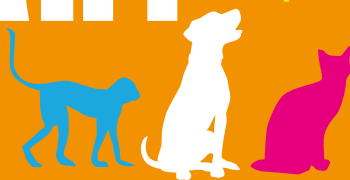


# SANCTUARY STORIES



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**SUMMER 2022**

# ANIMAL SOS SRI LANKA

Animal SOS Sri Lanka  
UK Registered Charity 1119902

## CRISIS IN SRI LANKA - see page 7 for details

### 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 street animals in Sri Lanka, our work and facilities are a lifeline to many otherwise doomed animals.



### OUR ACHIEVEMENTS DECEMBER 2021 - JUNE 2022

- ♥ We are currently caring for **2066 dogs** and **22 cats** at the sanctuary
- ♥ We provided over **9000** treatments for disease, wounds, fractures and tumours
- ♥ We sterilized **240 dogs and cats** and conducted **120** other surgeries
- ♥ We provided over **4300** blood tests/smears/chemistry/haematology
- ♥ We provided over **4500** anti-parasitic treatments (worming, tick/flea treatments)
- ♥ We provided over **4800** vaccinations against rabies and other deadly viruses
- ♥ We operate the largest feeding programme in Sri Lanka
- ♥ We are operational **EVERY** day of the year



**Kanthi**  
our smiling pup,  
finds her forever home

Our cats **LOVE** the cat trees from the last shipment







# LIFE AT THE SANCTUARY







**BEETROOT**



## TOTA

We rescued this cutie from a horrible fate. He has short spine syndrome and is a feisty little character.



**TOTA**

## BEETROOT

Rescued from cruelty and abuse. He was caged 24/7 like many pet dogs in Sri Lanka and was totally miserable. At the sanctuary he has risen through the ranks and is now our top site kitchen supervisor and food taster. He takes his role very seriously and is getting a bit porky now, an occupational hazard.



Visitors from  
Denmark



TO

**RUSSIA**

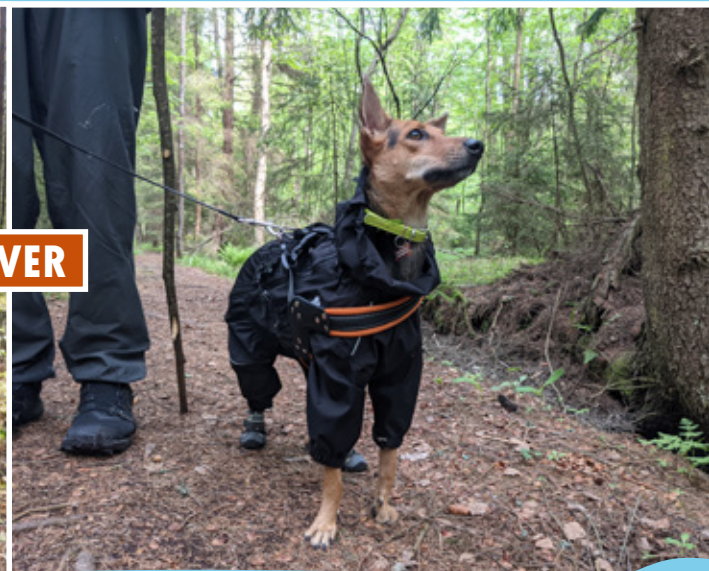
WITH LOVE

A lovely young Russian couple visited our sanctuary a few months back and fell totally in love with our pup Daisy. They wanted to adopt her and stayed in Sri Lanka for months until all the formalities were sorted for her to travel. They funded all the expenses to take her back home with them. We get regular updates and photos of Daisy, renamed River. She is so adored and has an idyllic life of playing and exploring the forests with her waterproofs.

What a change of fate for this ex Sri Lankan street pup.



**RIVER**





# SOME OF THE MANY LIVES SAVED & TRANSFORMED



**BILLY**



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He was literally being eaten alive by maggots, the fate of many dogs in Sri Lanka. We pulled him through from the brink.



**DAWSON**

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He was riddled with tumours (TVTs) and had tick fever, but we treated and cured him.



**BRIDGET JONES**



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She arrived as a disabled pup after being bitten by a dog, but under our care she recovered and is walking now.



**SKY**



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Found by some tourists and weakened from babesia- a tick-borne disease and diarrhoea. We managed to save her life and she lives happily with our manager.





**JARVIS**



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## JARVIS

Arrived collapsed and on the brink of death. He also had a humongous maggot infested wound from a suspected boiling water burn. He survived and is a cheeky, playful boy now.



**ROKI**



## ROKI

He was a pet and suffered from a chronic skin condition. Despite many interventions by vets, his condition was not improving. We took him under our wing to save his life and look at the transformation! We recently rehomed Roki with a staff member although he will remain under our care for all future veterinary treatments and vaccinations, like all our homed dogs.



**LETHA**



## LETHA

She arrived with an infected, prolapsed eye, a jaw injury and blood parasite diseases. She lost her eye, but we saved her life.



## LILIAN

Riddled with tumours (TVTs) but under our care, she was successfully treated.



**LILIAN**



# THANKS TO YOUR SUPPORT!



**As many of you have probably seen in the headlines, Sri Lanka is facing its worst economic crisis since its independence in 1948. It has led to unprecedented levels of inflation, near-depletion of foreign exchange reserves, shortages of medical supplies and fuel as well as huge price hikes of basic commodities.**

**Sri Lankans have endured months of medicine, food and fuel shortages, as well as long power cuts. Inflation is running in excess of 50%. Civil unrest and mass protests have culminated in government buildings being occupied and the resignations of those in power. With no political stability, it is predicted that the situation will only worsen in the coming months.**



# CRISIS IN SRI LANKA





## How has this affected us –

- **No gas to cook 1 tonne of daily food for our sanctuary animals, so we are cooking with fire wood. It's more labour intensive, food takes longer to cool down and our huge cooking pots need constant repairs due to fire damage.**
- **Shortages of diesel to keep our generator working during power cuts and our vehicles operational.**
- **Feeding costs have significantly increased. They already accounted for 50% of our monthly running costs, but now the charity has to find even more funds to keep our animals fed.**
- **Shortages of rice, vegetables, medicines and other supplies are proving a daily challenge. There was recently a shortage of ketamine which meant that we had to postpone all surgeries.**
- **We often have no fuel to collect critical animals in dire need- some are lying in roads. We are unable to do our outside feeding rounds without fuel for our vehicles. Street animals are suffering more than ever now and many are starving to death in this crisis. Our driver often has to wait in long queues at garages for days on end and often returns without fuel.**
- **Our staff and vets are struggling to get to work.**
- **More dogs and cats are being dumped on the roads due to financial hardship and the demands on our services are increasing by the day.**

**WE OPERATE ONE OF THE LARGEST SANCTUARIES AND VETERINARY FACILITIES IN THE WORLD FOR ABUSED AND VULNERABLE STREET ANIMALS, SO THIS IS THE GRAVEST CRISIS WE HAVE FACED SINCE STARTING THIS LIFESAVING PROJECT IN SRI LANKA BACK IN 2009. WE HAVE OVER 2000 RESCUES TO PROTECT AND KEEP SAFE. THESE ARE DOGS AND CATS WE HAVE BROUGHT BACK FROM THE BRINK OF DEATH AFTER SUFFERING A HELLISH LIFE ON THE STREETS. WE SIMPLY CAN'T LET THEM DOWN NOW.**





# HOW YOU CAN HELP IN THIS CRISIS

**We are facing a crisis like no other and we need to survive for the sake of over 2000 precious lives and many other suffering street animals that need us.**

**WHAT WE NEED MORE THAN ANYTHING ELSE AT THIS TIME IS DONATIONS!**

**With donations we can:-**

- **Continue to feed our animals**
- **Continue to treat critical cats and dogs**
- **Stock up on essential supplies of rice and medicines**
- **Survive the escalating costs to run our operations**

**PLEASE  
DONATE  
TODAY!**



## 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](http://www.animalsos-sl.com) or complete the form in this newsletter.

### Giving Life Through a Legacy

"How do we change the world? One random act of kindness at a time" Morgan Freeman

The kindest legacy that an animal lover can provide is remembering a dedicated, hands-on charity like Animal SOS Sri Lanka in your will. Imagine what we can do if we had more funds. Imagine the difference we can make if we have financial security, and imagine us being in the position where we are no longer struggling from month to month just to survive. Imagine if we can expand our lifesaving services to reach more stricken animals in dire need. 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 the financial stability we need, the ability to grow, to plan and expand our vital services in the future to help more desperate souls. There are also generous tax concessions for leaving a legacy to a UK Registered Charity. Animal SOS Sri Lanka's Registered Charity Number is 1119902. There is no greater way of directly helping and saving lives than remembering our charity in your will.

### Gift Aid

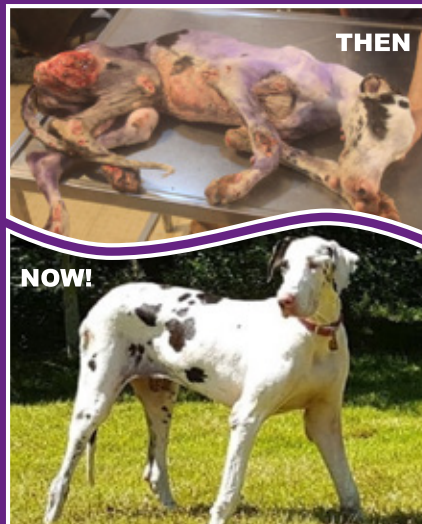


Gift Aid increases the value of donations to our registered charity by allowing us to reclaim basic rate tax on your gift. If you pay higher rate tax you can claim extra relief on your donations too. If you are a UK tax payer and have not already completed a declaration, please check the Gift Aid section in the advert below. If eligible, tick the circle in the advert, include your full details and return it 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](http://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 2000 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](http://www.animalsos-sl.com)

**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 £

Mr/Mrs/Ms.

First Name.....Surname.....

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**thank you!**