

# Thank You For Helping Dogs And Cats In Need In 2015

As I look back over the past year, I am immensely proud of what has been achieved through your generous support.

You, and other animal lovers across the world, together with our team here in Thailand (and now Vietnam) continue to help thousands of dogs and cats every month. Without you these animals would have no one to turn to.

2015 was yet another record breaking year in terms of animals helped. Below is a brief summary of just some of the things YOU made possible.

## A Record Number Of Animals Sterilised...

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2015 saw a record number of 23,734 dogs and cats sterilised and Soi Dog Foundation has now sterilised over 100,000 animals since it was founded 12 years ago. May of this year saw the completion of the mobile sterilisation programme in Phuket and our team is now replicating what was done there in neighboring provinces.

A well-seasoned traveller recently wrote to me, commenting on the remarkable difference in the number and condition of the dogs in Phuket province, compared with a previous visit a few years ago. He also commented on how the dogs in Phuket are in much better condition than those in other provinces around Thailand. Our long term aim is to replicate the sterilisation programme from Phuket throughout Thailand, and eventually expand to the rest of Southeast Asia.

A second mobile team completed training in Northern Thailand in December and this month will start an ambitious programme to sterilise the 640,000 dogs we have calculated as living on the streets of Bangkok. With your support, we plan to increase the number of teams working in Bangkok and will aim to sterilise 100,000 dogs per year.



Why is sterilisation so important? Quite simply, large scale sterilisation is the only humane and effective method of reducing the number of unwanted puppies and kittens born into a never ending cycle of suffering.

## Bringing An End To The Dog Meat Trade...

Thanks to you the dog meat trade in Thailand, although not completely eradicated, has been severely crippled. It is impossible to say just how many dogs you have saved from this horror, but we know that in 2013 around 500,000 dogs per year were being sent to Vietnam, and now we believe the figure to be a few thousand per year.

But, one dog falling victim to the dog meat trade is one too many and Soi Dog will not stop fighting the trade until it is completely ended.

To help achieve this, we have increased the size of our undercover team, and now also have agents operating in Laos. However you can take heart in the fact that certainly over 400,000 dogs have been spared a cruel fate in 2015. Something which could never have happened without your support.

Soi Dog is now also turning our attention to Vietnam and have employed a full time staff member there to establish Soi Dog Vietnam, and increase the pressure on the Vietnamese authorities to end Vietnam's dog and cat meat industry. An estimated 5 to 7 million dogs, many stolen pets, are consumed each year in Vietnam. This makes Vietnam the largest consumer of dog and cat meat outside of China, where Soi Dog is also cooperating with partner organisations.



Thanks to you, the dogs rescued from traders are safe in the huge complex of shelters in Northern Thailand, which you funded. The dogs of course still need our ongoing help, with food and drugs alone costing over 20,000 USD every month. With your support we will always care for these dogs, and with a growing number of partner rescue groups in the USA and Canada, we are hoping to rehome at least 500 of them in 2016.

## Improving The Treatment Of Thailand's Strays...

In 2015 a record number of dogs and cats were treated at the Soi Dog clinics in Phuket and Bangkok, with over 150 animals undergoing lifesaving treatment every week.

The new state of the art dog hospital at the Phuket shelter is nearing completion, and I am pleased to report that in December we received two substantial grants that have covered the purchase of the x- ray machine and other essential imaging equipment.

This new hospital will revolutionise the treatment we are able to provide stray animals, and we could little have dreamed that such a facility would ever have been possible in Thailand. Thank you so much for making it a reality. The trauma, not to mention the cost of having to send badly injured animals to expensive private clinics for x-rays and specialist treatment will soon be over, and the savings will enable us to help even more animals.



The photos of Cristy, above, show just how much your support can make a difference. Found as a young pup, alone and starving, Cristy was malnourished and suffering from a horrendous skin condition. With medical treatment and a lot of love, Cristy blossomed into a beautiful and loving dog and is now living in her new home in the UK. Without your support, Cristy would not have survived, let alone been given a second chance.

## **A Record Numbers Of Dogs And Cats Found Loving Homes in 2015...**

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2015 saw a record number of 405 dogs and cats, who had only known a hard life on the streets, adopted to loving homes locally and abroad. For me, seeing animals that arrived in horrific condition or were rescued from dog meat traders in new homes is one of those things that makes Soi Dog's work worthwhile. I'd like to say a big thank you to everybody who adopted an animal in 2015. Your kindness and generosity never ceases to amaze me!

Pictured right is Finch, one of the hundreds of dogs you helped find a loving home. Finch is seen here in his new adopted home in Canada.



## **Teaching Compassion To Youth...**

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Thanks to you we have been able to employ a full time education officer, who will be working with local schools. The aim of this programme is to change the attitude of the future generations towards animals, and to teach children about the care and needs of dogs and cats. In addition we are in discussions with local temple authorities to train monks in the basic care of the many animals who live on the grounds of temples. Thanks to you, we will also donate basic supplies of medication so that first aid can be provided to the thousands of animals living at temples.

## **Helping The Community Help Stray Animals...**

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Soi Dog has been able to offer support to other groups and individuals who struggle to help dogs and cats, wherever they may be throughout Thailand. This includes supplying food and medication to volunteers and other shelters. Recently, a local lady in Phuket reported that the 50 or so dogs she cares for were being systematically poisoned. With your help, Soi Dog built a large enclosure, ensuring the dogs she cares for will now be safe.

Recently, over 2,000 dogs were sterilised at an army base and surrounding areas in Kanchanaburi, two hours east of Bangkok, while only last week our Bangkok team sterilised and treated over 100 dogs living in terrible conditions at a rubbish tip close to a popular tourist area. Plans are being made to sterilise all the estimated 700 dogs on a remote island in the Gulf of Thailand, off the coast of Cambodia. This will be a complex operation as the island will take two days for our team to reach.

These achievements and many more were only possible thanks to you, without whom nothing could be done to help thousands of animals in need.

Thank you for what you did for animals in 2015! Together we can change the world for millions of some the most abused and neglected inhabitants of our planet.



John Dalley  
Co-Founder  
Soi Dog Foundation

Operating Expenses, Revenue & Assets 2015

	US Dollars	Thai Baht
Revenue		
Contributions	4,133,816\$	THB 142,545,388
Interest	22,911\$	THB 790,024
Total Revenue	4,156,727\$	THB 143,335,412
Operating Expenses		
Beneficiary Programs	2,122,398\$	THB 73,186,125
Administrative Expenses	152,615\$	THB 5,262,587
Fund Raising	66,275\$	THB 2,285,357
Total Operating Expenses	2,341,288\$	THB 80,734,070
Assets		
Cash & Cash Equivalents	2,074,762\$	THB 71,543,510
Current Investments	580,000\$	THB 20,000,000
Receivables	76,573\$	THB 2,640,441
Other Current Assets	27,951\$	THB 963,834
Total Current Assets	2,759,286\$	THB 95,147,784
Property, Plant & Equipment	2,033,829\$	THB 70,132,030
Long Term Investments	290,000\$	THB 10,000,000
Other Non-Current Assets	1,856\$	THB 64,000
Total Non-Current Assets	2,325,685\$	THB 80,196,030
Total Assets	5,084,971\$	THB 175,343,814
Beneficiary Programs	90.65%	
Administrative Expenses	6.52%	
Fund Raising	2.83%	