

# Stichting House of Tails

Year report 2021

## Introduction

This report is meant to report on what has happened with the charity foundation Stichting House of Tails in the year 2021.

## Supporting dog shelter Baan Haang Kradik in Thailand

All of our efforts in 2021 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 2021 were 1200 Euro per month or around 45600 Baht per month depending on the currency exchange rate.

These costs are mainly split between:

- Food 23.000 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 7000 Baht
- Medication 2000 Baht

The total costs should be higher than this, 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 1200 Euro is simply due to the amount of donations we receive monthly, and we cannot run negative or borrow without certainty of incoming funds to compensate this. There are months we cannot make it to 1200 and we must adjust according to the funds in the bank at that time. Also, we have seen a high impact on our operations due to the strong Baht against the Euro. In the second part of the year the Euro became stronger and thus raising the resulting funds in Baht to be higher. However, with inflation in Thailand also still rising causing higher prices at times. The covid epidemic has also caused some difficulties and price increases in the year 2021. One thing standing out here is also the additional staff costs, due to more part-timers helping out.

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

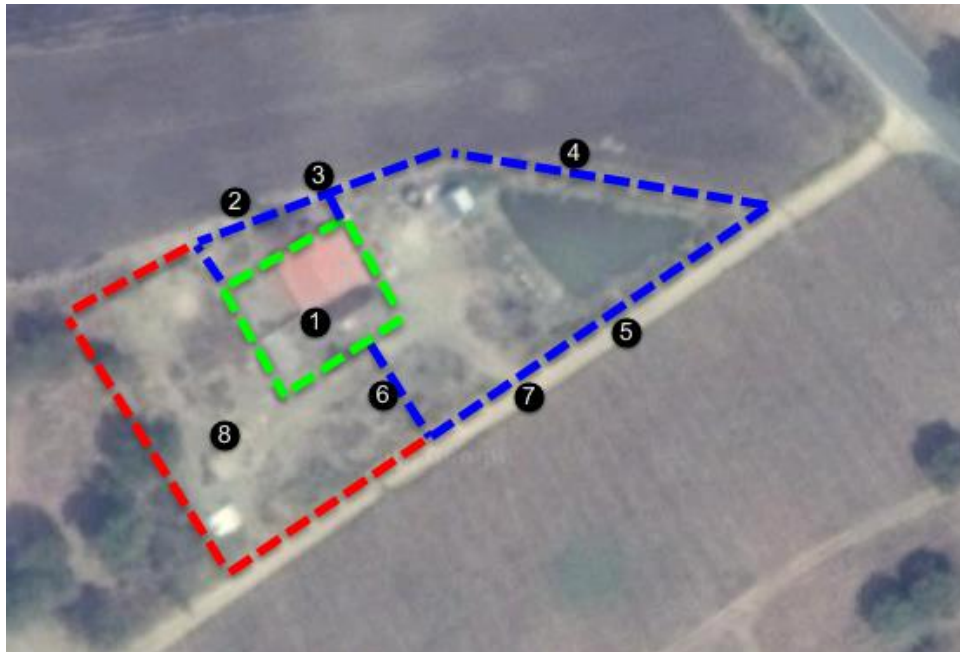
In 2021 work has been done on a few major and minor projects at the shelter to achieve our goals of improving animal welfare.

- 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.
- We have acquired a few meters along the west side of the shelter area and have incorporated this when the initial pieces of wall were built on that side.
- Bravecto was bought 2 times, totaling 600 Euro. This is very effective for us against ticks and with that some other issues caused by parasites as well.
- Incidental medical costs. 1775 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 included a roof and partly walls. Also, a start has been made for a space next to the house to have a bathroom. This project will be continued in 2022.
- We had to fix several gates and fences throughout the shelter. We spent 3535 Euro on this purpose.
- A few dogs have been sterilized at a clinic nearby where a part-time veterinarian has a clinic. Several dogs have been done in Q2 of the year. The clinic had to close again due to Covid restrictions in Thailand. Not all dogs have been sterilized yet. Total 1000 Euro.
- 3 dog shelters under 1 roof were created along the north-west side of the shelter. These can house multiple dogs per room. The area in front of it is closed off with fencing.
- A start was made to create a wall/fence along the side of the sandy road along the shelter. The important part was starting wall pieces of bricks. This project needs to be continued in 2022.
- Another of the main projects in 2021 has been moving parts of the kitchen to the front of the property. This included some brick work and making some gates to be able to go in and out of the cleaning and cooking area without having to go through a shelter full of dogs. This helps when bringing in food from the road and for helping staff members which can do cleaning and cooking work without risks of being bitten.

The projects executed in 2021 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 dog's health (anemia, scratching, itching, blood transferred diseases, etc.). We have seen a clear increase in the dog's health state since a month after starting to use it. Also, the use of Doxycycline

(Doxo) 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 and red line in 2021/2022.*

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 2021. In 2021 there was a fence placed through the middle of the red area (from the corner of the green area through the number 8 in the picture to the middle of the west wall).



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





*Figure 3. Lek talking to the dogs at the shelter.*



*Figure 4. The new kitchen area with rice cookers, water cooker, a gas burner, some storage and working areas.*



*Figure 5. One of Kiau's daughters playing with the dogs. The dogs appreciate having company and somebody to play with.*



*Figure 6. Construction of the South-West wall. To the left is along the sandy road and at the back is the West side. The dogs are inspecting the progress.*





*Figure 7. Our full-time caretaker Oarn is holding Bibi (the alpha female and troublemaker and break-out artist).*



*Figure 8. Construction of the 3 rooms at the North-West side of the shelter. These are meant to house at least 2 dogs each, function as quarantine rooms when we have sick dogs. And behind it there will be a small storage space. All 3 rooms open up in a free space with a fence. Meanwhile the roof and such are finished for these rooms.*

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 2021 = 27516.22 Euro

Total spent on goals = 27615.50 Euro

Administrative and Bank costs = 1063 Euro

Total financial result for the foundation in 2021 was -49 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 2022

Looking forward to 2022, 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 more walled shelters for the dogs throughout the shelter, to separate fighting dogs and keep them in smaller groups where needed.
- 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.