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ANIMAL SOS SRI LANKA

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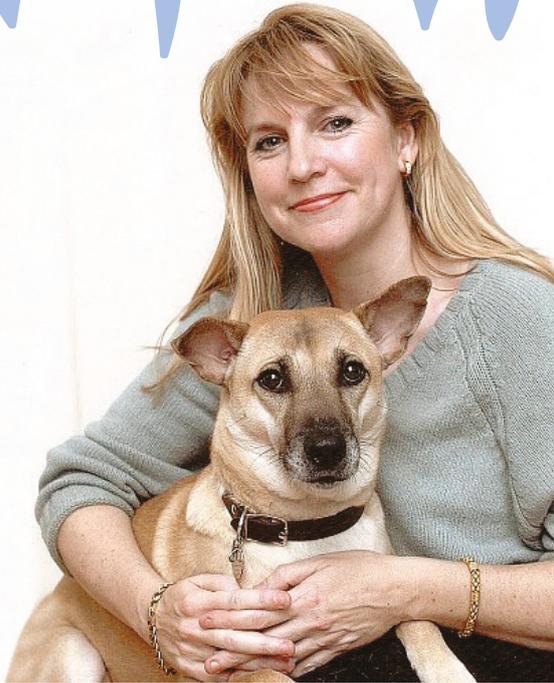
Our Story

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 heartbreaking for any animal lover to witness, let alone walk away from.

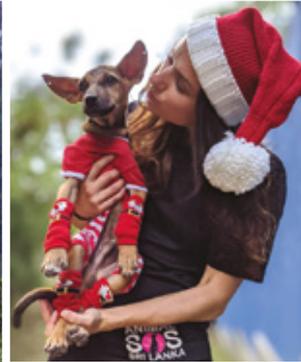
Animal SOS Sri Lanka, a UK registered charity, was founded on the vision of Kim Cooling who, after witnessing the appalling plight of animals there, particularly the strays, decided to take action to help them. With a distinct lack of safe havens and veterinary care available to strays in Sri Lanka,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

OUR ACHIEVEMENTS JANUARY-DECEMBER 2019

- ♥ We are currently caring for 1602 dogs and 62 cats at the sanctuary
- ♥ We provided over 15,000 treatments for disease, wounds, fractures and tumours
- ♥ We sterilized 1250 dogs and cats and conducted 435 other surgeries
- ♥ We provided over 8000 blood tests/smears/chemistry/haematology
- ♥ We provided over 10,000 anti-parasitic treatments (worming, tick/flea treatments)
- ♥ We feed over 1700 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 SUPPORTERS FROM THE SOS TEAM!



ROSALYNNE

We took in this pregnant dog that had been lying helplessly by the roadside, unable to walk after being hit by a vehicle on the road. She had boiling water poured over her head too, just to add to her misery. The dog we named Rosalynne arrived in a terrible state. Her front leg was totally shattered exposing the bone, the hind leg was broken and



CAMILLA & KITTENS

This beautiful pregnant cat was dumped outside our gates. Sadly, this is not unusual. We have so many dumped cats and dogs including 13 pups dumped recently in just one night. Some dogs and cats are even thrown over our high walls! Camilla gave birth soon after arriving and the delightful family are all doing well under our care.

infection had set in. Rosalynne also had a painful TVT (transmissible venereal tumour, curable with chemotherapy) which was covered in maggots and there were maggots and wounds all over her tail. We had to amputate the front leg almost immediately and had to do a C-section in an attempt to save her pups. Five out of the six pups were born alive but premature. All the pups subsequently died, despite all our

efforts to save them. Due to the spreading infection in her hind limb, we had no choice but to amputate her leg too. Once she recovered, we successfully treated her TVT (cancer). We battle so hard to save these lovely dogs and Rosalynne regained her strength. She is the happiest and healthiest girl now. She gets around really well on her two remaining legs and is loved by the staff at the sanctuary.



DUMPED PUPS

We have so many dumped pups at the sanctuary. The dumping is just endless and puts a huge strain on the charity and our limited resources. We recently took in some pups that were dumped in a box by a river so the monitor lizards would eat them. The pups had to be fed around the clock as they had barely opened their eyes and had been taken away from their mother far too soon. All the pups are doing well now thankfully.



Neutering & Rabies Vaccination Programs



These vital programs continue as often as our funds allow. These programs cost around £500 a day but for all the dogs and cats neutered, it reduces the overwhelming animal suffering we see on a daily basis. There is no sadder sight than seeing pups and kittens cruelly dumped by the roadsides throughout Sri Lanka, to die horrible deaths. Neutering is the only sustainable solution to alleviate the suffering and humanely reduce the population of destitute street dogs and cats. These programs also offer dogs and cats, belonging to poor families, access to veterinary care, a chance for a health check by our vet, treatment for wounds, tumours and other conditions. They save so many lives.

WOULD YOU CONSIDER FUNDING A PROGRAMME PLEASE?



PADDY AND ACHINI ❤️ ❤️ ❤️

We try to find loving homes for the dogs and cats we have nursed back to health. Homing is not easy in Sri Lanka but Paddy and Achini who were nursed back to health, were both adopted recently. We offer free veterinary care including annual vaccination boosters to all our homed dogs so that they remain healthy and have long lives.



RE-HOMED!

CAESAR - DUMPED ROTTWEILER

We also get dumped pedigree breed dogs at the sanctuary. Most are disposed of when they become 'useless' and are no longer suitable for breeding for profit. Caesar was chained to a tree near the sanctuary and dumped during the night. He was totally dehydrated, weak, had maggot infested wounds and is blind too. Caesar is only around 4-5 years old but is doing really well under our care.



Before



Before



After

YOGI ❄️ ❄️ ❄️

She was dumped as a tiny pup on a roadside in a faraway place, fading away slowly and doomed to die like so many other dumped pups on the island. Some tourists found her, but no-one wanted to help her. Yet again, we stepped in and gave a lifeline just when she really needed it. Yogi arrived at the sanctuary weak and anaemic through babesia and dehydrated too, but we pulled her through.



After

PIPER

People do very bizarre things to dogs like putting wire or string around their necks as collars. As the dog grows, the wire/string almost decapitates the dog and causes huge suffering and often a horrific death from infection. This is one of the main reasons we give out free leads and collars during our vital outreach programs.



Before



After

We found Piper by the roadside and she had a life threatening maggot infested neck wound because of this practice. Some weeks on, the wound has now healed nicely and Piper is learning to trust humans again. She also had a TVT (cancer) which was successfully treated and has now been spayed and fully vaccinated too. She will never suffer again.

SOME OF THE MANY LIVES SAVED AND TRANSFORMED



Before



After



SUNSHINE

Sunshine arrived with a fractured leg, a deformed paw and demodectic mange but soon recovered under our care, like so many others.

Before



After



SUPERMAN

Left disabled after an accident and lying helplessly in the heavy rains for days on end, we took Superman in and fought incredibly hard to save his life. He was critical, immobile, dehydrated, infected with babesia (a dangerous tick borne disease) and a heart condition too. He is now walking and greatly improved.



VITA

Spotted in Mirissa by Kim and almost lifeless, Vita was rescued and taken back to the sanctuary. She was so weak, her gums were white through anaemia and a blood parasite disease. Vita also had wounds and was almost hairless. It seemed that she had given up and it was touch and go on whether she would make it. Thankfully she survived as we never give up on them.

BOBBY DOG

We were alerted to a dog in the area whose head was being eaten away by maggots. We suspect he was a dumped pet. We rescued him and what a sad sight - his suffering must have been immense. We flushed the wounds, started treatment for babesia, a tick-borne disease he was infected with and slowly nursed him back to full health. What a lucky boy!!



Before



After



Before



After

MOSCOW

Moscow was spotted by a Russian tourist in Mirissa being chased and persecuted by some cruel people. He was so weak from babesia, a tick-borne disease and 3 of his paws were eaten away by maggots. Even getting him to the sanctuary was problematic, as no-one wanted to transport him. We stepped in and he came to us and made a full recovery. He is now safe for the rest of his days.

THANKS TO YOUR SUPPORT!

MAGGIE

Maggie is a sweet little terrier cross dog that was run over and arrived at the sanctuary with critical injuries and also brain damage. She could barely move and it was touch and go. In the subsequent months, however, Maggie thrived in our care and although there are still some symptoms of brain damage, she can eat, walk and enjoy her life.



Before



After



EINSTEIN

Another accident case and another dog doomed to a terrible death unless we stepped in to help. Einstein arrived immobile, covered from head to tail in ticks, so little surprise that he had a tick borne disease Ehrlichiosis. He was anaemic too and had a pelvic fracture from the accident. Thankfully he made a good recovery and is now walking.

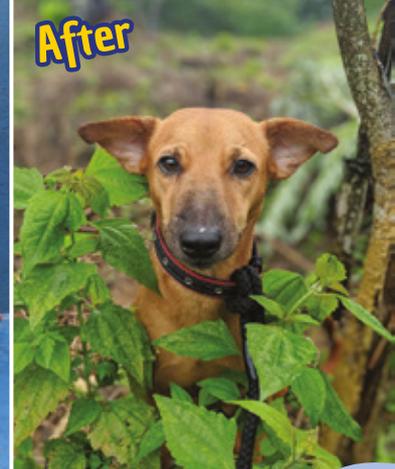
PANCHI

Panchi arrived with a huge nasal TVT (cancer) weeping discharge and a lesion on the pallet of the mouth too. We treated her and she made a full recovery.

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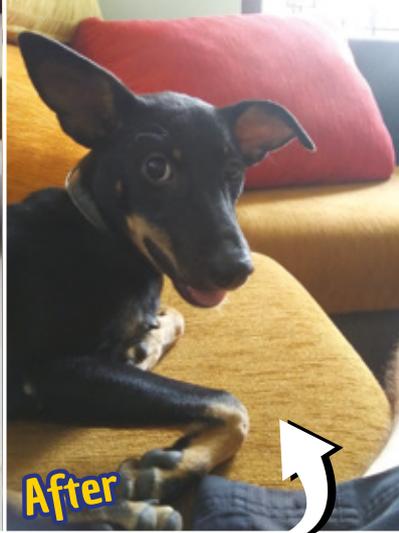


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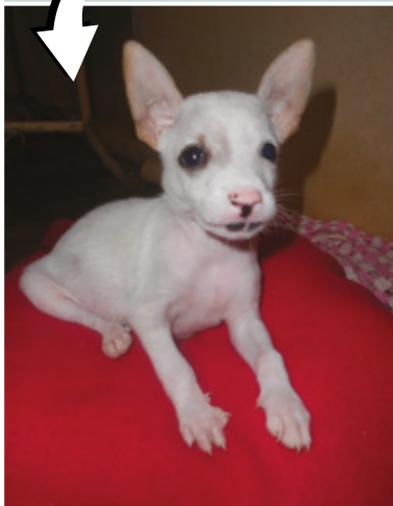
Before



After

JOANNA

We found this tiny baby beside a main road, all alone and likely dumped there to die. We saved her life by taking her in and she is growing fast.

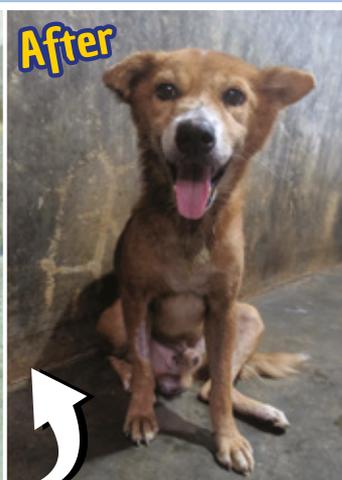


LOOBY LOU

Found by some tourists by the roadside. She had been hit by a vehicle and had paralyzed hind legs. Lobby Lou has thrived in our care.



Before



After



Before

JEZ

The poor soul had met with an accident and sustained leg and facial injuries. He was so emaciated and dehydrated on arrival at the sanctuary we thought he may not survive, but he pulled through and is a healthy boy now.



After



THUNDER

Thunder arrived at the sanctuary during a raging storm. Our managers had to revive him as he almost died when they got him to the clinic. He was collapsed, dehydrated, had horrific maggot wounds and someone had poured engine oil all over him! Thankfully, under our care he survived and is a transformed dog now.



Before



After

BUBBLES

This little girl was found alone and terrified on a road. She had problems walking and was probably hit by a vehicle. She was also very scared of people, which is hardly surprising. We took Bubbles back to the sanctuary; blood checked her and did an x-ray. She was suffering from babesia and a fractured hip. She made a full recovery.

WE RECYCLE TO RAISE FUNDS - AND IT'S SO EASY!

Stamps - Postcards - Foreign Currency - Out of date UK currency - Inkjet Cartridges. You could organise a collection through friends and family, at work, at school, at college, at university, at a club/group or your local shop/post office etc.

We started recycling in 2012 and have raised **£4,633** so far!

Please send to *Denize Woodstock, Animal SOS Sri Lanka, 64 Fair Acres, Prestwood, Great Missenden, Bucks, HP16 0LE.*

FOUNDER MEMBER KIM COOLING GIVEN IFAW AWARD AND THE PRIME MINISTER'S POINTS OF LIGHT AWARD.

Kim Cooling, the founder of Animal SOS Sri Lanka, was awarded the prestigious IFAW Animal Action Award in recognition of her outstanding contribution to animal welfare. The award ceremony was at the House of Lords, London, in October. Kim has spent many years as an unpaid volunteer striving to improve the lives of street dogs and cats in Sri Lanka



and it's wonderful that her sacrifices and hard work have been acknowledged through this award.

In January Kim was awarded the Prime Minister's Points of Light Award. The Points of Light Award recognises individual volunteers who are making positive changes in their communities and around the world. The UK award was set up in partnership with the US Points of Light Foundation, which was established over 25 years ago and is a way in which the Prime Minister says 'thank you' for outstanding service.



FLOODING AT THE SANCTUARY! AN APPEAL FOR MORE SHELTERS



The last few months at the sanctuary have been stressful to say the least; heavy rains have flooded the sanctuary almost daily and our animals have suffered. We have a 4 acre site in total and the lower 3 acre site is worse affected. Many of our dogs still do not have adequate shelter from the rains and are getting wet day and night. It's a tragic sight to see. We did an online appeal



and managed to raise funds for a large shelter area and a couple more, but we still need more shelter areas as our packs of dogs are scattered across the land and have their own social groups. We need to raise at least another £20,000 to ensure most of our animals are dry during the rains. Will you help please?

"Love and kindness are never wasted. They always make a difference."

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 £40,000 a month now. This is a huge amount for a small charity.

- 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 over 1700 cats and dogs fed EVERY day - the sanctuary animals and starving strays in the area that wait patiently for their only daily meal.

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 £500 and covers vet fees, medications/treatments and educational materials.



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

"Love and kindness are never wasted. They always make a difference. They bless the one who receives them, and they bless you, the giver."
 – Barbara De Angelis

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 really 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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THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN LIFE AND DEATH

Life is extremely fragile for street animals in Sri Lanka but for some pets like Cindy, a Great Dane, the suffering is just as bad. Cindy was almost lifeless when we took her in. She was just skin and bones, had huge pressure wounds and could barely lift her head. We battled to save her life, something we do 365 days a year at our sanctuary in Sri Lanka. Cindy survived along with 1000s of other dogs and cats that we have nursed back to health from the brink.

Animal SOS Sri Lanka is a UK Registered Charity, dedicated to alleviating the widespread suffering of dogs and cats in Sri Lanka. We provide veterinary care, free neutering and vaccination programs, adoption schemes and animal welfare education. We are currently caring for over 1600 rescues at our sanctuary and in desperate need of donations to continue our vital work.

PLEASE HELP!

Please LIKE us on www.animalsos-sl.com

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

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