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ANIMAL SOS SRI LANKA

Animal SOS Sri Lanka
UK Registered Charity 1119902

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 2021

- We are currently caring for **1926 dogs** and **37 cats** at the sanctuary
- We provided over **20,000** treatments for disease, wounds, fractures and tumours
- We sterilized **650 dogs** and **cats** and conducted **250** other surgeries
- We provided over **10,000** blood tests/smears/chemistry/haematology
- We provided over **9500** anti-parasitic treatments (worming, tick/flea treatments)
- We provided over **9000** vaccinations against rabies and other deadly viruses
- We feed over **3000 cats and dogs EVERY day** (sanctuary animals and hungry strays in the area) and operate the largest feeding programme in Sri Lanka
- We are operational **EVERY** day of the year



DELIA

Enjoying her precious life because we stepped in when she needed us the most. Delia was a very frail street pup that met with an accident. She arrived at the sanctuary disabled, but after gaining her strength, started walking again. All our rescues deserve a second chance and that is what we give them.

VISITORS TO THE SANCTUARY



Jeremiah Bullfrog loves relaxing and cooling off in water bowls. Jeremiah was found during our community feeding round and has been with us ever since. He was such a frail pup then and had a rectal prolapse too. He is the healthiest boy now.

Our work saves and transforms so many lives.





KARI



BONBON

Both pups were hit by trains and sustained horrific injuries. They arrived on the brink of death and in shock through blood loss. We battled so hard to save them and they battled hard to stay with us too. We managed to save them both and although Kari remains disabled, they both live fulfilled and happy lives at the sanctuary.



TIMMY JONES



BLUEY

The photos say it all - he arrived in a truly horrific state and was sprayed blue! We not only saved his life, we also turned his life around. Bluey lives happily at the sanctuary.



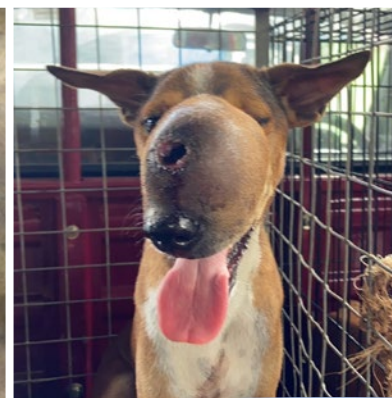
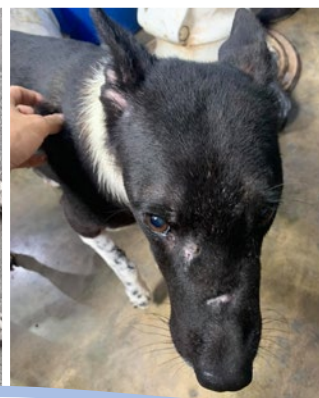
Dying from disease and neglect by the roadside. We restored his health and gave him a happier future at the sanctuary.



CILLAN

Cancer cases (Transmissible venereal tumours) that we were successfully cured.

CAPRIO





CANCERS



INJURIES FROM SNARES/HAKKAPATAS

OUR VITAL WORK, OUR

We are incredibly busy at the sanctuary 365 days a year and every day face new challenges. We remain strong for the animals that need us, although we do struggle emotionally with some of the cases we

take in, the sheer suffering of so many animals, the demands on us that we can't meet and the cruelty we see far too often. However, their suffering is always greater than ours and direct action from



**ROAD &
OTHER
ACCIDENTS**



**PORCUPINE
INJURY**

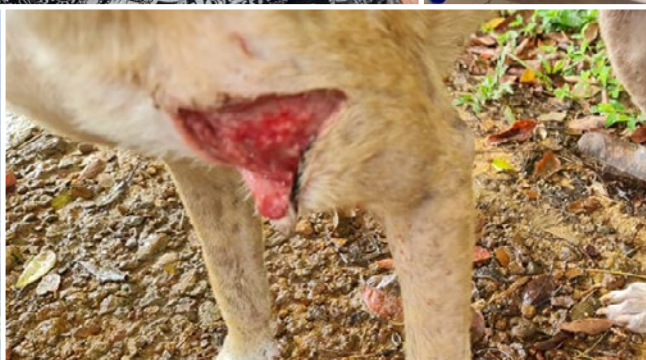


ANIMAL DUMPING

CHALLENGES AND THE SUFFERING

us is what they need the most to save their lives. Many of the animals we take in have a cocktail of life threatening conditions and injuries. These are just a few of the 100s of

animals we have helped in the last months. Remember, these are the lucky ones that were rescued and treated. Many more suffer in silence without any help or hope of survival.



**OTHER
CRUELTY
CASES**



ADOPTIONS & HOMING

Our sanctuary is for disabled, vulnerable and abused animals that are unable to live safely on the streets of Sri Lanka. Therefore, once nursed back to health from the horrendous condition they arrive in, we endeavour to find as many loving homes as possible for our healthy rescues. We can't keep every case we take in because maintaining a sanctuary and good animal welfare standards incurs huge monthly costs for a small charity. We are already running one of the largest sanctuaries in the world for street animals and struggle from month to month just to keep going. Some dogs need to be returned back to their areas after treatments, if it is safe to do so of course. This also depends on whether someone is feeding them, or we can include them on our community feeding round. That way we can reach and treat more animals in desperate

need with our limited resources. Every day we get requests to take in dozens of very upsetting and deserving cases. Sadly, we can't help them all as we are already stretched because of our financial restraints and space at the sanctuary. Unless we have sufficient funds to expand, this won't change for a while. It's tragic as it's a life and death situation for these animals. The lucky ones come to us, but many more are doomed. These are some of the dogs we homed in recent months.



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.



ANTIQUE Dying alone by the roadside, but we changed her fate and just look at our lovely Antique now!



Sello was cruelly abandoned near the sanctuary by her owner. She was so incredibly depressed, she broke our hearts. However, we rescued her and she found true love and happiness with us.

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



It was the founder's birthday in October and a kind supporter's birthday on the very same day. Kim sponsored the community feeding program and the kind supporter called Nigel, funded the meal for our sanctuary animals. The sanctuary animals and many hungry strays in the area had a real feast. This amounted to around 3500 cats and dogs fed in one day in the largest feeding program in Sri Lanka. Another supporter called Sachani, sponsored a meal at the sanctuary on 11th December to commemorate the 1st death anniversary of her beloved dog Elsa. What a lovely gesture! We really need more support for our huge feeding programs. If you want to sponsor a meal at the sanctuary or contribute in any way at all, please do help with a donation. The cost of feeding our sanctuary animals is around £825 a day (for their main cooked

meal). The cost of feeding the street dogs in our area depends on the amount of food we cook, but we endeavour to feed at least another 1000 a day if we can, so that is around

£412 a day. We cook 1 tonne of food just for our sanctuary animals! Feeding costs account for around half of our monthly running costs. It's a huge commitment, but to allow these animals to starve and die is unthinkable. With YOUR support, we can continue keeping all these animals fed and alive.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS & COMMEMORATIONS



URGENT APPEAL FOR FUNDS

We are extremely short of funds. Covid has hit our charity hard, the demands on us grow, the level of suffering is endless and costs have risen in Sri Lanka. We want to resume our vital community neutering and vaccination programs, as this is the best way to reduce animal suffering and unwanted litters born to suffer and die. For that, we urgently need a steady influx of donations not only to keep this project afloat for the sake of all rescues and many others we help on a daily basis, but also to help reduce the amount of suffering at the root cause – overpopulation. We can do this through our community neutering/vaccination programs. Their lives depend on us and we depend on our lovely supporters. 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 £47,000 a month. This is a huge amount for a small charity but we are doing a huge amount of work too. Look at the numbers of animals we feed every day that would otherwise starve. Look at the critical cases we take in every day that would otherwise die. The gift of life and providing a happier future is the most valuable gift you will ever make.

Your donations can help us in many ways:

- Fund our neutering and rabies vaccinations programmes that benefit so many animals and humans, reducing rabies, animal suffering and unwanted litters.
- 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 programmes – around 3000 cats and dogs fed EVERY day - the sanctuary animals and starving strays in the area.



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

"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



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RESCUED
JUST IN TIME!



We do not know what happened to Beauty, a stray dog in Sri Lanka, but when she arrived at our sanctuary we fought the greatest battle to save her life. She arrived collapsed, dehydrated and had a fractured jaw, an horrific facial injury and prolapsed eye. She also had blood parasite diseases. We gave Beauty what she needed the most, a chance, and, after many weeks of specialist care and surgery to repair her jaw, she pulled through and is now a healthy and very contented girl at our sanctuary. These happy endings are only possible because of the dedicated work of Animal SOS Sri Lanka, a UK Registered Charity working flat out every day to save lives and alleviate animal suffering in Sri Lanka. The charity has saved 1000s of otherwise doomed animals over the last decade and is currently giving refuge to over 2000 homeless strays. However, we desperately need funds to continue this lifesaving work.

Please LIKE us on www.animalsos-sl.com

PLEASE HELP!

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.....

Address.....

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Or make a secure donation online www.animalsos-sl.com {E} info@animalsos-sl.com {T} 07773 746108

thank you!