

A brief introduction about Quang Binh Animal Rescue and Sanctuary Society

YDVQB was established in October 2011. My husband and I directly take care and manage this facility. Beside the role of a Co-founder, we are also the only volunteers.

In 2011, we built a shelter right in our own home, until early 2016, when the number of animals increased dramatically. YDVQB needed a more spacious place to ensure the health of our cats and dogs and for ourselves. Therefore, a new shelter has been temporarily built on a leased land with a contract of 10 years term.

We often take animals that have been abandoned due to illness, injured due to violence, or unwanted unsterilized mother cats and their baby kittens which are thrown out to the local market for self-destruction. After taking care of them until they become healthy, we will find adopters for them. However, finding adopters is difficult because people in the village, with their own traditional belief, only treat dogs and cats as source of food or to keep rats out of houses. Most dogs and cats are not taken cared probably.

In five years, from 2011 to 2016, the numbers of dogs and cats rescued increased significantly while in fact, the funding for maintaining the shelter is mainly based on the income from the work of the only two members, which are my husband and I. We also have 2 daughters, one is over 1 year old and I am pregnant the second girl.

My plan for 2017 was to create a safe and warm home for the animals, where they were cared for and loved, and we did not have to worry about losing the place when the rental contract was expired. The plan also included an agricultural project. We could plant more crops, which helped to generate income, such as Gac (*Momordica Cochinchinensis*). When harvested, we could sell Gac fruits and make Gac oil. And to make the most use from the land, we could plant coconut trees and *Amorphophallus konjac* plants under the shades of these Gac trees.

Our dream has come true when Miss Ngoc Tran and Eye of Compassion Relief Org. were interested in the plan, they found this project through Facebook. Miss Ngoc Tran has bought and given us a piece of land of 6,000 square metres, also supported finance to help us build a safe home for animal and our family. The surrounding big land with purpose to grow trees and we will sell the products from the trees to make money to care for 4 legs animals.

We send our gratitude from the bottom of our hearts to all of friends that known or unknown through Facebook until now. You have been wholeheartedly supported by empathy and love for animals, with your talents, love, encouragement and prayer. In order for our human and animal families to live in safety in a loving embrace every day..

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