



AnimalsAsia

Kindness in action

YOUR IMPACT HAS NEVER BEEN GREATER

2021 Review

YOUR IMPACT IS MONUMENTAL

Dear friends,

Your impact in 2021 was truly sensational. *Many of Asia's most desperate animals felt your love and kindness as their lives dramatically changed for the better.*

I write to you today, emotionally and gratefully. I want to tell you about your incredible impact. Tens of thousands of wild animals set free or given desperately needed care. **Literally millions of dogs and cats saved from meat markets and 118 moon bears welcomed home to sanctuary.** All of this in the middle of a pandemic! *And all of it thanks to you.*

For me, 2021 was also a year to reflect. **Our pioneering therapy program, Dr Dog, turned 30.** We've come a long way since I saw the face of a bedridden teenage boy light up as my precious golden retriever, Max, gently placed his huge paws onto the boy's bed. **We've come a long way thanks to you.**

Your loyalty, generosity and selfless love have seen your impact on the lives of suffering animals grow beyond my wildest dreams.

Thank you for your kindness, thank you for it all,



Jill Robinson MBE, Dr med vet hc, Hon LLD
Founder and CEO



MESSAGE FROM OUR BOARD

Once again, you came through for the animals in 2021. Because of your generosity and kindness, Animals Asia was able to continue all of its vital work – despite the ongoing pandemic and the many challenges and restrictions that came with it. The fact that they were able to bring home to their China sanctuary 101 bears from a former bile farm after seven long and frustrating years of lobbying for transport permits, says it all. This tenacious team is kindness in action. And with you on their side, they're unstoppable.

BOARD MEMBERS

Anneleise Smillie

Chair

Anneleise has over 20 years' experience working in the non-profit sector. She was formerly Animals Asia's Education Director, and in this role she founded Professor Paws, our popular dog therapy program for schools. Anneleise is currently based in the Netherlands.

Kirvil Skinnarland

Vice-chair

Kirvil is the trustee of a US animal protection foundation. As a long-time Animals Asia adviser and supporter, she's an invaluable friend to the animals. Now retired, Kirvil devotes much of her time to serving Animals Asia.

Jonathan 'Joe' Hancock

Treasurer

Joe is a former senior finance executive and long-term Animals Asia supporter. He lives in the UK and now works with his wife, Angela, at the health and wellness company she founded.

Celine Zhang

Secretary

Celine has over 20 years' experience across wealth management, investment and corporate banking and corporate development. She began her career by qualifying as an accountant for a Big 4 firm.

Michelle Lombard

Michelle is a corporate executive and accountant, who supports, advises and repositions organisations for growth. She is currently CFO of a large media company and co-founder of a media consultancy group. Michelle has lived in Asia since 2006.

Noëlle Gahan

Noëlle has over 20 years' marketing experience having held senior roles with global public relations companies and in-house marketing and sales roles with multinationals. She has three engineering degrees and an MBA.

Stephen Lee

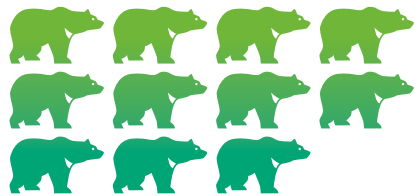
Stephen is an experienced lawyer and has been involved in animal welfare and advocacy since 2003. He has held senior roles in Australia, Singapore and Hong Kong, and is currently practicing at an international law firm.

YOUR AMAZING IMPACT

Your support literally saved millions of animals from slaughter, abuse and imprisonment in 2021.

Bears walked on grass for the very first time, cats and dogs curled up in warm, loving homes, lonely elephants found friends and trafficked songbirds soared high above the forests. You gave these precious animals a reason to live and the right to thrive. *Thank you.*

101 bears rescued from a former bile farm in China after years of lobbying for permits to bring them home



92 animal welfare groups in China stronger because of your support



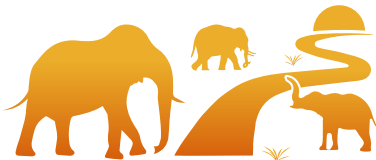
Over **10,000** people visited by our gentle therapy dogs – Dr Dogs and Professor Paws



The last of Vietnam's bile bears – around **300** – soon to have sanctuary because of our exclusive agreement with the Vietnam government to close all the farms



3 elephants rescued from drudgery to live their lives roaming in the forest and bathing in the rivers running through it



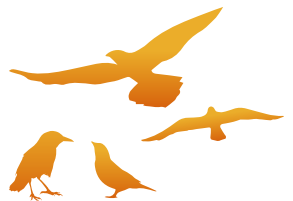
559 stray cats given better lives through our trap, neuter, return projects



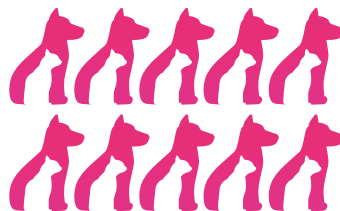
118 bears rescued in total, including 17 precious souls in Vietnam. This brings to 657 the total number of bears rescued at the end of 2021



45,000 trafficked songbirds released back into Indonesia's jungles



Millions of dogs and cats spared slaughter after dogs' removal from China's official livestock list takes effect



329 rescued bears at our sanctuaries loved and cared for every day



Wild animals at rescue centres in Vietnam given

145 acres of enclosure space especially designed to their needs.



Over **2,600** cats and dogs in China helped with emergency rescues, shelter upgrades and gifts of food and vaccines





YOU'RE THE MOON AND THE STARS

To bears like lovely Binh An, your support means the world.

VET CARE WITH HEART

Keeping our rescued bears healthy and relieving their pain is always our top priority.

In 2021, our amazing bear care and vet teams at both China and Vietnam bear sanctuaries managed to perform some superhuman feats...

Like 199 health checks on the bears under anaesthesia, and this despite a severe staff shortage due to lockdowns and disrupted travel due to the pandemic.

Like 19 root canal surgeries and removal of three bears' infected gall bladders.

And like weighing the bears over 1,000 times!

Helping with this enormous workload were the bears themselves through our Cooperative Care program. This saw them voluntarily helping our teams to take their blood pressure, clip their claws and examine their teeth. And every single bear at our sanctuaries will now walk into a cage to be weighed or moved. Clever bears!

The **329** bears at our China and Vietnam sanctuaries were weighed 1,026 times throughout the year.

Every day, our rescued bears receive three balanced, nutritious meals tailored to their individual needs and tastes. Overall, our bear care teams delivered **312,312** meals in 2021.



This is our wonderful UK Andrew Superstar Award winner for 2021 – **Vijay Kritzing**. As well as sponsoring gorgeous bears Bubu and Vandrew in Vietnam, Vijay raised thousands of pounds in 2021 by selling her artwork and book, “Vietnam Bears & Vegan Food” on fundraising stalls, tackling a 25-obstacle 12km Total Warrior course and walking 37km dressed as a moon bear! She spends most weekends raising awareness by hosting Big Bear Beach Cleans and collaborating with local environmental and welfare groups. Thank you, Vijay!

Our grateful thanks to the **Brigitte Bardot Foundation** for their generous donation that paid for a much-needed portable X-ray machine for our China bears. This allows our vets to determine the causes of pain and immobility that many of the bears suffer and then draw up personalised health plans so they can live as pain-free and happily as possible. And perhaps closer to the bears' hearts, the donation also delivered truckloads (literally!) of delicious food and enrichment items like straw, fire hose toys and hammocks and tasty treats.

CLEVER JOEY HOLDS OUT FOR THE GOOD STUFF

Little Joey no longer has to be anaesthetised if we need to take his blood pressure. Instead, he offers his arm voluntarily for delicious, sweet treats.

After just six weeks of training, Joey learned that if he put his arm into a tube, he'd get a sweet reward, and the longer he left it there, the sweeter the reward would get!

Before Joey's training, regularly monitoring his blood pressure would have been impossible as it was so impractical (and regular anesthetics can be a health risk). But with Joey's help, this is no longer a problem.

Joey is one of 103 bears who participated in the Cooperative Care program at our Vietnam sanctuary in 2021. The training is time-consuming and repetitive but as our lovely, patient bear carers say, it's incredibly rewarding too.

Our China bears too learned to help with their own care. These clever bears include Tatzi, who now allows us to draw blood, and Teresa, Finty and Bonny who voluntarily present their paws for nail trims. And *all* of the bears have learned to walk into cages so we can weigh them or move them around the sanctuary.

"Joey gets condensed milk diluted with water to keep him still while the cuff is inflated. When we've finished taking his blood pressure, he gets the good stuff (undiluted) as a reward for being so still."

Sarah van Herpt, Senior Bear Manager

YOUR IMPACT

Thanks to your support, a total of 119 rescued bears participated in their own physical health checks in 2021. That means 119 bears no longer need to be anaesthetised for minor procedures like nail trims or visual dental checks. This saves time, money and, most importantly, the bears' health (frequent anaesthesia can lead to serious health problems).

Our devoted bear care teams in China and Vietnam have significantly expanded our Cooperative Care program, which teaches the bears to participate in their own physical checks through positive reinforcement.



Joey enjoys some delicious condensed milk from his trainer, Sarah, after placing his arm in the tube. Joey doesn't have high blood pressure. He was part of the program so we could see the results of a "normal" bear.

Vietnam bears participating in their own health care

6 bears

have learned to place and hold their arms in a tube while we take their blood pressure



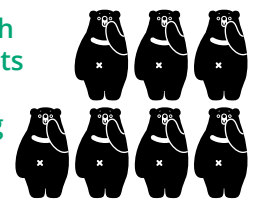
29 bears

can voluntarily open their mouths so we can give them a visual check



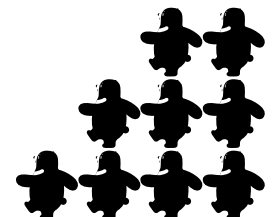
68 bears

can touch their noses or other body parts to a target, improving their cognition skills and preparing them in case they need to be trained for a specific purpose



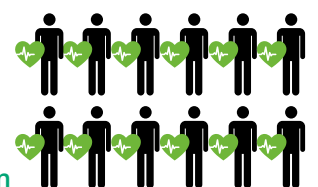
195 bears

can voluntarily walk into a cage for weighing or moving to another den or to the hospital for a health check. (195 bears is *all* the bears.)



24 team members

are involved in our Cooperative Care program



YOU'RE WELCOME

We've now created **3** Moon Bear Libraries for children in underprivileged areas of China.

Our China sanctuary bears had 950 visitors through our Open Days in 2021.

Due to the relatively stable Covid-19 situation over the past year across the country, our Chengdu team managed to hold 14 Open Days where visitors were educated about our work of rescuing and protecting bears as well as the animal welfare concepts we advocate. They left vowing to spread the word and help save more bears.

Here's what one of our visitors shared after the experience:

"I'm sure I'll come again. The experience was mind-blowing. I'm an ecological landscape designer. I'm very impressed at your enrichment setting!"

We also gave guided tours to 235 government officials, corporate partners, celebrities, supporter groups, people who rescue and care for animals including school groups, and other NGOs. We hope to have greater cooperation with these visitors in the future.



Give Nature a Bear Hug is a new program we started in 2021 aimed at raising awareness of the ecology and biodiversity in Sichuan Province where our bear sanctuary is located. We hold monthly activities with different topics relating to native plants and animals. The program is open to all and it's especially popular with parents and their children.



Thousands of schoolchildren have visited our bear sanctuaries in China and Vietnam since they opened in 2000 and 2006 respectively. We try to make this a fun and rewarding experience that they'll remember.



Children in the remote mountainous region of Aba Prefecture in north-west Sichuan Province have a new Moon Bear Library with over 1,100 donated books on animals and the environment. This is the third Moon Bear Library we've created for schools in underprivileged areas of China and the sixth year we've joined the government's Rural Revitalisation program (formerly Poverty Alleviation). Also in 2021, staff at our bear sanctuary hosted primary age students from Liangshan Prefecture, another low-income mountainous area in Sichuan, and provided them with a fun-filled educational experience.

PAYING IT FORWARD

After attending our workshops on bear education, the teachers at two Vietnamese schools have reached out to other schools to encourage them to get involved too.

Tan Dong School near our bear sanctuary in Tam Dao hosted a visit by the Tam Dao Education Department and teachers from 18 schools in the area. They shared their experience in educating the students on bear protection and showcased their garden of herbal alternatives to bear bile.

The education officials and teachers from all 18 schools have now asked us for help to create herb gardens and provide bear education activities at their schools.

Bong Khe School in Nghe An Province on the north-central coast, is also now working with other nearby schools to help them plant herb gardens and participate in our bear education network. We chose to work with Bong Khe School because it's in Vietnam's third biggest bear farming region, just after Hanoi and Ho Chi Minh City.

We're happy to say that once this new generation and their teachers learn about bear bile farming and the threat to bear populations in the wild, they readily commit to protecting bears and the environment they live in.

YOUR IMPACT

You're helping to educate the next generation in Vietnam, teaching them to cherish their natural heritage and the iconic moon bears and sun bears that live in their forests. Thanks to your support, many thousands of students have seen our presentations or are participating in our long-term projects like creating herbal gardens that grow medicinal alternatives to bear bile.

At the end of 2021,
Animals Asia had rescued
a total of **657** bears
from lives of suffering.

We're now growing over
25,000 plants that can
be used as herbal alternatives
to bear bile in 16 herbal gardens
around Vietnam. These range
in size from 30 square metres
(323 square feet) to over 200sqm
(2,150sqf).



Animals Asia's network of herbal gardens that grow alternatives to bear bile are teaching Vietnamese children why we need to protect bears. To help establish the gardens, we either provide funding or help with technical advice. We also provide the seeds and seedlings.



Children perform in a play about moon bears in Chongqing, China. This was one of 23 educational events we held around China in 2021. Other activities included presentations at schools and universities, art exhibitions and charity bazaars.

WHO'S AFRAID OF THE BIG BAD WOLF?

We're looking into developing robotic wolf scarecrows, or "scarewolves", to keep bears away from harm.

This might sound like a joke. But human-bear conflict is a serious issue in parts of China, and a four-year study by our supporter and field biologist Professor Liu Fang suggests the problem is getting worse.

From Professor Liu's research, and from our own bear care experience, we know that a variety of sounds and lights could deter bears from entering areas where humans live. And in Japan, a flashing, beeping "scarewolf" has been successful in keeping scaredy bears at a safe distance.

Animals Asia is now in discussions with three Chinese universities and several private robotic companies that specialise in robotics with the aim of creating our own "scarewolf" in Sichuan Province where our bear sanctuary is located. Sichuan Forestry is cooperating with us on the project.



A robotic wolf scarecrow or "scarewolf" could be the answer to bear-human conflict.



There's one at every buffet! Saffron tries to look casual as she walks back to her den with her third helping. But who could blame her? After the same stodgy food every day before she was rescued from a circus, she loves her fresh fruit and vegetables, not to mention the crunchy dog kibble she'll find inside the puzzle feeder she's holding. Saffron helped our rescued bears chomp through over 435,000kg (435 tons) of food in 2021 – every bite a gift from you.



We're lucky to have the support of the corporate world at our China sanctuary, with many volunteer groups enthusiastically offering their time to help with activities like preparing enrichment items for bears or cleaning the sanctuary.



Amara guards her sack so she can play with it after her snack. It was one of 2,000 hessian (burlap) sacks given out to the bears in 2021. They love to play with them, twirling them around their bodies and tearing at them until they're in shreds. In the colder months, they snuggle under them to keep warm.

48 of our bear carers received animal care qualifications in 2021.

NO BEAR LEFT BEHIND

After frustrating delays caused by the pandemic, construction of our second sanctuary in Vietnam is going ahead full steam.

By the time you're reading this, we will have broken ground on our new sanctuary, which will be home to the country's very last bile bears. It's because of your amazing generosity that hundreds of these desperate bears will have a loving home for life.

Slowed by intermittent Covid restrictions over the past two years, our plans to build a new sanctuary at Bach Ma National Park are back on track.

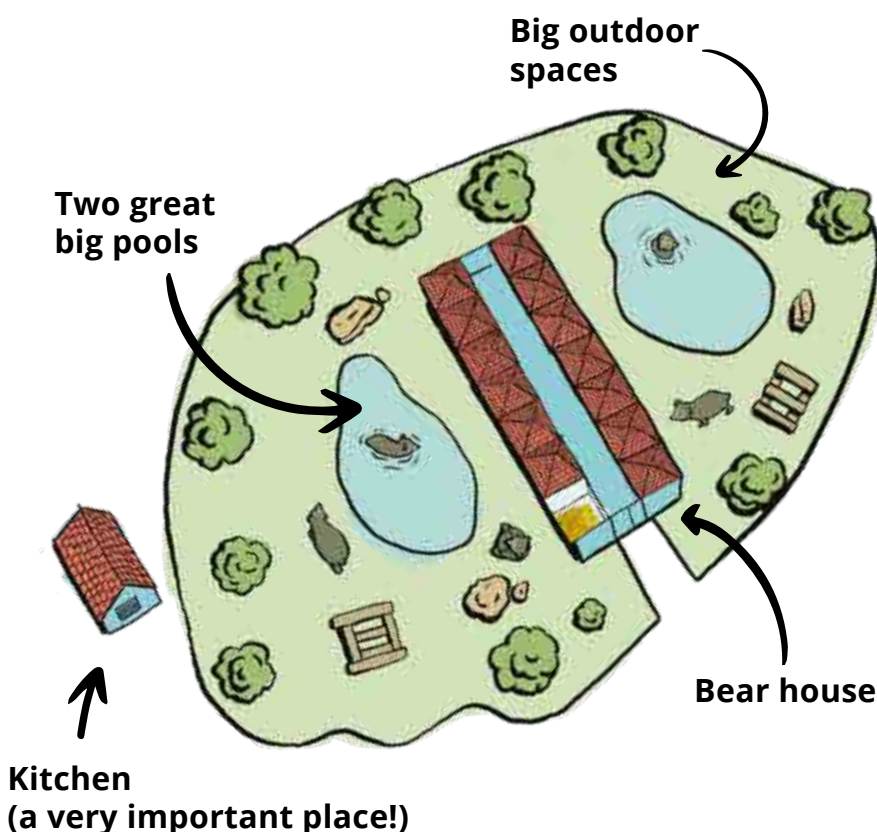
The bears will have their own little piece of paradise – large outdoor adventure playgrounds with trees to climb, pools to swim in, and swings and hammocks for playtime and snoozing. And at night they'll snuggle up in comfy basket beds in dens, or sleep under the stars if that's what they choose.

The new sanctuary will signify *the end of bear bile farming in Vietnam*. Your role in this historic event is crucial, and we're forever grateful for your support.



Our Vietnam Director Tuan Bendixsen (right) says our new sanctuary, as well as saving the country's last bile bears, signifies a new era of kindness for Vietnam... and the world.

Their own little piece of paradise



Our soon-to-be-built second bear sanctuary will be home to

around **300** bears – the very last survivors of Vietnam's bile industry.

Animals Asia has a historic agreement with Vietnam's government to work together to rescue all remaining bears on farms... and end the cruel industry forever. Never forget your very special part in this incredible mission.

LOOK MA NO EXPATS

Our new sanctuary will be staffed entirely by Vietnamese locals, so training and recruitment are going ahead as quickly as we can.

This includes stepped up training for the local vet interns currently at our Tam Dao sanctuary who will transfer to our new sanctuary when it's ready. For the first time, Han, who is now Junior Veterinary Surgeon, and Vet Intern Thai Le Xuan performed cholecystectomy surgeries (gall bladder removal). Fellow intern Ngan Tran managed the anaesthesia.

The complicated procedures were performed under the watchful eye of a very proud Shaun Thomson, our Senior Veterinary Surgeon.



Isabella was in safe hands with Han (left) and Thai Le performing their first gall bladder removal.

"Although we've had the chance to assist with some bear surgeries in the past, actually performing the cholecystectomies was exciting. There was quite a bit of pressure, but we did it."

Thai Le Xuan, Veterinary Intern

In 2021, our rescued bears

enjoyed **3,400**
marshmallows and
thousands of jars of jam
and honey that hid the
taste of their medicines.

LEARNING NEW SKILLS

As part of their internship, our Vietnam veterinary interns are learning to use a range of new tools.

One such tool – a tonometer – to measure the internal pressure of the bears' eyes is essential for clinical decision making when caring for bears like Moggy. Knowing the pressure of the fluid in her eyes allowed us to make an informed decision on possible pain and whether one or both eyes had to be removed (only one needed removal).

Meanwhile, Han and Thai did their first gastric biopsies using our endoscope.



Moggy is doing really well after her eye was removed – no more pain thanks to our young vets who were able to diagnose her eye problems.

"Ending bear farming is a big step for Vietnam to prove to the world that we care about wildlife. If I can impact other people around me, I'm really happy with what I'm doing. Impacting my brother, my family. Once they didn't agree with me moving so far away, but now they understand. Now they ask about the bears."

Han, Junior Veterinary Surgeon, who will be one of the first vets at our new sanctuary at Bach Ma

"I think I've used every birthday candle, every shooting star, every fallen eyelash, to wish it to come true."

Molly Feldman
Senior Bear Team Manager

THE WORLD'S BIGGEST BEAR RESCUE

Your love and loyalty brought 101 desperate bears to sanctuary.

Finally they're home – 101 bears held for years on a former bile farm in Nanning, China, arrived safe and sound at our sanctuary in early 2021.

It's been a long journey.

Back in 2014, after year-long negotiations with the owner and the authorities, Animals Asia took over the care of the 132 bears then at the former bile farm. All bile extraction and breeding had stopped at that stage. We also had an agreement to build a sanctuary on site.

Just over a year later, we were shocked to learn that this land was being sold to a developer. But this actually turned out to be a positive – we could take the bears to our existing sanctuary in Chengdu where there was room for more bears and the current residents were ageing.

As well as giving the bears in Nanning the best possible care, we set about the complicated process of applying for all the permits needed to transport over 100 bears 1,200km (800 miles) by truck to their new forever home.

We didn't think it would be easy. But we didn't think it would take seven years!

Finally, in April 2021 – after many dashed hopes and disappointments – we received the last of the permits needed.

Today, seeing these beautiful bears enjoying a snooze after an afternoon's play, makes it all worthwhile (times 101!).



Boris Chiao, our Founding Director (left), celebrates receiving the last of the transport permits with Government Affairs Representative Bear Tao and a forestry official.

To top off this amazing year, our China bear sanctuary won the 2021 Global Federation of Animal Sanctuaries' Outstanding Wildlife Sanctuary of the Year award.

YOUR IMPACT

It was your loyalty and dedication to the 101 bears trapped on a former bile farm in Nanning, China, that got them to sanctuary. These bears are now free to forage and play in grassy enclosures, swim in pools in the summer and wake each day with a joy in their hearts that they never knew was possible. And news of the rescue spread the word far and wide that bear bile farming has no place in modern China. Thank you for standing by these brave and patient bears.

OUTSIDE AT LAST

All of our surviving Nanning farm bears can now feel the grass under their paws. Thank you, thank you for making this possible.

Here are some of these beautiful bears enjoying their very first time outdoors. With every smile, and every look of joy and wonder, they're sending their love and thanks to you.

SPARKLER

Our beautiful Sparkler had the sweetest little smile on her face.



BÄRACK

Playful Bärack just couldn't contain his excitement.



BARNABY

Foodie Barnaby was happy foraging for tasty pieces of fruit.



URSULA

Ursula headed straight for the toys (with treats inside).



BENTLEY

Bentley loved every minute of his first afternoon in the sunshine.



ROSEMARY

Middle-aged Rosemary was so comfortable she lay down for a rest.



OLIVIA

Our lovely Olivia couldn't stop smiling.



BYNG

Water baby Byng went straight to the pool where he made quite a splash.



**CHARLOTTE
SOMETIMES**

Sweet little Charlotte Sometimes was nervous, but very brave.



AMIGA

Funny little Amiga was so chill, like she went outside every day.



PHOENIX

Our gorgeous Phoenix was overjoyed. Her eyes were sparkling.



LUNA

Luna looked at peace, as if remembering what it meant to be a bear.



TONY

Gentle Tony wandered around as if in a daze, slowly taking it all in.



DEREK

Our lovely lion of a bear, blind Derek, seemed to sense he was finally home.



JOHN JOHN

John John was so sweet, delicately sniffing the plants.



SONNENSCHN

Sonnenschein seemed mesmerised by the bamboo, tickling her face with the leaves. Sadly this gorgeous bear left us in early 2022. Rest in peace sweet Sonnenschein.

Big bear hugs of thanks from every one of these grateful bears – you've taken them from darkness to light.

Forever in our hearts

We'll never forget the 31 precious souls who couldn't hang on any longer and didn't make it to sanctuary. Rest in peace Hua Hua, QiFu, Finty, Soraya, Hazel, Temba, Max, Gaius Musonius Rufus, Sashi, Sniffy, Baloo, Cyril, Heinz, Valee, Kai Yue, Arrow, Hua, Harmonie, Florence, Cumbrae, Pumpkin, Joanna May, Kleopatra, Denise, Jax, Fiona, Penny, Nicola Jayne, Princess, Noodles and Angela.



TOGETHER WE GOT THEM HOME

Your amazing generosity enabled our China team to pull out all stops in getting our precious bears home from Nanning.

Our monumental mission to transport 101 bears 1,200km (800 miles) from a former bile farm to our sanctuary in Chengdu was possible only because of **you, our incredible supporters**. Now we'd love you to meet some of the other key people who made it all happen.

"I'll never forget the feeling of elation when the last truck came through our sanctuary gates. I only wish our supporters could have been here for that amazing moment."

Ryan Marcel Sucaet
China Bear and Vet Team Director



Senior Bear Manager **Molly Feldman** and China Bear and Vet Team Director **Ryan Marcel Sucaet**. Molly decided which bears to load first and where each bear would be placed once at our sanctuary. She equipped the bear houses that had been unused for years, making them inviting for our new arrivals. And her role was very hands-on during the actual rescue. Ryan oversaw the entire mission, and still found time to whisper "I love you" to the bears as he passed by.



Boris Chiao, our Founding Director, was in charge of the incredibly complicated logistics of getting the necessary permits, securing the trucks, organising scaffolding, forklifts, film crews, meetings with lawyers, the route we would drive and CCTV camera set-up in the trucks, and he handled any speed bumps along the way (like truck engines overheating or failing).



Bear Team Supervisor **Lu Wen Juan** spent months at a time away from her home and family in Chengdu to care for the bears in Nanning. And once we got the green light to move the bears, her leadership and bear care skills were crucial to the smooth operation of the rescue.



Feng Min, Assistant Bear Team Manager, oversaw the 18 bear carers who travelled with the bears and looked after their day-to-day needs. She spent endless hours preparing the bears for their journey, including training them to walk voluntarily into their transport cages.



Remote Veterinarian **Dr Jen O'Dwyer**, who's worked at both our sanctuaries in the past, oversaw the health and treatment of all the bears, and because of the pandemic, she did this remotely from Australia. Jen also helped us medicate bears who were particularly stressed by the move. Here, vet intern Doris listens to Jen's advice.



Ou Jun, our ever-smiling Senior Bear Team Supervisor, made sure the bears were safely locked in their transport cages and all secured in the right place on the back of the trucks.



Jill Robinson, our founder and CEO, oversaw the entire rescue and was a core member of the planning team. Jill helped with the 24-hour surveillance of sick bears via the CCTV cameras set up in their trucks. She also kept staff informed with updates on how things were going. As always, Jill's words motivated the whole team.

Also, our translators, led by our Vet Support Manager, **Tina Tian**, were integral in streamlining communications within the team before, during and after the big move.

More amazing staff were working away behind the scenes. **Yaya**, head of Human Resources helped with food, water and permits. Our General Services Team led by **Li Hui** kept watch over the bears, even staying on the trucks overnight. They also provided the muscles, carrying the bears and moving scaffolding around as needed. Our Security Team lead by **Yi Rong** made sure everything was safe and ship-shape for the bears' arrival at the sanctuary. And our Finance Manager, **Jean Chen**, helped with truck logistics and paying companies for their services.

MORE PRECIOUS BEARS FIND SANCTUARY

Meet the 17 brave bears your kindness brought home to our Vietnam sanctuary in 2021.

Many of these poor bears were trapped in the wild as cubs. That alone is tragic, but they also carry the trauma of seeing their mothers killed while trying to protect them.

Of course we can never replace their mother's devotion and guidance, but with your kind help, we can give them the next best thing – loving care and the chance to live as naturally as possible. Meet our gorgeous new arrivals – 16 moon bears and one sun bear called Angel – all absolutely precious.

Our lovely Lam

This poor bear survived many years on a bile farm at Phung Thuong, a bear farming hotspot. His paperwork suggested he was 19 years old, but he seems much younger based on the condition of his teeth, skin and limbs. And he *looks like* a young bear.



When he arrived at our sanctuary, sweet little Lam was terrified, no doubt anxious about what was in store for him next.



Today this gorgeous boy is enjoying all the wonders of sanctuary life. Apart from a broken tooth (which we swiftly removed) and mild hypertension, Lam is a very healthy bear, and, *thanks to you*, he should have many happy years ahead of him.

The Spice Girls

Nicknamed "The Spice Girls", four lovely moon bears, all aged around two years, were rescued from Hanoi Central Circus. Their rescue marked *the end of all performing bear shows at the circus*. For these precious girls it meant no longer having to perform tricks to jeering crowds, or wear restraints, or spend long, lonely hours in a cage so small they could barely turn around.

CHILLI-BIENCHEN



When she first arrived with us, Chilli-Bienchen was very nervous, rocking and swaying in her cage.



Fortunately she has no serious health issues and today she loves to play outdoors with Saffron.

SAFFRON



When not performing, poor little Saffron spent her first tender years caged.



Just look at this gorgeous bear today – the sun on her back and a smile on her face.

TIEU

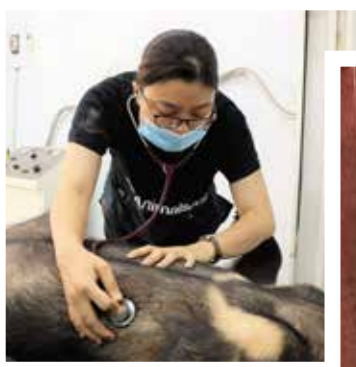


We couldn't wait to get Tieu out of her cage and settled at our sanctuary.



The smallest of the Spice Girls, Tieu (Pepper) is a dainty little bear, but she still loves her food.

GUNG



Gung (Ginger) was forced to wear restraints and perform unnatural acts for cheering crowds.



Tragically Gung enjoyed only four months of sanctuary life before she developed a sudden and shocking brain haemorrhage that effectively ended her life.

The Lang Son Bears

The rescue of these three gorgeous bears – two females and a male – marked the end of bear bile farming in Lang Son province. And for Hy Vong, Tuong Lai and Vui, it meant the end of suffering and pain. They'd spent up to 20 years in darkness, separated in small cages at the back of a house. The toll on their bodies was heart-breaking. Shockingly, we found the tips of broken needles in Tuong Lai and Vui's bodies, presumably from attempts to drug them at the farm. It would be risky to remove them, so unless they cause trouble, these bears will have a permanent souvenir from the past.

HY VONG



Hy Vong (Hope) was missing her right forepaw, most probably from being snared in the wild as a tiny cub. Her paw pads were dry and cracked from standing on bars for so long and after so many years in a cage, she couldn't fully stretch her limbs.



Today, this beautiful bear loves pottering around outdoors, then she'll return to her den for a wrestle with best friend Tuong Lai.

TUONG LAI



Tuong Lai was missing a forepaw and had old scars around her ankle and wrist, no doubt from being trapped as a cub. With ulcers on her eyes, she had little vision, and her teeth were truly terrible – they must have been causing her so much pain. Understandably, she was nervous and aggressive.



Today, Tuong Lai is a brand new girl. She's now a contented little bear who loves to play. This comes after months of intensive veterinary care, including two major dentals. But sweet little Tuong Lai still has a way to go. The bones in her left stump are unstable and may need surgery. We also need to investigate her eyes further.

VUI



Vui was underweight and his abdomen was missing fur. He also had some bar-rubbing marks on his forehead. His teeth were filthy and his blood pressure was high. His gall bladder (from where the bile is drained) was thickened and infected. He had a scar around his hind leg, probably a snare wound from when he was a cub in the wild.



Today, Vui is a much happier little bear. He's put on weight and his teeth are cleaner thanks to the crunchy veggies in his diet. His blood pressure meds are working, so he'll be feeling much better overall. Happily, medication has also cured the infection in his gall bladder. And best of all, Vui has made a friend in shy little Bailey. In fact, Vui is Bailey's first real friend.

The little ones

Our beautiful babies, Wonder, Yen and Marvel were all rescued separately, but their tragic stories are the same. Snatched from the wild as their mothers – desperate to save their cubs – were killed by poachers. Squashed into tiny cages and transported long distances for the illegal wildlife trade.

We're so grateful to Vietnam's police for confiscating these vulnerable cubs from traffickers, and for asking us to take them in. We hate to think what would have been their fate otherwise. A bear bile farm, a circus, a resort with caged wild animals? Instead they have sanctuary – love and care every day thanks to wonderful supporters like you.

MARVEL



Little Marvel had fresh wounds on his forehead and paw from pacing back and forth in his tiny cage and banging against the bars, frantically trying to get out. He must have been so scared.



Today, Marvel is our mischievous baby boy, bright, happy and content. He'll never have to fear for his safety again.

WONDER



Poor little Wonder was terrified and lashing out when we came for her. The police had transferred her from this horror cage into a bigger cage, but still she was frantic. We did our best to calm her with watermelon, dried fruit and honey – and hurried to get her home. For the first couple of weeks, she rocked and swayed in her quarantine cage, but slowly she learned to trust us.



Today this gorgeous bear with the "W" shaped crescent, is playful, cheeky and full of mischief. She absolutely loves enrichment toys and will happily play all morning with a sack filled with leaves.

YEN



When sweet little Yen arrived, he was totally traumatised, crouching down in his cage, terrified that we'd hurt him. It broke our hearts. But over time, with lots of kind words and tasty treats, he learned he had nothing to fear.



Yen, meaning "peace" is still a little heartbreaker today. We wish you could see him in person, happily foraging for his food and playing with the other cubs.

Our Holiday bears

Six more gorgeous bears arrived at our sanctuary on December 23, just in time for the holidays. Pudding, Angel, Noel, Giang Sinh, Thong and Tuyet had all been confiscated by the authorities and held at the Hanoi Wildlife Rescue Centre where they'd been well looked after.

NOEL

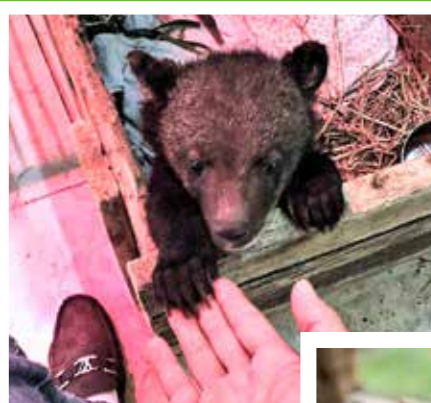


Poor Noel had spent years on a bile farm. His gall bladder was so badly infected that we had to surgically remove it.



Today, this handsome boy likes nothing more than exploring his outdoor enclosure for new enrichment items, like a pile of straw or hanging rope toys with tasty treats inside.

PUDDING



Dear little Pudding, another lovely cub. He was quite nervous when we came for him, but a delicious yogurt smoothie helped calm his nerves.



Pudding is such a joy to watch today. He now plays with the other cubs and sometimes he's so exhausted from playing that he takes himself off for a rest.

ANGEL



Sweet little sun bear Angel was calm and curious right from the start, licking at her smoothie with almost delirious delight.



She's settled in beautifully to her new home, and she made it known very early that she was an outdoorsy sort of girl.

GIANG SINH



Giang Sinh, another bile farm survivor, was a little thin and he seemed quite down. Like Noel, his gall bladder was so damaged it had to be removed.



Today, Giang Sinh (meaning Christmas) is truly our holiday miracle.

THONG



We were so happy to get Thong (Pinetree) home. So far she appears to be a healthy girl, just a little nervous.



Today, she couldn't be happier. Because of you, she's finally in a safe place. Finally she feels loved.

TUYET



Tuyet's rescue was especially meaningful. She was the only bear of the six we rescued who didn't growl at us – she remembered us! We'd fallen in love with Tuyet a year before when our vet team helped the Hanoi Wildlife Rescue Centre treat her many ailments. Back then, she was obese from a poor diet and no exercise. She had ingrown claws, and painful pulp exposure in her mouth. Most worrying were her damaged gall bladder and a mass on her liver. Her gall bladder and a part of her liver were removed.



Tuyet, front, with her friend, Thong. Today, Tuyet, meaning "Snow", is a happy, healthy bear. As well as playing with friends, she likes to keep busy destroying sacks and making comfy nests with straw.

WHEN THE GOING GOT TOUGH

Our dedicated China staff put on their boots and rolled up their sleeves.

We couldn't be prouder of our resourceful and hardworking China sanctuary team. Faced with a serious staff shortage in our veterinary department, they pulled together to make sure the bears continued to receive their usual high level of care.

In early 2021, we said sad goodbyes to our Senior Vet, Resident Vet and Vet Intern – and we knew the chance of replacing them, in the middle of a pandemic, were slim.

So our Vet Nurse, Natalie Faulds, learned how to analyse urine and mobility problems, our bear care team started preparing meds more regularly and helped to write bear reports, and they began taking weekly videos of the bears. Meanwhile our Vet Support Manager, Tina Tian, began performing stock checks and preparing monthly orders. And all core team members worked weekends more regularly.

"Instead of grumbling, our small, but mighty, staff have been picking up the roles of others."

Ryan Marcel Sucaet
China Bear and Vet Team Director

It's not just our current staff who rallied for the bears – former staff came back to help with the Nanning bears' rescue too! Former Vet Interns Max Wang and Crystal Li, former Junior Vet Doris Chen and former Bear Team Manager Rocky Shi all rushed to help!



Rocky Shi was one of our former bear care staff who returned to help bring the bears home from Nanning.



Home remedies used by the women of Phung Thuong Village in Hanoi are featured in our new Herbal Remedies Handbook. The book will be used in our campaign to win support for the bears in Phung Thuong and surrounding areas, where 147 bears remain on bile farms. We've been working with the community for some years now, including offering free clinics with traditional medicine doctors who use only herbal treatments.



As demonstrated here by dashing David, sun bears have exceptionally long tongues. They can reach around 20cm (8 inches) in length, around twice as long as humans' tongues. Sun bears use their tongues to extract termites, beetles, bee larvae, fruit and honey. Moon bears also have long tongues, but in relation to their body size, sun bears' tongues are longer.

REAPING WHAT WE SOW

In 2021, we harvested our very first crop of organic vegetables at the China bear sanctuary.

All our staff canteen meals are vegan, so with vegetable prices soaring, it made sense to grow our own veggies. So our wonderful Horticulture Team turned a wasteland into a vibrant ecological farm. We had our first harvest of around 90 kilograms of organic vegetables in June.

"This process is so exciting. We have corn, cucumber, pumpkin, eggplant, peppers, water spinach... it's wonderful to watch the produce grow knowing our efforts will feed our colleagues."

Zhang Youping
Horticulture Team Group Leader

In 2021, our rescued bears enjoyed **3,404** marshmallows and thousands of jars of jam and honey that hid the taste of their medicines.

In 2021, Animals Asia was awarded a certificate of merit by the Vietnam Union of Friendship Organisation for our contribution to Vietnam in the field of wildlife protection. The organisation is a nationwide socio-political body established by Vietnam's National Assembly. It oversees all NGO activities in Vietnam.



Thanks guys! Our new organic vegetable garden produced around 190 kilos (420 pounds) of delicious, fresh veggies in 2021. Zhang Youping, second left, led the construction of the eco-farm.

ENRICHING THEIR LIVES

One of your most precious gifts to the bears is keeping them active – and making every day different.

We're always looking for new ways to entertain the rescued bears and keep them active. In China, "berry picking" is the latest bear craze!

We chop the bears' fruit and vegetables and skewer the pieces onto tree branches throughout their enclosures. Stretching and climbing for their food encourages the bears' natural behaviour and they spend longer foraging.

And when they've finished searching for food, there are plenty of challenging toys to keep them moving, like bamboo treat feeders and hanging rope puzzles. "Toys" can also be metre-long logs for the bears to claw and chew, palm

brooms to swing around and sacks to play with and tear to shreds.

Wooden climbing platforms are another favourite with the bears. Some like to climb the ladder to the top, some clamber up the side and some choose to take a snooze in the shade underneath.

And best of all for many of our bears is having water to soak and swim in! Whether it's their large outdoor pools or their metal pools built for two (or four if you're James and friends) the bears LOVE splashing, floating and simply being in the water after so long denied even constant access to drinking water.

In China, we teamed up with Weibo Sport to call on people to care about moon bears and maintain a low-carbon lifestyle. The campaign attracted more

than **140m** views.

This could be your greatest gift



Our beautiful Béla happily destroys a hanging toy.



As sweet as her name, little Sugar is one of our water babies.



As cute as they come, Cubby Leo takes a rest from ripping her sack to shreds.



Grateful thanks to our Japan Andrew Superstar Award winner for 2021, **Aya Fujisaki**. Aya heads up our fantastic Support Group in Japan. When she was ill with cancer 11 years ago, Aya read an article about suffering bile bears and vowed to help them when she recovered. She's certainly kept her promise. After securing the help of over 60 generous supporters each time, Aya and her fellow group members regularly send Gifts for the Bears – our virtual gifts of real items like straw for nesting, giant-sized ice blocks, and marshmallows to hide the taste of medicines. Thank you, Aya!

"We lost 14 precious bears in 2021, but they'll forever be in our hearts. Thanks to your kindness, each one of these brave and beautiful souls lived enchanted lives they never dared dream of before their rescue."

Jill Robinson, founder and CEO

37 DAYS OF SANCTUARY

This is the precious gift you gave our little Coconut – 37 dewy-fresh mornings in the sunshine, 37 golden afternoons of play and 37 peaceful sleeps, safe and content in her own comfy den.

And during that special time, Coconut even made a friend. She and Barack became very close as if they knew their time together was limited.

And you, our wonderful supporters, also gave our gorgeous Coconut eight years of loving care on the former bile farm at Nanning. *Then you got her home.*

"Every day before I left the farm, I made each bear a promise. I'd go around each yard and say to every one of them in turn... 'I love you, and I'm going to get you home'. I wish you could have seen this special girl outside for the very first time in her life... Coconut tilted her head back and stared up at the sky in wonder. I had tears streaming down my face seeing her like that."

**Ryan Marcel Sucaet,
China Bear and Vet Team Director**

Thank you for helping Ryan keep his promise to Coconut... and for wrapping her in love and care right up to her last breath.



Coconut finally walked on grass. You gave her 37 precious days of sanctuary.

Always in our hearts

As well as Coconut, we said goodbye to 13 other beautiful bears at our rescue sites in 2021. Each one of these brave and beautiful souls felt your love and kindness every day. Thank you for staying by their side and for giving them comfort in their final days.

At our Vietnam sanctuary



"Jarai loved dog food and corn stalks, and she loved to lie in the grass and play with a sack. She also loved playing with the handsome gentleman that is Bi Xanh."

**Nguyen Thi Hao,
Assistant Bear Team Leader**



"Tim, in my eyes, was a very friendly and sociable bear who was always kind to his group mates as he interacted with them in a gentle way and would never bully anyone. But that doesn't mean he wouldn't stand his ground if someone tried to mess with him."

**Dao Chau Tuan,
Bear team Supervisor**



*"Tiny **Caz** was our self-styled Welcoming Committee for newly rescued bears. Our great rescue trucks would roll in beside her garden, and there, dwarfed, she would sit, nose twitching, curious to catch the scent of the newcomer. She was probably checking to make sure the bear wasn't stepping out of line! Caz was that little old lady who lives down the street, knows everything that's going on and likes everything to be 'just so'."*

Heidi Quine,
Vietnam Bear and Vet
Team Director



*"Oh **Joe** bear! I miss you and your puppy-bear eyes so much already. Joe settled into such happiness, he was so playful. He played with every single bear in his group apart from two (Easy and Ivy – they don't play with anyone!). I'm sure this makes him the most beloved bear in the sanctuary as I can think of no other bear with that many friends!"*

Sarah van Herpt,
Senior Bear Team Manager



*"Every bear we lose hits us differently for different reasons. Losing **Gung** was particularly hard. She has been a little heartbreaker from the moment I set eyes on her, as she didn't want to eat and looked sad. Gung spent her time in a basket or on the high platform. It was the only place she felt safe. Tieu would go up and sleep with her on the platform. The two would often snuggle together."*

Amanda Catspell,
Bear Team Manager



*"Thankfully we had been observing **Bibi** closely for the couple of weeks before she passed so we know her life was still full of joy until her last moments. She still loved to forage outdoors, snuggle with her best friend, Luna, and rest outside in the fresh winter air."*

Rachel Sanki,
Resident Veterinary Surgeon



*"**Florence** finally got to play and wrestle with Clara outdoors after being so close but separated by bars for 20 years. She got to eat good food, have clean teeth, bask on furniture in the sunshine and lie on the grass with all the contentment possible."*

Rachel Sanki,
Resident Veterinary Surgeon

At our China sanctuary



"Bluebelle lived life to her own accord and never apologised for it. She was funny and sweet and charismatic. I loved her one-season love affair with another bear with no eyes, Sepp. Just two old, blind, black lumps meandering around the enclosure together."

Ryan Marcel Sucaet,
China Bear and Vet Team Director



"Akimo was blind. However, it didn't affect her love for life and her longing for the outdoors. She readily went out into the enclosure every day. Although she sometimes bumped into tree branches or stumps, it didn't bother her."

Ou Jun,
Senior Bear Team Supervisor



"Baloo was a giant male bear. He always had a good appetite and liked all kinds of enrichment items and toys. In summer he liked bathing in his metal pool while playing with all sorts of toys. In winter he liked building a nest in his pool with straw and dried banana leaves."

Feng Min, Assistant Bear Team Manager



"Bunny had limited time to enjoy her time outdoors, but she did enjoy the grandeur of nature wholeheartedly every time she went out." (Because of you, Bunny had four months of love and care at our sanctuary after her rescue from a bile farm in Nanning.)

Yang Li, Bear Team Manager



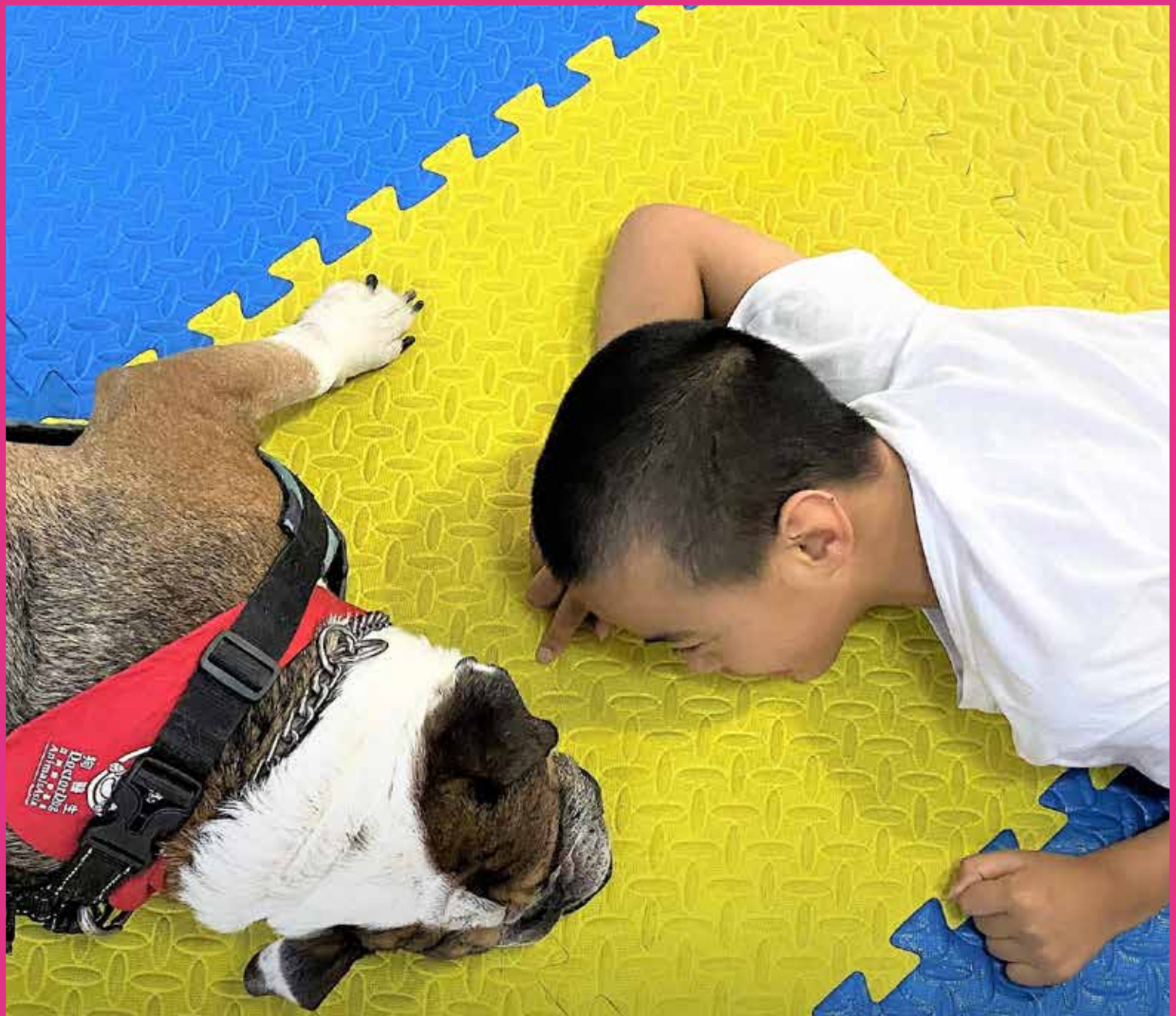
"Starlight, mother of bears Chi and Ki, was a uniquely gorgeous bear, with her white snip and beautiful eyes. It's no wonder she caught the attention of a handsome bear named Stardust. Even their names were a match made in heaven."

Natalie Faulds, Vet Nurse



"I will always remember Heinz and his love for his custom-made, extra large hammock. A beautiful soul who would greet you at the yard door for some sneaky treats."

Ryan Marcel Sucaet,
China Bear and Vet Team Director



FROM YOUR HEART TO THEIRS

Cats and dogs in China and Vietnam feel your love every day.

YOU'RE GIVING THEM SHELTER

A big part of our China companion animal team's work is supporting struggling dog and cat shelters.

In 2021, with your kind help, we funded improvements for three shelters – two in Guangxi and one in Wuhan. For the Wuhan project, we were lucky to have the help of an architect and design company to build a new adoption centre.

Animals Asia funded or advised **92** animal welfare groups throughout China in 2021. We couldn't have done this without you.

In 2021, with your kind help, we brought comfort to **2,646** cats and dogs in China – 950 in 13 struggling shelters (help included renovations, vaccinations and donations of 5,550kg of food) and 1,696 through our emergency rescue program.



BEFORE: The Wuhan shelter's adoption area was grim, uninviting, very hot in summer and prone to flooding.



AFTER: The stunning new adoption centre was built with the animals' welfare and visitors' comfort in mind. Already the shelter is finding more forever homes for its 300 dog and 30 cat residents.



This little tabby is one of 559 stray cats neutered and returned to their communities in 2021, all thanks to your support. Animals Asia helped pioneer Trap, Neuter, Return (TNR) in China in 2008. Since then, we've trained 52 animal protection groups and four university student clubs in TNR techniques, covering 334 volunteers. And overall, we've helped de-sex more than 2,570 cats and 30 dogs by working on TNR projects directly with 29 NGOs in 20 cities.

"Without the generous support of compassionate people around the world, we wouldn't be able to help as many animals in shelters as we do."

Suki Deng
China Cat and Dog Welfare Director

YOUR IMPACT

Each year, your donations help hundreds of shelter animals live better lives. Dog and cat shelters in China are often under-funded and struggling to survive, and yet the flow of abandoned animals never stops. We seek out the shelters that need your help most – sometimes it's food they need, sometimes construction work, sometimes help with understanding financial accounts. Whatever it is, we're happy to help, and thanks to you, we can.

TO ZHAI'S MEMORY LIVES ON

Smiling To Zhai was the face of our campaign to end dog and cat eating in China. Today her legacy lives on.

A reading corner in To Zhai's memory has officially opened at the primary school close to our sanctuary where poor "Toj" was poisoned. Our founder, Jill Robinson, who rescued Toj from a meat market, donated books about animal protection and the environment so the reading corner could be a place for reflection and learning about compassion towards animals.

"Education is of great importance in cultivating new generations of citizens to feel love, compassion and responsibility towards all beings."

Huang Jiyong
Principal of Longqiao Primary School



The children are thrilled with their newly completed reading corner.



Meet **Sue and Steve Carson**, our Australian Andrew Superstar Award winners for 2021. When Queensland introduced a small financial return on all glass and plastic bottles and cans, Sue and Steve started collecting to raise funds for the bears. It takes 100,000 containers to raise A\$1,000 (US\$745). Then there's the sorting. That takes a lot of work and a lot of hours, but already they've raised over 10 times that! Thank you, Sue and Steve. You really are Superstars!



And the school's principal says he's proud to be part of such an important campaign.

CARTOONS THAT CARE

Fantastic comic strips, created by talented Dr Dog volunteer Yang Yumei, are teaching Chinese children (and adults) to be kind to animals.

Ms Yang, from the southern city of Shenzhen, writes and illustrates her cartoon stories especially for Animals Asia. We share them on our Chinese social media channels, Weibo and Wechat where, combined, we now have over 700,000 followers.



The theme of this comic strip is "Adopt, Don't Shop".



Ms Yang kindly based her cartoon dog on our beloved To Zhai (Rabbit), who was the face of our campaign to end dog and cat eating in China. Sadly our much-loved "Toj" passed away in 2020.

TARGETING DOG MEAT SELLERS

In China, where the sale of dogs for consumption finally became illegal in early 2020, our volunteers reported 46 restaurants in 29 cities to the police for continuing to sell dog meat. Sixteen of these restaurants closed and the rest removed dog meat from their menus.

One dog meat trader at a live market in Guilin was fined 50,000 RMB (almost US\$8,000) after he was reported for environmental pollution (an easier way to see that illegal sellers are fined).

Popular Chinese online shopping platform Taobao.com removed 10 dog meat products after being reported.

We believe these actions alone immediately saved around 2,000 dogs from this illegal industry. We couldn't have done this without you.

YOUR IMPACT

It's thanks to your loyal and generous support that dogs have finally been removed from China's official livestock list. The sale of dog meat is no longer legal. This is a major win for companion animals, and it means millions of dogs and cats are being saved from the terror of the meat trade each year. Yes, *millions*. While the sale of cat meat was never legal, cat meat restaurants flourished. Now the spotlight is on both dog and cat meat, and our supporters around China are informing the police of *any* illegal sales – dog *or* cat meat.

A CHANCE VISIT CHANGES LIVES

A teenage boy was just passing by when we were helping a Guangxi charity rescue 15 abandoned cats and kittens.

The boy had planned to buy a cat from a pet shop, but when he heard about these cats, he decided to adopt one of them instead. The cats were mostly pedigree, female and pregnant, so probably from a breeding facility. They were dehydrated, lacking in nutrition and exercise, and suffering from many health problems. One little kitten didn't survive.

The remaining 14 cats were vaccinated, sterilised and given much love and attention. And 13 now have forever homes. One senior cat is being cared for by a volunteer.



Another lucky cat homed – and another happy child.

WHY BUYING PETS IS SO BAD

- Typically, “breeding” cats and dogs are caged or chained
- They're used solely as baby-making machines
- They have no veterinary care and their diet is inadequate
- They live in appalling conditions and they get no exercise
- Shelters are full of animals needing homes



We produced **2** promotional videos on responsible dog ownership for use by NGOs and government officials throughout China. So far the videos have been adopted by Hangzhou, Shenzhen, Nanjing, Xuzhou and Urumqi in government publicity campaigns.

BETTER CARE FOR PAGODA ANIMALS

For years – to no avail – we've tried to convince the monks at Tay Thien Pagoda next to our Vietnam bear sanctuary to allow us to de-sex and vaccinate their cats and dogs.

Now, we're thrilled to say, our fabulous vet nurse, Kat Donald, has finally won them over.

We now have an agreement with the monks that we'll neuter the dogs and cats they care for – up to 50 – and also vaccinate them and help with veterinary care. Many of these animals have been dumped at the pagoda by people unwilling or unable to continue caring for them. The pagoda is seen as a place of refuge for the animals. Now, with your kind support, it truly is.



As part of our ongoing outreach work in Vietnam, we offered free dog vaccinations in the area around Yok Don National Park where we care for our elephants.



Animals Asia produced over 9,000 posters and leaflets in 2021, distributing them to nine NGOs across China. These were used at 24 events reaching more than 27,000 people.

30 YEARS OF DR DOG

It was 1991 when golden retriever Max put his big, gentle paws onto the bed of a delighted paraplegic boy – and Dr Dog was born.

Because of your support, this pioneering therapy program – the very first in Asia – soon grew to include Professor Paws, where the dogs visit schools and universities. Now our gentle dogs visit hospitals, orphanages, and care homes in four mainland Chinese cities as well as Hong Kong.

It wasn't all plain sailing. It took our founder, Jill, many weeks to find a hospital willing to allow a "dirty, smelly dog" on the premises. Eventually she convinced one Hong Kong hospital to allow her to bring Max – as long as they stayed in the garden.

Today we have waiting lists for our visits and a number of Asian countries have adopted Dr Dog as a model for their own programs.



Jill with her lovely golden retriever, Max, on their very first Dr Dog visit.



One of our current therapy dogs, Dr Lufei, makes friends with a little girl in a recovery care home in Nanning, China.

Two videos celebrating Dr Dog's 30th anniversary were played on **35** LED screens in Chengdu's underground rail stations.



Enormous thanks to **Enza Marramao**, our Italian Andrew Superstar Award winner for 2021. Enza has been a stoic supporter of Animals Asia since the bears stole her heart 12 years ago. As a member of our wonderful Genoa Support Group, she organises many events, and for her last birthday she kindly asked for donations instead of gifts. Enza sponsors elderly bear Delaney in Vietnam and also posts a video each year in celebration of Moon Bear Day to help raise awareness in Italy. You're a true Superstar, Enza!



Dr Eddie was one of our much-loved doctors, bringing smiles and laughter wherever he went.



And in Guangzhou, Professor Weibao helps kindergarten children learn how to walk dogs.

THE MAGIC CONTINUES

"Zoom is great, but it's when they can touch and hold the dogs that the magic really happens."

Karina O'Carroll
Animal Welfare Education Manager

Our dedicated therapy dogs brought comfort and cheer to sick and isolated people right through 2021.

Our beautiful dogs and their guardians brought comfort and cheer to those who needed it most. And when social distancing restrictions meant our Dr Dogs and Professor Paws could no longer visit hospitals, care homes and schools, they made visits online.

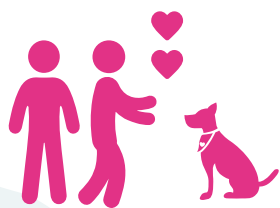
We run Dr Dog and Professor Paws in Hong Kong and four mainland Chinese cities – Shenzhen, Guangzhou, Chengdu and Nanning. Our gentle dogs bring joy and companionship to schoolchildren, the sick, and the lonely, breaking down fears about dogs and showing that dogs truly are our best friends.



Dr Emrys brings comfort and joy to a boy recovering from a serious illness in Shenzhen, China. Thanks to your support, more than 10,000 people were touched by our special therapy dogs and their lovely guardians in 2021.

BRINGING COMFORT IN 2021

Mainland China



81 Dr Dog visits reaching

2,918
people in need



40 Professor Paws visits reaching

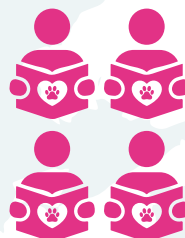
2,730
students

Hong Kong



2 Dr Dog visits and 90 online visits reaching

414
people



44 Professor Paws visits and 26 online visits reaching

4,210
students

Total 283 visits reaching

10,272

people in need and students



FOURTH TIME LUCKY FOR DR HUANHUAN

Poor little Huanhuan was abandoned three times before being adopted by her current owner, Liang Wenjian.

When Ms Liang was fighting off cancer, little Huanhuan was right by her side. And when she survived major surgery, she decided to do something meaningful, something that involved her devoted dog. They became volunteers for our Dr Dog program in Guangzhou, China, and now Dr Huanhuan is one of our most-loved dogs.



Ms Liang says she will be Dr Huanhuan's "last and forever guardian".

YOUR IMPACT

As well as helping with immediate actions like dog and cat rescues and emergency food relief, you're helping to change long-held beliefs. Through our widespread education and community outreach programs, and our network of smaller animal welfare groups, many thousands of people each year learn that dogs are our friends, not food.

We recruited

122 Chinese university students to raise awareness of rabies and talk to people about the importance of getting their dogs vaccinated. The tenacious team covered 14 cities, 61 counties, 113 towns and 143 villages, completing over 2,500 questionnaires and handing out almost 20,000 leaflets.



Pets and their guardians in three Chinese cities felt your support through our World Rabies Day events. Vets from local clinics that we partner with were on hand to give rabies shots to 100 cats and dogs at each of our public events in Chengdu, Nanning and Guangzhou. And we provided free advice on caring for companion animals.

A large elephant with prominent tusks is shown in profile, facing right, eating green grass. The elephant is in a lush, green forest setting with many trees and foliage in the background. The image is framed by a thick orange border.

YOU'RE THEIR LIFELINE

Thanks to you, 11 rescued elephants (including handsome Thong Ngan) now live under our care. And thousands of other captive animals are back in the wild or living better lives.

THREE MORE ELEPHANTS WELCOMED HOME

This brings to 11 the total number of elephants currently under our care, all thanks to your kindness.

Three more working elephants are now safe and living in the forest. Roaming freely, taking sand and mud baths and soaking in the cool rivers scattered throughout Vietnam's beautiful Yok Don National Park.

Welcome home H'Blu, Kham Phanh and Kham Vath!

Forced to carry heavy loads in the tropical heat all their lives, these lucky three are now at Yok Don National Park where we run Vietnam's first ethical elephant tourism project.

Every day, they join four other rescued elephants roaming the forest naturally while tourists quietly observe from a respectful distance. Mahouts (the elephants' carers) stay close by to make sure the elephants and our visitors are safe. Our mahouts are receiving training so they can provide even better care.

We hope this new model provides as much, or even more, income for the owners than elephant rides and becomes an example for others to follow.

"Yok Don National Park is a vast, forested area covering 600 square kilometres (230 square miles.) It has a unique ecosystem with a vast variety of important and endemic species, so it's the ideal location for rehoming former working elephants."

Ryan Hockley, Elephant Welfare Advisor

Our grateful thanks to the UK's **Sue Olsen** and the **Olsen Animal Trust**, which is the main sponsor of our ethical elephant tours and ensures the mahouts and the elephants' legal owners still have a liveable income.



H'Blu (Return Home) is 62. She spent decades forced to give rides to tourists in the heat. She could never roam and forage in the forest or form bonds with other elephants. Now she can, and she couldn't be happier.



Kham Phanh (Precious/Mighty) was born in captivity 46 years ago. She was made to carry heavy loads for her owners, day in, day out, for years on end. Today she's our resident water baby and she likes to trumpet her new-found happiness with very loud goose impressions! She quickly formed a special bond with H'Plo, another lady of a certain age, who can also be quite noisy!



Kham Vath (Golden Ears) is a stunning 33-year-old male and another ex-riding elephant. He's a quiet, gentle boy who likes to roam in the forest munching on leaves from the trees.

MAJOR WIN FOR ELEPHANTS

In 2021, we signed a ground-breaking, legally binding agreement with Dak Lak Province in Vietnam to end elephant riding there.

Most elephant-riding camps are located in the province, so this is an elephant-sized win for our pachyderm friends.

We hope this historic agreement, which also bans abusive practices during elephant festivals and commits to developing alternative elephant-based tourism, could set a precedent for other provinces and countries.

"Today, more people are aware of the cruelty involved in elephant riding, and of the decline in wild elephant populations, so we hope the ethical tourism model will catch on and we can rescue more elephants."

Le My Trinh, Dak Lak Operations Manager

ALL ELEPHANTS UNDER OUR CARE



Vietnam's wild population of Asian elephants is thought to be 100-150, a

critical level. We know of **88** elephants living in captivity, including in zoos.

WHY ELEPHANT RIDING IS SO BAD

- Endangered Asian elephants are taken from their families and forced to work in the tourism industry
- They're unable to roam, forage, bond with other elephants, bathe or play in water
- When not giving rides, they're chained around their ankles spending endless days in the heat with little food and water
- They're literally worked to death



Because you care, young males, Jun (back) and Gold – along with another young bull, Thong Kham – continue to live the good life at the Elephant Conservation Centre in Dak Lak, Vietnam. Animals Asia supports their enrichment program, which includes a sandpit, pool, and giant branches and tyres for them to play with. We also continue to treat Jun, who needs a lifetime of veterinary care because of an old snare wound.

YOUR IMPACT

You're helping to save the last of Vietnam's Asian elephants. You're stopping the abuse, you're treating their wounds and giving them safe forest homes for life. Our ground-breaking MOU with Dak Lak Province to end elephant riding there is testament to your extraordinary impact on the lives of these beautiful animals.

A HELPING HAND FOR OUR LITTLE COUSINS

Your generosity and kindness gave three more macaques a loving home in 2021, and gave many others a reason to smile.

With our three new arrivals, we now oversee the care of 38 rescued macaques at Yok Don National Park and Hai Duong Pagoda in Vietnam.

We also support the care of many macaques at other rescue facilities. This includes helping to build and furnish enclosures and integrating lonely macaques so they can form bonds as they would in the wild.

In Indonesia in 2021, we worked with our partner, Scorpion Foundation, to design the Sumatra Macaque Rescue Centre, allowing Scorpion to rescue 41 more macaques.



Little RJ is one of our newest arrivals. Because of your kindness, he'll have a loving home for life. Sadly, with no survival skills, this little orphan can never live in the wild. But he'll have places to climb and places to hide. Ropes and hanging toys to play with. And he'll have friends. *All because he has you.*

INTO THE WILD

Thanks to your generosity, we were able to help rescue hundreds of wild animals, releasing those who could be released and caring for those who can't.

Our work with partner organisations and the authorities in Vietnam and Indonesia is changing the lives of thousands of wild animals – including bears, gibbons, macaques, otters, pangolins, turtles, porcupines, civets and songbirds.

For those animals who can't be released into the wild, we're working to make their lives as "wild" as possible. And we're showing cash-strapped rescue centres that this doesn't have to cost the earth. Straw to play with and nest in. Ropes and bamboo toys to play with. Somewhere to hide. And pairing up lonely animals with others of their species. Simple changes make all the difference.

Thanks to your generous support, in Vietnam alone in 2021 we designed a total of 59 hectares (145 acres) of enclosure space and helped

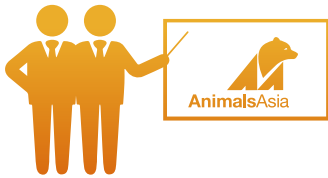
implement **146** welfare improvement programs at rescue facilities in China and Vietnam, giving countless animals a better life.

From 2019-2021, we've helped the Hanoi Wildlife Rescue

Centre rescue **2,262** animals and release 983 into the wild.

YOUR GIFTS ARE WARMING HEARTS

Our outreach and education programs are making the world a kinder place for captive animals. In 2021, with your kind help, we:



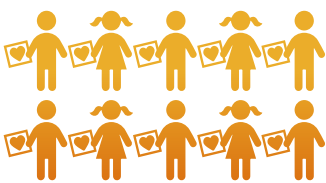
Delivered animal welfare curriculum training to over **200** Chinese teachers.



Highlighted **304** cases of poor welfare at zoos, circuses, wildlife and marine parks, resulting in eight travelling circuses being suspended and many of the venues signing up to our workshops.



Engaged with **52** million people in China and Vietnam through our social media and billboard campaigns.



Received over **400** entries from Vietnamese schoolchildren in our poster competition "Love in the animal kingdom". This was just one of many competitions we ran for children in Vietnam and China.



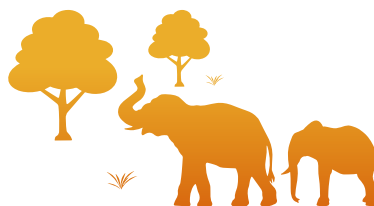
Ran animal welfare activities with **3,650** schoolchildren across Vietnam and China.



Delivered seven online training workshops reaching over **10,000** zookeepers and educators in China and Vietnam.



Engaged with over **875,000** people in China and Vietnam at our public events.



Worked with local youth to paint "elephants in nature" murals on public sites in Vietnam to raise awareness of our work to end elephant riding.



You gave wings to 45,000 precious songbirds in 2021 through our Indonesian partner, FLIGHT. With your support, this fledgling group has rescued and released over 130,000 birds back into the wild in their first three years.

"Today, animal rescue charities and authorities across Asia are working closer together than ever before to clamp down on illegal wildlife trafficking. These increasingly collaborative, intelligent and seamless operations have resulted in the rescue of thousands of wild animals who would have suffered terribly had they not been saved."

Dave Neale
Animal Welfare Director

YOUR IMPACT

Your kind support means freedom for thousands of trafficked wild birds. Like us, our Indonesian partner, FLIGHT, is working with, not against, the officials to end the illegal trade. Long term, as well as helping to save precious songbirds, you're also saving Indonesia's tropical rainforests – songbirds are vital to the pollination of the trees and undergrowth. This means more homes for *all* animals living in the forests.

OUR AWARD WINNERS FOR 2021

Welcome to our very first Moon Bear Hero Awards! Congratulations and enormous thanks to all of our heroes. Each one of you went above and beyond for the bears and other animals in 2021.

ANDREW SUPERSTAR AWARD

Inspired by moon bear Andrew, the very first bear we rescued in China

Aya Fujisaki, Japan
(See page 29 for more on Aya)
Sue and Steve Carson, Australia
(See page 35 for more on Sue and Steve)
Enza Marramao, Italy
(See page 38 for more on Enza)
Vijay Kritzinger, UK
(See page 6 for more on Vijay)



COURAGE IN ACTION AWARD

Inspired by Cubby Leo, our brave little sun bear who overcame her fears

Otto Schimmelpenninck, Netherlands
Jackie Thompson, UK
Cathy Boys, UK

EMPATHY IN ACTION AWARD

Inspired by Smudge, the last moon bear born on the Nanning bear farm we closed down last year

Independent Schools Foundation
Academy, Hong Kong
Suzanne Bowater, Australia
Maarten Willems, Belgium
Lynne Chitty, UK

RESPECT IN ACTION AWARD

Inspired by moon bear Tuan, whose rescue was a result of diplomacy and cooperation

Hong Kong Academy, Hong Kong
Toowoomba East State School, Australia
Meridan State College, Australia
Carla Marani, Italy
Brian Bicknell (RIP) and Anna Harrison, UK (Sadly, Brian passed away in 2022)

TENACITY IN ACTION AWARD

Inspired by brown bear Oliver, who spent 30 years in a bile cage, before enjoying four years of sanctuary

Mayer Brown, Hong Kong
Sally Rodd, Australia
Daniela Bellon, Italy
Amanda Bright, UK

FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

Thanks to you, our wonderful supporters, Animals Asia totally smashed it for the bears and other animals in 2021.

You gave a record amount of over \$20 million last year, allowing us to continue and expand our programs for the animals most in need of your help.

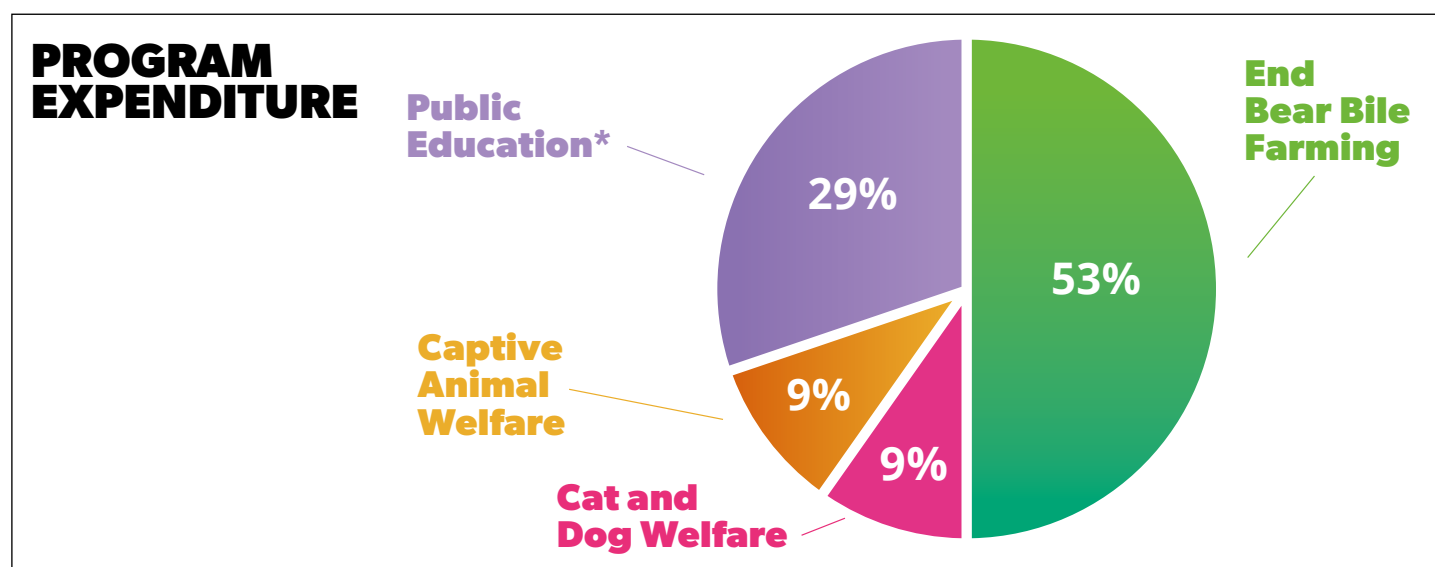
Despite all the restrictions associated with the ongoing pandemic, your generosity allowed us to achieve some very big goals – including the rescue of 101 bears from a former bile farm in China, and recruitment of core staff for our soon-to-be-built second bear sanctuary in Vietnam.

For the animals whose lives you've turned around, your kindness truly means the world. For some it means freedom in the wild. For others, pain-relieving veterinary care and a loving home for life. And for some lonely animals, it means finally having a friend.

These precious animals – many thousands of them – feel your love and care every day of their lives.

Thank you.

GLOBAL INCOME \$20.887m (all amounts in US\$)



Capital expenditure

\$407,590

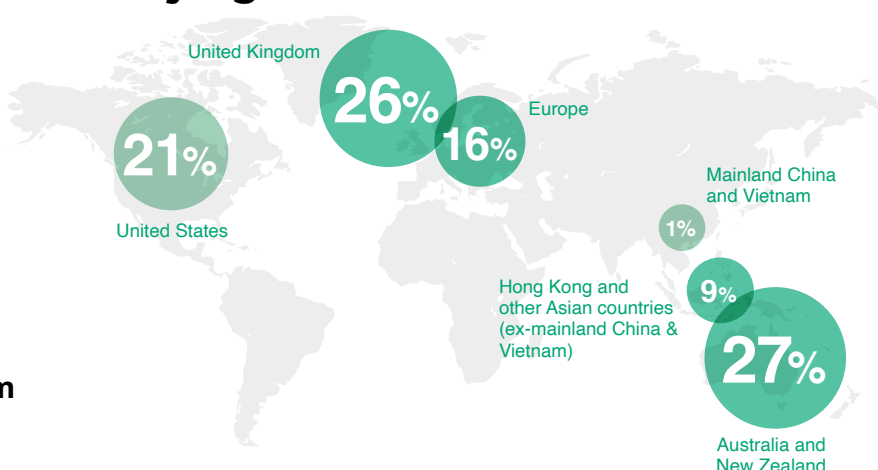
Equipment	31%
Construction	58%
Sanctuary refurbishment	11%

Running costs

\$16.271m

Programs	\$10.440m
Income generation	\$5.158m
Administration and governance	\$0.673m

Source by region



* Supporting our three main programs is our critical community education work, which is changing hearts and minds throughout Asia.

'It was never a dream. It was always just unfinished business.'

Boris Chiao, Founding Director, on our rescue of 101 bears from a former bile farm in Nanning, China

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COVER GIRL: Our gorgeous Sonnenschein (Sunshine) was one of the precious bears brought to our China sanctuary from Nanning. Sadly, she passed away just as we were going to print. Rest in peace our little ray of sunshine.

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