

'Animal SOS Sri Lanka' – primarily the 'vision' of Kim Cooling, has now been formed by seasoned animal welfare workers from the UK – borne out of frustration at the lack of welfare standards and facilities to properly cater for Sri Lanka's destitute street animals.



The strays of Sri Lanka face a multitude of horrors on a daily basis and it is quite remarkable how these street animals actually survive to live their precarious little lives. Not only do they have to contend with starvation, appalling injuries as a result of road accidents, the risks of being poisoned to death, beaten, gassed, stoned or burnt – they are managing to exist, whilst being host to some horrendous parasites – which cause deadly tropical diseases.

In most cases, the dogs especially - don't harbour one, but a cocktail of these parasites and it is common to find dogs with co-infections and the parasites that cause disease such as: Sarcoptic mange mites, fleas, ticks, plus an abundance of worms, including Dirofilariosis – a species of heartworm.

Tropical diseases are rife in Sri Lanka, in fact, there is an epidemic of serious proportions. The diseases spread by ticks and mosquitoes are a bigger threat than Rabies – street dogs and cats are dying in their droves, sometimes quickly, but often suffer slow lingering deaths. Tick borne Babesia and Ehrlichia ravage an animal's blood cells – causing debilitating anaemia, dehydration, fever and multiple organ failure.

There is also a problem with the more common dog viruses: Distemper and Parvo. Cats most certainly suffer from the various strains of Cat Flu and Chlamydia etc.

Transmissible Venereal Tumours (TVT's) – caused by a sexually transmitted virus are widely seen, although TVT's favour the sexual organs, they can also occur elsewhere in the body.

How these street animals manage to stay alive is astounding...

Bitch dogs have litter after litter (and often suffer painful and deadly Pyometra / womb infection). They resort to bringing up their pups wherever they can – whilst scavenging for food on festering rubbish heaps. They have to face the reality that their pups will probably die in the road, have their eyes pecked out by carrion crows or suffer another grim fate.

'ANIMAL SOS SRI LANKA' endeavours to provide a safe haven for these desperate animals. A place where they can recuperate and rehabilitate in peace - and receive the best care and treatment that we can provide - that funds will allow.

The Vision is in the planning stage – but we aim to offer the following:

A strict non-destruction policy, unless for humane reasons where the animal is suffering and beyond help - A good standard veterinary facility – neutering programme and other surgical procedures - routine blood testing – full vaccinations – parasite eradication – snake proof and safe environment – separate isolation, maternity and intensive care kennels – a refuge for crippled dogs and cats – staff / volunteer accommodation – education room etc.

We now desperately need assistance to create that 'show-piece of excellence' for the street animals of Sri Lanka and to drastically raise standards in animal welfare. It is hoped that this will change the appalling legacy of animal suffering there.

We have taken the first few positive steps – but have something of a marathon in front of us...

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