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TIP-OFFS, TRAINING AND TACKLING RABIES

A DOG MEAT TRADE UPDATE FROM
THE PHILIPPINES AND VIETNAM

Amy Bryant

In the last edition of the *Soi Dog Post*, we took a deep dive into the dog and cat meat trade in Asia as we launched our renewed campaign against it. (Click [here](#) if you missed it.)

Though it's been but a matter of weeks since that launch, there have already been some significant and exciting developments. Such is the power of your support!

BILLBOARDS PAY OFF IN TIP-OFFS

In the Philippines, where Soi Dog has partnered with the renowned *Animal Kingdom Foundation* (AKF), we took our message to the skies, erecting a giant billboard in the city of Cabanatuan, Nueva Ecija.

Though an estimated 500 dogs fall victim to the trade in the Philippines every single day, not everyone is aware of its existence.

Butchers and traders are accustomed to operating in the shadows, hiding their involvement from the public and the police so as not to be caught and punished under the country's animal welfare laws.

Displayed for all in the bustling city to see, the billboard is not only designed to help raise awareness of the trade, it's also encouraging the public to report any suspected dog meat activity while deterring traders from engaging in such activities in the first place.

The use of billboards was a crucial component in our campaign against the illegal dog meat trade in Thailand, and we felt confident that it would prove effective in the Philippines too.

Sure enough, within days of the billboard going up, AKF received their first successful tip-off.



Reports of alleged dog meat activity have been coming in from all over the country, but this particular tip-off from Peñaranda – a municipality 20 kilometres from Cabanatuan – caught the attention of the AKF team who immediately launched an operation in collaboration with the *Philippine National Police* (PNP).

A checkpoint was set up just in time to catch a trader travelling with live dogs tied up in sacks on their way to slaughter. The suspect was arrested, and six lives were saved.

And this is just the beginning. Plans are in place to display many more billboards – on the side of tuk-tuks and buses, by busy highways and in other high-traffic areas – to drive more tip-offs, rescues and prosecutions.

If you would like to help buy a billboard, please click [here](#). Thank you to everyone who has contributed so far!

LAW AND ENFORCEMENT

Further south in the capital of Manila, AKF held an animal welfare seminar in August with 100 PNP officers from across the country.

The very first of its kind, this seminar brought the officers up to speed on current animal welfare laws in the country to help them better respond to violations. High on the agenda was the thriving illegal dog and cat meat trade.

The officers showed great interest and eagerness to deepen their knowledge, and all signed a declaration at the end committing to rightfully respond to reports of animal welfare violations and fully enforce the law. After all, law is nothing without enforcement.

A DEADLY LINK

We are also in collaboration with the authorities over in Vietnam. However, as the trade remains legal there, we are taking a different tack.

We believe our best chance of ending the dog and cat meat trade in the country is by proving that it is harming people as well as animals by way of disease transmission.

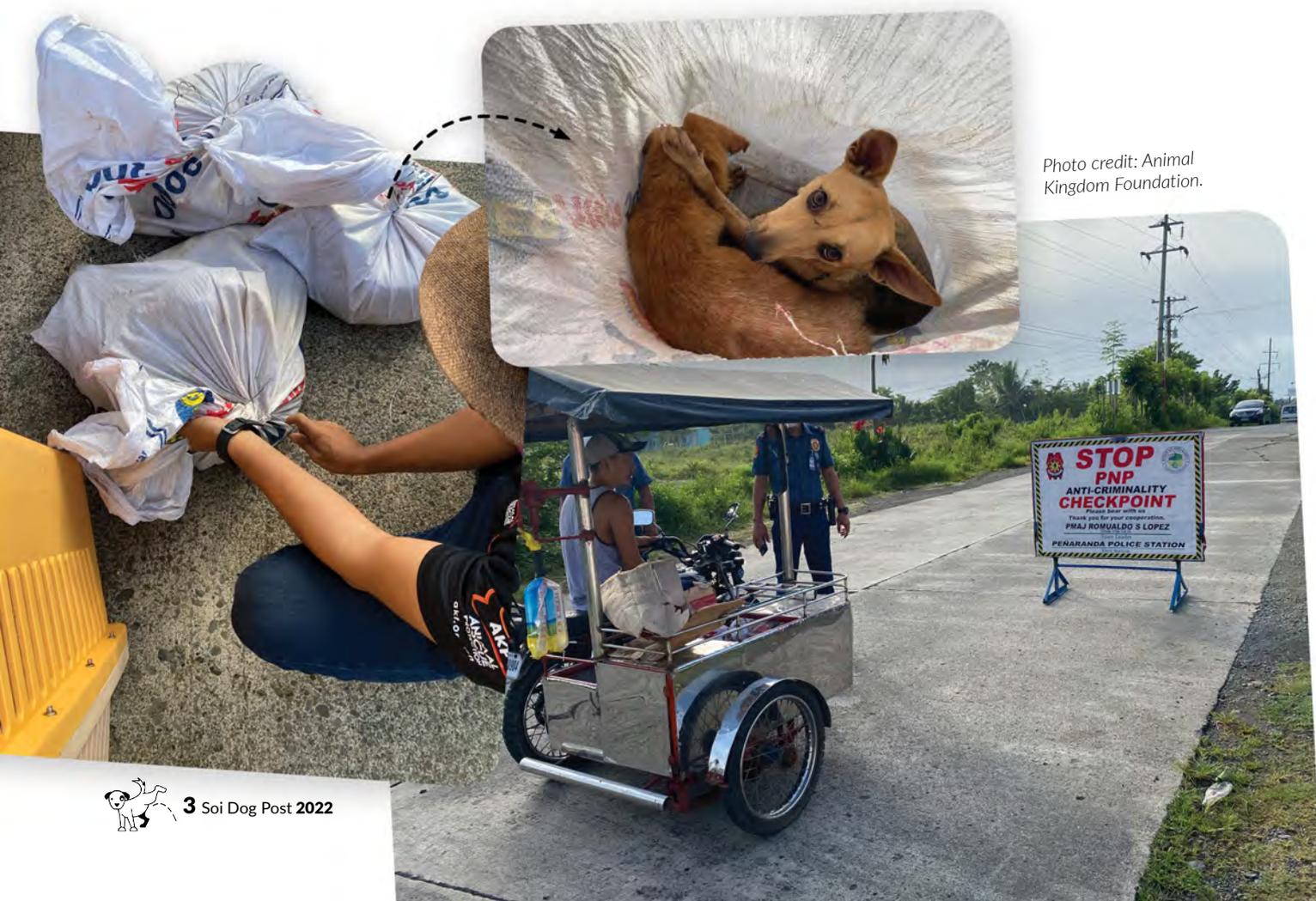


Photo credit: Animal Kingdom Foundation.





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That's why, in September, we entered into an official partnership with the Vietnamese government's *Department of Animal Health, Hanoi* (DAH) and the world-leading *Global Alliance for Rabies Control* (GARC) to help rid Hanoi of dog-mediated rabies by 2030.

This partnership is providing us with a golden opportunity to prove the link between the dog and cat meat trade and the transmission of rabies and, ultimately, shut down the trade for good in the Vietnamese capital and beyond.

Our joint work with the DAH and GARC will include:

- the implementation of an active rabies surveillance system to help inform decision making and guide rabies control activities, including strategic vaccination campaigns and outbreak response;
- the routine testing of samples in dog and cat slaughterhouses to establish the rabies risk posed by such practices and establish evidence of the relation between the dog and cat meat trade and the transmission and spread of rabies.

- the provision of education activities targeting at-risk communities, including targeted materials for children. These materials will include a focus on the wellbeing of dogs and cats in the community and how to engage with them to minimise the risk of human-animal conflict and disease transmission (especially rabies); and
- the setting of additional ambitious targets to achieve sustainable results, including the registering of dogs and cats, monitoring of at-risk disease locations (including slaughterhouses) and training in humane dog catching and handling.

The link between this brutal trade and this deadly disease have long been clear to us. But now, with your support, with the collaboration of a government authority and with the weight of an award-winning alliance behind us, we finally have the chance to prove it.

Thank you for your unwavering support in this ongoing fight. We look forward to bringing you more good news soon.



SHELTER UPDATE

Sam McElroy

FROM A TO Z AND EVERYTHING IN BETWEEN

It's been another very busy quarter here at the Soi Dog shelter. Since the last issue of the *Soi Dog Post*, 1,905 animals have come through the gates of the Soi Dog shelter, most admitted to our hospitals to receive urgent care from our vet team. Of these, 185 dogs and 65 cats must stay with us, bringing the total number of animals now in our care to almost 1,800.

This isn't a number we are proud to announce, more a reflection of the extended growth and reach of our programmes and the increase in the number of animals being reported by members of the public concerned for their welfare.



Staying true to our word of never closing our doors to any animal in need comes with its own pressures. We cannot continue to build forever. The shelter already covers an area of 10 acres and is now home to 50 dog enclosures, six kennel blocks and a cattery comprising six large cat rooms.

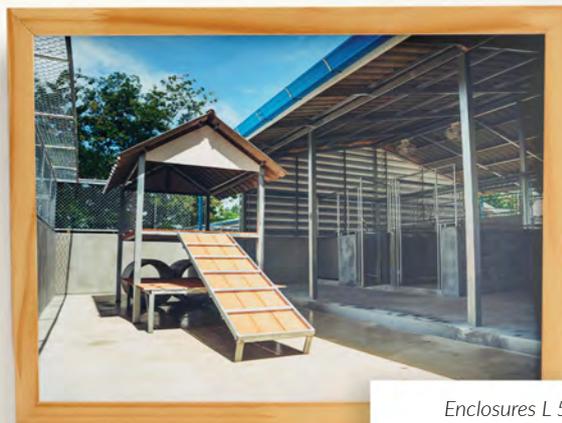
However, thanks to your support, the latest four dog enclosures were completed in September and refurbishment of one of the kennel blocks came to a finish in October.

FLYING SOLO

The vast majority of dogs live in large enclosures here at the shelter, sharing a space with up to 25 others. However, for dogs who don't get along well in a communal environment, the individual kennel blocks are essential. The dogs who live in these kennels are confident, hugely sociable with people, just not so great with their canine counterparts. Like *Soodlor* here (<https://www.soidog.org/adopt/soodlor-1595>) who's been at Soi Dog since early 2018. Although perfectly adoptable to the right home (in a country accepting of bull breeds), he has spent four-and-a-half years with us, and we believe he deserves the best we can offer him until the right person comes and whisks him off his paws!



Smiling Soodlor



Enclosures L 5-8



Refurbished A kennels



DRAWING INSPIRATION

As with any building project, there are plans that need to be approved before the construction work commences.

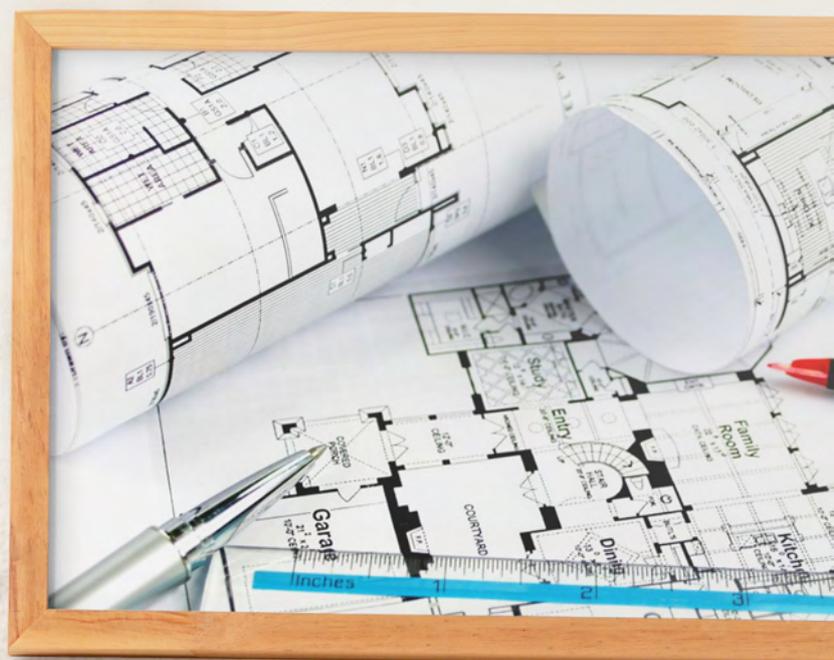
We are, therefore, blessed to have been the recipients of the expertise of *Maria Sofia Castro*, a professional architect from Portugal.

Sofia has supported Soi Dog for a number of years and made generous donations towards our programmes. She first contacted Soi Dog in her capacity as an architect in September 2021, hoping to match her qualifications and experience with her love of animals and put them to good use by offering her skills to assist with planned building projects.

“The work of Soi Dog Foundation is so special. They do amazing things for the dogs and cats. I sent them an email to say that I am an architect and if you need something – some concepts, ideas, even a design for something in particular – I would love to contribute”.

Always seeking to be fiscally prudent in any area we can to maximise the funds we dedicate to welfare programmes, we quickly found her knowledgeable input and pro-bono support invaluable.

Ever since, Sofia has assisted with the efficient layout planning of new enclosures, the new block of L run enclosures featured above and a new proposed kennel block extension. She has helped bring various different concepts to life with her professional support, maximising tight spaces and providing professional *Computer-Aided Design* (CAD) drawings for our infrastructure records. And she does it all in her spare time.



We are often asked the question – especially in these times of financial hardship for so many people – about the different ways they can help other than donating funds. We have received offers from supporters with a variety of different skill sets, from graphic designers to bloggers and from legal professionals to photographers. But architects? That was a new one on us, but one for which we are hugely grateful.

The expense that this kind offer has saved Soi Dog carries great value. It saves the outlay on costly drawings and means that more of our donors' contributions can be used directly in areas of animal welfare.

Here we are, a year on, and Sofia remains at our disposal for future projects. Thank you, Sofia!

If you have a special skill or talent you think could be of benefit to Soi Dog, please email info@soidog.org and we'll be very pleased to hear from you.



EMERGENCY RESPONSE – CENTRAL THAILAND FLOODING

Sam McElroy



It's been a particularly wet year in many parts of the world. From Australia to Venezuela and from Nigeria to Pakistan, millions have been affected, and some regions are not out of the woods yet.

In Thailand, the rainy season occurs throughout the country with the heaviest rainfall generally expected in the months of September and October, and this year was no exception.

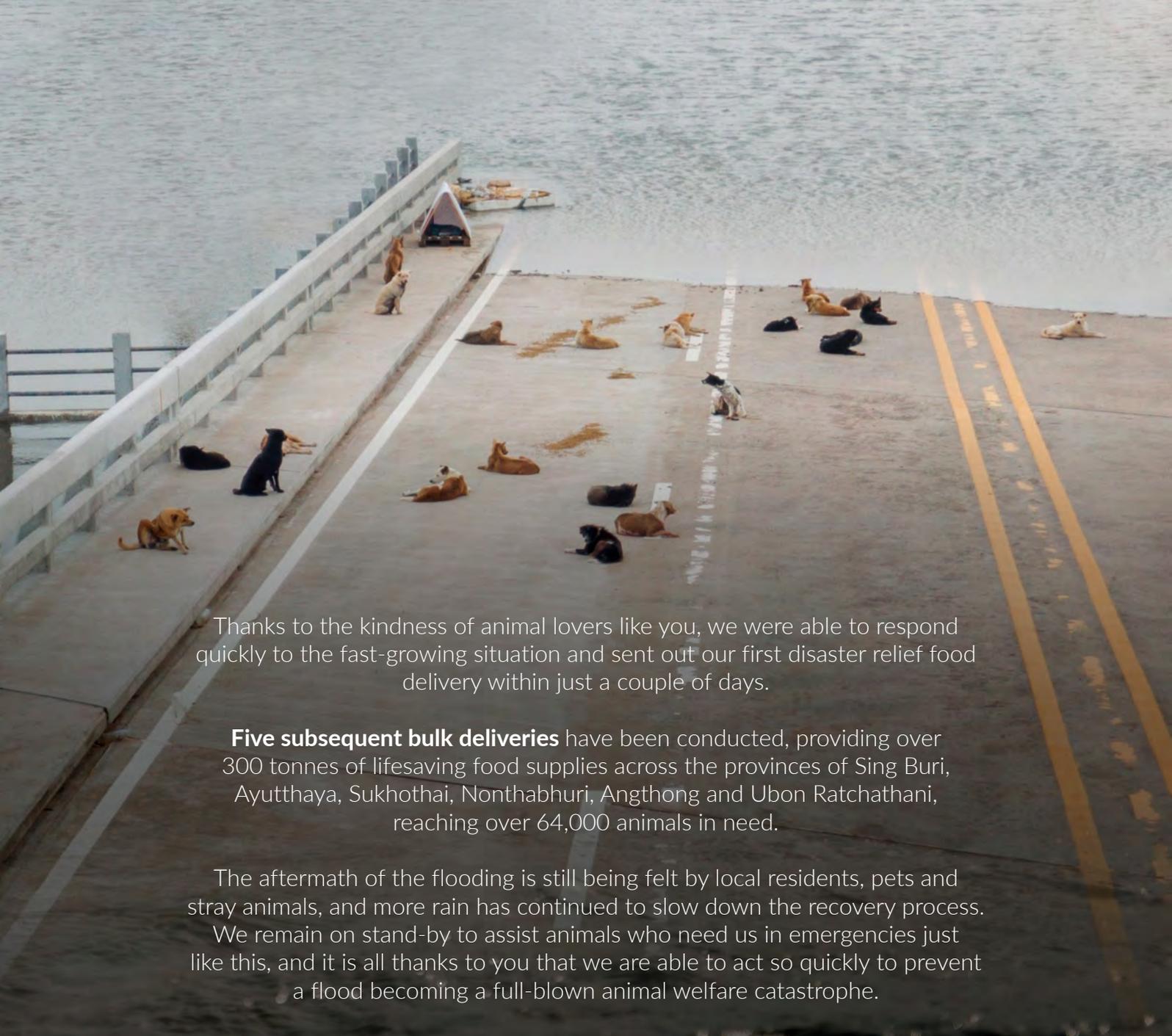
At the beginning of October, persistent monsoon rains in eastern and central Thailand, compounded by the tail end of typhoon Noru – a tropical cyclone that wreaked havoc across the Asean region – resulted in widespread flooding affecting thousands of homeless animals in the process.

Following initial news reports of the extent of the disaster, we reached out to you with an urgent plea to help enable the mobilisation of our emergency response team and provide lifesaving food supplies to stranded animals after the record flooding had left entire villages underwater, and thousands of dogs and cats marooned and starving.

When our rescue officers reached the affected provinces, they found a devastating situation.

Thousands of animals were stranded on higher ground and road bridges, trying to escape the flooding.





Thanks to the kindness of animal lovers like you, we were able to respond quickly to the fast-growing situation and sent out our first disaster relief food delivery within just a couple of days.

Five subsequent bulk deliveries have been conducted, providing over 300 tonnes of lifesaving food supplies across the provinces of Sing Buri, Ayutthaya, Sukhothai, Nonthaburi, Angthong and Ubon Ratchathani, reaching over 64,000 animals in need.

The aftermath of the flooding is still being felt by local residents, pets and stray animals, and more rain has continued to slow down the recovery process. We remain on stand-by to assist animals who need us in emergencies just like this, and it is all thanks to you that we are able to act so quickly to prevent a flood becoming a full-blown animal welfare catastrophe.



DOGGY PADDLE

Vanessa Jakoby



The exceptional rainfall in Thailand during 2022 has not been witnessed exclusively in central and eastern parts. The southern provinces have also been badly hit, and the effects were felt very close to home at the start of September.

On the second day of the month, some particularly heavy downpours hit the north of Phuket overnight, causing a number of areas to flood. The water level rose so high in some places that it reached the windows of houses and the roofs of cars.

In Mai Khao, where the Soi Dog shelter is located, flood waters spilled over into nearby roads, rice fields and parts of the shelter too.





Our small dog and senior dog enclosures were the most affected. Some dogs didn't mind and even took the opportunity to splash and play, while others took refuge on benches and salas and waited for help to arrive.

We gathered our staff, rolled up our sleeves and trouser legs and waded through ankle-deep water to help carry them one by one to higher, drier ground in new enclosures at the other side of the shelter. These enclosures were built recently thanks to your support, and thank goodness they were!

Once the waters had receded and the staff had cleaned out the enclosures, our small and senior dogs were safely moved back.

Though a little unsettled, you can rest assured that no dogs were harmed, and there has been no lasting damage to the shelter. We have also devised a flood-prevention system to help reduce the impact of any future flooding.



FACES OF THE SOI DOG SPONSOR PROGRAMME

SPONSOR ONE, SAVE MANY

Amy Bryant

Despina aka. Our Brown-Eyed Girl

Despina was brought to Soi Dog with her four pups after we received reports that they were all unwelcome and unsafe in their territory.

Though many years ago now, the trauma of that time can still be seen in Despina's big brown eyes to this day, and she continues to lean on our behaviour team for love and support.

Can she lean on you as her sponsor too? Your monthly gift will help provide everything she needs for as long as she needs it, including behavioural support, medical care, food and shelter. It will help other animals at the shelter too.

In return for your kindness, Despina will be in touch with regular updates and photos as well as a special video at the end of each year.

 **Likes:** Spending time with her daughter, and fellow sponsor dog, **Dreambun**

 **Dislikes:** Visits to the hospital

SPONSOR ME



Alanzo

aka. Mr Airplane Ears

 **Likes:** Claiming the entire sofa as his own

 **Dislikes:** Too much hustle and bustle



Black cats deserve their time in the spotlight, and that's why we've introduced not one but two to our sponsorship programme!

The first is *Alanzo*. A shy, senior street cat with airplane ears and three-and-a-half legs, Alanzo is beautiful in his uniqueness.

Alanzo came into our care as a victim of cruelty. Part of his right hind leg was missing, and there were burns all over his body.

While Alanzo has recovered physically, his emotional healing is still a work in progress. He's a wary boy, understandably unsure of who he can trust.

To help him along, we've placed Alanzo in the calm surrounds of our sanctuary director's office instead of our busy cattery. From there he'll be penning updates to sponsors like you, describing all the ways you've made a difference to his life.

The second black beauty to join our sponsorship programme is Occia.

Occia was admitted to Soi Dog with a huge facial wound that ran all the way from his cheek to his upper head.

We don't know what caused such a horrific injury, but Occia braved months of treatment to heal it, and he was eventually discharged from our hospital with but a scar and a few missing patches of fur.

Unfortunately, during his treatment, Occia also tested positive for feline immunodeficiency virus (FIV), an incurable disease that requires ongoing monitoring and care at the shelter.

We're committed to giving Occia this care for the rest of his life, but we can't do it alone! Please consider becoming his sponsor for the benefit of him and many more animals in need.

Occia

aka. Patches

 **Likes:** Playing with wand toys and feathers

 **Dislikes:** Wearing the dreaded cone



A DOG'S TALE

THE EXTRAORDINARY STORY OF SIR WAGALOT KNIGHT

Sam McElroy



THE MOST EAGERLY ANTICIPATED BOOK OF 2022 IS OUT NOW!

A Dog's Tale is the remarkable story of *Sir Wagalot Knight*, a street dog rescued from the clutches of death by Soi Dog Foundation, and is available exclusively on *Soi Dog's online store*.

A Dog's Tale charts the rescue, rehabilitation, rejuvenation and rehoming of this shy street dog, from his rescue by Soi Dog after finding himself trapped in a narrow cavity for four days; to the months spent at the Soi Dog sanctuary recovering from his physical and emotional scars; to the meeting of his one true love and his journey to the other side of the world to embark on a whole new life.

The book is 184 dynamic pages packed with drama, despair, discovery, devotion and delight and includes 135 images which help to tell one of the great rescue stories of all time.

Written from the perspective of Knight, this unique representation of life through the eyes of a scared street dog offers an insight into a world many of us would struggle to comprehend and allows us to understand a little better what life can be like for stray animals in Asia.





In *A Dog's Tale*, Knight tells this heartbreaking yet heartwarming story that demands you make a warm drink, find a comfortable chair and hang up the 'Do Not Disturb' sign indefinitely.

Retailing at a snip of just 12.99 GBP (less than \$16 USD!), all pre-production costs were kindly covered by Knight's adopter, Guy, which means 100% of profits from every sale of the book go directly to helping the dogs and cats of Asia, just like Knight.

Order your copy today. We promise it'll be the best book you read all year.

BUY THE BOOK



About Knight's adopter, best friend, and Soi Dog volunteer, Mr. Guy Wrench:

Guy first volunteered at Soi Dog in Thailand in 2018 and met many wonderful dogs during a month-long stay. Following that eye-opening and life-changing volunteering trip, he began his own campaign focused on helping to end the dog meat trade. He started a company called www.stopeatingdogs.com, devoted to raising awareness and funds to help organisations who are actively fighting the trade in Asia, with Soi Dog Foundation as the principal beneficiary. Guy joined the Soi Dog UK board in 2019 and returned to the Soi Dog shelter in Thailand to volunteer again later that year, where he fell in love with his new best friend, Knight.

The rest, as they say, is history!

Stop Eating Dogs campaign t-shirts are available [here](#).





CANADA:

51 LUCKY LOVEBUGS AND THE PLAN TO BEAT THE BAN

Dana Pullen

Canada has a proud history of rescue and has long been a place of refuge for dogs in need. Since 2015, over 500 Soi Dog rescues have left Soi Dog's shelter in Phuket, Thailand, for loving homes in provinces across the country, from Vancouver to Nova Scotia.

On June 28, 2022, almost a year to the day after the implementation of a ban on rescue dogs entering the USA, we were devastated when the *Canadian Food Inspection Agency* (CFIA) announced a similar import ban on dogs entering Canada, citing concerns over the introduction of rabies from the same 113 countries. The ban came into effect on September 28, 2022 – ironically, World Rabies Day.

When we received the news of the ban, our medical, behaviour, adoption, creative, fundraising, marketing, volunteer, partner rescue and logistics teams swung into action. There was little rest and a LOT of stress as dogs were identified, promoted, prepared and transported across the globe. By the time the final flight left Thailand, 51 pups had made it to Canada before the ban came into effect! Unfortunately, there are still almost 1,800 dogs and cats at the shelter, many of whom are searching for their furry-tail endings, and the ban represents another hurdle in our quest to find them a home.



The fortunate 51 – the dogs who travelled to Canada between announcement and implementation of the CFIA ban.





Badonky - Refuge Balto.

Our amazing Canadian partner rescues *Refuge Balto*, *BARCS*, *Pawsitive Match*, *Jack Russel Terrier Rescue Ontario (JRTR)*, *Paws With A Cause*, *Firefighter Dog Rescue*, *Northumberland Humane Society*, *Dachshund and Friends* and *Dog Tales* stepped up to beat the clock and welcomed some pawesome pups to Canada, including *Badonky*, who was most likely an abandoned pet, as he approaches people with delight and loves to play with a ball. He has since been adopted and is loving his new life as a Canadian canine.

When *Sukfourteen* was rescued, there was such sadness in his eyes. We saved him and 16 other dogs from an illegal shelter where they had been barely surviving, desperately neglected and in dreadful condition. Poor *Sukfourteen* had only ever known suffering. He was just skin and bones when our rescue officers brought him to the Soi Dog hospital, and he was in a lot of discomfort from a chronic flea infestation. After months of recovery and rehabilitation, the sadness in his eyes turned into happiness. He travelled to *Refuge Balto* near Montréal and is ready for a forever family to choose him.



Sukfourteen went to Refuge Balto.



Mod travelled to BARCS.

Our partner rescue *BARCS* in Alberta welcomed *Mod*, a small Soi girl with a big heart and one eye. No one is sure what happened to her before she was found at the government dog pound in Phuket, but the people who were looking after her realised that she needed help as she was blind in one eye, which had then become inflamed. She was brought to *Soi Dog's* shelter where our vets were unable to save her eye, deciding to remove it to relieve her pain and improve her quality of life. *Mod* is a lovely, confident girl who enjoys her walks. She navigates her way through life with one eye and does not let anything stop her from spreading joy wherever she goes. She can't wait to find a family that will explore the world with her.





Kongdam also went to BARCS.

Kongdam was only a few months old when she was abandoned on the streets of Phuket. Alone and vulnerable in areas occupied by packs of street dogs, her chances of surviving were slim. Luckily, she was rescued by a kind lady who fed the little pup and gave her a safe place to rest. The woman reached out to Soi Dog for help as she noticed *Kongdam* was lethargic and had a decreasing appetite. She was collected and taken to Soi Dog for treatment and care. After a year at the shelter, *Kongdam* was delighted to be included in the group of dogs chosen by BARCS and is now ready to find her forever family. She is a sweet, friendly little girl who loves exploring the world and chasing butterflies.

Harasto was a little puppy living on the streets of Phuket when a kind person noticed that he was battling to walk. They called Soi Dog for assistance and a rescue team collected the friendly, cute little pup and brought him to Soi Dog's shelter for treatment. After being given medication and care, *Harasto* recovered and grew into a friendly, affectionate little boy who approaches people and other dogs while exploring the world confidently. He is interested in playing with toys and balls which will be a great activity to share with his forever family that our amazing partner rescue, Pawsitive Match, can't wait to help him find.



Harasto - Pawsitive Match.

Each of these dogs now has a chance of living a safe and happy life. But the introduction of the ban into Canada harms the chances of beautiful, healthy dogs like these ever finding their one shot at happiness.



Our volunteer team – Soi Dog Canada – has joined forces with like-minded organisations *Animal Justice* and *Rescue Dogs Advocacy Coalition* (RDAC) to fight for a revision of the ban. Together, we have filed a regulatory complaint with the CFIA's Complaints and Appeals Office over the agency's recent decision to ban the import of rescued dogs from some of the world's most vulnerable regions.

We are appealing for the CFIA to rescind the blanket ban. The government has said the ban is necessary to prevent the spread of dog rabies, even though no other Western countries impose such a ban, and have instead adopted science-based rabies prevention measures like vaccinations and antibody tests. Dog rescue organisations were not even consulted prior to the abrupt policy shift.

While Soi Dog fully supports and appreciates the importance of implementing stringent disease control measures, we believe that the CFIA's measures are unduly harsh. Such a blanket ban unjustly penalises reputable rescue organisations like Soi Dog who have an unblemished track record of importing healthy dogs to various countries worldwide for almost two decades.

All dogs imported by Soi Dog into Canada come from the southern island province of Phuket, Thailand's first province to be recognised as rabies free. The dogs are disease-free, parasite-free and present absolutely no health risk whatsoever to humans or native animals in Canada. Yet, through no fault of their own, these dogs are now being denied the chance to find the loving homes they deserve.



We propose that the Canadian government should instead adopt measures that will effectively protect against the spread of rabies without causing unnecessary suffering to vulnerable dogs overseas. As an organisation with a core goal to eliminate rabies, we appreciate those concerns but strongly believe they do not justify an outright ban, particularly when there are other disease control measures that can be put in place – namely titer testing – to protect humans and animals against rabies while continuing to allow dogs to enter rabies-free territories. This is the crux of our communication with all stakeholders and the CFIA.

Some of the vital components of our successful campaign against a similar ban in the USA were the signatures of thousands upon thousands of Soi Dog's wonderful supporters, coupled with the exceptional and invaluable voluntary legal work behind the scenes of our Soi Dog USA board member *Peter Fitzgerald* as well as the many of you who wrote personal and heartfelt pleas to the CDC. It was the power of our collective voices – and Pete's unerring and steadfast approach – that contributed to the review of the CDC ban.



We have now challenged the Canadian CFIA by filing a judicial review, but we still need the help of Soi Dog supporters to maintain momentum.

If you are in Canada, you can help oppose the ban by engaging with your local Member of Parliament, registering your objections with the CFIA by letter, phone or email and sending a tweet to the CFIA. To have your voice heard, and to help rescue dogs continue to find loving homes in Canada, visit our guide [here](#).

Please raise your voice and tell the CFIA that importing dogs into Canada and protecting human and animal health are NOT mutually exclusive. There are alternative measures that can be put in place to keep Canada closed to rabies but open to dogs who have nowhere else to turn.

In animal welfare, it often feels like we are up against one crisis after another. However, with supporters as dedicated as you by our side, there is always hope. Together we helped revise the ban in the USA, and together we can achieve the same in Canada too.

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**WE ARE STRONGER TOGETHER
THAN WE ARE ALONE.**

— *Walter Payton*

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ADOPTION CORNER: THE BEFORE-AND-AFTER EDITION MEET THE SOI DOGS LOOKING FOR THEIR FOREVER HOMES

Vanessa Jakoby

ARANDY

Arandy was struck and severely injured by a speeding car.

Sadly, by the time he was rescued, his left front leg was damaged beyond repair and had to be amputated.

But soi dogs are strong, and Arandy adjusted quickly to his new tripawd life. Despite his hardships, he remains happy, full of life and extremely affectionate too.

Having three legs means Arandy needs to stop and rest periodically during his walks. While doing so, he will roll on his back, let his tongue hang out and ask for belly scratches and cuddles. You won't be able to resist!

Arandy will make a loyal addition to his forever family, so please enquire if you think he could be the one for you.

Estimated age:

4 years

Weight:

19kg

Likes:

Meeting and greeting people

Dislikes:

The company of other dogs



JULLEY

Like Arandy, Julley was hit by a car, though he was just two months old at the time. Young, vulnerable and alone, all he could do was limp along the road, hoping someone would notice.

By a stroke of luck, one of our mobile clinic teams was stationed in the area at the time. They spotted him and transferred him to our shelter for treatment which included corrective surgery, a cast and a splint.

Although Julley is recovered and all grown up now, he's still a shy and nervous pup deep down, so he could do with a calm and loving kind of home. If there's another dog in that home, all the better! Could you be the one to give him a second chance?

Estimated age:

1 year

Likes:

Gentle encouragement

Weight:

20kg

Dislikes:

Loud noises and busy areas

ADOPT ME



PIGOYA

Pigoya is a stunner, isn't she? But when she arrived at Soi Dog, she was far from the beautiful and healthy girl we know now. She'd been left dazed and bleeding from a head-on collision with a car.

Thankfully, a kind passerby found her and contacted us for help. She went on to make a remarkable recovery, bouncing back with a smile.

Pigoya has a playful character, and she enjoys spending time with people. At times, though, she also likes to have her own space. She's looking for someone who can indulge her fun side but respect her boundaries too. If that sounds like you, please get in touch today and make this pretty lady yours.

Estimated age:

7 years

Likes:

Playing fetch (it's more of a love than a like!)

Weight:

15kg

Dislikes:

Too much fuss

ADOPT ME



THE SOI DOG SILLIES



Pumar doesn't kiss on the first date.



Small mouth, big heart.



Top and tail.



Instagram vs reality.





Kurusart's family portrait.



Cicana reaches for the stars.



"What's yours is mine. Watch? Mine now. Hairband? Hand it over. Finger? Gimme!"



Cattery magic.



A wonky smile from Whity



The canine equivalent of gossiping round the water cooler.



ANOTHER SOI DOG SUCCESS ON WORLD RABIES DAY

Chutima Srisawang



Soi Dog CEO Louise Rose (back right), in the group photo with Her Royal Highness Princess Chulabhorn.

There has been a decline in rabies cases in Thailand in recent years – thanks in no small part to the vaccination element of Soi Dog’s CNVR programme. In 2017, for example, there were 22 deaths recorded. So far this year, just one.

However, there remains a threat from unvaccinated animals, whether stray or owned. It is crucial, therefore, that public awareness around prevention measures is increased, not only to reduce human fatalities, but to improve the attitudes of the public towards stray dogs and to encourage dog and cat owners, as well as anyone who cares for animals in the community, to vaccinate their pets. Statistics also show that four out of five reported cases in humans originate from unvaccinated owned pets, reinforcing the message to pet owners of the huge role they have to play in helping to eliminate it.

World Rabies Day, on September 28th, is recognised in Thailand every year by all relevant departments around the country, from the *Department of Livestock Development (DLD)* to the *Bangkok Metropolitan Association (BMA)* and universities and veterinary faculties with an interest in helping to eliminate the disease.





Assistant Professor
Dr. Kongsak Thiangtham
expresses gratitude for
the upcoming internship
programme.

Soi Dog Foundation – because of its established and effective CNVR programme – has taken part in activities organised by Bangkok's central authorities, those directly responsible for curbing the spread of rabies across the country.

This year's event was hosted by the BMA at the Miracle Grand Convention hotel in Bangkok. Soi Dog, along with the Society for the Promotion of Animal Welfare under Royal Patronage, were in fact the only two nonprofits invited. Spaces are generally reserved for governmental and educational organisations. The Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives, the Department of Disease Control, the Ministry of Public Health, the Saowapa Institute, the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine at Mahidol University, and the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine at Kasetsart University all present at this year's event.



During the opening seminar – “An integrated strategy for managing stray animals and rabies” – Soi Dog CNVR director Dr. *Tuntikorn Rungpatana* (or Dr. *Oob* as we know him!) was invited to speak about the effectiveness of the CNVR programme, and received a certificate of appreciation from the head of the BMA.

Dr.Oob's talk about the
CNVR programme during
the opening seminar.

Professor Dr. *Her Royal Highness Princess Chulabhorn Krom Phra Srisavangavadhana* served as the event's president. She talked about pet owners' responsibilities and told the public they should get their pets vaccinated. “Pets must be well cared for and vaccination is a major social responsibility”. Her Royal Highness also spoke about the operational outcomes of her rabies control project “Animals Free from Rabies, People Free from Disease,” which, since 2016, has urged every local municipality across the country to drive rabies elimination. Soi Dog mobile clinics have contributed to the project by coordinating with the local authorities in the areas where our clinics are located.



Dr. Sorravis Thaneto (centre),
Director General of the Department
of Livestock Development





Kathu Mayor Dr. Chai-anan Suthikul with the 2 awards and Soi Dog team.

A Thailand Rabies Award was also presented to Kathu municipality of Phuket for excellence in rabies management. As part of the implementation of Soi Dog's CNVR programme in the early days, we have supported Kathu's attempts to improve welfare and increase vaccinations. During the event, the mayor of Kathu informed us that because of the productive relationship between Soi Dog and the Kathu municipality, the award should be shared between us as recognition of the cooperative effort. They are grateful for our assistance and will continue to follow Soi Dog's approach to improving the welfare of dogs and cats in Kathu. As with any award Soi Dog is the recipient of, the thanks go exclusively to our donors and supporters without whom none of this vital work is possible.

The World Rabies Day event also provides a great opportunity for our delegates to meet with other groups working on animal welfare on a national level, such as the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine at Kasetsart University who Soi Dog have been involved with on several projects. The Dean of the faculty, Dr. Kongsak Thiangtham, is thrilled about a new internship project that will soon take place for the university's vet students' training taking place at Soi Dog. "We are excited about the programme. It is especially beneficial for enhancing the skills of students from specialised agencies". This serves as further endorsement of Soi Dog's veterinary standards from one of the leading universities in Thailand.



CNVR admins Khun Nice and Khun Ta present Soi Dog works at the event



The country still has a way to go to eradicate rabies, but each step brings us closer to the target, and it's your support that makes it all possible. Thank you!

With Bangkok's governor Chadchart Sittipunt.





New quarter, NEW SPAY SQUAD!

Chutima Srisawang

We are delighted to announce the addition of a second mobile clinic in Pathum Thani Province, who began work in early August. This is the second team of its kind in the province and the eighth overall in the Bangkok metropolitan area.

Pathum Thani is home to a high number of workers and there are a lot of stray animals in the province. As in Nakhon Phatom where we previously had two teams, operating one mobile clinic alone can never be as efficient or effective as two.

*Pathum Thani animal
rescue officers in action*



Team 12 lining up for duty



Khun Ta-Ae and Khun Ping set up Soi Dog banner at mobile clinic

According to Soi Dog's CNVR Director, Dr. Oob, "For a heavily populated and densely urban province like Pathum Thani, it's challenging to reach our target with one team. However, in smaller areas around Bangkok, such as Samut Sakhon, a single team is sufficient."

While the existing Pathum Thani mobile team begins in Lat Lum Kaeo district on the province's west side, the new team will operate from the eastern district of Lam Luk Ka, with the plan that the two converging having systematically covered their respective areas.

Thank you to everyone who has donated to us in various ways and have enabled our CNVR project to grow to become the largest of its kind in the world, and to animal lovers who like and share information of the programme with friends and family. This only happens because of people like you!



THE 800K CLUB.

- ANOTHER CNVR MILESTONE REACHED

Sam McElroy

**We are delighted to announce another significant milestone for
Soi Dog's record-breaking CNVR programme.**

Thanks to supporters from around the world, and help with the Bangkok arm of the programme from *Dogs Trust Worldwide*, the largest programme of its kind in the world has now seen us reach **800,000** animals since 2003, sparing the unnecessary birth of millions of puppies and kittens into a short life of hardship and suffering, and improving the welfare of existing stray animal and human communities through humane and sustainable population management and the reduction of diseases such as rabies through mass vaccination.

We are thankful for each and every person who continues to donate towards all of our animal welfare programmes. You are playing an integral part in shaping a better future for stray animals in Asia.



A grape TIME WAS had by all

Sam McElroy

On the grounds of the stunning *Jordan Vineyard and Winery* in Healdsburg, California, basking in the evening sunshine, they gathered – the breathtaking surroundings providing a spectacular backdrop for a social impact dinner spotlighting *The John Jordan Foundation's* support of *Soi Dog Foundation*.

Jordan



THE JOHN JORDAN FOUNDATION



Ordinarily providing financial grants to local charities in the USA focused on creating opportunities for underserved communities and closing gaps in the education system, goals of JJF also include improving school performance and career readiness and decreasing the negative health impacts associated with poverty.

However, JJF founder Mr. *John Jordan* is renowned for his love for dogs – his own dog even making a guest appearance at the event – and his philanthropic inclinations have led him to support the vital work of Soi Dog!



The evening brought together an eclectic mix of people, all of whom enjoyed delicious food and wine in a dreamy courtyard setting, with Soi Dog info cards available to all, helping to raise awareness and funds for our foundation.

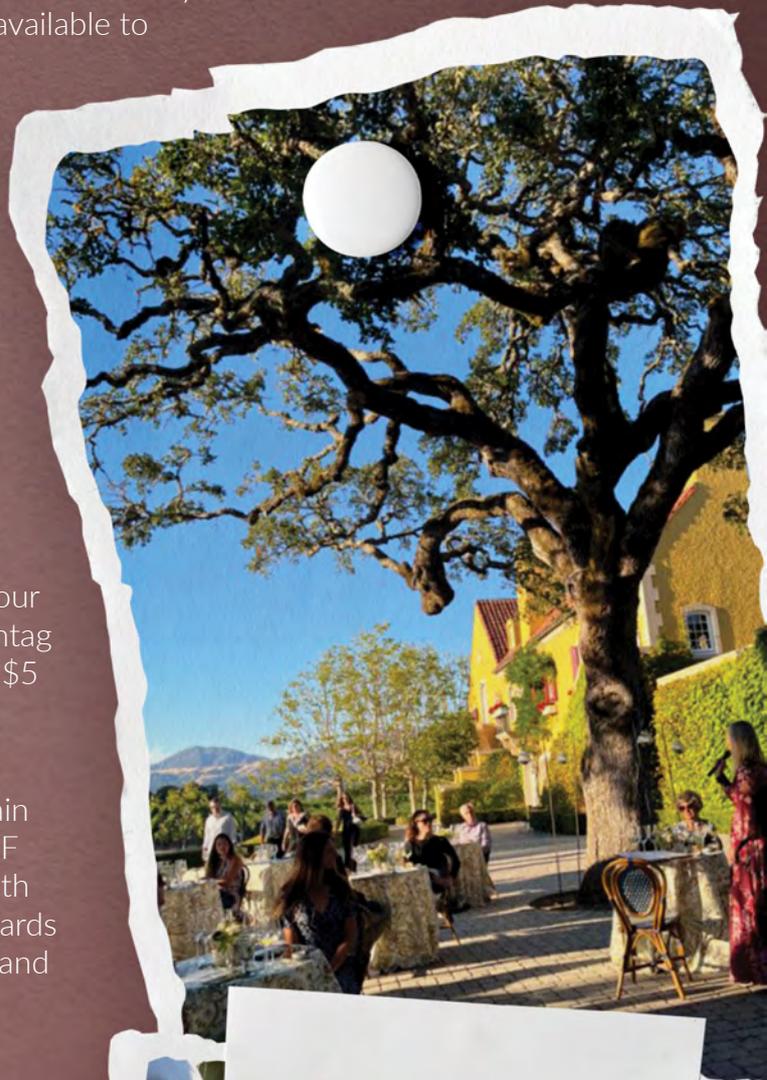
And the support of Soi Dog from JJF doesn't end there!

Keen readers of the *Soi Dog Post* may remember that the California-based John Jordan Foundation collaborated with Soi Dog last year to create a "perfect photo" campaign on Facebook. The campaign featured in the December 2021 issue of the *Soi Dog Post*.

The premise was simple. Post a photo of your pet on Facebook, accompanied by the hashtag #jordanwinerydogs, and JJF would donate \$5 to Soi Dog for every photograph posted.

Well, the generous offer was repeated again this year, only this time the kind folks at JJF doubled the donation amount to \$10, with every dollar raised going directly towards improving the lives of stray dogs and cats in Asia.

Huge thanks to all the dog lovers at John Jordan Foundation and Jordan Vineyard and Winery for their ongoing support.



MINE'S A SOI LATTE!

FETCH ROASTERS' FESTIVELY FROTHY COFFEE OFFER

Sam McElroy

OUR WONDERFUL FRIENDS AT FETCH ROASTERS COFFEE ARE AT IT AGAIN.

The Oregon-based coffee house, who were featured in the December 2021 issue of the *Soi Dog Post*, are always looking at new ways to support Soi Dog, and they now have a brand-new festive offer for anyone who loves coffee almost as much as they love dogs. It's pretty much a no-brainer for all you canine X caffeine heads!

Fetch Roasters have created a special fundraiser which is open right now, lasting through to the end of January 2023. They are generously donating \$4 to Soi Dog for every individual bag of coffee sold. You can select from their awesome ground coffee varieties online **now**.

Their amazing promotion is also available on subscriptions sales (ongoing), where they will donate \$2 to Soi Dog for every bag sold. To take advantage of this fantastic subscription offer, all you need to do is sign up by the end of January 2023.

Visit www.fetchroasters.com and use the promo codes below to help raise vital funds for the dogs and cats of Asia this festive season.

For regular coffee purchases:

SOIDOGCOFFEE4

For subscription purchases:

SUBSOICOFFEE2

The codes are good now through January 31, 2023. The subscription benefit is ongoing, so as long as you subscribe before January 31, your subscription will give the ongoing additional donation of \$2 per bag.

Two kicks available here: one from your coffee buzz and another from knowing you're helping homeless dogs and cats in the process.

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COFFEE ROASTERS



BECOME A DOG Hero TODAY

Sam McElroy

DOGS ARE THE BEST THING IN THE WORLD.

The next best thing in the world is being in their company. Walking, playing and seeing the fun they have while they're doing it.

The third best thing in the world is doing all of that right here at Soi Dog.

**WE HAVE HUNDREDS OF DOGS
AND THEY ALL NEED YOU RIGHT
NOW!** Physical and mental stimulation is key to their happiness and pivotal to their socialisation and chances of being adopted.

Become a dog hero today... Click the 'Book Now' button for everything you need to know or email volunteering@soidog.org to ask our team anything you like!



BOOK NOW





ON A FESTIVE PRESENT SEARCH?

LOOK NO FURTHER THAN SOI DOG MERCH!

We may not have the luxury of Santa's workshop or a legion of elves here at Soi Dog Foundation, but we do have our hard-working merchandise volunteers who are geared up and waiting for your orders so they can get everything shipped out to you for pre-festive season delivery.

Our merchandise store has something for every animal lover. Visit shop.soidog.org or click the images in this article and start shopping today.

The store is stocked up with a number of new products, including our 2023 calendar (featuring soi dogs and cats adopted around the world), the newly published *A Dog's Tale* autobiography of Soi Dog rescue *Knight*, environmentally friendly festive cards, camouflage snoods and more.

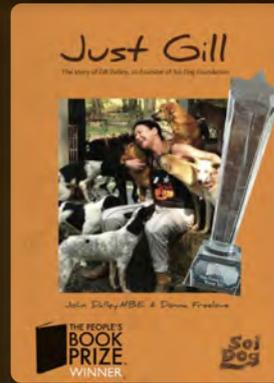
This is alongside the best-selling and award-winning story of Soi Dog's late co-founder *Just Gill* and our usual wide range of clothing, homeware and accessories for you and your pets too.

Make sure you get your orders in at shop.soidog.org without delay to avoid disappointment.



**PSSST! VISIT THE STORE
ON BLACK FRIDAY – NOVEMBER
25TH – FOR DISCOUNTS ON
OUR MERCHANDISE.**





*All books are author signed and can be personalised on request.

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If you're more of a last-minute shopper, look no further than our virtual gifts of medicines, treats, and more, complete with personalised certificate to send to your loved one to let them know you've donated a gift in their name and made a difference to the life of a homeless animal in the season of giving.

Soi Dog merchandise is operated completely voluntarily which guarantees 100% net profits from all of your purchases go exactly where they should – to helping the dogs and cats of Asia who need us all so much.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT.
MERRY GUILT-FREE SHOPPING!**



DID YOU KNOW

THAT THERE ARE EVERYDAY WAYS TO HELP THE STREET DOGS AND CATS OF THAILAND AND BEYOND?

Here are just a few ways to get involved.

Easyfundraising

Available to UK shoppers is Easyfundraising, the largest charity shopping site in the UK.

There are hundreds of high street retailers, all of whom will donate between 0.5% and 10% of your purchases directly to Soi Dog!

For free sign-up, visit www.easyfundraising.org.uk or search the Easyfundraising app on Android or iOS.



AmazonSmile

Shop as you would on Amazon, instead just do it through AmazonSmile and see 0.5% of your eligible purchases donated to Soi Dog at no extra cost!

Available on Amazon US and UK sites. For free sign-up, visit smile.amazon.com (US) or www.smile.amazon.co.uk



Facebook fundraisers

If you're not into shopping online, you can still create a buzz and fundraise virtually by setting up a Facebook fundraiser for your family and friends to contribute to.

Check if Facebook fundraisers are available in your country [here](#). To get started, click "Fundraisers" in the menu at the side of your newsfeed.



Don'tSendMeACard

Did you know you can help Soi Dog, and the planet, by sending e-cards in place of greetings cards? Visit the Don'tSendMeACard website [here](#), choose from a fantastic (not to mention super cute) range of designs for all sorts of occasions, donate the cost of buying and sending a physical greetings card and hit send. Send an e-card, save a life!

DontSendMeACard.com

CARS



North American supporters, if you want to make a big and bold gesture, how about donating an unwanted vehicle to Soi Dog with CARS (Charitable Adult Rides & Services)?

CARS arrange collection and valuation and carry out all transactions on your behalf. Donations are tax deductible too.

Visit our partnership page at careasy.org/nonprofit/soi-dog-foundation-usa or call 855-500-RIDE (7433) to get involved.

Giveacar



The option to donate a vehicle is also available to our supporters in the UK through Giveacar.

Whether you're donating a car, light van, motorbike or caravan, Giveacar make it easy by handling everything for you. They even offer free collection from anywhere in the country.

To get started, visit our partnership page at giveacar.co.uk/charities/soi-dog-uk-cio or call 020 7736 4242.



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