

*'My tummy's full and my heart's content
... all because of the love that you sent.'*

– Moon bear Chau

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Cover boy: Cheeky little sun bear Nelson loves to play up for the camera... especially when his very own carer, Bear Manager Sarah Van Herpt is behind the lens.

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2018
Annual Review
20 years of saving lives

All thanks to you

Letter from Jill

Thank you for it all

Our dear friends,

You made 2018 a very special year for the animals. In ways you might never have imagined.

Autistic children reaching out for the very first time, calmed by the love of a dog. Elephants walking free after years of brutal bondage...

... and sun bear Aurora sniffing a ball covered in jam, the very first sign that her trauma from 15 years in a tiny cage was starting to fade. This little bear was one of eight broken bears who found sanctuary with Animals Asia last year.

All because of you.

*We really don't know how to thank you. Without your support, **none** of our life-changing work would be possible.*

Every precious gift you send reaches Asia's most abused animals.

The lonely macaques freed from their cages and learning to live as a family. The terrified pets rescued from brutal meat traders. And the bears saved from misery on bile farms.

Our gorgeous new bears are settling in well and learning to stretch their tired old limbs. Together these beautiful animals spent a total of 111 years in horrific cages. They never walked on grass. Now they finally have the freedom and care they need. And thanks to your kindness, their lives are filled with love.

From all of the animals you helped last year, and from us all at Animals Asia, thank you beyond words.

With the biggest of bear hugs,

Jill

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



And licks of love from Lelly and Muddie!

A message from our board

Thousands of animals' lives were turned around in 2018, all because of your generosity and kindness. Thank you on behalf of each one of these precious lives. For them, your gifts made all the difference. Without you, our wonderful, passionate supporters, none of the progress we saw last year would have been possible. Our sincere gratitude for your loyalty and compassion.

Board of Directors

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| John Warham <i>Chairman</i> | Retired pilot, author and founding member of Animals Asia. |
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It's all because of you

2018 was a very special year for Asia's most desperate animals. Here's how you turned their misery into joy... in so many wonderful ways.



Thousands of animals felt the warmth of your kindness in the past 12 months – Animals Asia's 20th year! Walk with us down memory lane... and celebrate the triumphs and the joy of these two amazing decades. And please remember, we're where we are today only because of you.

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Eight more beautiful bears found sanctuary. And already their lives have changed beyond compare. As you can see, gorgeous Sky has settled in well. And so have her lovely friends. Meet our beautiful newbies... and see how you've turned their misery and despair into wonder and joy.

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Brave Manu was one of six bears who walked on grass for the very first time since they were cubs. This milestone shows just how far these bears have come from a bleak existence in a cage to the freedom of sanctuary life.

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Hundreds of bears on bile farms are one year closer to freedom. Your generous support allowed us to continue our momentous work in Vietnam to find lifelong homes for all caged bears by 2022.

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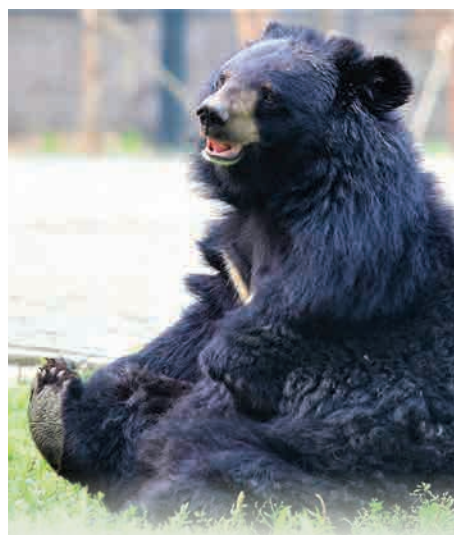
Children learned why bear bile farming must end. Thanks to you, we were able to reach out to thousands of students in schools and local villages throughout China and Vietnam.

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Vietnamese villagers had free health checks from traditional doctors, part of our ongoing campaign to promote cruelty-free alternatives to bear bile in one of the country's bear farming hotspots.

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Elderly bears like Freedom can keep more active while ageing gracefully. We lowered their beds and built ramps so they could access their dens more easily.
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Thousands of dogs and cats are safe and warm because of you. Over 4,000 animals in Chinese shelters received your help... new dry beds, warm showers and treatment for their wounds.
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Stray cats around China felt your love, as we worked with smaller animal welfare groups to end their misery. Simba is one little kitten who landed on her feet. All thanks to you.
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Our gentle therapy dogs brought smiles and laughter to those who needed it most. In special care facilities, elderly homes and schools, your gifts worked wonders through these special dogs and their lovely guardians.
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Neglected dogs near our China bear sanctuary got the love and care they needed. And local families learned the benefits of vaccination, proper diet and walking their dogs.
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Hundreds of zoo animals felt your love, with small changes that meant the world. Like this little macaque's wooden platform.
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You saved thousands of dogs from the shocking meat trade. Chinese people have responded overwhelmingly to our new online platform allowing them to report suspected illegal activities by dog and cat meat restaurants.
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90,000 university students in China learned about animal welfare from our new poster exhibition, funded by your kind gifts. Artist Pam's poster, 'Daddy, why?' is one of over 400 fabulous entries from all over the country.
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Almost 300 rescued 'meat dogs' received food, medicine and bedding, all thanks to your kindness. Many of them stolen from loving homes, these poor dogs are now safe in a shelter and recovering from their trauma.
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Wild animal performances will be phased out in Vietnam's circuses, says the head of the country's circus industry body. We've campaigned against these cruel shows for years, so this is good news... but the fight is far from over.
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Terrified macaques no longer have to perform for loud, jeering crowds, after a cruel monkey circus was shut down in Vietnam. This follows an Animals Asia campaign funded by your generous gifts.
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Four broken elephants no longer spend their days in chains waiting to give rides to tourists. Instead, visitors watch them roaming free in Vietnam's Yok Don National Park. And the country has an exciting new model for eco-tourism.
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Happy 20th birthday to us!

And of course, that includes you! For two amazing decades, it's been you who's driven every incredible win for the animals...

...and taken Animals Asia from one woman with a dream to a global organisation helping thousands of animals each year.

Thank you from the rescued bears, the sunshine on their backs. The dogs and cats, now safe and loved. And the wild animals, who after years of despair, finally have a reason to live.

First there was Jill...

It was Jill Robinson's undercover visit to a dark and dingy dungeon in China in 1993 that sparked the dream of Animals Asia.

The horror she witnessed that day – gorgeous moon bears trapped in cages so small they couldn't even turn around – never left Jill...

... and five years on, in 1998, she and a small group of committed friends founded Animals Asia in Hong Kong. *A tiny NGO with a very big mission.* To end bear bile farming and to restore respect for all animals in Asia.



Jill's first visit to a bile farm left her shocked and sickened... but she was also determined to help as many bears as she could. Tiny Franzi was one of the lucky ones.

...and then there was you...

Jill took a giant leap of faith in setting up Animals Asia, but she knew in her heart there were people out there who felt just like she did.

You're one of these very special people... not only an animal lover, but one with a big, generous heart. And because of your kindness, animals all over Asia can feel your love in their lives.



Bodo says thank you with every big smile... he's one of over 600 beautiful bears saved from misery, all because of you.

... together, we're making their dreams all come true

Bear paws on grass for the first time in years... street dogs and cats with the loving care they need... and majestic wild animals, unchained and let free.

In just two decades, your loyalty and compassion have brought about extraordinary change for Asia's most abused animals. And set in place a foundation so strong that nothing can stop us now!

Here are **20 truly AMAZING ways** you've changed the fate of Asia's animals... and all in just 20 years.

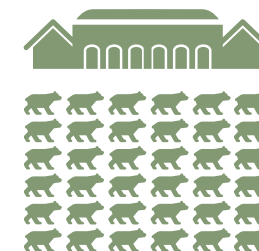
619 bears saved from shocking cruelty in China and Vietnam. Almost all from bile farms.



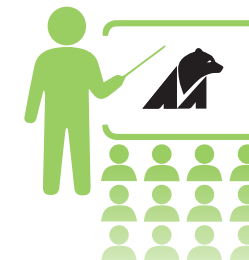
158 animal welfare groups in China funded or mentored by Animals Asia. That's **63%** of all China's grassroots animal welfare organisations.



3 bear rescue sites currently caring for **over 360** bears. These include our award-winning sanctuaries in China and Vietnam.



370 Chinese teachers trained in animal welfare. And we're giving them access to resources so they can teach hundreds of thousands of children.

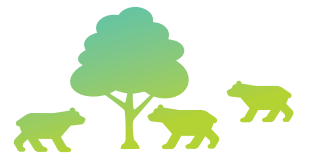


600 bears still on bile farms in Vietnam to be moved to sanctuaries, following our ground-breaking 2017 agreement with the government to end bear farming for good.



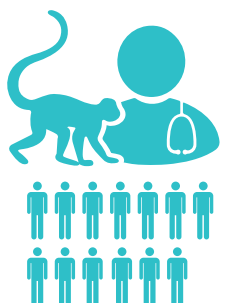
500,000 Thai 'meat dogs' spared a brutal death in Vietnam since their cross-border transport was banned in 2016. This is thanks to our campaign as a member of the Canine Protection Alliance. We won similar bans in Cambodia and Laos.

65,000sqm of outdoor space for rescued bears at our sanctuaries.



Each enclosure is packed with trees, climbing structures, ponds, swings and spaces to explore.

1,355 animal managers and vets trained in animal welfare. As a result, over **26** Chinese and Vietnamese zoos have improved their animals' welfare.



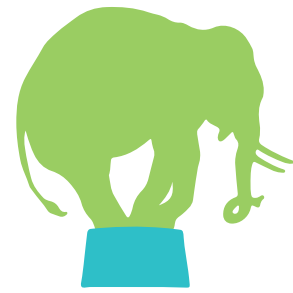
Almost **300** health checks under anaesthesia performed on rescued bears each year. That's nearly one a day.



986 stray cats in China found better lives through trap, neuter, return programmes. We work with local groups to help them set up TNR projects in their areas.



7,000+ people, including the media, visit our sanctuaries in Vietnam and China each year, learning first-hand about the horrors of bear bile farming and spreading the news far and wide.

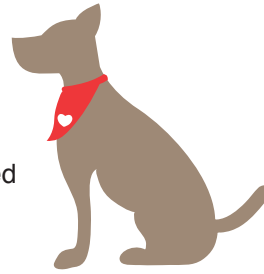


37 zoos in China, Vietnam and Indonesia have stopped forcing wild animals to perform in cruel circus-style shows following our campaigns.



5 buffalo slaughter festivals ended and buffalo fighting stopped at **3** festivals. This follows our 2014 petition against a cruel pig slaughter festival in Vietnam signed by **31,000+** people that sparked a crackdown on animal cruelty. Sadly, the pig festival continues.

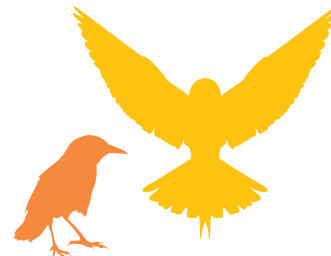
7 Asian cities have their own versions of Dr Dog and Professor Paws after we trained local animal welfare groups to set up the programmes.



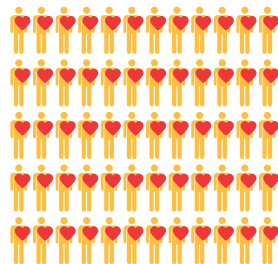
5,000+ plants of **30** herbs for use as alternatives to bear bile are growing in our sanctuaries and herb gardens set up with traditional doctors in **4** Vietnamese provinces.



8,000 songbirds rescued from the illegal wildlife trade in Indonesia.... and set free.



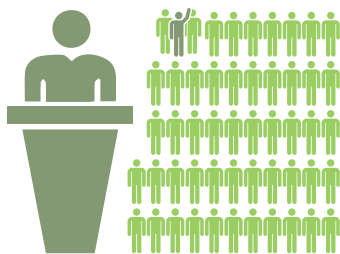
600,000+ lives touched by our gentle therapy dogs through our long-running Dr Dog and Professor Paws programmes in Hong Kong and three mainland Chinese cities.



Hundreds of thousands of dogs and cats saved from the cruel meat trade over **20** years' of campaigns.



520+ officials from **51** Chinese cities have attended our Dog Ownership Management Symposiums – covering all of China's provinces.



Many cities in China have stopped brutal dog culls because of our engagement with local government. We advise **35** local authorities on humane population and disease control.



ENDING BEAR BILE FARMING

It's all thanks to you that beautiful bears like Pagan are free from their cages. No more pain. No more fear. And loved beyond words.



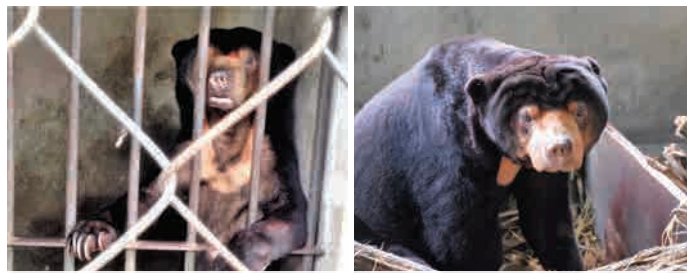
Meet the bears you saved from shocking cruelty

From unthinkable abuse to a love they've never known... eight more precious bears joined our family in 2018. All because of you.

These broken animals endured a combined 111 years of heart-wrenching cruelty. Today they're safe at our Vietnam sanctuary. Each day a little stronger. A little less nervous. Slowly they're emerging from their trauma... and learning to be the bears they were born to be.

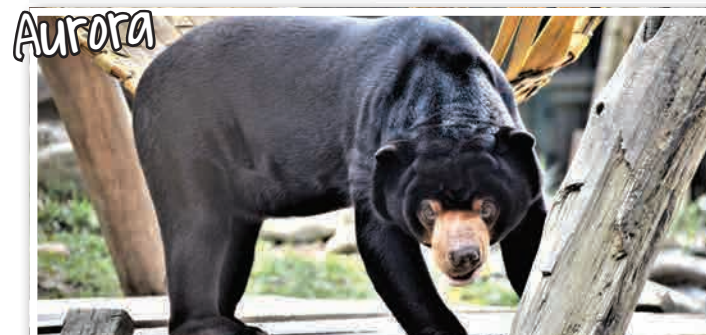
Moon bears Kim, Mai, Mekong, Newtie, LeBON, Sky and Precious, and sun bear Aurora, never have to fear again. And with every new day, and every new adventure, they're thanking you from the heart.

All are already enjoying the great outdoors, except for sweet little Mai. Mai is blind, so understandably nervous about going outside. But we're sure that in time she'll be happily pottering around on the grass, just like our other blind bears.



Aurora was extremely stressed when we arrived to take her home. Caged for 15 years as an exotic pet, she was already middle-aged and arthritic. Aurora had been poached in the wild as a cub. Now at last... you've opened her cage.

Five weeks later, this precious little bear – one of the smallest bears at our sanctuary – was busy exploring her den, the largest space she'd even known. She loved building comfy nests and climbing up her wooden platform.



This February, Aurora took her first cautious steps outside, tempted by the treats laid out for her... coconuts, jam, tropical fruit... Today this sweet little bear has some new sun bear friends... and a whole new life of fun.



In October, Precious became our 200th rescued Vietnamese bear. This poor girl had been in agony for years... she badly needed dental work, and had an ingrown claw. We couldn't wait to get her home.



We numbed her pain with medication... and the relief on her face was clear. This gorgeous bear finally has all the care she needs. And after 17 lonely years in a cage, she deserves all the love in the world.



Pain-free and stronger by the day, Precious is already showing us her playful side... by December she could touch her toes. And as winter set in, she built comfy nests by piling up all the straw in her den in one cosy corner.



What a heart-breaking sight. Mekong was clearly depressed when our rescue team came for him. And no wonder. He'd been trapped in this hellhole for years. And his rotting teeth were causing him terrible pain.

During his five-day road journey home, we made Mekong as comfortable as possible. He had pain relief and antibiotics for his nasty mouth infection and lots of delicious soft fruit that was easy for him to eat.

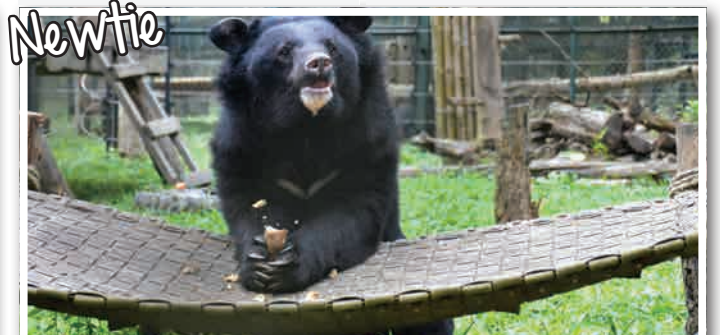


Four weeks on, Mekong was one of the lucky bears chosen for surgery by visiting dental specialist Dr Cedric Tutt. Cedric regularly donates his time and skills to our bears... and thanks to his kindness, Mekong's pain is gone.



Newtie broke our hearts when he looked up from his cage. Years of confinement and abuse had left him broken and depressed... he also had painful fractured teeth. We showered him with love on his long road trip home.

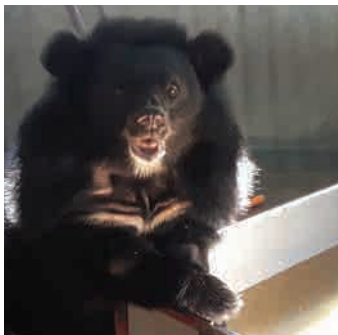
Major dental surgery took away Newtie's pain, and soon his gentle nature started shining through. He's also proving to be quite the ladies' man. By early October, this lovely boy had made a friend in blind Mai.



Newtie was such a brave boy when we let him outdoors for the very first time... his nose was twitching as he headed straight for the fruity treats left outside his den. This beautiful bear now spends his days playing with friends.



This is how we found poor Kim. Frightened and stressed. Weaving back and forth in her cage. Half her tongue missing. Teeth broken and rotting. And this beautiful, desperate bear had been caged for 13 long years.



Back at our sanctuary, Kim was soon feeling better. Dental surgery removed years of extreme pain. And lots of good, healthy food and loving care meant this gorgeous girl was soon ready to move into her very own den.



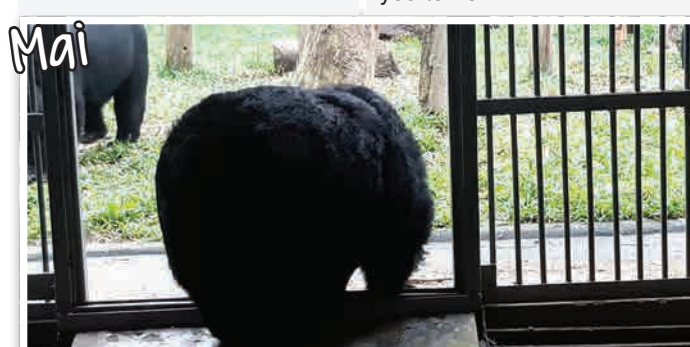
Just six months on from her rescue, Kim surprised us all by marching out onto the grass the very first time we gave her outdoor access. She's such a brave and determined little bear. Her favourite spot outside is on the wooden platform.



Poor little Mai. Not only was she caged and abused for years... the cruel bile trade has stolen her sight. She was such a sweetie on her journey to our sanctuary, snuggling up tight in a bed of soft leaves.



A month on, and this dear little bear was happily living in a den and busily destroying log chews, rope toys and puzzle feeders filled with tasty treats... all precious gifts of love from you to her.



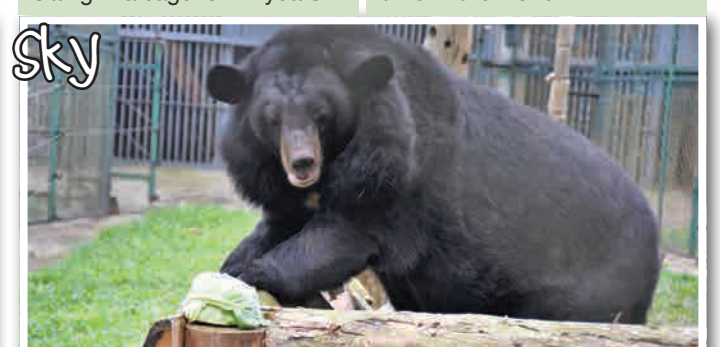
By February, Mai was bravely standing at the open door of her den. Not quite ready for her next big adventure, but she can take all the time she needs... and maybe, just maybe, we'll be able to restore her sight.



Help couldn't have come soon enough for Sky. Thanks to a poor diet, she was the heaviest bear we'd ever rescued. She had curvature of the spine and hard, thick skin on much of her back from sitting in a cage for 14 years.



By the time she was ready to move to a den, Sky was still very cautious of her carers. But soft, kind words and sweet sticky treats slowly won her over. And for this precious girl, we had all the time in the world.



When Sky was first given outdoor access, she'd edge out to grab some treats then quickly retreat indoors. But this gorgeous brave bear has put her fears aside... and thanks to you, she's finally claiming her time in the sun.

You'll know Simon as the lead singer of Duran Duran...

...now he's using his amazing voice to speak out for the bears.

We're so grateful to Simon Le Bon for his support, and totally thrilled that he's named his very own rescued bear. Moon bear LeBON arrived at our Vietnam sanctuary on the last day of August. He was in a shocking state.

This poor bear had spent over a decade abused and neglected on a bile farm. He didn't even have a name.

Finally LeBON is getting the love and care he needs. He's growing stronger every day...

... and the bears still trapped on farms have a strong, influential voice speaking out on their behalf. Simon shares his love of the bears with his many fans on social media... spreading the word about our campaigns and the urgent need to protect these precious, endangered animals.

Thank you to the moon and back Simon from all of us at Animals Asia, and especially from your handsome LeBON.



LeBON's teeth were broken and rotting. This precious boy had clearly been in gnawing pain for years. We gave him pain relief and promised him he'd be home soon... forever safe and loved.

LeBON had major dental surgery... taking away his pain forever. In his den, he discovered the joys of play, and demolished his log chew toys with relish – finally able to chew without pain.



Today LeBON is a world away from the horrors he endured. Now he loves to play all day and wrestle on the grass with friends like Sky (right). Rolling and tumbling in blissful abandon... with the big blue sky above.

Bear hugs of gratitude to Hong Kong's **Fu Tak lam Foundation** for their generous three-year funding of our China bear sanctuary's public outreach work.



'Together we can do it!' is the perfect motto for Salviamo gli Orsi della Luna (Let's Save the Moon Bears). Over the past decade, this fabulous group of supporters in Bologna, Italy have named two bears (Lotus II and Libera), financed 40 bear surgeries, sponsored medical equipment and helped build two new dens for rescued bears. Thank you!



Is this the best bear hug ever? We sure think it is! And we're sending the biggest of bear hugs right back at you lovely Simon Le Bon!



Introducing gorgeous LeBON... forgotten for over a decade, he didn't even have a name. Now he has the coolest name ever.

Thank you for their first precious steps on grass

Your extraordinary kindness saw six brave bears walk on grass for the very first time in 2018...

... and for Mia, Mana, Anh Sang, Holly, Manu and Tim, it was their time to shine.

Tim was the most courageous, venturing over the concrete 'patio' outside the dens and onto the grass the very first day he had access. But even then, he ducked back inside several times... just to make sure he could!

Over time, gentle Tim encouraged others to join him on the grass. Mana is blind, so was understandably nervous, but eventually he followed his friend Tim... and a world of wonders opened up for this brave and precious bear.



At first, blind Mana preferred the safety of his den to venturing outside. But with the help of a friend, this fabulously fluffy boy has learned to love foraging on the grass.



Gorgeous Anh Sang can't decide what to play with first! It took time for this sweet little bear to feel confident outdoors. But now she can't wait to go out in the mornings.

'It's such a special moment when rescued bears are ready to go outside. It means they've come through years of horrifying abuse... and months of gentle healing.'

Heidi Quine, Vietnam Bear and Vet Team Director

Our rescued bears enjoyed **370 tonnes** of fresh fruit and veggies in 2018. Their food is spread around outside or in their dens so they can forage as they would in the wild.

Our Vietnam director **Tuan Bendixsen** received an Order of Australia Medal for his amazing work for Asia's animals – one of Australia's very top honours.

Meet Sally, and be inspired!

A supporter since the early 2000s, Australian Sally Rodd funds moon bear Jigsaw's entire daily care by selling jigsaw puzzle pieces on her website. She also raised enough money through her website to name Jigsaw in the first place!

Sally is one of our very special Andrew Award winners for 2018. (See all the winners on pages 30-31.)



Sally with our Vietnam Director Tuan Bendixsen on a visit to Jigsaw at our Vietnam sanctuary. And yes, that's her handsome boy you can see below on the grass.



'Those amazing bears and the work of Animals Asia, since I first learned about them, and to this day, touch me so deeply on such an emotional level.'

Bruce Wagman, US supporter

Bringing them home

Your kind gifts allowed us to continue our work to find lifelong homes for all caged bears in Vietnam.

This means freeing up space at our sanctuary, upgrading existing rescue facilities throughout the country, and building new sanctuaries.

Animals Asia has the mammoth task of relocating all the bears to sanctuaries by 2022. This follows our groundbreaking agreement with the government in 2017. Currently around 600 bears are still on bile farms.



We're showing existing rescue centres affordable ways to keep their bears happy and occupied... like this simple log swing.

What comes next?

We need to find out the exact number of bears on farms, how many sanctuaries to upgrade and build, potential locations and funding solutions. Then there's management responsibilities and the logistics of moving hundreds of bears from farms to safety – most farms are small family-run businesses holding two or three bears.

Wasn't bear bile farming already illegal in Vietnam?

Yes, but under certain conditions it was still legal to keep bears in cages for tourists or as 'pets'. Many of these bears were illegally tapped for their bile.

It's lucky the bears like to snuggle up...

... because that's what we're urging them to do at our Vietnam sanctuary... where every new space is another life saved.

Over 2018, the bears made 135 new friendships, with integrations into bigger groups freeing up space for even more rescues! Some bears made just one new friend, while others like friendly Bi Xanh made 20. But in the end we made sure that every bear was happy and comfortable... and some lovely new bonds were forged.

In **2018**, we created and distributed to wildlife rescue centres throughout Vietnam a bilingual manual on the care and rehabilitation of sun bears and moon bears.



After joining other animal carers for a week of bear care training at our Vietnam sanctuary, Nguyen Minh Hue hopes to introduce some positive changes at the government wildlife shelter where she works. Our visitors from Pu Mat and Hoang Lien rescue centres learned about everything from nutrition and record-keeping to preparing enrichment (like toys, puzzle-feeders, leafy browse and jam smears) and how to behave around bears to ease their stress.

Our heartfelt thanks to Italian brand **Miomojo** for part funding the Cub House at our Vietnam bear sanctuary. Miomojo makes gorgeous ethical fashion accessories.



At the end of 2018, we said a sad goodbye to Nicola Field who headed up the care of our China bears and staff... and devoted 12 years to improving every aspect of the bears' welfare. Thank you to the moon and back Nic for your incredible dedication and passion. We know you'll always carry the bears in your heart.

Hey ma, guess what I learned at school today?

Your kindness is shaping the future for Asia's bears... through the hearts and minds of its youth

In Vietnam, over 1,000 students and teachers took educational tours of our Vietnam sanctuary in 2018. And for those who couldn't make the journey, our staff went to them... giving presentations on bear farming to almost 1,700 students in their schools and villages.

We also involve children in community projects, like our 10 Vietnamese herb gardens growing over 5,000 plants for use as alternatives to bear bile.



Education is key in China too. In 2018, we held over 40 events in schools and local communities, spreading awareness of animal welfare to over 120,000 people.



With your support, we organised 10 free health checks for over 2,000 people in Phung Thuong village – a bear farming hotspot in Vietnam. At the sessions, 44 traditional doctors gave advice on alternatives to bear bile and prescribed more than 2,100 bottles of herbal medicine.

You're their 'apple a day'

Keeping our bears healthy and pain-free is one of your most precious gifts.

From taking away years of dental pain and giving them back their sight... to clipping their nails and cleaning their ears... your support means everything to the bears in our care.

Our sanctuary vet teams performed **294** health checks under anaesthesia on the bears in 2018 – that's nearly one a day!

Our Vietnam bears received **82** sets of medications a day! That's nearly **30,000** sets over the year... all hidden in tempting treats like bananas and fruit shakes.

Our vet team toured **9** Chinese cities to teach over **1,650** vets and vet students about anaesthesia, pain management and animal welfare.

Why bear bile?

It's used in traditional medicine... and when used properly, it can have anti-inflammatory properties. But herbal and synthetic alternatives are cheaper, safer and more effective.



Lovely Francis was one of 27 lucky China bears to be checked by visiting cardio specialist Chris Linney in 2018. Thank you Chris for healing the broken hearts of so many special bears.

Every step for the bears

Kat Savage spent 90 days walking the entire length of Britain – all for the bears and other animals in need.

Kat, a singer from Cornwall in England, left behind her comfortable home and endured ice and snow, painful blisters and a swollen knee to walk 1,400km to raise funds for Animals Asia.



Kat has also recorded a song for us and even has our logo tattooed on her back. Thanks for everything Kat!

In 2018, we released a Vietnamese language book on how to grow **32** herbal alternatives to bear bile. We hope to encourage Vietnam's bile users to switch to medicinal herbs.

You wrapped his final days in love

When lovely old Mandela could no longer climb up to his bed, it was lowered so he could get in and out more easily.

Like many of the older bears in our care, poor Mandela was riddled with arthritis. A legacy of years spent immobile in a shockingly small cage.

When this beautiful boy passed away after a long illness, he was surrounded by his family of carers who made his last months as comfortable as possible. Piles of straw to make into comfy nests... hessian sacks to snuggle up with... toys to play with as he rested on his bed... and kind, gentle words to reassure him he was loved.

‘We mourn that Mandela lived so much of his life in a small cage, but we can take heart in the fact that he had a decade of glorious care, with the grass beneath his feet, and the sun on his back.’

Dr Jane Goodall DBE

Thank you for each precious day

It's devastating when we lose a bear... but at least these beautiful animals who'd suffered so much in the past, *finally knew love* during their precious time of sanctuary.

Because of you, they had the breeze on their fur and freedom in their hearts. Giddy somersaults and decadent dips in the pool... treats and toys and places to climb... and cosy warm beds to snuggle in at night.

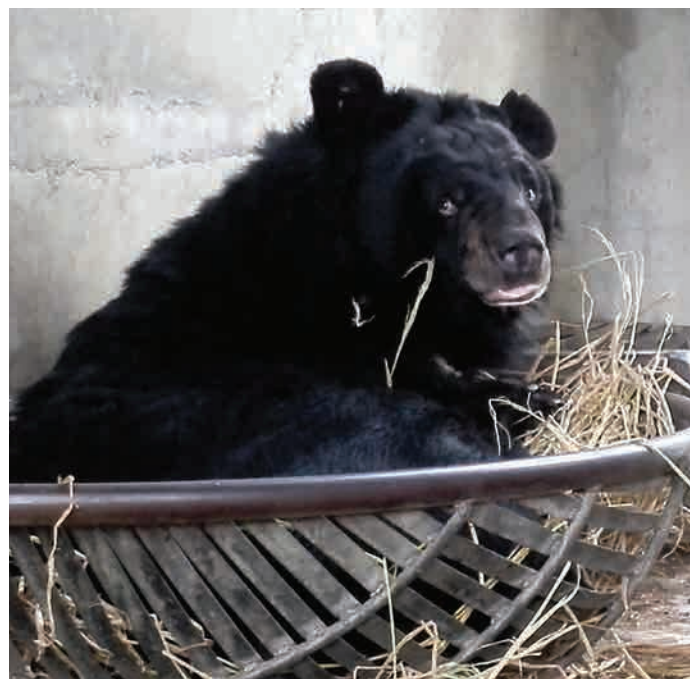
As well as lovely Mandela, we also lost 23 other much-loved bears in 2018. At our Chengdu sanctuary, **Iris, Pearl, Wilfred, Gladly, Chance, Ju-Jan-Sue, Prince, Precious, Clancy Jack, Harley, Douglas, Nina, Juniper, Harvey, Ginny and Johannna**. At Nanning, **Cyril and Joanna May**. And in Vietnam, **Italia, Sampo, Kay, Rose and Maggie**.

When fabulous US supporter **Cheryl Lechtanski** first saw a clip about bear farming, she thought it was 'one of the cruellest things' she'd ever seen. She knew right away that she had to help. Now Cheryl is leaving a legacy that will change the lives of bears into the future.

‘I'd like to continue to help the animals after I'm gone. I dream of the day when animals can be wild and free with no exploitation... but it's not going to happen without funding.’



Mandela was named by our wonderful supporter, primatologist Dr Jane Goodall. Much loved for his charm and charisma, he spent 12 happy years at our China sanctuary.



Because of you, this precious boy's last months were filled with comfort and peace. He loved his special low bed... he felt safe and cherished.

Your kindness means our geriatric bears can age more gracefully. In 2018, we

installed **38** concrete ramps to give them easier access to their dens

and lowered **19** sleeping baskets.

CAT AND DOG WELFARE

Your kindness meant the world to abused dogs and cats in 2018. You gave them food and shelter, treatment for their wounds, and warm, dry beds at night.



You brought them in from the cold

Dry beds, heaters and warm showers took the misery out of winter for thousands of strays in struggling animal shelters around China.

With your generous help, we outfitted 13 animal shelters in 13 Chinese cities with bathtubs, heaters, dryers, fur-trimmers, cat climbing furniture, beds and fencing... and completely refurbished three shelters, benefitting over 4,000 animals across the country.

Below are just some of the ways you helped these desperate animals in 2018:



Rescued dogs played and rested on clean, dry surfaces in the shade. Because of you, the Hefei Dog Association Small Animal Care Centre has a new sunshade and paving.



Dogs stayed dry and warm at Jiangxi Xinyu Stray Dog Shelter. You gave them raised beds, reducing the chance of skin disease from sleeping on the wet floor.



Dogs and cats enjoyed warm showers. Your gifts funded a bathtub and hot water shower at Tangshan Small Animal Protection Association shelter.

In 2018, we provided hands-on trap, neuter, return (TNR)

training for **40** staff and volunteers with eight NGOs from three Chinese cities.

Since 2007, Animals Asia has worked with the Chinese government and local animal

welfare groups in **67** cities. As a direct result, many provinces have ditched cruel culls and set up humane population control programmes for dogs and cats.

That's right. Nearly 27,000!

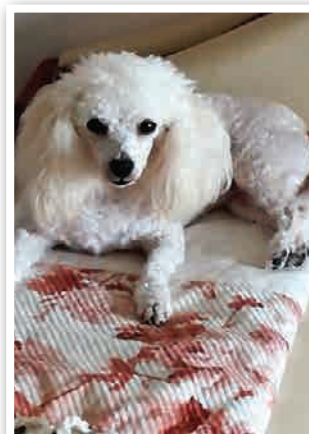
More than 26,000 shelter animals have benefitted from your support since 2014 (roughly 24,800 dogs and 2,000 cats). This is under our Shelter Improvement Project that targets the shelters most in need of urgent help to upgrade their facilities.

Thanks to your kind gifts, we've been able to work with over 50 of these struggling animal shelters in 38 cities around China, and the lives of their rescued dogs and cats have improved beyond measure.

We also work with the authorities in these cities, offering advice and practical help in areas like population and disease control. In total, Animals Asia works with 158 grassroots groups around China, providing a range of help, from shelter management training to emergency disaster relief.



Your gifts are helping thousands of dogs and cats in struggling shelters around China. The ones who need your help most.



Xiao Qiang is one of the lucky shelter dogs who wouldn't have made it without you. When kind volunteers from Xinyu City Stray Dog Rescue found her lying on the street, she was thin, dehydrated and covered in nasty sores. The wonderful volunteers at the shelter rushed Xiao Qiang to a vet, and then nursed her back to good health. Today this sweet little dog is in a loving foster home, waiting for her forever family.

A purr-fect ending

Sweet little Simba's story ends well... and thanks to your kindness, similar stories of hope are popping up all over China

It wasn't her feeble cries that saved her. It was the cloud of flies hovering above her body.

A woman and her son noticed the flies in the long grass and went to investigate. There they found Simba, a tiny four-week-old kitten. They were shocked to see she had wounds infested with maggots.

But instead of pulling her son away in disgust, the kind



Just one-month-old and covered in horrible sores. Poor little Simba was close to death when she was found.



Kind passers-by called the local animal shelter, and soon this precious little bundle had the love and care she needed.

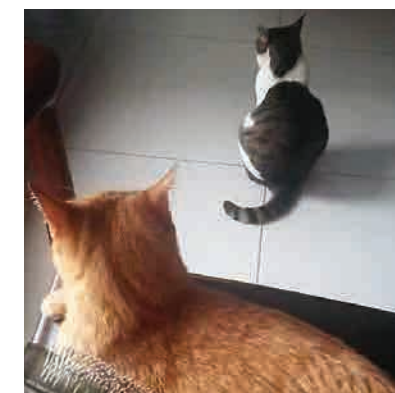


After months of treatment and good nutritious food, Simba recovered... and grew into a beautiful healthy cat.

woman called a local animal welfare group for help, and soon Simba had the care she needed.

From such awful beginnings, Simba has blossomed into a gorgeous adult cat. Today she lives happily with her new guardian and cat sibling in their forever home in Anhui province.

Thankfully, Simba's story is no longer rare. With your help, we're working with government on the 'big picture' issues. And we're giving smaller animal welfare groups, like the group that took in Simba, the skills and funding to help a large number of stray cats and dogs.



Now gorgeous Simba couldn't be happier. She has a loving home and a new cat sibling to play with.

100,000

commuters saw our billboards urging the public to 'Care for animals, respect lives'. Our three-month campaign was held in Nanning, near Yulin where the infamous dog-eating gathering takes place each year.

Our best friends' best friend

Rescued cocker spaniel Winston must be the luckiest dog in the UK. He lives with **Tony Martin** whose compassion for our four-legged best friends knows no bounds.

Tony's **Anthony V Martin Charitable Trust** has literally saved the lives of thousands of dogs in China.

Over the past three years, Tony's trust has donated a phenomenal amount to our projects to reduce the supply of dog and cat meat, reduce the number of strays, and improve the welfare of rescued animals.

Tony's generous support means dogs and cats that once faced days or weeks of terror in tiny cages then a brutal death, instead have warm, dry beds and the loving care they need.



Tony, we really can't thank you enough. And to the dogs and cats of China, your support truly means the world.

Seeing is believing

Around 90,000 Chinese university students learned about animal welfare from our new poster exhibition, funded by your kind gifts.

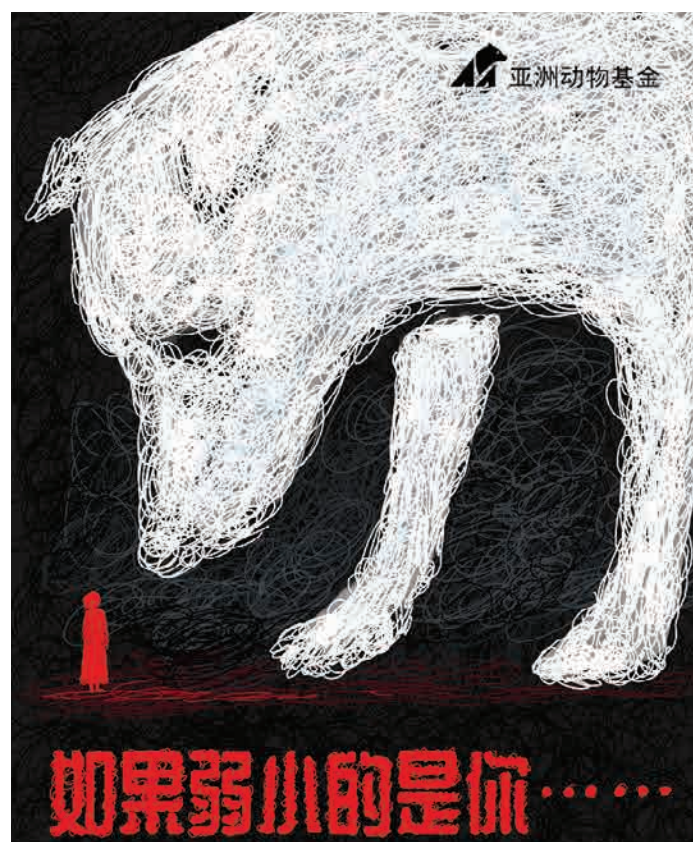
Winning entries from Animal Asia's 2018 Design Competition, with the theme #No to Animal Abuse, toured 90 universities across China from November to December bringing a message of animal protection to a vast audience.

Irene Feng, who heads our work for cats and dogs in China, said the posters encouraged the students to consider animal welfare in their everyday lives and decision-making. What to eat, how to be entertained, what forms of medicine to use and whether to adopt a companion animal.

“This exhibition makes it clear that animals are not much different to humans. They have emotions and complex inner lives. And animal cruelty can never be tolerated.”

A recent online poll by China National Radio showed **69%** wanted dog and cat eating to be banned.

Irene Feng, China Cat and Dog Welfare Director



Feng Jianghong's winning poster, 'If the weak one were you'. She hoped 'to arouse people's empathy for animals through shifting the position'.

Our grateful thanks to **Kadoorie Charitable Foundation** of Hong Kong for funding our work to end dog and cat eating in Guangxi, China. This exciting project, which tackles all aspects of the cruel trade, could become a model around the country.

A four-year investigation by Animals Asia into the dog meat trade revealed widespread theft of dogs, lack of required vaccinations, a lack of health and proof of origin certificates, illegal transportation and unsanitary slaughter.

Chinese public speak up for 'meat dogs'

Just 12 months after we launched an online platform allowing the Chinese public to report suspected illegal activities by dog and cat meat restaurants, thousands of lives have been saved.

By the end of December 2018, we had 836 reports – more than two every single day. We verified each of them and reported them to the authorities.

Animals Asia began reporting dog and cat meat restaurants suspected of operating illegally via a network of volunteers in 2016. The online portal for public reporting was launched in early 2018.

Since 2016, the project has seen:

- 296 restaurants affected – shut down, stopped from selling dog meat, given an official warning or inspected by officials and found to have no dog meat on the premises at that time.

- Thousands of dogs saved.

“The response has been fantastic. The dog meat industry is a huge issue in China and clearly people want action to be taken. It might take time, but every report will be investigated by the authorities.”

Jill Robinson MBE, founder and CEO



Dogs caught up in the meat trade suffer horrendous conditions and treatment. Now the public is making a stand.

When a touch is worth a thousand words

Autistic children in China felt the love of a dog for the very first time.

And from the moment they met, the children's faces lit up. They smiled. They reached out. And their parents and staff were amazed.

In the lead up to World Autism Day, a government hospital in Shenzhen, southern China opened its doors to six of our tail-wagging doctors for the very first time. Despite many years of visiting private facilities, our therapy dogs had never before been allowed in a state-run hospital in the city.

The hospital management admits there were concerns before the first visit, but these soon melted away once they saw the children's reaction.

“The children learned that language is not the only way to communicate... a hug can create a connection too.”

Ma Liya, Director of Child Healthcare, Shenzhen Bao'an Women and Children's Hospital



Sweet little Dr. Momoco gives some non-judgemental love to one of his patients.



Like all our therapy dogs, Dr. Bun (Doubao) passed a rigorous test to ensure he was 'hug and tug proof'.



Over 50 families joined Dr. Chilli (Lajiao) and her five furry friends at the event.

Paw prints left on every heart

Our lovely therapy dogs brought smiles and comfort to thousands of people in Guangzhou, Shenzhen, Chengdu and Hong Kong in 2018.

Over 12,000 people in nursing homes and hospitals enjoyed the company of our Dr. Dogs in 251 visits – that's more than one visit every other day!

And in schools, our Professor Paws dogs and human volunteers were busy teaching over 6,000 children about cat and dog welfare.

“Daily I see dogs, not only as our friends, but as counsellors to those with mental health challenges, teachers to those with no concept of animal welfare, and doctors to those in need of love and comfort.”



Karina says her rescue dog Shelby, pictured, is currently too shy to become a Dr. Dog (and sibling Buddy is far too lively!), but after a hard day's work, these mixed-breed pooches are her go-to therapists.

Karina O'Carroll, Hong Kong Animal Welfare Education Manager

Your generous gifts...

... provided food, medication and bedding for 293 terrified dogs rescued from illegal meat traders in China.

Usually it's animal activists who rescue dogs from the horrible meat trade. For these dogs, in two separate rescues, it was the police. *And* the authorities turned to a local animal welfare group for help.

Sichuan Qiming Small Animal Protection Centre is now caring for the dogs with our help. Thanks to you, we've been able to support and advise Qiming for many years.



Many of the dogs were still wearing collars. They'd clearly been stolen. But because of you, they're now safe, loved and ready to find new forever homes.



Where charity starts at home

Poor little Blodwyn had been neglected and used as a breeding machine until our lovely China vet team stepped in.

Now she gets the health care she needs, along with a big dose of love and kindness too.

Blodwyn is one of the lucky neighbourhood dogs getting regular visits from the vet team at our Chengdu bear sanctuary. Like most of these dogs, she'd lived a pretty miserable life.

Chained up day and night, fed a poor diet, and given no veterinary care, let alone affection.

On top of this, Blodwyn had had several litters in the years that we'd known her, with her family selling off the puppies. But finally we persuaded them to allow her to be neutered.

“Today Blodwyn is enormously friendly. She's no longer chained up and whenever she hears us near her house she'll come running for a belly rub and to thank us for taking care of her.”

Katherine Alexander, Veterinary Nurse



Blodwyn used to shy away from humans. Now this little sweetie loves to show her gratitude to Katherine.

We've also persuaded other local families to agree to spay and neuter their cats and dogs. And slowly some are starting to walk their dogs.

Over 120 officials and charity staff from 36 Chinese cities attended our eighth Dog Ownership Management Symposium. The two-yearly gathering is China's leading forum on dog management issues. To

date, more than **523** officials
from **51** cities have participated.

Your support means better vet care

Our vet teams are training vets from around China and Vietnam in small animal health care to boost welfare and foster respect for our furry friends.

A series of training sessions throughout 2018 taught the vets about treating common conditions like parvovirus, distemper and tropical skin diseases. Caring for the animals' welfare was an essential part of the course.

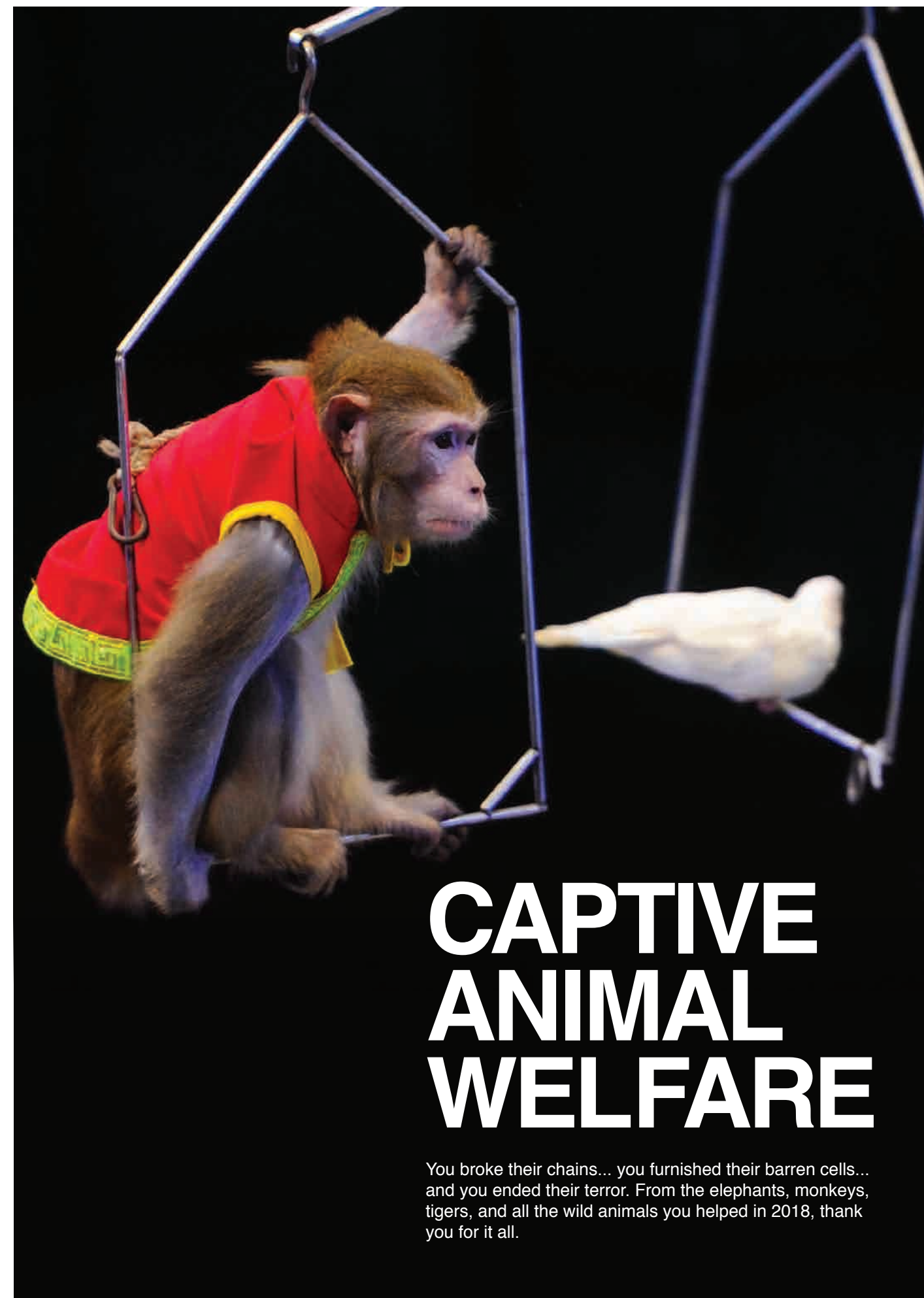
“Improving vet care is a long-term goal for us. Too many dogs and cats receive either very poor health care or none at all.”

Veterinarian Josephine Clapham, who led the training sessions in Vietnam

Both our Vietnam and China sanctuaries also run vet intern training for outstanding recent veterinary graduates.



Funnyman Arj Barker (back row, second right) and his comedian friends had us all in stitches at their 'Comedy for a Cause' in Sydney. A very big thank you Arj, Akmal, The Umbilical Brothers and the many other fabulous comedians who gave so freely of your time and talent on the night. And thank you too to all of you who came along and made it such an amazing evening.



CAPTIVE ANIMAL WELFARE

You broke their chains... you furnished their barren cells... and you ended their terror. From the elephants, monkeys, tigers, and all the wild animals you helped in 2018, thank you for it all.

Little changes that mean so much

Your support is turning thousands of zoo animals' lives upside down...

Sometimes literally... ropes to swing on and platforms to climb, sand pits, showers, and places to snuggle up in the cold... to these desperate animals, your gifts mean the world.

Thanks to you, we were able to make over 50 enclosure improvements at zoos throughout China and Vietnam in 2018, giving captive animals a new lease on life.

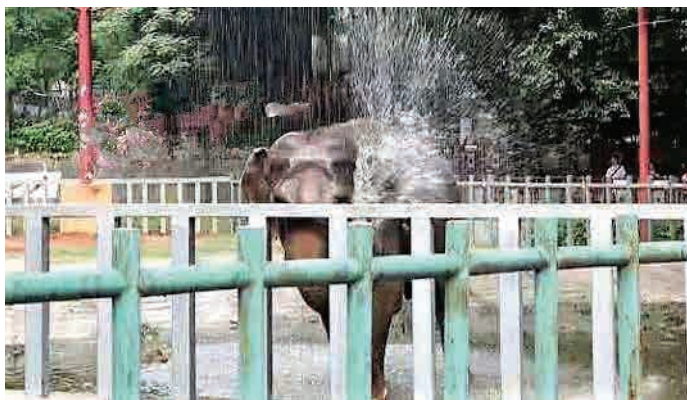
And from a leopard cat's sandpit to an elephant's cooling shower, it was the simple things that meant so much...



Thanks to you, this gorgeous chimp has a fun new place to play...



... this lovely, curious macaque has a big pile of leaves to explore...



... and this beautiful elephant finally has a shower to wash in.

Over **130** zoo staff from around China heard experts speak on giraffe welfare and over **30** elephant keepers learned from expert trainers at separate workshops at Dalian and Kunming zoos. And all thanks to your support.

One life, and it's just like ours

Visitors to China's zoos are getting a new perspective on the emotional lives of animals. Thanks to your generous support, Animals Asia's 'One Life' poster exhibition was able to tour China in 2018, taking in four large zoos.

This included a one-month showing at the Education Centre at Beijing Zoo, China's oldest and most prestigious zoo, which has six million visitors a year.

The posters stress the rich emotional lives of animals to increase compassion and reduce demand for wild animal products. The exhibition will continue to tour China in 2019, and later will tour Vietnam.

'Just like us, elephants grieve, tigers play and chimpanzees learn – these are just some of the lessons from our exhibition.'

Bailey Liu, Animal Welfare Officer

We ran **8** animal welfare awareness-raising campaigns in Chinese metro stations, cinemas, elevators and shopping malls

telling over **3** million people about the importance of protecting animals and avoiding cruelty.

In China, more than **20** Chinese celebrities joined our #CaringWithEmpathy campaign reaching more than **7** million people through social media.

'By working directly with Asia's zoos, we can help give better lives to the animals in their care and increase the public's awareness of animal sentience.'

Lisa Yang, Animal Welfare Manager



When superstar **Karen Mok** found she couldn't attend our Gala Charity Dinner in Hong Kong because she'd be performing in Chengdu, she gave a whopping donation instead. Then our wonderful guests at the gala matched Karen's donation in a special pledge session. Thank you Karen and all you kind and generous people who contributed to making this event such a success for the animals.

How you're ending tourism terror

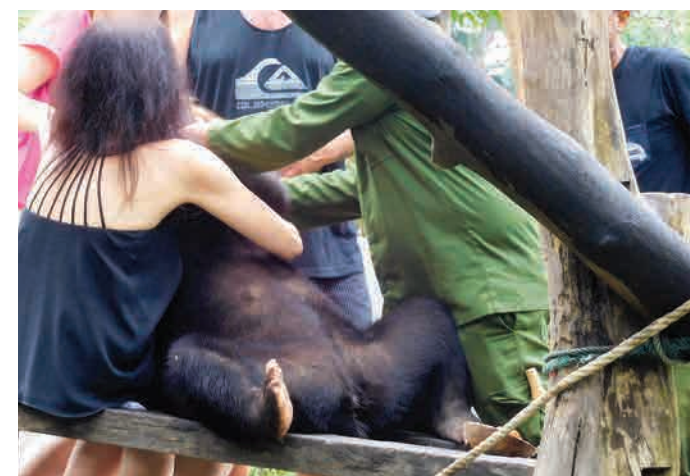
Cruelty is starting to come off the menu of the world's biggest travel site. All because of your support.

TripAdvisor has dropped a cruel restaurant that cuts the hearts from living king cobras for visitors to gulp down with rice wine shots.

The website stopped selling tickets to Le Mat Snake Village near Hanoi in response to our campaign...

Other wild animals too felt your kindness... elephants forced to carry passengers at Bali Elephant Camp, sun bears used as photo props at True Bali Experience, and orangutans made to box each other at Safari World in Thailand can expect fewer customers after TripAdvisor stopped promoting them (with a Certificate of Excellence!).

But the site continues to list other shows and restaurants offering similar cruelty. And that's why you're so special to these animals... and why we're so thankful for your support. This could be a long campaign, but **together, we will end this cruelty.**



Sleep-deprived and frightened, sun bears are forced to work long hours as props for tourists' selfies.



Still alive, beautiful snakes feel extreme pain and terror as their hearts are cut out for tourists' exotic drinks.



Animals used in 'entertainment' are typically kept in dismal cells or chained when not performing.

Tourists are often unaware of the appalling abuse and neglect behind many travel experiences. But thanks to very special people like you, we're getting the message out... and change is finally coming for these magnificent animals.

Your voice matters

Enormous thanks to all of you who signed our petitions last year... by adding your voice, you helped hundreds of wild animals. And for the animals still caught up in shocking abuse, you're now their only hope. If you haven't yet signed our three petitions below, please do... your voice really does matter.

Sign up to end wild animal shows. In recent years, five facilities in Vietnam have ended their shows. Please urge the government to ban these cruel performances completely. animalsasia.org/performinganimals

Tell TripAdvisor there's nothing 'excellent' about animal cruelty. While TripAdvisor has removed some wild animal attractions, they still tout for other cruel facilities. And they still let trip providers promote cruelty on their profile pages. animalsasia.org/tripadvisor

Urge Vietnam to outlaw cruelty to animals. Vietnam passed its first animal welfare legislation, the Animal Health Law, in 2016. But there's no provision to punish those who hurt animals. animalsasia.org/crueltypetition



Big bear hugs of thanks to artist **Yeung Chi Ho** of Hong Kong. Known to all as Uncle Ho, he spends much of his retirement creating beautiful traditional paintings to sell for the bears. Along with his niece, calligrapher Sandra Pang, he holds stalls in all weather throughout the year to raise funds and awareness of our work.

Dogs and cats not the answer

Vietnam's circuses say they will phase out the use of wild animals in performances.

But their plan to switch to domestic animals raises serious concerns. The Director of the Vietnam Circus Federation, Ta Duy Anh, made the announcement following the 2018 release of our damning report on wild animal shows in the country. But he gave no timeframe for the move.

Our report revealed 19 species were being forced to perform unnatural acts. Six of these were protected under Vietnamese law and their sale or exploitation for commercial purposes banned. A shocking 100% of the 16 facilities investigated failed to meet the animals' basic needs, with hundreds of animals being kept in isolation in tiny cages or chained up for long periods.

‘Of course we’d welcome the end of wild animals in circuses, but switching to dogs and cats is not the answer. The same concerns remain – how they’re housed, the methods used to train them and the tricks they have to perform.’

Dave Neale, Animal Welfare Director



Dogs and cats forced to perform often live in squalid cages or are chained throughout the day.

Our grateful thanks to accessories company **Meraki** for raising much-needed funds for Animals Asia. To promote World Elephant Day on August 12, Meraki offered vegan cork wallets and bags decorated with beautiful hand-painted elephant designs – and 70% of profits went to our work.

Your support allowed our vet team to train

50 over vets in Vietnamese zoos helping them to care for their animals more humanely.

Three macaques rescued from private owners now live in the care of our partners at Yok Don National Park. It's because of you that these three lonely animals now have companionship and get the care they need to live happy lives.



Our campaign to end the shocking Do Son Buffalo Fighting Festival in Vietnam continues, with your kind support. We persuaded the government to stop funding the 'festival'... but now it has private sponsorship. Before the fight, trainers sharpen their buffalo's horns to inflict maximum pain and suffering. They bang gongs in their buffaloes' ears, causing disorientation and stress, and making them enraged. And after the contest, the buffaloes are led out of the arena, maimed and bleeding, only to be killed so their meat can be sold. But you have our word... we won't stop fighting until there's a total ban on such cruelty.

Four heart-breaking reasons...

... your kindness means so much to animals forced to be props in tourists' selfies...

- 1 Baby animals are snatched from the wild... because cute baby animals make better selfies.
- 2 They're often kept in small, dark spaces... chained or beaten.
- 3 Many are mutilated so they're safer for humans. Declawed, defanged... stripped of power.
- 4 They're frightened and humiliated... and often desperate for sleep.

Monkey show finally closed

A cruel macaque circus – shockingly sanctioned by UNESCO – has finally been forced to shut down. All because of your support.

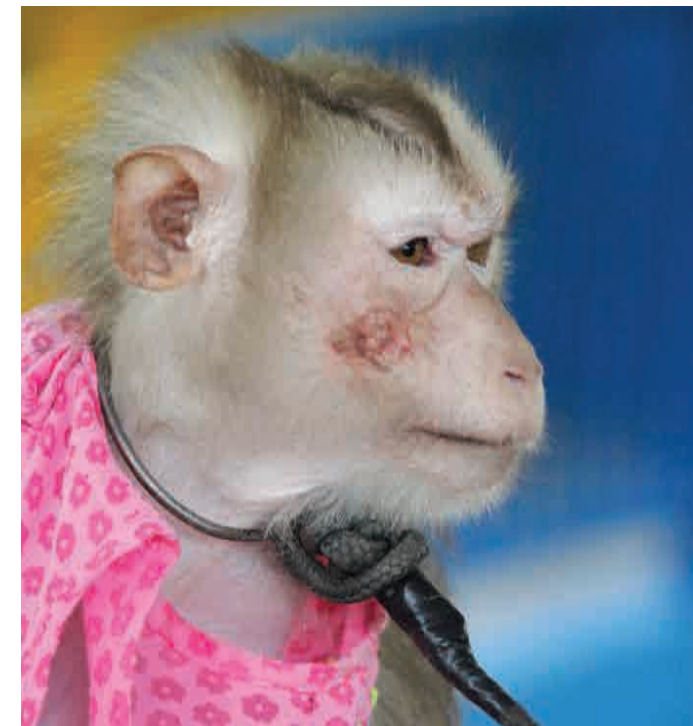
Over 40,000 people signed our petition to force the UN body to honour its promise to close the circus at Can Gio Biosphere Reserve in Vietnam. When we wrote to UNESCO in 2016, they replied that the circus was 'a violation of bio-ethics and eco-ethics', and 'should be completely shut down.'

But it took another 18 months and nearly 43,000 signatures for the shows to finally end. Blindfolded macaques were forced to ride bicycles and cowered in fear from the ringmaster's whip during performances.

‘Animal performance is at a crossroads in Vietnam. It could die out as the country develops and people seek modern, cruelty-free entertainment – or it could expand and become entrenched. Our aim is make it unacceptable, to push it to the absolute margins.’

Animal Welfare Director
Dave Neale

200 At least macaques are forced to perform at more than 10 entertainment parks, zoos and tourist attractions in Vietnam.



While the closure of the circus is a win for animal welfare, sadly for the individual macaques, like this frightened little female, the horror will probably continue. Their owner runs similar shows featuring macaques in tourist hotspot Nha Trang. But with your help, we'll keep fighting until this awful industry is brought to its knees.

‘When nobody is watching, the show stops. Sadly, a great many people behave irresponsibly when on holiday, and that's having enormous repercussions on the wildlife of countries like Vietnam.’

Nguyen Tam Thanh, Animal Welfare Officer

Our staff worked with zookeepers in Beijing and Taiyuan to improve the care of its chimpanzees, including infants.

Two more cruel tourist sites dumped

Lonely Planet has stopped selling tours to Orchid and Monkey Island in opposition to their cruel animal performances.

In response to our request, the leading travel guide publisher pulled sales of tours to the Vietnamese islands from their site.

At Orchid Island and Monkey Island at Nha Trang macaques are strapped to dogs and forced to race, ostriches are ridden by day-trippers, and moon bears are muzzled in cruel circus performances.



A fun day out at Orchid Island is no fun for the animals. Every day is filled with terror and humiliation.



Monkey Island is no better. But thanks to your support, the pressure is now on these two sites to end their shows.

No more rides

Four beautiful elephants are no longer chained up waiting to give rides to tourists.

Instead they roam free in the forest. And tourists can watch them in their natural state, rather than riding on their backs.

Our ground-breaking ethical elephant tours in Vietnam's Yok Don National Park started in 2018. And already they're a hit.

“This project has entirely changed the lives of the elephants at the park and it's also a much better experience for the tourists. Exploitation has been replaced with respect.”

Dionne Slagter, Animal Welfare Manager

Two of the three females, Bun Kham and Y'Khun have formed a close bond, and H'Non – in her sixties – dotes on Thong Ngan, a bull in his twenties.

Thanks to funding from **Olsen Animal Trust**, Animals Asia has rented the elephants on a five-year lease. Previously, they worked nine hours a day, and while chained had no access to water, were unable to touch each other, take mud baths, or forage as they would in the wild. Now, they can.



Bun Kham and Y'Khun love spending time together touching each other's trunks and faces – something they couldn't do while chained.

Over **70** elephants live in captivity across Vietnam, mostly providing rides for tourists.

Following our elephant management training workshop, **14** Chinese zoos and safari parks have developed behaviour management and foot care training programmes which will lead to improved welfare for their elephants.

You're their last chance

Thanks to your kind support in 2018, we continued our work to **help Vietnam save its last wild elephants**. We're providing welfare and management advice to the Dak Lak Elephant Conservation Centre in central Vietnam.

Alarmed that wild elephants were facing extinction, the government set up the centre as a breeding facility and hopes to reintroduce elephants to the wild in the future. It's also a sanctuary for rescued elephants.

Currently, while it's still under construction, there are only two residents. You might remember little Gold, who was rescued after falling down a well, and his friend Jun, who was injured in a hunter's snare.



We're hoping other elephant owners will see it's possible to earn a living while putting the welfare of their animals first.

Elephants used for tourist rides typically undergo a process known as 'the crush' during which they're confined and beaten into submission with bull-hooks.

Vietnam's wild population of Asian elephants is estimated at under **100**, a figure conservationists say will not ensure their survival.

2018 financial overview

Your kindness and generosity made 2018 an outstanding year for the animals. From the mighty rescued bears at our sanctuaries to the tiny puppies and kittens saved from abuse, each one of these precious animals is alive and thriving because of your support.

Together we raised over US\$12.2 million in 2018. And every gift you sent touched the lives of Asia's most abused animals. Thank you sincerely for each and every donation.

Global income **\$12.207m** (all amounts in US\$)

Programme expenditure

End Bear Bile Farming



Cat and Dog Welfare



Captive Animal Welfare



Public Education*



Capital expenditure
\$159,988

Equipment
15%

Construction
45%

Sanctuary refurbishment
40%

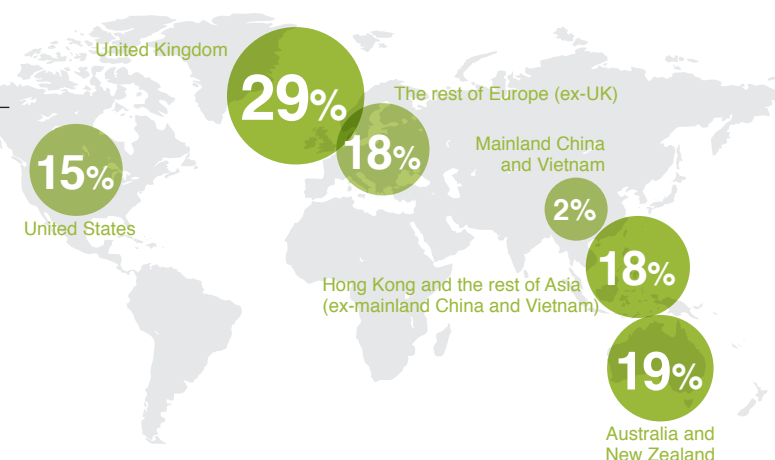
Running costs
\$11.039m

Programmes
\$7.337m

Income generation
\$3.051m

Administration and governance
\$651,000

Source by region



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

Animals Asia’s Supporter Awards 2018

Recognising those individuals and organisations who’ve made an outstanding contribution to the animals most in need of help.

And remembering four of these special animals – rescued bile bears Andrew, Jasper, Oliver and Rupert – whose bravery, dignity and big, forgiving hearts still guide our vision today.

Andrew Award

For exceptional innovation in fundraising and/or advocacy

Colleen Burns (Canada) for leading the wonderful Southwestern Ontario Support Group over the past 10 years. Colleen threw her heart and soul into the cause, joining in events, setting up spectacular booths showcasing our work, and selling her own beautiful beach glass jewellery. Thank you Colleen, for every dollar raised and every mind changed.

Giuliana Corea (Italy) for changing the hearts and minds of thousands of schoolchildren. Giuliana visits schools in Rome, inspiring children to love and respect animals for life. Through her efforts, many of these children are now raising funds for Animals Asia. A long- term supporter, Guiliana has donated the sales from her books to us for years. Guiliana, thank you for it all.

Sarah Dawson (UK) for helping us host our fabulous BearBQ fundraiser in 2018. This event simply couldn’t have taken place without Sarah’s hard work, creativity and incredible organisational skills. Sarah also heads up our brilliant and hardworking Mid Kent Support Group. Sarah, you’re a star.

Josef (Sepp) Häusl and Monika Haunerding (Germany) who helped with the amazing ‘Art & Moonlight’ exhibition in August to raise funds for the animals. This spectacular show featured Sepp’s hauntingly beautiful depictions of the bears. Monika and Sepp helped organise every last detail of the event, from the venue to the flyers, even providing wine for the opening night. And it was a truly magical event. Bear hugs of gratitude, Monika and Sepp.

Hoang Pham (Australia) for raising some serious honey money for the bears with his acclaimed Concerto Concert series with Australia’s Heidelberg Symphony Orchestra. Thank you Hoang. You’re an absolute star.

Susan Sum (Hong Kong) for her generous support for our Animals Asia’s 2nd Charity Golf Day in 2018. Susan is one of our very special long-term supporters, whose dedication over the years has brought in new supporters and much-needed funds. Susan also hosts a charity booth for us at the annual Lam Tsuen Wishing-Well Festival. Susan, thank you for all that you do.



Handsome Andrew was the very first bear we rescued from a bile farm. This gentle three-legged bear became a father figure to the younger bears at the sanctuary, often breaking up squabbles among the hot-heads in his group.

Jasper Award

For raising the most funds for the animals

Animal Trust (Switzerland)

Bullis Charter School (US)

Salviamo gli Orsi della Luna (Italy)

Kat Savage (UK)

Shane Ward (Australia)



Jasper, with his golden eyebrows and movie star good looks, was a much-loved character at our sanctuary, and a favourite uncle to the younger bears. He had an adorably mischievous side too.

Rupert Award

For raising the most funds for the animals in 2018

Gold: **Peace Fur Paws** (US)
Gruppo di Supporto Romagna (Italy)
Group de Soutien France (France)
Surrey and Hampshire Borders Support Group (UK)
West Australian Support Group (Australia)

Silver: **Animalia Bear Group** (Finland)
Faith Wilson Group (US)
‘The Sleuth’ aka Victoria Support Group (Australia)
Portsmouth and Fareham Support Group (UK)
Gruppo di Supporto Roma (Italy)

Bronze: **Skyler Hawley** (US)
Worcestershire Support Group (UK)
Gruppo di Supporto Genova (Italy)
Salo Moonbear Group (Finland)



Adorable Rupert, brain-damaged from years on a bile farm, took time to process his thoughts. He lived with Franzi whose growth had been stunted by the smallest bear cage we’d ever seen. Franzi doted on gentle Rupert twice her size. And Rupert adored his bossy little friend.

Oliver Award

For exceptional fundraising and advocacy

Animal Protection Network
Sweden (Sweden)

Rosina Arquati* (Hong Kong)

Brian Bicknell (UK)

Lorenza Cangiano (UK)

Brian Daly, The Proverbials
(Australia)

Kelly Donithan (US)

Denise Kirchen-Lorang
(Luxembourg)

Vijay Kritzinger (UK)

Elena Lucchini (Italy)

Miomojo (Italy)

Jan Murphy (US)

Sue Pollock (US)

Sally Rodd (Australia)

John Sharp (Australia)

Jane von Sponeck
(Germany)



Our brave Oliver survived 30 years in a bile cage with a brutal metal jacket bound tightly around his torso. But still this beautiful, broken bear wanted to live. He savoured every moment of his four years of sanctuary.

Certificate of Appreciation

For outstanding support

Belgium: Louise and Bruno Cassiers

Germany: Anja Assanoh, Karin Baierl, Inga Bening, Hartmut Berger, Martina Börstling, Michaela Cosenza, Ingeborg Heining, Elizabeth Heller, Silvia Hertwig, Waltraud Kloiber, Gabriele Koopman, Peter von Lackum, Dörte Schiewe, Patrick Schulze, Anja Wanka

Italy: Daniela Bellon, Giuseppina Guicciardi

Lichtenstein: Barbara Konrad-Iten

Luxembourg: Fabienne Schank, Brigitte Schreiber-Farber, Irene Wirtz

Switzerland: VZUT

UK: Emma Baker, Charlie Goodger, Toby Goodger, Emma Leighton-Jones and Morwenna Spear, Vanessa Platt, Cassius Wortmann

US: Peter and Carol Tracey, West Michigan Support Group

*Sadly Rosina passed away in 2018. An animal communicator and a passionate supporter with a big, big heart, Rosina is greatly missed. Rest in peace, dear friend, and thank you for all you did for the animals.