



CHARITY GALA 2025

GIFT OF
Sanctuary



Saturday 16 August 2025

6:30pm to 11.00pm

One Farrer Hotel, Grand Ballroom

CORPORATE DECK

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

WHO WE ARE

ACRES (Animal Concerns Research and Education Society) is a registered charity (UEN T01SS0121K) founded in 2001 by Louis Ng, Former Member of Parliament. As an Institution of Public Character (IPC000559), we work to protect animals through education, advocacy, and rescue efforts.

OUR WILDLIFE RESCUE CENTRE

Opened in 2009 and funded entirely by public donations, the ACRES Wildlife Rescue Centre provides care, rehabilitation, and shelter for animals rescued from the illegal pet trade and injured native wildlife. Despite early challenges, the centre now houses over 125 animals, each a reminder of the urgent need for wildlife protection.

OUR JOURNEY

From campaigning against wildlife captivity and illegal trade to shaping national policies and public mindsets, ACRES has played a key role in creating a more compassionate Singapore. In 2004, we completed our first wildlife repatriation with Blue the vervet monkey, his story inspired the launch of Singapore's first dedicated wildlife rescue centre.

OUR MISSION FORWARD

To date, we've repatriated 68 animals to their natural homes. With newly approved plans for expansion, we're ready to scale up our rescue and rehabilitation work, offering even more animals a second chance at life.

YOUR SUPPORT MATTERS

As ACRES does not receive government support and relies entirely on public donations, every contribution truly makes a meaningful difference. By supporting ACRES, especially through our gala, you're helping to build a future where animals are respected, protected, and free. Every gift brings us one step closer to that shared vision.



HOW THE \$400,000 FUNDRAISING GOAL SUPPORTS ACRES



EDUCATING INDIVIDUALS
>1K per month



WILD ANIMAL REHABILITATION
120 per month



NATIVE WILD ANIMAL RESCUES
260 per month



WILDLIFE RESCUE HOTLINE CALLS
1.2K per month

ADVOCACY

- Campaigns against animal cruelty and exploitation.
- Influence policies and engage with key stakeholders and developers.

EDUCATION & OUTREACH

- School talks, workshops, and community engagement
- Empower people to coexist peacefully with wildlife

WILDLIFE RESCUE & REHABILITATION

- Wildlife rescue of native wildlife.
- Medical care and long-term housing for native and non-native wild animals.

SANCTUARY EXPANSION (in progress)

- Increase capacity for wildlife rehabilitation.
- Realise our original vision of a larger, species-appropriate sanctuary.

WILDLIFE REPATRIATION

- Return rescued animals to their natural habitats.
- Focused on victims of the illegal pet trade.

TACKLING WILDLIFE CRIME

- Investigating illegal pet trade and alleged animal cruelty.
- Supporting enforcement with data and rescues.



24TH ANNUAL GALA

This year's gala, Gift of Sanctuary, will be held at One Farrer Hotel, Grand Ballroom on Level 6, on Saturday 16 August 2025, from 6:30 PM to 11:00 PM. We are delighted to share that **Minister of State Mr Alvin Tan** will be gracing the event as our Guest of Honour.

This year, we aim to gather 300 to 400 supporters and donors to celebrate our progress and share key updates on our impact over the past year. More importantly, we seek to raise \$400,000 to expand our wildlife sanctuary and facilitate our work, such as our repatriation efforts for rescued animals.

We are also thrilled to announce that all funds raised during the gala will be **matched by Tote Board**, doubling the impact of your generosity and helping us create a safer future for wildlife in need.

The evening will be a memorable celebration, featuring a thoughtfully curated 8-course fusion meal, paired with soft drinks, wine, beer, and music. The vibrant atmosphere will be elevated by a grand raffle draw, silent and live auctions, interactive table games, and a dance party!

Every moment of the night will be dedicated to supporting the mission of protecting and advocating for wildlife.



Unused land and infrastructures to be developed for Wildlife Sanctuary.



TICKET PRICES

CATEGORY	PRICE	SPECIAL INCLUSIONS
STANDARD SEAT	\$310	
STANDARD TABLE	\$3,100	
PREMIUM TABLE	\$6,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Prime table location near the stage• Two bottles of premium wine.• Exclusive table gift.• Recognition in the Gala Programme e-Booklet and on-screen.
SILVER TABLE	\$8,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Prime table location near the stage• Two bottles of premium wine.• Exclusive table gift.• Recognition in the Gala Programme e-Booklet and on-screen.• Exclusive tour of the ACRES Wildlife Rescue Centre with ACRES CEO (up to 10 guests).
GOLD TABLE	\$10,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Prime table location near the stage• Two bottles of premium wine.• Exclusive table gift.• Recognition in the Gala Programme e-Booklet and on-screen.• Exclusive tour of the ACRES Wildlife Rescue Centre with ACRES CEO (up to 10 guests).• Special mention by the host during the Gala.



IN-KIND CONTRIBUTIONS

Your contribution and support would help us tremendously in giving rescued wild animals a second chance for their lives and mean the world to us and the animals we strive to protect.

To express our gratitude for your generosity, we will acknowledge your brand across our charity gala's collateral (e.g. programme booklet and ticketing page on Giving.sg, on-screen recognition during the event, a mention by our host on the gala night, and on ACRES's website).

Please let me know if you have any questions. We would be more than happy to schedule a chat or meeting with you, to explore this further, if you are interested in exploring this in-kind sponsorship collaboration with us.



ACRES's 23rd Annual Gala Fundraiser Dinner held in 2024.



IN-KIND CONTRIBUTIONS

AUCTION ITEMS (LIVE & SILENT)

Goal: Around 20–30 high-quality items

Ideal Contributions:

- Luxury or boutique hotel stays and resort packages.
- Fine dining experiences or private chef dinners that is vegan.
- Unique experience packages that does not involve animal exploitation.
- Premium merchandise or collectibles.

Use:

- Silent Auction: Bidding throughout the evening.
- Live Auction: Spotlit items auctioned on stage for maximum fundraising.

DOOR GIFTS / GUEST FAVOURS

Goal: Around 450 units (one per guest).

Ideal Contributions:

- Customised eco-friendly products or small sustainable gifts.
- Cruelty-free snacks or eco lifestyle samples.
- Discount or product vouchers from conscious brands.

Use:

- Welcome Gift placed at every table as a keepsake and thank-you.

RAFFLE & PRIZE WINS

Goal: 100 prizes of varied value.

Ideal Contributions:

- Gift baskets (products or gourmet foods that are plant-based and cruelty-free).
- Spa or wellness vouchers.
- Tech gadgets or accessories.
- Restaurant dining vouchers.
- Artisanal goods or home decor.

Use:

- Lucky Draw: Grand prize excitement for all attendees.
- Raffles & Table Games: Prizes for engaging entertainment.

EVENT EXPERIENCE & SERVICES

Goal: Full or partial sponsorship

Ideal Contributions:

- Eco-friendly animal decor.
- Photography or videography services.
- Audio/visual support.
- Wine, beer, liquor ,or beverages.

Use:

- Enhancing ambience, engagement, and impact while reducing costs.
- Photo Booth: Themed photo booth for guest interaction and memorable keepsakes.

SNAPSHOTS FROM 2024 GALA



ACRES Founder, Louis Ng.



Taylor Swift's guitar as an auction piece.



ACRES CEO, Kalaivanan Balakrishnan.



Unused small animal enclosures first built in 2009.



Dance party began!



Senior Wildlife Rescuer, Ari Masnor, performs.



Competing for Best Dressed Table!

THE HISTORY OF ACRES

ACRES, or the Animal Concerns Research and Education Society, was founded by Louis Ng, former Member of the Singapore Parliament.

Established as a local charity in 2001, ACRES is recognised as an Institution of Public Character (IPC) which grants donors 250% tax deduction. ACRES does not receive government funding.

Our journey began with campaigns to raise awareness about wildlife in captivity and to end the illegal wildlife trade in Singapore. Over time, we have led initiatives that influenced policy changes and reshaped societal attitudes.

ACRES has made significant strides in creating a more compassionate Singapore, positively impacting both animals and the community, through the food we eat, the products we buy, and how we treat animals.

In 2004, ACRES completed its first repatriation with Blue the vervet monkey, featured in our logo. Rescued from the illegal pet trade in Singapore, Blue was returned to Africa. His journey inspired the creation of Singapore's first wildlife rescue centre, serving as a halfway house for animals rescued from the illegal pet trade.



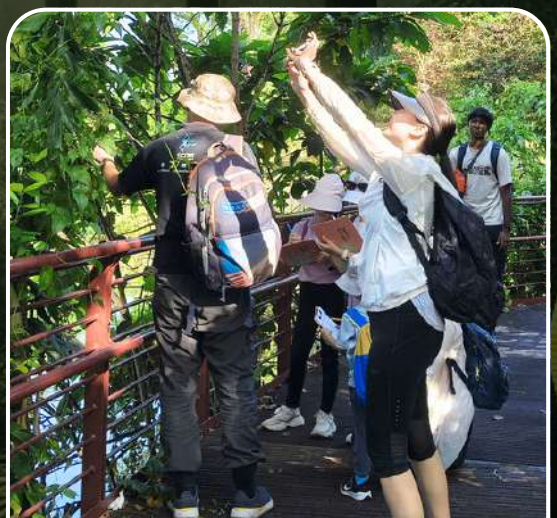
Blue spent the rest of his days in a wildlife sanctuary in Africa, surrounded by a family to call his own.



A Malaysian giant turtle was repatriated to Malaysia in 2017.



The outreach team raising awareness on wildlife crime.



The ACRES Outdoors education programme reconnects youth with nature and teaches wildlife etiquette.

Current sanctuary readapted to house tortoises and semi-aquatic turtles.



THE ACRES WILDLIFE RESCUE CENTRE

On 13 August 2009, we opened Singapore's first dedicated facility for rescuing and rehabilitating animals from the illegal pet trade and injured native wildlife. Funded entirely by public donations, this milestone marked our commitment to animal protection.

However, our facility's story began with challenges. Initially, we were allocated two hectares of land for the centre, but only a quarter of it was usable. Just as construction neared completion, brackish water began seeping from the ground. Investigations revealed that 1.5 hectares had been contaminated, rendering it unusable. With our vision for a larger sanctuary no longer possible, we adapted the remaining space to house our office, education centre, animal quarantine area, volunteer lounge, and staff quarters.

Today, the ACRES Wildlife Rescue Centre is home to 125 animals, including native and non-native species. Among them are tortoises, snakes, green iguanas, geckos, a savannah monitor, and even a stowaway bonnet macaque—each with a story that highlights the urgent need for wildlife protection.

Chinese striped-necked turtles basking in their enclosure.



Ball and blood pythons are among the common victims of the illegal pet trade in Singapore.



Group tour around the rescue centre.



ADVANCING ANIMAL PROTECTION IN SINGAPORE

Through our rescue, rehabilitation, release, and repatriation efforts, we have directly improved the lives of countless animals. To date, 68 wild animals have been repatriated, including three species of monkeys, two leopard cats, semi-aquatic turtles, and tortoises.

Now, 16 years later, we have finally received approval for expansion, bringing us closer to realising our original vision. This will mean more rescues, enhanced rehabilitation, and increased opportunities for native wildlife to safely return to the wild.

Your support at our annual gala dinner will directly contribute to giving rescued wild animals a second chance at life. Your generosity means the world to us and the animals we protect.



A fruit bat, entangled in a mist net, received medical treatment and a safe release back into the wild.



A wild boar waits for rescue after becoming trapped in a flooded storm drain.



The veterinary team administering treatment to a common palm civet.



The ACRES Wildlife Rescue Van on-site at a hit-and-run case involving a reticulated python.