

Dog and Cat Rescue Samui Foundation

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Dear lovers of our animals,

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Time is running by so fast! On April 1 we had our "birthday" party: for 14 years now innumerable pet lovers – by means of donations and other support on location- have helped to make Koh Samui a livable place for stray cats and dogs. Due to the numerous castrations (about 18000) in the last years, a considerably smaller amount of puppies were born and the "fewer" dogs can more easily manage to find enough food.

Lots of thanks to ALL OF YOU for supporting us truly and intensely for so many years! The dogs would even be more thankful if they knew why life has become easier for them!

Of course, the life of a stray dog is always difficult and the every-day struggle for sufficient food is a lifelong chore. But the neutered she-dogs needn't any more care for such a big number of puppies and the neutered he-dogs needn't fight continuous battles for the bitches...



Here you can find some pictures of our last Birthday-Party:



http://www.samuidog.org/Miscellaneous_en.html

In the hotel compounds on the beaches are only a few dogs left, whereas more and more cats make themselves comfortable in the large compounds: of course, the hotel managers do neither support the cats nor do they want to care for catching and castrating their furry "guests"!

Dr Sith declared himself willing to neuter cats already at the age of three months. A study in the USA showed that cats do not show any change of character and even bear surgery without any problems. This way we can better cope with the "cat problem" -hopefully- and possibly convince the managers to understand and help us to "collect" the cats.

Unfortunately I'm told again and again that dogs disappear all of a sudden in an overnight action from a beach or a hotel compound. If we are lucky, dedicated pet lovers pursue the case and keep bothering the hotel manager until he admits what had happened to the animal. Only when asked by the managers to do so, the gardeners usually get rid of troublesome animals.

In the **Chaweng Buri Resort**

a complete family of cats had disappeared over night. Tatjana and Christian from Germany immediately went to interview the manager Khun John to find out what had happened to those cats- and they did find them close to the house where the employees live! The manager turned out to be very co-operative! We supplied him with baskets and, during her holiday in the resort, Bettina from Austria managed to get hold of a couple of cats for neutering. They were taken to the employees' house where they are fed. We were allowed to put up a donations box, besides we may collect leftover food and, to top all that, Tatjana's and Christian's favourite dog in the resort is allowed to wear a collar with a badge marked "Chaweng Buri Resort" together with our telephone number!

Daeng was vaccinated and neutered and was supposed to be taken back to the resort. But Tatjana and Christian changed their minds: they absolutely wanted to take Daeng to Germany to guarantee her a safe and pleasant future. Her future depends exclusively on the manager's goodwill- and unfortunately we can't rely on them very often, as they change their jobs fast!

Martina placed Daeng on her dog-placing site as they cannot put up her herself. Daeng is about one year of age, very playful and good friends with all other dogs.

Samui Buri Beach Resort in Maenam

Same name, but unfortunately not the same attitude towards dogs... The new manager Khun Jesse told me, that it was an absolute necessity to remove the dog of the former manager, who had been the chief clerk there for two years; guests had been complaining about this dog. He continued that he was a great lover of animals and that the temple dogs did not bother him when passing by every now and then, but Thia **MUST** be off as she keeps moving freely in the resort.

Romana and Stefan were very eager to find out what had happened to the three beach dogs of the **Samui Paradise Beach Resort** in Chaweng. The dogs had been living there for a long time and had disappeared over night. After a lengthy see-saw, the manager revealed that the dogs were a nuisance to the guests and that he had them taken to the WAT KHAO LAE temple. That's a place near Hua Thanon in the direction of Butterfly Garden. Ramona and Michael went to that temple only to realize that the dogs had never arrived there. The monk did not know anything either. They were searching the area- without any success. They did not dare to take the manager to task, and I myself wasn't able to do anything about that sad business either as Romana and Stefan were afraid of to be kicked out of the hotel. So they wished to have their names changed. It is incredible indeed that guests are still afraid of the manager or a gardener (or even **MUST** be afraid!) when they feed the beach dogs or even ask questions about their whereabouts! You are the guests and the guest should be king, will say the customer is always right! Competition is strong- that's why managers usually make an effort!



DAENG

Who wants to care for me? I'm such a gentle dog and would "die" for a real home to live in with a loving master or mistress! Please write us a mail when you are interested in Daeng!



Where are the dogs? Still alive?
If you are on holiday in Samui and see the dogs- please inform me!



Some of you have done such great jobs for us! Our heartfelt thank you goes to them!

Thomas and Oliver from England participated in a 100-mile bike race from their hometown Wycombe to Brighton; besides they put up collecting boxes in bars and pubs and, moreover, they started fundraising with friends and acquaintances: to the incredible result of 934 pound sterling (1120 Euro)!

Last year, Thomas brought the injured puppy Lucky to the DCRS. At first we thought she had broken her legs or even suffered of something worse. Thomas had to wait for long months until she was finally ready for departure. But waiting was worthwhile. Just look what a pretty bitch she is!



Milena from Hassloch in Germany participated in a project competition of her school; she presented our Rescue Center to her school-mates. She won the competition and we received the respectable amount of 150 € generated by a cake sale!

Unfortunately, Susan from Nevada, USA, had to leave Koh Samui for health reasons. She left her Nissan NV as a present for us! Besides she left a lot of useful household articles – and the helpers „fought" for the items in matters "who will get what"!!!

I'm very sure to find thankful "recipients" if you want to get rid of used stuff after your holiday!





Jennifer in the waiting area for patients. Our dogs sit and wait to welcome the visitors.

Jennifer from Lausanne/Switzerland had mixed Granola muesli with delicious ingredients like honey, nuts and corn. She sold muesli for 15 000 bath (395 Euro) to her friends and colleagues. Of course, we got a sample as well and I do understand now that friends or colleagues were absolutely ravished!

THAI HELPER

I'm sorry, but I can only introduce you to just one new helper this time, as the other two, JÄM and SONG, who had been working at the Shelter in the last months, go back to Bangkok on May 1. They took quite a long time to understand the flow of work, but in the end they weren't so bad at it.

After the last pay-day, GEO didn't come back any more. I had been at the shelter every afternoon during one week to monitor the construction work. Probably it was too much for him to work every day from 2 to 5.30 p.m.! We won't miss him so badly, as he wasn't the most hard-working person indeed.

For three months, TUU had worked as a cleaner in the morning; beginning of May she flies to Germany with her husband. That's a pity, really, because she was very diligent and took good care of the cats in the house next-door. I hope we can find a good replacement for her!

AU, our extremely hard-working Burmese, has not returned from his home stay vacation. He had wanted to be back after ten days, but it has been more than ten days now. Let's hope for the best!

There was a little strike of some staff members, as some tourists had complained of helpers playing football in the shelter at 5 p.m.

Therefore I informed them I would keep back 500 Bath (13 Euro) of their pay if I catch them playing football or anything else during their working hours.

We have got such an enormous lot of work to do in the Shelter- so you have NEVER finished: In my house we never stop working before 6 p.m. And when the vet is holding his consultation hours on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, we work even longer than that.

I wonder what the helpers of the shelter have got in their minds....?



Khun Jul from "The Tongsay Bay" hands in a cheque to our manager Wit.

Pim, a yoga teacher from England had, together with her friend, organized the charity yoga workshop "Together Society" in Bangkok. Besides, they sold T-shirts to friends via Facebook. As Pim wasn't able to come to Samui herself, Khun Jul from "The Tongsay Bay" handed over the cheque about 6615 Bath.



MÄM works as a cleaner in our house in the afternoon. She also takes care of the dispensary of medicine for the dogs in the house. Mäm is extremely conscientious and minds that the dogs really swallow their medicine.

We have decided to take in women-workers for the Shelter in Ban Taling Ngam. Hopefully THEY do not play football or get drunk on pay-day and are unfit for work the following day. In May, the first women start working. I guess they may be placed in the cat house, the puppy's house, possibly as a doctor's second help or for the dispensary of medicine. This is always a task which takes extremely long time (3-4 hours each), as the dogs are seldom willing to take their pills- and there are about 100 animals getting medicine! Besides, for this task we can appoint only absolutely responsible helpers who control that the pills are swallowed indeed.

Here you can find the current staff list..... http://www.samuidog.org/OurVetAndStaff_en.html

Have a look at our monthly patients' list so that you may get an impression how important Dr Sith's and his helpers' work is....E.g. of March 2013: http://www.samuidog.org/Rundbrief_PDF/Hunde_Maerz_2013_engl.pdf

Or of April 2013: http://www.samuidog.org/Rundbrief_PDF/Hunde_April13_engl.pdf

MELODY

Here you can find the story of Melody:

http://www.samuidog.org/Rundbrief_PDF/Melody_May_12_engl.pdf



For one year Melody has been staying with Susanne, and sorry to say, her right eye had to be removed as well. But she endured the surgery very well and is the darling of the family.



LING



Ling is very fine in his new cage. A prisoner in "paradise". We look regularly after him.

Please do not take pictures with monkeys or other animals which are abused for tourist pictures in shopping streets or on the beaches.

On the right picture you can see a little Loris; without any anesthesia his teeth are taken out so that he can't bite any more. Without teeth he can't eat his natural food any more.

Loris are nocturnals, that's why they have got such beautiful large eyes. So sweet! But Loris aren't plush toys and they suffer immense pain for a holiday photo. They suffer for stupid tourists.



Please do not support this animal abuse, and do not allow these people to take your picture with a monkey, iguana or whatever creature they are keeping with them. Chase them away! And explain to others about this animal torturing!

This is a video of how we found Ling. <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xtukabvdBI>

This is the video of the cage construction: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AtI3160kJsA>

And here you have got a short report with pictures: http://www.samuidog.org/MonkeyBusiness_en.html

TEMPLE PROJECT

For over 6 years, our Temple-Team Jay, Linda and Tom have been treating hundreds of animals at the temples and villages all around the island. Almost daily they treat injured and sick dogs away from the already full shelter, improving many animals' way of life. Many poor villages have started to care for the stray dogs around their area, knowing our Temple-Team would return at least once a week and provide medical treatment as well as support with Dog and Cat Food and making sure all the animals will eventually be sterilized at the DRCS. THANK YOU VERY MUCH for your support for the Temple-Project, without you it would not be possible to keep this fairly cost intensive project alive.



Last year: Linda and Miss Skinny

One story in particular has touched the hearts of our Temple-Team which they would like to share in this newsletter. Jay and Linda met "Miss Skinny" over a year ago for the first time behind one of the temples they work at. At the time she was a mother of 9 puppies, completely famished and very shy towards humans. She gave birth in this shabby little wooden house behind the temple and gave her best to get her babies through. Thankfully things got better for her after we started to provide food and medicine for her and her babies. A lovely older Thai lady who lived close by showed interest in this skinny dog and volunteered to fill up food we left for her to give to the dogs.

It didn't take long and the old lady let the mother and her babies into her home where we found several stray dogs trying to get shelter and some food.

The old lady had about 10 stray dogs living under her house, not one of them she could touch and perhaps didn't want to since they were all in pretty bad shape. It was a great experience for our Temple-Team to work with her hand in hand over weeks, treating all the dogs in the area for mange, ticks and fleas, several infected wounds, got them de-wormed, vaccinated and eventually sterilized. Today all we have to do is a quick check at her house once/week, making sure all the dogs are healthy and she has enough food to feed them all. The old Thai lady and her dogs are now one big family and they all turned from dogs who were scared of human touch to snuggle-hungry four legged friends, including our Miss Skinny and her youngsters. The lovely Thai Lady takes as much care of the dogs as the dogs take care of her...



Miss Skinny's in her new home





Compared to dogs, cats are a lot more difficult to treat out on the street or often even at the Temples. Catching an injured or sick cat, cleaning its wounds, giving medication – always a much tougher job than with dogs. However, our Temple-Team has been making a focused effort to not neglect the cat issue and has started an intense sterilization program at some of the temples. With the help of the monks all the cats get vaccinated and eventually sterilized. We will write more about the cats' sterilization program in the next newsletter...

Picture on the left: Tom cleaning a small wound of a cat, a wound that without treatment gets easily infected and maggots often appear only hours later....

If we can't be sure that the cat stays at the same place for further treatment, we have to bring the animal into the shelter. Unfortunately with unvaccinated cats there is always the risk of them picking up a viruses or bacteria.

PUPPY HOUSE

Of course there will always be cases the Team cannot treat on the spot and the animal has to come into the shelter for intense treatment and, like in Fozzy's case, daily wound cleaning and special attention. Whenever this is the case, the Temple-Team brings the animal into the puppy house where they can recover in one of the free rooms and enjoy some special attention by the many volunteers who have been doing mental wonders to some of the dogs at the shelter. Since the Temple-Team is also in charge for our puppy house, they



Fozzy arrived in the shelter

want to keep an eye on their dogs they bring in and give them the privilege of full attention-sometimes quite a luxurious shelter-stay compared to the dogs in the single boxes. Fozzy has lived at the temple for many years. After a bad fight with a new temple dog, Fozzy holed up somewhere for several days with a huge wound on the head. Even though we returned many times to the temple after we were informed by the monk about Fozzy's wound, the Team was unable to find him. 4 days later the Team finally got him, barely alive, dehydrated and covered in maggots.



Fozzy back to the temple



Thanks to the amazing treatment and moral support at the shelter, where Fozzy got his own room in the puppy house, he made a quick and remarkable recovery and was overwhelmed with joy when he could return to the temple. Another lovely Temple dog who could benefit from the special treatment in the Puppy House, was the young Mr. Boh Phut, who lives at the temple in the north of the island. We first started treating him at the temple but soon realized that he needs intense care and since nobody can give medicine at this temple we had no choice but taking him into the shelter. Mr. Boh Phut was already vaccinated and as you can see on the before/after pictures, he made a great recovery and could return to his temple after 9 weeks in the puppy house.



Mr. Boh Phut today

You can find Fozzy's and Mr. Boh Phut's full story as well as more pictures in the latest Temple Newsletter

http://www.samuidog.org/Rundbrief_PDF/Temple_Newsletter_April%202013_E.pdf



Since Jay and Linda (in charge for the puppy house) have been more and more involved in street and temple work over the last few years, long term volunteers like Amber from San Francisco have stepped in and given all her heart and energy in making the little ones at the shelter as safe and cared for as possible. She's been doing a great job improving some of the hygiene issues (not always easy for our Puppy House helper Lek) and Jay and Linda have even been showing her how to give injections. Another big THANK YOU to Judith, without her daily walking training and massages, Paraly (picture on the right) would have never walked again. She and other volunteers have done an amazing job getting Parlay back on her paws and with every day, Paralis' body and mind improved.



Just last week Parlay took her first steps alone, applauded by everyone who knows this beautiful little soul. We are now full of hope again that she can make a full recovery.

In the back of our big kennel nr. 1 we dispose of large unused ground. The dogs prefer staying in the front part. We want to construct three departments for puppies and their mothers as a quarantine "office". Marcus from Germany who already built the monkey cage could not be stopped in his endeavor to tackle this new task, with or without being supported.

I'm sorry to say we couldn't take in enough helpers to execute all the urgent repair work all over the place. The roofs of the single boxes have almost all tumbled down, the doors of the cages must be regularly welded, there is scarcely any time left for new building sites....

I hope to find apt helpers soon. The first hut is ready and a dog-mum has moved in with her babies .



Adrian from England and **Marcus** from Germany



Leandra and **Alicia**: volunteers from Germany





Martina's taking care of the adoption program for our shelter dogs. We are ALWAYS looking for flight companions. Dog Transports via Cargo are a lot more expensive than transports with a flight companion. Please contact us if you can help us....



Sarah is here as a representative for the big number of volunteers who have helped us in the last months. (hopefully) I placed all their pictures on our homepage. If I didn't, please tell me!
http://www.samuidog.org/Volonteurs01_en.html

From May 14 till 30 we will fly to Berlin to meet my parents and friends there. Martina will fly in on purpose (sacrificing her going on holiday instead!) to stay in our house. She is used to being our holiday replacement and with her things will run perfectly smooth while we are off. I've got no doubt about that. Usually Martina is responsible for placing our DCRS dogs in Germany.

Last Christmas was a sad business, however. I had told you that our four-weeks' volunteer Linda was willing to live in our house or the one next to us and take care of everything. I was really disappointed as she neither showed up nor moved in! Never ever have I been hearing from her again.

Night life was more important to her than taking on responsibility. Obviously she had been staying in Thailand too long, as her behavior resembles the one of the Thais.

All that could have been avoided if she only had talked to me- and we could have organized things differently. The rest of the team was taking care of the house as well as everybody could.

Next Christmas Silvia from Austria is going to stay with us. She knows the helpers and was a very diligent and hard-working volunteer for many months. For our "mother-country" visits, I always try to find a responsible person we can trust in. Somehow it seems to be my fault: I should have realized that Linda wasn't really interested in helping us. In the DCRS, she was on Sarah's coat-tails all the time. Sarah used to be a perfect volunteer and Linda had promised to take care of Fibi while we were in Germany.

Unfortunately Sarah had to leave before Christmas and Fibi was only ready for departure in February. Linda did not keep this promise either. Sarah was a super help, in the office as well. During her three-month' stay she had "fallen in love" with Fibi and taken her home to Germany. Werner had hand-fed Fibi with a baby-bottle!

You may see the pictures on our homepage

http://www.samuidog.org/Nice_Pictures_2012_one_e.html

I hope you already had a look at these sites were you only find "nice pictures", none of them upsetting.

The less "nice" ones can be found here

http://www.samuidog.org/OurMonthlyPatients_en.html

These show dogs and cats we receive every month as emergencies.

Whenever you are in Koh Samui and see a cat or dog in an emergency, please do call us. We have been informed about most of the creatures in these pictures by tourists.

If you're coming to Samui and you wish to bring a donation: Old towels and bed linen and sheets for the puppies and the cats, OLD toys for the puppies, powdered kitten/puppy milk and flea collars for dogs. We can always use these things. In serious cases of mange (scabies) - especially with puppies - ADVOCATE has proved extremely effective. Unfortunately it costs a fortune! If your vet has got expired ADVOCATE and is willing to give it away for free or cheaply, we would be so glad to get it! For some dogs only ADVOCATE can heal mange.



If you decide to order at Zooplus.de or at Amazon.de we will receive between 3.5% and 8.5% of your purchase value which will be transferred automatically to the DRCS account. To this end, I would appreciate if you would conduct your purchases through us. In order to do so you need to click on our logo on our GERMAN website www.samuidog.org. We receive every month about 400 Euros thanks to your shopping.

Thank you very much again to all the sponsors and helpers from all over the world. Because of your help, since 14 years every dog and cat can be helped for free on Koh Samui. Stray animals which have not found a place to survive on their own on Koh Samui can be brought into the shelter.

Because of your donations, we can still neuter at least six animals every day. In the last 14 years, over 18,000 dogs and cats have been neutered and countless vaccinations and treatments have been carried out. We offer free medical treatment for ALL stray cats and dogs, with a pick-up service even beyond our opening hours. For dogs and cats with an owner, we must ask for coverage of the medicine costs. Medicine in Thailand is rather inexpensive and those who have no money will still get medicine for free. Also in the last four months we had to take in some more dogs and many cats in our shelter as they couldn't find a way to survive on their own.

With a sponsorship you can help to make sure that their bowls are never empty. Have a look on the website <http://www.samuidog.org/adoption.htm>. Sponsoring a dog or a cat is 20 Euro a month! Even if you do not want to sponsor an animal, it's definitely worth having a look at our many dogs and cats and read their stories



JABARI represents all dogs and cats still looking for a sponsor.

Our monthly costs amount to 14,000 Euro. If you are on Koh Samui, you are cordially invited to stop by, and welcome to come and look at our (financial) books. The dogs, cats and we all always love visitors!

Best wishes
and the DRCS – Team

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