

Stichting House of Tails

Year report 2020

Introduction

This report is meant to report on what has happened with the charity foundation Stichting House of Tails in the year 2020.

Supporting dog shelter Baan Haang Kradik in Thailand

All of our efforts in 2020 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 2020 were 1100 Euro per month or around 37300 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
- Temporary staff 3000 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 1100 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 1000 to 1100 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. The covid epidemic has also caused some difficulties and price increases in the year 2020.

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 2020 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.
- Bravecto was bought 2 times, totaling 665 Euro. This is very effective for us against ticks and with that some other issues caused by parasites as well.
- Incidental medical costs. 4010 Euro.
- Grass cutting needs to happen regularly. This includes a reason to keep snakes and rodents away. These were covered through private donations.
- We have put up 2 new poles for our power lines and attached cables to those.
- A start was made for an outside human-shelter for temporary staff and kitchen for human use, which could double also to dry vegetables and to keep a sick dog separate for a few days. This start includes a floor, low walls, and a frame for a roof. This project will be continued in 2021.
- Some vegetables were grown in the area behind the shelter by Oarn.
- We had to fix several gates and fences throughout the shelter. We spent 950 Euro on this purpose.
- A few dogs have been sterilized. The goal was to do about 30 females, but only a third has been done in this year, with the rest to be planned in 2021.
- Due to problems with the dry months, we did not have water pressure in the public pipes, and no water in the pond to use. We had to resort to buying a container to put on the back of the car and drive back and forth to government water facilities many times.
- During the dry period, we had a chance to have a digger take out dirty mud from the pond and excavate the pond a bit more. This is in part also because we needed sand for other parts of the shelter.
- We had to fix the car after an accident on the road was avoided by driving the car into a tree, causing damage at the front of the car.
- A start was made to create a wall/fence along the side of the sandy road along the shelter. The important part was the concrete poles every few meters, which can be used to also guide a power line along the top.

The projects executed in 2020 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. 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.

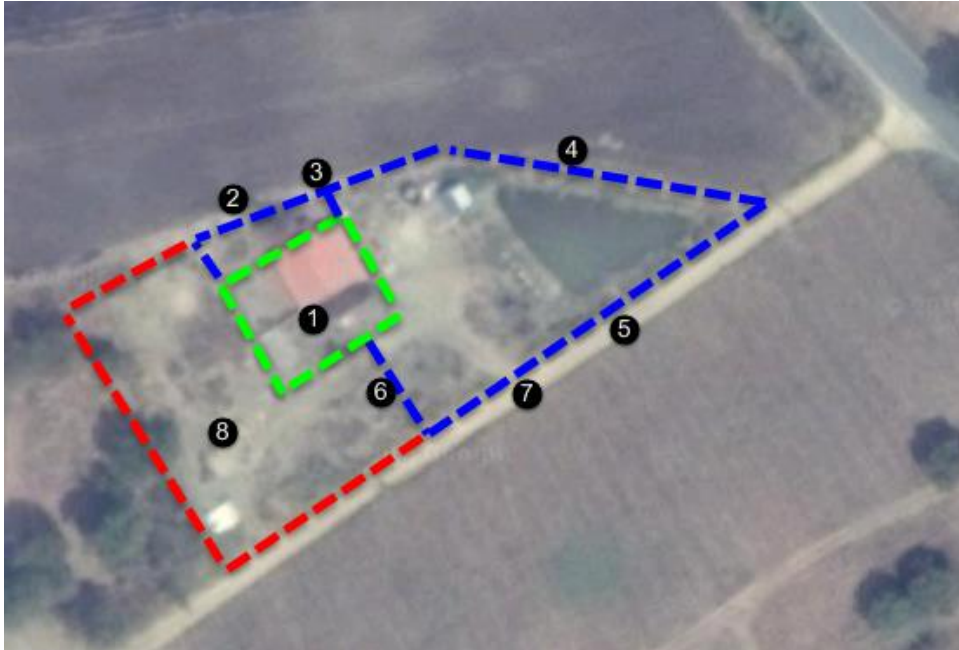


Figure 1. Our shelter area with blue line being the front wall constructed in 2016.

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 2020 and 2021.



Figure 2. Part of the main open area with some of the dogs.



Figure 3. Water storage for the car to collect from government water facilities.

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 2020 = 24683.00 Euro

Total spent on goals = 24025.00 Euro

Administrative and Bank costs = 718 Euro

Total financial result for the foundation in 2020 was a negative 160 Euro.

Note: The administration costs for the administration have afterwards been donated, so can be subtracted from the costs mentioned above, which would make the result a positive figure. This is reflected in the results of a following year.

Forward look at 2021

Looking forward to 2021, 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.
- Work on 3 walled shelters for the dogs at the back of the shelter.
- Continue sterilization efforts to get as many females done as possible.
- 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.