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## *Our Vision*

A compassionate Sri Lanka where street dogs are valued and receive the love, care and respect they deserve.

## *Our Mission*

Working towards improving the welfare of street dogs in Sri Lanka, while fostering a harmonious existence between people and animals.



As we wind up 15 years of helping the street dog community in Sri Lanka, it is heartening to look back and see that we have been able to continue our work, and affect the lives of so many animals, who now have a better future.

The journey, however has not been easy, especially in the past year, as Sri Lanka was hit by an economic crisis, right on the cusp of recovery from a global pandemic.

Despite all of this, we tried our best to make sure that we can help every street dog that we can.

As the country continues to struggle through a financial crisis and increased costs, we are determined to continue our work and provide love and care for these beautiful community dogs.

Otara

Founder- Embark &  
Otara Foundation



# Our Impact in 2022



426

Rescues



4493

Treatments



303

Adoptions



50

Number of  
adoption days



1724

Vaccinations



531

Sterilizations



26

Number of Clinic days





# Our Work



Rescues



Treatments



Vaccinations and Sterilization



Rehoming



Education and Awareness



## Rescues



Rescuing sick and injured street dogs, and abandoned puppies are a key component in our work.

As Sri Lanka's rate of urbanization increases, as do the number of vehicles on the road. This has led to more and more street dogs becoming the victims of car accidents. We also see many cases of skin diseases and cancers among the dogs we rescue.

Embark receives over a 100 calls and messages each day, from all over the country, informing us about street dogs that need our help. To ensure that we can respond to as many calls as possible, our team works in partnership with a large network of dedicated vets and animal hospitals.

After we provide the rescues with immediate care, they are then transferred to a hospital to receive further treatments. Almost all adult dogs are then released back to their community, where we ensure that they are well taken care of.

# Treatments



All dogs that are rescued by us, receive treatment and care until they recover.

In the cases of our rescue puppies, we take care of their treatment costs while they remain in foster care, and for upto three months following their adoption. This is done through our Free Clinic programme, which takes place every two weeks in Colombo.

Embark also provides lifelong care and treatment for our special needs dogs, that have been permanently disabled due to the actions of humans.



# Vaccinations and Sterilizations



Vaccinations and sterilizations are key in managing the street dog population, and is a key focus area for Embark.

All rescued puppies are vaccinated for Rabies, Parvo and Distemper, while mass sterilization and vaccination of adult street dogs are carried out through our CNVR (catch, neuter, vaccinate and release) programme.





# Rehoming



Embark carries out rehoming activities, primarily for rescue puppies, through our Adoption Day events which are held every Saturday.

We take care of these pups while they're under foster care, and once they have been adopted, we carry out follow up checks and provide free vaccinations and treatments upto 3 months.

We have also rehomed adult dogs through our Forever Family programme, which was initiated as a partnership with another animal organization, Dog Care Clinic.



# Education and Awareness



In 2022, we used our social media platforms to carry out various campaigns to increase awareness on animal welfare.





# Adoption Day



In 2022 we held 50 Adoption Day events and rehomed 303 puppies in total.

These Events are held at the Embark clinic in Colombo 5 and at K-Zone Jaela, with the support of our dedicated team of volunteers.



# Free Clinic



Free Clinics are held every two weeks in Colombo, where foster pups and dogs that have been rescued and being taken care of by community members are provided free treatments and vaccinations.

We also provide the same service to all puppies adopted through us for the first 3 months.

In 2022, we held 26 Free Clinics in total.





# Feeding Rounds

As Sri Lanka was hit with an economic and political crisis, street dogs and animals continued to take a backseat in terms of welfare, as the community could not afford to feed or care for their neighbourhood dogs.

The Embark team tried our best to help these animals by carrying out feeding rounds in Colombo; Kelaniya, Peliyagoda, Maradana, Pettah Railway Station and the Colombo Port Car Park.





# Rescue and Release



**Antenno**

Antenno was rescued from Athurugiriya with a spinal fracture. We worried, initially, that she may be unable to walk again, but after the right treatment and a lot of physiotherapy, she was healed and was able to go back to her community family.



**Ishi**

Ishi was found malnourished on the streets, and she seemed to be struggling to survive. After months of treatment she became healthy and her fur coat grew back. She was adopted and lives happily with her new family today.



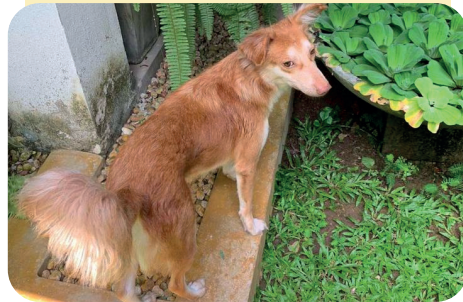
**Kanchi**

Kanchi came to us with multiple face lacerations, which we assumed were caused by a fight. She underwent surgery and got stitches, and after receiving post-op care at the hospital she went back to her community.



**Plus**

We found Plus on a bare land in Peliyagoda. She had a severe case of mange and was malnourished. After receiving treatment she is a very happy, energetic pup, who is now looking for her forever home.





# Our Special Needs Dogs

While we try our best to help injured rescue dogs recover fully, sometimes the damage done is irreversible. We at Embark, believe that all dogs deserve a second chance at life, and we provide a lifetime of care for these special needs dogs.

These are some of the special needs dogs, who we have been taking care of over the years.

## Daffy



Just like her namesake 'Daffy Duck', Daffy is a very talkative bundle of joy. We rescued her in 2017, with fractures on both of her front legs. Unfortunately she was not able to gain full use of her front legs, despite receiving treatment. She now stays at a long term facility in Galle and is receiving the love and care that she deserves

## Kokis



Kokis was rescued in 2019 after she became victim of a road traffic accident. We immediately gave her the treatment and medication she needed. But we found out that the damage to her spine was irreversible, and would not be able to walk again. Today, she spends her days with special needs dogs, just like her, at a sanctuary.



## Bambi

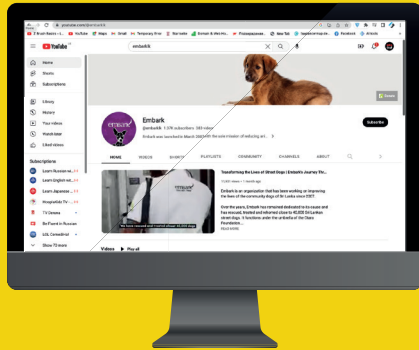
Bambi came to us paralyzed after being hit by a car. We also found that she had a severe skin condition and multiple infected wounds. Her skin and wounds healed after receiving treatment, but she was unable to walk again. She is currently staying at Dog Care Clinic in Galle, with the rest of our special needs dogs, and lives a very happy life.

# Embark on Social Media



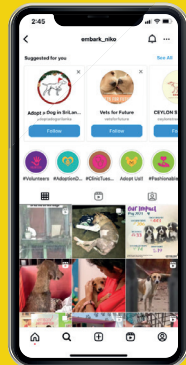
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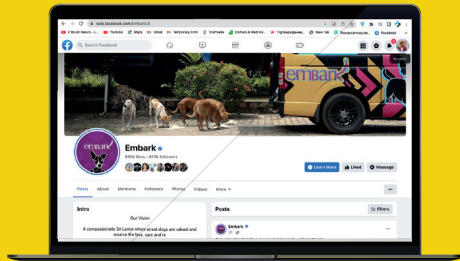
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# Our Team





# THE 2022 embark CALENDAR



A STAR HERE AT THE EMBARK OFFICE AND NOW SHINING BRIGHTLY DOWN ON US, RUSTY WAS TRULY ONE-OF-A-KIND. RESCUED FROM THE DOGS POUND IN 2016 AND A VICTIM OF THE COLOMBO CLEAN UP, RUSTY BECAME AN INTEGRAL PART OF OUR OFFICE FAMILY, WAS OFTEN SEEN SPORTING GRAINS OF RICE ON HIS NOSE AND LOVED BEING PART OF PHOTOSHOOTS!

ALL PROFITS FROM THIS CALENDAR WILL GO TOWARDS IMPROVING THE LIVES OF STREET DOGS LIKE RUSTY.

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FEATURING DINO & FLUFFY  
embark

Flower POWER

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FEATURING REIGN  
embark

FALLING HEAD OVER Paws

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FEATURING DINO & FLUFFY  
embark

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FEATURING ROCKY  
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FEATURING SPINNA & MORNIE  
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# How Can You Support Us?

## Volunteering

Embark's operations have always been supported by the team of dedicated volunteers that work with us.

## Donate

The contributions of kind individuals are what helps us to continue the work we do. You can donate, too, by visiting our website [www.emparkpassion.com](http://www.emparkpassion.com)

## Follow us on Social Media

Our social media pages allow us to reach a wider audience and spread the message of compassion towards all living beings

## Fundraise

If you are able to, you can get together with with your friends, coworkers and family and organize fundraising events to support our street dogs.

# The Otara Foundation

The Otara Foundation, founded in 2015, is the parent organization of Embark.

The foundation is focused on environmental and wildlife conservation, as well as animal welfare in Sri Lanka.

It also works towards educating and creating awareness on environmental sustainability and conservation.



**OTARA FOUNDATION**

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