

Dog and Cat Rescue Samui Foundation

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Dear animal friends!

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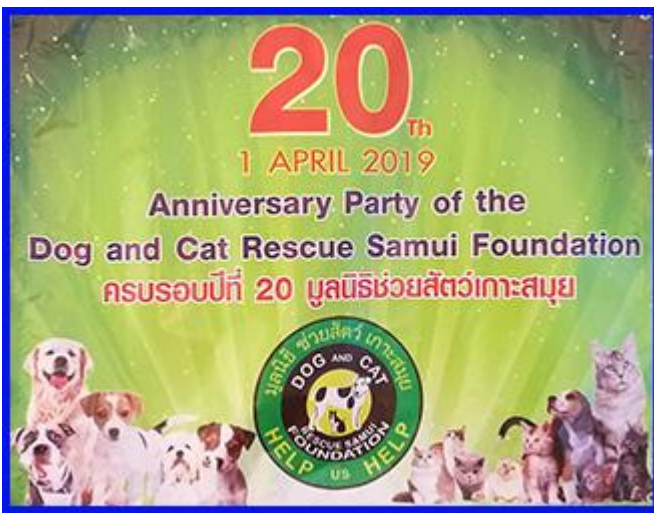
I wonder, where the last 20 years has gone... Many thanks to ALL who have supported us in the past years. Without YOU and your help, the island would still be a nightmare for dogs and cats.

I do not want to think back to the bad times 20 years ago. Almost every hotel manager has forced his staff to remove the dogs and cats from the facilities - no matter how. Some managers would still like to do that today, but because they are afraid of YOU, the brutal extermination actions such as poisoning, killing, drowning in the sea or exposing to the jungle have become rare. The internet has become so powerful that every manager fears bad reviews on HolidayCheck or similar websites.

Twenty years ago the government also helped with the cruel extermination actions diligently. At least twice a year, they came with several trucks and put poison everywhere over night. At dawn the dogs - dead or half dead- were thrown on trucks. You can not imagine how brutal these actions were. Since the half-dead dogs have of course tried to resist the catching, they were first speared with a rod and then thrown on the trucks. The dogs screamed of pain, but nobody was interested. The island 20 years ago is not comparable to today's Koh Samui. Those times, the government employees drove around the streets and informed the Thais with loudspeakers of such poisoning campaigns and told them to bring their domestic dogs in safety over the next night...

20 years ago Koh Samui was still populated by "hippies" and there were only a few bungalow complexes.





Like every year, we had a small staff party and everyone had a lot of fun ...



The helpers diligently supported the musicians with singing. Everyone was welcomed to Join.



I wonder, if Hans-Peter will dance with Markus?



I hope, we will be able to celebrate many more anniversary parties. But of course, that depends on you.

Please continue to support us helping the dogs and cats to make the island a little more endurable.

Certainly, it will never be easy for stray dogs to take care of themselves every day, finding food and hoping for animal loving people who will help them or communicate with us in case of sickness or injury...

When my husband and I founded the DCRCS 20 years ago, we really thought we could one day be finished with the spaying and neutering... I have now buried this dream.



Dr. Sith has been with us for over 12 years now and he castrates at least 6 dogs or cats every day, but still our temple team always finds mothers with their babies in outlying corners of the island.

Often the dogs are extremely shy and immediately run away when we try to approach them. In the beginning, you can only lay out food and hope that the dogs will come back when you are away. It often takes months for the dogs, born anywhere in the wilderness without any human contact, to trust people and then be vaccinated and spayed.

Of course, a very important task is the treatment of sick and injured dogs and cats.

Unfortunately there is still much need for action every day.



Dog transport after surgery.

That's how the year 2019 started:

PABUK - one of the strongest typhoons in the region was on the way to Koh Samui.

In 1962, a similarly strong storm (Harriet) raged over Thailand. At that time, nearly a thousand people were killed in Thailand.

These were the headlines in all newspapers on January the 4th 2019:

Ten thousand tourists are fleeing Thailand from PABUK!

The typhoon has saved Samui so far. For how much longer?

The Thais gathered at the temples to pray, some have got their houses to safety as far as possible and fixed up the garden furniture. The army had set up first aid stations everywhere and sandbags were laid ready. In the schools, people were getting ready to supply the population with food and water. The ferry service to the other islands and the mainland had been called off. The air traffic had also been called off of course and the airport was jammed with anxious tourists who wanted one thing only: get out of the island as soon as possible.

That was it - our high season this year, many tourists did not even come at all. Unfortunately, this is the second time that tourists leave the island, just in time of the high season. In January 2018 we had unexpected heavy rains and floods all over the island for a longer period of time. Of course less tourists mean less donations for us on the island...

Anyone who knows my house in Chaweng knows that I am sitting in a glass house and can not make any security arrangements. Either the glass windows hold the storm or not ... The generator worked and there was enough gasoline too, so I could only wait. Miraculously, we had electricity and internet on my side of the island. Pabuk was scheduled to hit Samui at night of the 6th January - of course at night, when else!

I could not do much -just to go to sleep and wait until the roof picks up or the windows crash above my head was not an option.

So I watched Pabuk heading towards Samui unerringly on the internet. And then, miraculously, he turned shortly before Samui and devastated a lot on the mainland and also claimed some lives.

Lucky us! I can remember a similar situation a few years ago. The storm also turned and raged on the mainland. Of course we had heavy rain and wind, but we are used to have such thunderstorms over the whole year. There were some storm damages at the shelter, but all the dogs got away without horror.



The storm offshoots of Pabuk damaged only 3 huts and roof panels of some individual boxes have flown away.

Those boxes were meant to be repaired anyway and therefore there were no dogs inside.



Markus

After the storm, he immediately took care of the destroyed roofs of the individual boxes.



Markus has been coming to us for the past 7 years and stays several months every year. He is working his way through the entire shelter and is getting the renovation work done.

He has built wonderful cement sofas for the dogs and has plastered almost all single boxes again. He works the paint right into the cement and we never have to paint the walls again. Due to the very heavy rain, normal paint was washing away very quickly...

If he is not busy with renovation work, of course, he also takes care of the dogs in the individual boxes. It is my hope that Markus will support us in the coming years.



Now the cement is getting mixed professionally.



Marcus is a man of the first hour. He has been helping us as a volunteer for over 20 years. Since he already has some relevant experience, he always brings his own tools when he comes to the shelter. Then he doesn't need to search for everything for hours... if he even finds the drilling machine or the hedge trimmer after all...

He always controls the 4 large enclosures on cleanliness of the bowls, etc. Fortunately, he is not afraid of reprisals from the helpers and reports if something is wrong. Since he has been there for so long, he is also taken serious by the helpers. Normal volunteers have no chance - they are usually ignored by them.



Sybille

Sybille has been coming to us regularly for the past 7 years; she stays for some months and takes care of the serious sick patients with dedication. Some dogs hardly have a desire to live and need a lot of love and attention.

DART could not get up at the beginning and was completely limp. Sometime later his muscles cramped and Dart became stiff. His facial features were also distorted.

He seems to have a neurotoxic infection by bacteria. Dart gets the appropriate medication. Meanwhile, he has reflexes on the back legs and eats well. But both front legs are still stiff and he is not standing up yet. He gets physiotherapy, massages and acupuncture to stimulate his nerves.

Sybille hopes he can do it.



VISITORS AND VOLUNTEERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!

Unfortunately, we do not always have volunteers at the shelter in Bahn Taling Nam, who can lead visitors around. But even without a guide, you will certainly get a great impression of our work.



The yoga group was really lucky; Laura was again volunteering at time of their visit and informed the group about our work.



The monk visited his sick darling at the shelter and gave us a donation.



The shelter dogs love visitors!



Children always have fun at Chaweng.





Volunteers at my house always like to wash and brush my pets. The dogs are brave and used to it



FOOD DONATIONS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!



Cats, cats and more cats.



Almost every day cats are brought to us. Often mothers with their children. Most hotel managers do not want to have cat families in their facilities. Since there are no more dogs in many bungalow resorts, more and more cats are settling there. They are much harder to catch and I do not know where that all should lead to. I love cats more than anything, so I'll just take them all in. I just can not say no if cats are brought to me. Meanwhile, I already have over 50 cats at my house and at the neighboring house.



Annette has been with us for 6 months now and she has done very well. She loves cats too and so she does not mind if she constantly has to clear the desk to get to the computer...





Hans-Peter

Without him, it wouldn't be possible to connect with you anymore. I call him almost every day and unfortunately there is no day without problems with the computer. He always gets it running via remote maintenance. Recently we had a total failure and a new computer was needed. He immediately came from Khanom and is still in the process of setting up all programs again. It is of course a pity that he and his family live on the mainland.

Of course, he cares about vaccinations at his area and organizes the transportation of the dogs for spaying and neutering.

Washing clothes on Samui

Our helpers have destroyed countless washing machines over the past few years. We also had some donated when animal lovers left the island ... I have done my best and repeatedly explained how to use them. The helpers have pre-rinsed the laundry and then put the wet clothes in the machine. There was no room for water and of course the washing powder could not be rinsed out. This has happened over and over again and the machines could not hold through this for long.

Now it is being pre-rinsed manually. Then it is washed in a tub and after it is rinsed three times. That works great. These are the little hiccups I have to deal with...



Well, it's working great now and is also cleaner than with the machine before.

OUR TEMPLE AND OUTDOOR TEAM

Linda and Jay are glad, Tom from Switzerland is back on Samui and supports the team at their work.



Tom has been working for us for over 10 years, usually 6 months a year and he does a great job with animals and people due to his easygoing nature.

Of course, after so many years of temple work, the team now has the support of many monks at the temples.

Also the nuns, the kitchen helpers and other temple workers are grateful, the countless dogs and cats are being looked after. Our team vaccinates dogs, provides medical care and brings the animals to the shelter for sterilization in all the small villages around the island and the people there are very grateful and have changed their behavior towards 'street dogs' for the better.



For more photos and information about the temple team and their outdoor work in recent years, visit our homepage: http://www.samuidog.org/TempleProject_en.html



Jay, Linda and Tom treat hundreds of dogs on site, saving them the often-stressful stay at the shelter. Also, we would not have enough space to accommodate every dog suffering from a skin disease. Normally, treatment with ivermectin is very successful and many dogs are treated with an injection once a week. Unfortunately, there are also cases where we couldn't find a solution in the last years and could not help the dogs. Not even if we had them for treatment at the shelter and they had received additional medicine.



Jay and Linda then found out, these dogs suddenly got fur again after being treated with **Simparica**. They then treated 30 dogs for the test and the result was overwhelming. Unfortunately, this product is very expensive for us, but because it works well against ticks and fleas, we hope for your support so we can help many dogs in the future. Here are some examples of success:

A big thank you to Dr. med. Bert from the Netherlands for the **Simparica** donation! We would be very happy if other animal friends would send or bring **Simparica**. A heartfelt thank you!



Leila is still a very young temple dog and suffered from mange all her life. Any medicine has failed so far and she has become more and more depressed. Since Jay treated her with **Simparica**, her life has changed completely and within only 3 weeks she was healed. For the first time in her life, she now has a coat and a really great one! Now she is really happy!



Coco is another success story. She lives in a remote village in Chaweng and we only became aware of her accidentally. Also her months of suffering have come to an end. She has developed into a healthy young dog and this without any further medicine. She got **Simparica** twice and developed splendidly.



Flight Volunteers

We are always looking for flight volunteers for our shelter dogs and for the dogs who were able to convince a pet friend that they have to take him with them, because otherwise he would face an uncertain future, on the beach or at a bungalow resort or wherever on Koh Samui. The dogs are waiting for the departures at our shelter, if possible with flight volunteers; because freight transport costs much more. The following airlines are the best and cheapest for flying dogs out: Lufthansa, KLM, AUA, AirFrance and Aeroflott. Thai-Airways is a bit more expensive, but suitable for not too heavy dogs. Unfortunately, a bigger problem has arisen, because the transfer time in Bangkok is too short for almost every animal friend who has agreed to take dogs as a flight volunteer. It is necessary to stay in Bangkok at least 3.5 hours between the flights if you want to check in a dog in Bangkok, because the luggage is no longer checked through. So the luggage in Bangkok needs to be checked in again. Beside this, there is the passport control, which often takes very long. Therefore, animal friends who spend a few days in Bangkok at the end of their holidays are considered to be flight volunteers.



**PLEASE MESSAGE ME
IF YOU WANT TO HELP A DOG HAPPY LIFE!**

Thank you very much again to all the sponsors and helpers from all over the world. Because of your help, since 20 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 19 years, over 20,000 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 a Thai owner we make everything for free.

Of course we are happy for donations!

Medicine in Thailand is rather inexpensive and from non Thais we need a little donation for our treatment with their dogs or cats.

If you come with a stray dog for treatment, the treatment is of course free of charge.



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.

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 All those four give us a few percent if you buy something there. You can look which of those is the cheapest. There are a few more similar facilities but I don't think that's necessary because all of them have the same shops in their arrangement.
 Also in the last few 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.
 Of course, in the last few months, dogs (including the dogs from the feeding places, among them many puppies) and cats had to be admitted to the shelter, because otherwise they wouldn't find any place to survive alone or they would have been poisoned by the villagers at the feeding places. With a sponsorship you can help to make sure that their bowls are never empty. Please have a look on the website <http://www.samuidog.org/adoption.htm>



**One Sponsorship for a dog or cat costs
 25 Euro / month**

**Please help us with your donation
 to continue providing food and medicine for
 the dogs and cats**

The running costs for the DRCS amount about 17 000 Euros per month.
 If you are on Koh Samui, you are more than welcome to come over and have a look at our records.
 And of course our dogs and cats love to get some cuddles too!

Best regards and thank you very much!

Brigitte and the team

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