



THE RESCUER

Dedicated to the rescue
and rehabilitation of
suffering animals



ANIMAL HEROES

I'm frequently asked how I cope with working in animal welfare and being confronted on a daily basis with shocking cases of cruelty and neglect. And it's true that many's the time I have despaired at the human ignorance, greed and callousness that causes so much animal suffering.

Nevertheless, thankfully in my role as Chief Executive of International Animal Rescue, I also encounter much of what is best about human nature and not only what is worst.

I'm privileged to know and work with men and women whose lives are dedicated to making the world a better place for animals: people who are driven not by the desire for money or glory but by the belief that animals deserve to be treated with kindness, compassion and respect.

I encounter these animal heroes all the time, both within International Animal Rescue and beyond it. They are inspirational people doing whatever they can to help animals, not because they have to but because they want to.

They include local villagers in Borneo who trek through the rainforest each day to watch over orangutans that have been released back into the wild. They include individuals who take annual leave from their jobs to volunteer at our rescue centres.

And they include people like you who make our work possible by donating or fundraising for us and telling the world about our work.

These people give me hope for the animals' future. And thanks to you and your support I know that, when we are next confronted with a shocking case of cruelty or neglect, we will be ready to help.

Thank you all.



Alan Knight OBE, Chief Executive



Front cover: Rescued bear Suri enjoying his freedom.





COMING SOON ON THE BBC!

An exciting new documentary about our orangutan conservation project in West Borneo is scheduled to air on the BBC in spring 2018. The programme will be part of BBC 2's Natural World strand and Heribertus Suciadi, IAR's 'cameraman in Ketapang', is assisting with the filming for it. We hope the final documentary will be both entertaining and informative, raising awareness among viewers of the threats facing the Bornean orangutan and IAR's vital work to save the species from extinction.



AND THE WINNER IS ...

At the end of 2016 we were surprised and delighted when International Animal Rescue won Charity of the Year at the JustGiving awards. Having been one of three finalists, along with The Motor Neurone Disease Association and Reverse Rett, it was an unexpected honour to be named as the winner, thanks to the many supporters who voted for us.



SAVING THE LIVES OF CRITICALLY ENDANGERED ORANGUTANS

In 2009 International Animal Rescue established the first rescue centre for orangutans in West Kalimantan (Indonesian Borneo.) Since then we have rescued more than 160 orangutans, bringing many into our centre for rehabilitation and relocating others into protected forest.

It's not too late for orangutans.

In July 2016, we learnt the devastating news that the Bornean orangutan had been reclassified from Endangered to Critically Endangered by the International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN) – a stark warning of the increasing threats to the population's survival. The change indicates that the species is now considered to be facing an extremely high risk of extinction.

The assessment found that hunting and habitat destruction are the main causes of the serious decline in population.

However, we certainly don't think this is the end for the orangutan. We will continue our efforts to preserve and protect them with dedication, determination and hope for their future.



TIME TO GO HOME FOR JOHNNY AND DESI

The future is looking particularly bright for two orangutans who spent more than four years in rehabilitation at our centre in Ketapang before being released back into the wild. Eight year old male Johnny and ten year old female Desi had both been kept as pets before they were rescued and brought into IAR's centre for rehabilitation.

After a period in quarantine, the orangutans first attended forest school where they spent their days climbing, foraging and building nests to sleep in at night. Then eventually, after years spent perfecting these basic survival skills, they were moved to the centre's pre-release island. After observation of the pair's behaviour, the monitoring team were happy to confirm that, in spite of spending their early years confined to a cage, Johnny and Desi were now able to fend for themselves and ready to go back to the wild.

The journey to the release site took more than two days to complete by road, boat and then finally on foot deep into the forest of Bukit Baka Bukit Raya National Park in Melawi, West Kalimantan. At the end of that incredible journey, once the doors to their transport crates were opened, both orangutans immediately climbed high into the trees and began to forage – back home at last!

Johnny





GITO GOES FROM STRENGTH TO STRENGTH

When our rescue team found Gito they feared he was already dead. The baby orangutan was lying corpse-like with his arms folded across his chest. With barely any hair and grey flaking skin, Gito looked mummified in his cardboard coffin. It was one of the worst cases of neglect our team had ever seen.

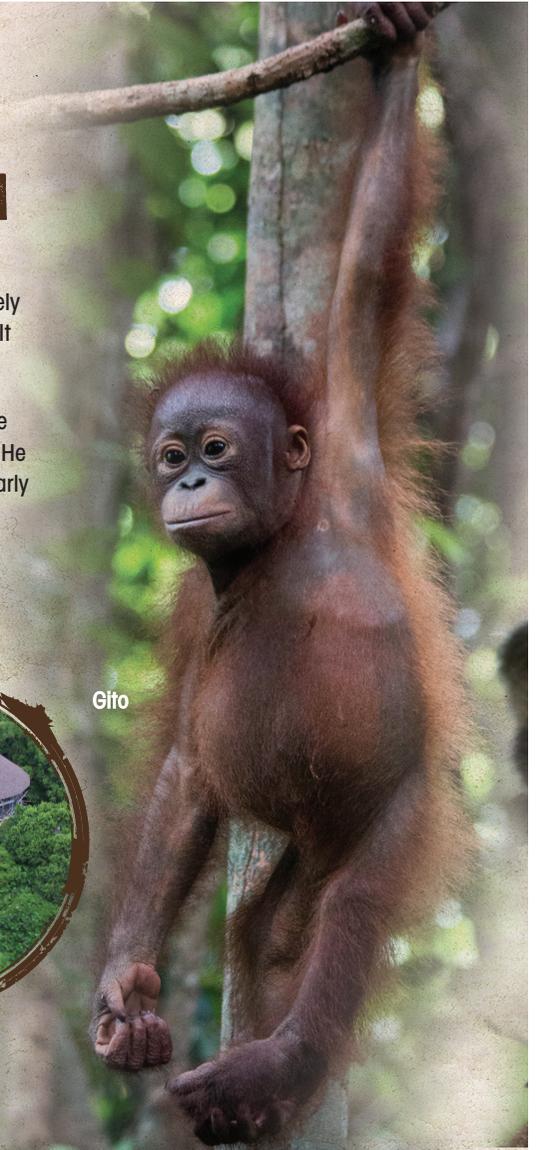
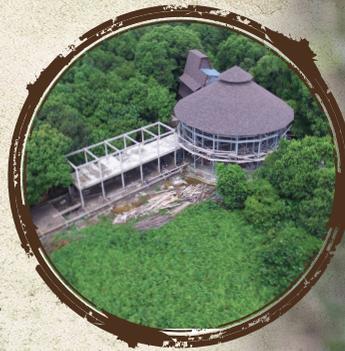
However, thanks to the vets and babysitters who care for him, since his rescue Gito has made a remarkable recovery and is progressing well in baby school. He loves spending time high in the trees with the other orphaned babies, particularly Asoka and Kandi.

This is the incredible power of your donations. Thank you for helping us give Gito and his friends a second chance in life.

IT'S ALL ABOUT EDUCATION

The fate of the orangutan rests in our hands. The species will only survive if human beings can learn to value and protect it.

We are so excited about the near completion of our new education centre on the site of our orangutan centre. We can't wait to start making use of this fantastic facility to teach people about Indonesian wildlife in general and the desperate plight of the orangutan in particular.



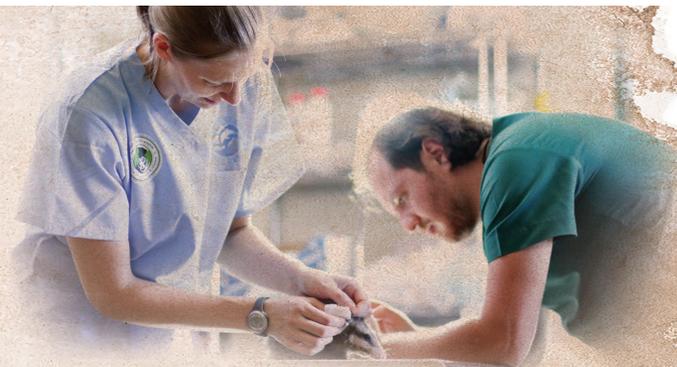
Gito

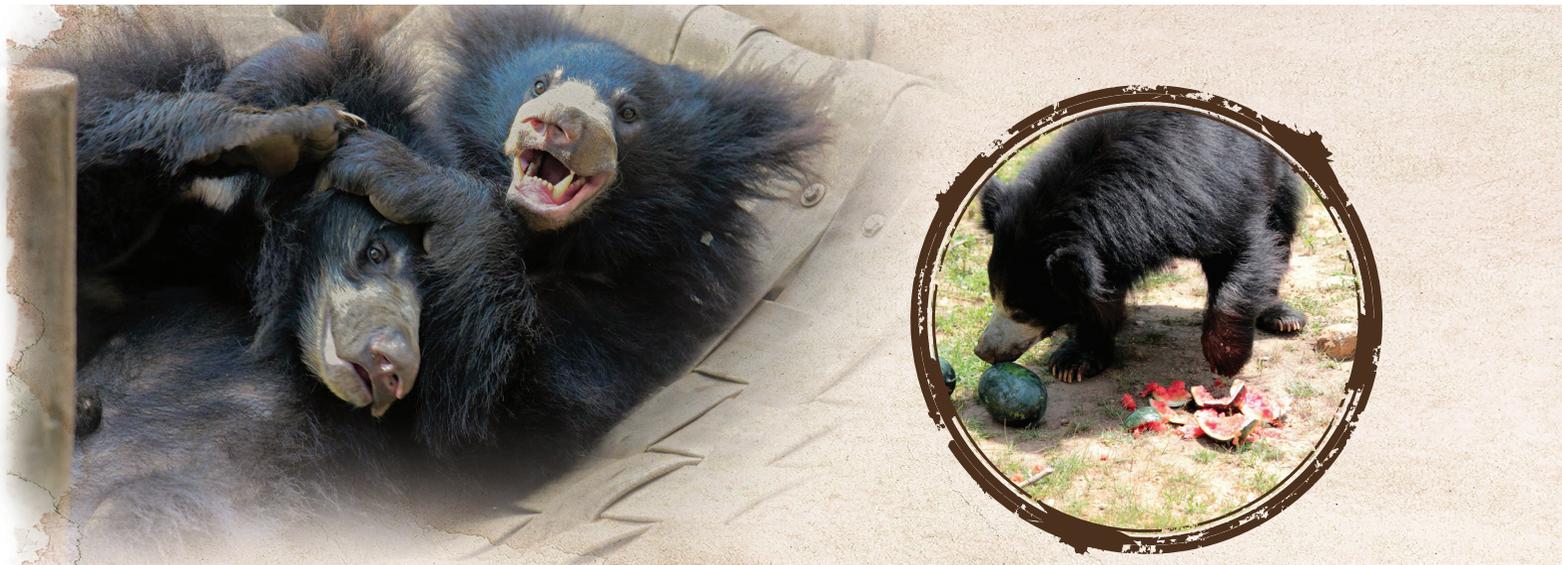


HELPING HOWLER MONKEYS

We announced our commitment to helping howler monkeys in January 2017. We're thrilled to be supporting the work of Nosara's Refuge for Wildlife in Costa Rica. The centre takes in all kinds of wildlife but many of its patients are very young orphaned howler monkeys whose mothers have been electrocuted on uninsulated wires or power transformers. The babies are often badly burnt and traumatised by the death of their mothers. They are given round the clock treatment and care in the Refuge's clinic to help them pull through. They then undergo lengthy rehabilitation and socialisation before being returned to their home in the forest.

IAR vet Christine Nelson spent nearly four years treating and caring for orangutans at our centre in West Borneo. Then in March 2017 she temporarily joined the veterinary team at the Refuge to assist with treatments and surgeries on the howler monkeys and other injured wildlife.





PROVIDING LIFELONG CARE FOR RESCUED BEARS IN INDIA

IAR's involvement in the dancing bear rescue project began in 2002. Indian charity Wildlife SOS sought our help rescuing and caring for all the hundreds of captive bears being forced to perform on the streets of India. It was an ambitious goal but we were eager to help bring an end to the bears' suffering.

Thanks to generous funding from our supporters, in 2009 we made history when we rescued the last dancing bear off the streets. Nowadays, in 2017, the 300 remaining bears have a permanent home in sanctuaries throughout India. Here they enjoy a peaceful, pain-free retirement in an environment designed to be as close to their natural habitat as possible. Teams of resident vets and keepers work hard to keep the bears happy and healthy. They provide them with a tasty, nutritious diet, as well as regular environmental enrichment. This includes the scatter-feeding of melons, coconuts and other fruits and hollow logs filled with honey.



KUBER BEAR MAKES A REMARKABLE RECOVERY

One of our rescued bears was given VIP treatment after being diagnosed with a life-threatening illness.

The five year old bear, known as Kuber, was rescued from poachers when he was still a small cub and now lives with more than 100 other rescued bears at the Bannerghatta Bear Rescue Centre (BBRC.)

A scan and other tests carried out in March 2016 confirmed that the young bear had suffered a very rare health condition leading to a haemorrhage in the left cerebral hemisphere of his brain. This caused a lack of coordination in the right side of his body and also affected his sense of smell and the vision in his right eye. Kuber received regular veterinary treatment and physiotherapy for his condition and was kept under close observation by the medical team.

Finally, after months of intensive treatment, the improvement in Kuber's condition was confirmed by MRI (Magnetic Resonance Imaging) and CT (Computed Tomography) scans carried out at the Santosh Diagnostic Centre in Bangalore, about two hours' drive away from the rescue centre.

It is a joy to see Kuber back to his old self, playing on the climbing frame and digging for termites in his enclosure. We love every one of the rescued bears in our care but Kuber's quiet determination to get back on his feet has won him a very special place in our hearts!

Kuber





TACKLING THE TRADE IN SLOW LORISES

Our primate centre in Bogor, West Java carries out the treatment and rehabilitation of rescued slow lorises and macaque monkeys. It is the only slow loris rehabilitation centre in Indonesia and the largest facility of its kind in the world. Its team assists the local forestry department and the police in tracking down illegal traders in slow lorises and caring for animals that are confiscated.

Slow lorises are in high demand as pets in South East Asia and, thanks to internet videos, also in other parts of the world. This is taking a heavy toll on wild populations. The lorises are caught from the wild and transported long distances, hidden in large numbers in small, airless crates. This causes them terrible stress and many die before they reach the markets. Those that are sold on to traders then suffer the agony of having their canine teeth cut out with nail clippers which often causes serious infections, leading to the death of many more through starvation or septicaemia.

During 2016, thanks to our team's community awareness activities, collaboration with the police and their undercover investigations which led to a number of successful prosecutions, there was a reduction in the number of lorises on display in the markets in Jakarta. However, at the same time there was a noticeable increase in the number being sold via social media. With our support, the authorities are actively cracking down on these networks. They carried out several loris confiscations during 2016 and 2017 and arrested a number of illegal traders.





BACK TO THE WILD!

Slow lorises that are considered suitable candidates for release must undergo a lengthy rehabilitation process before they are returned to the wild. They are monitored and assessed for months, even years, to ensure they possess the skills and the natural behaviour to survive in the forest. Then, when the time comes and they have been taken deep into the forest for release, they are first put into a habituation cage for a few days to help them adapt to their new surroundings. They are fitted with radio collars and monitored by the team post-release for up to a year to ensure they are thriving.

MALABAR BECOMES A MOTHER

Malabar, a Critically Endangered Javan slow loris, was kept illegally as a pet until she was confiscated by the Nature Conservation Agency (BKSDA) in West Java in 2013 and taken to our rehabilitation centre.

In January 2016, after comprehensive rehabilitation, Malabar was released into the forest of Mount Sawal. She was fitted with a radio collar and post-release monitoring was carried out every night for six months.

Finally the time came for Malabar's collar to be removed. Monitoring had shown that she had adapted well to the wild, was finding plenty of food and, since being released she had mated with a wild loris and given birth to a baby.

On 3 September 2016 the team found Malabar in a kaliandra tree with her baby clinging to her. Our vet checked their condition and confirmed that both were doing well. Malabar's collar was removed and the team bid them a fond farewell.



MACAQUES

Macaques are one of the most traded primate species in Indonesian pet markets. However, unlike the slow loris, which is listed as endangered and supposedly protected by national and international laws, there is no legislation to protect macaques from exploitation and abuse.

Our primate rehabilitation centre in West Java cares for two species of macaque monkey – long-tailed and pig-tailed macaques.

Thousands are caught from the wild and exported to overseas laboratories for research, kept in chains or cramped cages as pets or brutally trained to perform for tourists on the streets and even eaten as a delicacy.



CARING FOR INDIE

When our team rescued a long-tailed female macaque that had been dumped not far from our centre, they were shocked by the state she was in. The poor creature, now named Indie, was clearly an abandoned pet. She had no fear of people and possessed none of the behaviours of a wild monkey. When the team arrived she was being attacked by a group of wild monkeys and was deeply traumatised. Only time will tell whether Indie can be successfully rehabilitated and returned to the forest but, in the meantime, at least she is in safe hands now and making a good recovery.



Indie

SAVING STARVING HUSKIES

In April 2017 we received reports of abandoned dogs being kept in cages not far from our centre in Indonesia. Shockingly, our rescue team found three huskies and a little native dog, all living locked up in their own mess without food or water, with nowhere dry and comfortable to sleep.



The state of these dogs was truly atrocious. The rescue team immediately set to work treating and caring for them. As well as being emaciated and seriously dehydrated, the dogs were infested with lice and suffering from ear and skin infections. Incredibly, in spite of the terrible neglect they had suffered, all the dogs were gentle and sweet-natured. They allowed the rescuers to bathe them – and eventually even to clip off all their fur to rid them of lice infestation. It must have been such a relief to be rid of all those parasites!

Within a few weeks, the dogs had put on weight and were looking much happier and brighter. And they have all now found loving homes!



CATASTROPHES CATS ARE PURRFECT PATIENTS

Thanks to support from International Animal Rescue, Catastrophes continues to provide a loving home for unwanted cats in the UK. Recently a number of its residents were featured in episodes of the popular Channel 4 series "Vet on the Hill." The programme centres around the busy veterinary practice of Dr Scott Miller – a patron and staunch supporter of IAR's work.

Among the Catastrophes cats who featured in the programme was a poorly one-eyed cat called Josephina. This sweet girl was born with an eye problem. So when the socket became infected, all at Catastrophes agreed with Scott that the best course of action was to remove her eye to make her more comfortable. The operation went ahead without complication and Josephina was soon back up on her paws, back home and out enjoying the sunshine in the Catastrophes garden once more. Huge thanks to Scott and his team for their expert treatment and care of Josephina and her friends.



MEET OUR FUNDRAISING STARS!

We are so moved by the amazing (and brave) things that our supporters do to raise funds for our life-saving work. From marathons to bake sales, our dedicated fundraising stars are making a huge difference for animals around the world.



On 9 April 2017 two of our brave supporters took on the Brighton marathon. Paige and Jack successfully ran 26 miles and together raised more than £2000. It was a scorching hot day but they didn't give up! We are incredibly inspired by their determination.



Patty hosted a live music charity fundraiser and raised over £600! This is enough to provide a full health screening for a rescued orangutan.



Deborah has been organising fundraising events for us for many years. To date she has raised an amazing £2984 through a variety of tea parties, raffles, quizzes and stalls!

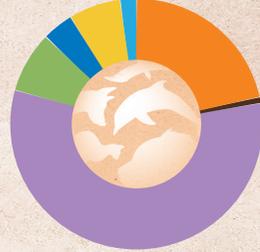
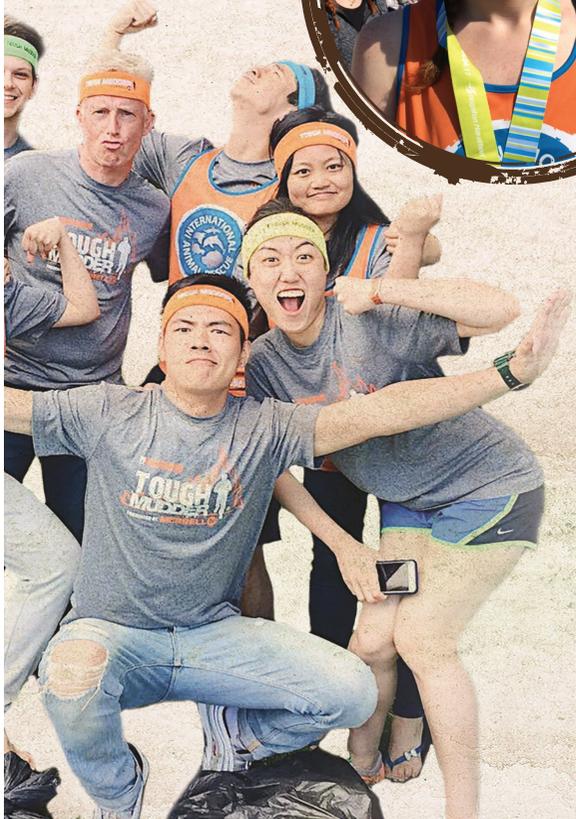


Jiani and her friends took part in the 'Tough Mudder' run and together raised an amazing £780. Thank you team 'Wok n Roll'!

If you're interested in organising a fundraiser for us, we would love to hear from you! You can email us at fundraising@internationalanimalrescue.org or call us on **01825 767688**.

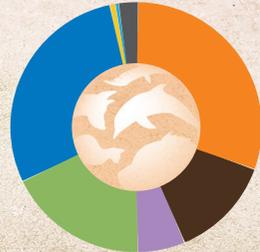


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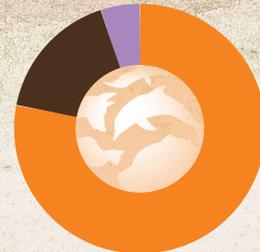
CAMPAIGN EXPENSES £1,638,000

- Indian Dancing Bears
- Goa Community Animal Rescue & Clinic
- Primate Rescue and Rehabilitation
- Cat Rescue
- Other projects
- Education
- Travel and accommodation



INCOME £2,990,000

- Individual Donations
- Regular Gifts from Individuals
- Gift aid
- Trusts and foundations
- Legacies
- Merchandise
- Fundraising events
- Investment income



TOTAL EXPENDITURE £2,303,000

- Campaign and animal rescue projects
- Fundraising
- Governance, development and administration





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