

Unfortunately today there's a sad reason to write to you. On Wednesday, June 8th 2011, four dogs were poisoned at the beach of the Fairhouse Beach Resort and the First Bungalow Resort in Chaweng-Noi.

Three of them could be saved by us, anyway, they are doing well according to the circumstances, but they will have to stay for some more days with us for treatment. Currently all of them are getting infusions to flush the poison out of their bodies as quick as possible.

When it comes to poisoning one should immediately give a huge amount of charcoal tablets with lots of water. Every dog owner should keep them in their house.

On Monday, Jürgen Braunias and Gabriele Kleffken from Germany were with us and have reported that a dog on the beach of Chaweng Noi snaps at the tourists when they get something to eat. Jürgen and Gabriele lived at the First Bungalow Resort, the complex next to the Fairhouse.



On Tuesday we started a catch action with his help. Unfortunately it failed because the dog has been previously driven away by employees of the hotel.

We tried to catch this dog. He is quite significantly marked by colour and how it could come to errors there in the poisoning action is completely incomprehensible to me. Or should really all die?

We want to take this dog into our shelter, because when we hear that a dog is attacking tourists, we try to get it away from the beach.

It is absolutely a rare and unique case if a dog starts being dangerous on a beach. Usually, they are living peacefully in their pack and just happy and thankful for receiving a bite to eat.

We are always willing to catch and to take in dogs that bite. However, I'd like to speak personally with the tourists concerned.

Unfortunately, the tourists that are allegedly bitten by a dog leave the island in a hurry and I never have the chance to get to know what really took place.

I just get once in a while a phone call from a hotel manager telling me that a hotel guest got bitten. When I then want to speak to this guest, they have already departed.

Actually one day later at Wednesday the dogs there were poisoned. Somebody offered them poisoned chicken. Fortunately, they vomited most of it, but nevertheless they suffered from dreadful convulsions and pain. They were shivering miserably, but after we gave charcoal tablets, atropin and dexamethasone the trembling got better.

For many years there weren't such incidents any more at the Chaweng-Noi-Beach. I just can't imagine that the management of both hotels have arranged such an operation. You may ask the managers, whether they can contribute to the clarification.

These are the e-mail addresses of the hotels:

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First Bungalow Beach Resort: Info@firstbungalowsamui.com

All of the dogs look healthy and most of them are also already castrated. They live at that very beach for quite a long time; some of you know them for sure.



Mausi - was lucky to survive the horrible attack.



Stromer has also shown severe symptoms of poisoning. But he is already much better.



This is Fischer, whom some of you certainly know. He tirelessly tries to catch fish in shallow water.

Tirak was already picked up by us from the Fairhouse, because he was injured. There he has been very lucky, otherwise he would have been the number five.



Tirak



Suai, now will be castrated by us and hopefully then she can live a nice life at the Chaweng-Noi beach.



BLACKY, was brought to us because of a hurt paw...

How the dog looks who should be dead, I do not know. We only have received a phone call that a dog has been poisoned, but short time later came a call that he is dead.

Once the dogs are fine we will bring them back to the beach.

As there have not been any poisonings in the past years on that beach, I cannot imagine that they will be poisoned again after return.

But I also can't imagine that animal lovers want to stay there if they have to take into account being served with dying dogs for breakfast. Believe me, it's not something one wants to see, especially not on his holidays.

Until a few years ago, it was a sure death sentence for a dog to live at Chaweng-Noi Beach. Very often, we didn't bring the dogs back there after castrating and vaccinating them and animal friends brought their darlings again and again to us and we took them in the shelter. Unfortunately, we couldn't get the dogs out of there all the time. Once we were done with the castrations, suddenly all the castrated and vaccinated dogs disappeared.

Then again after a short while, there were new dogs at the beach. Almost all none castrated and none vaccinated against rabies.

Thanks to the work of the DRCS, Koh Samui has been rabies free, for many years. If we didn't take care of the birth control at Chaweng-Noi-Beach, it was solved with poison.

We took many puppies from there, because tourists were worried for their safety.

But all this is now already a few years ago and, therefore, I cannot imagine that the dogs are particularly endangered in future there. I think if you tell to the management of both hotels, how much the welfare of these dogs is important to you, they will certainly do nothing against them. These are the e-mail addresses of the hotels: The Fair House Beach Resort & Hotel: Fairhous@samart.co.th
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We've been on the beach again on Friday to catch the dog that snaps at people but he wasn't seen there for two days. We showed pictures to tourists and asked them to call us in case they see him so we can come catch him. One tourist claimed he saw him on Thursday night at Mc`Donalds.

Jürgen Braunias and Gabriele Kleffken (First Bungalow 202) told me Thong, the gardener of First Bungalow beats the dogs with an iron rod. When Jürgen wanted to protect the dog he was assaulted by Thong.

Nicole Mücke and Sandra Florat (Fairhouse 8602) also confirmed Thong is hitting the dogs. He usually uses the rod to pick up leaves.

We then went to the reception of Fairhouse and left a photo of the dog and asked them to call us when they see him. We talked to the manager on the phone.

He declared he's not involved in the poisoning.

We also talked to the owner of First Bungalow. He was terribly upset and kept on shouting hems not gonna tolerate dogs on his complex.

He said he's not related to the poisoning.

I'm totally on his side though, the dogs shouldn't be brought to the bungalows and hotels in any case and also the terrace is not a place for them. They shouldn't be on the hotel complex at all.

Keep in mind there's also people who are afraid of dogs. They're probably not amused if there's a dog already waiting for them on the terrace in the morning just because animal lovers fed him. They go complain to the manager and he orders to "displace" them.

Dear animal lovers:

Please feed the dogs on the beach and in the streets but not within the hotel and bungalow complexes.

This could come to a disastrous end for them.

Unfortunately, problems exist not only at the Chaweng-Noi Beach but also at the Maenam Beach. There too, it doesn't look good for the dogs.

An employee told me that he was called by the staff of Coco Palm Hotel at Maenam. He was told that we should take the dogs away from the hotel area. Our employee told the staff that they should call our manager Wit or myself, but until today nobody contacted us.

Our employees can't decide whether unwanted dogs have to be picked up from somewhere or not.

The Coco Palm Hotel at Maenam is situated next to a Temple so there will always be dogs straying around there and walk into the Hotel area. I know some animal lovers who spend their holiday at the Coco Palm Hotel or the neighbouring Pinnacle Hotel regularly, and who are always happy to meet their sweeties from last year. That used to be the fact for the last years but dog friendliness can change rapidly with a change of the Hotel management.

As I haven't heard anything from the Coco Palm yet I assume that they will let the dogs stay in the area. If not other dogs from the temple will move up for sure.

The Homebay Hotel next to the Pinnacle Hotel can be recommended as dog friendly. They also have 2 dogs of their own, who make sure that no new dogs settle around there.

As dogs are living in prides and are usually not interested in admitting new dogs to their pride they will try to chase them.

I refuse to be blackmailed again :

A few days ago Steven called me. He lives behind the temple in Lamai.

He told me that his neighbours moved and didn't take their dogs with them.

They are straying around the neighbourhood and annoy him.

If I wouldn't take them away immediately his neighbour would shoot them.

I have refused to be blackmailed and didn't pick up the dogs.

I don't know what happened with them and I also don't want to know it. I have already had one bad night because of that so I try not to think about the dogs anymore.

You can call Steven directly if you want to know what happened with the dogs: phone 0814937100.

It is common practice in Samui that Thais move and "forgets" to take their dogs with them. The dogs search for new sources of food after a while.

It is definitely not necessary to shoot or poison them !

Viele Grüße

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