

# Stichting House of Tails

Year report 2019

## Introduction

This report is meant to report on what has happened with the charity foundation Stichting House of Tails in the year 2019.

## Supporting dog shelter Baan Haang Kradik in Thailand

All of our efforts in 2019 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 2019 were 1000 Euro per month or around 34300 Baht per month depending on the currency exchange rate.

These costs are mainly split between:

- Food 21.000 Baht (rice, chicken, fish, pork, dry food)
- Electric 1500 Baht
- Phone and internet 500 baht
- Gas 800 Baht
- Transport 1500 Baht
- Staff 7000 Baht
- 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 1000 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. Also we have seen a high impact on our operations due to the strong Baht against the Euro. This meant that we needed to raise the monthly amount from 900 to 1000 Euro somehow and still have a lower amount of Baht to work with on the other side, with inflation in Thailand also happening causing higher prices at times.

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.

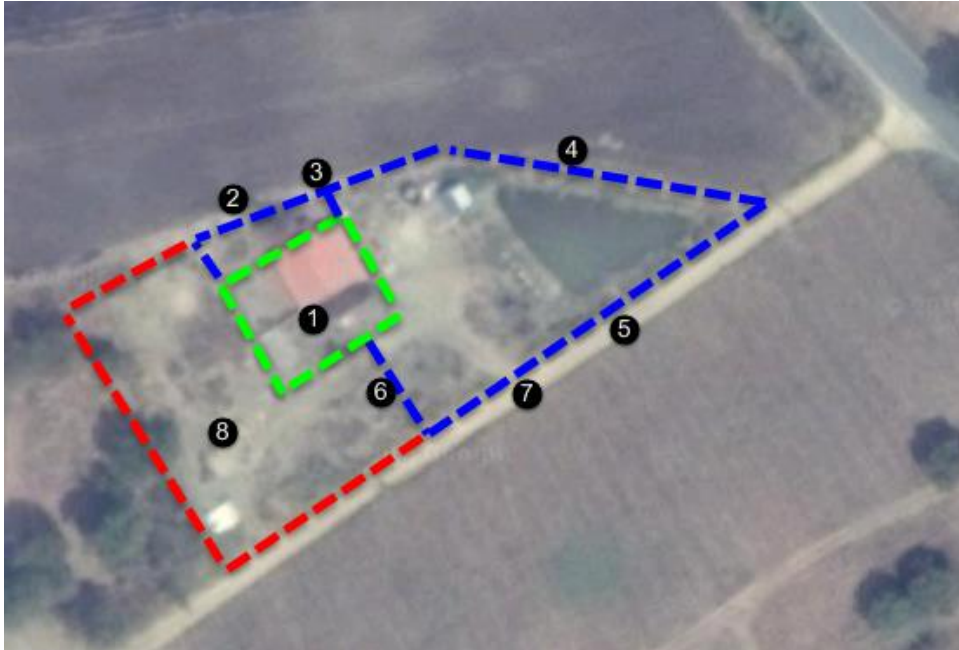
## Projects

In 2019 work has been done on a few major and minor projects at the shelter in order 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.
- Worked on water supply several times, including the pipes and the water-meter. This got combined with some work on the Kitchen area. Combined a 550 Euro.
- In February rabies injections were given.
- Bravecto was bought 2 times, totaling 750 Euro. This is very effective for us against ticks and with that some other issues caused by parasites as well.
- Incidental medical costs. 2150 Euro. We had several sick dogs, and also poisoned dogs.
- Grass cutting needs to happen regularly. This includes a reason to keep snakes and rodents away. These were covered through private donations.
- Mohk's shelter needed some fixing up.
- We have put up 2 new poles for our power lines. Cables have not yet been attached (planned Feb 2020).
- Below the staff sleeping platform a few walls and fences were placed so a number of dogs could stay there and be safer against the elements.
- We had to fix several doors and gates throughout the shelter toward the end of the year.
- Due to the passing away of both dogs Kot and TaaLieuw who had been Oarn's closest companions for years, he has created a small shrine where they are both laid to rest.

One big project this year was transportation. Since all transportation was broken down for a long time (motorcycles and the car) due to age, we needed to find a solution. After months of trying to cope, we had to buy a car. We bought an old Nissan pickup truck for about 120.000 Baht. This needed additional fixing, also due to an accident. This incurred a further 50.000 Baht in costs. This is about 5100 Euro and got funded by taking a loan from Bob's company and the second part by private direct donation by Bob.

The projects executed in 2019 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).*

More information on separate projects including expenditure details and pictures can be found on our website [www.houseoftails.org](http://www.houseoftails.org) and on our Facebook page [www.facebook.com/sthouseoftails](https://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 2019 = 16,594.00 Euro

Total spent on goals = 16,300.00 Euro

Administrative and Bank costs = 862 Euro

Total financial result for the foundation in 2019 was a positive 532 Euro.

Note: The administration costs for the administration have afterwards been donated, so can be subtracted from the costs mentioned above. Also 2 years of administrative costs were donated in this year, therefore the result is 550 Euro higher than expected.

## Forward look at 2020

Looking forward to 2020, 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.
- 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.