

Stichting House of Tails

Year report 2024

Introduction

This report is meant to report on what has happened with the charity foundation Stichting House of Tails in the year 2024.

Supporting dog shelter Baan Haang Kradik in Thailand

All of our efforts in 2024 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 2024 were 1150 Euro per month or around 41500 Baht per month depending on the currency exchange rate. The Baht taking a fall from 40 to somewhere in 2024 to 35 Baht takes a toll on the usable funds in the target currency (Baht), while costs rise due to inflation.

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 5000 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 inflation and exchange rates changes from Euro to Baht also caused some difficulties and price increases in the year 2024. 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 2024 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.
- 24 dogs were sterilized at the beginning of the year by the same people who helped to do this last time with a mobile unit in minivans. Only a few females were not sterilized on the day due to age or health restrictions.
- Grass cutting needs to happen regularly. This includes a reason to keep snakes and rodents away. These were covered through private donations.
- The house on the west side of the shelter now has a roof, and the first floor has had some work done to be suitable to sleep at. No work done on the bottom floor so far.
- 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.
- One of the care takers in Kampaeng Saen has passed away. The other family members will keep taking care of the animals in that location.

The projects executed in 2024 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.

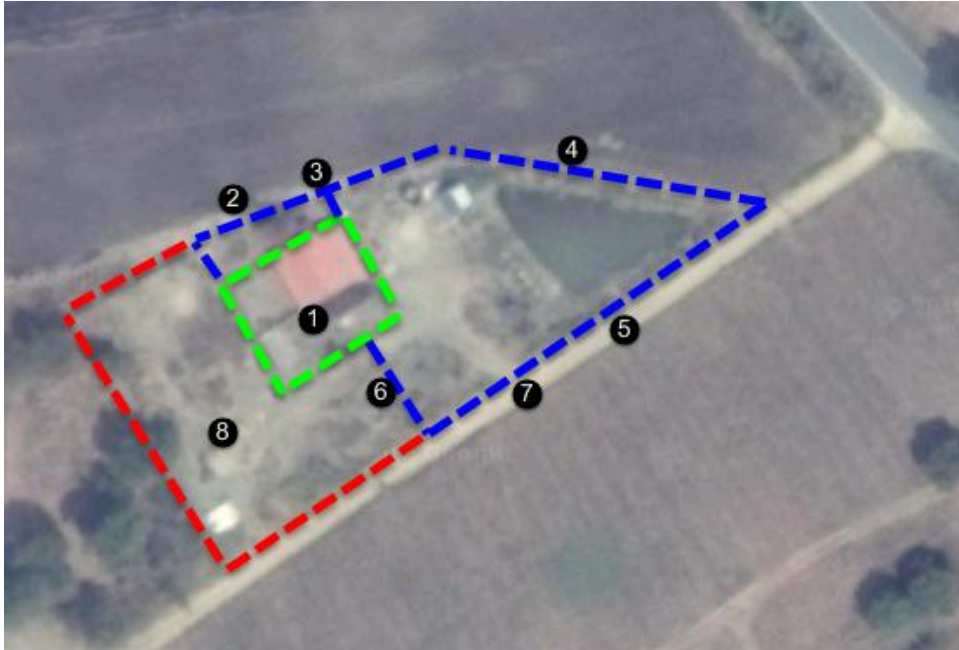


Figure 1. Our shelter area with blue line being the front wall constructed in 2016 and red line in 2021/2024.

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 2024. 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. Cooking rice in 3 cookers at the same time in order to feed this number of dogs. One of these has been replaced with a new one.



Figure. Bibi is becoming an old dog and is occasionally sick. Even though she looks skinny, she does eat. She is about 14 to 15 years old now. Also, sometimes we need to treat sick dogs or take them to a veterinary hospital.



Figure. We sometimes get called to help dogs nearby with tick issues, such as this one. We arrange with the owners a bravecto pill and sometimes some worm medicine.



Figure. During rainy season the shelter can become flooded. Dogs prefer to stand on the bamboo beds at those times. Would be good if we could get some more of those donated.



Some Rice supply and other dog foods. Meanwhile Bibi is using another food container to oversee the situation.



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 2024 as compiled by De Voorwaarts and adopted by the board.

Total incoming donations 2024 = 24,272 Euro

Total spent on goals = 22,922 Euro (94.4% of income)

Administrative costs = 750 Euro; bank and PayPal costs = 288 Euro

Total financial result for the foundation in 2024 was 312 Euro (added 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 2025

Looking forward to 2025, we would like to:

- Extend the usage of Bravecto to combat parasites.
- Work on expanding and upkeep of internal fencing.
- Raise the outside wall height!
- Add a few roof areas where dogs can find shelter from rain and sun, especially in areas used to separate groups of dogs, but where no such shelter is available to them.
- Some work on the kitchen areas.
- Work on more walled shelters for the dogs throughout the shelter, to separate fighting dogs and keep them in smaller groups where needed.
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