

What we do in Sri Lanka

Providing free veterinary treatment for companion , community (stray) dogs and cats.

Free sterilization and vaccination clinics to communities with no access or funds for veterinary care.

Funding research with the University of Peradeniya into the spread of rabies.

Supported and funded the start up of a permanent Vet clinic in Kegalle.

Providing equipment and vet supplies to the University of Peradeniya.

Running a feeding program for stray dogs at the Temple in Randeniya.

Promoting responsible and compassionate ownership.



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In September 2006 Sam volunteered for the Millennium Elephant Foundation (MEF) in Sri Lanka.

Whilst teaching English at a local Buddhist temple Sam noticed some small puppies and a very ill adult dog that the Temple monks were caring for.

The dogs urgently needed medical attention and the Monks had no access to veterinary care. Sam spoke with the Monks who were very concerned for all the dogs' welfare and promised to arrange a vet to visit.

Vets from MEF's mobile veterinary unit (who provide free treatment to any Elephant in Sri Lanka) were fortunately in the local area. They attended that evening and Sam paid for the cost of the medicines required. For the meagre sum of 18 pounds the adult dog Mango was successfully treated for mange, open sores and a badly healed broken leg and all 4 puppies were vaccinated against rabies.

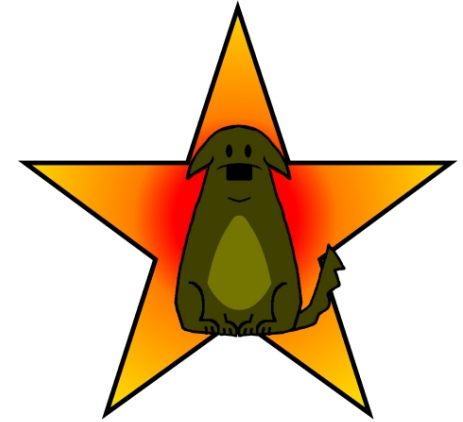
Sam posted an appeal for help on an UK animal welfare forum The Refuge asking if members could send worming tablets or flea treatments to her direct in Sri Lanka. The response was fantastic and within weeks parcels flooded in from the UK allowing many local dogs to be treated.

From there the idea of setting up a permanent method of working was born. Sam spoke with her husband Mark and they agreed to fund the set up of a full time vet who would be based in Kegalle and provide free treatment for dogs and cats in the local area including all important neutering.

This was followed by a programme of monthly clinics working from the Bentota area, planned out over the next 12 months.

Continued support is being offered to the original Temple dogs with regular vet checks and a feeding programme.

Further funding was made available to support the University of Peradeniya in a research project. This project is studying the stray dog problem, stray dog nteraction with pets and to understand the spread of rabies within both populations.



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In order to support and fund this work Sam and Mark import and sell exclusive elephant poo paper products from Ecomaximus. Based outside MEF they provide employment to the local population, and work to address some of the conflict issues between farmers and elephants. Sam and Mark also have a little helper with the fundraising. A little brown dog called Sirius, you can read about his adventures as he travels the world at

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