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Dear animal friends!

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In May and June this year, we went to Germany for three weeks to see a couple of doctors and to meet our friends. My father had his birthday end of May; as Martina has already agreed to be back next year, we will be able to profit from the opportunity to fly back to Germany again. Meanwhile, Martina has become old school: in May and June last year she stayed in our house and took the most affectionate care of the big number of kittens. She also welcomed visitors and informed them about the aims of DCRS. She's a big cat-lover, something I personally do understand very well!

At this time I had 18 dogs IN the house, this I couldn't actually do to Martina!!! So I had 6 dogs taken to the shelter immediately! These were dogs due to fly quite soon to Germany or elsewhere. Very often I keep dogs in the house, until the vaccinations are effective.

For the first couple of weeks, the so-called "flying puppies" stay with us in the house. We love gnawed furniture and shoes: you just can't get to the puppies in time to stop them, as they're so fast!!!!

There are few tourists arriving, but the few who do come, have obviously fallen in love with a dog and want to take him home. As a result, an average 25 dogs and 3 to 7 cats have been waiting for weeks for take-off. Of course I'm overjoyed about every cat and every dog leaving the island, but sometimes I've been working hours ONLY for the "flying" dogs ...and there's absolutely no time left for the great number of dogs or cats in the shelter or the computer-work I've got to do as well. I understand quite well that every new owner of a pet would rejoice, to every week have new pictures of his darling cat or dog, but even if I'd like to fulfil their wishes - I just haven't got enough time to do so.

We are continuously looking for "flight attendants", say persons flying with Air Berlin, to accompany these dogs or cats. Air Berlin charges 120 € per dog; all the other airlines want 1850 Baht per kg.

Please inform me, if you want to help us. All these animals would like to fly with you...and there are 16 more still waiting for someone to accompany them!





Naturally we do not only look for “godparents” with respect to our “flying dogs”, but also responsible persons for the big number of animals in our kennels. A sponsorship costs 15 € a month. Many cats and dogs are still waiting for sponsors! You can find their pictures on our website [www.samuidog.org](http://www.samuidog.org) You will get pictures of “your” sponsored animals and short reports about the well-being of your protégés as well.

Please help us and adopt a sponsorship! A sponsorship does not mean an infinite obligation. You can quit any time.

I'm sad to say that neither Jay nor I have had the time to place the stories of all the sponsored dogs and cats on our homepage. As Jay will be on holiday in August, I will have to invest more time in checking on the dogs in the kennels and – deal with the English mails!!!! I do hope that the English-speaking friends will be able to halfway understand MY English mails!

Of course Linda will continue with the temple runs twice a week, which will be a heavy task and a strong challenge for her, and surely there'll be no time to help me with the English mails. I'm sorry to say that our team consists of four people only who keep the DRCS running: JAY, LINDA, WERNER, and ME. If one drops out, it is very hard for the rest of the team to make up for him or her.

## VOLUNTEERS

Of course, several hard-working volunteers stayed with us and supported our work seriously. I address my special thanks to Anna from Germany. She stayed with us from the beginning of May until the end of June for practical training. She has almost finished her studies as a vet and she supported Dr Sith perfectly well. Also for our long-time volunteers Jay and Linda, Annas' visit meant an educational and often intense but also fun time. During the various treatments they performed together, they shared experiences and were able to exchange useful hints. They often worked hand in hand at the shelter and even autopsies under Annas' supervision were performed together. It's often very refreshing to learn new techniques which make treating certain cases a little



Martina with Angelie

easier. All the new information will come in handy for the girls whilst at the centre or in the temples.

As we ourselves stayed in Germany for three weeks during that period of time, I knew our cats and dogs were professionally looked after.

Martina and Anna were a good team and enjoyed working together a lot. In animal hospitals we see cases, where you stand helpless to see animals slipping from your hands and die - and you're not able to do anything for them any more. Anna performed some PME's (autopsies) to find out the true reason why the animals had died. She wanted to find out if we could achieve more with a different treatment in similar cases. We found out that puppies should be dewormed at the age of seven days already and then again every following week. They get worms so easily - it's incredible!

I hope we will have many more motivated students to spend a practical training at the DRCS - and, this goes without saying - all volunteers are welcome, not only those with a certain knowledge of (veterinary) medicine!



Anna in the middle of some helpers and Dr Sith



In September, Baerbel and Guenter had planned to be back in Koh Samui to continue their work at the DRCS.

Unfortunately their return will probably have to be postponed until December. This is very hard for me, as Baerbel and Guenter have been doing an excellent job for many months at the DRCS. Their ideas for improvement were perfect! Naturally, we've got to control the helpers regularly- that's where we will miss Baerbel and Guenter mostly! I've started again to fine the helpers, if the "ID" cards at the boxes do not agree with the dog in the box or when the medicine has run out.

**Warm and hearty thanks for all those who sacrificed some hours or days of their holiday to help us or to work as volunteers in the DCRS.  
The animals are always thankful for caring hands and soft strokes and many visitors!**

## THAI HELPERS

At the moment, we have got a veterinary, Dr Sith, a manager, Wit, and 15 assistants, who are employed in the various sections according to their abilities. Not everyone can be an adequate doctor's assistant! New employees show very fast, whether they are interested in learning more or if they will be satisfied with only doing a cleaning job. If you happen to be a new member of our association, I recommend reading about our helpers in our former info-letters. Usually I provide very detailed information about the single co-workers- we can't do anything without their help! In my last info-letter I had introduced four new helpers – three of them are still with us! SAHM LÖNG, who is doing the daily "food-round" has turned out to be very skilled in catching dogs, works exclusively in our house in Chaweng. I haven't seen him yet in a live action catching dogs, but his success rate is extremely high.



GON

ROT MONTI has showed to be, as expected, a hard-working and exceedingly skilled home-constructor. Rot Monti keeps me thinking of Somkiät- but not in matters of alcohol!!! Some of you may remember him: he was an absolute all-rounder, but as he took more and more to drinking alcohol, the moment arrived when things were no longer tolerable and we had to let him go. In my info-letters I used to talk a lot about him.

BAU used to work for a long time as our house "maid", but obviously there were too many daily chores to be done. He seemed to be overstrained and kept "forgetting" several tasks. However, he is now working in the animal shelter and is scheduled for cleaning the single boxes. Later, he will be instructed how to clean the big kennels- so for the time being, he will work in the shelter.

Of course, we've got to complain about several losses:

HU (I had introduced him last time), was not able to clean the big kennels properly. He was just too slow and he didn't even want- after a couple of "LAST CHANCE" invitations- to speed up a little at least!

EGG (he has got three children), saw me on the last pay-day to complain about the sorrows he had caring for his family. He managed to borrow 3000 Baht from me – and two weeks later, I heard from the colleagues that he wouldn't be back. Of course I was peeved, mostly at myself, because I had been trapped again and believed the sad and sentimental stories a Thai had told me.

JAA, our "man in Lamai", had been one of our best worker so far: assisting the vet, cleaning the single boxes, taking over the emergency night shift for a long time (something KIO performs perfectly well now), not to mention being an expert tiler. Unfortunately he had such a lot of problems with his own character and personality in the last months that he became more and more unreliable; and while we were in Germany, he didn't show up any more.

This time we had only one new employee:

GON had used to work for us in former times already, and as he is a good painter and skilled craftsman, I employed him despite the fact that he hasn't got a driver's license for a car. Besides, he needn't be trained again and the colleagues wanted to have him back as well. So it's up to me to look for the next "candidate" with a driver's license.....

When Dr Sith has got some spare minutes left, he even „shaves“ the totally matted coat of a dog. Actually this is a helper's job.

Unfortunately, too many Thai people hesitate too long before coming to our place. Mostly it's neighbours or tourists who inform us about the bad condition of the animals. But here it is a common habit to call yourself the owner of a creature, when you give the dog some rice or leftovers - sometimes or seldom! Very often, Thai people purchase a puppy, and whenever the pretty and charming puppy grows into a big dog, they do not care for him anymore. The dog, of course, is not able to understand, and stays with his supposed "master". Long-hair dogs will have matted coats, and the short-hair dogs are very often mangy.



This is FILZIE (Matty): without any resistance he tolerated patiently that we took off his "shell"; that task finished, he could immediately go back home to his "master". His "master" must be blind and somewhat out of his wits - that's all I can say at the moment! But now we know where FILZIE lives and we are going to keep an eye on him!



BLAUNI. You may see his whole picture story here:

[http://www.samuidog.org/Rundbrief\\_PDF/Blauni%20englisch.pdf](http://www.samuidog.org/Rundbrief_PDF/Blauni%20englisch.pdf)



## Alert in the Cat House

After returning from Germany, I realized that the cat shelter was just no more than a jungle! The cats seemed to be very happy about that! They even climbed in trees up to ten meters high on the neighbouring property.

However, something had to be done and I decided to take very radical steps! Eleven years back I would never have done so - but now I know HOW FAST everything grows here! I have placed a detailed documentary report of my action on our homepage!

[http://www.samuidog.org/Rundbrief\\_PDF/Katzengehege%20englisch.pdf](http://www.samuidog.org/Rundbrief_PDF/Katzengehege%20englisch.pdf)

## POISONINGS ON KOH SAMUI

Unfortunately this is an ever recurring subject. EGG, one of the most known dogs on Chaweng beach, suffered an extremely cruel death - from acute poisoning. He had been living for about 8 years in the Chaweng Buri Resorts. One week before the assault, the Malibu manager called to summon us that we should remove ALL the dogs from the beach. We do not think that the management of the Chaweng Buri were involved in the poisoning, as we had several calls from their part during the last months, when they had found injured dogs or had other problems with animals.

Shortly after Andreas Rubio had taken over the management of the Imperial Boat House, Max and Maxim disappeared without a trace. They had been living on the hotel premises for many years and we suppose that lots of people do miss them. The SAMUI EXPRESS and FARANG have published an article about all that has been happening.

Here are the links

[http://www.samuidog.org/Rundbrief\\_PDF/Presseberichte.pdf](http://www.samuidog.org/Rundbrief_PDF/Presseberichte.pdf)

Meanwhile Andreas Rubio has quit being the manager of the Imperial Boat House. As I've heard, he left the island. Managers change very fast and very often in this place! We will certainly NOT miss him! Unfortunately this doesn't help the dogs any more...

In my Info letter of June I referred other incidents as well:

[http://www.samuidog.org/Rundbrief\\_PDF/Samui%20Info%20June%202010.pdf](http://www.samuidog.org/Rundbrief_PDF/Samui%20Info%20June%202010.pdf)



Maxim from Imperial Boat House



Max from Imperial Boat House



Egg from Chaweng Buri Resort

You can now find this years DRCS island-newsletters on our homepage. These newsletters are sent to many hotels, restaurants and businesses around the island. They also contain the operation statistics there and many other news about our work.

## TEMPLE PROJECT

Our Temple-Team treats dogs and cats at 18 temples twice a week all around the island. While doing so, Jay and Linda also visit several little villages and stop for mange treatments, wound cleaning, etc on the way from one temple to another. Working closely with the monks has become absolutely essential in order to provide



medical attention to the animals living in and around the temple. Since there are so many temples to cover and not enough hours in the day, it's simply not possible for the girls to spend so much time searching every inch of the area, so they very much depend on the monks and the locals to tell them where to find any dogs and cats in need of help. The level of obligation varies from temple to temple and it is the case that the girls still visit a few temples where their work is not appreciated, where little or no help is given to them. This can be very tiresome but still they persist and return every week for the sake of the animals.



Beside treating the sick and the injured, the girls ensure that the healthy animals are vaccinated, de-wormed and eventually neutered. We also currently deliver 700kg of dog food and 150kg of cat food every month. Many of the dogs and cats the girls bring in from the temple or from the street often need only a few days of intense care in order to get back on their feet and in the case where the animal has an owner or one of the monks to take care of them, the animal can return and the medicine can be given by their caretakers. You can find more information and pictures about the Temple project on our homepage under Info and News, Temple project. [http://www.samuidog.org/Rundbrief\\_PDF/TEMPLE\\_PROJECT\\_August\\_10\\_English.pdf](http://www.samuidog.org/Rundbrief_PDF/TEMPLE_PROJECT_August_10_English.pdf)

### PUPPY HOUSE

A comfortable, warm, dry and safe environment can make a huge difference for many of the dogs and cats brought to the DRCS. Jay and Linda who manage the puppy house at the shelter in Baan Taling Ngam have more and more adult dogs accommodating some of the much sought after rooms in the puppy house. Unless its the case where puppies arrive with the mother, most puppies have to go first into one of the 20 quarantine



Linda and Jay cleaning a wound of a puppy found at one of Samuis Temple

boxes behind the puppy house until they are vaccinated and can be integrated with the others. Thankfully most of our healthy new arrivals find a home in with their first week at the DRCS. Over 30 puppies, 4 teenagers (between 5-7 months) and 5 adult dogs have found a home in the last 3 months. Whenever there is a free room in the puppy house, the girls give either their temple dogs, one they picked up on the street



or one of the dogs in the single boxes a chance of a little more space comfort and caretaking. One example is Copperfield, picked up half dead on the road outside a temple in Nathon. As it turned out Copperfield was not only suffering from severe mange, bacterial infections and septicaemia, she was also carrying 3 mummified babies inside her. Thanks to the intense care of everyone involved in Copperfields case, she has managed to make an amazing recovery and is now on the fast track to becoming a healthy, happy dog.



Again, a huge ThankYou to Anna from Germany for her time and patience she put into Copys' case! Jay and Linda would also like to point out what great work our helper Lek does every day in the puppy house. He has really found his footing now, takes his work very seriously and it's fantastic to see how he has bonded with the dogs.



### COMPUTER PROBLEMS

I really do not want to bore you, but as important as our helpers are, so too is an efficiently working computer – something it almost never is – and we keep complaining about the inefficiency of the device.....For a long time we were working with Outlook Express, but mails kept disappearing and we had to download them again from the server; but unfortunately the consequence was, that the DRCS was the sender and all the mails had the same date! As that happened several times and status codes had vanished as well, we decided to use WINMAIL. It didn't destroy mails, but eliminated addresses in the address book instead! I do not know yet how big the damage is. Now we use Outlook, but with Outlook we often have problems with the picture transmission. Very often the files attached cannot be opened, but we keep working on that problem as well! We have changed to an other telephone company, so that we're now able to communicate with AOL, t-online and Yahoo! E-mails in bundles of 60 do pass – beforehand, we could only send 20 (!!!) in a package and that with a directory of 4000 addresses!



So far I haven't had enough spare time to take an interest in Facebook. These last weeks I've received a couple of requests if the DRCS or myself were already listed there. In the past, Jeremy, Michael, Kelly and Patrizia have opened sites for the DRCS. Those who like Facebook may have a look. Anyway, I'm going to place some news there on my site – "Brigitte Gomm".

### WATER PROBLEMS

As the rains didn't come, everybody could guess that we were going to have a serious water problem. Since June, there's very rarely "public" water available in the animal home in Bahn Taling Ngam. Unfortunately, the deep well doesn't pump sufficiently, and only produces about 500 litres of water a day. But we need 2000 to 3000 litres every day. The Thai people are not interested how often the water truck has got to pass. When the water has run out, we cannot clean the boxes – but a break until the next water truck arrives, is always welcome with the helpers! Sorry to say they aren't so lucky, as the "waterman" seems to lurk like a cat for our call and shows up within ten minutes! In Chaweng we get public water by the hour. We've started using our own well again and so we get water during the night frequently. But in the morning we must watch out carefully that the helpers do not wash down the yard with the "good" water instead of using the water from the well! Of course they are just too lazy to go and get the gardenhose from the back.

### EXCHANGE RATE

Half a year ago, we were given 50 Baht for 1 €, and then it came down to 38! But that lasted short time only and now it has reached 40 Baht again. However, this means 20% of exchange loss. For a long time, the Baht was "stuck" at 50. This way, a holiday in Thailand becomes much more expensive and many of you will have chosen other countries to spend their holidays in. Actually, the high season should have already started! That means we must "add" the exchange loss to the number of missing tourists, who are so important for us, as we collect 20 – 25 % of all donations from the tourists on the island.

## That's why we depend to a still greater extent on YOUR support and help!

Thank you very much again to all the sponsors and helpers from all over the world. Because of your help, since 11 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 11 years, over 12,000 dogs and cats have been neutered and countless vaccinations and treatments have been carried out. We offer free medical treatment for ALL cats and dogs (with or without an owner, that doesn't matter) including a pick-up service. Of course we will continue to offer free medical treatments for animals with owners as long as possible but since last November, we are no longer in the position to offer free vaccinations. I know that these vaccines are important but at this point of time when we have to save wherever we can, I don't know another way around this. Rabies vaccine is still free for everyone. Compared to the vaccine for parvo, distemper etc., the rabies vaccine is still quite a bit cheaper.

Also in the last four months we had to take on some dogs and cats in our shelter as they couldn't find a way to survive on their own. All had to move closer together to give space to the new arrivals. However we really cannot take on many more dogs as otherwise they will injure themselves during bite and power fights.

With a sponsorship you can help to make sure that their bowls are never empty. Have a look on the homepage ('How to Help', 'Cats and Dogs to Sponsor'). Sponsoring a dog or a cat is 15 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! 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.

Once again we were able to transport several dogs and cats to a safer future. On our homepage you can check out those happy animals in there new homes at 'What we do' and 'Dog Transport'. In case you're willing to become a companion for a dog transport, please contact me in time. The animals will be thankful and surely the new owners too.

Support us by letting people know about the DRCS! Pass on the newsletter to your friends and family or spread word of the DRCS through different forums. I strongly believe if we all work together now, we can get through this crisis.



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 home page.

We have worked on the homepage a lot lately, so it's worthwhile checking out our Info & News page, where you can now follow some of our dog stories and update yourself on all kind of DRCS-news.

Our monthly costs amount to 11,000 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 I always love visitors! On the right picture you can see our house dogs in Chaweng.

Best wishes

*Brigitte*

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Please have a look in the webpage  
[www.samuidog.org](http://www.samuidog.org)

