

## Dog and Cat Rescue Samui Foundation

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Jay, Linda and Tom from the Temple-Team are also very happy, that the financial situation of the Dog and Cat Rescue has stabilized a little. For some months the Team were not able to deliver the amount of dog and cat food required to feed all the hungry mouths at the temples. The Team provides over 20 temples around the island with medical treatment and food. Due to our financial situation, only the very minimum of dog and cat food could be delivered to the temples so Jay and Linda started to divide one big 25kg of dog food into a few smaller black bags and delivered it that way, making sure everyone got at least a little something. The monks



Linda delivering food

were also very understanding and most cooked rice to mix through the dry food, stretching it that little bit further. As for the dogs and cats in the temples, well, they were just very happy to have some food every day. Thankfully we are now in the position to buy enough food again and have gone back to delivering the required amount of dog and cat food so no one has to be hungry.

**10 kg dry food costs 7 Euro!**  
Please donate for the temple-dogs!



Tom and Jay can deliver the necessary amount again

Jay, Linda and Tom have met a lot of injured animals over the last 8 years they have been treating stray animals, many times cried over animals which couldn't be saved and more often celebrated successful treatments of all the 4-legged ones that made it through, thanks to their efforts.

The team would like tell the story of this amazingly strong cat who has proven once again to us, how much better animals can recover in their familiar place instead of being behind bars at the shelter.





**Burny when she was first treated by the Temple-Team. Even though the skin was still on, most parts underneath were totally burned...**

BURNY has been living with the monk we lovingly refer to as 'Cat Man Monk' for a couple of years now. One of about 30 cats, she enjoyed a great life at the temple, receiving plenty of love from this one particular monk who even lets the cats sleep in his bed. Last month Jay and Tom rushed to the temple after an emergency call, where the monk awaited them with Burni in his arms and tears in his eyes.



**Burny after 1week. The monk follows her everywhere...**

His beloved cat had gone to the big kitchen area, where a celebration was ongoing and somebody accidently dropped a pot of boiling water, the cat was on the receiving end. Almost half of the body has been affected. The monk insisted on keeping the cat there and wanted to give the daily medication himself, as well as helping with the daily wound cleaning. Over the years this monk has learned a lot from the



**Jay cleaning Burnie's wound...  
More on Burny on the Temple-Teams Report**

Temple Team and often gives the received medication to the animals. Every second day the Temple Team went to the temple to clean and check the wound properly and to give injections if necessary. Even though she is in extreme pain, this little cat won't move from the monks' side and constantly goes to the other cats to exchange some snuggles and show them that she will soon be up for playing again.

The strength and courage this cat has displayed is truly extraordinary. it's amazing, that after all these years caring for the temple animals , we are still surprised by their will to survive.

We hope that this beautiful little character will be strong enough to get through this...



**Happy when the Team first met her**

HAPPY was dropped at one of Samuis' Temples when our Temple-Team first started treating her. She was always very weak and seemed to be constantly at the edge and in the beginning didn't respond to any medication. She was very skinny, always seemed to have a cold then several other problems accrued. Thankfully she stayed at one of the temples where the monks are more than happy to give medication and take fairly good care of the dogs. After successful treatment over several weeks, Happy got bigger and stronger and joined the huge pack of dogs at the temple. We are not sure how it happened but Happy had a very bad accident at the temple and was then attacked by some dogs while she was already in distress. She suffered major bite wounds, which damaged one leg so badly, that it had to be amputated. It was clear that beside the wounds and the pain of the amputation, Happy had also pain in the second front leg but nobody on

the island was able to fix it. Our amazing Foster-Parents Mike and his wife who is a vet, decided to give Happy a new home and adopted her.

Knowing only a specialist vet in Bangkok could help Happy to walk without pain on three legs, Mike rented a car and took Happy to Bangkok for the operation. All went well and she can now finally live up to her name and live a happy life. Thank you Mike for not thinking twice.....  
Here is the link to the newest report from the Tempelteam.

[http://www.samuidog.org/Rundbrief\\_PDF/Tempel\\_Dec.2012\\_English.pdf](http://www.samuidog.org/Rundbrief_PDF/Tempel_Dec.2012_English.pdf)

## PUPPY HOUSE

Many times over the last two years we have mentioned how important Foster-Parents are and how much we appreciate people helping us to FIRST vaccinate our little 4 legged friends before they then –for whatever reason- come to the puppy house at our shelter. Once fully vaccinated, it is a lot less likely for them to get sick at the shelter. Jay and Linda –in charge for the puppy dogs- almost daily have to find ways to keep puppy families safe outside the shelter, until they are fully vaccinated. We are thankful for everyone getting out of their daily routine in order to keep some puppies at their place until they are double vaccinated and strong enough for the shelter. The vaccination program takes about three weeks and we can vaccinate the puppies earliest with 6 weeks. A big THANK YOU to Axel and his wife who kindly agreed to shelter 9 puppies on their balcony for this length of time before giving them over to our puppy house in Ban Taling Ngam, where they will hopefully find a new home sooner or later. We have once again successfully re-homed many puppies who came into the shelter fully vaccinated but unfortunately had to watch



**17 new, vaccinated puppies arriving**

many little ones get sick and die because they never had a chance to get vaccine, they were simply dropped at the shelter and no Foster parent was available.

Jay, Linda and Tom will continue spending as much time as possible, working outside the shelter in order to prevent so many unnecessary deaths. The more people who are made aware that we will still take the puppies after vaccine, the more people are prepared to keep them for a while longer, but there's still a long road ahead .....

Little has changed when it comes to our annoying beast called Ticks and Fleas. Several times a year we have an infestation of ticks, they are potential killers, especially in puppies, who don't have the strongest immune system.

That's why Linda and Tom are about to make the puppy House as Tick-free as possible. They will burn the inside of the house and



the grounds outside and disinfect everything. Every few months drastic 'Tick&Flea-fights' like these are necessary. Usually it does solve the problem for the time being and more little ones have the chance to survive. Any donations against ticks and fleas (like this

special comp in the picture) are highly appreciated! You wouldn't believe how easily this comp removes annoying ticks and fleas and many hours of exhausting de-ticking can be saved. However, in many cases nobody has the time to sit and brush the dogs or take them out by hand. That's why we are thankful for any sort of tick and flea powder, Frontline, Advocate or similar products. Please think of us if you come to Samui and have some luggage space left, thank you.



**Not only at the temples but also at the shelter we have a constant fight against ticks and fleas. Sometimes we get dogs into the shelter completely covered with ticks, too many to count.**

From November 14.-16., we sent two of our helpers to Phuket. The Humane Society International held a special training course for catching dogs with a net. The head trainer Soham Mukherjee arrived from India and tried his very best to teach our boys the best methods. Our task will be first to manufacture such a net, and then the other helpers will be trained as well and we will be able to start a new "business". We hope to catch those dogs which either do not eat our anesthetic paste or, even after swallowing it, are still so strong as to fight tooth and nail like mad. Those are the ones we hope to be able to catch with that net. I will let you know how things worked out...



## DOG ADOPTION

From my last newsletter you know that we have restarted our dog-adoption program: a lot of pet lovers have asked us to continue and our financial situation has thankfully improved again. Martina published an up-to-date homepage for the dogs we chose for adoption.

When you see the pictures you will understand how glad we were to restart placing dogs, at least for the time being. Have a look at the recently placed dogs; all of them would otherwise still be at the shelter looking for a new home

<http://www.dogsonsamui.de>

In case you have fallen in love with a dog from the beach, we will help you with the transport. Look at the pictures of the happy dogs in their new homes. These dogs were all "taken abroad", as they had managed to sneak into the hearts of the tourists!

[http://www.samuidog.org/TheyFoundANewHomeOversea01\\_en.html](http://www.samuidog.org/TheyFoundANewHomeOversea01_en.html)



**Martina is a huge cat lovers but always gets excited if a dog finds a new home abroad**

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](http://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 13 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 13 years, over 17,000 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!



**Mausi represents all dogs and cats still looking for a sponsor.**

Our monthly costs amount to 13,000 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!

Merry Christmas and a happy New Year wishes

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DJ Blair at the Walking Street in Lamai

## TEMPLE PROJECT

Jay, Linda and Tom from the Temple-Team are also very happy, that the financial situation of the Dog and Cat Rescue has stabilized a little. For some months the Team were not able to deliver the amount of dog and cat food required to feed all the hungry mouths at the temples. The Team provides over 20 temples around the island with medical treatment and food. Due to our financial situation, only the very minimum of dog and cat food could be delivered to the temples so Jay and Linda started to divide one big 25kg of dog food into a few smaller black bags and delivered it that way, making sure everyone got at least a little something. The monks



Linda delivering food

were also very understanding and most cooked rice to mix through the dry food, stretching it that little bit further. As for the dogs and cats in the temples, well, they were just very happy to have some food every day. Thankfully we are now in the position to buy enough food again and have gone back to delivering the required amount of dog and cat food so no one has to be hungry.

**10 kg dry food costs 7 Euro!**  
Please donate for the temple-dogs!



Tom and Jay can deliver the necessary amount again

Jay, Linda and Tom have met a lot of injured animals over the last 8 years they have been treating stray animals, many times cried over animals which couldn't be saved and more often celebrated successful treatments of all the 4-legged ones that made it through, thanks to their efforts.

The team would like tell the story of this amazingly strong cat who has proven once again to us, how much better animals can recover in their familiar place instead of being behind bars at the shelter.





**Burny when she was first treated by the Temple-Team. Even though the skin was still on, most parts underneath were totally burned...**

BURNY has been living with the monk we lovingly refer to as 'Cat Man Monk' for a couple of years now. One of about 30 cats, she enjoyed a great life at the temple, receiving plenty of love from this one particular monk who even lets the cats sleep in his bed. Last month Jay and Tom rushed to the temple after an emergency call, where the monk awaited them with Burni in his arms and tears in his eyes.



**Burny after 1week. The monk follows her everywhere...**

His beloved cat had gone to the big kitchen area, where a celebration was ongoing and somebody accidently dropped a pot of boiling water, the cat was on the receiving end. Almost half of the body has been affected. The monk insisted on keeping the cat there and wanted to give the daily medication himself, as well as helping with the daily wound cleaning. Over the years this monk has learned a lot from the



**Jay cleaning Burnie's wound...  
More on Burny on the Temple-Teams Report**

Temple Team and often gives the received medication to the animals. Every second day the Temple Team went to the temple to clean and check the wound properly and to give injections if necessary. Even though she is in extreme pain, this little cat won't move from the monks' side and constantly goes to the other cats to exchange some snuggles and show them that she will soon be up for playing again.

The strength and courage this cat has displayed is truly extraordinary. it's amazing, that after all these years caring for the temple animals , we are still surprised by their will to survive.

We hope that this beautiful little character will be strong enough to get through this...



**Happy when the Team first met her**

HAPPY was dropped at one of Samuis' Temples when our Temple-Team first started treating her. She was always very weak and seemed to be constantly at the edge and in the beginning didn't respond to any medication. She was very skinny, always seemed to have a cold then several other problems accrued. Thankfully she stayed at one of the temples where the monks are more than happy to give medication and take fairly good care of the dogs. After successful treatment over several weeks, Happy got bigger and stronger and joined the huge pack of dogs at the temple. We are not sure how it happened but Happy had a very bad accident at the temple and was then attacked by some dogs while she was already in distress. She suffered major bite wounds, which damaged one leg so badly, that it had to be amputated. It was clear that beside the wounds and the pain of the amputation, Happy had also pain in the second front leg but nobody on

the island was able to fix it. Our amazing Foster-Parents Mike and his wife who is a vet, decided to give Happy a new home and adopted her.

Knowing only a specialist vet in Bangkok could help Happy to walk without pain on three legs, Mike rented a car and took Happy to Bangkok for the operation. All went well and she can now finally live up to her name and live a happy life. Thank you Mike for not thinking twice.....  
Here is the link to the newest report from the Tempelteam.

[http://www.samuidog.org/Rundbrief\\_PDF/Tempel\\_Dec.2012\\_English.pdf](http://www.samuidog.org/Rundbrief_PDF/Tempel_Dec.2012_English.pdf)

## PUPPY HOUSE

Many times over the last two years we have mentioned how important Foster-Parents are and how much we appreciate people helping us to FIRST vaccinate our little 4 legged friends before they then –for whatever reason- come to the puppy house at our shelter. Once fully vaccinated, it is a lot less likely for them to get sick at the shelter. Jay and Linda –in charge for the puppy dogs- almost daily have to find ways to keep puppy families safe outside the shelter, until they are fully vaccinated. We are thankful for everyone getting out of their daily routine in order to keep some puppies at their place until they are double vaccinated and strong enough for the shelter. The vaccination program takes about three weeks and we can vaccinate the puppies earliest with 6 weeks. A big THANK YOU to Axel and his wife who kindly agreed to shelter 9 puppies on their balcony for this length of time before giving them over to our puppy house in Ban Taling Ngam, where they will hopefully find a new home sooner or later. We have once again successfully re-homed many puppies who came into the shelter fully vaccinated but unfortunately had to watch



**17 new, vaccinated puppies arriving**

many little ones get sick and die because they never had a chance to get vaccine, they were simply dropped at the shelter and no Foster parent was available.

Jay, Linda and Tom will continue spending as much time as possible, working outside the shelter in order to prevent so many unnecessary deaths. The more people who are made aware that we will still take the puppies after vaccine, the more people are prepared to keep them for a while longer, but there's still a long road ahead .....

Little has changed when it comes to our annoying beast called Ticks and Fleas. Several times a year we have an infestation of ticks, they are potential killers, especially in puppies, who don't have the strongest immune system.

That's why Linda and Tom are about to make the puppy House as Tick-free as possible. They will burn the inside of the house and



the grounds outside and disinfect everything. Every few months drastic 'Tick&Flea-fights' like these are necessary. Usually it does solve the problem for the time being and more little ones have the chance to survive. Any donations against ticks and fleas (like this

special comp in the picture) are highly appreciated! You wouldn't believe how easily this comp removes annoying ticks and fleas and many hours of exhausting de-ticking can be saved. However, in many cases nobody has the time to sit and brush the dogs or take them out by hand. That's why we are thankful for any sort of tick and flea powder, Frontline, Advocate or similar products. Please think of us if you come to Samui and have some luggage space left, thank you.



**Not only at the temples but also at the shelter we have a constant fight against ticks and fleas. Sometimes we get dogs into the shelter completely covered with ticks, too many to count.**

From November 14.-16., we sent two of our helpers to Phuket. The Humane Society International held a special training course for catching dogs with a net. The head trainer Soham Mukherjee arrived from India and tried his very best to teach our boys the best methods. Our task will be first to manufacture such a net, and then the other helpers will be trained as well and we will be able to start a new "business". We hope to catch those dogs which either do not eat our anesthetic paste or, even after swallowing it, are still so strong as to fight tooth and nail like mad. Those are the ones we hope to be able to catch with that net. I will let you know how things worked out...



## DOG ADOPTION

From my last newsletter you know that we have restarted our dog-adoption program: a lot of pet lovers have asked us to continue and our financial situation has thankfully improved again. Martina published an up-to-date homepage for the dogs we chose for adoption.

When you see the pictures you will understand how glad we were to restart placing dogs, at least for the time being. Have a look at the recently placed dogs; all of them would otherwise still be at the shelter looking for a new home

<http://www.dogsonsamui.de>

In case you have fallen in love with a dog from the beach, we will help you with the transport. Look at the pictures of the happy dogs in their new homes. These dogs were all "taken abroad", as they had managed to sneak into the hearts of the tourists!

[http://www.samuidog.org/TheyFoundANewHomeOversea01\\_en.html](http://www.samuidog.org/TheyFoundANewHomeOversea01_en.html)



**Martina is a huge cat lovers but always gets excited if a dog finds a new home abroad**

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](http://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 13 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 13 years, over 17,000 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!



**Mausi represents all dogs and cats still looking for a sponsor.**

Our monthly costs amount to 13,000 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!

Merry Christmas and a happy New Year wishes

*Brigitte* and the DRCS – Team

Accounts for sponsors you can find here:

[http://www.samuidog.org/text3\\_english.htm](http://www.samuidog.org/text3_english.htm)



**Please help us with your donations for the dogs and cats, who continually require food and medicine. HELP US HELP**