

Dear Animal Friends

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Many thanks to everyone who has supported us in this and the past years. Without YOU the Dog and Cat Rescue Samui Foundation would not exist and helping the abandoned dogs and cats on Koh Samui would not be possible! The world seems to be slowly recovering from the corona-virus thanks to the quarantine measures. I hope that the severe quarantine measures have helped to overcome the worst and that you ALL got through this difficult time well and healthy.

On Koh Samui we had to adhere to fairly strict rules: no alcohol sales, no bathing in the sea, curfew after 10 p.m., mandatory face-mask always and everywhere, airfield closed for weeks, no boats to the other islands.

Koh Samui has been Corona-Free for 3 weeks now. In Surat Thani and the surrounding area all bans have been lifted except for the requirement to wear a mask. There are 4 planes flying to Bangkok every day. Before entering a store, fever is still being measured and hands have to be disinfected. The police is still checking the streets, take people's temperature and make sure everyone is wearing their masks.

Tourists will probably not be allowed into Thailand anytime soon and the hotels, the shops for tourists and the restaurants are all still closed. Not much will happen here before September and the rainy season starts in October. I therefore do not count on a lot of tourists before Christmas.

The last tourist had left the island almost 4 months ago. A few got stuck here, of course, but that seemed rather planned. Thailand is definitely one of the safest countries to avoid corona infection. I think it's also because the Asians don't jump around each other's necks greeting and kissing or shaking hands. In addition, it is always warm -and especially right now it's pretty hot, the virus doesn't like those conditions. Masks are always worn by everyone.

I have a little surprise for you today. We have made a very nice video of the hardworking helpers who take care of the hungry stray dogs during this difficult time.

Since the dog-feeding by tourists has completely ceased, many new feeding stations had to be built.

Linda from our temple team continues to deliver food to the many temples on

Samui. Only a few temples do not use our "service", mainly the ones with no dogs in the temple area . In case a dog finds its way into one those temples, they get chased away with stones or eliminated otherwise. It is unbelievable how some monks step on the principles of Buddhism.

Linda has set up several new feeding stations. This is not so easy, because often the Thais or foreigner residents do not want to tolerate the stray dogs. She has also had to look after Jay's temples and feeding stations since March. Jay has been stuck in Switzerland since March and her date of return is still in the corona stars.

Marcus is also busy and regularly feeds the dogs at the garbage dump station and in many other places where dogs have gathered. He's been part of the team since the very beginning and has been a volunteer for over 21 years.

Birgit and her husband Mike are constantly on duty for the dogs and do incredible things. She cooks delicious menus for the dogs and is constantly finding new dogs that need help.

The same can be said of Heike. She has been an amazing lone fighter and is tirelessly driving her motorcycle with sidecar on the streets of Samui to feed hungry dogs.

Heike had to go back to Germany a few days ago. The dog-feeding-route was taken over by Ritchi and Janette. They do a morning and an afternoon tour.

Sandra and Patricia can also be found daily on the streets of Samui on her motorcycle with a sidecar. She too has been taking care of the street dogs for many years.

Jay from England has been taking care of the dogs on Chaweng-Noi Beach.

There are certainly more animal friends too who are taking care of the dogs in their area on Samui.

Many thanks to everyone who is doing daily service for the dogs on Koh Samui. I take care of the dogs on Chaweng Beach. There is not much to be done, however. They're all fat and happy. Currently there is only one public access to

the beach.

A place where many Thai people have always liked to chill and still do and also continue to feed the dogs. The few dogs on Chaweng Beach have all gathered on that same stretch of beach. I counted 8 today. Many Thais come to the beach in the late afternoon and have plenty of food with them. Something always falls off for the dogs.

Here is the video of the feeding stations on the island. I am sure you will like it.

<https://youtu.be/Y2toZoHBHX0>

It is only thanks to YOU that it is possible to feed the many dogs in the temples, on the streets and in the shelter and, of course, to provide medical care.

Please help us to feed the many hungry mouths with a small donation. They now completely rely on you!

We need about 3500kg of dry dog food as well as dry cat food and mountains of tin food every month.

10 kg of dry food costs about 10 Euros!

Even with a small donation we can help a lot!

Many thanks to Florenz Kittel. He came to the shelter and made a little movie.

Here is the link:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CJMMHjDqtg&fbclid=IwAR2WmifMn_PhaxF5G0UMCWDcs-0v2BoDJYU5HiG_u82FDrbcpFmm43YkDqI

Best wishes

Brigitte and the team

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