



AnimalsAsia

Until the cruelty ends



Dear Gerry,

Fourteen maimed and terrified moon bears have just arrived at our Vietnam sanctuary after a 2,000-kilometre, four-day road-trip with our rescue team from a terrible bile farm in the south. These latest bears are in a shocking state, both physically and mentally..... but at least they're home just in time for Christmas, and forever safe from the awful bile industry that caged and tortured them for years.



The rescue took the number of bears we've rescued in Vietnam to 104, but our 100th bear was the saddest of all, carrying the worst scars of this horrific industry. "Dream" was missing her left forepaw (an all too familiar sign that she was caught in the wild with a leg-hold trap). Her right forepaw was broken and useless. Her paw pads were severely cracked and hard from never being able to stand on ground. Her teeth and gums were infected and painful, which probably explained her reluctance to eat anything in those first few days but the soft fruit lovingly hand-fed to her by vet nurse Caroline.



Four of the other new bears are also missing limbs, many have chronic dental and skin problems as well as dry and painful paw pads. At least one of the bears has an abdominal hernia, probably caused by the bile extraction process, and one is grossly overweight, as a result of poor diet and lack of exercise. With your help we can give these latest bile farm victims every chance to recover and to learn to be the bears they were born to be.

This is a very special rescue for Animals Asia..... the bears' owner saw a TV show about our work and was so moved that he asked us to take them to our rescue centre because he wanted them to have a better life. So our challenge and responsibility grows ever larger in the months and years ahead. Together we really will make a difference to these bears. Please help give our 14 new arrivals a special Christmas gift by making a donation to our rescue appeal today.

Bear workers Tuan and Công gave Dream her name because she was "a very miserable bear and needed to dream of nice things". Today at our sanctuary, her anxious eyes are slowly starting to show signs of trust and her nose twitches in anticipation as she is showered with good food, soft bedding and toys.



It's going to be a long road to recovery for Dream and the other 13 bears. But let's never stop dreaming..... please give what you can so we can start to mend these broken bears, and continue our work to reach more.

To give you an idea of how far your money will go in Vietnam, here's a pricelist of some of the rescued bears' most urgent needs:

- £5 buys a pot of honey
- £8 buys a basket of fruit
- £14 pays for a big basket of vegetables
- £20 pays for medication for a bear for a month
- £34 provides fruit smoothies (to disguise medicines) for 20 bears for a week
- £70 buys a bear-sized hammock
- £144 provides a health-check
- £186 provides a health-check PLUS dental

[Donate to the rescue appeal now.](#)

Don't miss the full story of the 14 bears, with film and photos of the dramatic rescue and updates of the bears' new life at our sanctuary.

[Follow the bears' rescue diary.](#)

Grateful thanks and bear hugs,

Jill

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