

ANIMAL SOS SRI LANKA
(A Registered Charity No.1119902)

A C C O U N T S

For The Year Ended

31 March 2024

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12, Cheyne Avenue, South Woodford, London E18 2DR

Annual Report of Trustees for the period to 31 March 2024

OBJECTIVES & ACTIVITIES

The alleviation of animal suffering particularly in Sri Lanka (but not exclusively) from injury, sickness, ill-treatment and neglect.

Animal SOS Sri Lanka is dedicated to improving the quality of life for animals in Sri Lanka, particularly the street animals who endure great suffering and neglect.

Our goals are: -

- **To provide a base/sanctuary for our animal welfare activities**
- **To provide a safe haven for the vulnerable, abused and disabled street animals**
- **To provide rehabilitation and lifesaving veterinary treatments for street animals via our onsite veterinary clinics and resident vets**
- **To provide quality veterinary care to strays**
- **Conduct humane methods to control the stray/pet population through spay and neuter programmes**
- **Conduct vaccination programmes to reduce the risk of rabies in humans and animals**
- **Work in partnership with the government/authorities to implement effective animal welfare legislation**
- **Instil animal welfare issues into education**

Over the last year we have continued to provide veterinary care to increased numbers of companion animals, most of whom are strays. The numbers of animals at the sanctuary is currently 2200 dogs and 21 cats. These are animals that cannot be released back to the streets, either due to disability, risk of abuse or at risk of accidents on busy roads.

The demands on our work remains consistently high and we receive daily requests from all over the island to take in sick and injured strays for veterinary care, rehabilitation and refuge. The demands on us far exceed our resources and ability to cope with endless amounts of suffering animals. There are an estimated 3 million strays in Sri Lanka and very few no-kill sanctuaries like ours on the island. This places huge stress and demands on us. Our unique rehabilitation work with injured animals continues with hydrotherapy and physiotherapy and we have had a number of dogs regaining their mobility through this work over the years. We currently have around 480 special needs animals at the sanctuary. We currently have no more space for additional disabled dogs until we can expand.

With the high numbers of animals to care for and treat, we have to recruit additional staff to help with the increased workload at the sanctuary. We currently employ 70 staff to care for the sanctuary animals as well as having western managers, which is crucial to oversee the project to the standards we require. The sanctuary consists of 4.5 acres in total (divided into 2 sites) and we have another 4.5 acres of adjoining land that is not yet developed. We still lack funds to expand our project at this time which is placing severe stress on us with the huge numbers of rescues we are currently caring for and some really dire cases we are unable to help and that will ultimately die. It is stressful and distressing on a daily basis as we have the land to offer more help but lack the funds to develop that land to do so.

The founder member of the charity, Kim Cooling, who works for the charity as an unpaid volunteer, visits the sanctuary when she can as she also manages the charity admin in the UK and also helps with the charity shop in North Chingford. Kim absorbs this huge workload so donations go directly towards the helping animals in dire need. It's a 7/7-day commitment.

Our vital outreach programs in Sri Lanka are somewhat restricted due to lack of funds, but sterilisations continue at the sanctuary on a regular weekly basis and we do outreach programs as often as donations allow.

Sri Lanka is still in deep financial crisis and costs have risen for just about everything we require at the sanctuary, particularly food for our rescues.

This is another monumental challenge for the charity with so many rescues to care for.

ACHIEVEMENTS & PERFORMANCE

We always remain resilient in the face of adversity. Our animal welfare work continues as the demands grow on our limited resources. We achieve amazing recoveries of animals arriving on the brink of death to full health. Our work extends to any animal in desperate need including injured wildlife.

From January-December 2023 we sterilized 800 cats and dogs and provided over 30,000 treatments for disease, wounds, fractures and tumours. We also provided over 11,000 anti-parasitic treatments. We currently feed around 2500 animals a day, this includes the sanctuary animals and starving strays in the area. We cook over 1 tonne of food daily in our 2 sanctuary kitchens.

We desperately need to expand our sanctuary as our current facilities have outgrown our demands over the last 15 years. The charity income in the last year has been sustained mainly through social media awareness, newsletter, appeals, legacies and the charity shop.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE & MANAGEMENT

Animal SOS Sri Lanka is a UK registered charity. Date of registration-3rd July 2007. The charity is managed by Trustees in the UK and Directors in Sri Lanka. It is funded by volunteer donations, primarily from the UK, but also from countries around the globe.

The names of the Patron, Trustees and Associate members are: -

Sri Lankan Patron

Venerable Omalpe Sobhitha Thero

Patrons

Peter Egan

Jan Leeming

Trustees

Kim Cooling - Founder Member/President

Morag Longmuir

Kirsty Balch

Julia Hammett

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The charity leases 1 charity shop. We endeavour to increase sales by using online selling such as ebay. The charity has increasing numbers of supporters and sponsors. Funds are gained through dedicated giving from supporters, appeals, fundraisers, social media, newsletters, legacies and through our local charity shop.

The Charity Trustees donate their time and skills to the charity on an unpaid voluntary basis, thus saving on operational and administrative costs. Therefore, there is no financial outlay which helps the charity substantially and allows us to directly help more animals in Sri Lanka.

The charity funds are held at Barclays Bank Plc, 207 High Road, Loughton, Essex IG10 1AZ.

FUTURE PLANS

- We urgently need to develop new land when funds allow, to improve facilities for our cats and disabled dogs and provide more space for them. We also desperately require a new veterinary clinic if/when funds allow
- expand our vital outreach work as this is key to the root cause of animal suffering.
- continue to develop and do essential repairs on both sites to improve the facilities for the animals in our care.
- continue our feeding programs for strays in our area.
- look into new fund-raising initiatives as our operational costs are increasing as the demand for our work grows
- to increase the homing of healthy dogs and cats at the sanctuary, although homing remains a challenge due to the lack of good homes.
- Build more shelters areas for our sanctuary animals

We continue to make significant milestones despite the continual setbacks, effects from the pandemic, financial crisis in Sri Lanka and global economic instability and hope to continue this growth and development in the coming year. Our main priority now is to expand our project on our lands so we can help more animals in desperate need and ease the issues at the sanctuary for the rescues we already have.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees:

By Kim Cooling
Founder Member/President/Trustee

ANIMAL SOS SRI LANKA
Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

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|---|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| <u>Incoming Resources</u> | | | £ | £ |
| Donations Received | | | 969,529 | 1,191,291 |
| Gift Aid Tax Reclaimed | | | 46,794 | 46,956 |
| Shop Income | | | <u>60,347</u> | <u>63,098</u> |
| <u>Total Incoming Resources</u> | | | <u>1,076,670</u> | <u>1,301,345</u> |
| <u>Resources Expended.</u> | | | | |
| Charitable Activities | | | | |
| Veterinary and Related costs | 83,157 | | 58,417 | |
| Sanctuary Running Costs | <u>1,085,521</u> | 1,168,678 | <u>799,102</u> | 857,519 |
| Costs of generating Funds | | | | |
| Fundraising costs | 2,560 | | 2,418 | |
| Rent | 61,001 | | 16,000 | |
| Rates | 5,186 | | 1,387 | |
| Refuse collection | 85 | | 141 | |
| Light & heat | 1,591 | | 1,625 | |
| Insurance | <u>275</u> | 70,698 | <u>290</u> | 21,861 |
| Miscellaneous Costs | | | | |
| Printing, Postage, Stationery | 2,553 | | 2,049 | |
| Computer consumables | 201 | | - | |
| Travel | 4,659 | | 6,292 | |
| Advertising | 150 | | - | |
| Freight | 1,106 | | 646 | |
| Telephone | 458 | | 418 | |
| Bank charges | 1,159 | | 2,151 | |
| Accountancy | 1,080 | | 1,080 | |
| Legal fees | - | | 84 | |
| Sundries | 1,331 | | 1,844 | |
| Depreciation | <u>56</u> | <u>12,753</u> | <u>7514,639</u> | |
| <u>Total Resources Expended</u> | | <u>1,252,129</u> | | <u>894,019</u> |
| <u>Net Incoming/(Outgoing) Resources</u> | | <u>(175,459)</u> | | <u>407,326</u> |

ANIMAL SOS SRI LANKA

Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2024

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|--|------------------|----------------|----------------|
| <u>Fixed Assets</u> | | £ | |
| Fixtures & Fittings | 169 | | 225 |
| <u>Current Assets</u> | | | |
| Debtors – Gift Aid Tax Reclaimable | 46,793 | 46,956 | |
| Cash at Bank | <u>361,044</u> | <u>536,284</u> | |
| | 407,837 | 583,240 | |
| <u>Creditors</u> | | | |
| Loan | 10,000 | 10,000 | |
| Accruals | <u>1,080</u> | <u>1,080</u> | |
| | <u>11,080</u> | <u>11,080</u> | |
| <u>Net Current Assets</u> | <u>396,757</u> | | <u>572,160</u> |
| <u>Net Assets</u> | <u>396,926</u> | | <u>572,385</u> |
| <u>Accumulated Funds</u> | | | |
| Unrestricted funds represented by: | | | |
| Balance at 1 April 2023 | 572,385 | | 165,059 |
| Incoming resources for the year to 31 March 2024 | <u>(175,459)</u> | | <u>407,326</u> |
| Balance at 31 March 2024 | <u>396,926</u> | | <u>572,385</u> |

Signed on behalf of the Trustees

By Kim Cooling

Date of Approval of the Accounts 6 May 2024

1. Basis of Accounting

These Accounts have been prepared on the basis of historic cost in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP 2005) and with Accounting Standards and with the Charities Act 1993.

2. Accounting Policies

The Accounting Policies that have been adopted are summarised as follows: -

Recognition of Incoming Resources

These are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when entitlement has been established.

Incoming Resources & Related Expenditure

Where related expenditure is incurred both the resources and the related expenditure are included gross in the SOFA

Donations

Donations are included in the SOFA when unconditional entitlement has been established.

Tax Reclaims

Tax claims relating to donations and gifts are included in the SOFA at the same time as the items to which they relate.

Volunteer Help & Donated Services.

The value of any voluntary help and donated services is not included in the accounts but is referred to in the Trustees report.

Investment Income

This is included in the accounts when receivable.

Recognition of Liabilities

These are recognised and included in the accounts when a legal obligation has been established.

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We report on the accounts of the Charity for the period to 31 March 2024 which are set out on pages 5 to 8.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The Charity's Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The Trustees consider that an audit is not required for this period and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to examine the accounts, to follow the procedures in the general directions given by the Charity Commission, and to state whether any particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Charity and a comparison of the accounts with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as Trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required for an audit and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination no matter has come to my attention which gives me any reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements to keep accounting records in accordance with the Charities Act 1993 or to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 1993 Act have not been met or to which in my opinion attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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**Lawrence & Company
Chartered Certified Accountants
7 May 2024**