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EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM

OUR EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM is responsible for bringing in dogs that are injured or suffering from disease, as well as abandoned puppies and other dogs that cannot survive on the streets. In addition, we support members of the public who are able to take injured dogs to local vets throughout the country. The case of Cola is a classic example of a dog rescued in an outlying province, where Soi Dog was able to cover his initial treatment and then arrange for his transfer to a specialist clinic in Bangkok. Several thousand dogs have been treated in 2016 at our centres in Phuket and Bangkok as well as external vet clinics. The team is also responsible for responding to natural disasters such as the severe flooding in Southern Thailand.

NEW HOSPITAL AND BANGKOK CLINIC

SEPTEMBER SAW THE OPENING OF THE NEW HOSPITAL IN PHUKET. Taking over 18 months to build, it is the largest and most modern facility dedicated to the treatment of dogs in Asia, and is probably unique for such a facility to exist in a shelter anywhere. With state of the art equipment and the capacity to house in excess of 150 dogs at any time, it has transformed the standard of care we are able to provide street dogs, and at the same time cut the cost of having to outsource many animals for specialist treatment. At the end of 2016 we started to carry out essential renovation of the Bangkok clinic. This clinic is on rented premises and funds allowing we will look to acquire land close to the capital and build a similar facility to the one on Phuket in the future.



PHUKET SHELTER

6 NEW RUNS WERE CONSTRUCTED IN 2016 mainly to create more space for dogs rescued from the dog meat trade housed in Buriram. Prior to adoption these dogs often require treatment and behavioural training and with more being adopted every month to partner rescues in the US and Canada it was essential to find more space for them. When the opportunity arose to buy an additional piece of land adjoining the shelter where it was planned to build a Tuna processing factory, we took the decision to buy it as there is now no further room on the existing land, without filling in the large pond which supplies much of our water. Development of the land subject to funds being available will commence in 2017, and will include an additional cat shelter as the existing hospital is badly overcrowded. In an article written for a local newspaper many years ago, I pointed out that as the stray dog population reduced we would see an increase in the number of stray cats, and that prophecy has all too clearly been fulfilled. In addition, we shall build an isolation unit for dogs and cats with highly contagious diseases, such as distemper, which is common here and deadly; a behavioural centre and a new admin and education block. In addition, all the current stores will be moved to the new land, and this will allow for old buildings and temporary portacabins to be removed, allowing space for more runs as required.



ADOPTIONS

A RECORD 530 DOGS AND CATS WERE ADOPTED IN 2016 to new homes in Thailand and across the world. Adoptions are essential to provide room for other dogs and cats that cannot be returned to their original location. In addition, seeing a dog or cat that without our intervention would surely have perished find a loving permanent home is without doubt the most fulfilling experience any animal rescuer can experience. As good as we try and make the shelter, there is no substitute for a real home.

ANIMAL BEHAVIOUR TEAM

A TEAM OF ANIMAL BEHAVIOURISTS HAS BEEN SET UP. The purpose of the team is to work with often traumatised former stray dogs, to make them more readily adoptable.



VISITORS AND VOLUNTEERS

2016 SAW A RECORD NUMBER OF 3,224 VISITORS COME TO THE SHELTER. To see what they thought of the experience please visit https://www.tripadvisor.co.uk/Attraction_Review-g293920-d6648473-Reviews-Soi_Dog_Foundation-Phuket.html In addition 604 people from around the world came to volunteer, from spending from a few days to many weeks, and in some cases long term. These people gave up their holidays or took work breaks, to come and provide a vital service socialising our animals.



COMMUNITY OUTREACH AND EDUCATION PROGRAMMES

THE END OF THE YEAR saw the establishment of a Community Outreach team. The purpose of this team is twofold. It will work with the local community, and particularly temples and people who care for stray animals, to educate them on caring for the animals and providing first aid. Very often we get serious cases coming to the hospital which could have been avoided. In addition, they will provide treatment on site which is beyond the capabilities of the carers. A new school's education programme has been developed and we are currently seeking an administrator, whose role will be to work with schools and train the teachers.



EXTERNAL SUPPORT AND FEEDING PROGRAMME

AS WELL AS SUPPORTING THE GOVERNMENT SHELTERS where dogs rescued from the dog meat trade are housed, Soi Dog Foundation also supports other privately run shelters and local government facilities either long term or with emergency aid. Shelters like Saved Souls in Kon Kaen which has 600 animals that would otherwise starve, we finance, and in that case, are training staff so that it can become self-sufficient in the future.

Soi Dog Foundation purchases over 25 tons of dog and cat food every month at a cost of over 750,000 thb per month, to supply these shelters and temples as well as local feeders who feed dogs in isolated locations. The amount of food required is increasing annually as our support to other organisations and volunteers grows.

In 2017, subject to permission being granted, we will carry out renovations to the shelter at Phuttamonthon on the outskirts of Bangkok which has fallen into disrepair. Soi Dog Foundation was heavily involved with this shelter during the Bangkok floods of 2011, organising the evacuation of all 300 plus dogs when the shelter was totally flooded.



ANIMAL CRUELTY

IN 2016 SOI DOG FOUNDATION HAS CONTINUED TO FINANCE WATCHDOG THAILAND in the rescue of animals that have been victims of cruelty, and in their work in bringing perpetrators to justice under the new animal welfare laws, which Soi Dog Foundation was so instrumental in bringing to the statute books. We continue to sit on committees that are still refining and improving the laws.





DOG MEAT TRADE

LAST BUT NOT LEAST IS THE DOG MEAT TRADE, which continues to be our other main area of focus. The Thai trade in dogs for meat and skins, which saw an estimated 500,000 dogs per year either exported to Vietnam or killed locally as recently as 2013, has thanks to Soi Dog Foundation and its supporters been decimated. Watchdog Thailand continues to work with the authorities to pursue and close down isolated slaughter houses in Thailand, as there will always be people who will risk legal action in the search of profit, but our main focus is now on trying to repeat the success we have achieved in Thailand in other countries in the region, where the trade continues unabated. 2016 saw Soi Dog Foundation involved in Vietnam, China, South Korea and Indonesia. In China, we have financed the treatment of, and shipping of nearly 100 dogs that were purchased at Yulin to the US. Soi Dog Foundation does not agree with purchasing dogs, as it simply encourages the traders to steal more dogs, but when we received pleas of help from volunteers to assist we were there to help.



In Vietnam, we have financed the Vietnamese National TV station to produce a series of films exposing the cruelty of the trade. The Vietnamese government who control the station have approved the programmes, and we see that as a positive sign for change in the country. We will continue to campaign locally and do employ a full-time coordinator in Vietnam. In addition, with our partners in ACPA, we have been working with local groups, providing training in how to house large numbers of animals, in the event of the government confiscating illegal shipments. Also with ACPA we have been financing the testing of dogs slaughtered in Hanoi, to demonstrate the presence of rabies in the dogs and the threat this poses to the human population. We believe highlighting the health issues offers the best chance of changing laws in Vietnam.

In Korea, we will focus on a major campaign in 2017. During 2016 we provided aid to "Save Korean Dogs" and also financed a bus advertising campaign on buses that serve the notorious Moran market, where thousands of live dogs are slaughtered each year. At the end of 2016 the authorities announced an end to killing of dogs there, and we will continue to push for an end to selling dog meat at the market. In January 2017, we will meet with rising Korean politician Mr. Pyo Chong-Won who is personally opposed to dog meat consumption and is the driving force behind a stronger animal welfare law in the country.

In Indonesia, we have co-financed a 3-month undercover investigation into the dog meat trade. In February, we will meet with local organisations to discuss how to end the trade there where the cruelty involved is at its most extreme. It is likely we will focus on the enforcement of existing legislation and the spread of rabies as the disease is very prevalent in the country.

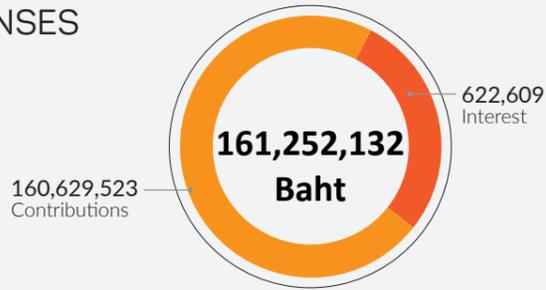
The above is a brief summary of some of our activities in 2016. It is impossible to calculate how many animals' lives have been affected as a result of these activities. Including the prevention of countless unwanted puppies, destined for a short existence and the decimation of the Thai dog meat industry it will literally run into millions.



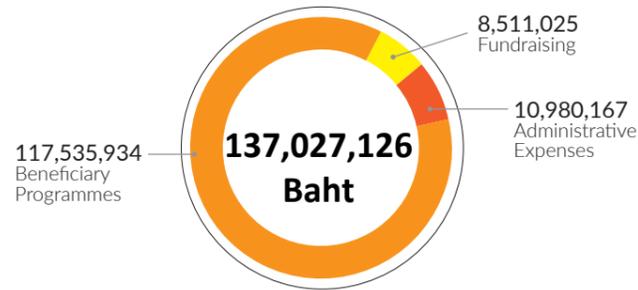


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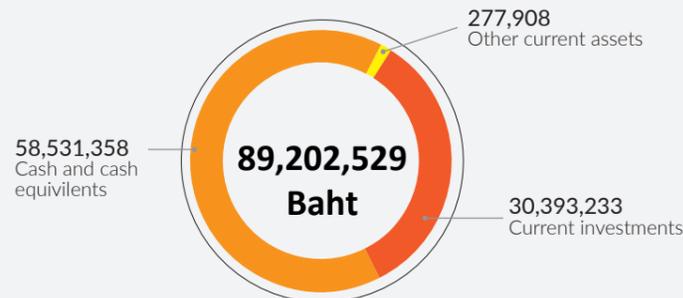
OPERATING EXPENSES & ASSETS 2016



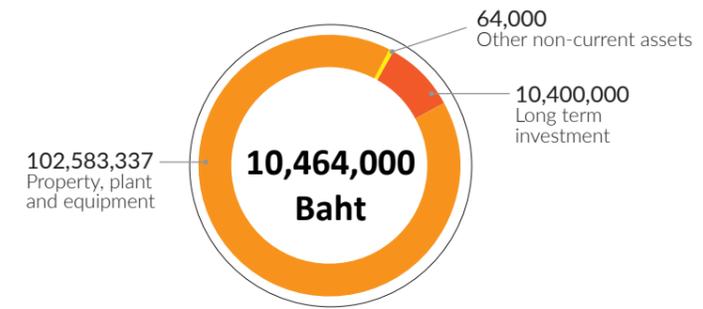
Revenue	USD	ThaiBaht
Contributions	4,794,911.1	160,629,523
Interest	18,585.3	622,609
Total Revenue	4,813,496.47	161,252,132



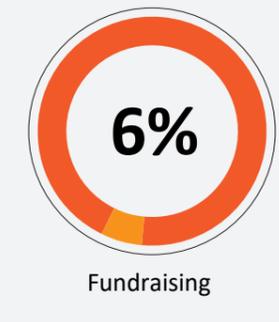
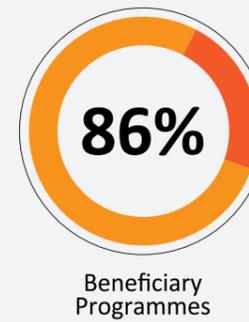
Operating Expenses	USD	ThaiBaht
Beneficiary Programmes	3,508,535.34	117,535,934.05
Administrative Expenses	327,766.18	10,980,167.08
Fundraising	254,060.45	8,511,025.20
Total Operating Expenses	4,090,361.98	137,027,126.33



Assets	USD	ThaiBaht
Cash and cash equivalents	1,747,204.74	58,531,358.77
Current investments	907,260.69	30,393,233.00
Receivables	-	-
Other current assets	8,295.78	277,908.52
Total current assets	2,662,762.06	89,202,529.00



Property, plant and equipment	3,062,189.18	102,583,337.44
Long term investment	310,447.76	10,400,000.00
Other non-current assets	1,910.45	64,000.00
Total non-current assets	312,358.21	10,464,000.00
TOTAL ASSETS	2,975,120.27	99,666,529.00



Beneficiary Programmes 85.8%
Administrative Expenses 8.0%
Fundraising 6.2%



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The legacy Gill left for the street dogs
and cats of Thailand, who had no-one else to
turn to, will live on eternally

Gill Dalley
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