hours in the sweltering heat and that is without a forklift too! Huge thanks to everyone who made this herculean task possible.



NEW LAND DEVELOPMENT APPEAL

WE ARE DESPERATE TO DEVELOP AN ADJOINING 1.5 ACRES OF LAND TO THE SANCTUARY WHICH WAS DONATED TO US BY A KIND SUPPORTER. THE LAND HAS REMAINED UNUSED FOR WELL OVER A YEAR NOW BECAUSE WE LACK FUNDS TO START ANY WORKS, EVEN A BOUNDARY WALL. WE PLAN TO DO SO MUCH WITH THIS LAND AND HAVING MORE SPACE AND BETTER FACILITIES WILL MAKE A HUGE DIFFERENCE TO THE WELFARE OF OUR ANIMALS, PARTICULARLY OUR CATS AND DISABLED DOGS. WE HAVE THE VISION, BUT, SADLY, NO RESOURCES TO CARRY IT ALL THROUGH. THE WHOLE DEVELOPMENT FOR THE LAND WILL COST AROUND £300,000. IT'S A TALL ORDER, BUT ANY HELP TOWARDS THIS IMPORTANT PROJECT WOULD BE GREATLY APPRECIATED.



HOW YOU CAN HELP

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

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. However, there is always a huge demand on us and so much more to do if only we had funds. We are still taking in very critical and extremely sad cases of cats and dogs 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. There are no salaries, just dedicated animal lovers trying to make a difference. Our running costs are currently around £650 a day and that's hard to find when we don't have any reserves.

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 £350 and covers vet fees, medications/treatments, red collars 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 1300 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 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



IGNORED BY MANY BUT HELPED BY US



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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.....

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