

TEMPLE PROJECT AUGUST 2012

In October 2007, the DRCS started providing dog and cat food for many of Samui's temples. In April 2008, our Temple Project-Team, Jay Linda and Tom, has started to not only give food but also vaccinate and to provide medical attention to dogs and cats. If absolutely necessary, the injured or sick animal is brought to the shelter for further treatments. Our work includes a lot of street work and many little villages surrounding the temples.



Everyone has to try and cut costs

Since we got to know how serious the financial position of the Dog Rescue has become, we have given our best to cut down the costs – especially for food.

We have spoken to the monks and the many people working at the temples or the villages and explained that we can only deliver the absolute minimum of dog and cat food at the moment.

In general people have been great, understand our position and started to mix more rice with the dry food we deliver.





The dogs don't mind to eat a little more rice...

The main aim of the temple project is to ensure the good health of all the animals, then eventually sterilisation. In order for us to achieve this, we require a constant supply of vaccine and medications. It is therefore impossible for us to save money there and since we're working with stray animals to 99%, nobody is giving us any money for medication, vaccinations or sterilisations.

PLEASE HELP US TO KEEP OUR STERILISATION PROGRAM AT THE TEMPLES GOING!

Normally our team brings in 6-7 dogs/week from the temples and villages for spaying/castration and of course nobody is paying the 500Baht for an operation.



SOME OF OUR OLDER RESIDENT TEMPLE-DOGS

Mr Big has been at Bigbuddha temple for over ten years now, according to the caretaker, he was dumped there when he was a puppy. We began treating him for mange when we started the temple project over 4years ago. Over the years he has had so many injections it's almost as if he has become immune to the treatment. About eight months ago he developed a really bad ear infection and he was also very skinny so we took him into our shelter at Ban Talingnam. No matter how much special food we gave him he didn't really gain any weight, we did his blood works to see if he had parasites, but nothing. He stayed with us for about a month then we took him home, he was so happy to be back. Everyone loves him there and he is well looked after. If you do see him he particularly loves fried chicken and is very partial to soya milk.



Grosi has been at PlaiLeam temple for more than 13 years, she belonged to the old monk there, who has since moved on. She is as big an attraction as the temples themselves. We have had more calls about this dog than any other dog on the island. We started treating her for mange when the temple project began but she is so old and so frail, her skin is like paper so the injections were very painful for her. She also has osteoporosis and no teeth. We now treat her on a regular basis for mange by putting the medicine in food. Every week we massage her with cream to stop her skin from cracking, which she enjoys very much. The monks recently told us they bath her every few weeks with skin softening shampoo, they adore her. She is still very shy with strangers but she does have an appetite for the sausages you can buy from the vendors there.





Cesar is the boss of the many dogs living at the BoPhut Tempel and is over ten years old....and still the boss J



Tuft lives at a Temple in Maenam and was totally 'naked' when we first found her. She was only a few months old when we started working with her over 6 years ago.



Every single treatment is being recorded and here are some facts in average numbers from the last 3 months:

70 Vaccinations / month

80 Wound cleaning / month

150 Mange treatment / month

65 Animals taken in for neutering / last 3 months

26 Animals taken in for further medical treatment / 3 months

Our dog of the month: Nelly

We recently received a call about a dog with a wound, when we arrived we found a half naked dog with maggot filled wounds on her neck and shoulder, she was in a terrible state and to make it worse she had just given birth the week before to 6 babies. This was a difficult situation for us because to take her to the shelter would for sure have resulted in death for the babies and possibly her. Fortunately the lady who called us said she could give the medicine twice a day and that mama and babies could stay in her garden. Linda went everyday to clean the wounds, which healed in less than two weeks. She has now had 3 very small mange treatments for her mange and she looks fantastic. Next week her babies will receive their first vaccine and a new home has already been found for 3 of them.

We will keep you up to date in the next newsletter....



Linda cleaning Nelly's wound

