



## The Soi Dog Foundation 2011 Annual Review

## 2011 The Year In Review

A message from Soi Dog's Vice President, John Dalley...

Firstly, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all Soi Dog supporters for your support this past year.

As I often say we can only do as much as the support we receive allows, and 2011 has seen us achieve a lot together.

Each year seems to be more challenging than the last and 2012 I already know will be no exception.

Entering the year at the height of a terrible distemper epidemic on Phuket with your help we were able to bring that under control, and we continue now to vaccinate every dog, that comes to the shelter against this insidious disease. We still see cases but at time of writing there has been no significant outbreak this year.

In the spring the new cat facility opened at Mai Khao and has impressed everyone who has visited it. Owing to our name it sometimes goes unnoticed that Soi Dog works just as much with stray cats as we do with the dogs. Many thanks to the Marchig trust and the 5th graders of the American School of the Hague for supporting this project.

The summer saw us become involved in the illegal dog meat trade from Thailand to Vietnam. If there is one thing I want to achieve more than anything else it is to see an end to this trade, and 2012 will see us step up our efforts to finally end it. It is not a question of whether it is right or wrong to eat dog meat. These dogs are not farmed but stolen from the streets and many are people's pets.

Transported in the worst conditions, many die before reaching their final destination. The Governor of Nakhom Phanom province who led the raids in August has not surprisingly been replaced and convoys of approximately 4,000 dogs at a time continue to be smuggled over the river to Laos and then to Vietnam. 2012 sees a new highway in Laos to southern China which will only increase the demand. Soi Dog will continue to work towards stopping the trade and help introduce new animal welfare laws as major priorities in 2012.

September saw us having to buy the remaining land at our center in Mai Khao to secure the future of Soi Dog in Phuket. Again you were there for us and Soi Dog now owns all the land where the shelter sits. 2012 will hopefully see the construction of what will be the largest animal hospital in Thailand outside of the major universities.

Instead of being able to sit back though and work normally for a few months, October saw the biggest challenge yet when devastating floods hit the central region of Thailand and very soon Bangkok itself. Although not a major international story in the same way the 2004 tsunami was, and in no way comparable in terms of the human loss of life, for animals it was a far more major disaster, as most animals were able to escape the tsunami. Not so the floods and tens of thousands of animals were stranded without food. Many drowned. Calls for aid from the major international charities went largely unanswered and Soi Dog took upon itself the role of funding and coordinating the work of the many local volunteers working to save these animals.

To say that the support we received from our supporters, who had already given so much was an inspiration to me personally, is an understatement.

Soi Dog spent weeks working 16 to 20 hour days with Thai volunteers. They too are an inspiration. In the main they are young women, who worked around the clock. When unable to take time off work they would work at night often arriving at our emergency transit center at 2:00 am or 3:00 am physically drained yet continued doing this day after day. Particularly at night I cannot stress enough the dangerous conditions in which they were working.

The large number of people who are trying to help animals in Bangkok has been a revelation to me, used as I am to working in Phuket where the majority of the population are from elsewhere and here to make money from tourism, and have little interest in the street animals.

As many of you know our ambition is to see Soi Dog as a national organization in Thailand. Although I accept this may not be in my life time, a first step has been taken with Soi Dog now established in Bangkok as well as Phuket.

Soi Dog has been granted full charitable status in the United Kingdom which makes the UK our 6th country to have such status. The others being Thailand, the United States, Australia, The Netherlands and France.

Although awards are not something I am personally interested in, when they come with money I am very happy! We were honoured to receive 2 notable awards this year. In June Gill was named the first Asia Pacific regions canine hero at the Animals for Asia conference in China. In 2009 she was also named the first non Asian by birth to be named an Asian of the year by CNN in Singapore. She received a personal cheque for 10,000\$ which was donated to the land appeal.

In November Gill and I were very humbled considering the previous recipients to receive the annual Marchig Trust award and a cheque for 20,000\$ for Soi Dog which went directly to the Bangkok flood relief.

Thank you once again for your wonderful support without which we really could not help animals here. On behalf of all the volunteers around the world, our Thai staff, and of course the animals I wish you all a healthy and prosperous new year.

John Dalley Vice President

The Soi Dog Foundation

## **Operating Expenses and Revenue**

Revenues	US Dollars	Thai Baht
Contributions Interest	\$1,162,271 \$2,067	THB 36,873,043 THB 65,591
Total Revenues	\$1,164,338	THB 36,938,634
Operating Expenses		
Beneficiary Programs	\$776,367	THB 24,630,233
Administrative Expenses	\$46,566	THB 1,477,322
Fund Raising	\$11,724	THB 371,935
Total Operating Expenses	\$834,657	THB 26,479,490
Assets		
Cash & Cash Equivalents	\$535,296	THB 16,982,271
Tangible Assets	\$668,639	THB 21,212,563
Total Assets	\$1,203,935	THB 38,194,834

Soi Dog is managed and administered by volunteers at their own expense and prides itself on the effective use of donated funds. Below is a breakdown of expenditures by category.

Beneficiary Programs	93.02%
Administrative Expenses	5.58%
Fund Raising	1.40%

## **Charity Registration Details**

Soi Dog is a registered charity in...

Thailand: Charity registration - Phor.Gor. 39/2548

United States: Charity registration - 27-1600444

Australia: Charity registration - 58982568831

Holland: Charity registration - 37120202

France: Charity registration - W332011412

United Kingdom: Charity registration - 1145142

Soi Dog's accounts are fully audited and submitted to the Thai Government and the international animal charities watchdog, Animal People in the United States each year.