

Dog and Cat Rescue Samui Foundation

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Dear Pet lovers!

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On the 1 of April we finally could celebrate our birthday.



Only with YOUR support we were able to give thousands of cats and dogs medical help or to put them up in our shelter in case of an emergency during the last 17 years. We performed a lot more than 20.000 dog and cat castrations, plus the execution of innumerable vaccinations and urgent care treatments. Our heartfelt THANK YOU to all the many donators- of whom many have stayed our true and faithful supporters for many years.

Please don't let us down in the future either: without YOU we will be on the ropes! And even the smallest donation helps us go on!

At the moment we are again facing serious financial problems, as our next-to-last bus carded it. Repair costs again are at about more than 1000 € ; besides, the vehicles keep remaining for some eternities in the repair shop : getting hold of spare parts for such old bangers like ours usually turns out as a serious problem. When some big repair work had to be executed, it took some 6-8 weeks, before we could pick up our vehicle again!

Even doing my very best I couldn't think of any means of how to solve our transport problem- even though we had just bought a new car for the temple team and a very good second-hand Toyota for the daily food collection tour round the hotels. As the bus we used to use for the morning transport of helpers and volunteers from Chaweng to Baling Nam was heavily damaged and we would have been forced to wait until the end of our days to have it repaired, I purchased another Toyota bus for 11.000 €. In the short time left for this decision, I couldn't find any second-hand car- and bought a new one. As this bus was available with a roof and benches, it is the ideal means of transport for helpers and volunteers.

My first plan was to get it by installment purchase, but nobody knows how our exchange rate will develop within the next years and in the end we would even lose our shirt on this bargain!

The bus the temple team had used before is doing its rounds every day to transport the collected food and the laundry of the day before to the shelter. Moreover, all the dogs "hospitalized" in Chaweng and the volunteers who have missed their bus at 9.00 are taken to the shelter. Should even THIS bus collapse to top it all, we will have another big and real serious problem! Cross your fingers that this won't happen!



Our warm-hearted THANK YOU to the big number of volunteers who had visited us during the last months: they performed a considerable part in taking care of our animals. Thus our helpers had more time left to work for our new "construction project".

CONSTRUCTION OF ANOTHER OPERATING ROOM FOR DOCTOR SITH

In the main building of the shelter you find a treatment room, sometimes also used as operating room. Beside there is another smaller room for surgery. Moreover we have two rooms for cats there, one of which was almost no longer used.

As the toilet is situated between the doctor's operating room and the cats'room, we had to cut the toilet by half, break through two walls, thus creating a new access to the new operating room. Work was showed down as form one day to the next - the helpers preferred staying at home for a break. Of course they aren't paid for their days absent, but they just don't bother. In my last newsletters I repeatedly informed you about our helpers' work ethic, and I won't bore you repeating myself. Fining doesn't change anything but does only affect their families...Almost all of our employees have got children.

The modification was rather costly, as we had to purchase two new surgery tables, an air condition device, a fridge, a sliding door, a sink, six cupboards plus quite a number of floor cupboards. Costs for tiles and paint must be added. All the water supply facilities and the complete electrical wiring had to be renewed. To all that you may still add the installation of plenty of spotlights.

As our electrical line system is an adventurous device/ and mice keep seriously nibbling and doing their best for its still worsening condition, some "Buddha" has sent us LOTHAR at the very last moment.



Lothar lives with his small family Leo and Lilly near our shelter and so he comes nearly every day to do his electronic.



Lothar lived for some years in North-Eastern Thailand in Khon Kaen and has moved to Samui recently.

He is a master of his trade: immediately after his arrival he has started the renewal of our complete electrical system. All the lines are placed into mouse-proof pipes; it was a special "pleasure" for him to deal with the fuse boxes! I wonder how we ourselves could have fixed all that without Lothar?! Just Thai style repair work - certainly no German first class workmanship!

I have had some experience repeatedly with our electrical device: the entrance door of the cat kennel was energized every now and then; and I myself was misused as "guinea pig" only to try whether the electrical power was finally no longer active at the gate! For the time being, I stick to opening this gate very cautiously and first touch it with my finger tip only! As Lothar is hard working to renew everything, I guess I can drop that precautionary measure in the future....

The repair and renewal of our electrical system swallow enormous heaps of money, but for safety reasons I'm so very glad that Lothar has tackled this enormous task.



If I had known before that a new car would have to be purchased, I wouldn't have started this renovation business; but as renovating had started before the bus broke down, we couldn't stop it any more: walls had already been torn down and the main house resembled a construction site. And we couldn't leave it that way.....
At the moment, the old temple team bus is running again and so useful- at the price of more than 1.000 Euro! But luckily, on the other hand, we could use it when the helpers' transport bus had to be retired for good.



Hurrah it's done. The entry to the new operationroom is finished. After all you can't imagine how much dust there was.



VOLUNTEERS AND VISITORS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME



Sybille from Germany has stayed with us for the 6th time! Three times she spent almost 6 months here, but on May 18, she is going to leave again- we are so sorry about that!

Sybille, we are missing you already!



Sybille lived in the house at the entrance of our shelter and there she took care of some „problem“ dogs. We must only fix the fence there, and then we can put up some more dogs.



Sybille took care of a lot of dogs needing special attention and love. Some had already given up and wouldn't have made it without her commitment. Doctor Sith was so glad about her effective support in the operating room.



Lots of thanks to the volunteers who had been

We are always very glad about donations in kind from the hotels. Some hotels are very well prepared for such actions and arrive with a giant banner, too.

The Silvadee delivered sacks stuffed with old towels, sheets and old uniforms. I suppose our helpers will soon walk around in the gardeners' working pants! But the dogs do not care what stuff they are lying on, and old uniforms are better than the naked floor! If you happen to come to Samui: we do ALWAYS need old towels for our animals

helping in the shelter in the last months.

Some spent long hours freeing the dogs from ticks. Not a pleasant job, but believe me, the dogs are certainly very thankful for your efforts. Even when you just walked around and cuddled the dogs or cats a little, the animals are so pleased with your attention. You were certainly very surprised when they ALL dashed towards you joyfully when you entered the kennels. Each of them wants to be the first to get your cuddles!

Some students of veterinary medicine from various countries have applied for a summer stay. With his new operating room, teaching and instructing students will be considerably easier for doctor Sith.



Lydia and Alys from England had lots of fun with our darling pets. At the moment, we keep 22 smaller dogs in our house in Chaweng.



The dogs don't think „taking a shower“ is great fun. But being brushed afterwards is what they really enjoy!



For the last 17 years we have seen innumerable volunteers at the DCRS who –without a very few exceptions - proved to be super helpers! That I myself would go in for a cheat's line is something I would have never imagined possible! That she only wanted to go on holiday here at the expense of our animals is so insolent, outrageous, cheeky....In the future, I must be even more cautious with volunteers, even so, as I must always control that my Thais do not forget to register the donations correctly...

From October 2015 until February 7, 2016 **Stephanie Abrahamsson** stayed with us as a volunteer. She helped with the office work and went on tour with Don for some outside work. Unfortunately she misused my trust extremely: without my knowledge, on Facebook, she raised funds on her private account in our name! She pretended that her organization cooperated with the Dog and Cat Rescue Center Samui Foundation.

The catch in this sad affair is that her organization only exists on the internet and the only member is she herself! She placed pictures of our dogs on her homepage; besides she uses our address as her own.

To top all that- of course- you find her bank account number only on her homepage! I have repeatedly posted with photos and information about her on Facebook via Brigitte Gomm. On Facebook she calls herself Steph Diamond now and appears in a new look with her hair dyed red. Under this name she continues very busily raising funds for puppies, sick dogs and, of course, for her stay. As I have a lot of followers on Facebook and friends in the island, I'm very well informed

About her ways of again and again fobbing money out of the pet lovers' pockets, and also to finance her stay here! My personal access to her account is blocked- this goes without saying- as well as the access to her Facebook account of many of my friends . Here is a link to my postings for non-Facebooks addicts.

http://www.samuidog.org/Rundbrief_PDF/Stephanie_Abrahamson.engl.pdf



„Take a couple of puppies or sick dogs and write an sentimental story. Place it on Facebook and find enough pet lovers who will pay for your holiday while making a donation for the dogs. Casually you take a taxi to take the dogs to a vet and have all kinds of checks passed. As you are a pet lover you enjoy that. Then you bombard your Facebook followers with pictures and demands for donations for the dogs. Just to improve the fraud, you set up a homepage, pick a few texts and photos from other sites for the protection of animals- and in come the donations! I really wonder why the island isn't overcrowded with “Steph Diamond's!”

Don resigned after having been several times on tour with Steph- for reasons of a back ache, as he said. For more than two years, Don had exclusively worked in Lamai. He was on tour there with his side-car motorbike to vaccinate dogs and cats, to treat the injured ones or catch them for neutering. When necessary, he took them to the vet in the center. He was paid for his work by Silvana and her friends from Switzerland. Silvana and her friends are especially dedicated to the Lamai dogs. In an emergency Don also helped at the shelter.

Last May, Don was provided with a new sidecar motorbike. Walter had designed it- but as the vehicle was planned for Don, we had to return it after Don's resignation. As Don had kept complaining that a sidecar motorbike wasn't strong enough and that he had enormous difficulties to force up his way over the mountain from Lamai to Chaweng- with Steph on the backseat! -(Steph doesn't even weigh 50 kg!), I thought about buying a stronger motorbike. That's when I hit this funny trike: its motor has 250 ccm and can carry 1000 kgs!

Daniela has taken over the field task. Two to three times a week, Bu or another helper goes out with her to follow the hints of tourists to catch sick or injured dogs, or to vaccinate them or prepare them for neutering or castration.

Daniela likes her job a lot. Usually the Thais are very helpful – and thankful- that they have their dogs or cats treated for free. In the villages, dogs and cats may easily be „caught“by the children.



Unfortunately- or happily- Daniela has proved very effective, and she vaccinated lots of dogs- but therefore our extra costs went up.....

Something we could have foreseen, as Don had been busy for a long time in that area, vaccinating or preparing dogs for castration.



Wherever we hit packs of dogs in Samui, we try to find pet lovers in the neighbourhood who support us and regularly provide the animals with food or water.



Daniela went with Bu to the dump in Hua Thannon (that's the next small place after Lamai), where she takes care of the large pack of dogs. The dogs are extremely shy and it will take some time before they may become confident and trust her so that she can touch them. Our utmost task is to get the females for neutering as fast as possible. It is really surprising that the dogs do find leftovers to feed on in these compressed piles of rubbish. The rubbish collectors sometimes feed the dogs with leftovers. As the dogs there almost live without any contact to humans, they are extremely shy and it will take a long time still before we can get them.

The refuse incinerator stopped operating long ago. A big hole is being dug out, covered with a plastic sheet, and then everything is shovelled in and filled up. Over and out. The ground water has certainly been contaminated already. From here you can look on this wonderful dumping site in Hua Thanon.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pIM9n2oJrXw>



The puppies are not so shy and so they could be wormed and injected.

TEMPELPROJECT AND STREETWORK

Our Temple-Team Jay, Linda and Tom are very happy that Daniela has decided to seriously commit to Street Work and have already passed on several cases (areas) for Daniela to cover. Koh Samui is a big island and the number of stray dogs is huge, the more of us help with street work the better. Communication and helping each other is very important in order to get as much dogs and cats treated, vaccinated, spayed....In one word: HELPED. Our shelter is completely full and just the thought of having to take every single sick or injured Temple or Village-dog into our shelter for treatment is horrifying. Uncountable animals are being successfully treated by our Team outside the shelter and only brought in for sterilization.



Since more than 10 years Linda from Scotland works for us and has – together with Jay – the puppy house



Since 2004 Tom from Switzerland is helping us every year for 6 months



Jay from Switzerland is here since 12 years and also works two days a week at the office

THE NEW CAR FOR OUR OUTSIDE-TEAM

Even though the Temple-Team had some reservations about the new working car and had a hard time giving up the van they had worked with for many years, they have now organised themselves perfectly well. The back seats have been taken out which leaves a huge back space where 2/3 of it is being used for dry food they deliver to the temples and use for the food stations, almost 10 bags fit in. Beside the food they have put in a big set of drawers for all the medicine, wound cleaning equipment, tick and flea treatment etc. The car has a pretty big trunk where they can easily fit 2 cages, buckets for rice and dog food, as well as a box with medicine and things they use pretty much all day long. The back-flap has turned out to be the perfect platform for treating dogs and cat



The Team delivers food to almost 20 Temples around Samui and set up many food stations

PEASE HELP US TO HELP THOSE SPECIAL MONK

Unfortunately we have lost several temple-dogs to poisoning over the years. Usually it happens during times of festivals & big funerals when the temples are full of people and vehicles. This has not only been distressing for our Temple-Team but also for the monks who care for the dogs. For such monk, he could bear it no longer and took matters into his own hands to try and put a stop to it. With his own money and asking family and friends for help, he hired professionals to build, inside the temple a proper fenced in compound, complete with a roofed dry area for sleeping and a feeding area. He explained to us that he started by feeding all the animals in there together, in order to get them used to the enclosure and puts them all together, cats and dogs, for sleeping each evening. During the day, all the animals wander freely around the temple, but during festivals and funerals they are all kept safe in their new compound. The whole construction cost him 25,000 baht (€600) and we would love to give him some of this money back. Please help us to support this amazing action from the monk in order to stop these needless deaths. We applaud this wonderful man for helping us keep the temple animals safe from harm!



You can get more information and pictures how to help the monk or the temple dogs and some facts about their work on their own report.

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CONSTRUCTION WORKS AT THE SHELTER

Most of the single or double boxes in the shelter had been put up almost 15 years ago and time has taken its toll of the material. As we have absolutely no money left for bigger renovation tasks, we can only provide substitutionary supports. Before my holiday in mid-May we will have to remove the roofing in front of the boxes- for safety reasons! Consequently we will face bigger problems during rainfall, as rain water will pour into the boxes. The roof tiles should stay where they are and oughtn't to break and fall down.



At the moment we have no problems with water which could then rain in the boxes. We would be happy about every little shower! From April to June this is the dry season and the public water supply then breaks often together and we only have water by the hour. Of course we cannot wait for water but need to buy it. The "Water-Man" now comes twice a day, sometimes even three times and provides us happily with his great but unfortunately very expensive well water. He brings 2000 liters for 300 Baht. If he has to come three times it gets very costly. In the dry months it can easily be

up to 800 Euros for water at the shelter. In Chaweng the public water supply falls out rarely. But we do not need as much water there as at the shelter. The expected high water costs for the next 2 months we will also have to face. I gave John, who always works in the shelter, an extra 500 baht / month to properly inspect our water pipe and the pump every morning. A few years ago, we did 800 meters of water piping to be connected to the public network. The neighbour next to us sometimes turns off the water or the line is somewhere broken. The pump, which pumps the water from the tank on the road in our tanks at the shelter must also be constantly monitored. Wit has explained everything to him and I think after repeating it a few more times, he will know what to do. I am confident that this way, we can save some water costs.

LING



I hope I could send you soon pictures from Ling's new cage.

In May 2013 we had built a new cage for Ling.

http://www.samuidog.org/MonkeyBusiness_en.html

After three years the cage legs are corroded completely and the bottom has got a big hole. The cage has been put on the floor and the monkey is forced to sit in his own muck. Within no time we will have to renovate the cage totally – adding of course a new welded base part. A helper has already set to work.....

Ling's cage is outside the Rockview Restaurant in Chaweng Noi, next to the First Bungalow Resort. For many years, the monkey has been mostly taken care of by tourists who spend their holiday on Chaweng Noi Beach. Often the owners are away for many a day and up to now have never really taken care of their monkey. But they willingly accept our help....

Please look after Ling during your holiday on Chaweng Noi Beach!

FAIR HOUSE BEACH RESORT Chaweng -Noi -Beach



This is a recent picture of the Fair House Beach Resort breakfast restaurant.

For many years I've been preaching again and again: do not lure the dogs into the hotel compounds! Please feed them on the beach only or in the street!

Regularly I'm told the dogs had already been there and were waiting on the terrace of the bungalow. One day they won't wait any more when enough non-pet-lovers (they do exist!) have complained with the hotel management. The hotel management then solves that problem in their way by simply disposing of the dogs.



But this doesn't only concern the Fair House Beach Resort, it's a concern for ALL the hotels. You will find dogs in lots of resorts and I understand very well how much fun it is for a dog lover to have a dog lying on his patio. 20 years ago, I brushed Blacky's hairs from the sheets in Montien House – so that the cleaning service didn't realize that she had been in my bed!

Unfortunately there are people who do not love dogs and these people complain and write bad assessments and dogs in the restaurant are just a NO-GO!

Please do feed them on the beach or in the street only, otherwise there won't be any dog waiting for you during your next holiday!

FLIGHT SPONSORS



Bye-bye and all the best to you, Strubbelchen! One of my special darlings has found a super home in Austria. **Hans-Peter**- our long-time IT-maintenance man - was especially happy as Strubbelchen was HIS absolute darling.



Here are some dogs waiting for departure. Most dogs must stay with us for more than three months until they can finally fly away.

Please help us to find flight sponsors for our shelter dogs already placed in Germany. Furthermore we are always looking for flight sponsors for the many dogs taken to the shelter by tourists who have fallen in love with their beach dog during their holiday.

A cargo transport for a normally sized dog costs about 900 € more than an attended transport. For very large dogs only the flight Bangkok-Frankfurt is at 54.000 Baht.

For an „ordinary „dog (about 20 kgs), the flight costs 35.000 Baht. Added to that is a fee of some 150 € when picking your dog up.

Up to now we took 300 € for the dogs from our shelter.

The flight Bangkok-Frankfurt costs 300€ for a placed dog plus flight sponsor. You must add 1000 Baht for the micro-chip, 3000 Baht for the rage antibodies test, 2500 Baht for the flight to Bangkok; before departure, the dogs must be shown the public health officer. Therefore we need a helper in Bangkok: he takes the dogs to the health officer's place, takes care of the papers and hands the dogs in at the departure check-in. The handling costs 4000 Baht. Plus the flight box with 7000 Baht. Added up you reach 17500 Baht (depending on the exchange rate some 500 €) costs we lose with every dog and which are not covered.....

We had fancied that – at least- the costs for the boxes could be made up for. But return transport with flight sponsors had turned out very complicated – and did only work very rarely in the last years. We have at least some 30 boxes „spread“all over Germany! Transport with DEUTSCHE POST /DHL is rather expensive and the boxes need a solid packaging.

Some „pet lovers“didn't even answer though they knew the boxes should be sent to Martina- she had taken care of placing dogs in Germany. For the time being, we had to stop that as we would have needed a special certificate. Martina minded that business, too- and meanwhile she has that certificate!

Especially when we could not give so good prices for our dogs we are always searching flight sponsors for the dogs. Yet there are some pet lovers who are willing to pay the whole costs for the flight round about 800 Euro if they have a dog from the shelter.



KIERON – YOU ARE THE BEST



Again we were so lucky! Kieron, who had been fund raising three times among his „fans“ for us, stayed two weeks in April in the island and- even with his quite demanding ways- was so successful again!



With this money we will vaccinate the dogs in the shelter, will deworm them and treat them with Ivomec against scabies and provide them with Frontline. All the shelter dogs were vaccinated more than a year ago and it's high time for renewal.

At the moment it's the hottest period of the year in Samui; therefore we have very many outbreaks of scabies in the island. In the next days, the temple team and Daniela are going to vaccinate as many dogs as possible, even outside our shelter, thus trying to prevent further outbreaks of scabies.

A BIG THANK YOU TO KIERON GERBIG
AND TO ALL OF YOU!

If you're coming to Samui and you wish to bring a donation:

Old towels and bed linen and sheets for the puppies and the cats, OLD toys for the puppies, powdered puppy milk and flea collars for dogs. We can always use these things.

In serious cases of mange (scabies) - especially with puppies - ADVOCATE has proved extremely effective. Unfortunately it costs a fortune! If your vet has got expired Advocate and is willing to give it away for free or cheaply, we would be so glad to get it! For some dogs only Advocate can heal mange.

Should you have used or new collars – dogs wearing collars don't look like strays and are very often treated better by the Thais.

Please help us to introduce the DCRS to as many people as possible. Forward our newsletter to your friends and acquaintances or spread news about the DCRS work in the panels you visit.

If you are in Koh Samui and see a cat or dog needing help, please call us 077 413 490 or 081 893 94 43. Please help injured and ill dogs and cats. Please stay with the animal and try to calm it until our helpers arrive.

We were informed about most of the poor creatures in the pictures of our monthly patients by tourists.



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. In order to do so you need to click on our logo on our GERMAN website www.samuidog.org.

We receive every month about 400 Euros thanks to your shopping.

We also have recorded to GOODING. Like Amazon GOODING has many shops in their arrangement. Just have a look.

Furthermore we are since a long time recorded to BILDUNGSSPENDER.

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.

Thank you very much again to all the sponsors and helpers from all over the world. Because of your help, since 17 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 15 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. Unfortunately are the settled down strangers not always willing to give a donation because they say they just give food to the dog. HA HA

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.



Sponsoring a dog or a cat is 25 Euro a month!

With a sponsorship you can help to make sure that their bowls are never empty. Have a look on the website <http://www.samuidog.org/adoption.htm>.

Our monthly costs amount to 17,000 Euro. If you are on Koh Samui, you are cordially invited to stop by and have a look at our records. The dogs and cats love to get some cuddles!

Best regards and thank you very much!

Brigitte
and the Rescue-Team

Accounts for sponsors:

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



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so that cats and dogs
can be supplied with food and medicine
in the future

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