

Lanta Animal Welfare's mission is to end the suffering of street cats and dogs in south west Thailand, and beyond.

Founded in 2005 by Junie Kovacs, we at Lanta Animal Welfare believe passionately that we all have a responsibility to protect the animals around us.

We strive to raise awareness of the hardship of homeless, sick, and injured animals, the benefits of adopting an animal in need, and our mission to end the homeless animal crisis.

Since its inception almost 20 years ago, Lanta Animal Welfare has made enormous strides in controlling the population of stray cats and dogs in Koh Lanta and the surrounding areas.

Incredibly, there are more than 480 million stray cats in the world, and approximately 200 million stray dogs.

Of every dog born in the world each year, only one in 10 will ever have a proper home. The other 90% will spend their entire lives on the streets, fighting for food, fighting for shelter, fighting for survival.

The only humane way to control the population of street cats and dogs is sterilisation – and that is Lanta Animal Welfare's main focus.

We sterilise approximately 4,500 cats and dogs each year, both on-site at our veterinary centre in Koh Lanta and also during our mobile clinics on the mainland and on neighbouring islands.

Every animal that is sterilised also receives a free rabies vaccination, ensuring that Koh Lanta has been completely rabies free for more than 20 years.

As well as our extensive sterilisation programme, we also treat and care for sick, injured and abandoned dogs and cats. We usually have between 100-120 animals in our care.

Once the animals regain full health and fitness, they are made available for adoption as part of our re-homing programme.

On average, Lanta Animals Welfare successfully re-homes 130 cats and dogs each year, with adoptions taking place locally and internationally.

Lanta Animal Welfare is a not for profit organisation that receives no government funding of any kind. All of our funds come from the generosity of visitors and donors.