

Stichting House of Tails

Year report 2018

Introduction

This report is meant to report on what has happened with the charity foundation Stichting House of Tails in the year 2018.

Supporting dog shelter Baan Haang Kradik in Thailand

All of our efforts in 2018 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 2018 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 2018 work has been done on a few major and minor projects at the shelter in order to achieve our goals of improving animal welfare.

- In February a mobile sterilization team came to the shelter to sterilize part of the pack. 22 females and 6 males were sterilized, thanks to the donations of Soi Dog Foundation and Soot Liang Woo for helping to arrange it. From our side this needed some additional funds to host the team and some after care.
- We had the care for and later transport of Kahn (also called Little One), the puppy with multiple injuries from a car accident. After months in our care another organization Blue Dream shelter offered to continue the care and treatment and finding an adoption for Kahn, and due our lack of funding for this we brought her to them in March 2018. We have been trying to get information about her status afterward, but have not received this info except for a message stating she went to a smaller shelter for dogs with walking disabilities..
- 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.
- The kitchen project which was started in 2017 continued with some additions.
- Bravecto was bought 2 times, totaling 750 Euro. This is very effective for us against ticks and with that some other issues.
- Incidental medical costs. 811 Euro. Some dogs receiving care were Kahn, Laak, FakThong, NamDeng, NoMai
- Grass cutting needs to happen regularly. This includes a reason to keep snakes and rodents away. These were covered through private donations.
- Project fix fence in April at about 100 Euro.
- Project Mom's shelter (also called Mohk's shelter) where we built a fenced area within our shelter with a simple roof and wall for a few dogs to stay.
- Some additions and walls to the raised platform used by staff to sleep on. Also near the end of the year the platform was extended a bit to create a sitting area on the platform to eat and prepare human food.
- We had to fix several doors and gates throughout the shelter toward the end of the year.

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 2018. These were used for construction, concrete, medical treatments, utilities etc.

The projects executed in 2018 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 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.

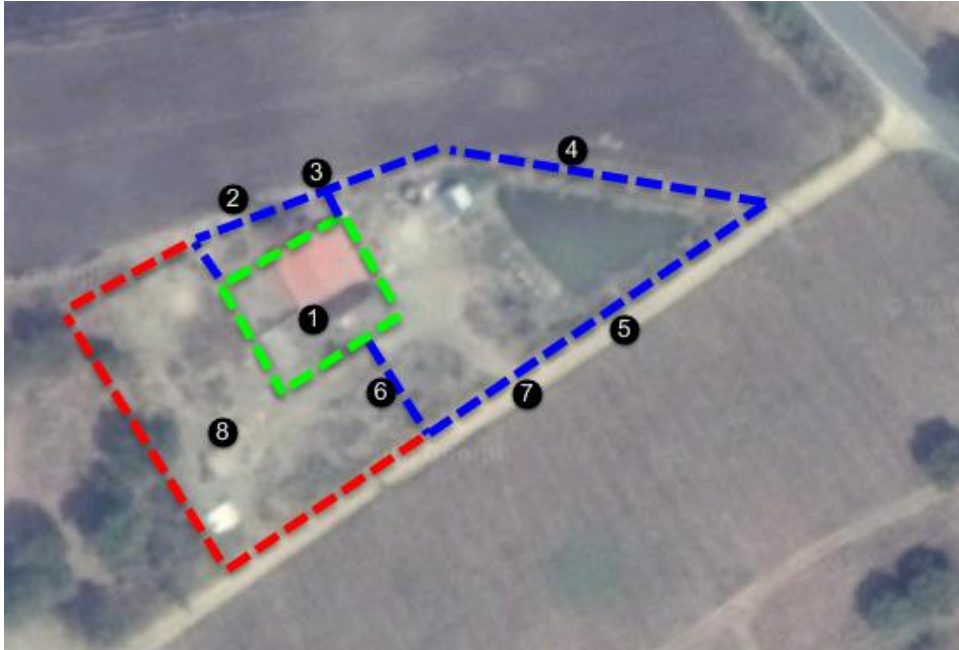


Figure 1. Our shelter area with blue line being the front wall constructed in 2016.

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. Mohk's shelter (also called Mom's shelter).

In 2018 we have worked on our goal to sterilize a number of dogs to prevent growth in numbers in the shelter. 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. The numbers of pups was far less than last year.

In 2018 we did a separate charity raffle at the Midwest Management Summit in Minneapolis USA. That resulted in 1705 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 2018 = 14.677 Euro

Total spent on goals = 13.876 Euro

Administrative and Bank costs = 804 Euro

Total financial result for the foundation in 2018 was a negative 3 Euro.

Note: The administration costs for the administration have afterwards been donated, so can be subtracted from the costs mentioned above.

Forward look at 2019

Looking forward to 2019, we would like to:

- Extend the usage of Bravecto to combat parasites.
- Work on expanding and upkeep of 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.