

This is an emergency call for all of you. PLEASE DO HELP US!

In the last months the costs have increased so dramatically, that we had to withdraw an amount from our money reserve every month - and this reserve will only last for another 2 months if things continue likewise.

So there is only one solution left: WE MUST SAVE MONEY- everywhere!

We will have to make redundant 3 helper till August 15. Therefore only one spare man will be left. As regularly 2 to 5 helpers are missing, things will certainly turn out to be very tiring and stressful for all of us. But if the helpers want to keep their jobs, they will have to speed up immediately. We will have problems to perform the urgent repair works in the shelter, as the helper to be fired had been planned to do that. For the moment we will only be able to repair just the absolutely necessary items, as the material is extremely expensive as well. We decided to make the most recent helpers redundant: last in, first out...The others are well instructed and a number of them have been with us for a long time already.

To top all that, we will have to pay a monthly fee of 5 % of social charges for every helper because we are a registered Foundation now.....

The decision to increase the sponsorship rate from 15 to 20 Euro took us some time and concern, and we did that reluctantly, as we have hoped until now that the exchange rate would recover. Three years ago, the Bath was at 50, will say, for 10 Euro we got 500 Bath. Now it is at 38, and for 10 Euro we get 380 Bath. Apart from the exchange rate, the expenditure for dog and cat food has risen extraordinarily, as we had to find a new food supplier after last year's poison attack. You might remember: the food company had supplied us with food contaminated with Aflatoxines and in the beginning of 2011 we tragically lost more than 50 dogs. [HERE](#) you can find more information about that incident.

We apply to your understanding for the raise of the rate because of the drastic increase of costs.

We hope that we can find many pet-lovers willing to take over a sponsorship for the big number of cats and dogs not yet "provided" with a "godfather" or "godmother".

To sponsor a dog cost 20 Euro a month.

[HERE](#) you can find our candidates.

At present we see a flood of cats. Thanks to our endeavor and perseverance, the problems with dogs have decreased in Koh Samui, where as the cats have moved in everywhere at the hotel entrances. Sometimes we find the cats in a big sack outside right on our doorstep - and very often the "contents" of the sack is very young and motherless. Bringing up the baby cats is very expensive and the death rate is rather high, unfortunately. But we keep fighting for every cat's life and we cannot save any money on their behalf.

Of course we can't save money with the emergencies either.

[HERE](#) you can find some monthly emergencies

These dogs especially need our help. GINA is an example of how life can change for a dog in only a few weeks. We are absolutely sure that in only 3-4 more weeks, will be a stunning looking dog with a beautiful fur.



Our next savings measure will be to stop free treatment of dogs with an owner. The vet must take down the price of the medicine to be paid by the owner. I'm convinced; treatment in the DCRSF will still be low-priced compared to the cost at the big number of vets in the island. Some Thais are really very poor, and if they cannot afford the medicine, we will nevertheless give their cat or dog medical treatment.

We will have to postpone the upcoming annual vaccination for all the cats and dogs until we will have collected the money required.

We have got about 350 dogs and by now some 150 cats; furthermore there are about 150 temple dogs and many cats. So about 700 animals should be vaccinated and dewormed within the next months - please help us with your donation for one or more vaccinations. The animals get a combined vaccine, rabies vaccine and deworming-tablets, if necessary mange-treatment. The cost of which are 5 Euros per animal.

Please donate 5 Euros or more for these important vaccines!

Please mark as subject on your bank transfer: "vaccinations". Consequently I enter your name in the donators' list, which you find [HERE](#)

Of course we will have to make savings with food as well. And I personally will see to it that food waste will be as low as possible. I will have to reintroduce dramatic fines for breach of regulations. The dogs in the single boxes should rather be given smaller portions, so that tossing the bowl over wouldn't be too bad and food ended up in the gutter! When the food has been eaten up, the hands might give another helping! This

naturally, requires the helper to control the boxes again to "attend" them!

Unfortunately we will have to completely stop our big rice cooking for the dogs in the single boxes and for those intended for Europe. Every day we had cooked 25 kg of chicken trunks with an equivalent amount of rice. The dogs liked that food a lot, but the price of chicken has risen these last weeks enormously, from 13 (34 Cent) to 28 Baht (74 Cent) per kg. We need 13 sack rice /15 kg; each costs 800 Baht (27 Euro). Together with the cooking gas it cost about 1000 Euro per month.

The ill dogs will get canned food in future as well as the cats. The vet thinks this will be better for animals with a disease. Dogs waiting for castration or during the week after are not "ill" and will have to content themselves with dry pellet food.

In Chaweng and its surroundings we collect food leftovers every day at some of the hotels. Normally we get too much food to feed our dogs in Chaweng only, so we immediately fill bags and freeze them for the animals of the big shelter in Ban Taling Ngam. In the morning of the next day, this food is taken to the shelter. Where there will be some food left for the dogs in the single boxes. Up to now, the leftovers were just spread in one or two big compounds and the dogs were satisfied finishing them.

I'm sorry to say that only a few hotels support us and when a manager is replaced, we must - only too often - remove our donation box from the reception desk. I have marked in RED all the hotels which changed their minds concerning our support. It's an alarmingly small number to support us!

[HERE](#) you have got the list.

I will spend as much of my time as possible in big shelter to monitor my ideas of the money saving measures. No waste of water or cleaning materials. I'm curious what ideas I will have of saving more money.....

We will have to reduce the daily number of castrations. Every month we had some 150 castrations, which cost about 800 Bath each, with one week treatment in our shelter after the operation. And this IS painful for our purse!

For the time being, we will only castrate 4 females a day and male animal's only exceptionally.

Every month we need about 3000 Euro for castrations. I hope that your donations will enable us to perform the most important castrations in the future.

Hopefully we will have enough money so that we can castrate 6 animals per day as before. Please help us with our most important task!

Please donate 22 Euros for these important castrations!

Please mark as subject on your bank transfer: "castration". Consequently I enter your name in the donators' list, which you find [HERE](#).

A very sad piece of news is that we will have to stop the placement of our dogs in Germany. We used to offer them for 300 Euro; the actual transport costs are twice as

high. Moreover, the transport box must be returned. We have still got 10 boxes in Germany which we are urgently looking "flight attendants" for. One box weighs about 10 kg. Who is going to fly to Koh Samui and willing to take along a transport box? If you live in Germany; please tell me if you plan to come to Koh Samui!

I am so sorry for all those dogs who will never find a good home, and especially for Martina who made such a great job placing our dogs. She has put such a lot of love and energy in placing the dogs. Maybe, one day, our financial situation will improve, so that we can possibly restart placing dogs in new families. More than 30 dogs have found a new home in Germany and, of course, they do no longer cost us a dime and there is room for another pet in our overcrowded shelter.

From all my heart I say a great and warm "thank you" to Martina for her never tiring commitment to the dogs and their placements and flights.

We continue looking for "flight attendants" flying LUFTHANSA, as ever and again pet lovers take dogs they have fallen in love with head over heels in their hotel compound to our rescue centre. A flight with a "flight attendant" costs about 700 to 800 Euro less than a freight transport. And many of those persons can only give their darling pet a new home if you help them.

The August newsletter via paper mail won't be sent this year. I know that many of our friends were pleased a lot with it, very often because of the beautiful stamps. But, who cares - in times of computers and e-mails, paper mails seem somewhat outdated and entail a lot of costs. Nevertheless, it's a pity that we are forced to exert such dramatic saving measures after more than 13 years.

Our August newsletter will appear by the end of the month. I'll tell you whether some of the measures taken so far have shown any effect. And, of course, we always hope for your support and understanding.

Please donate for the important castrations or vaccinations. If every one of you helps us with a small sum, we can hope to get out of the doldrums one day in the future.

Best regards

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