

Stichting House of Tails

Year report 2023

Introduction

This report is meant to report on what has happened with the charity foundation Stichting House of Tails in the year 2023.

Supporting dog shelter Baan Haang Kradik in Thailand

All of our efforts in 2023 were geared towards supporting and expanding the dog shelter Baan Haang Kradik in Kanchanaburi province in Thailand and a few dogs at our old shelter in Kampaeng Saen.

Monthly costs

The monthly costs for running the shelter in the year 2023 were 1150 Euro per month or around 43000 Baht per month depending on the currency exchange rate.

These costs are mainly split between:

- Food 23.000 Baht (rice, chicken, fish, pork, dry food)
- Electric 1500 Baht
- Phone and internet 500 baht
- Gas 800 Baht
- Transport 1500 Baht
- Staff 7000 Baht
- Temporary staff 7000 Baht
- Medication 2000 Baht

The total costs should be higher than this, and for the number of dogs in the shelter (around 70) the total expected costs would be nearly double of what we spend now. The reason why the current number is 1150 Euro is simply due to the amount of donations we receive monthly, and we cannot run negative or borrow without certainty of incoming funds to compensate this. There are months we cannot make it to 1150 and we must adjust according to the funds in the bank at that time. Also, we have seen a high impact on our operations due to the strong Baht against the Euro. In the second part of the year the Euro became stronger and thus raising the resulting funds in Baht to be higher. However, with inflation in Thailand also still rising causing higher prices at times. The covid epidemic and after effects have also caused some difficulties and price increases in the year 2023. One thing standing out here is also the additional staff costs, due to more part-timers helping out.

Oarn has been trying to add to the overall income by growing vegetables and fruit and picking mushrooms for sale and by helping fruit sellers sell their crop at times.

Projects

In 2023 work has been done on a few major and minor projects at the shelter to achieve our goals of improving animal welfare.

- We worked on the surrounding wall again for the existing parts. It needs regular maintenance and upkeep and occasionally needs to be raised in height to prevent most dogs from jumping and climbing over it.
- Bravecto was bought. This is very effective for us against ticks and with that some other issues caused by parasites as well.
- Incidental medical costs.
- Grass cutting needs to happen regularly. This includes a reason to keep snakes and rodents away. These were covered through private donations.
- Also, a start has been made for a space next to the house to have a bathroom.
- Several Internal Walls and separations have been constructed in the shelter to keep smaller groups of dogs to avoid fights, and to separate some of them.
- Fixed a foundation pole and some fencing and walls at the Kampaeng Saen shelter.
- Fixed a broken water pipe.

The projects executed in 2023 have been used to improve the living and medical situation of the dogs and staff members at the shelter.

The use of Bravecto to combat ticks and fleas and some other parasites has greatly helped to lower the incidence of sick animals. We will strive to continue its use in the future. Especially having less ticks saves the staff members several hours of tick-picking per day/night and of course they are very bad for the dog's health (anemia, scratching, itching, blood transferred diseases, etc.). We have seen a clear increase in the dog's health state since a month after starting to use it. Also, the use of Doxycycline (Doxy) to combat worms living in the blood, which cause anemia and some other issues, has been taken up a bit more.



Figure 1. Our shelter area with blue line being the front wall constructed in 2016 and red line in 2021/2023.

The kitchen and bathroom projects have added to the living situation of staff working at the shelter, where this was previously not feasible. Also, the kitchen project was needed to improve the possibilities of daily food preparation and washing dishes. These are constant changes, also in 2023. In 2021 there was a fence placed through the middle of the red area (from the corner of the green area through the number 8 in the picture to the middle of the west wall).



Figure 2. pumpkins augmenting dog food.



Figure 3. One of the fences separating some packs of dogs.



Figure 5+6. Keeping the dogs company. And work on internal walls and fences is underway.



Figure 8. An important box of expensive medicines, especially the bravecto.



Overhead satellite image showing the shelter on the right and the small street going to the left for a few houses and farmland. Everything past that is a national park.



More information on separate projects including expenditure details and pictures can be found on our website www.houseoftails.org and on our Facebook page www.facebook.com/sthouseoftails .

Financial statement Stichting House of Tails

The total financial statement is available at the office of Stichting House of Tails. In this report the much-shortened version is used. The figures below are taken from the financial statements 2023 as compiled by De Voorwaarts and adopted by the board.

Total incoming donations 2023 = 22,292 Euro

Total spent on goals = 21,576 Euro (96.8% of income)

Administrative costs = 750 Euro; bank and PayPal costs = 369 Euro

Total financial result for the foundation in 2023 was -403 Euro (charged to the reserves).

Note: The administration costs for the administration have afterwards been donated, so can be subtracted from the costs mentioned above. This is reflected in the results of a following year.

Forward look at 2024

Looking forward to 2024, we would like to:

- Extend the usage of Bravecto to combat parasites.
- Work on expanding and upkeep of internal fencing.
- Update the living/sleeping space for the staff.
- Work on more walled shelters for the dogs throughout the shelter, to separate fighting dogs and keep them in smaller groups where needed.
- Continue sterilization efforts to get as many females done as possible.
- Create a new website