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Gill Dalley Statue – In Loving Memory

The memorial statue of Gill Dalley was unveiled at the sanctuary on January 29th by John Dalley.

The statue of Gill holding saved dog Cristy-Polo and surrounded by her rescued animals, including Cola (bottom right) was produced by 80-year-old renowned Italian artist and sculptor Albano Poli in Verona Italy, using an ancient lost wax technique invented thousands of years ago.

After he read about Gill's story, he added the additional animals as a gesture. Examples of bronze statues that were not plundered and destroyed still exist today and it's unknown for how long they last.

John Dalley, husband and co-founder of Soi Dog Foundation, noted that the sculpture was financed entirely by him and that no donations were involved in the commissioning of this beautiful memorial to his beloved Gill.

"No donations at all were used in the production and installation of the statue. Neither myself nor Gill would have ever approved of donations being used this way. It was financed privately by myself and you can be very sure that Gill would not have approved of me doing that either!"

The statue has quickly become a highlight on the visitor tours.



5 Star Fab Four and Soi Dog on TV?

UK based television production company *Flicker Productions LTD* visited Soi Dog in February and March to shoot footage for a series to be broadcast on 5 Star, a British free-to-air channel, later this year.

The series, to be titled '*Runway To Paradise*', focused on the comings and goings at Phuket International Airport, Thailand's busiest airport outside of Bangkok.

Soi Dog was approached by Flicker after meeting with a volunteer who was headed our way. Upon seeing the work that goes on here at the sanctuary when they came to film her in February, and hearing about the number of dogs and cats that we fly to international destinations, they were keen to visit us to film some of the travelling cats and dogs. They returned to do just this on March 14th, the day the Fab Four of *Maisie* and *Namwaan* (dogs) and *Pagorn* and *Socool* (cats) departed Soi Dog bound for their new homes.

It is hoped that Soi Dog makes it through the cutting room and that this exposure helps the foundation gain more supporters and further raises the Soi Dog profile in the UK.



Visitors paint the driveway wall

Visitors from *Hyatt Regency in Kamala* visited the sanctuary on Thursday 10th January and enjoyed a tour of the Foundation as well as helping us paint the 100m long drive wall.

The wall was in need of a lick of paint and the 50 visitors completed the task in less than 2 hours and coped remarkably well in the searing afternoon heat.

Special thanks to *Sojern* for arranging the trip – proving, yet again, that visitors and volunteers are so vital in helping the sanctuary operate and we truly value their time and effort.

The New Kennels built by the maintenance team

January saw the beginnings of the construction of new post-treatment kennels on the area next to B4 which formerly housed the temporary kennels. *K.Paul's maintenance team* have worked very hard in extremely tough conditions, coping with extreme heat in the afternoons to get the area completed. Work was finished there in March and the kennels already have new occupants.

Another important job undertaken by the team this year has been the manufacturing of the vast amount of shelving required for the new laundry and stores. The finished articles are coming together, piece by piece, and this is just another example of the type of job that the maintenance team do on a daily basis. Together they completed over 1,500 jobs in 2018, including general building work, sala construction and repair, plumbing and sewage, electrical and IT, fencing, shelving and a range of other small jobs. They keep the place ticking over from an infrastructure point of view and we salute them.



Thai shining star from Channel 3 comes to town

The famous actor from Channel 3, Thai-British *Peter Denman*, paid a visit to us on January 28th, to get to know more about the work we do and spend some quality time with some of our cats and dogs. We are thrilled that he has also agreed to be one of our ambassadors in Thailand. With a following on Instagram of 167,000 we hope he can help spread the word!

As part of a sanctuary tour, the actor was introduced to many of the resident dogs before spending time with the puppies. He also had an opportunity to cuddle some cats who were pleased to lay on his lap, looking for a comfortable place for a daytime nap!



After spending time with many of the sanctuary animals, he visited our hospital to see, first hand, the great work of the staff. The tour also took Peter to the sterilisation suite where he observed a sterilisation by the vet team.

After the tour, he got the chance to spend some one-on-one time with one of the most lovable dogs in the sanctuary - 8-year-old mix breed dog, *Hancock* - before sitting down with *Khun Ae* and chatting about the process of adopting dogs and cats from Soi Dog.

Of his visit, he said "I really appreciate seeing the hard work at Soi Dog Foundation but they cannot work independently. We should support this wonderful foundation to save stray dogs and cats - to give these animals better lives. Ways to contribute include donations, adoptions or spreading the word about Soi Dog Foundation."

Peter had a leading role in a soap opera on Channel 3 named 'Rak Plig Lock', which has recently ended, and will have more shows coming up soon. He also came back to Phuket on Feb 23 to join the renowned Thai Fight as one of the heavy-weight Muay Thai fighters, winning his bout with a classic knockout.



International Adoption – Alfie gets the home he always deserved

Another wonderful adoption story and another Soi Dog favourite who will be sorely missed is Alfie, who travelled to his forever home in the USA in January having spent nearly two years at Soi Dog.

Presumably discarded by his previous owner, he arrived at our sanctuary after being picked up in Khaorang viewpoint, Phuket after spending around 2 months on the street fending for himself and struggling to find food in the area. They notified Soi Dog of injuries to Alfie, one of which was a large, maggot infested wound on the top of the head and we took him in for treatment.

Thanks once again to the care and devotion of the amazing hospital team, Alfie made a full recovery and quickly became a popular boy at the sanctuary. His demeanour never changed in spite of his experiences before he came to us and we prayed we would see the day that he found his forever home.

That day arrived in November 2018 when his new adopters, who have had two Soi Dogs in the past, met him whilst volunteering and fell in love immediately. They have updated us regularly since his arrival in Houston, Texas and Alfie has settled in brilliantly.

We are so thrilled that this beautiful, almost 12 year old boy has landed on his feet and wish him the very best in his new home.

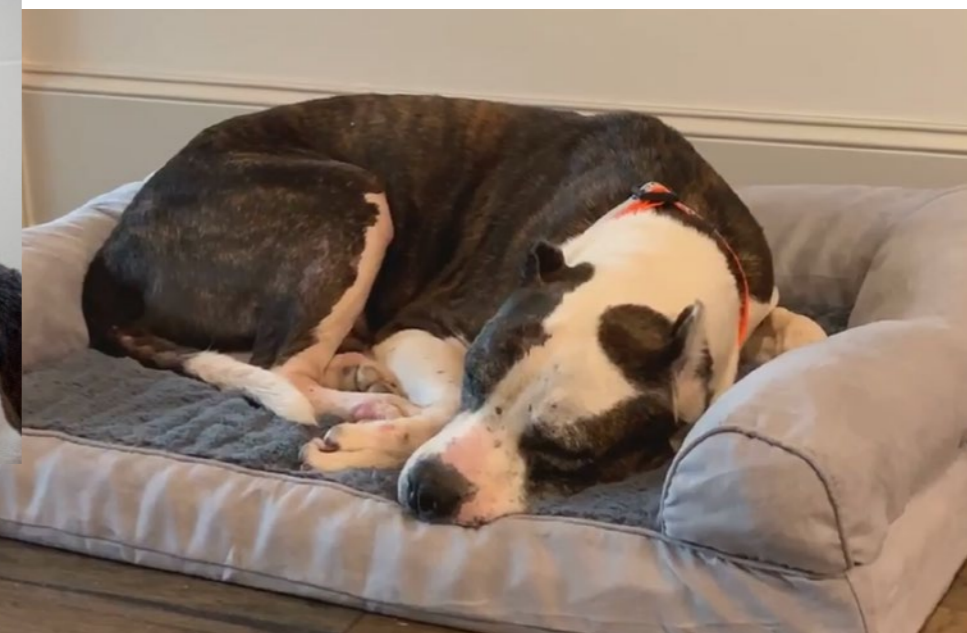
Bangkok Mobile Clinic continues the work in the South of Bangkok

The four teams of Soi Dog Mobile Clinic have successfully completed their job in three different districts of Bangkok, including Bang Bon, Bang Khun Thian and Phra Samut Chedi.

There was one team working at Ninsukaram Temple in Bangbon District which was led by *Dr.Kae* and *Dr.May* while the another team, led by *Dr.Arm* and *Dr.Palm*, worked at Promrangsi Temple in Bang Khun Thian – the seaside of Bangkok. The other two teams were stationed in Phra Samut Chedi District, in two different temples – Sakala and Laem Fa Pha Sub-district Administration Organisation (OrBorTor).

The work in Bangbon and Bang Khun Thian started from February 1 – 28 while the work in Phra Samut Chedi started from February 11 – 28.

The mobile clinic teams, who are focusing on the core mission – CNVR - started their work in November 2015 and have so far sterilised 65,249* stray dogs and cats'. (*as of 31st March 2019)



British Pop Star Will Young visits Soi Dog

In early January, British Pop Star, actor and presenter of BBC Radio 2's 'Will Young's Essentials', volunteered at the sanctuary for the second time in three years. Will first visited Soi Dog in 2016 and he struck a friendship with Gill and John Dalley, pledging to support Soi Dog in the UK and perform an ambassadorial role for our Foundation.

During his recent visit, Will expressed an interest in taking part in some different activities – in addition to spending time with the dogs and cats he loves so much.

Will mentioned painting – we said yes – and the outcome of his efforts is the fabulous new rainbow sunbeam design you can see now on the far side of the lake.



Will covered the cost of all the paint and the brushes for the project and we are so pleased that he leaves us with a colourful area for all to enjoy as they walk past.

Further evidence of Will's generosity came in the shape of 8,000 THB worth of new plants which he selected, with the help of Dr. Su, to fill more areas of the sanctuary with lovely landscaping, creating shady areas for the volunteers as they walk dogs. He has also expressed an interest in providing sprinkler systems for us to install on the rooftops of run areas which will help keep the dogs cooler during hot periods.

Will is currently working on the release of his new album, due out later this year, and plans to return soon to Phuket and visit us again in the not-too-distant future.



Soi Dog's Rapid Response to Rabies Zone in Chalong

Following the report about a rabies incident in Chalong on January 18, Soi Dog Foundation teamed up with the DLD and Chalong OrBorTor to carry out vaccinations in the area where the infected dog was discovered. Together, the team was successful in vaccinating 969 dogs and 701 cats in a swift response to what is hoped to be an isolated case. The work took them five days from January 18 – 22.

Working alongside the Chalong OBT and DLD, they carried out a door-to-door exercise, alerting local residents of the specific area in order to perform precautionary vaccinations of their pets, as well as street dogs in the vicinity.

Soi Dog Foundation, along with the Chalong Public Health Representative and DLD Representative, *Dr.Suthat*, are keen to urge the public that this is not an outbreak and are hopeful that it is an isolated incident. After the work with local officials in Chalong, Soi Dog's mobile clinic also started working on CNVR (Catch, Neuter, Vaccinate, Release) program in Rawai area as well.



Soi Dog animals flying high thanks to Nok Air

One of the challenges of making the adoption of Soi Dogs and cats easier, both locally to other parts of Thailand and internationally by connecting at Bangkok Suvarnabhumi for flights to North America and Europe, is negotiating the first hurdle of getting the animals from Phuket to Bangkok.

Similarly, when we try to rescue dogs from impoundment in other parts of Thailand and bring them to the safety of the sanctuary in Phuket, we face the same dilemma – how to transport them.



Thanks to our domestic flight partnership scheme with Nok Airlines Public Co.,Ltd, journeys for dogs and cats in both of these scenarios is greatly assisted. So far in 2019, 20 adopted animals travelled from Phuket to Bangkok with Nok Air and enjoyed the security of being handled by an airline that wants to work with us to help them on their way. The best thing about this is that they do it for Soi Dog as a kind gesture and for no fee.

We are permitted by Nok Air to send up to 15 animals a month on this scheme and this makes

the processes so much more achievable and, more importantly, less stressful for the animals.

Miss Panita Asawamahasakda (K'Ann) is the Acting Director of Corporate Social Responsibility for Nok Airlines Public Co.,Ltd and represents them on this great initiative. K'Ann also visited the Soi Dog Shelter in early April to see what we do here and was given a tour by Dr.Oob and enjoyed her experience.

Thank you Nok Air! We look forward to many more journeys with you in the future.

February Education Activities

Soi Dog's Education programme featured several activities during February, including on-location voluntary work at *Ban Koh Naka School*, animal welfare education class at *Ban Chalong School* and the welcoming of two schools – *Koh Siray* and *Hongyok Bamrung School* - to The Gill Dalley Sanctuary.

The visit to Koh Naka was a follow-up to the trip to Ban Koh Naka School on August 4, 2018. While the students and their families had a chance to learn about animal welfare, Soi Dog Education team also learned that the school, which is remote from the mainland, lacks an animal hospital or clinic meaning the cat population increased quickly in a short space of time. As a result, Soi Dog Foundation sent a mobile clinic team to vaccinate and sterilised the island felines. After receiving this support from Soi Dog, the Naka Island community made future plans for their loving community cats.

They dedicated a space at the school to be the feeding and toilet area for the cats. This has also encouraged students to learn more about the responsibility of keeping pets by creating a cat feeding rota and a plan to ensure that the hygiene is maintained.

On February 9, the Education team along with volunteers, raised funds to renovate and build a roof on the area the school designated to the cats. There were a number of volunteers lending a hand for the renovation



and construction, resulting in a lovely hut for the cats to use for feeding, resting and sheltering from the elements. Apart from the donation for construction work and manpower, many kind hearted people donated cat food and other items.

Meanwhile, on January 31, the students from Prathom (primary school) 4 of *Ban Chalong School* joined the education programme, learned from the lecturer and on February 1, they enjoyed their animal pictures colouring session to show what they have learned. Later on February 13, students from Prathom 5 wrote a short article 'My Favourite Pet and Animal Welfare Pets Deserve'. Then, on February 22, Prathom 6 drew their mind map from specific subjects and presented it to their classmates. Because the school is located nearby a temple, which usually has a lot of stray animals, they can picture well while listening to the lecture.

On February 12, *Hongyok Bamrung School* visited Soi Dog Foundation, followed by *Ban Koh Siray School* on February 15. During their tour, they could mingle with the loving animals while learning about animal welfare, population control, responsibility when having a pet, basic dog and cat language along with some Q&A. The visit has changed many students' thoughts as they now have more sympathy to strays and also said that they will be one of those who are responsible if they have a pet and will spread the word to their family and community.



CNVR message received loud and clear in Nonthaburi

Soi Dog Foundation was invited by the local health organisation in conjunction with *One Health* (a worldwide movement for animal and human health) to share the CNVR message and vaccination information and techniques to local authorities by holding a rabies practice programme at Sala Klang sub district, Nonthaburi province.

Amongst the 40 attendees were Sala Klang/Nonthaburi municipal president and deputy, government staff, teachers, nurses and the 'Head of house community'.

Hosted by Bangkok Director of Animal Welfare *Tuntikorn Rungpatana* (Dr.Oob), assisted by Soi Dog Bangkok Veterinary Technologist *Wattanapong Meetham* (K.Kong), the workshop was able to educate the attendees on the importance of CNVR, how the key elements of it will help to reduce and eventually eliminate rabies and, from a practical perspective, how to properly carry out vaccinations against rabies.

This workshop, and others like it, is hoped to help build knowledge about CNVR in the community and the crucial role it plays in the ongoing health of both animals and humans in Thailand.



Jaruwan Pon-ngan,
Employee of the year

Soi Dog Bangkok enjoyed their annual staff party and awards ceremony in January.

Dr.Oob and his team enjoyed an evening of food and drinks together and celebrated their achievements over the past 12 months.

Congratulations to all staff and special mention to Jaruwan Pon-Ngan for winning the Soi Dog Foundation Employee of the Year for Bangkok.





Oxas is renowned for stretching up and placing his huge front paws on your chest. He is a big dog and to some staff, this meant he almost had his paws on their shoulders!

Although he will be missed by many here at Soi Dog, he is heading to a great home – the father of our very own *Khun Kae* – *Mr. Prakrit Phonjuntarak* who lives in Sukhothai. *Khun Kae* took Oxas, by road, on Friday 1st Feb, arriving early hours of Saturday morning after a journey of over 1,200km. We are all so pleased to hear that he is settling in well and we are overjoyed that this gentle giant found his forever home.

Local Adoption - Another favourite sanctuary dog finds a new home

Oxas arrived at the sanctuary in August 2018 after he was picked up by the Or Bor Tor in Chalong and taken to the GDP.

Soi Dog took him in to provide the urgent care he so badly needed. He had a large laceration wound on his neck and desperately needed treatment. Thanks to the amazing hospital staff, he recovered well and by early September 2018 he was in fine physical shape.





PAINTING WITHOUT FAINTING - International School from Bangkok gives SDF a touch of green on a screaming hot Saturday

In what seems to be the year of the paint job, we have another two walls which were given a lease of life. This time, in the new off-lead areas!

A visit to Soi Dog in March by *Ruamrudee International School* from Bangkok was fruitful for both SDF and the 19 students who came.

As their trip covered two days, we found them something extra special to help out with on

day 2 - adding a nice fresh coat of green paint to the walls of the off-lead areas.

On another baking hot afternoon, the students worked very hard in full sun to give us a proud green wall to admire.

This was their second trip to Soi Dog in twelve months and the school have created a members club called *Soi Dog RIS Club* which aims to create awareness among their fellow



students and hold fundraising events on behalf of Soi Dog.

Before this latest trip, they announced the sponsorship of *Soi Dog Bonner* and *Soi Cat Nina*, and proudly brought a healthy donation to the shelter too.

We look forward to welcoming them again next year.



Phuket Mobile Clinic Reaches Touristic Beach Zones

Soi Dog's Phuket Mobile clinic has started its CNVR (Catch, Neuter, Vaccinate, Release) program in Rawai on January and continued to the neighbouring beach area of Kata and Karon.

The mobile clinic team was stationed at the Rawai-Naiharn Waste Water Management Plant from January 21 to February 1 then moved to Karon Beach area, at *Suwan Khirikhet Temple* (Karon Temple) from February 18 to 22 and Kata Beach area, *Kitti Sangkharam Temple* (Kata Temple) from February 25 to March 1.

The team repeatedly continues its mission in the area of Phuket to make sure that the stray animals on the island are entirely sterilised and vaccinated, as there is a increasing number of new unsterilised and unvaccinated puppies arriving in Phuket every year. The team has planned to continue to Koh Koh Khao in Phang Nga around the beginning of March.



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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

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