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2021 TRIUMPH OVER ADVERSITY

A MESSAGE FROM OUR CO-FOUNDER,
JOHN DALLEY MBE

Dear Supporters,

As I wrote the introduction for the 2020 review this time last year, I was, like I am sure everybody else in the world, hopeful that 2021 would be much better. How wrong I was.

In 2020, Thailand itself had been little affected directly by the Covid-19 virus. The impact was solely because of the country closing its borders to successfully keep the virus out, despite the huge cost in the complete shutdown of the tourism industry. Although this had a massive impact on us in terms of visitors, volunteers and overseas adoptions, at least we were not having to worry about the virus itself.

All that changed in March this year when Thailand had far more cases in one month than in the previous 14 combined, and for many months the situation only got worse. In the following six months, two of our mobile teams, one in Bangkok and one in the south, had to self-isolate and stop work completely for three weeks. Then in October, the entire hospital and shelter complex in Phuket was locked down for most of the month following several members of staff testing positive despite them all being vaccinated. I am immensely proud of our team who nevertheless remained on site, sleeping on floors and in tents to ensure no animals suffered due to the temporary closure.

On top of all this, in July, the United States Centers for Disease Control (CDC) at very short notice introduced a ban on all imports of dogs from over 60% of the world's countries, including Thailand, on the basis that canine rabies is still present to some degree in those countries. The CDC advised that they did not have sufficient resources to monitor imports during the Covid pandemic. Thanks to our supporters, we did manage to get nearly 100 dogs to new homes in the USA before the ban came into place. We are now working with leading US-based organisations and legal experts to persuade the CDC to introduce titer testing and import permits as an alternative to the ban. This method has been successful in Europe as well as the US state of Hawaii. I believe we will see this change implemented but, based on recent comments from the CDC, it will likely take two years to happen.

Remarkably, thanks to you, we have managed to absorb the impact of all this and more. 2021 was yet again a record year in terms of animals helped through the generosity of our supporters.

BECAUSE OF YOU:

- More animals were sterilised this year than ever before, preventing the unnecessary birth and suffering of literally millions of innocent puppies and kittens (see pages 7-16 for full details).
- More animals than ever before are being treated in our hospitals and by our community outreach teams (see pages 33-37 and 25-26).
- A record amount of food was supplied to volunteer feeders and carers, who previously relied on hotel and restaurant leftovers to feed the stray animals in their area.
- Over 120 tonnes of dog and cat food was supplied to the victims of monsoon flooding in Central Thailand, saving many lives as a result (see pages 40-41).

But the one record I really did not want to see broken was the number of animals permanently in our care. With virtually no visitors and volunteers and then the introduction of the CDC ban, the number of animals being adopted has been severely affected at a time when animals needing shelter has been at an all-time high as a direct result of Covid.

Three areas in particular have accounted for this rise: a huge increase in abandoned pets by both foreigners and Thais who, with no work, have left Phuket and their dogs behind; a marked increase in pets abandoned because of health issues, as owners could not afford the cost of veterinary

treatment; and a huge increase in dogs and even some cats being trapped in snares intended for catching wildlife, particularly wild boar, as people looked for other ways to find food. At the end of the year, Soi Dog had nearly 150 animals that had needed a limb amputating, mainly on account of being trapped in such snares.

Again, thanks solely to supporters like yourself, we have managed to cope with this by building additional accommodation on land we purchased in 2020 in case of just such a situation occurring.

In 2003, when Soi Dog Foundation first started, my late wife Gill and I had a dream. If you had told me then that today you and other people like you would be helping so many animals and preventing so much suffering, I would have been very sceptical. Today in 2021, Soi Dog continues to directly sterilise and treat more animals than any organisation anywhere in the world. You have made this dream a reality. You have made it happen, and I cannot thank you enough.

But we will never rest whilst there is so much more to do. We have some very ambitious plans for 2022 that will only come to fruition with your continued support. We plan to increase the number of full-time mobile teams from nine to 12 and more than double the number of local groups we help. The target for next year alone will be 200,000 animals sterilised. Just think how many unwanted puppies and kittens this will prevent from being born into a short and painful existence.

Together we can end the suffering of stray dogs and cats, not only in Thailand but across Asia. Yes, it will take many, many years to achieve, but the impact you are having already is huge. Issues like the dog meat trade, animal cruelty, mass poisonings and shootings only occur because there are too many unwanted dogs and cats on the streets. Our aim is to end the underlying problem humanely whilst also improving the care for those that remain on the streets and educating future generations about animal welfare and the need to respect all life.

Please continue to help the animals of Thailand and beyond. You are vital to Soi Dog completing its mission. In addition, despite Covid, I do hope that some of you will be able to consider visiting us personally to see for yourself just what your amazing support is accomplishing.

Thank you again. I wish you and your loved ones a happy, healthy and safe 2022.

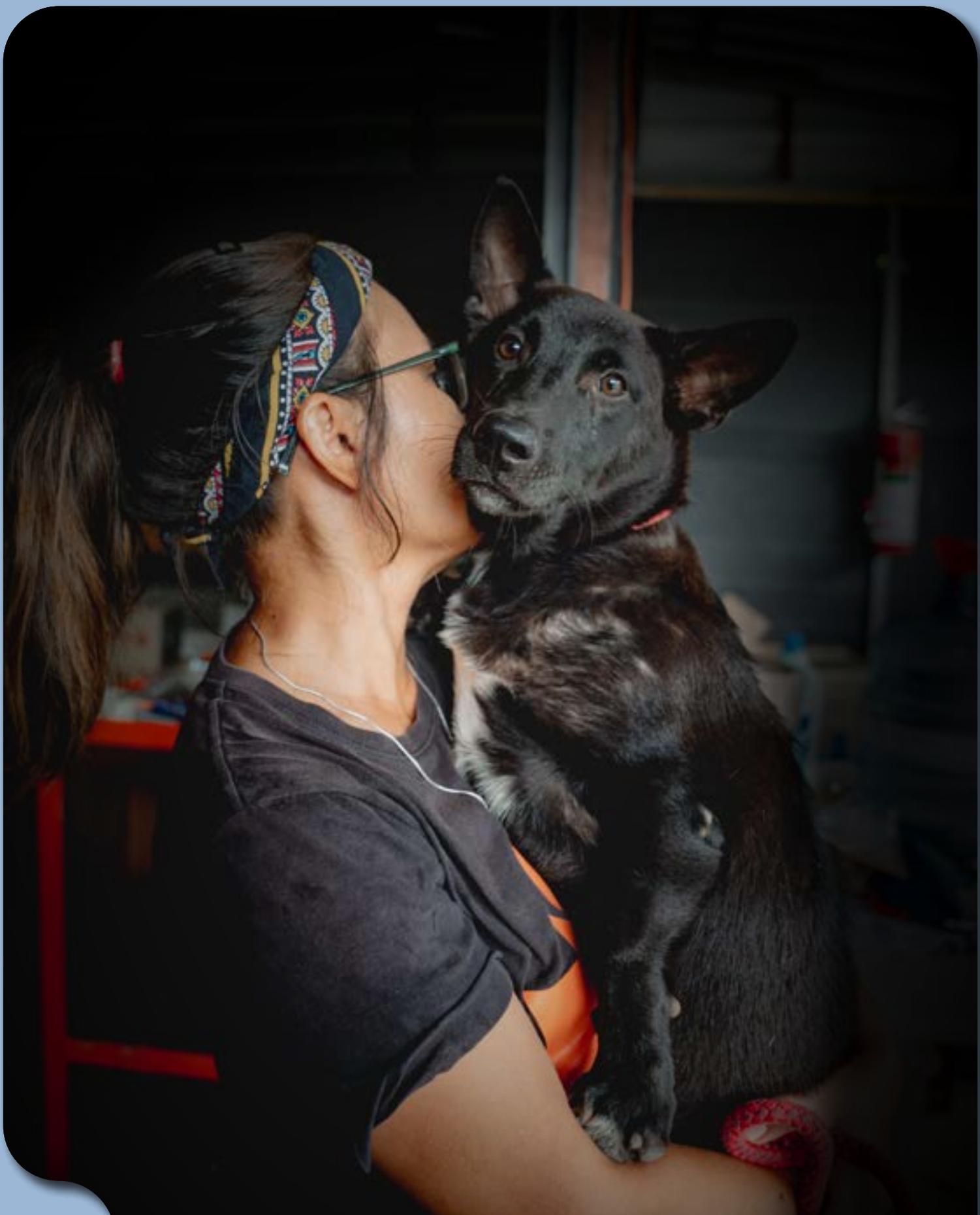


John Dalley MBE

*Co-founder and President
Soi Dog Foundation International
On behalf of the SDIF board*

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A photograph of a woman with dark hair tied back, wearing a patterned headband and glasses, kissing a black dog on the cheek. The dog is sitting upright and looking towards the camera. The background is dark and out of focus, suggesting an indoor setting. The overall mood is warm and affectionate.

PROGRAMMES



CNVR

SPAY AND NEUTER PROGRAMME

YOU DID IT...**AGAIN!**

Despite the various challenges faced, and the climate under which it has operated, it is with huge pride and gratitude for your ongoing support that we are delighted to announce another record year for Soi Dog's Catch, Neuter, Vaccinate, Return (CNVR) programme.

The programme has grown year on year since its inception, even more rapidly so during the past five years, and your generosity during 2021 enabled the neutering and vaccinating of **142,540** dogs and cats right across Thailand and taken what is already the largest project of its kind in the world to new heights. This number represents an increase of 17% on 2020.



142,540
dogs and cats neutered and vaccinated

A BRIEF HISTORY

Widely regarded among animal welfare and population management experts as the most effective, humane and sustainable method of tackling the overpopulation of stray animals, CNVR is the cornerstone of Soi Dog's mission to eliminate the suffering of stray dogs and cats in Asia.

Back in 2003, the focus of Soi Dog's CNVR programme was in Phuket, with the estimated stray dog population on the island a mind-boggling 70,000. That number dramatically diminished through a methodical and sustained approach.

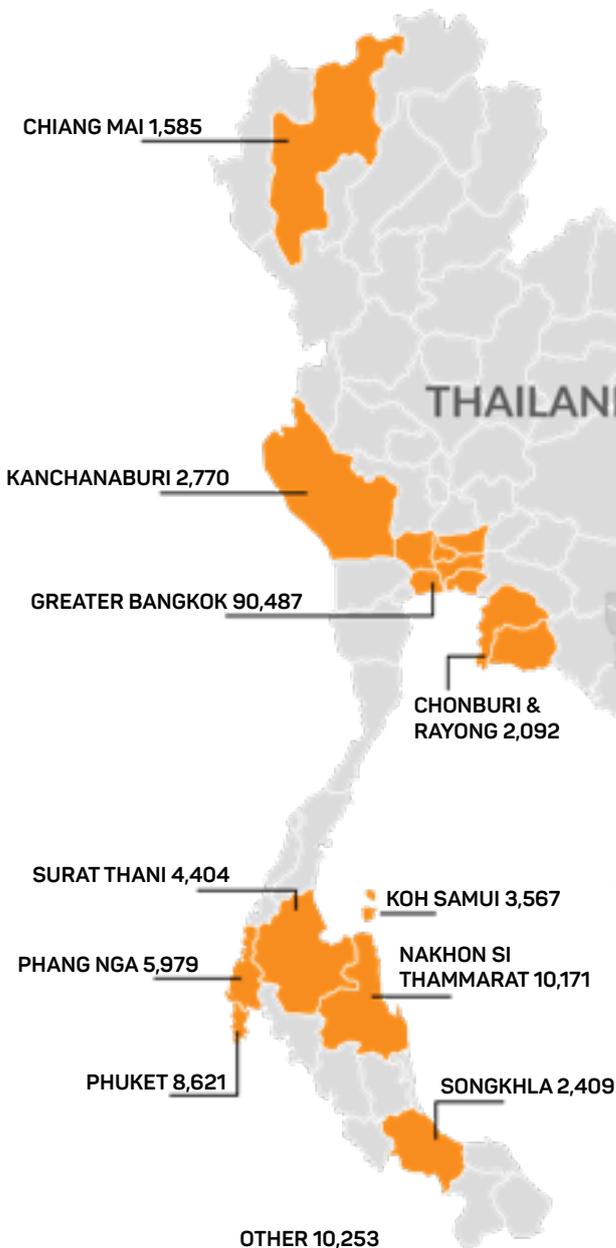
Inspired by the success of the programme in Phuket, and buoyed by your unwavering support, we embarked on the expansion of the programme to Bangkok in 2012.

In the years that followed, the programme steadily expanded to other provinces and islands – Kanchanaburi, Phang Nga, Chonburi, Songkhla, Koh Samui and Koh Phangan, to name a few.

More recently, the programme has branched out to three of Thailand's largest provinces – Nakhon Si Thammarat, Surat Thani and Chiang Mai.

Some of the projects are carefully chosen collaborative efforts, but many of them are a result of the increase in the number of our mobile CNVR teams, which now total nine.





A NEW DAWN, A SIMILAR NARRATIVE

At the close of 2020, we saw out a year that had been one of the most challenging in So i Dog’s history. We gladly waved goodbye and looked forward to 2021, awash with the optimism of a fresh beginning that a new year brings.

A reality quickly emerged that the challenges we had previously faced merely amplified during the course of the next 12 months, and it seemed that pandemic restrictions would once again hamper our CNVR programme as they had to an extent the previous year. Indeed, two of our nine mobile CNVR teams endured enforced hiatuses for three weeks, having been forced to self-isolate because of close-contact regulations.

It was a fresh outbreak of Covid-19 in Samut Sakhon, Bangkok, in late 2020 that signified the beginning of a steep rise in cases that continued across Thailand throughout 2021. In Bangkok in particular, resulting restrictions once again proved challenging to the movement of our mobile CNVR teams around the Thai capital.

This also proved to be the case for much of the mobile CNVR effort in Southern Thailand, which saw one of our teams based in Nakhon Si Thammarat province heavily impeded by Covid-enforced restrictions. They turned their attention to remote areas, seeking much harder-to-catch dogs for sterilisation. The province has now seen over **34,000** animals neutered and vaccinated since 2018.

So i Dog’s

CNVR

programme now stretches the entire length of the country, and across the eastern border into Cambodia

AGAINST THE ODDS

Your continued support through these turbulent times is responsible for the expansion of the CNVR programme, including the addition of a third mobile team in Southern Thailand, the ninth overall, the beginnings of a collaboration project in the northern province of Chiang Mai, a return to one of Thailand's most iconic islands – Koh Samui – to complete our first neuter and vaccination sweep of the island since 2018, and another record year for our Bangkok CNVR project.

BIG CITY, BIG NUMBERS

With heartfelt thanks to your generosity and the fantastic ongoing support of Dogs Trust Worldwide, the records keep on tumbling in Thailand's capital, Bangkok. Across the Metropolitan area and its 50 districts, home to 10.7 million people, thousands of stray animals and six of our nine mobile teams, **90,487** animals were neutered and vaccinated in 2021, an increase of 15% on 2020.



FIRST FORAY IN NORTHERN THAILAND

Soi Dog's first ventures into CNVR in northern Thailand has seen some of your financial support allocated to a third-party project in Thailand's second largest province – Chiang Mai. Covering a vast area of over 20,000 km², larger than entire countries such as Israel and Slovenia, the province is home to thousands of stray dogs and the continuation of the project through the course of 2021 saw **1,585** of them neutered and vaccinated.

SPAYING IN SAMUI

With different potential sources of new, unsterilised animals on the street – for example, abandoned pets or unwanted litters of puppies or kittens from unsterilised adults – one of the keys to the effectiveness of any spay/neuter project is the return to areas previously visited in order to target those animals.

The mobile CNVR programme returned to the island of Koh Samui for the first time in three years to perform a routine follow-up visit to the 2017/18 effort that saw just over 9,000 dogs and cats neutered and vaccinated. Our first visit to the island since then, for four months between February and June, saw a further **3,026** dogs and **541** cats neutered and vaccinated.

SERIOUS ABOUT THE SOUTH

Since the origins of CNVR in Phuket, Soi Dog has continually sought to expand the effort nationwide, Bangkok being the obvious destination. But the growth of the programme in Southern Thailand began in neighbouring Phang Nga province in 2015, added the islands of Koh Samui and Koh Phangan in 2017, the province of Songkhla the following year and also embarked on a long-term project in Nakhon Si Thammarat in 2018, a province in which over **10,000** animals were neutered this year.

The launch of our third southern mobile team in July saw the mobile clinic begin neutering and vaccinating stray dogs and cats on mainland Surat Thani. They reached over **4,400** animals there by the end of December.

All told, the southern mobile project was responsible for the neutering and vaccination of over **23,000** animals in 2021.



PHUKET NOT FORGOTTEN

The roots of the programme have not been forgotten. Over **9,000** animals - two thirds of them cats - passed through the spay/neuter suite based at the sanctuary in Phuket. Such is the impact of the CNVR programme on stray dogs, the increase in the cat population as a direct result of fewer dogs on the streets of the island was predicted many years ago. Phuket, though, remains the only location where the number of cats neutered outstrips the number of dogs.

INTERNATIONAL CNVR

For the first time in the history of Soi Dog's CNVR effort, we branched into foreign territory by supporting a spay/neuter project in the Cambodian capital, Phnom Penh. In a country where your support enables us to continue to campaign against the dog meat trade, over **200** dogs were sterilised in November and December. The beginnings of what we hope will be continued growth that leads to a reduction in the stray population there, is also a signal of our commitment to help companion animals across the region.



THE YEAR OF THE VACCINE

2021 may well go down in modern history as the year of the vaccine – the Covid-19 vaccine, to be precise.

However, vaccination is equally as important to dogs' and cats' protection against diseases like parvovirus, distemper and rabies. That means that every single dog or cat you helped to neuter last year also received vital vaccine

protection. You helped not only the animals on the street through our CNVR programme but also provided the same level of protection to stray animals in the community and the hundreds of dogs housed at the government-operated Phuket Stray Dog Shelter.

Quite simply, without your help these dogs and cats would otherwise be living with the very real risk of dying from entirely preventable diseases. Thank you so much for looking out for them.



650,000

all-time number of dogs and cats
neutered and vaccinated since 2003

ANOTHER YEAR OF MILESTONES

In March, your support of the CNVR mission saw a monthly record of 14,100 dogs and cats neutered and vaccinated, the first time 14,000 has been surpassed in a single month.

During the same month, the number of dogs and cats reached by the programme in the Greater Bangkok area since it began there in 2012 sailed through the **300,000** mark.

July saw the launch of our ninth mobile CNVR team, the third in the southern region, in the province of Surat Thani – the largest of the southern provinces and sixth biggest in Thailand, covering an area of almost 13,000 square kilometres.

In August, the overall number of dogs reached by the CNVR programme hit the **half-a-million** mark, while December saw the total number of cats neutered by Soi Dog surpass **100,000**.

By the close of the year, the all-time number of dogs and cats reached by the CNVR project since 2003 topped the **650,000** mark.

OTHER CNVR INTERVENTIONS

In September, we travelled to Koh Kood, an island 40 kilometres off the coast of Trat province, just north of the Cambodian border.

The island is home to hundreds of free-roaming dogs as well as a small dog shelter managed by the local administration. Your support has enabled previous CNVR projects on Koh Kood since 2016, this marking our fourth visit there, and saw over **200** dogs neutered and vaccinated this time around.

Staying in the gulf of Thailand, three months later, in December in Trat province, we visited nearby Koh Chang and neutered a further **218** dogs on the island.

Our Phuket mobile clinic team were also able to resume work in December. Their first stop: Coconut Island. Located off the east coast of Phuket, and only accessible by boat, the 1,000-acre island is home to many feral, difficult-to-catch dogs. It took the team just over a week and a half to neuter and vaccinate all of the dogs there.

December also saw the team return to Koh Khai Nai, an island in Phang Nga province affectionately known as “cat island”, to check on its feline residents as a follow-up to our sterilisation and vaccination drive there at the end of 2020. We tended to several of the island’s cats who were showing signs of flu, and neutered a small number of unsterilised cats.



CNVR 2021 **TIMELINE**

Began neutering dogs in **CHIANG MAI**



JANUARY

FEBRUARY

Started a four-month return project in **KOH SAMUI**



14,100
Record number of procedures in one month

Surpassed **300,000** all-time animals neutered and vaccinated in Bangkok

MARCH

MAY

50,000 animals so far in 2021



MOBILE TEAM 9 launched in Surat Thani province



JULY

AUGUST

Surpassed **500,000 DOGS** neutered since Soi Dog began

100,000 ANIMALS so far in 2021

Intervention project on **KOH KOOD** near the Cambodian border

SEPTEMBER

NOVEMBER

Started the first overseas CNVR project in **CAMBODIA**



Intervention project on **KOH CHANG**

Surpassed **650,000** dogs and cats sterilised since Soi Dog began

DECEMBER



LOOKING TO THE FUTURE

Plans have been in place for the continued expansion of the CNVR programme for some time. Curtailed thus far by Covid-19, we're positive that 2022 will see some of them come to fruition.

To begin, the notable tenth Soi Dog CNVR team started training at the beginning of November 2021 and is due to launch in time for World Spay and Neuter Awareness Month, February 2022.

We are extremely grateful for and pleased to announce the securing of ongoing funding from Dogs Trust Worldwide who support 50% of the Bangkok arm of the mobile CNVR programme. This will enable the further development of the programme in Thailand's capital city.



Soi Dog is also committed to funding 16 third-party CNVR projects across Thailand during 2022, covering the 1,000-mile length of the country.

The CNVR programme is set to go from strength to strength, continuing to eliminate the suffering of animals in the region by tackling the root cause – overpopulation – and we are extremely optimistic that with your amazing support, which has already achieved so much in such a short space of time, this dream can become a reality.



ADOPTION AND INTERNATIONAL PARTNER RESCUE PROGRAMME (IPRP)

In 2021, your support made it possible for a total of 714 rescued animals to find the loving homes they deserved, representing just a 2% reduction on 2020. Of these animals, 405 were adopted locally here in Thailand, while 309 travelled overseas to join homes in Europe and North America.

Just over two-thirds of our adoptions were to 'private' individuals and families who enquired directly through our website, while the remaining third were to trusted rescue organisations Soi Dog partners with in the USA and Canada who welcomed our dogs and cats to their facilities and helped them find their perfect homes from there.

PRIVATE ADOPTION

Private adoptions within Thailand were down 31% on 2020 which was reflective of the country's wider economic downturn. With many still dealing with the financial fallout of the pandemic, it followed that fewer were actively looking to adopt or were in a position to responsibly do so.

The pandemic continued to impact international adoptions too, with various travel restrictions still in place and cargo costs continuing to climb. However, in spite of this, 80 dogs and cats found new homes overseas. Our top destinations were the USA, Canada and the UK. A small number of animals were also adopted to the Netherlands, Switzerland, Ireland, Czechia and Germany.



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dogs and cats left Soi Dog
for new homes in 2021

PARTNER RESCUE **ADOPTION**

Dovetailing with our private adoption programme, our international partner rescue programme was responsible for 229 dogs and cats travelling to North America during the year. The bulk of whom the result of a huge push to transport as many dogs as possible to the USA before an import ban took effect on July 14th.

The ban on importing dogs into the USA from over 100 countries, including Thailand, was implemented by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) who cited mounting concerns over the transmission of rabies from unvaccinated dogs entering the country. With the ban announced just a month before, on June 14th, we were left with a very narrow window in which to get our Thai rescues onto American soil.

We launched an emergency appeal, and a generous supporter matched donations up to \$50,000 USD. Your response was nothing short of incredible and meant sufficient funds were raised to fly a total of **86** dogs to partner rescues across the country, from New York to California, just in time to start their new lives. A monumental feat, and one that was only possible because of you.

Special thanks go to our partner rescues in the USA who, without question and against the clock, met the challenge of getting these deserving dogs into the country and did everything in their power to make it happen. That gratitude extends to our Canadian partner rescues for stepping up their already fantastic support, welcoming as many dogs as possible to their shores in an effort to fill the gap left in the wake of the ban.

REVISE THE BAN

The USA import ban dealt a huge blow to Soi Dog and dashed the hopes of potentially hundreds of rescued dogs. However, with the weight of our supporters behind us, we fought hard for its revision throughout the year.

In an open letter to the CDC's Chief of Quarantine and Border Health Services, we shared our support for the need for stringent disease control measures but voiced our strong concern that such a blanket ban unjustly penalised the import of dogs by legitimate rescue organisations such as Soi Dog whose dogs are fully vaccinated, correctly documented and present absolutely no health risk to humans or other animals.

Calling for the ban to be revised, we proposed a number of alternative measures that could be taken to protect human and animal populations while continuing to allow hundreds of healthy adoptable dogs to safely enter the USA.

Thousands upon thousands of you signed in support of our letter, with many of you writing your own personal heartfelt pleas to the CDC too. When no official response was received, Soi Dog, joined by the Massachusetts-based Yankee Golden Retriever Rescue and 10 other rescue organisations across the country, submitted a formal rulemaking petition to both the Secretary of the US Department of Health and Human Services and the Director of the CDC, the start of a legal process which represents the best chance of having our proposals heard and implemented in 2022.



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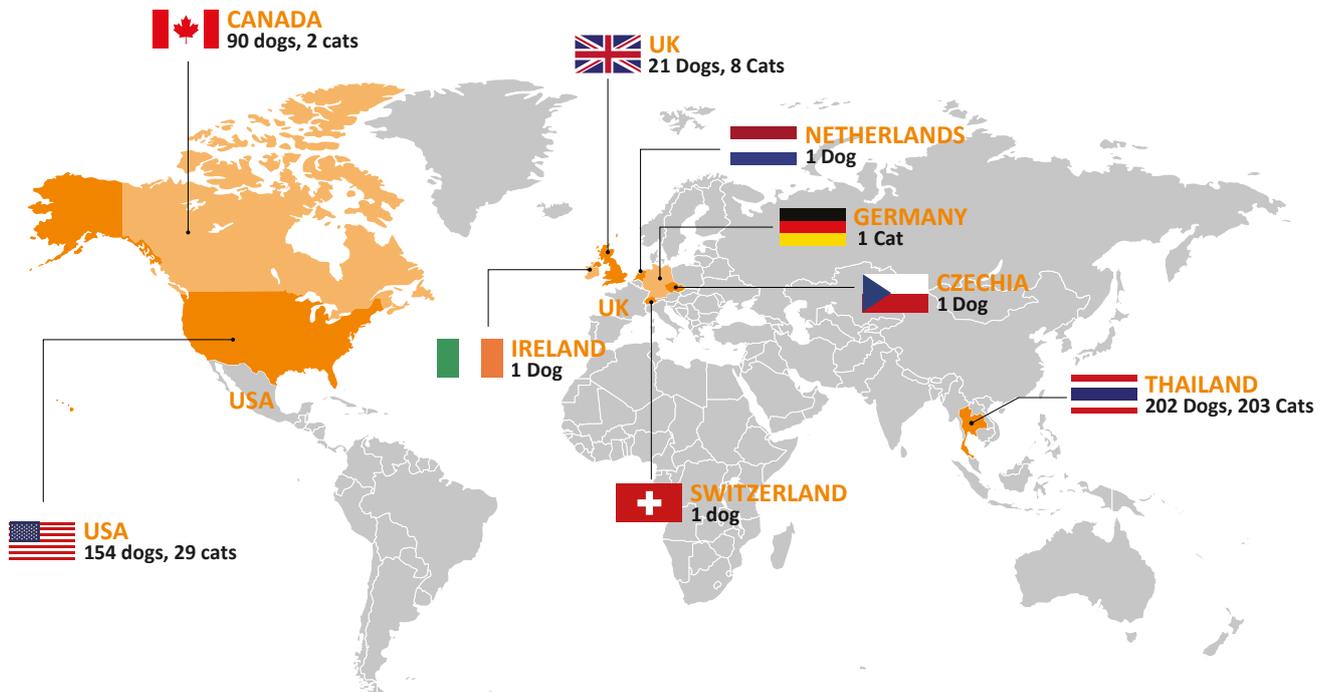
When it comes to adoption, it truly takes a village, and we're grateful to everyone who played a part. Whether you're a supporter who signed your name to our letter, a donor who contributed towards the travel costs of an adopted animal, a rescue organisation who partnered with us or an adopter who opened your heart and home to a soi dog or cat, 714 lives have been forever changed because of your actions. On behalf of every dog and cat who found their place in the world in 2021, thank you.

After a challenging year for adoptions, we closed 2021 with more animals in our care than ever before, pushing our shelter to breaking point. We must therefore find homes for as many animals as possible in 2022, and we thank you in advance for your support in this area.



WHERE DID THEY ALL GO?

This map shows the destinations of every dog and cat who left Soi Dog for their new home in 2021. Whether in Thailand or overseas, through private adoption or our North American partner rescue programme.



Danillo, whose recovery from severe mange was featured in the “Treatment” section of our 2020 End of Year Report, found a home in San Diego, USA, through our partner rescue The Barking Lot.



Tripod (centre) flew to Calgary, Canada, after recovering from a road traffic accident which cost her a leg. With the help of our partner rescue BARCS, she soon found her place as part of a pack.



Bella Mia was adopted soon after arriving at Bark n’ Roll’s Rock n’ Rescue, one of our partner rescues in Massachusetts, USA. Her pampered life now is worlds away from her tough life on the streets.

ADOPTION HIGHLIGHTS



AMIRA

Few stories have captured the hearts of our supporters or the resilience of the canine spirit as much as Amira's. Born without front legs and left to languish on the streets for nine long years before being shot in the head, it's hard to imagine the sheer amount of suffering Amira experienced prior to her rescue in October 2020. But despite it all, her tail never stopped wagging and her lust for life never wavered. Enquiries for Amira flooded in, and our adoptions team carefully considered them all before matching her with a family in Montreal, Canada. On arrival in April, she leapt straight out of her travel crate and into their arms, ready and raring to make up for the time she'd lost out on the streets. Amira now enjoys walks around the neighbourhood in her custom wheelchair, paddleboarding trips on the nearby lake and plenty of playtime with her family and three rescue dog siblings – a fun and full life, just as she deserves.

“ *She's a miracle of trust considering what was done to her, and a miracle of forgiveness, love and happiness. I still have to pinch myself because I can't believe that she got well enough to come and be with us.* **”**
- Amira's mum.



TAONARAK

The Soi Dog shelter became a place of safety for Taonarak in August 2021 after she caught a tick-borne disease that caused her to abruptly lose her vision.

The streets are no place for a blind dog, but fortunately her feeder noticed changes in her behaviour and alerted us before she could come to any harm. Taonarak adapted well to the loss of her vision and refused to let it bring her spirits down. During her short time with us, she wore a permanent smile that charmed our staff to no end and, in October, charmed a couple in Chonburi, Thailand, who welcomed her into their home. Living up to her name – which means “super cute” in Thai – Taonarak loves jumping into the nearest lap for cuddles, watching TV (despite her blindness), swimming supervised in the pool, taking trips to the beach and matching outfits with her dad.



“I know we couldn't have chosen a better friend. I admire his intelligence and curiosity. And every day I fall in love with him more and more.”
– Brownie's parents.

BROWNIE

Brownie was a long-term Soi Dog resident, brought to the shelter back in April 2016 after being deliberately run over by a car in an act of unfathomable cruelty. The impact left him with multiple fractures to his left hind leg which eventually healed with the help of a surgically implanted plate and screws. Identifiable by the wrinkles on his forehead and the scars across his body, which told the tale of his tough time on the streets, Brownie was well known and well loved by all but struggled to find a home that was the right fit for his strong character. 2021 was the year it all changed. After five years and three months – or 1,932 days – he finally left the shelter in August for a home in Dorset, UK. It took some time for him to settle in, but he's now fully accustomed to the trappings of domestic life, including the comfort of a sofa and the thrill of his very own snack drawer.



“Thank you for giving us the opportunity to welcome this fantastic family member. She may be blind, disabled or whatever people call her, but for us she is perfect.” – Taonarak's adopters.

BARBRA

Another victim of shocking cruelty, Barbra came to us after she was thrown from a building in February 2021 when she was just a month old. She survived the fall, but it caused severe trauma to her tiny body, including broken bones and a collapsed lung. Touched by her story, a kind Canadian supporter reached out right away with an offer to adopt her.



"I'm so in love with her and can't believe the miracle that I was able to adopt her. I always knew she belonged here. I think she knew too as she's so amazing and affectionate!"
- Barbra's mum.

True to her word, she waited patiently as Barbra underwent months of treatment in our intensive care unit followed by further care in both our infectious and non-infectious wards. Barbra was finally deemed fit enough to fly in August and made the journey to Calgary to join her devoted adopter and a pack of fellow rescue animals, including Soi Dog rescue Dodo the dog. Her traumatic start to life a distant memory, Barbra can now enjoy a bright future, safe in the knowledge she will never come to any harm again.

SITTHICHAJ

Sitthichai is a gentle giant who lived on the streets for seven long years until his rescue in February 2020. Our rescue officers found him at a fish market with a missing paw and a nasty open fracture to what remained of his leg. Sadly, his leg was beyond saving and had to be amputated, but he recovered well and learnt to enjoy a good, slow run around. Sitthichai was one of the 86 lucky dogs chosen by our partner rescues to fly to the USA before the CDC ban took effect. He joined the Maryland-based Senior Dog Sanctuary in June and, with their help, found his family soon after. Sitthichai – now named Dill Pickle Maroon Maly or Pickles for short – settled into his new life almost immediately, thumping around his home on three legs and befriending his dog sibling Ila. Proving that it's never too late for a second chance, 10-year-old Sitthichai now gets to live out his golden years surrounded by comfort and care.



"Honestly, he feels like the perfect fit for our family! He seemed to adjust really quickly to living in a house and is FANTASTIC with my kiddo. We adore and love him so much." - Sitthichai's family.



COMMUNITY OUTREACH AND EDUCATION

To effect true long-term change for the street animals of Thailand, it is Soi Dog's long-held belief that the local community must be on board. Leading the way in this area are our two community outreach teams who travel island-wide empowering the public to care for the animals in their neighbourhoods and assisting and educating them in doing so.

2021 was the team's busiest year to date. With your support, they treated a total of **9,838** animals, administered **15,280** individual treatments and gave **2,117** vaccinations – a 31%, 49% and 56% increase on 2020 respectively. They continued to assist our busy rescue units too by picking up 354 animals who couldn't be treated in situ on the streets and instead required intensive care on-site at our shelter. The team also distributed **112 tonnes** of dog and cat food to Soi Dog's network of volunteer stray animal feeders.

Demand for assistance via our community outreach programme increased so drastically in 2021 that plans are now in place for the launch of a third outreach team in 2022 to ensure absolutely no animal is left behind.

While the majority of animals treated through our programme are free-roaming strays, there was a noticeable increase in pets requiring treatment that their disadvantaged owners could not afford, largely due to the financial impact of the pandemic. While this may not be the demographic that Soi Dog was founded to help, an animal in need is an animal in need, and treating them within the community reduces the risk of them being abandoned or surrendered to our already-crowded shelter later down the line.

9,838
animals treated out in
the community

One area in which we saw numbers fall was in our assistance at the government-operated Phuket Stray Dog Shelter, or “pound”, on account of the facility being closed to all external assistance for the first half of the year. We were relieved to be able to resume our regular work there in July, beginning with a vaccination drive of all dogs who call the pound home which now sits around the 700 mark.

As part of our longstanding commitment to these dogs, our community outreach staff, supported by a team of Soi Dog vets and rescue officers, have long visited the pound on a weekly basis to ensure all dogs there are neutered, vaccinated, dewormed, protected against ticks and fleas and treated for any other health issues.



To provide additional support to the dogs, whose health was compromised by our involuntary six-month hiatus, two vet nurses began to visit on a daily basis to give medication and dress wounds among other treatments. Together, our staff administered **3,117** treatments at the pound (down 32%) and transferred **75** serious cases (down 71%) to our shelter for further care.

HUMANE EDUCATION

School closures and a host of other pandemic restrictions throughout the year heavily curtailed our humane education team’s usual work visiting schools and hosting students at our shelter’s humane education centre. As a result, education took a different tack in 2021 and was largely led by our community outreach team on the ground. Wherever possible, they continued to teach local feeders how to identify signs of sickness and injury in the dogs and cats they care for and even how to administer elements of first aid – an important component of our collaborative, community-focused approach.

Thank you for your continued support in this vital area of our work. It is no exaggeration to say that you are changing attitudes, empowering communities and enabling thousands of animals to live free and happy lives safely within their territories.





SPOTLIGHT ON:



SPOTLIGHT ON: A MOBILE CNVR TEAM



You may have heard us talk about our mobile CNVR programme. It is, after all, our priority programme in Thailand today and, thanks to you, it has grown to become the largest programme of its kind anywhere in the world – neutering, vaccinating and treating more stray animals than any other organisation on the planet. Doing more than just chipping away at the overwhelming population of stray animals, it is reducing numbers, improving the welfare of dogs and cats and reducing reported cases of rabies in areas in which it is active.

It is because of your support that we have been able to assemble teams of vets, vet nurses and rescue officers who carry out the vital work that is, and will continue to be, one of the major contributing components to ending the suffering of stray animals in Asia.

Have you ever wondered, though, what a mobile team consists of and how they operate? We are quite often asked those questions, so this year's "Spotlight On" is all about a Soi Dog mobile CNVR team.

TEAM STRUCTURE

Each of our mobile CNVR teams is made up of **nine** team members, **two** fully equipped rescue vehicles and a host of surgical and non-surgical equipment, including an anaesthetic machine, operating tables, surgical spay kits, lamps, dressings, a washing machine to launder linen used during procedures, a fridge to keep all of the medication at the correct temperature and temporary cages to keep patients pre and post-op.

Of the team of nine, there are **four** animal rescue officers, two per vehicle, **two** fully qualified veterinarians to carry out the spay/neuter procedures and **three** vet support staff to assist the vets during procedures, to ensure a smooth and concise running of the daily operation and to record information and coordinate with the rescue officers.



IN TRAINING

All of Soi Dog's vets complete specific spay/neuter refresher training prior to the launch. They shadow our vets who already specialise in this area.

Similarly, the new animal rescue officers will shadow existing rescue teams and learn the techniques of safe and efficient rescue and retrieval of animals.

Training takes place over a period of 12 weeks prior to the launch of the team.



IN ACTION

Soi Dog's organised and systematic approach to CNVR means that we plan ahead to determine hotspots where unsterilised dogs gather, plot the logistics of each operation and determine locations at which the mobile team can set up the clinic. Typically, they will be held in temple grounds, administrative centres or community halls.

The rescue officers operate during daytime hours, with the bulk of the retrieval taking place in the early morning hours while the dogs are moving around in search of food and the air temperature isn't too high. They are then brought to the location of the clinic to be prepped and to undergo the procedure with the vet team.

Recovery time can be as quick as one or two hours, depending on the dog. Only once fully recovered is the dog then returned to the location it was collected from.



PERFORMANCE AND OUTPUT

Many factors can affect the numbers of animals a team is capable of neutering each day, such as the original geographical location of the animal or how approachable the animal is and thus how easy/difficult it is to collect. Averagely, on each of Soi Dog's nine mobile teams, **four** animals are neutered every hour.

SET-UP AND OPERATION COSTS

This is where big numbers meet big numbers.

The cost of setting up a mobile team is **115,000 USD**. This comprises the two rescue vehicles and custom vehicle cages, all of the medical and non-medical equipment, including an anaesthetic machine and stainless steel operating tables, and the 12-week training period for all nine team members.

The monthly cost of operating a mobile team is between **26,000** and **30,000 USD**, which includes all medical supplies, including vaccines and anaesthesia drugs, vehicle operating costs, utilities and accommodation costs for the team members, ongoing repairs and maintenance and staff salaries.



PRIDE AND EFFECTIVENESS

You can be extremely proud of the sheer number of animals you are enabling to be neutered and vaccinated each month alone, and we hope that this insight into one aspect of the work that you support sheds some light on the scale of the programme in terms of its output and expense.

It is of the utmost importance that we closely monitor not only the effectiveness of the Soi Dog CNVR programme in terms of the numbers of animals reached, but also the efficiency with which your donations are used by each team on the programme.

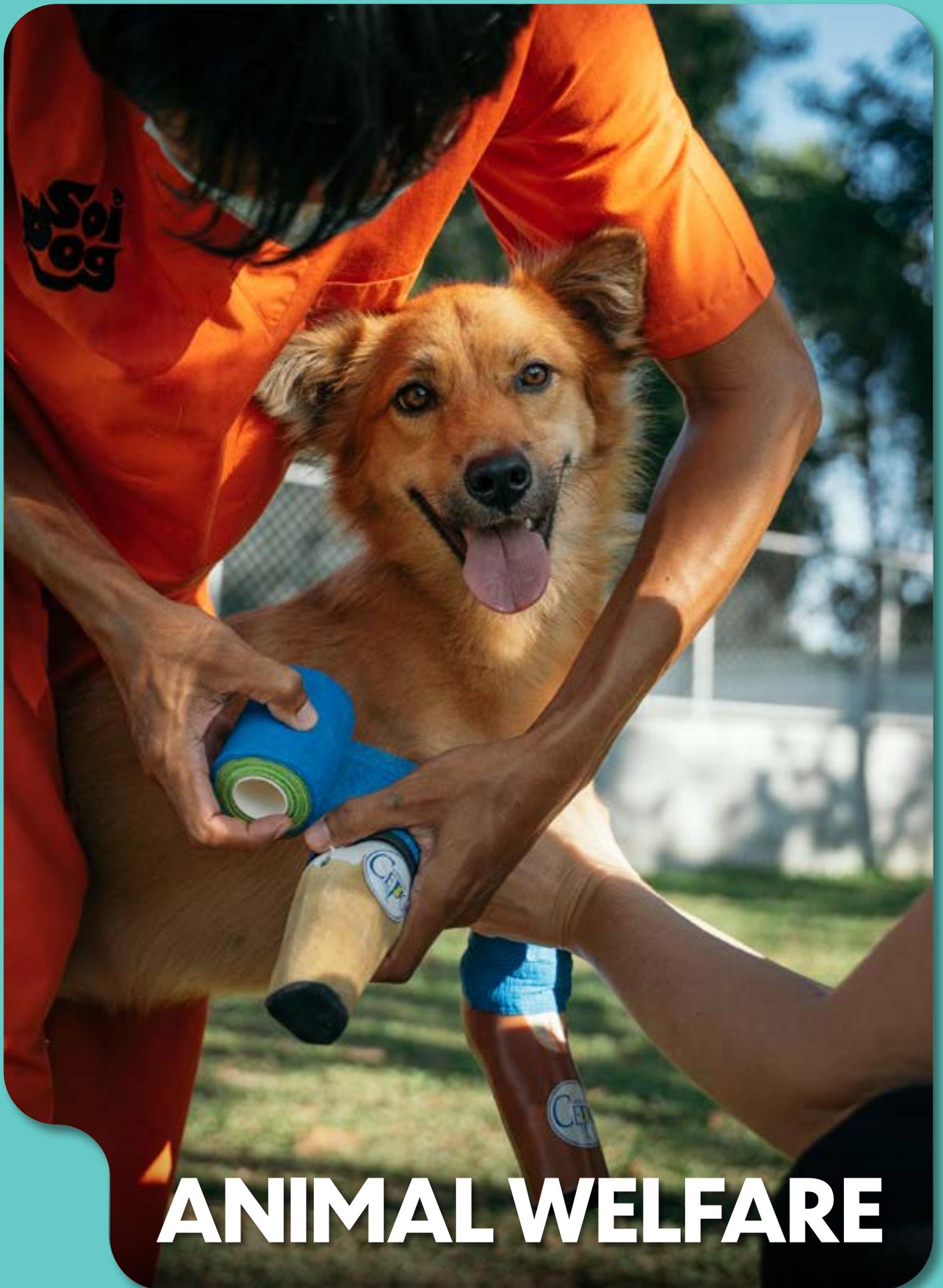
It is not always easy to see the instant benefits of a mass spay/neuter effort, and sometimes it can be difficult to comprehend the long-term effects that a programme of this magnitude is having. However, you have already achieved so much in the case of Phuket's dramatically reduced stray population, and you can now see tangible positive changes in the other locations that every CNVR team you have mobilised are working in.

PREVENTING MISERY AND HARDSHIP

We cannot stress enough just how important a cog in the animal welfare wheel the CNVR programme is. For every birth of an unwanted puppy or kitten you have prevented, we are deeply grateful.

You are tackling not only the issue of overpopulation but significantly improving the welfare of the animals who remain as well as eliminating rabies, one province at a time, and doing so on the largest scale imaginable.

Thank you so much.



ANIMAL WELFARE



RESCUE AND TREATMENT

There are a number of ways in which sick, injured and vulnerable animals come into the care of Soi Dog. Some are rushed in by concerned members of the public or collected by our animal rescue officers after reports by phone and email. Others are picked up by our community outreach teams while on their rounds or encountered by our mobile teams during their sterilisation projects. However they arrive and in whichever condition, your support ensures they receive the best care available in state-of-the-art facilities.

A total of **5,348** animals (2,698 dogs and 2,650 cats) from across Thailand were admitted into our care throughout 2021 – 4,764 to our shelter in Phuket, 365 to our mobile clinics and 219 to our clinic in Bangkok. Admissions were down 14% in Bangkok on account of lockdown restrictions which hit the capital at various stages of the year; however, admissions overall were up 2%, and our hospitals in Phuket were constantly operating at capacity.

In charge of coordinating rescue efforts and processing all arrivals in Phuket is our front office team who fielded a total of **19,771** calls for assistance throughout the year – 17,478 calls during shelter hours and 2,293 out-of-hours emergency calls. With no shortage of animals in need of treatment and safety, your continued support was absolutely crucial for the survival of so many.

5,348

dogs and cats treated in our hospitals

Thanks to you, our veterinary teams were well equipped to treat everything from traumatic injuries to life-threatening diseases to the devastating effects of abuse, neglect and abandonment. Between our dog and cat hospitals, they performed close to **1,000** surgeries, the most common being mass removals (132 performed), limb amputations (122) and eye enucleations (84). A further **441** dental procedures were performed, including extractions as well as routine cleaning, scaling and polishing.

Not a single one of these calls for help would have been answered, animals rescued or treatments administered without you. You make it all possible.



TREATMENT HIGHLIGHTS



ARJUM

A suspected bite from a monkey or fellow street dog left Arjum in a world of pain. Ignored and untreated, it developed into an enormous maggot-filled wound which required months of care to heal. With just a small scar to remind her of her ordeal, Arjum is now fully recovered and ready to find a home. She has her whole life ahead of her now, all thanks to you.

MIRKO

When Mirko was rushed to Soi Dog, her front legs were barely attached to her body, and her life was hanging by a thread. She'd been deliberately injured with a brush cutter and left for dead in a rubber plantation in an act of unbelievable cruelty. Following amputation surgery and a period of rest, Mirko was fitted with custom-made prosthetic legs and is finally able to walk again. What an incredible gift you have given her.



BEEKIN

No kitten should experience the pain that Beekin did. Taking refuge underneath a car, she was badly burned by the still-hot engine. The burn stretched from her tiny thorax to the tip of her tail, and she was on the verge of sepsis. After reconstructive surgery and a tail amputation, her fur returned and so did her confidence. It was your support that made this remarkable recovery possible, and for that we are extremely grateful.



PREE

With barely a patch of fur left on his skinny and wounded body, Pree was the very picture of neglect when he was found by our mobile team in Surat Thani. Your support meant he could be driven the 200 kilometres to our shelter for the urgent treatment he needed – and just look at him now. Tail high and spirits even higher, you have changed his world forever.





RICHCANDY

We don't know for certain how Richcandy found himself with such a horrific facial wound, but it's believed that he was slashed with a knife. Infected and crawling with maggots, the wound left him unable to eat or drink for days, and he hardly had the energy to lift his head when he arrived. You provided for the reconstructive surgery and aftercare he needed and put a smile back on his handsome face. Thank you.

FIRESTAR

Firestar was caught in a snare, and the wire squeezed her waist so tight that she could barely walk. Rushed into our ICU, she underwent emergency surgery to remove the wire and relieve the restriction on her organs. Firestar's story received more comments and reactions online than any other in 2021. It is only thanks to you that this story has a happy ending. She is now in the comfort of our cattery, safe and happy.





BEHAVIOUR AND ENRICHMENT

With more animals in our care than ever before – and many being victims of cruelty, neglect and abandonment – your support carried our behaviour and enrichment team through a hugely challenging but ultimately rewarding year which saw hundreds of dogs heal from trauma and fear.

The team of five completed a total of **488** behaviour assessments throughout the year, which represented an increase of 7% on 2020. The assessment process is in place to help identify dogs in need of behavioural therapy ahead of adoption – the end goal for all animals under our care. At any one point during the year, the team were providing this important therapy to an average of **147** dogs.

However, the team's work is not only about rehabilitating dogs in preparation for adoption. It's also about enriching their days and providing a quality of life for the duration of their stay at the shelter, however long that may be. One particular stand-out case in this area is Bigboss.

Bigboss was brought to Soi Dog in October 2019 after being abandoned in a supermarket car park. A 50-kilogram Caucasian Shepherd, this enormous purebred girl is unlike any other dog ever admitted into our care.

Soon after her arrival, it became clear that Bigboss had a distrust of strangers and other animals, a characteristic common in guard dog breeds like hers. As a result, she wasn't best suited to a sharing an enclosure with other dogs and was instead placed in her own individual kennel.

With gradual exposure, our behaviour manager helped Bigboss expand her social circle to include all members of the behaviour team as well as the care staff who maintain her kennel. By taking the time to get to know the things she likes and the things she doesn't, the team have been able to build a routine that she enjoys and benefits from.

A day in the life of Bigboss now includes a leisurely walk around the shelter, some playtime in the off-lead areas, a splash in a water tub, an even bigger splash in the pool and plenty of affection, treats and fuss in between.

Due to her size, her temperament and the possibility of her requiring major surgery on her hips in the future, Bigboss needs a very particular home here in Thailand – one that will take time to find. In the meantime, your support enables her, and many hundreds of other rescued dogs, to live life to the fullest. Thank you.



488

behaviour assessments
completed



EMERGENCY RESPONSE

One of the areas in which your vital support ensures the most instant, life-changing impact for stray animals in urgent need is the Soi Dog emergency response programme. Throughout our 18-year existence, you have helped thousands of dogs and cats affected by natural or man-made disasters.

Many of the natural disasters that affect animals in Thailand are a direct result of weather phenomenon and, more often than not, rain.

Thailand is a country more synonymous for its sunshine and beach holiday destinations, but the annual rainfall in most parts is high, especially so during the monsoon season, the intensity of which is felt at different times in different parts of the country and frequently triggers catastrophic floods that present yet more challenges to stray dog and cats.

In 2010/11, you helped animals during the infamous Bangkok floods. In southern Thailand in 2017, you once again saved the lives of stray animals from heavy flooding, and in 2019 you were there with us in Ubon Ratchathani to help save stray animals by providing food and shelter for thousands of them affected by the worst flooding in the province for over 40 years.

And, in 2021, you once again showed exactly how much you care and what a difference you can make to the lives of homeless dogs and cats.

TROPICAL STORM DIANMU

In September, particularly abundant monsoon rains from tropical storm Dianmu affected over 30 Thai provinces in the north, northeast and central regions, causing one of Thailand's two principal rivers, the Chao Phraya, and many of its tributaries to overflow. Disastrous consequences followed, and over 200,000 households were affected.



Soi Dog was alerted to the plight of stricken animals in the provinces of Sing Buri and Ayutthaya, and our community animal welfare team travelled to the area to assess the severity of the situation and quickly determined that hunger and a lack of food were the most serious issues that urgently needed addressing.

EMERGENCY APPEAL

We immediately launched an appeal to fund and mobilise an emergency response to help over **10,000** displaced, distressed and starving stray animals as well as hundreds of pets whose owners had lost homes, livelihoods and possessions in the floods.

YOU ARE HEROES

Your response to our appeal was nothing short of heroic. With time very much of the essence, you answered our call for help without a second wasted, and your generosity ensured that during the course of the aid period, over **120** tonnes of dog and cat food was distributed to thousands of hungry mouths and a potential hunger crisis undoubtedly averted.



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The compassion you showed to help the animals affected by this year's flooding proved once more that you really are the kindest supporters in the world. The stray animals of Thailand can take comfort in knowing that, although this may not be the last time they are affected by a natural disaster, it surely won't be the last time that you are prepared to stand alongside and support them.

Thank you.



POPULATION GROWTH

The number of animals under the care of Soi Dog rose alarmingly again during the year. Now totalling 1,549, it represents an increase of almost 12% on the previous year (1,386).

The population is comprised of animals living as permanent residents in enclosures, animals in treatment in our dog and cat hospitals or in our isolation ward, animals at our small clinic in Bangkok or dogs and cats in foster care.

It is the amount of permanent residents that saw the steepest rise, with 888 dogs (+136 from the previous year) and 194 cats (+58) now living in main dog enclosures or in the cattery, increases of 18% and 43% respectively on the previous year's figure.

The year also ended with 259 dogs and 172 cats in treatment and 19 dogs and 17 cats either in our small clinic in Bangkok or in foster care.

The rise can be ascribed, in part, to the abandonment of pet animals, a worrying scenario exacerbated by the pandemic, to the suspension of our adoption and partner rescue programme to the USA caused by the CDC ban and to the usual, expected accretion. We should also consider that the growth of our programmes means we now have greater reach and treat more animals, so the number in need of sheltering also rises.

1,549

animals under the care
of Soi Dog



Photo courtesy of Jack Taylor

It is not sustainable to continue on the same trend. This is why it is imperative that Soi Dog's holistic approach is successful, why CNVR is critical, why our adoption, partner rescue, community and education programmes are so important and why your support is fundamental in seeing the development and, ultimately, the success of each of these programmes.

To tackle the issues head on and at grassroots level, and to find loving homes for the dogs and cats already here and waiting for their chance of a new life, are the only ways the cycle can be ended.

Thank you for standing up for all of the animals reached by these programmes and ensuring that those in our care receive the very best a shelter animal can hope for.





DOG MEAT TRADE

Efforts to build on the pioneering ban on dog meat consumption in Thailand have, unfortunately, been hampered by the Covid pandemic. Quarantine restrictions made it impossible for us to travel to Vietnam or Cambodia this year and hold meetings with government officials.

However, we did succeed in having the first ever survey of premises involved in the slaughter and selling of dog and cat meat in Hanoi carried out, and the results were alarming. A contract was signed with the Hanoi People's Committee in January 2021 whereby Soi Dog would finance the survey to be carried out by the Hanoi Department of Animal Health.

Initial figures showed that approximately 800 dogs are being killed on average every day in Hanoi alone, resulting in approximately 15 tonnes of dog meat being sold in restaurants and from market stalls. The methods of slaughter being employed – and filmed and documented by our representative who accompanied Department of Animal Health officials to some of the generally unregistered slaughterhouses – were extremely inhuman, and the premises themselves had no standards of hygiene.



We are hopeful that an easing of travel restrictions will enable us to hold talks with the People's Committee and continue to pursue a ban in the city.

In Cambodia, where in 2020 we were happy to see dog meat being made illegal in the tourist city of Siem Reap, reports were received of numerous restaurants continuing to sell dog meat on their premises. Local people are too frightened to act as witnesses, and the authorities are not enforcing the law. Again, we are hopeful of being able to travel to Cambodia in 2022 to discuss with local officials ways to ensure the ban is enforced.

In December, we signed an agreement with Animal Rescue Cambodia, based in the capital Phnom Penh, to support their work which will also impact the dog meat industry there.



In South Korea, we have been supporting the local group Animal Rescue Korea 119 (ARK119) who have been successfully shutting down illegal slaughterhouses there. We have financed the treatment of the rescued dogs and will cover the costs of their rehoming in other countries if suitable homes can be found.

Ending the dog meat trade in Asia remains a priority of Soi Dog Foundation and will be the subject of a major strategic review in early 2022.



ANIMAL WELFARE AND COMMUNITY LIAISON

ANIMAL WELFARE LAW – POLICY PROGRESS

Soi Dog's seat on the committee that recommends amendments and additions to the current animal welfare act in Thailand enables us to be at the forefront when it comes to the proposing of new regulations, the tightening of existing ones and the asserting of pressure on the authorities to show a greater inclination to enforce laws and punish violators.

One such example is of a new law concerning breeders. Soi Dog has worked on recommendations and proposed many of the regulations aimed at clamping down on dog and cat breeding farms, with new measures announced by the Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives in late 2020, and enforcement coming into effect on March 29, 2021.

Directly addressing the welfare of dogs and cats at breeding facilities, the new measures relate to the authorisation of breeders of animals in so-called 'pet farms'.

B.E. 2563 (2020) states that, for a breeder to be authorised:

- Every dog and cat breeder farm must improve their dog and cat breeding facilities.
- The animal's health, immunity, and ability to prevent the transmission of diseases such as rabies, canine distemper, and canine parvovirus are all required.
- Animals younger than 60 days old are not permitted to be transferred or separated from their mothers. In addition, breeders must limit the period and age of animal breeding.

This is to encourage the farms to maintain healthy puppies/kittens and ensure that they adhere to animal welfare and high hygiene standards to reduce the problem of young animals becoming ill or dying after being sold and lower public health issues.

Soi Dog will only ever advocate for the adoption of shelter animals in preference to the purchasing of purpose-bred puppies or kittens. However, whilst breeding for the sale of young animals exists in a similar way to other countries throughout the world, what we can do at this stage is try to ensure that breeders in Thailand are made directly responsible for maintaining the highest possible standards and conditions under which they operate, and held accountable for failing to meet any or all of the new measures.



CRUELTY COMES IN **MANY FORMS**

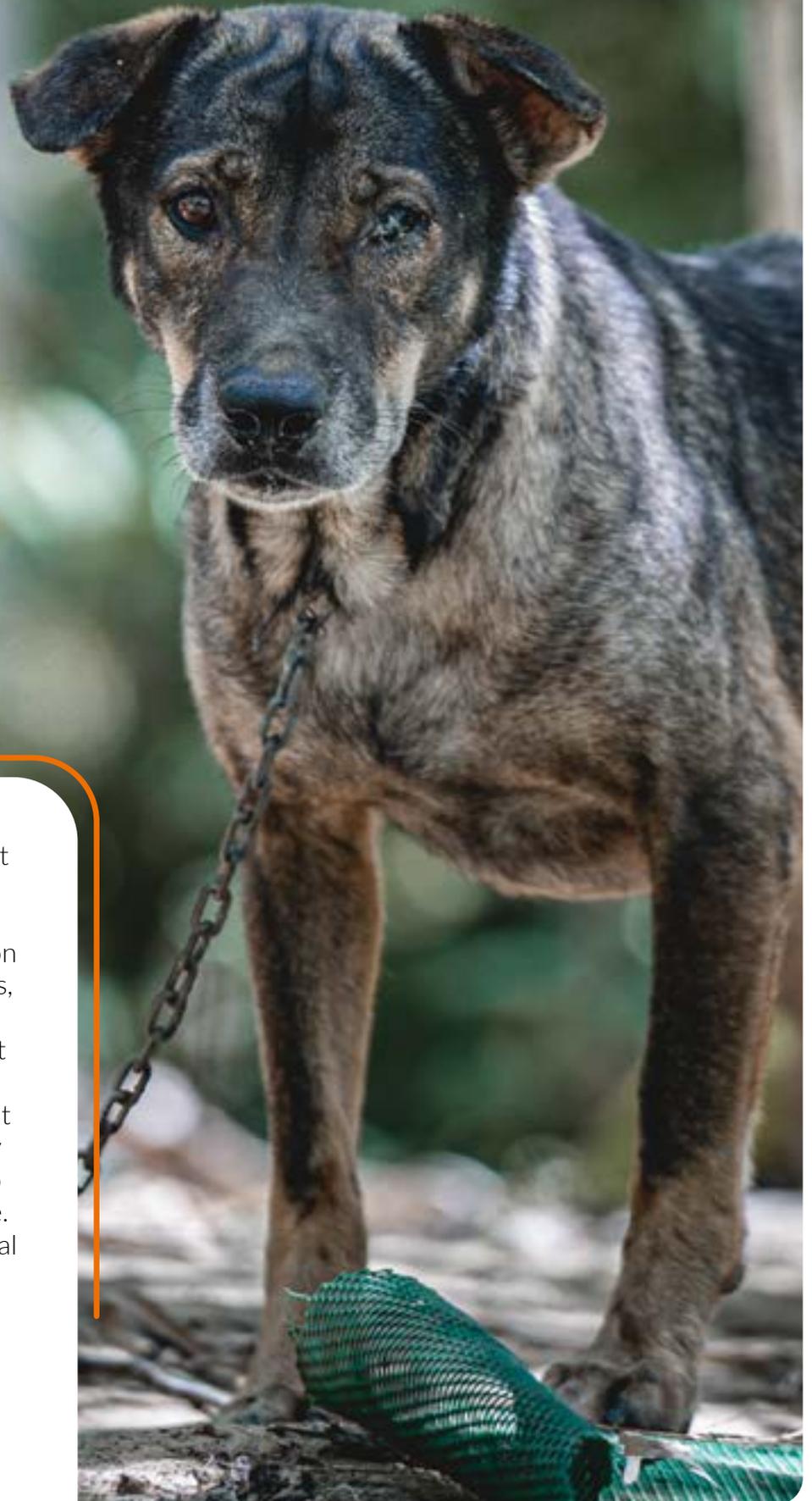
In 2021, we saw an alarming rise in cases of pet abandonment and neglect. We also witnessed animals who fell victim to shocking cruelty and an increase in the number of dogs caught in makeshift wire snares – devices often located away from urban areas – largely attributed to the hunting of wild boar. There were also several examples of neglect that we encountered, from hoarding to mistreatment to substandard living conditions.

Neglect is a more subtle and often silent form of cruelty. It can be something seemingly as simple as not ensuring a pet has adequate access to clean water or a place to find shelter from blazing sun or driving rain. Examples such as these, the occurrence of which are not easy to understand, are occasionally unbeknownst to the culprit. We asked for your help to fund the treatment of several urgent cases during 2021, and the generosity you continue to demonstrate is dramatically changing the lives of dogs and cats every year who find themselves in such desperate situations.



Victim of severe cruelty, Mirko, receives initial care and pain relief in our dog hospital intake room.

With owned pets kept in a less conventional fashion than considered in Western countries, chains are often used to keep them close to the owner's property.



It would be fair to say, though, that the treatment and rehabilitation of the animals affected could be likened to merely putting plasters on open wounds. With your donations, you help to transform the lives of so many animals. But your support goes beyond that. It helps us to tackle issues before they reach that point. We must not settle for only treating the wound, we must stop it from happening in the first place. This is where the presence of animal welfare in the community plays a very important role.

COMMUNITY LIAISON

Your ongoing support has seen our community outreach and education programmes engage with the public and empower individuals and communities to take responsibility, show a willingness to stand up for the rights of animals and take a stance against animal cruelty. It is working. It has shown that people are far more likely to report incidents and, in many cases, will even help us in our quest to see those responsible for acts of cruelty held accountable. And the people responsible for working on these cases are our community liaison officers.

The team of three log incidents, gather information from our rescue officers and veterinary staff and follow up with members of the community after an incident has been reported. They visit locations where an incident has taken place, talk to individuals and families, gather first-hand witness statements and identify those willing to participate in attempting prosecution of the perpetrator(s) under Thailand's Cruelty Prevention and Welfare of Animal Act, 2014.

Aimed at setting an example, and to act as a deterrent to other potential instances of animal cruelty or neglect, our community liaison team pursued **270** cases during 2021 and, at the close of the year, were still actively working on **23** cases – **six** of which are now at the stage of police intervention, pushing for prosecution and conviction.



GROUNDWORK FOR A NATIONAL CAMPAIGN

The groundwork was put in place to launch a nationwide anti-cruelty campaign as an auxiliary to Soi Dog's ongoing outreach and humane education programmes. The campaign is designed to raise awareness of animal cruelty and will offer advice and solutions to help highlight and tackle the issue of cruelty to animals.

"Cruelty comes in many forms. To ignore means to accept."

INTERNATIONAL ANIMAL WELFARE ISSUES ADDRESSED

Your support assisted with an international animal welfare issue of great urgency this year in Mauritius.

For years, this small island has been deploying one of the most outdated, ineffective and barbaric methods of controlling the stray dog population: by catching and then killing them by lethal injection.

In late 2020, shocking footage surfaced proving that this “catch and kill” policy, which was believed to have stopped, was still very much in place. A huge outcry followed, particularly from the International Animal Welfare and Protection Coalition (IAWPC) who have been championing an end to catch and kill in Mauritius for decades. Soi Dog Foundation, which is also part of the IAWPC, was asked by The Marchig Trust to step forward and assist. We have a long-standing relationship with the Trust and were keen to help, despite being many thousands of miles away.

Your support financed a digital awareness campaign baring the dark secret of this tropical paradise and helped launch a global petition against it. While the petition circulated on social media and gathered your vital signatures, a letter was sent by the UK Parliament’s All-Party Dog Welfare Advisory Group (APDAWG) to the Prime Minister of Mauritius. Thanks to this letter, as well as growing international pressure, the Minister of Agro-Industry and Food Security in Mauritius, the Hon. Maneesh Gobin, replied stating in no uncertain terms that “the ‘catch and kill’ programme is now something of the past” and that he welcomed APDAWG’s proposed ‘National Comprehensive Humane Dog Management Programme’ in its place.

Following this communication, a crucial discussion took place between Mauritian government representatives and multiple animal welfare organisations, and a formal proposal to implement the programme was submitted by the Worldwide Veterinary Service for approval. We welcome these discussions and cautiously await their outcome.

Thank you for standing up for the dogs of Mauritius. The initial positive action we’ve seen demonstrates the sheer power of your collective voice.





SANCTUARY IMPROVEMENTS

It is testament to your ongoing generosity towards Soi Dog that the sanctuary has been able to continually grow and you have created a much-improved environment for the animals you have rescued down the years.

The Soi Dog Foundation Gill Dalley Sanctuary in Phuket now extends to an area more than twice the size it did just five years ago. Your unwavering support has seen it double in size from just under four acres in 2016 to over eight acres (32,500 m²), or six football fields, and with it increased our capacity to help a greater number of animals in need.

There were significant additions to the infrastructure during 2021, mainly driven by the alarming increase in sanctuary population and the numbers of animals coming through the gates, and also some long overdue refurbishment to tired or inadequate buildings and fixtures.



PAYING RESPECT TO OUR ROOTS

We said goodbye in 2021 to a building that holds great significance for the thousands of animals that passed through it.

A throwback to the former land owner, a local farmer, the building was formerly a cow shed and was adapted to become Soi Dog's very first hospital when we moved to our current home in 2008.



The first treatments performed at the sanctuary took place in it. It also hosted the first sterilisation procedures carried out at the sanctuary prior to the construction of the dedicated spay/neuter suite, and, following the completion of Soi Dog's current dog hospital in 2016, it served as both an isolation ward and a shelter dog treatment centre.

In March, we were able to demolish the old structure in preparation of new beginnings. The area which had witnessed the repair, rehabilitation and revitalisation of so many stricken animals throughout its years of service, has now become the location of two very special additions to the sanctuary – the special care kennels and the dog swimming pool.



IN WITH THE NEW

In January, works continued on the land you helped purchase in 2020 with completion of the boundary wall. The area added a further 1.7 acres (7,000 m²) to the existing 6.4 acres. We put the much-needed extra space to good use by constructing four new dog enclosures and four new dog exercise areas – all completed in June – and a new walking route for volunteers and their dogs to enjoy.



Soi dog Zumo enjoys one of the new exercise areas.



New special care kennels, improving the lives of dogs with disabilities.

In July, more additions came in the shape of the five special care kennels on the site of the old hospital. Now inhabited by some of our physically compromised dogs, the sheltered, outdoor kennels give them more space and a turfed area which provides them with sensory stimulation and a soft surface upon which to stretch out and roll around.



Four new dogs enclosures, four new dog exercise areas and a walking route for Soi Dog volunteers were built on the additional 1.7-acre area.



MAKING GOOD

It was a busy middle of the year with the completion of refurbishment works on two of the oldest enclosures at the shelter, home to some of our senior residents, and the resurfacing of **12** other enclosures whose concrete floors had become cracked and worn after many years of facing all the elements a tropical climate can muster.

New floors weren't the only improvements made to some of our main dog enclosures. Perched among the vast amount of poured concrete are **27** newly constructed salas, as well as **250** dog 'beds', raised platforms that provide elevation from the floor and a place to lay their heads for some of our resident dogs who stay overnight in kennel areas located to the rear of each enclosure.



Casualties of the tropical elements that reduce the lifespan of so many different materials, the old salas which had been in situ for over 10 years had become worn, rusty and unsafe.

A sala, a two-level platform made from a stainless steel frame with an overhanging roof, is an important inclusion in a communal dog enclosure. Not only does it provide additional shelter from the elements for up to 10 dogs at a time, the fact that its upper level is elevated from the ground by some five feet means it is also used as a lookout post by many dogs who like to observe life outside of their enclosure or simply watch the world go by.



WATER IS THE SOURCE OF LIFE...

Thousands of gallons of water are used each year at Soi Dog: for drinking, for washing enclosures, bathing dogs, filling the hospital's hydrotherapy pool and for a variety of other uses. We are very keen on water conservation, and we recycle and non-chemically treat as much as possible. As well as a large lake that occupies the centre of the shelter complex, we have several deep-water wells which supplement rainwater collection during the dry season and help maintain an uninterrupted daily supply.

It is essential to store some of this water, and we replaced many old and worn water storage tanks with new eco-tanks, each capable of storing 6,000 litres of water. They are easy to clean and have improved the quality of the water we use for our shelter and hospital animals.

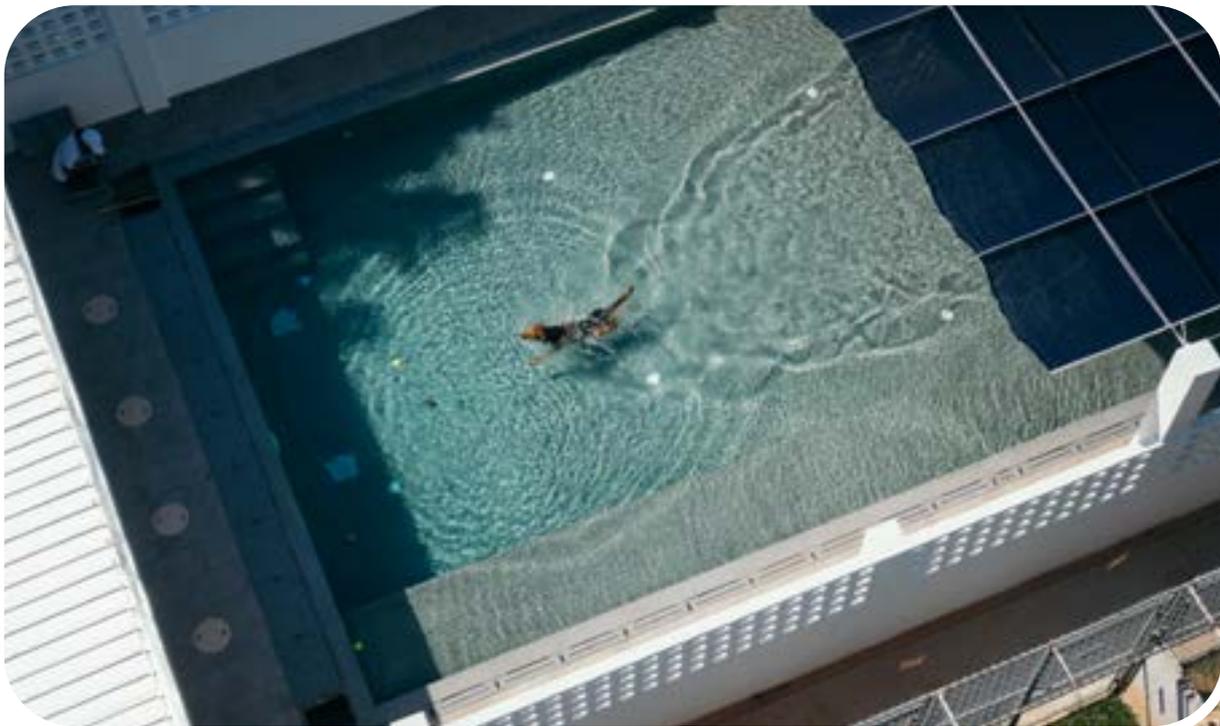


...AND SOMETIMES, WATER IS THE SOURCE OF ENTERTAINMENT!

Perhaps the most unique addition to the infrastructure of the shelter in 2021 is Jupiter's Pool. The vision of Soi Dog International Vice-President John Higgs, himself a long-time Soi Dog board member, supporter and owner of several rescued dogs, the swimming pool for shelter dogs, opened in December and sharing the site vacated by the old hospital building, was privately commissioned by John. He worked with a pool construction team to help design and bring to life a concept that he had dreamt about ever since discovering the benefits that water gave to one of his own disabled dogs, Jupiter, some 16 years ago.

The design was carefully put together and includes a large shallow end for dogs who just want to stand, splash or lie down in water, a gentle and graduated depth increase from front to back, and a deep end for the more confident dogs who love to jump, dive and swim. The shallow end and adjacent patio area are sheltered by two retractable awnings that provide protection from the hot sun, and the area is encased at one end by a two-metre reinforced glass wall, enabling visitors and passers-by to observe the fun and enrichment taking place within.

There is also a serious side to this installation. Some of our senior dogs, or dogs who've suffered orthopaedic issues as a result of road traffic accidents and whose mobility is compromised, can now enjoy some gentle exercise in what could ostensibly be described as a giant hydrotherapy pool. At an average depth, a dog's bodyweight is reduced by as much as 80%, meaning they can move more freely and without discomfort, improving their quality of life.

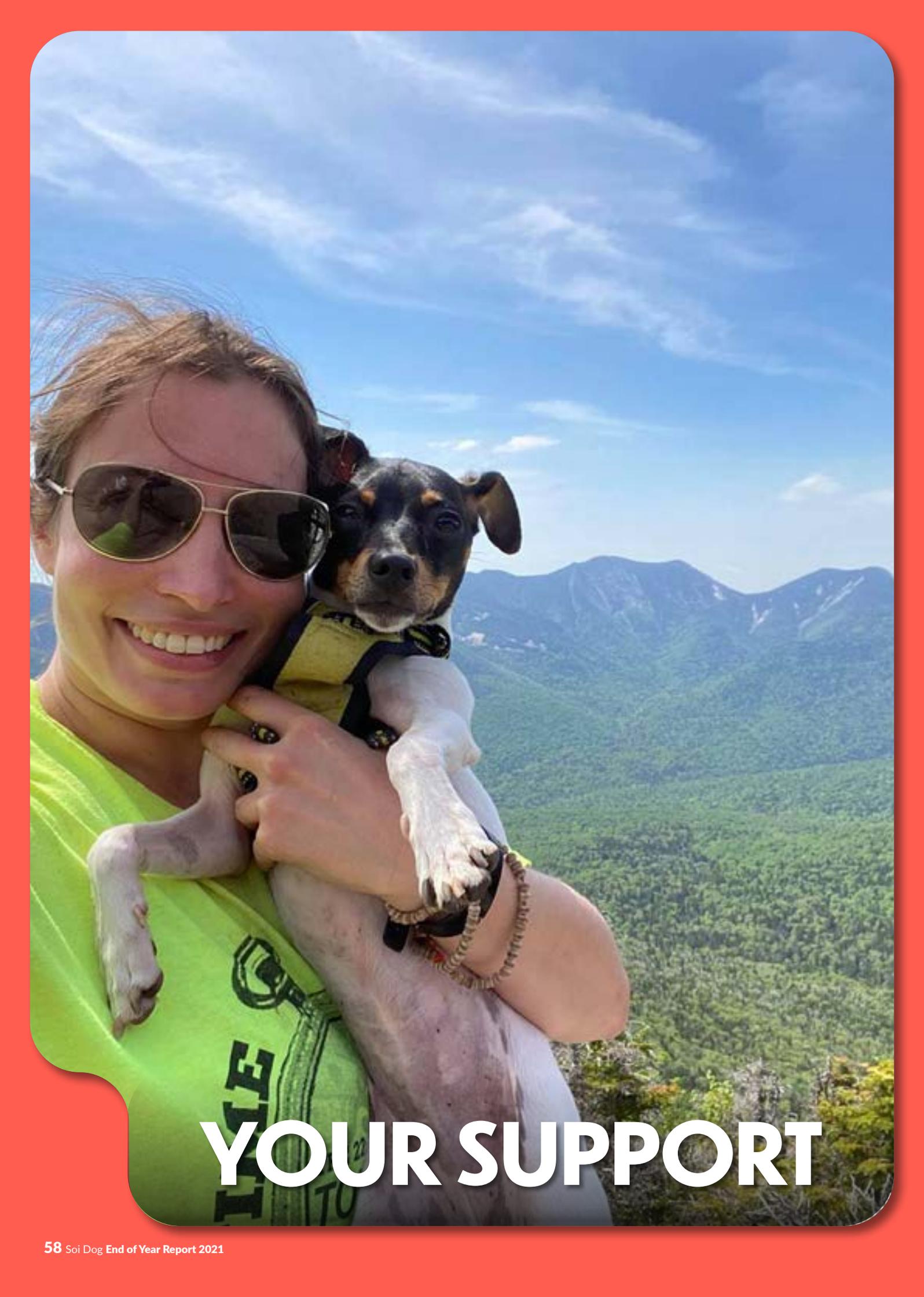


EVERYTHING YOU DO

Your support is providing the best life possible in a shelter environment for over **1,500** dogs and cats. From the floor they stand upon, to the bed they lay their head on, to the food they eat, to the treatment they receive, to the water they drink, to the enrichment they enjoy and the love that they are given.

Whilst nothing can replicate what a loving home provides for these amazing companion animals, you are ensuring that, while they patiently wait their turn for a forever family, their lives are as good as they possibly can be.





YOUR SUPPORT



In May, your support earned Soi Dog its very first literary prize when *Just Gill* – the official story of our late, great co-founder Gill Dalley – won the People’s Book Prize 2020/2021 under the non-fiction category.

Founded in the UK, the People’s Book Prize is a literary competition that spotlights emerging writers and their new, undiscovered works. Dozens of publications were nominated under fiction, non-fiction and children’s categories, and the winners were chosen by supporters like you who cast their votes online.

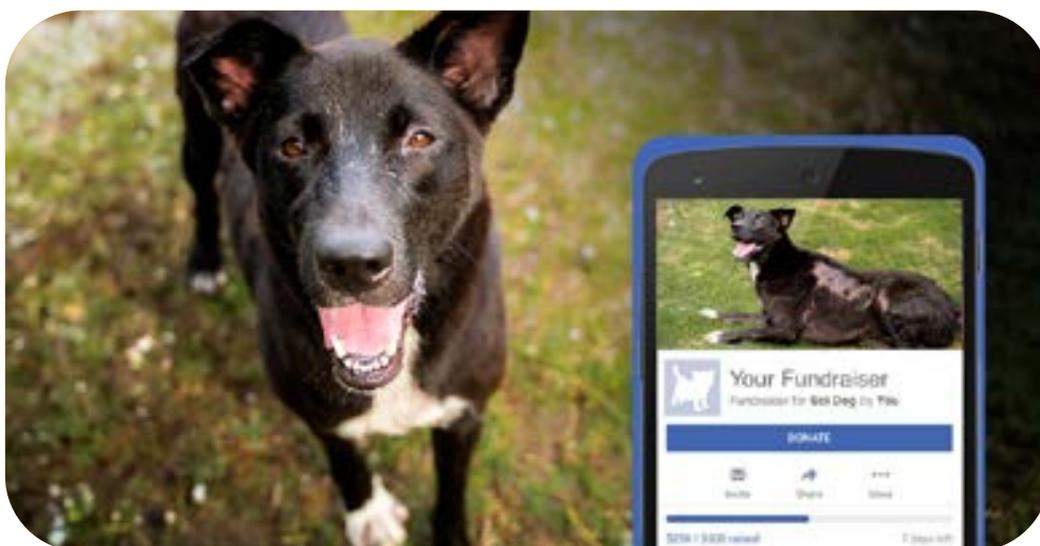
The People’s Book Prize awards ceremony couldn’t be held in person on account of the pandemic. However, co-authors John Dalley and Donna Freelove accepted the award in a virtual ceremony in which they thanked everyone for reading, voting and keeping Gill’s legacy alive.



FUNDRAISING ONLINE

Harnessing the power of social media for good, **2,823** of you set up Facebook fundraisers for the benefit of Soi Dog in 2021. June was our most popular month for Facebook fundraisers as it was the chosen tool for our US June Dog Walking Challenge; however, fundraisers were set up consistently throughout the rest of the year in honour of birthdays, memorials, sponsored activities and much more. In total, these fundraisers brought in an incredible **\$372,652** USD.

AmazonSmile and Easyfundraising continued to be popular offerings for the online shoppers among you. Through these programmes, a percentage of eligible purchases are donated to your chosen favourite charity, which we were thrilled to see is Soi Dog! In total in 2021, your purchases generated over **\$22,000** USD (£16,000 GBP) through AmazonSmile in the UK and the USA and almost **\$7,000** USD (£5,000 GBP) through Easyfundraising in the UK – grand sums which were gratefully received.



THE EXTRA MILE

Following our registration with US-based non-profit CARS (Charitable Adult Rides and Services) in November 2020, 19 of you made the grand gesture of donating your car or other unwanted motorised vehicle to Soi Dog, generating over **\$15,000** USD. We look forward to achieving similar results in the UK in the coming year having joined a similar scheme there with Giveacar towards the end of 2021.

Your support continued to blow us away this year. You answered every single call for help and made use of a whole range of tools and platforms to raise much-needed funds for the animals at our shelter and beyond.

Thank you.



REGIONAL FUNDRAISERS



You made our UK Dog Walking Challenge such a success in 2020 that we decided to take it Stateside in 2021. Organised by the Soi Dog USA volunteer team, the US June Walking Challenge tasked participants with walking 30 miles in 30 days during the month of June to raise funds for the care of shelter animals.

Although technically a US fundraiser, John Dalley took part from Thailand, walking from the shelter to nearby Mai Khao Beach and back multiple times with different Soi Dog rescues in tow. John recorded a video blog of his walks and shared them on his own personal fundraising page which proved to be a popular offering among our supporters, particularly if the dogs accompanying him were long-termers, volunteer favourites or adopted dogs waiting to fly to their new homes.

By the end of the challenge, a total of **\$103,109** USD had been raised through **1,149** individual fundraisers – a huge help at a time when Soi Dog was facing one crisis after another, from Covid, to distemper outbreaks, to the CDC ban on dog imports into the USA.



In October, Soi Dog Canada held their second virtual Mutt March event, this year dubbed “Mutt March 2021 – A Pawsome Future”. With pandemic restrictions continuing to prohibit group gatherings and in-person events for the second year in a row, the team organised another memorable virtual worldwide fundraiser, and your support ensured it was once again a success.

The 10-day fundraiser took place between October 20th-30th and saw participants complete 10 fun challenges as well as a 10-kilometre walk. John once again took part from Thailand, this time walking 10 very special dogs who had undergone extreme cruelty or suffered severe injuries because of neglect.

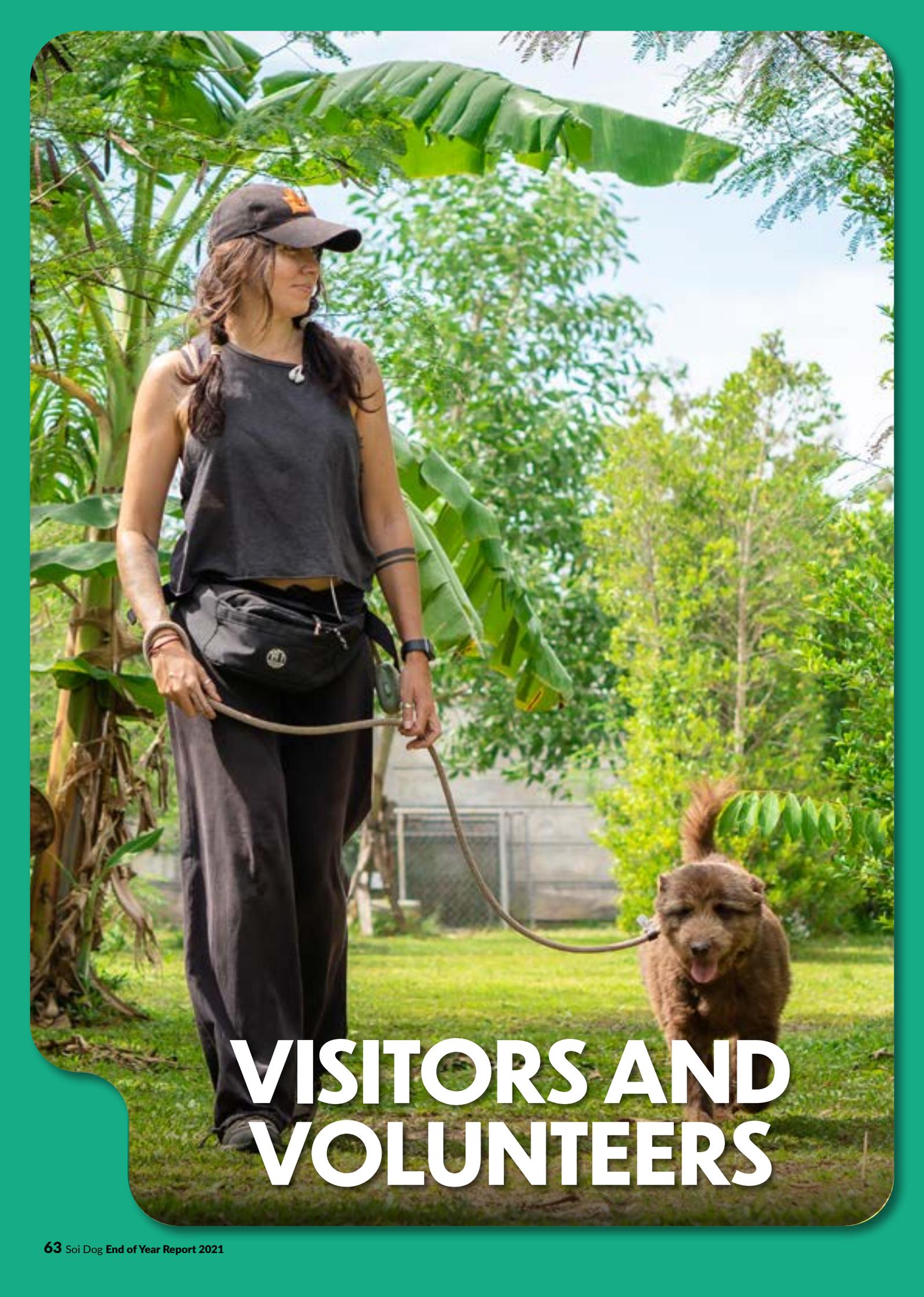
The focus of Mutt March 2021 was on the importance of education in bringing an end to animal suffering, and the **\$27,657** CAD that was raised went towards our life-saving programmes, with a particular focus on our humane education programme, as well as four spay and neuter projects within Canada.



Over in the UK, a Great Gatsby Masked Ball was held in November. Organised by the Soi Dog UK team and attended by 140 animal lovers, the evening – which celebrated the roaring ‘20s and served as Soi Dog UK’s main fundraising event of the year – was a great success and brought in over **£7,300** GBP. Funds were shared equally between Soi Dog and two local animal charities in the UK.

You put the fun in fundraising in 2021, and countless homeless animals are all the better for your tireless efforts.





VISITORS AND VOLUNTEERS

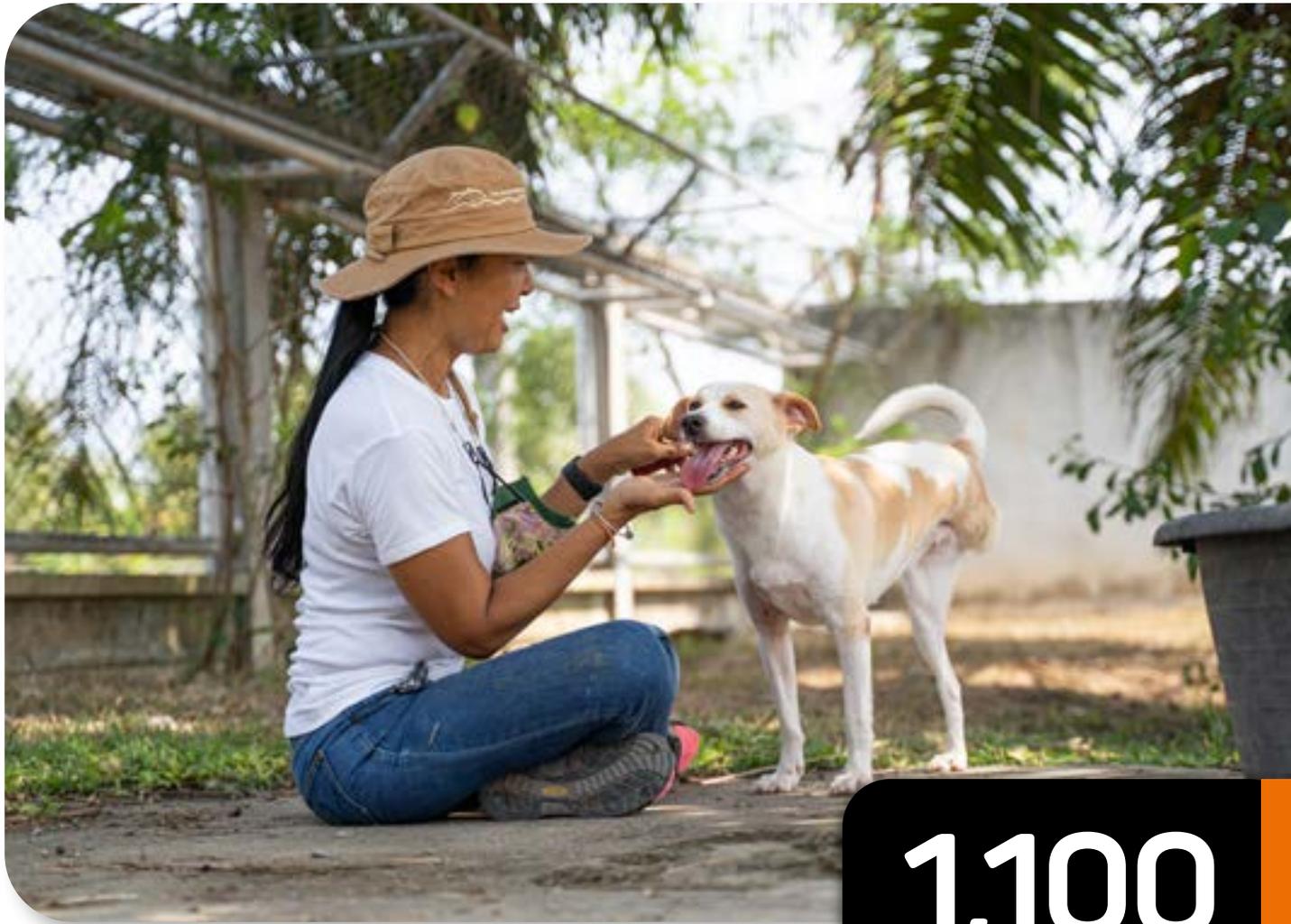


As international travel ebbed and flowed throughout the year, so did our visitor and volunteer programme which relies heavily, though not wholly, on holidaymakers and ‘voluntourists’ – those looking to travel while giving something back at the same time.

After a slow start to the year, a buzz began to return to the shelter in July when the Thai government launched its Sandbox programme, allowing fully vaccinated foreign travellers to enter Thailand via Phuket without having to undergo strict quarantine. Although numbers fell in October when the shelter went into Covid lockdown, they were soon on the rise again in November after Thailand’s Test & Go scheme saw entry requirements relaxed even further.



576
volunteers



1,100
visitors

Ending the year on a high, November was our busiest month for volunteers, with **78** animal lovers taking the time to walk, socialise and fuss over our dogs, readying some for adoption and enriching the lives of many others for whom Soi Dog will be their final home. December was our most popular month in terms of visitors, with **319** people taking tours of the facility.

In total, we welcomed **1,100** visitors (down 42% on 2020) and **576** volunteers (up 7%) through our shelter gates in 2021.

With Soi Dog's shelter population at an all-time high, the support of visitors and the assistance of volunteers is now more vital than ever. We therefore owe an enormous debt of gratitude to our devoted local volunteers whose support has been a steady constant through these tough times, as well as our overseas visitors and volunteers who waded through paperwork, PCR tests and a whole host of other pandemic-related procedures to be there for the dogs and cats in our care.



While visitor numbers were down, our ranking on TripAdvisor remained high thanks to the kind ratings and thoughtful reviews we received throughout the year. At the close of 2021, the Soi Dog Foundation shelter was listed as the very top attraction in Phuket in the “Nature & Wildlife Areas” category and sixth out of 311 “Things to Do in Phuket” overall.

A staggering **97.6%** of our visitors have awarded Soi Dog the full five stars (Excellent) and a further 2% have given us four stars (Very Good), justifying their rating with buzzwords like “amazing experience”, “worthy cause”, “animal lovers” and – perhaps most understandably – “puppy cuddle”!

Our heartfelt thanks go to everyone who took the time to share their experience of the Soi Dog shelter on TripAdvisor. In an increasingly digital world, a positive online rating or review can be so powerful – giving weight to the work that we do, encouraging further visitors and volunteers and ultimately helping to raise much-needed funds for the animals our shelter exists to support.

“ UPLIFTING!

Sandbox folks with extra time in Phuket, here is a "feel good" thing to do: pay a visit to Soi Dog. Their dedication to mistreated cats and dogs is a true inspiration. Your kids will love it. Kudos to the 270 Thai folks taking care of 1,000 or so patients (all fully paid, what a great way to contribute to the local economy) + 20 western [staff]. The stories you will hear will restore your faith in humanity. Oh, did I mention the wonderful countryside drive there, and the puppy pen? I think I found the puppy that I will adopt!

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“ WHAT AN AMAZING PLACE

Visited Soi Dog Foundation yesterday and was blown away by what they do there, super friendly staff/volunteers, the tour was very good. To see firsthand the difference they are making to animals lives was a wholesome experience. Thank you.

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66 EXTRAORDINARY HEAVEN FOR ANIMALS

What an amazing heaven on earth for these cats and dogs. I am a current donor to Soi Dog. And since I am on vacation in Phuket, I decided to visit them. They have such clean animals. You can tell that the facility is first class. The staff really make sure each animal gets its special food and special medicine. I don't know how they manage to take care of so many animals. I am just so honored to make my little contribution. But seriously, if we each make a small donation, then there will be more resources for all of these animals with no eyes, [missing] legs, and often a broken heart. I deeply appreciate the work that they do here because it is really not easy work. I encourage you to visit this place if you are a cat or dog lover.

Solera ”



66 WHAT.A.PLACE.

We had a wonderful tour. Hearing about the work of Soi Dog and their passion for the animals made it clear this is a very very special place. This was my favourite part of my trip to Phuket and highly recommend everyone stops by to see the work this impressive organisation is doing. The staff know each animal by name and their personalities, you clearly have to love animals and have an amazing memory to work here! Although there is obviously upsetting information about the mistreatment of animals the whole day felt very uplifting and inspiring. There was no pressure to donate but you are going to want to.

Monkey1210 ”

VOLUNTEER TESTIMONIALS

“ After we retired in Phuket at the beginning of 2021, our first thought was to get involved with Soi Dog, which is an amazing organisation.

Everyone who is involved at the shelter is so devoted to the welfare and wellbeing of the animals, and it is an absolute joy to go there every week. We walk the oldies, and they are just amazing dogs that we love to death. All the interaction that we have with them daily is just so rewarding. To see them get so excited to see you and give cuddles is truly amazing. You can tell that the carers in each run truly care for their dogs. The kennels are always sparkling clean, and the dogs are clean and lovingly cared for. It's been a great experience to introduce the dogs to the pool, a new addition to the compound. Some have never experienced water at all. One dog, Lucky, adores jumping in the water tubs in the off-lead areas but is terrified of seeing his reflection in the pool. Slowly, slowly we will win him over and then he will be the happiest boy. We cannot recommend Soi Dog highly enough to everyone that comes to visit Phuket or lives here. ”

ALLAN AND JENNY READ





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I have been living and working in Phuket for several years and already knew Soi Dog, but I had never been a volunteer. After my guided tour in January 2021, I immediately fell in love with Soi Dog. I'm also a real dog lover, even having two dogs at home who were rescued from the streets, so I felt compelled to do something more for these animals. I started thinking about coming half a day a week and have ended up doing two full days a week for almost a year now. It doesn't matter if I have to drive 40 kilometres to come every time, even in the rain. Spending time with these dogs is something amazing. It fills my heart every time and at the same time it saddens me to see how many of them have suffered. I think Soi Dog is doing an incredible job, but we also need people's desire and love to adopt as many dogs as possible, to give each of them a happy and peaceful future. Every single soi dog deserves the best, and I will keep doing my part as a volunteer as long as I stay in Phuket.

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GABRIELE GUIDI

“ My love for animals comes from childhood. All my life they have surrounded me. One day I saw on Facebook an offer to volunteer in a shelter, and I immediately agreed. In June 2021, I met the dogs at Soi Dog for the first time, and I fell in love with this shelter. Being in a shelter and walking dogs, you are charged with energy for the whole day. A dog gives you so much love and affection like no other person. I really admire the Soi Dog team who make all the necessary conditions for the treatment and comfortable stay of dogs and cats there. I would like to end with: the more I get to know people, the more I love dogs! ”

LENA BULAGINA



“ I’d never had experience volunteering anywhere before so I was unsure what to expect. But, from the very first dog I got to walk at Soi Dog, I just loved it!

I am lucky enough to live nearby the sanctuary and have volunteered on so many occasions now and met so many amazing dogs and cats. I have also met some great people and even had a chance to practice my English skills.

When I returned to school after lockdown, my classmates and I each gave a presentation about our favourite hobby. Mine was called “Volunteering at Soi Dog”. Now, all my friends and even my teacher want to volunteer at Soi Dog when the holidays come!

I never knew I would get so much joy from spending time with dogs and cats. I love it so much, I will be back again and again. ”

SARUTA SORNWIJIT



FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

We send our deepest gratitude to all of our donors, on behalf of every dog and cat you helped during another turbulent year. You have continued to support Soi Dog in yet another record breaking year and enabled us to maintain our commitment to animals in need. The figures represent a summary of all income received across the world. Soi Dog Foundation is a registered non-profit organisation in eight countries and each entity is subject to its own independent audit, and the results are submitted to the relevant national authority.

GLOBAL INCOME:
\$19,114,800

All income to SD worldwide, including income from the various countries in which Soi Dog is a registered non-profit organisation.

CAPITAL EXPENDITURE:
\$903,258

Including but not limited to the construction of new dog enclosures special care kennels and dog exercise areas and the full or part refurbishment of 17 existing dog enclosures

RUNNING COSTS:
\$13,431,291

**PROGRAMME AND
CAPITAL EXPENDITURE**
\$10,260,284
(71.6% of total expenditure)

ONLINE ADVOCACY
\$198,746
(1.4% of total expenditure)

**ADMINISTRATION
AND DEPRECIATION**
\$766,890
(5.3% of total expenditure)

**FUNDRAISING
AND MARKETING**
\$3,108,629
(21.7% of total expenditure)

TOTAL EXPENDITURE
(Capital Expenditure + Running costs) =
\$14,334,549



AFTERWORD

FROM SOI DOG THAILAND CEO, LOUISE ROSE

It's difficult to put into words how honoured and grateful I am to be able to oversee the operations that you make possible on a daily basis here in Thailand. Whether in Phuket at The Gill Dalley Sanctuary, in Bangkok at our small clinic or out on the streets with our various programmes operating up and down the country, to witness the positive impact that your donations have on every single dog and cat rescued, treated, rehabilitated or adopted is something I will never take for granted.

We receive many messages from supporters wishing they could do more or longing to donate larger amounts to increase their impact. The truth is that we strive each day to ensure that every single dollar and cent makes the biggest difference possible to the lives of dogs and cats in Asia, and it is your donations, no matter how large or small, that drive everything you have read about in this review.

At the dawning of each new year, the vigour and motivation grows that little bit more. Spurred on by the wonderful support that you give to the homeless animals of Asia, and witnessing the improvements that we are making together every day, our mission to end the suffering is undoubtedly the most inspiring collective I have ever been involved in.



It's easy to get blinded by numbers in an annual report, but it's worth remembering that each number represents a life. The life of a dog or cat that you have saved or whose future you have changed for the better.

Animals just like eight-year-old Sookie. She came to Soi Dog in 2018 and, having worked through a myriad of health problems, including the necessary removal of both of her eyes and the overcoming of behavioural issues through intensive work from our dedicated behaviour team, she is now a completely different dog – rehabilitated, rejuvenated and ready to find the right family who are willing to be gentle, show patience and build a trust with her that we know is possible.

Transformations like Sookie's are now common place here at Soi Dog, and I sincerely hope that you share the same pride in knowing that it is you who makes it all happen.

When I look at any one of our shelter dogs or cats, I see faces of hope, expressions of optimism and the gift of a brighter future that you have given to them.

Together, I look forward to changing so many more lives for the better during the coming year.

Thank you so much for being there for them all, every step of the way.

Louise Rose
Chief Executive Officer
Soi Dog Foundation Thailand



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**Thank you for your support.
We cannot do it without you.**

