

# SOI DOG

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If you want to go far, go together.

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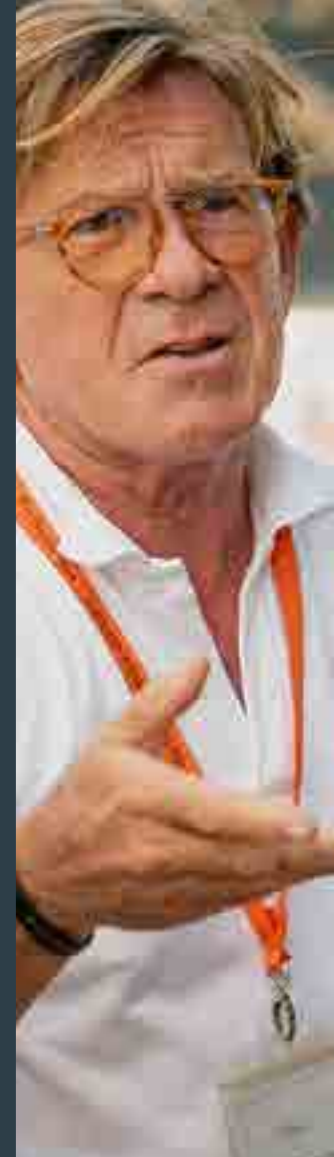


## Dimension Data – April visit to shelter and May event in BKK

Soi Dog was invited to join technology company *Dimension Data* at their Asia-Pacific Sales Kick-off event in Bangkok to spread the word of what Soi Dog is all about to a global community of 800 people.

IT and tech wizards descended upon Centara Grand and Convention Centre at Central World in Bangkok for the two day event in May.

Our very own board members *Khun John Higgs* and *Khun Vorkon Patra-Yanan* attended and were kept in line by fundraising team member *Khun Kate* who hosted a very successful merchandise booth which raised over 5,000 USD for Soi Dog.



## Digital Shadows – March 29<sup>th</sup> visit to shelter

*James Chappell*, co-founder and Chief Innovation Officer of *Digital Shadows*, visited the sanctuary at the end of March to come and see for himself the work that we do.

James' interest in Soi Dog is no coincidence. The company which he co-founded with *Alastair Paterson* has helped Soi Dog with its digital transformation and, specifically, to reduce the risks associated with it.

In short, greater global exposure for Soi Dog also means exposure to the

negative elements in the digital world. The bigger Soi Dog becomes, the greater the need to protect against the risks from digital threats. Cloud based platforms, social media based platforms and mobile technology just three of the advancements Soi Dog has enabled in recent years and *Digital Shadows*, with their platform 'Searchlight', are helping us to protect against those risks and ensure that we can maintain safe methods of fundraising, for example, in the global sense and keep providing sanctuary for those animals most in need.

## Spay & neuter numbers now over 300,000

Another amazing milestone was reached by our fabulous teams of vets, mobile clinics and third-party spay & neuter programmes.

During April, the 300,000 barrier was breached and in 2019 so far (as of June 30th), over 54,000 animals have been neutered, taking the all-time total to 324,501.

When you consider that the 100,000 milestone was reached in 2015 and the 200,000 figure was passed only last year, this puts into proportion the recent rapid growth of the spay & neuter programme.

Huge congratulations to all involved in achieving this number.



# JD does NYC & SoCal on a 33,000 km round trip in May



John (centre), Janis (far left) and Cristy (far right) joined by Soi Dog supporters and adopters in Central Park, NYC.

**In May, John Dalley travelled to North America on a whistlestop tour of the US.** His trip combined the accompanying of some lucky partner rescue dogs to New York with the fulfilment of his role as number 1 global ambassador for Soi Dog at various social events with a number of supporters of the foundation.

The packed itinerary made a *Rolling Stones World Tour* look like a leisurely series of benign picnics.

It began in New York where John oversaw the safe arrival of 5 dogs - *Flowerchild*, *Delilah*, *Binky*, *Yachi* and *Porood* - as part of the *Soi Dog International Partner Rescue Programme*.

Whilst there, John met with Soi Dog USA president *Janis Rosenthal*, IPRP Manager *Cristy Baker* and a host of Soi Dog supporters and adopters for a meet and greet and stroll through the world-famous Central Park.

Also on the New York leg of the itinerary was a cocktail reception hosted by *Mrs Elizabeth Kabler* - a great supporter

John with Elizabeth Kinetz and her Soi Dog Osgood.

of *Soi Dog Foundation* and adopter of *Flowerchild*. The well-attended social event was a wonderful opportunity for John to make Soi Dog connections for the future and these included somebody who offered him a future introduction to the daughter of the President of Vietnam. The evening, although not hosted as a fundraising event, managed to attract donations from some of the attendees who were most impressed by John's engaging speech and recounting of Soi Dog's mission and accomplishments.

Special thanks goes to USA board member *Elaine Sloan* for her hard work in organising the New York events, to her friend *Victoria Newhouse* who made a lovely donation and to Janis for her efforts in ensuring this acted as a successful launching event for Soi Dog Foundation in New York.

The day after saw John, Janis and Cristy fly to San Diego to meet with *Stacy Parmer*, founder of *The Barking Lot [TBL]*, one of Soi Dog's partner rescue organisations. Amazingly, TBL have taken over 300 dogs from Soi Dog since our partnership began. A tour of their shelter was followed by a drive out to TBL's new land. Janis had also arranged a lunch with *Susan Rosenberg*,



Director of International Animal Programs for *GreaterGood.org*. GGO has been a great partner for Soi Dog over the past few years, raising funds for us on their Gifts That Give More page (where 100% of donations go directly to the charity). Among the topics discussed was the re-vamping of some of the existing programs and adding some new ones. It was great for John and Susan to meet in person!

The last event of the tour was The Soi Dog Spring Fling, arranged by Stacy and the great staff at The Barking Lot. It was very well attended by lots of Soi dogs, some of whom had already been adopted and some who are ready to be adopted. John (as iconic in these surroundings as *Mick Jagger*) was showered with adoration and it was great for him re-connect with some of the dogs he had known from their days at the Soi Dog sanctuary. The event also saw the staging of a raffle, during which a trip to Phuket was won by one of TBL's best volunteers...a fitting conclusion to a wonderful day.

**Despite suffering from the inevitable cold which seems to follow long-haul travel, John had a great week and, more importantly, so did the reputation of Soi Dog.**



Supporters and adopters at the Spring Fling in San Diego and Stacy Parmer (right), of The Barking Lot (TBL) partner rescue, with John and one of the many dogs rescued by Soi Dog and rehomed by TBL to homes in southern California.



# Fruity rewards for our fabulous foundation

**A new partnership has been struck with online shopping rewards company *Rebatemango*.** If you register with Rebatemango, and use their platform to make a purchase from the many stores available through their portal, you can select Soi Dog as the charity recipient of your rewards and we will receive those rewards in the form of a cash donation from Rebatemango.

There are a huge range of stores available from fashion and lifestyle to health and fitness and travel, each providing a percentage of the total sale value directly back to *Soi Dog Foundation*.

Your shopping can help raise funds for Soi Dog – there has never been a better time to treat yourself!

Simply register, then select Soi Dog as the chosen recipient of your rewards.



# Magical Mutt March

## in Canada does Soi Dog proud

Congratulations to *Soi Dog Canada* on the hosting of its inaugural *Mutt March* event over two sunny days in June.

The events were held in *Richmond, British Columbia* and *Mississauga, Ontario* on consecutive weekends and proved a great success.

Team *Soi Dog Canada* worked extremely hard organising the events. They even secured appearances on local television stations which enabled both the promotion of the events and the chance to raise the profile of *Soi Dog* in Canada. The wide variety of activities on the day made for a fun day out for families and their dogs.

Combined, the events raised over 26,000 CAD (19,700 USD) towards spay & neuter campaigns – a fantastic effort for the first ever staging of the event. With *Mutt March* being such a success, plans are already in place for a repeat in 2020.

*Thank you to Soi Dog Canada for all of their efforts in arranging this superb event.*



[from top left] Lisa and her *Soi Dog* *Floyd* representing on local breakfast television, *Soi Dog Canada* President *Candace Cornock* and Adoptions Manager and Vice-President *Lisa Wagner* on a local TV station promoting the *Mutt March* event and talking about *Soi Dog*, kids corner featuring *Lisa's* daughter *Violet*, a fabulous group photo at *Garry Point Park* in *Richmond*, two more *soi dogs* enjoying the *British Columbia* sunshine and the start line.

# Sponges at the ready in St. Andrews car wash and bake sale

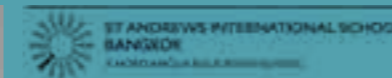
*In June, students from St. Andrews International School in Bangkok* were busy with sponges of two different kinds during a car washing event and bake sale held to raise funds for Soi Dog.

21 students from grade 6-8 in Ms. Katie Man's class, who call themselves 'Peaceful Paws', took part in the car washing and cake making fundraiser and managed to raise an impressive 10,000 THB.

Lots of clean cars and even more cupcakes signified an amazing effort by the students!

*Khun Thun Visutvatanasak, from Ruamrudee International School [RIS], and other members of the RIS Soi Dog Club, were invited to mentor the St. Andrews students to share their experience about fund raising events that they have gained over the years.*

Soi Dog truly values the wonderful support it receives from schools like St. Andrews and RIS and we look forward to putting the funds to good use here at the sanctuary where I know the dogs and cats will really appreciate it.



*Soi Dog's K. Kate with some of the students of Peaceful Paws from St. Andrews School, Bangkok, and members of RIS Soi Dog Club sharing their experience with the St. Andrews students.*



# Sakon Nakhon hosts the Soi Dog wedding of the year

Our very own glamour couple **Nawakun Krobnoparat (Dr.Sprite)** and his beautiful bride **Orawee Boonsena (Dr.On)** tied the knot in a ceremony in Dr.On's home town of Sakon Nakhon on Saturday 15th June.

Dr.Sprite carried off the 'too cool for school' look and Dr.On showed us all just how stunningly beautiful she is in a glorious dress.

They were also given a rapturous reception by their colleagues in the hospital upon their return to Soi Dog where they were presented with another cake to cut!

Congratulations to the happy couple and we all wish them the very best for a wonderful future together.



# Number 5 is alive

- 5<sup>th</sup> Bangkok mobile  
team now on duty

The fifth mobile team has been deployed in Bangkok. 2018 saw many records broken by Soi Dog, not least of which being the number of animals spayed and neutered in the city. This number exceeded 48,000 and with the addition of team 5, and team 6 also now being recruited, we hope to continue making inroads in the estimated number of 640,000 stray animals there. Since the Soi Dog CNVR mobile project began in Bangkok in 2015, over 132,000 animals have been neutered and with that figure rising, thanks to the addition of more mobile teams, we can start to see the real benefits of the programme.

We wish to congratulate everyone (listed below) who was successful in joining team 5 and we hope they can help to take the Bangkok CNVR campaign to another level.

The team below including; Dr.Mob: Vet / Dr.Q: Vet / Dr.Yok: Vet / K'Arm: Vet technician / K'Dust: Vet Nurse / K'Deaw: Nurse assistant / K'Dui: DC / K'Sot: DC / K'Ton: DC / K'Art: DC / K'A: DC / K'Ya: DC / K'Moo: DC

*K'Deaw and Dr.Yok and all other members of the fifth Bangkok mobile unit gather for a team photo.*





Additional roofing to keep the rain out, new concrete walkway to help the transportation of food through the compound and fence posts ready to provide a divide between key areas, all funded by Soi Dog.

# Dog Island Refurbishments

Little known to many, Soi Dog has a long history with a dog refuge in the west of Bangkok. Based at Phuttamonthon, the shelter, known as 'Dog Island', first came to the attention of Soi Dog Foundation during the Bangkok floods of late 2011. The shelter itself was under water up to the roof line and the entire park was submerged.

A small bridge in the park became the dogs' only refuge with one lady carer camping out there with them.

Disease began breaking out and Soi Dog organised a huge evacuation operation involving local volunteers and the Royal Thai Army.



It took 2 days to complete and over 300 dogs were ferried by boat to the nearest road about a mile away.

The dogs were housed at Wildlife Friends Foundation Thailand (WFFT) where Soi Dog built temporary shelters.

Very sick dogs were taken to Bangkok and all of those were eventually adopted overseas.

After the floodwater subsided, Soi Dog carried out all the necessary repairs to the Dog Island shelter buildings and also built a separate quarantine unit.

Within the last two years Soi Dog replaced the broken shelters and refashioned the entrance which was in a real mess.

In terms of municipal shelters in Thailand it is about as good as it gets, and better than many private ones.

Our friend and prolific animal welfare warrior *Khun Soot Liang Woo*, who carries out spay and neuter on behalf of Soi Dog in Kanchanaburi and Greater Bangkok, keeps a dutiful eye on the goings on at Dog Island and recently reported to us that further, urgent repair works were necessary before the arrival of the monsoon. Because of our history with Dog Island, and the fact that funding wasn't forthcoming from any other donors, we decided to oblige for the benefit of the 600 or so resident dogs there.

We are pleased to report that work has progressed well and the main tasks which needed completion before the rains arrived have been finished and the dogs can rest a little more comfortably during this wet season.

In an attempt to aid the independent support of Dog Island by visitors to the park, Soi Dog has produced campaign posters to encourage the adoption of stray and abandoned animals which we hope will boost adoption of some of the residents of Dog Island.

# End Dog Meat Trade Cambodia

June saw the announcement by 'End Dog Meat Trade Cambodia' of a partnership with Soi Dog Foundation to help create a campaign to reduce the demand for dog meat and promote compassion for animals in Cambodia.

The campaign will be carried out by a team of young, talented Cambodians; all in Khmer. This campaign is targeted to have the maximum possible effect in the country where the problem exists.



This is just the beginning of a long road ahead but one that we hope will build momentum and help bring about a change in attitudes towards animals in Cambodia and provides further evidence of Soi Dog's commitment to ending the dog meat trade throughout south-east Asia by working with and supporting other organisations with the same goal.

You can follow End Dog Meat Trade Cambodia on Facebook or visit [www.dogmeattrade.org](http://www.dogmeattrade.org) to find out more.



# When puppies need you the most!

Recently we spoke to **Jacqueline (Jackie) Ritter** who fosters our neo-natals and young puppies. She is also fondly referred to within Soi Dog as *'The Puppy Lady'*. She has fostered 70 puppies for us since she took on her first litter, *'The Panda Family'*, in 2017.

Jackie, who is a Swiss national, was born in Libya and spent her formative years in Libya before moving back to Switzerland with her parents.

She is no stranger to canine care as she owned and managed her own dog foster/boarding facility in Switzerland. She was also highly involved with a rescue in Spain and helped to rehome over 500 dogs, from which 2 became hers - *Spanish rescues Lucy and Ora*.

After 22 years of owning a business that required non-stop toiling, in 2017 she decided to pass on her business to a friend and move to Thailand where she could finally have some time to herself.

But, of course, once you've worked with animals you can never truly distance yourself from it no matter how hard you try, which is how she ended up being Soi Dog's *'Puppy Lady'*.

Fostering puppies, especially those who are just a few days old and need around the clock care, is quite a big responsibility - not to mention very exhausting due to the lack of sleep.

We asked Jackie, how does she cope and what are the main challenges she faces as a puppy fosterer?



*"It is always worrying when a new litter comes in, knowing the risks involved and not knowing how they are going to cope without their mother."*

*"I have fostered puppies before but never those as young as the ones I foster from Soi Dog. The youngest I ever fostered was 6 days old. The first few days and weeks are the most difficult with each litter. But once they get accustomed to the teat, and I get accustomed to the routine, then it becomes easier. Even though it can be tough, you just get on with it!"*

Being retired, she has time to dedicate to her fosters - especially as the litters are always of more than 2 or 3 puppies - who need to be bottle-fed every 2-3 hours, 24 hours a day.

It can be even more time consuming if a litter has half a dozen puppies who need feeding and cleaning. In fact, Jackie once took care of a litter of 12 pups! We can only imagine what that must have been like.

But, with a lot of free time on her hands, Jackie said "What else would I do"?

Neo-natals receive antibodies through their mother's milk so orphaned puppies are susceptible to a variety of diseases, which is why it is important they are fostered away from the Soi Dog sanctuary.



Jackie keeps her fosters until they are fully vaccinated and ready to be neutered and put up for adoption.

We asked her if she finds it hard when it's time to bring them back to the shelter.

"It is hard! But knowing that I was able to give them a good start is always such a wonderful feeling".

Most of the puppies are already reserved for adoption before they leave Jackie's care and she says that makes it easier to let them go.

But we had to ask if there were any puppies that she almost adopted.

"There have been a few I wish I could have kept but I already have my 4 rescues who are all older dogs and I don't think a puppy would be the right fit for my existing family".

Jackie's 4 rescue dogs are also rescues from different countries. Lucy and Ora from Spain, Chiney from Croatia and Tobiaz is from the Elephant Nature Park (ENP) in Chiang Mai.

"My dogs can sometimes seem jealous of the puppies but they are always kept separate from the fosters for obvious reasons such as disease prevention and safety. However, over time, they do get used to them so it doesn't affect them negatively".

Over the last few weeks Jackie has been busy moving to her new house so wasn't able to take in any new fosters but she said now that's she's settled in her new home, she can't wait to take care of the next batch of puppies.

We are so grateful for Jackie's time and the wonderful care she gives to our puppies who, without her, stand very little chance of survival.



Fostering neo-natals and young animals isn't for everyone. It's tiring, non-stop and can be very emotional from the moment you have them. They are yours to love like your own but weren't yours to begin with or to keep. This can be hard.

**"My foster pups give so much love and it is so rewarding watching them gain more confidence and the frail ones growing stronger and becoming healthier. You cannot help them all but the ones you can help you will never forget".**

## Project Pattaya update

**Spay and neuter in Pattaya – an update;** Still much work to do in Pattaya although worth noting that we have so far neutered more than 2,400 animals and have had meetings with government sector and local feeders/animal rescuers to help the two parties work together more efficiently for the benefit of the stray animal population in the city.

Soi Dog's CNVR campaign there has been running since 2018 and is targeted to achieve more than 3,000 procedures before the year is out.

The media spotlight fell on Pattaya earlier this year when the deputy mayor of the city called for a round-up of the stray dogs on Jomtien beach to 'clear the area for holidaymakers' – a call to action Soi Dog vehemently opposed – citing its own CNVR project as the preferred alternative.

## Nakhon Phanom dogs – April 4<sup>th</sup> (41) & June 13<sup>th</sup> (38)

Since the release of the last edition of **The Soi Dog Post**, we have welcomed a further 79 dogs from Nakhon Phanom to the Soi Dog sanctuary. On April 4<sup>th</sup>, 41 dogs made their way down to Phuket and a further 38 dogs arrived here on June 13<sup>th</sup>.

The continuing programme to rescue the remaining dogs from last year's unnecessary impounding of 3,000 dogs, and subsequent tragic loss of around 2,500 of these, has seen 120 dogs come to us so far in 2019.

They continue to be found new homes through our *International Partner Rescue Programme* and all of the remaining adoptable dogs will eventually find themselves being brought to the sanctuary in Phuket and being included on future partner rescue trips to the US and Canada.

Thanks to all involved in the ongoing rescue and rehoming operation.



# Soi Dog USA – Hats off to Sloan, Stone, Corral and Rosenthal!

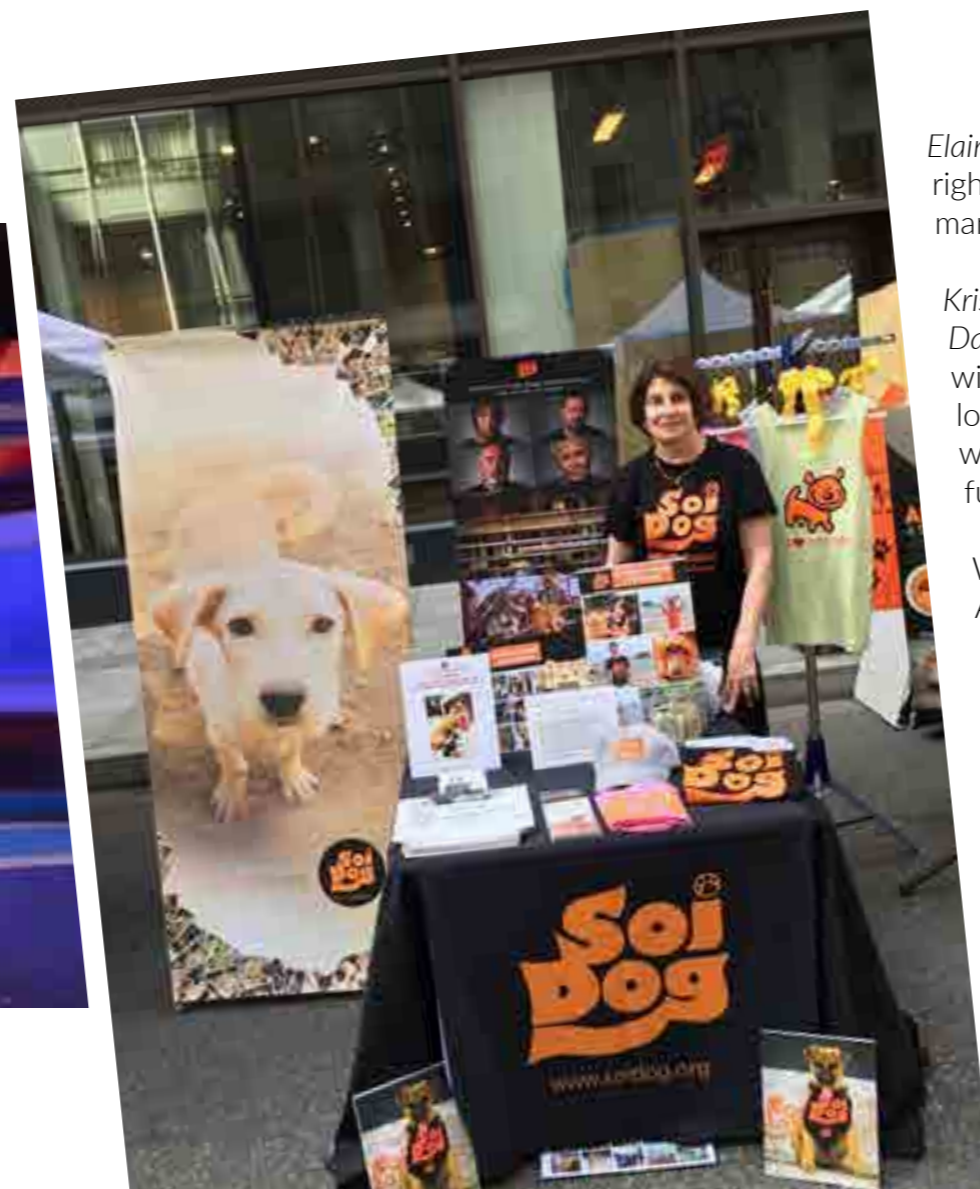
**Soi Dog USA supporters were raising awareness and donations in two different locations on the weekend of 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> of June.** From a merchandise booth in New York City to a doggy yoga event out in the Nevada desert in the gambling capital of the west – Las Vegas.



*Cairo (formerly Fergi) looking great with his mum and dad and Soi Dog USA's Janis Rosenthal at the fabulous looking awareness booth in Oregon.*



*The outreach booth in Manhattan and Kristen Corral repping her Soi Dog vest on the 'Wake up with CW' programme in Las Vegas.*



*Elaine Sloan and Stephanie Stone hosted our first ever outreach booth right in the heart of The Big Apple and did an amazing job telling the many passers-by about the work of Soi Dog.*

*Kristen Corral of littlewhitedogco.com participated in International Doga Day by hosting a dog yoga class in Las Vegas. The proceeds of which will be donated to Soi Dog! Kristen also managed to get herself on a local TV station programme "Wake Up With CW" to help spread the word. More 'downward dog' than 'Trikonasana', we imagine, but good fun had by all. Great job ladies!*

*With US fundraising and awareness on a roll, Independence Day in Ashland, Oregon, saw Soi Dog USA President Janis Rosenthal host another successful merchandise booth. Special guest Cairo (formerly Fergi) stopped by with his loving, doting parents. Cairo was one of the original 'Epic Eight' that went from Soi Dog in Phuket to partner rescue organisation 'SoHumane' in Medford, Oregon. All dogs are happily now in forever homes! The community in Ashland really stepped up to the plate and donated a total of \$1030!*

***Huge thanks to our amazing Soi Dog angels all over the United States for your enthusiasm and hard work! You're really helping to make a difference.***



(L-R) Soi Dog CEO Louise Rose, SDUK President Donna Freelove, Volunteer and adopter of Gopi, Rosie May and SDF co-founder John Dalley. The room of tables dressed in Soi Dog black and orange and filled by the 100+ guests.

# What a Ball they had.

**Soi Dog UK held its annual fundraising ball in Northampton, UK on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> July.**

Attended by over 100 people, the ball has fast become the largest official Soi Dog UK fundraising event of the year and this year's event was another overwhelming success.

The organising party, which included SDUK President *Donna Freelove* and Treasurer Maureen Hodgson, was made up of so many other individuals who made contributions, it would take an encyclopaedic-sized document to name them all.

The event drew attendees from all over the world - including Italy, the USA, Switzerland and Thailand - adding an international flavour to proceedings. People also travelled the length and breadth of the United Kingdom to be there - once again showing the unified support of Soi Dog in the UK.

Alongside a 3-course meal, lots of (drunken) dancing and live entertainment from singers and DJs, was a grand auction of

various fabulous prizes donated by wonderful supporters of Soi Dog including a unique piece of artwork called 'Oxytocin Angels' by Queenie Garland, a custom-made cork sachel from Sarah Collier (adopter of Soi Dog Kim Lek), a great hamper from 'Love My Human' and a personalised Soi Dog car number plate donated to the auction by adopter of the handsome Harland, the wonderful *Carol Henley!*

Taking into account the online and on-the-evening auctions and the attendance fees, an amazing total of 12,000 GBP was raised with a potential figure of 13,000 GBP once all auction items are sold.

Special thanks to the people who donated their time, energy & passion for our charity in hosting and entertaining the guests.

The people below are all folks who support SDF, do us amazing favours & help us get results. Please support them in return, 'like' their social media, tell your friends & family and the world that these folks do huge amounts for our charity whenever called upon.

<http://printuk.tel>

*Adam Davis* - design & print supremo who provides all of our leaflets, calendars, mugs & supports SDF all the way when he's not designing album covers for rock stars.



<https://www.instagram.com/@queenoftheselcouth>

Check out *Queenie's artwork*. The piece she donated to our auction (Oxytocin Angels) was stunning & we hope to include some of her designs on future SDF products.

<https://www.peachbranding.co.uk/>

*Steph Waters...* whatever we need in terms of merchandise for the online store, our lovely Steph & her mannequin 'Lizzy Long Arms' does it for us (That's when she's not hiking up some mountain with a Swiss roll in each pocket raising money for SDF & other great causes).

[@radiojagger and @radiowoody1](#) | Twitter

*Jagger & Woody* from Heart FM. DJ's, hosts & after dinner speakers. Totally donated their time to not just hosting the auction but still around all morning after, helping to pack up.

[www.debbiehaze.com](http://www.debbiehaze.com)

Vocalist & host, recently formed the *Hecta Foundation* to share her proceeds with animals in need.

[www.getyourheadoutthesand.co.uk](http://www.getyourheadoutthesand.co.uk)

*Sarah Collier*, Adoptor of Soi Dog *Kim Lek*. Please support Sarah's new venture providing quality, ethical, eco friendly, sustainable, natural, vegan products.

5% of Sarah's profits go straight to Soi Dog Foundation

[www.stopeatingdogs.com](http://www.stopeatingdogs.com)

The fabulous campaign by Soi Dog supporter and volunteer, *Guy Wrench* to help us all fight the unimaginably cruel Dog Meat Trade.

Please sign up your dog or cat to join the other dogs and cats who are shouting "Stop Eating Dogs Now". Make your own dog or cat, whatever it's background, one of the projected million campaign heroes who are trying to stop this evil.

<https://www.photocall-events.co.uk/>

Photos are all on line now for purchase. Thank you for your hard work and freebie photos donated.

And finally, a message from *Donna Freelove*: "To every one of our wonderful supporters who bought tickets, came along, helped out or donated prizes, a massive thank you. To those who couldn't make it but donated online and bid on the auctions – thank you too!

**We love you all & are already planning next year's ball".**



# Stop Eating Dogs Ltd

Soi Dog volunteer and friend of the foundation *Mr Guy Wrench*, from the UK, has launched an innovative way to raise funds for the fight against the dog and cat meat trade.

Guy was so moved by his volunteering experience with us in December 2018 that he set up a brand new online fundraising company called Stop Eating Dogs Ltd. His website, [www.stopeatingdogs.com](http://www.stopeatingdogs.com), provides a platform for the user to register their dog or cat as a 'campaign hero' in the collective fight against the DCMT in Asia.



It's simple to register your dog or cat. Simply send a photo of your pet, together with his/her name and a certificate will be generated for you and the image of your pet will appear on the website. It could also be described as a photographic petition. The more campaign heroes who are signed up, the more weight is behind the campaign and the greater impact it can make. This is an independent fundraising exercise of which Soi Dog will be the beneficiaries of 70% of all proceeds. The remaining 30% will be split between Guy's other chosen non-profits fighting the same cause – Humane Society International [www.hsi.org](http://www.hsi.org), Korean Dogs [www.koreandogs.org](http://www.koreandogs.org) and Fight Dog Meat [www.fightdogmeat.com](http://www.fightdogmeat.com).

**If you can, please support Guy's campaign and, in turn, help support Soi Dog Foundation and the fight against the DCMT!**



# Rescue runs through his veins



**While** was out walking his dogs on Bang Tao beach early one morning, **John Dalley** rescued a critically endangered turtle who was caught in a fishing trap.

The turtle was trapped in the mesh of the artisanal fishing trap that had washed ashore and was unable to free itself.

Luckily, John decided to have a closer look and realised the stricken reptile was still alive.

*"I managed to get the turtle untangled and out through the opening and, miraculously, it was still alive, although barely moving, and I could feel its heartbeat".*

John handed the turtle over to *Mai Khao Turtle Foundation*, and it was later transferred to the *Phuket Marine Biological Center (PMBC)*, who care for injured marine life.

The turtle was later identified as a critically endangered *Hawksbill turtle (Eretmochelys Imbricata)*, whose numbers have declined by over 80% in the last century with an estimated population of less than 8000 nesting females (ref: World Wildlife Fund, WWF).



Experts from the PMBC said that the turtle also had some initial trouble eliminating waste, most likely due to ingested plastic or other waste. However, the turtle is now doing well. Its condition is stable and not considered critical, although it will be monitored over the coming weeks. He is likely to be released back into the sea after the monsoon season said *Aimee Chchen*, intern at PMBC.

Soi Dog Foundation's commitment to approach all life with respect has been further exemplified with this very special rescue. Although Soi Dog's primary mission is to alleviate suffering of injured and vulnerable streets cats and dogs, *the Soi Dog Goes Green campaign*, which was launched last year with its mission being "To positively impact environmentalism and embrace initiatives that effect the well-being of animals and help preserve our world", aims to bring serious policies within its ethos that will have a positive impact on our environment.

The world uses over 400 million tons of plastics every year with 86% of it being dumped or littered into landfill or worse our oceans (Single Use Plastics, UNEP, 2018). It is also estimated that, plastic litter in Asia Pacific region alone has cost its tourism, fishing and shipping industry over 1.3 billion USD.

We are happy to hear that this little Hawksbill turtle is recovering, thanks to John, though it once again highlights one of the urgent global situations mankind faces – how to reduce plastic waste and stop it



## Remembering Martin Turner

Some very sad news from the UK in July as we learned of the passing of *Martin Turner*, former Soi Dog Managing Director and Director of Marketing and Media variously between July 2014 and February 2018, who recently lost his battle with cancer.

You couldn't wish to meet a nicer guy than Martin. He dedicated everything during his time at Soi Dog and his compassion for animals was plain for all to see.

John Dalley spoke fondly –  
"Martin was a dear friend and, later, also loyal employee, whose main desire in his later years was to help the stray dogs and cats of Phuket and particularly Bang Tao.

He will be sadly missed by all those that knew him".

His cremation was held in Leeds, UK on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> July.

The decision has been made to dedicate the new boardroom here at the sanctuary in his memory. It will be known as

*'The Martin Turner Boardroom'.*

*Safe journey Martin, wherever you may go.*



## Upcoming Phuket Mobile Clinics

Whilst the number of mobile spay & neuter teams in Bangkok increases, the Phuket mobile clinic continues to stay on top of the spay and neuter project here on the island.

Each year since 2015, the CNVR project has actually neutered more cats than dogs. Between 2015 and 2018, 22,271 cats and 15,701 dogs underwent the procedure.

So far in 2019, a total of 3,718 cats compared to 2,081 dogs have been 'fixed'.

It was always predicted that when you reduce the number of stray dogs, so the number of stray cats will increase. Our teams have reacted well to this with almost 25,000 cats neutered on Phuket in the past four-and-a-half years.

Here are the planned locations of the mobile clinics for the weeks to come.

LOCATION	START DATE	END DATE
RATSADA	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> August	Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> August
KATHU	Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> August	Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> August
COCONUT ISLAND	Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September	Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> September
NAKA ISLAND	Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> September	Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> September



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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  
1959-2017

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