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# Animal Mama Veterinary Hospital & Pet Wellness Center

## Veterinary Internship Programme

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# 1. OUR STORY



Animal-Mama is a non-profit Veterinary Clinic and Pet Wellness Centre that aims to provide unique, holistic, healthy, affordable, and personalized pet services, products, and healthcare to pet owners in Cambodia.

Our fully equipped & operational Veterinary Clinic offers general surgery, orthopaedic surgery, spay & neuter surgery, vaccinations, microchips; diagnosis & treatment; international pet travel & export permits; pet taxi; grooming; pet hotel; homemade pet food & treats and much more.

## SOCIAL ENTERPRISE

As a social enterprise, the profits are used to help street animals who are in dire situations because of sickness and injury; help with free treatment and vaccination of animals for the poor communities; provide highly discounted and/or free services to other animal shelters and animal rescue agencies in Cambodia. We also proactively engaged in a country-wide education about animal welfare to the public and many of our community projects focus on Spay/Neuter Programs, Street Rescues & Adoptions, and Long-Term Special Needs Care.





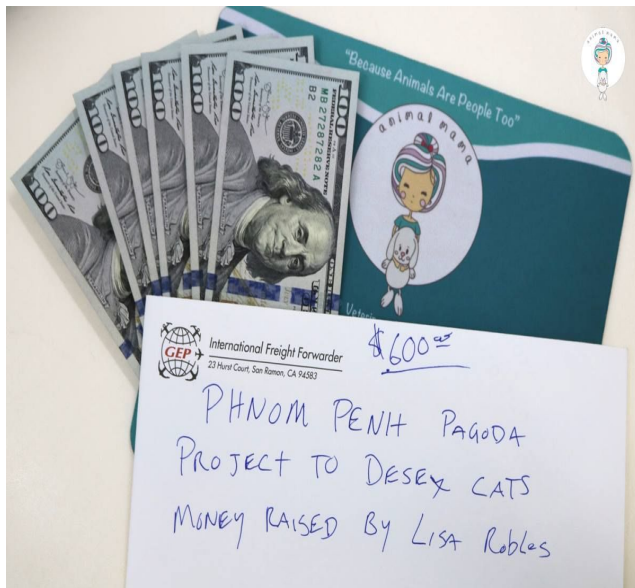
In addition, since the opening of Animal-Mama, we have made it possible for free anti-rabies vaccinations of street animals and we proactively celebrate World Rabies Day together with Global Alliance for Rabies Control. In Cambodia, approximately 800 people die of rabies every year, and these are the cases that are officially reported. Unreported cases can make this figure much higher.

Almost all cases from a dog infected with the rabies virus are fatal. Rabies has the highest mortality rate of all diseases and more than 40% of those affected are children. Reporting of these cases is extremely poor, as rabies has its greatest impact on the most underserved populations, in rural areas or the communities that have no access to medical and veterinary services.

We take part in World Rabies Day and offer FREE Rabies Vaccinations for pet owners. We also go out into the community to administer FREE vaccines to the local residents' pets. We take a science-led approach, focusing on the collaboration between animal and human health organisations which is essential to the success of our actions and activities. Our Rabies Eradication Program is run alongside our Pagoda Spay/Neuter Program where we Desex, Vaccinate, Treat, and Microchip every animal. [Global Alliance for Rabies Control](#)



## NOT AN NGO



Given that we are NOT a donation based NPO, we do not spend any resources on fundraising and do not actively seek or depend on any regular outside funding. As such we have only our own resources to help all the street and pagoda animals who need it. We are also NOT a publicly funded animal shelter, and with our current space and funds capacity we can only take in a small number of animals at any one time.

Although, we would love to help every animal, we have our limitations and have to focus our resources on the very worst cases who need our help the most

## JOIN THE MOVEMENT

There is only so much we can do on our own, so we are encouraging participation, donations, and sponsorships from individuals and organisations who want to get involved and help the animals in Cambodia.

If you find an animal who needs help, then as a veterinary clinic we can, of course, provide this help, but we just can't afford to absorb the costs for everything ourselves for every animal. If you find an animal in need and want to help them, we encourage people to take personal responsibility for their rescues and help by paying towards their treatment.



We also offer free pet care advice and veterinary advice to help you can foster and care for the animal yourself in your own home, until the animal is healthy, vaccinated and desexed and then release them back where you found them or find them an adoptive family when they can live happy life and back to full health..

We are also proud to have developed our Animal Mama's Foster Family Network, where we get different places for abandoned and rescued animals with short and long term foster homes. Some of these animals stay with their host families in a loving home forever. If you are in Phnom Penh for a while and can offer a temporary place in your home, please contact us at Animal Mama

### [Foster Animal Network](#)

## PUBLIC HEALTH

When we discuss public health in regards to animal welfare, we are not only talking about people's daily well-being, but also about how we must act to prevent zoonotic diseases related to and transmitted among animals and by animals to humans; how we educate society to know the diseases and how they are transmitted from animals to people; and finally how to channel the message of public health protection to the entire country.



## 2. WHAT DO WE DO?

As mentioned above, our work has a very important element of bringing proactive animal welfare awareness in Cambodia. It is important to change the way people see and treat animals to more inclusive, kind and benevolent. To that end, our mission is also to extend our work to the rest of the country and if possible, to the rest of the world.

For this reason, Yulia Khouri, the founder of Animal Mama, writes a weekly column in the national newspaper, Khmer Times <https://www.khmertimeskh.com/category/good-times2/> about animal welfare, care and respect for any animal - domesticated or wildlife - that is harmed and endangered in Cambodia and globally.

Another of the actions is guest speaking at local radio stations, often once a month, to continue our awareness work and, above all, to learn from ours, how our message impact the listeners and our the population - both locals and expatriates - how they perceive, treat and care for animals.

In addition, and perhaps this is the most work that we do are schools visits. We aim to share the message of animal-human welfare with the youngest population as they will certainly become the future and the most powerful force of change in the world and specifically Cambodia. The message to care for, value and respect animals as what they are - our inseparable friends and the part of our lives.

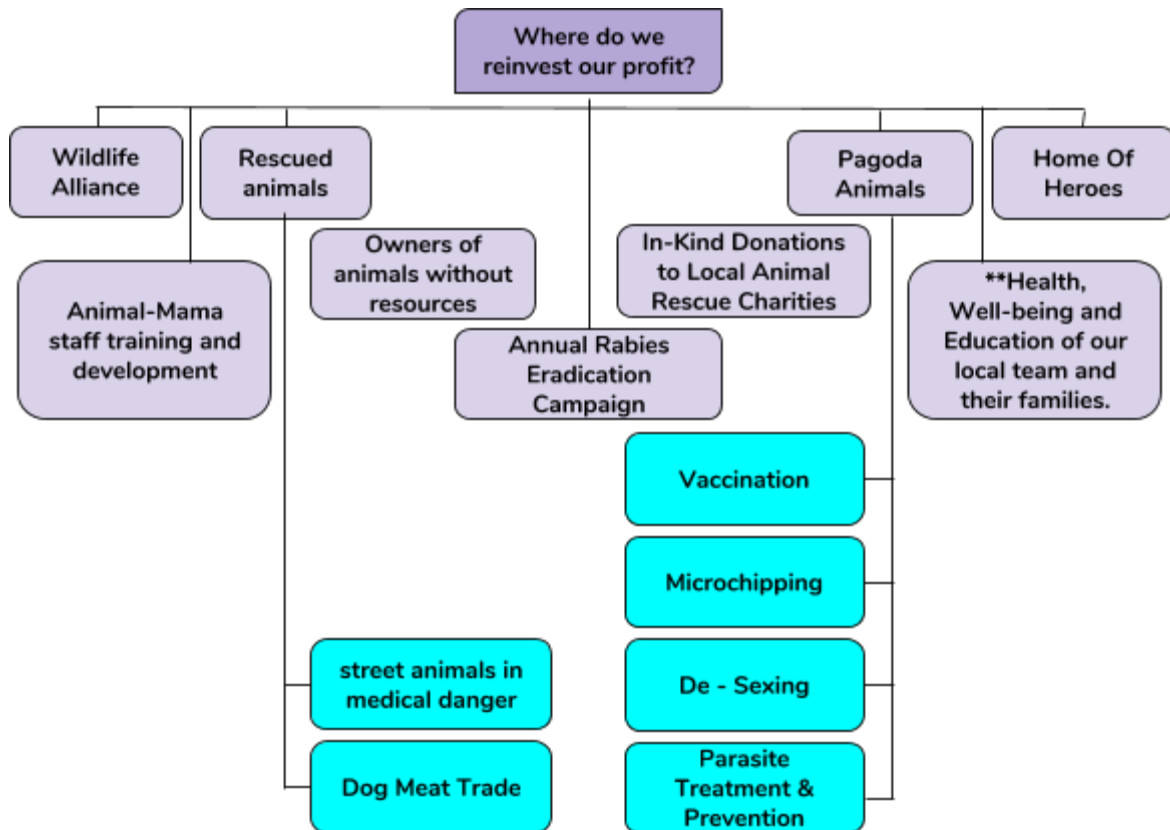


Therefore, we believe it is necessary that veterinary students, veterinarians or anyone who is a lover of animals from all over the world, come to Cambodia to take part in the important work carried out by Animal Mama. Our interns will see first hand the daily struggle, but also victories that we put in each of our projects to be able to solve and help any animal case that comes to our facilities. In addition, by working with people from all over the world, we can achieved a larger audience for our message - so that the animals continue to have a safe and respectful place to live along the side with humans. .

### 3. WHERE WE GET OUR MONEY FROM?



### 4. HOW DO WE REINVEST OUR PROFIT?





*\*\*A part of being social enterprise is first and foremost to offer fair wages and appropriate working and living standards to our team. We aim to ensure the health, wellbeing and education of our local staff is secure. As such, part of our proceeds go to support our team members and their families. Animal Mama provides free English classes to all local team members; we ensure that all children go to schools and we pay their primary and secondary education, including English training. We invest in building the capacity of our local nursing and vet teams, provide health insurance and accidental insurance to all our local team members.*



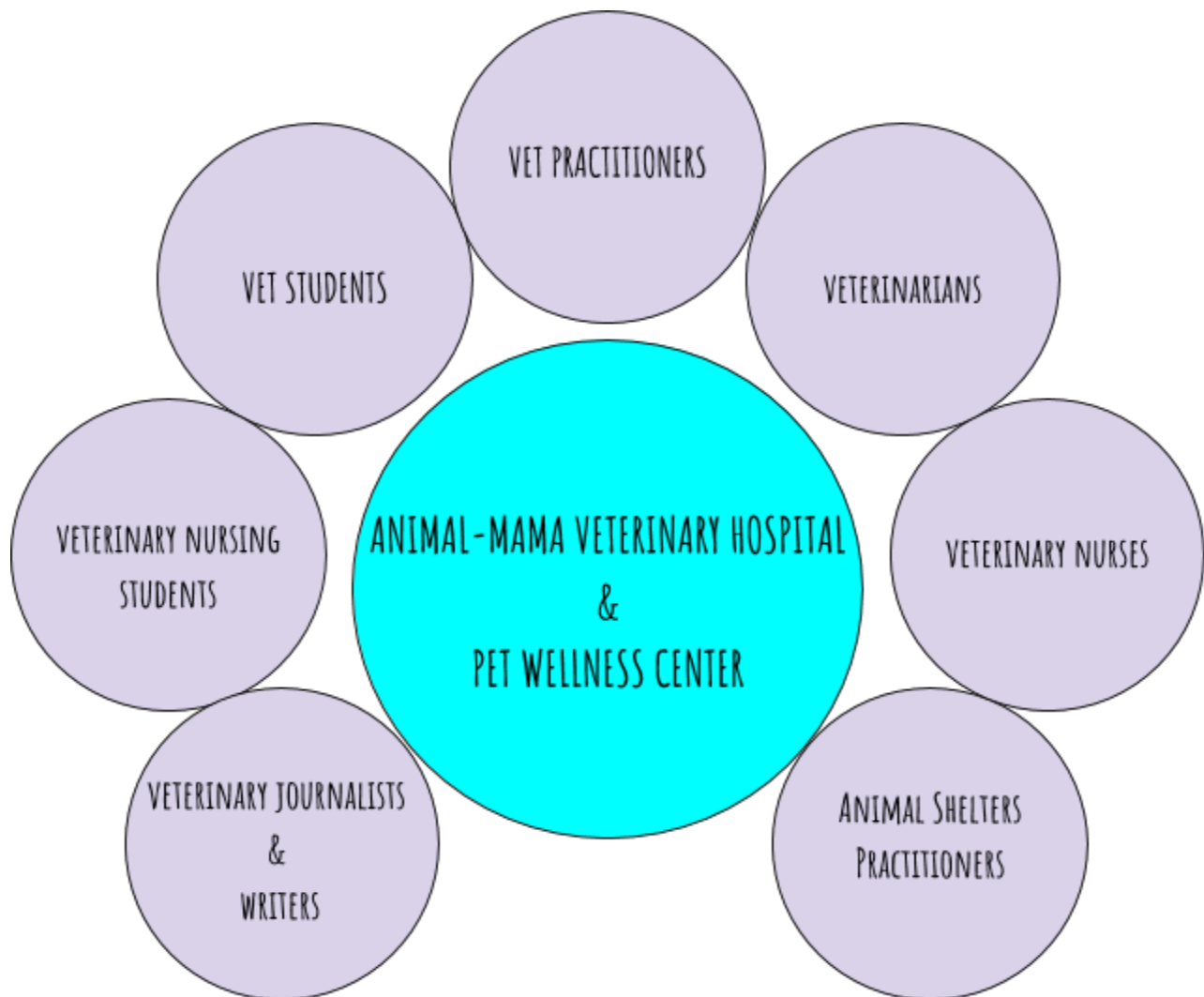
## 5. WHY DO WE WANT TO RECEIVE VET STUDENTS, VETERINARIANS & VET JOURNALISTS?

- ❑ We want to extend our mission across the country and get qualified, passionate people to help us in the important work we do.
- ❑ We aim to share our ideas, passion, knowledge and reasons behind our mission and goals. Moreover, we would like to learn from others and work with global animal welfare community, to participate together in development of new and fresh ideas; we are convinced that international students or veterinarians are the key in this process of local and global growth.
- ❑ We envision the unity of veterinary practitioners for the welfare of animals and public health; we believe there are no borders in animal protection, animal rights or veterinary knowledge.
- ❑ We believe we can make a concrete positive impact in Cambodia and show the world that this beautiful country is more than just a country on the map. We are sure that students and veterinarians who are enthusiastic about the making a difference, will love the country, its people, its culture, its history and will not only gain the knowledge through this internship, but also make the impact and create better conditions for both, animals and people.
- ❑ We offer a curriculum where students and veterinarians can not only help us, but also build their own veterinary capacity and growth. Our team will try to make it the best experience of their veterinary life.
- ❑ We aim to continue finding friends anywhere in the world and what better way than to see students or veterinarians passing through our facilities and enjoy this experience together.
- ❑ We aim to build the capacity of local veterinary students and as a part of this internship, the international interns will work alongside 2 intern local students, exchange the knowledge and build capacity of overall veterinary skills in the country.
- ❑ We encourage the applications from veterinary journalists as well to join us in Cambodia for internship. Many topics we work with and engage in are exciting and need to be covered in the media to bring global awareness and positive change for animals and humans living with and around them.



## 6. WHO MAY APPLY FOR THE PROGRAMME?

Without a doubt, Animal-Mama goal is to promote global learning, for both students and professionals in the veterinary field and among them, of course, our own staff. For that reason we are extending the opportunity of this internship to the most diverse fields of veterinary medicine and nursing. Below you may see the complete list of the activities and subdivisions of the internship.



## 7. WHAT IS OUR INTERNSHIP?

### SURGERY\*

#### **Castration;**

Depending on the student's knowledge, he or she may be able to perfect the spaying and neutering technique or, learn the necessary procedures to be able to perform the surgery following the correct protocol. In addition, the training will include training about anesthesia, sterility in surgery, catheter, IV fluids, etc...

#### **Other types of surgery;**

- Amputation of extremities
- Eye enucleations
- Traumatological surgery
- Dental cleaning and extraction of teeth

### CONSULTATION

In our daily consultations we perform;

- Assessments of patients
- Diagnosis of diseases
- Sample collection & analysis
- Preventative Care
- Treatments
- Patient follow-ups
- Study of extraordinary clinical cases



\* Development and veterinary practices will always be supervised by the clinic's medical team.

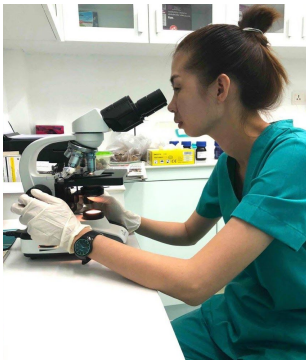


## LABORATORY

- Coprological Analysis
- Parasite detection under a microscope
- Blood Analysis using Biochemical machine model **Iddex Catalyst One** (Biochemistry, computer - program and Snap Pro Analyzer Iddex tests)
- Hematology Blood Analysis
- Urine analysis
- Skin scrapes for microscopic analysis for external parasites

## HOSPITALISATION

- Daily Patient Monitoring
- Decision Making (supervised)
- Treatments and Dosages (supervised)
- Quarantine maintenance
- Shelter monitoring and evaluation



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## SHELTER MEDICINE

Everything related to care, attention, needs and management of an animal shelter. It is important to understand how to rescue, where and how rescued animals live, what traumatizes them and how to help them to be ready for adoption by families or individuals. Part of this process is socializing the animals as well as educating the potential adoptive families on how to give their adopted animals the medical care they need, provide love as well as understand how to continue helping others.



## PAGODA ANIMALS

One of the main social projects that we carry out from Animal Mama. We aim to control overpopulation in Pagodas in the city through trap/spay/release program and prevent/treat the diseases in the animals that live in pagodas. The project consists of providing animals with medical care they need and releasing them back into their habitat only when they are fully healthy. Medical attention covers any problems the animal may have. From simple deworming to operations of any kind. It is a project that we carry out every week of the year.

\*Pagoda Pig Story: please see Annex III.



## ANIMAL BEHAVIOR AND THERAPY

- Learning animal behaviour
- Different techniques for dealing with street animals
- Understand each animal's needs
- Know and be aware of the action plan for each type of animal

## SOCIAL EDUCATION

- Understand the importance of education in society, starting with the youngest. School visits, demonstrating to children how to treat animals; conveying the respect and affection humans should show for animals and most importantly how to interact with animals peacefully, in order to create positive and peaceful coexistence between humans and animals.



## WILDLIFE ALLIANCE

- Animal Mama Founder Yulia Khouri serves as an Ambassador of Wildlife Alliance.
- Animal Mama Veterinary Hospital provides laboratory and veterinary services to WA
- We engage in awareness raising, publicity and Education about wildlife in Cambodia & abroad
- We engage in annual and semi-annual events and fundraising activities to support WA projects
- We provide the PR services to several key projects of WA
- Our facility serves as a drop off point for the rescued or injured wildlife to be immediately transferred to the WA rescue team.
- Therefore, based in experience, the interns will have an opportunity to visit Wildlife Rescue Center as well as provide their skills in support of Wildlife Alliance in Cambodia

## THE HOME OF HEROES

- The Home of Heroes is the world's first Retirement Home for working demining dogs
- According to Memorandum of Understanding between Animal Mama and Norwegian People's Aids all dogs that are unfit to work - sick, injured, retired and disqualified dogs, including young dogs who failed to qualify for the field work - will not be donated to Home of Heroes.
- The dogs receive necessary veterinary attention and daily care.
- The dogs will soon enroll in the special training programme for agility, personal protection and depending on the skills, the interns will have a chance to provide daily, weekly, monthly veterinary and behavioral care to the Canine Heroes.







[Macaque Story](#)

## 8. WHAT IS INCLUDED & PRICE?



Airport Pick-Up
Local Sim Card
Training Plan
Follow-Up Weekly Training Plan
Accommodation in students house (expenses included)
One way and return ticket to Siem Riep
One night hotel accommodation in Siem Riep
24h. advice from the time of hiring the internship.
Cambodia Tourist Information
Accredited Training Certificated
Final Evaluation Report
Return to the Airport
Airlines Tickets
Health Insurance
Medical Shoes (Cross)
Medical Uniforms
Meals

PRICE; 400\$ PER WEEK



## 9. CONDITIONS & REQUIREMENTS

### CONDITIONS

- 1) Student of Veterinary Medicine (University certificate).
- 2) Veterinarians (Official Veterinary Certificate).
- 3) Intermediate level English.
- 4) Love, care and respect for animals.
- 5) Internship booking minimum 15 days.

### REQUIREMENTS

- 1) Health Insurance.
- 2) Rabies Vaccine (Important for work with street animals).
- 3) If you have any questions, queries, suggestions or need more information, please do not hesitate to contact us.



## 10. WHERE YOU CAN FIND US?

[Visit and join us!](#)



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## 11. FOLLOW US!



# I. ANNEX 1 (VET HOSPITAL PHOTOS)





## II. ANNEX 2 (ACCOMMODATION HOUSE)







## III. ANNEX 3 (SAMPLE PROJECTS CARRIED UP SINCE MAY 2017)

### 1. WILDLIFE ALLIANCE WORK

The founder of Animal Mama, Yulia Khouri has been serving as Wildlife Alliance Ambassador in Cambodia since 2014. As a part of our common goal is to create more awareness, public education, fundraising for specific conservation projects and media coverage for Wildlife Alliance multifaceted work in Cambodia and globally.

Read More

↳ [Wildlife Alliance](#)

### 2. THE HOME OF HEROES

Home of heroes is the first retirement home in the world for demining dogs who have become too old to work in the field. In early 2016, we received our first ex-demining dog called Murial, she is now 12 years old. This led us to open the world's first retirement home for ex-demining working dogs.

Read More

↳ [The Home Of Heroes](#)

### 3. PAGODA SPAY/NEUTER

There are fifty Pagodas in Central Phnom Penh, each with approximately forty cats and dogs. Most of these animals are either abandoned and homeless. They get no veterinary care and most survive as best they can with rice and scraps given by the monks and local residents. They suffer from illness (often zoonotic) and injuries and being intact, the breeding adds to the Pagoda overpopulation problem.

Read More

↳ [Pagoda Spay/Neuter Project](#)



#### **4. PAGODA PIG**

She lives in Toul Tom Pong pagoda and belongs to a monks' helper called Som Sopheak. The pig's name I learned later is Ouk Ouk. And her story makes me reflect on many things we do not normally associate with a pig: humanity, compassion, active kindness, unity, devotion and dedication.

**Read More**

↳ [Pagoda Pig / Khmer Times Newspaper](#)

#### **5. INTERNATIONAL RABIES DAY 2017 & 2018**

A decade ago, efforts to end rabies were not progressing across Africa and Asia. Although the tools were available to eliminate rabies, thousands of people were still dying in neglected communities, there was a lack of collaboration among international stakeholders, experts and sectors, and there was little evidence of successful rabies control programmes in resource poor areas.

**Read More**

↳ [Global Alliance for Rabies Control](#)



## IV. ANNEX 4 (LINKS OF PUBLICATIONS ANIMAL-MAMA & HOME OF HEROES)

### 1. The Home Of Heroes links;

- [De-mining dogs to be given 'world-first' hero's retirement](#)
- [A Heroes' Retirement Plan for De-Mining Dogs in Cambodia](#)
- [Retired demining dogs need a home](#)
- [The world's first animal retirement home](#)
- [Cambodian Mine Action Center CMAC & The Heroes Who Need A Home](#)
- [Retired landmine detection dogs find a home at Cambodian charity after working in 'some of the most horrific parts of the world'](#)

### 2. Animal-Mama Links;

- <https://www.asialifemagazine.com/cambodia/animal-mama/>
- <https://www.khmertimeskh.com/5083891/animal-welfare-centres-rabies-vaccination-drive/>
- <https://www.asialifemagazine.com/cambodia/wildlife-alliance-ambassador-yulia-khouri/>
- <http://www.radioonecambodia.com/tc-events/animal-inc/>
- <https://www.scmp.com/lifestyle/article/2133973/retired-landmine-detection-dogs-find-home-cambodian-charity-after-working>
- <https://rabiesalliance.org/world-rabies-day/event/protect-your-pet-free>

