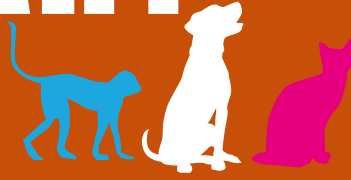


SANCTUARY STORIES



ANIMAL SOS SRI LANKA

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SUMMER 2024



OUR STORY

There are thousands of stray animals in Sri Lanka suffering from horrific injuries, malnutrition and disease. Dogs and cats with fractured spines, severed limbs and maggot infested wounds; pups and kittens living on festering rubbish dumps; animals slowly dying of tick fever, womb infections and bleeding tumours, suffering in agony until they die. With the risk and associated fear of rabies, strays are often demonised, leading to cruelty at the hands of humans. This ocean of suffering and misery is heart breaking for any animal lover to witness, let alone walk away from. Animal SOS Sri Lanka, a UK registered charity, was founded on the vision of Kim Cooling who, after witnessing the appalling plight of animals there, particularly the strays, decided to take action to help them. With a distinct lack of effective animal protection laws, safe havens and veterinary care available to street animals in Sri Lanka, our work and facilities are a lifeline to many otherwise doomed animals.



SNOW WHITE

“NO ACT OF KINDNESS, NO MATTER HOW SMALL, IS EVER WASTED”

HAPPY ENDING FOR SNOW WHITE

She arrived at our gates after being hit by a train. She lost her tail and a leg, but we saved her life. After vaccinations and spaying, we found her the purrfect home.



Our Achievements January 2024 –June 2024

- ☀️ We are currently caring for **2200 dogs** and **20 cats** at the sanctuary
- ☀️ We provided over **4800** blood tests/smears/chemistry/haematology
- ☀️ We provided over **4500** vaccinations against rabies and other deadly viruses
- ☀️ We provided over **8600** treatments for disease, wounds, fractures and tumours
- ☀️ We provided over **5000** anti-parasitic treatments (worming, tick/flea treatments)
- ☀️ We feed around **2,700** cats and dogs EVERY day and operate the largest feeding program and largest animal sanctuary for street animals in Sri Lanka
- ☀️ We sterilized **300 dogs** and **cats** and conducted **200** other surgeries
- ☀️ We are operational **EVERY** day of the year

THE HAPPIEST ENDINGS FOR 3 LUCKY SRI LANKAN STREET DOGS

'SAVING ONE DOG WILL NOT CHANGE THE WORLD, BUT SURELY FOR THAT ONE DOG, THE WORLD WILL CHANGE FOREVER.'

They all had the worst starts in life.

MOUSE

Mouse, was hit by a vehicle when she was a tiny pup. She was taken to a vet practice elsewhere and had both hind legs amputated due to her injuries. She then developed horrible infections at the amputation sites and to save her life, we agreed to take her in. Mouse arrived with pus dripping from her wounds and weakened from babesia (a tick-borne

disease that destroys vital blood cells causing critical anaemia). It was touch and go, but we saved her life and she was soon getting around well on her 2 legs.

Kim, the charity founder, recently adopted Mouse and they live happily together in London. It's a true love match.

KIKI

Kiki was dumped in a box with her 4 siblings in the pouring rain in an area with poisonous snakes and monitor lizards. Kim was in Sri Lanka at the time, so she rescued the family, fostered them until she returned to

the UK and they were transferred to the sanctuary. A lovely supporter from the UK stepped forward to adopt Kiki and covered all the costs involved. Kiki has the most amazing life now.

NIPPER

Nipper was a tiny, vulnerable pup when he was attacked by a dog on the streets and almost gutted. His intestines were exposed and our vet had to do emergency surgery in the evening to save him. He survived against the odds due to our dedicated efforts. Some friends of our manager that helped to nurse Nipper through his horrific injury, fell in love with him

and pledged to adopt him once he was ready. They also covered all the costs for this adoption.

So Nipper, Kiki and Mouse arrived in the UK to start their new pampered lives. It's a life that most street dogs in Sri Lanka can only dream about. What lucky dogs they are!!



MOUSE



NIPPER



INTRODUCING OUR VETS

WE THOUGHT IT WOULD BE LOVELY FOR OUR SUPPORTERS TO MEET SOME OF OUR HARD WORKING VETS THAT HELP TO SAVE AND TRANSFORM SO MANY LIVES AT THE SANCTUARY.



Dr Achini

I'm Dr Achini and have been working at Animal SOS Sri Lanka since 2016. My relationship with this amazing charity runs all the way back in history to when I was a vet student. I rescued a disabled dog called Mazda in the year 2012 and Kim Cooling, the great lady who founded the charity, stepped in to offer life time care for her. Mazda had the best life at the sanctuary until she passed in her old age. I have always had an interest in helping the helpless and I felt this is the best place for me to work towards my passion. That is why I joined Animal SOS Sri Lanka. It is the largest sanctuary for rescued dogs and cats in Sri Lanka and 1000s of animals have benefited from its work. At the sanctuary clinic, we get the opportunity to treat so many rescued animals who are abused, traumatized and at the brink of death on arrival. It is a huge satisfaction to see them thrive under our care and transform into healthy dogs! That is every vet's greatest achievement. With the number of stray dogs and cats in Sri Lanka, the service rendered by the charity is priceless. We also offer free rabies vaccinations and sterilizations and the local community benefit from that. For all animal lovers and veterinary professionals out there, who love rescue work, I would like to invite you all to join hands with us in this great mission.

Dr Asanka

I have been working at Animal SOS for the last 10 years. In this time I have seen the demand on the charity grow extensively. We work under extreme pressure to save the lives of these innocent animals. Our work is hard, both emotionally and physically and it challenges us daily. We desperately need a larger clinic, but due to lack of funding, this much needed facility is not currently possible. That increases our daily challenges as we often have to make some hard choices about prioritising clinic space for critical cases that need close monitoring, whilst struggling to create space for more critical cases that turn up at our gates almost daily. We are constantly learning, improving and our pro-life approach results in our amazing transformations. Working at Animal SOS allows me to be able to give something back to my country and community by improving the lives of the street animals in Sri Lanka, improving animal welfare, helping to eradicate rabies, reducing the street animal population and educating the public and staff on correct welfare practices and protocols.



Dr Shyarmaine

I'm Shyarmaine Chandrasena, a veterinary doctor who has been working at Animal SOS for over eight months. I have the privilege of witnessing the transformative power of compassion every day. Our organization is a sanctuary for over 2,000 dogs and cats, providing them with world-class veterinary treatments and a loving environment. We dedicate ourselves to caring for disabled animals, ensuring they receive the attention and support they need to live fulfilling lives. This commitment to their well-being fosters a culture of kindness and respect within our community. Your generous support allows us to provide essential care for these deserving animals. More than just a donation, your support is a lifeline that transforms lives, giving hope and dignity to animals that have suffered neglect and hardship. I invite you to join us in this noble cause so we can continue making a profound difference in the lives of our furry friends.



AZURA



AYRTON SENNA



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AZURA Azura was rescued as a pup from a local temple. She stood no chance of survival as she could not weight-bear due to congenital abnormalities of her limbs. Azura has transformed under our care and lives happily with our manager.

Some of the Many Lives Saved and Transformed THANKS TO YOUR SUPPORT!

All beings tremble before violence. All fear death. All love life. See yourself in others.

Cruelly dumped like many pedigree breed dogs in Sri Lanka, usually when they are sick and no longer profitable, this lovely boy now has a new lease of life and we will endeavour to find him the perfect home



MAMGU

MAMGU We took in this sickly pup from a distance away back in February. She was anaemic from babesia and had deformed front and hind limbs. She was helpless and doomed to a terrible fate. Named Mamgu, she has really thrived in our care and is such a beautiful and happy little soul now.



GINGER ROGERS



GINGER ROGERS Ginger Rogers had hung to life for so long after surviving distemper on the streets and suffering hugely. She was in a terrible state on arrival at the sanctuary- blood parasite diseases, emaciated, weak, anaemic, appalling skin and suffering from severe neurological symptoms from the distemper virus. But, Ginger wanted to live and we fought for her life. It paid off...





BARNABY



BARNABY This dear old boy arrived with multiple health problems like most neglected street animals, but just look at him now. Dogs like Barnaby would be euthanized in the UK, but he is living proof that in the right hands, they can recover.

GERALDINE Geraldine was caught in a snare. She had the cable of the snare embedded into her neck resulting in a large maggot wound and her front limb was also severely damaged. She made a full recovery with us and is a beautiful soul.



OBIE

OBIE Our incredibly handsome and very sweet boy is transformed since he arrived at the sanctuary as a very sickly puppy. They just need to be with people who care enough to nurse them through and we do that every day of the year.



GERALDINE



OBIE

RITA Rita arrived at the sanctuary after being hit on the road. Her bottom lip was ripped off and she had fractures of the jaw and skull. She was so critical, but she fought for her life and we fought too and she survived.



ROSEBUD



RITA



ROSEBUD Rosebud was found in the road as a tiny pup, disabled and doomed. The founder took her in and she has thrived ever since.

HORLICKS

You may remember Horlicks featured in the last newsletter. He was hit by a train and arrived with a serious head injury.

He was so critical, it was touch and go.

Thankfully for Horlicks, he came to us and we see the recovery potential in these critical cases and give them that precious chance, unlike many others who would give up and euthanize.

Just look at Horlicks now! Our small charity shows the stark reality that so many dogs and cats euthanized as being hopeless cases in western countries, can actually be saved and fully recover.

This is why orgs like ours that genuinely care and fight for their lives, deserve more support so other dogs like Horlicks have a fighting chance.



THEIR LIVES DEPEND ON US AND WE DEPEND ON YOU TO SAVE THEM

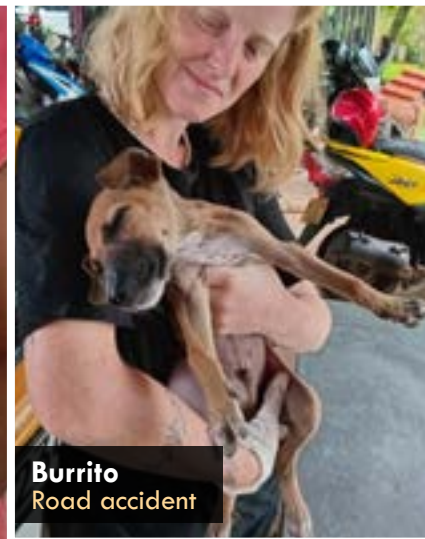
Here are just some of our recent arrivals



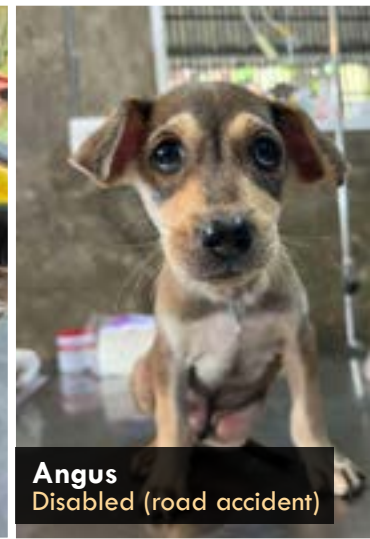
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Bullseye Bob
Prolapsed eye



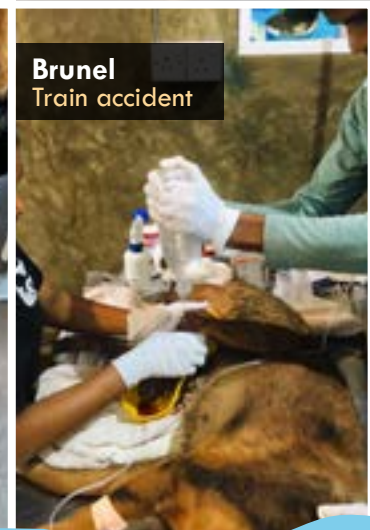
Burrito
Road accident



Angus
Disabled (road accident)



Uncle
TVT (curable cancer)



Brunel
Train accident



Cesare
Injured kitten



FLOODING, TUBE WELLS & FINANCIAL CRISIS

We have faced every challenge that has been thrown at us since starting this humane project in Sri Lanka 16 years ago: Floods, hostilities from those who want to stop us helping these street animals due to jealousy, malice and hatred of animals, dog poisonings, sabotage, threats to life, corruption that is off the scale. You name it, we have suffered it!

Our story would make a blockbuster movie, but regardless of all the challenges, we remain strong and resilient. We have many lives depending on us being strong, because without us, there is very little hope for street animals, particularly disabled dogs in Sri Lanka. We will always fight for their lives.

Doing good deeds, especially helping the voiceless, poses a struggle in many countries around the world and we see similar patterns elsewhere, particularly in countries with low animal welfare priorities and intolerance of street dogs. We have had considerable expenses at the sanctuary despite being very low on funds. We had to invest in a RO (Reverse Osmosis) plant, so we can ensure that our rescues and staff

that live on-site get fresh water. It's a basic necessity.

One of our wells is heavily contaminated with E.Coli from polluted water flowing through the village into our sanctuary (we suspect from village latrines) and this tube well is now unusable. Due to lack of interest or actions by the authorities, we have had to invest in another tube well in another location as we have a shortage of water. There are also huge hikes in the costs of medicines, food and just about everything else in Sri Lanka.

We are really struggling!



HOW YOU CAN HELP

What we need most of all is donations, particularly monthly commitments to help us feed our animals and keep operations at the sanctuary going. If we had enough monthly donations coming in, it would really help us to cover our running costs without the constant worry and stress.

FUNDRAISE FOR US

Events like tea parties, bungee jumps, boot fairs, marathon runs, cake bakes, stalls at fairs etc, all help to raise precious funds for the charity.

SELL ITEMS ON EBAY

Did you know that rather than donating items to us, you can sell them yourself on ebay and donate a percentage direct to us? Please consider helping us in this way.

HELP WITH SUPPLIES

We have an Amazon Wish list as we require huge quantities of supplies like Manuka honey (for wounds) vet bedding (for critical cases) and many other supplies used at the sanctuary. Delivery of items from our wish list can be delivered to our charity shop - 99 Station Road, Chingford, London E4 7BU

This is the Amazon link -

https://www.amazon.co.uk/registry/wishlist/JP3HFBZ4FVZH/ref=cm_sw_r_cp_ep_ws_lQmuzbJTEQFYP

ADOPT OR SPONSOR ONE OF OUR RESCUES

We have struggled for many years to find loving homes for many of the dogs and cats we have nursed back to health. Whilst there have been a few successful adoptions, some have been disastrous with many animals returned quickly, or 'gone missing' or victims of neglect. With constant dog and cat dumping's at the sanctuary, mainly pups and kittens, we are simply inundated.

Due to these issues, we have started a new initiative promoting international adoptions with the help of two lovely supporters who are assisting to co-ordinate this operation. Other charities do international adoptions, so have decided to see how this goes. We lack space at the sanctuary but are unable to expand due to lack of funds. Finding the perfect homes abroad for some of our amazing rescued animals is always the best outcome for them. They deserve that special attention and extra comfort that a loving home provides. We have a new website specifically promoting dogs and cats that are suitable for adopting.

This is the website link - <https://www.animalsosadoptions.com/home>

All details are on this website, so please consider adopting, or even sponsoring one of the cats and dogs at the sanctuary.

It all helps to keep this project going!

HELP AT OUR CHARITY SHOP IN CHINGFORD

We need more volunteers to help out in the shop. Also, do we have a supporter that is an expert in old books for valuation? Unwanted gold or silver jewellery that we can sell is always appreciated.

To those that live locally, good quality clothes, small items of furniture, china etc, are always appreciated. Sadly, our very tiny team of volunteers are unable to collect items. The address of our Charity shop is - 99 Station Road, Chingford, London E4 7BU



WE DESPERATELY NEED YOUR HELP

“Real generosity toward the future lies in giving all to the present.” – Albert Camus.

THE BEST WAY TO HELP IS TO DONATE

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

Please do consider setting up a standing order either directly with your bank, paypal or by downloading a standing order form from our website via www.animalsos-sl.com.

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

If our daily feeding costs were sponsored that would generate half our monthly running costs. The daily cooked meal costs the charity over £1000 a day and there are additional cost for puppy/kitten milk and extra meals for weakened dogs and cats.

Donate/Sponsor a spay/neutering day – £600 for a free neutering and rabies vaccinations day for dogs and cats.

Donate towards the development of our new land, or towards the costs of a new, well equipped clinic.

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Gift Aid

Gift Aid increases the value of donations to our registered charity by allowing us to reclaim basic rate tax on your gift. If you pay higher rate tax you can claim extra relief on your donations too. If you are a UK tax payer and have not already completed a declaration, please check the Gift Aid section in the advert below. If eligible, tick the circle in the advert, include your full details and return it to us so we can make your donations go even further at no extra cost to you.

You can download a Gift Aid form from our website www.animalsos-sl.com

Donate by Cheque

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

Donate via Card

Call 07773 746108

Leave a Legacy

Our charity is uniquely run by dedicated, unpaid volunteers in the UK, so donations and legacies go directly to the animals in need. That is the way we want it to be and we are sure our supporters agree. There are no fat cat salaries, as with other charities. Charity admin is covered by Kim and other dedicated, unpaid volunteers. Legacies will give our charity a future, will save many more lives, help us to expand our work, to plan ahead and reach many more desperate souls in dire need. There are also generous tax concessions for leaving a legacy to a UK Registered Charity. Animal SOS Sri Lanka's Registered Charity Number is 1119902.

There is no greater way of directly helping and saving lives than by remembering Animal SOS Sri Lanka in your will.



ANIMAL SOS SRI LANKA
Animal SOS Sri Lanka
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THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN LIFE AND DEATH

Life is extremely fragile for street animals in Sri Lanka but for some pets like Cindy, a Great Dane, the suffering is just as bad. Cindy was almost lifeless when we took her in. She was just skin and bones, had huge pressure wounds and could barely lift her head. We battled to save her life, something we do 365 days a year at our sanctuary in Sri Lanka. Cindy survived along with 1000s of other dogs and cats that we have nursed back to health from the brink.

Animal SOS Sri Lanka is a UK Registered Charity, dedicated to alleviating the widespread suffering of dogs and cats in Sri Lanka. We provide veterinary care, free neutering and vaccination programs, adoption schemes and animal welfare education. We are currently caring for over 2000 rescues at our sanctuary and in desperate need of donations to continue our vital work.

PLEASE HELP!

Please LIKE us on www.animalsos-sl.com

PLEASE HELP US TO CONTINUE GIVING THESE ANIMALS A FUTURE BY DONATING TODAY. *There is no greater gift*

Give more at no extra cost to you:

GIFT AID.

I am a UK taxpayer. Please treat all donations I make or have made to Animal SOS Sri Lanka for the past 4 years as Gift Aid Donations. I understand that if I pay less Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax than the amount of Gift Aid claimed on all my donations in that tax year, it is my responsibility to pay any difference.

Signature..... Date.....

I enclose £100 £50 £25 Other £
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Or make a secure donation online www.animalsos-sl.com {E} info@animalsos-sl.com {T} 07773 746108

thank you!