

Dog and Cat Rescue Samui Foundation

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Dear animal friends

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A year ago on Christmas, the world was still fine. How much longer will this terrible virus make life difficult for us? Covid-19 has brought so much suffering and misery into the world. I don't even like to think about what that means for animals all over the world. Due to the sometimes very strict lockdowns all over the world, many stray dogs and cats, I'm sure, could no longer be fed...

When the tourists left Koh Samui in March and April, nobody would have thought that it would be an endless nightmare. First Thailand has closed all the borders and all the surrounding countries did too. Then a very humane lockdown was carried out and Thailand managed to get the virus under control by drastically closing the borders, requiring a mask and constantly taking temperature measurements in all shops. Thailand has been corona free for months and the borders are still closed for tourists. In Thailand there was no discussion about whether it would make sense to wear a mask or not. The government made it mandatory to wear masks and the good Thai kept to it. Sometimes living in a police state also has advantages. Here you think twice before breaking any regulations. The police has very great power here and it is better to obey their orders, otherwise you will quickly find yourself in prison...

In the last few months, the Thai government has come up with completely absurd entry requirements for tourists. Strict quarantine for 14 days in Bangkok and then bracelets should be worn, so it is clear who is a tourist. Great idea, the Thais would have been able to run quickly if such a supposed virus carrier had even come near them.

The people on Koh Samui all live more or less from tourism and after the closure of all bungalow complexes and shops, all were unemployed. If they were lucky, their employer continued to pay them. But of course it doesn't last forever. Most of the hotels have closed and couldn't afford to keep paying for their employees.

The bungalow complexes are unlikely to open anytime soon, because most of the dismissed employees have now returned to their homeland (mostly in Ihsan). Those who stayed behind, live in great poverty and Sam Gruber is still organizing food donations. Many unemployed Burmese have found work again in road construction and the rest is hoping for charity.

I am so infinitely grateful to you, that you continue to support the dogs and cats from far away and that they have a chance of survival despite Corona.

PLEASE DO NOT LET US DOWN IN THE FUTURE!

THE DOGS AND CATS ON KOH SAMUI HAVE ONLY YOU!

The number of infections is skyrocketing all over the world and I fear that Christmas will probably be more or less canceled. Since there is currently no vaccination against the virus, I unfortunately cannot see my father for Christmas. That hurts, at Christmas I was always "at home" with my family.

I could, of course, come to Germany, but when I then can come back to my new "home" is written in the stars.

VISITORS

Visitors are always welcome.

However, I fear that it will still take a long time before tourists will come to the shelter or to my house in Chaweng again.

A Covid-19 vaccination is probably in sight and I think, in the future Thailand will only allow vaccinated people in and a current test will certainly be required. Since very old people around the world are to be vaccinated first, it will probably be a long time before "normal" tourists are allowed to enter the country again. But as long as Thailand holds on to its 14-day quarantine, the tourists will probably stay away and of course therefore our visitors.

Of course, I very much hope that a quick solution will be found! The dogs miss you and your pats!



Chris stopped by, before he left back to home and brought a sack of food for the dogs.



Nomi from Bangkok



Nataly ,Artem, Ansatasia ,Dennis



The team from the "Hot Biskuit" restaurant cooked for our dogs. They liked it very much.



Thank you to everyone, who brings donated food to the shelter. Every donation of food helps us to feed the many hungry mouths.

VOLUNTEERS

Usually we have volunteers throughout the year, who diligently help at the shelter. This year there are very few. Many thanks to ELENA from Russia. She was shown how to clean wounds properly and does it really well.





RONNY and MARCUS

Ronny diligently feeds dogs in Lamai, tracks down injured animals and makes sure that they are caught to be taken to the shelter to Dr. Sith.



MARCUS

Marcus is constantly on the move, feeding stray dogs. He is still funding it out of his own pocket. We will, of course, support him if it gets no longer possible for him.

There are several animal lovers feeding the dogs on the island every day. Many thanks to **Wiebke, Mike, Sandra, Patricia, Rainer, Mira, Samui-Peter** and to the many Thais and expats who look after the dogs in their surrounding area.

Since there are no more tourists here, the situation has worsened and around 80 dogs have gathered at the old pier in Phang Kaa. There the “feeders” take turns with the supply.



Marcus also deworms on site and checks if there are injured dogs. He also takes care of the transport to the shelter. He has been a man from the very beginning and has been helping as a volunteer since 1999.

MARCUS regularly checks all enclosures at the animal shelter. I posted a lot of videos and photos of his inspections on Facebook. He has been very satisfied with the work of the helpers lately and if not, he is not afraid of possible reprisals from the helpers and reports the grievance to me. I will then take care of it....

Marcus has made two videos for anyone who doesn't have Facebook. Here are the links:

Video <https://youtu.be/eHRpuwpOxy0> (at the shelter)

Video <https://youtu.be/bmQKDzEhqiM> (feeding at the old pier in Tong Krut)



Marcus again has lots of sausages with him. Everyone wants to be the first.



When he comes to the shelter, the dogs recognize him immediately: the sausage man is coming!

JOELLE and ANNETTE



Will it be enough for everyone?

JOELLE has been helping at the cat house in Baan Taling Ngam for a long time. After she was bitten in her hand by a cat and the healing process took over 6 weeks, she is now helping at the cat house in Chaweng. At the animal shelter, cleaning the kitchen is part of the work and it is not good for her to come in contact with too much water all the time. Since we now have almost as many cats in Chaweng as in the shelter, there is enough to do here, too. I am very grateful for her help, because she loves cats more than anything and that's how she treats them.



ANNETTE has been working for us for over two years. She does her job very well. It is not always easy for Annette to work with me because I am very impatient. I always start a lot of things at the same time and Annette is exactly the opposite. She always wants to have one thing ready and only then begin with the next. But however- we get along very well and Annette is very patient with me... If Annette wouldn't help me with my office work, I would very likely have to give up the association, because I couldn't do all the office work alone. That sounds quite dramatic, but unfortunately it is how it is.

Jay left the island in a hurry in March because she didn't want an "overstay". Up until then, Jay had also helped with the office work twice a week and was mainly responsible for processing the English mail. Jay told us about two months ago, that she would no longer work for the Dog and Cat Rescue Foundation for personal reasons. To do everything alone is completely unthinkable for me, because I also have to take care of the animal shelter and regularly check whether everything is in order. But Annette is still there and it looks like it will stay that way for the time being.



Annette is always surrounded by dogs and cats.



JULIA was of course also surprised by Covid-19 in March and it was not possible to extend her volunteer visa because all the surrounding countries had closed their borders. To extend a volunteer visa, it is absolutely necessary to leave the country, for an education visa you do not have to leave the country. So **JULIA** and **SYBILLE** have registered with a language school and are now learning Thai twice a week. I am sure they will not regret it, because the Thais value it when you speak Thai and often you get a better price by doing this. Communication in English is unthinkable with many older Thais anyway. I am of course very happy that my last volunteers did not escape from the island. But it was a very stressful time for them, until the long-awaited visa finally came. If you stay in Thailand without a valid visa, you can be punished with imprisonment and of course with deportation. The government plays its games with the tourists and foreigners who couldn't travel to a neighboring country to apply for a visa extension. The amnesty was repeatedly extended. (Anyone could stay in Thailand without a valid visa), but unfortunately only a day or two before the last amnesty expired.



These 5 puppies were placed in a box in front of the shelter when they were 2 weeks old. Julia took them home and supplied them with milk day and night. They have all done well. You have no idea what a laborious job it is. Feeding every two to three hours at the beginning. Then the stomach has to be massaged and they have to be washed or rubbed with a damp cloth and then dried. The puppies always look like pigs ...

Julia works closely with Sybille at the animal shelter and they get along great. Since they go to different schools and have classes on different days, they can take turns on their days off.



All these dogs needed special treatment to get healthy and they got or will get back on their paws thanks to **Sybilles** healing hands this year. These are by far not all dogs that Sybille has helped to get well.



SANSA



SANSA was run over by a car a long time ago and has lived with us in Dog & Cat Rescue Samui ever since. The wounds have all healed, but neurological damage has persisted. Sansa couldn't use her back legs properly or coordinate normal movements. Most of the time, Sansa was dragging her back legs behind her.

Sybille started with massages and acupuncture. Sansa also had to endure a lot of physical therapy. We made her some fancy shoes with more grip, so that Sansa found more support on the sometimes slippery floor ;)

By now she hardly has any deficits and the best thing is, a friend from the island has adopted her. She's doing really well with her!

That is the greatest thanks and a great pleasure for Sybille to see her like this.

NUAN



A female dog with a large ear hematoma. The Thai owner called the DCRS and Gon and Sybille picked her up. Dr. Sit operated successfully. Nuan has recovered well in our clinic. Julia and Sybille brought her home on a fun road trip.

ARYA



The tender female dog **Arya** was a complicated case. She was run over by a car. Her left front leg was shattered, several open fractures and the bones protruding. Unfortunately, her left hip was also broken. First Arya wasn't able to move at all and we didn't know if we could still help her at all. Of course, we cannot carry out complicated trauma surgery operations with bone screws or the insertion of metal plates in the animal shelter ... unfortunately. And of course, amputating both legs was not an option. So we started with conservative therapy and Arya is a real fighter. She was given good pain medication and we started acupuncture. When the fracture in the pelvis became more stable, we started physiotherapy to strengthen Arya's muscles again. We couldn't save her front leg, but after a long period of therapy the young lady is standing upright again. A beauty on three legs.

FREYA



Freya - it's a miracle she survived with this head injury.

When Freya was brought to the DCRS, she had a huge ulcerated head wound. Maggots had already eaten away most of the scalp. It was a long journey over four months with daily wound cleaning, bandages, medication and lots of love for this shy dog. Now she made it and she can laugh again...

QUEEN SISSI



Queen Sissi when she arrived at our shelter.

Queen Sissi lived at the parking space of the BIGC and was fed by many animal lovers. Unfortunately, despite feeding, she got thinner and thinner.

It was imperative to get a doctor to have a look at her. Easier said than done. She had stubbornly resisted catch attempts by various animal lovers for weeks. She is a clever female dog and always smelled the roast immediately when another attempt was made to catch her. She did not touch the food with the anesthetic in it.

But the constant diarrhea made her weaker and weaker and we managed to outsmart her and get her into a corner. She could hardly defend herself because she was already so weak. When she finally got to the shelter, her life was hanging by a thread.

Sybille's devoted care gave her the courage to face life again and she has slowly recovered.



Queen Sissi today - almost 8 months later



Queen Sissi gained weight well. For about six weeks now, she has hardly had any diarrhea and she loves her special food.

The animal lovers from the island, who had promised to support us with donations for her expensive food, unfortunately forgot their promise very quickly....

She prefers to lie in her dog basket, but she is getting braver and likes to come out to meet the others in the sun.



PINKY



Some of you may know Pinky. She was always around the Honda shop in Nathon. Sabrina took care of her regularly and fed her, but she could not be treated for her skin fungus there. It was very difficult catching her, but finally Pinky was taken to the shelter for treatment. There, under the care of Sybille, she recovered very well and we were able to bring her back to her place in Nathon after a few weeks.

Unfortunately the fungus came back and soon she was almost naked again. This time the trapping was even more difficult because Pinky is a smart dog. In the end, **GON** managed to "pin her down" with a dart. The last hair that she still had, had to be cut off because it was full of lice. She will have to stay with us forever now.

November 2020: PINKY has turned into a beauty. It's wonderful to see how happy and satisfied she looks.



TOULOUSE

Little Toulouse was found lifeless in the dark by animal rights activists.

Fortunately, they immediately took him in and we were able to treat Toulouse in the DCRS.

We diagnosed a bad blood parasite infection. Under therapy and with a lot of care, Toulouse turned into a little prince, sweet as candy.

REHA with Sybille

Again and again dogs that have been hit by a car or motorcycle and can no longer move their hind legs are brought to us.

At the beginning it is often not foreseeable, how serious the injuries are, because it happens again and again that the nerves were pinched and once the swelling has subsided a lot can be achieved through physiotherapy, acupuncture, massages and water aerobics.

Of course, there is not much that can be done with broken vertebrae, but these dogs learn to use a wheelchair very quickly and you should see how fast they can run with it after a short time.

Many thanks to Sybille for her endless patience.





BONNY



Bonny has a master. Unfortunately, for a long time, he paid no attention to the ulcer on Bonny's chest. But at some point he must have thought that such an egg on the breast is not okay and brought her to us. Of course, you can't just cut off such an ulcer; you have to pay attention to a large number of blood vessels. Dr. Sith has a very good hand for operations and a lot of experience and did a great job. Bonny is definitely feeling great again without the huge egg on her breast. She is now back home and her master is also happy, that she is healthy again.

BLUNA



The daily routine at the animal shelter. Two dogs quarrel; a few days later Bluna developed an abscess on what was initially a small wound. Dr. Sith split the abscess rinsed the wound area and put in drains that were pulled back a few days later. This way these injuries heal very quickly and Bluna laughs again!

CATS, CATS and even more cats

Lately I've been getting calls from hotel managers, who are more or less blackmailing me to pick up annoying cats. Sometimes it's just a cat that supposedly jumps on the tables in the restaurant and does its business there. It's unbelievable how cheeky the managers or their henchmen lie to me.

Since there is a great risk that the managers will poison the cats, I have no choice but to pick them up. I then always tell them, that I will put them on the list of hotels hostile to animals.

The rats will soon be dancing ballet in these facilities, because even in expensive facilities there is rubbish everywhere behind the bungalows. I'll be happy to tell you the names of the facilities in case you don't want to stay in such a killer hotel.



The cats in my house and in the neighboring house all have their own territories. Almost every evening my "kitchen cats" manage to harass me and howl my ears until I open 2 cans and give them a supper. Usually around midnight.





Every day cats and dogs with very different injuries are brought to us. In most cases, Dr. Sith can help them. He's a fantastic surgeon. You should see how small the cuts of the neutering are!





Unfortunately amputations have to be executed over and over again on cats and, of course, dogs after accidents. The animals usually get along well with their handicap after a short time. If the front paw had to be amputated, the disability is no longer noticeable after a short time. They run just as fast as their fellows with four healthy legs.



Dr. Sith also neuters as many cats as possible, of course. Here they are under the supervision of Dr. Sith in the "recovery room".



Dr. Sith has spayed and neutered 891 female dogs, 236 male dogs, 396 female cats, 155 male cats and also he has performed 454 other emergency operations - counted until the end of November 2020.

A castration costs around 30 Euros. Of course, we still try to neuter as many street dogs and cats as possible. But of course they have no money and in the current crisis our donation income has surely decreased. I hope, there will still be enough money donations in the future, so we can continue to carry out this important work.

Please help us with a donation so that we can continue to carry out neutering for stray dogs and cats.

A dog or a cat on Koh Samui can be neutered for only just 30 Euros!

This is how **GON** masks himself, so that the dogs don't get to warn each other, what our dog catcher looks like. Unfortunately, there are always dogs that do not respond to narcotics given to them with food. Either they don't eat it or they always manage to escape with their last bit of strength. Dogs with huge neck wounds must be captured; otherwise maggots will eat them alive if they don't get blood poisoning beforehand.

In the beginning, it is often just a small bite wound that, if left untreated, gets bigger and bigger. The dogs prefer to bite their necks, which is why we often have to deal with such injuries.

But not only dogs with serious injuries can often not be caught with narcotics in the food, but also very shy females. They keep having babies and we can only watch helplessly. The puppies are often just as shy as the mother because they hardly have contact with humans.



"What's that? I'll bite it and pull it out. "

Too late, the injection comes out when it hits. However, the arrow is destroyed and it costs a whole 25 Euros to renew it. Sometimes you can use it twice ... Of course there is also the anesthetic. "Shooting" a dog with an arrow is quite costly.

Beverley and her husband **Adam** are very dedicated dog catchers and have made it their main job to catch female dogs that keep having babies. Of course they also try to catch shy males. Injured and sick dogs are also on their list. To catch the shy dogs, you need a lot of time and above all patience, because the dogs often do not wait to be caught at the agreed meeting point. The dogs are in the same place at the same time every day, but when they are to be caught, they will not show up. It's not uncommon. Some of them seem to have a sixth sense. But with a lot of patience they appear and then Gon strikes.

Many thanks also to their friends for their active help.



STORM DAMAGE AT THE SHELTER

In the rainy season it often storms quite violently on Samui and at the animal shelter, large branches break off from the huge trees again and again.

Unfortunately, we cannot take any precautions to prevent this. You never know which tree is so rotten that it will fall over in the next storm or that huge branches will break off.

We can only hope that the damage to the dog shelters and the fences and walls won't be too great and above all that no dogs or cats will get harmed.





SNAKE ALARM AT THE SHELTER

This year we have been visited by giant pythons 4 times. They used to prefer to visit the cat house, but they can no longer hide in there so well because we have replaced all the ceilings with bars. It doesn't look nice, but you can see if there is a snake in there.

This reticulated python was the largest to date. He was hiding in one of the blankets in the puppy house. He was over 6 meters long and weighed a good 35 kg. Our helpers had a lot of fun catching him again.

Phil, the island's snake catcher, was disappointed that he wasn't allowed to help catch him. He picked him up later and released him back into the jungle!





MARCUS had the idea; the dogs might have fun with such tubes and bought five.

They were loved by the dogs, but I try to avoid any unnecessary expense in the difficult Corona time.

So I got the idea, to start a campaign on Facebook and for a donation of 15 Euros, the animal lovers could put any desired name on it.

Many thanks to EVERYONE who donated for the tubes.

If someone else wants to donate for the tubes: go ahead - we can't have enough of these things.

Please write me an email and tell me what to write on the tubes.

Some very shy dogs have finally found a safe place to relax.

I discovered one of the very scared dogs in a tube, how he was snoring on his back.



CUTIE

Cutie is also a corona victim, because his mummy Rutchell had lost her job in a hotel and saw no way to earn enough money for herself and Cutie to survive on Koh Samui. She is from the Philippines and has returned to her family. She is in contact with me via WhatsApp and regularly asks how her darling is doing. Cutie is already 9 years old and she had him as a puppy. She misses Cutie very much.

Unfortunately, it is an exception that the owners inquire about their animals if they even bring them for us to care for them. Mostly they are simply left behind.

Many foreigners and Thais have left the island because they had to close their business and a change in the situation was and is not in sight. These dogs and cats are pets and have no experience of street survival. They wait patiently in front of the house and hope that the master will finally come back. If the house is re-rented again, the dogs and cats will of course be a nuisance. But it is often not so easy to drive them away because they still hope that their master will come back.

They then start looking for something to eat in the garbage of that area. If they are lucky, some neighbors will feed them for a while.

At some point, they interfere and we will be informed. Before something happens to them, we have no choice but to take them in.

Dogs and cats are also handed over to us, for a short time only. Unfortunately, many of them never get picked up again.

CHARLIE and MAXIMUS

Gilles Sebilleau handed them over to Dog Rescue in January and promised to bring them to her home as soon as possible. Gilles has flown to France and has not called in for several months.

In the beginning Charlie and Maximus got along well, but now they fall on each other out of boredom when they are locked in the enclosure. They are both very nice to people and are urgently looking for a new home. Both have been neutered, dewormed, vaccinated and have had a rabies antibody test. They are both ready to go.

"OUT OF THE EYES - OUT OF THE SENSE"



When it was particularly hot in the summer, Cutie just lay flat on the floor and panted. How happy do you think she jumped around with a short haircut. She even played with the other dogs again.



DOGS at the hairdresser's

STAR from the Lamai Chalet

We pick up Star at the Lamai Chalet two to three times a year. His hair gets cut, he is bathed, the vaccinations are renewed, if necessary, he is dewormed and given a remedy for ticks and fleas.



TIERAK at the hairdresser's



When the fur is long again, you can hardly see that Erwin has only one ear.

ERWIN at the hairdresser's

FEEDING AT THE TEMPLE



LINDA



At some temples, there are especially animal-loving monks who take care of the dogs.



WAT PU KHAO TONG - Here dogs and cats live peacefully together.





Since **Jay** left to Switzerland in March, **Linda** looks after all the temples alone. She brings over 1,000 kg of dry food to the temples every month. In addition, lots of rice and canned food for the dogs and cats. The monks then take care of feeding the animals. They also report injured and sick animals to Linda.

Over the years the cooperation has got better and better. Of course, it is not easy for Linda to look after the whole island by herself and then also to take care of accidents and sick animals. I can only help her by sending her a helper to pick up a sick animal. She also takes care of all puppies that are reported to us. Of course she also has to take care of some feeding places on the island.

LINDA you're the greatest! Thank you for your commitment to the dogs and cats!



Mokka and **Samui** had been living with Marcus at the beach in Bang Por for a long time and were very lucky that former guests of his small bungalow complex had fallen in love with them. They left for their new home on November 30th, 2020. They were longingly awaited by Silke and Eva.

Thanks to YOUR help, every dog and cat has had the possibility to receive free medical treatment for over 21 years on Koh Samui. Stray dogs who –for whatever reason- cannot survive out there on their own, we can offer shelter at our Dog Rescue Centre.

With your help, at least 6 animals can still be neutered every day. Thanks to your donations in the past few months, we have not yet had to make any cuts to our Castration program. Over the past 21 years, over 30,000 dogs and cats have been neutered and uncountable vaccinations and treatments have been carried out. **We still offer free medical treatments to ALL stray dogs and cats.**

Unfortunately we can no longer treat the dogs and cats with a Thai owner free of charge at the moment. We have changed our signs accordingly. The Thai people now have to pay 500 baht (about 14 Euros) for the castration / sterilization of their dog. We take 1000 baht from foreigners. Foreigners generally earn more than Thai people and that's why we consider this to be justified. All over Thailand there are different prices for Thai people and foreigners for all kind of fees.

The most important thing in the near future is that we can get all Dogs and Cats fed. If necessary, we could stop the castrations to save costs. Please don't let it get that far and help us with a donation for food.

10 kg of dry food cost 10 Euros

If everyone donated just one bag, we could look after all the animals for a very long time.



If you order from Zooplus.de or Amazon.de, we get between 3.5 and 8.5% of your purchase amount transferred to our account. I would be happy if you would do your shopping with us. Please click on the logo on the German homepage of the homepage www.samuidog.org

We get about 200 Euros credited through your purchases every month.

We have also registered with GOODING. Similar to Amazon, GOODING has a lot of shops on offer. Why not have a quick look. In addition, we have been registered with BILDUNGSSPENDER for a long time. All four give us a percentage if anybody orders something there. You might want to check out which provider is the cheapest for you. There are certainly a lot of similar facilities there, but I don't think there is need for any more. They all have the same shops on offer.

Of course, also in the past few months, we had to take many stray dogs and cats into our shelter because they had found no place for themselves to survive.

Your sponsorship can ensure that their bowls are always well filled.

Please take a look at the dogs and cats still looking for a sponsor on the

Webpage.

<https://www.samuidog.org/animallist/animals-looking-for-sponsor>

**A sponsorship for a dog or one
Cat costs 25 euros a month**

The ongoing costs for the DRCS are around 18,000 Euros per month.

If you are on Koh Samui, come and have a look at the documents. You are cordially invited to do so.

The dogs and cats are always happy to receive visitors and pats!

Best wishes
Merry Christmas
and a Happy New Year

Brigitte

and the DRCS team

Stay healthy!

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http://www.samuidog.org/text3_english.htm



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the dogs and cats continue with
To provide food and medicine**



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