

Stichting House of Tails

Year report 2017

Introduction

This report is meant to report on what has happened with the charity foundation Stichting House of Tails in the year 2017.

Supporting dog shelter Baan Haang Kradik in Thailand

All of our efforts in 2017 were geared towards supporting and expanding the dog shelter Baan Haang Kradik in Kanchanaburi province in Thailand.

Monthly costs

The monthly costs for running the shelter in the year 2017 were 900 Euro per month or around 32500 Baht per month depending on the currency exchange rate.

These costs are mainly split between:

- Food 20.000 Baht (rice, chicken, fish, dry food)
- Electric 1500 Baht
- Phone and internet 500 baht
- Gas 800 Baht
- Transport 1500 Baht
- Staff 7000 Baht
- Medication 2000 Baht

The total costs should be higher than this actually, 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 900 Euro is simply due to the amount of donations we receive on a monthly basis and we cannot run negative or borrow without certainty of incoming funds to compensate this.

Projects

In 2017 work has been done on a few major and minor projects at the shelter in order to achieve our goals of improving animal welfare.

- Incidental medical costs for (among others) Panda, WunSen, Monks dog, FakThong, KaoPong, and Ding. 1000 Euro.
- Medication against ticks. In the summer we started using Bravecto. We received an additional 300 Euro for this project.
- The kitchen project needed expanding to a paved washing area and buying a rice cooker and utensils. Donations received for this purpose 200 Euro. The rest was covered through private donations outside the foundation.
- Electricity overhaul by buying a new breaker, new cabling, adding light bulbs throughout the shelter and bathroom. Donations received 400 Euro.
- We built a dog pen with roof we call Panda's shelter. We also worked on part of the roof along the shelter and some internal fencing. Also one small room in the shelter was fitted with tiles on the floor so it is easier to keep clean. This room is used for sick dogs. Donations received 250 Euro.
- Dog Toilet and waste water management. Holes were dug and filled up and strengthened and later some of those closed. For waste water coming from washing dishes also a hole was dug to contain and filter the waste water.
- Food bowls. A separate project was started to collect for stainless steel food bowls for the dogs since the plastic ones got destroyed by the dogs. A private donation was made by somebody in Thailand equivalent to 100 Euro to cover these costs.
- Grass cutting needs to happen regularly. This includes a reason to keep snakes and rodents away. These were covered through private donations.
- A small motorcycle was bought for Lek to get around. These costs were covered by private donation.
- A wooden structure was created near the water on the north side, including an electrical outlet and a roof. This was first to be used as a sleeping quarters for one of the staff members and later used for a shelter for a few problem dogs.

Aside from these main projects some smaller efforts have been made to improve fencing and sanitation in the shelter. Some private donations have been made by BFJ Cornelissen during a visit to the shelter in the summer of 2017. These were used for construction, concrete, medical treatments, utilities etc.

The projects executed in 2017 have been used to improve the living and medical situation of the dogs and staff members at the shelter. Also electrical wiring has been improved and lights were installed in nearly all rooms in the shelter, because that was always a problem during dark hours of the day. The use of Bravecto to combat ticks and fleas and some other parasites has greatly helped in the second half of 2017 to lower the incidence of sick animals. We will strive to continue its use in 2018. 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 dogs health (anemia, scratching, itching, blood transferred diseases, etc.). We have seen a clear increase in the dogs health state since a month after starting to use it.

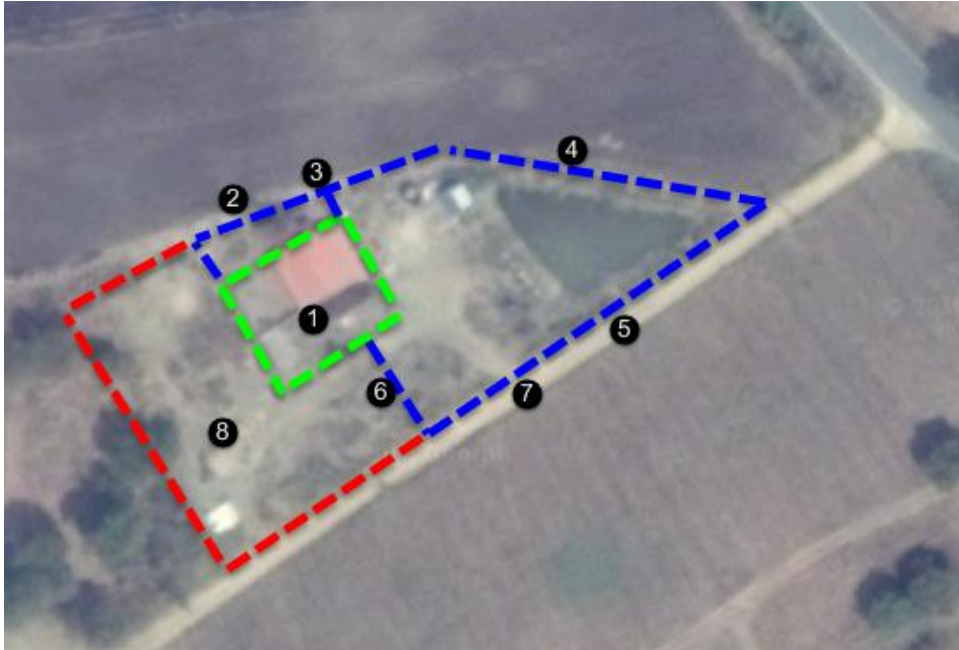


Figure 1. Our shelter area with blue line being the front wall constructed in 2016.

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.



Figure 2. Panda's shelter in the background and Panda in the foreground



Figure 3. New metal food bowls

In 2017 we have tried to work on our goal to sterilize a number of dogs to prevent growth in numbers in the shelter. We have not been able to meet this goal in 2017 due to lack of funding. We have though made an agreement with another charity to do a sterilization project early 2018. A few dogs did get sterilized in 2017, but low in number. Also a dog from the Nonthaburi location was sterilized. We could however not prevent a few dogs from getting pregnant because of the large number of females to be separated out and some males jumping over a high wall.

In 2017 we did a separate charity raffle at the Midwest Management Summit in Minneapolis USA. That resulted in 522 USD, and got used for projects such as electricity, waste water and buying some needed utilities.

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.

Total incoming donations 2017 = 13.505 Euro

Total spent on goals = 13.255 Euro

Administrative and Bank costs = 468 Euro (This makes the overhead costs for this year to be 3.5%)

Total financial result for the foundation in 2017 was a negative 218 Euro.

Forward look at 2018

Looking forward to 2018, we would like to:

- Extend the usage of Bravecto to combat parasites.
- Have a 1 day sterilization done funded by SoiDog to cover part of the dogs and maybe another sterilization day later in the year.
- Work on expanding internal fencing.
- Create a living/sleeping space for the staff.
- Find donations to create the second wall to the back (west) of the property to create more living space for the dogs and to make it easier to keep some groups of dogs separated to avoid fights.