

SANCTUARY STORIES



ANIMAL SOS SRI LANKA

Animal SOS Sri Lanka
UK Registered Charity 1119902



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WINTER 2022

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 JANUARY - NOVEMBER 2022

❄️ We are currently caring for 2053 dogs and 25 cats at the sanctuary

❄️ We provided over 25,000 treatments for disease, wounds, fractures and tumours

❄️ We sterilized 650 dogs and cats and conducted 325 other surgeries

❄️ We provided over 10,000 blood tests/smears/biochemistry/haematology

❄️ We provided over 11,000 anti-parasitic treatments (worming, mange, tick/flea treatments)

❄️ We provided over 10,000 vaccinations against rabies and other deadly viruses

❄️ We feed around 2,500 cats and dogs EVERY day and operate the largest feeding program and largest animal sanctuary for street animals in Sri Lanka

❄️ We are operational EVERY day of the year

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS TO ALL OUR WONDERFUL SUPPORTERS FROM THE ANIMAL SOS SRI LANKA TEAM.



THANK YOU

for your support and for the precious lives you have helped us to save. There is no greater gift this Christmas than the gift of life.

BOSCO

Our vet spotted Bosco on her way home from work and quickly alerted us. We rushed to the rescue and brought him to the sanctuary.

His face was literally sliced in half from an embedded rope cloth. The wound was teeming with maggots and the poor soul was in the most horrific state. But, we gave him a chance as our team are experts in wound care. Within a short space of time Bosco improved and the wound healed.

In many places, dogs like this would be euthanized, but this is another example of why we give them a chance, as most heal with the right care.

Look at our lovely boy now! He is so incredibly happy and grateful for being given a second chance.

He lives happily at the sanctuary with his friends.



THE REMARKABLE TALE OF 2 SURVIVORS



PHOENIX

Phoenix was brutally attacked and almost killed by a savage lynch mob, including children, in Thanamalwila- they even dug a grave for him. A brave person managed to get him away just before he died, but he was left critically injured and was not safe in that area. We stepped in to help. Phoenix arrived at the sanctuary with wounds and is disabled because of a spinal injury from the brutal attack. He was so traumatised, he growled whenever someone approached.

However, one of our lovely managers has spent time regaining his trust in humans and now he is the most loving and friendly boy ever.

Phoenix, like his name, rose again in full glory, defying death and we were there to save him and give him a new life. This is why our work is so important in a place where there is rampant animal cruelty and no tough animal protection laws.



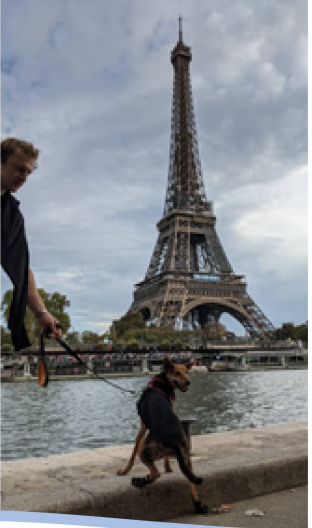
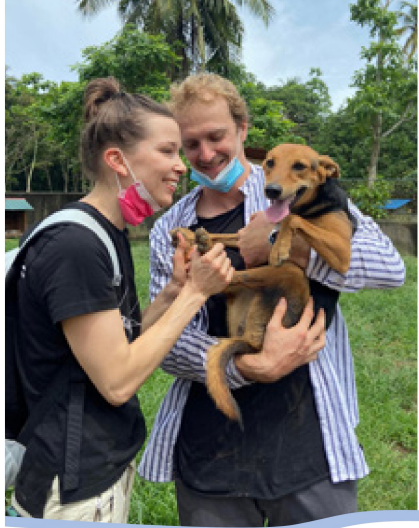
*Christmas
at the
Sanctuary*



FROM SRI LANKA TO RUSSIA TO FRANCE TO ANTIGUA

You may remember the story about Daisy (renamed River) in the last newsletter. She was adopted by a lovely Russian couple who visited the sanctuary and fell in love with her. Well, this Sri Lankan street pooch must be one of the best travelled dogs ever as the couple have moved again from Russia and are now living in Antigua. They went via Paris so River saw the Parisian sites en-route and now has lovely beaches in Antigua to enjoy.

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



PARIS

We rescued Paris one evening and how he suffered. He had maggots and pus coming from his ears, cartilage missing from ear canals, totally emaciated, hypothermic, hairless, anaemic, had babesia (tick-borne disease) mange. Yet, he is such a sweet, trusting boy. We gave him his health and life back.



PARIS



SOME OF THE MANY LIVES SAVED AND TRANSFORMED

PUFFIN



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Puffin, a sweet old girl, was suffering on the streets with multiple health issues for a long, long while. We rescued her and nursed her back to health. Puffin was suffering from blood parasites diseases, a mammary tumour, ear infections, an aural hematoma, cataracts and sarcoptic mange. She had the happiest ending as our lovely manager, Lucie, and her partner, adopted her and she lives happily ever after with them.

ETHAN

We see such absolute horrors in our daily work. Ethan was in a field and somehow got his nose severed by a machine. We were alerted and took him in.

Our vets had to perform surgery the next day. The severed section could not be saved, but Ethan can eat a soft diet, drink and has recovered extremely well considering his injury. It's amazing how strong and resilient these dogs are if given the chance to survive. Ethan means strong, and he certainly lives up to his name. Ethan lives happily at the sanctuary.



ETHAN



MARKY



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We took in this very weak cat that was found in a market. He was malnourished, had a urinary infection and a hernia. We made him healthy again and he was recently adopted by our manager.

GRANDPA ARCHIBALD

This poor old boy was pitifully crying in pain on the street for a long while without the help he needed, until we stepped in to save his life.

Named Grandpa Archibald, an intact elderly male dog, it appears he met with an accident and was left disabled. He arrived dehydrated, with wounds and tick-borne diseases that cause severe anaemia. We nursed him through and he is a happy boy now.



COCA COLA



ARCHIBALD



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Coca Cola has also made a miraculous recovery. He was barely alive on arrival and could only lift his head. He was starved, dehydrated and dying from tick-borne disease. We brought him back from the brink.



MUSIC

Look at Music now! He arrived at the sanctuary with a heavily infected severed limb stump, tick-borne diseases-babesia gibsoni and Ehrlichiosis, but with the correct diagnosis, treatments and lots of love and care, he made a wonderful recovery.



MUSIC



THANKS TO YOUR SUPPORT!



DOSHY



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Doshy was an owned pup that fell off a roof onto concrete and sustained a serious head injury. She arrived at the sanctuary really poorly, but, with treatments, is recovering well. She is such a sweetie!

FRANCIS

Francis arrived with a horrible, maggot infested wound that had eaten away his ear. He soon recovered under our care.



FRANCIS

OUR CAT LOUNGE



HOMING

We try to find as many suitable homes as possible for the dogs and cats we have nursed back to health because that allows us to take in more dire emergencies. We simply can't keep every animal we rescue or are dumped at the sanctuary. So many pups are dumped every week and it's a huge strain on our capacity and limited resources. We mainly home pups as adult dogs are harder to find decent homes for in Sri Lanka. All homed animals are neutered and fully vaccinated and we offer free vaccinations and veterinary care for life for every homed SOS dog and cat. That way, these dogs and cats live longer and healthier lives.

These are some of the gorgeous pups we have homed in recent weeks.





BIRTHDAY FEEDING PROGRAM



On the eve of her birthday in October, Kim, the founder of the charity who was in Sri Lanka, wanted to do a huge community feeding program that went well into the night, finishing at 10.45pm. Feeding starving street animals is the most fulfilling act ever and the dogs and cats were so grateful.

Whilst carrying out this massive operation, we treated many dogs with skin conditions too. So, all in all, so many animals benefitted and so many empty tumms were filled.

Around 650 street animals were fed that evening. With our sanctuary animals too, that equates to 2650 dogs and cats fed a cooked meal on that single day!

1.5 tonne of food was freshly cooked. Our dedicated kitchen started work at 4am to prepare this huge quantity of food. It was an amazing team effort and the best birthday gift for Kim.



Some Recent Rescues and why we need to be there for these desperate souls.



SPECIAL APPEAL

"We can't heal the world today but we can begin with a voice of compassion, a heart of love, an act of kindness." - Mary Davis

The dire economic crisis in Sri Lanka continues to have a profound effect on the charity. In the last months we are struggling to raise our running costs and our expenditure has exceeded our income. Food costs, medicine, electricity to run the sanctuary, fuel for our vehicles, gas to cook for our animals, and just about everything else has soared. We have had increased expenses of having to buy a new generator as our old generator was failing and without power. With constant power cuts in Sri Lanka, we simply can't function at the sanctuary without basics like electricity and water. We have many essential repairs at the sanctuary too, like leaking roofs and had to fund a new tube well as we had an inadequate water supply for our operations. Imagine running out of water when we are caring for 2000 plus rescues! We face so many daily challenges trying to help the voiceless and so much more needs to be done at the sanctuary, but lack of funds is always our greatest obstacle.

The best way to help is by **DONATING!**

Monthly Standing Orders...

...really help us to have a regular income to fund our running costs each month.

If every single rescued dog and cat at the sanctuary were sponsored, that would generate approximately half of our monthly running costs, ease our situation substantially, and help with the survival of this vital project.

We have 400 disabled dogs - Sponsorship is £25 a month

We have 1653 other dogs - Sponsorship is £10 a month

We have 25 cats - Sponsorship is £10 a month

Please do consider setting up a standing order either directly with your bank or by completing the form in the newsletter. You can download a standing order form from our website via www.animalsos-sl.com.

Donate by Cheque

Please make cheques payable to: Animal SOS Sri Lanka
Post to: **12 Cheyne Avenue, South Woodford, London E18 2DR**

Donate via card

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Giving Life Through a Legacy

Our charity is run by dedicated, unpaid volunteers in the UK, so donations and legacies go directly to the animals in need and that is the way we want it to be and we are sure our supporters agree. There are no fat cat salaries like with other charities. Our charity admin is covered by Kim and other volunteers. Legacies will give our charity a future, will save many more lives, help us to expand our work, to plan ahead and reach many more desperate souls in dire need.

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 Animal SOS Sri Lanka in your will.



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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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thank you!