

## Dog and Cat Rescue Samui Foundation

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Dear Animal Friends

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My sincere thanks in the name of the dogs and cats on Koh Samui to all the animal friends, who helped to make Koh Samui a better island for dogs and cats, being a volunteer, by donating items, advertising for us or through money donations. Without your help, I couldn't have done anything here and mass poisoning by the government would be happening daily. Tourism has developed rapidly over the last 18 years. A lot of luxury accommodations were built. Unfortunately High - end tourism also means the end for the dogs in Samui, because really rich people only celebrate or want to enjoy the "paradise". The stray dogs disturb them and are immediately removed from such units... how, I am sure you can imagine by yourselves. But Koh Samui will probably never be the Saint Tropez of Asia because the infrastructure has not kept up and there are constantly problems with the water supply. The roads are mostly catastrophic and the garbage problem is getting worse. Since many of these luxury accommodations are hardly booked, hopefully no more of these animal-hostile facilities will be built in the future. Many dogs settle on such large constructions sites and as long as the construction work is progressing, they are getting supplied by the workers.



But as soon as the plant is finished, the manager of the new unit calls me and threatens me with the removal of the dogs, if I do not immediately pick them up. Of course, the managers are mostly not willing to help with capturing neither they are ready to donate. They do not care where the dogs are supposed to go to. They say, after all we are the Rescue Centre and we have to take care of it. But as you know, the interest of the hotel managers and the business people on the island to help the dogs and cats has never been actually great. The majority of the foreigners settled at the island are not very dog-friendly either. If I didn't have YOU, I could close down immediately. At the moment, the constantly falling exchange rate gives me a strong headache. Recently you could get 4,000 baht for 100 euro now it is only 3600 baht. Please continue to support us, even with small donations we can do a lot here. The hungry mouths we have to stuff are getting more and more...



## VISITORS AND VOLUNTEERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME



What's inside the suitcase? Thanks to **Gunlög** and **Leif** from Sweden. They arrived with a whole suitcase full of "gifts."



Gunlög and Leif





Manuel



MANY THANKS to **Tom** and **Manuel** for collecting donations for the "Dog and Cat Rescue Samui Foundation". A great "birthday present" for our 18 anniversary on 1 April 2017.



Tom



Many thanks to **Carsten** from Reggae Beach restaurant in Bang Po. He collected 260 Euros for us on his birthday. If you are in Samui, you should definitely visit him. Super location and great food!







Thanks to **Sybille** and **Markus** for their great help in the animal shelter. Sybille has been with us for the seventh time. The last four times even for 6 months. She takes care of extra care-dependent dogs. Many have only survived because of her, they were very seriously injured dogs needing not only medicine and a clean camp, but also loving care and a lot of hugs. At the end of May the two will leave us, but after they have obviously fallen in love with them in Koh Samui and our dogs, we can hope that they will come back soon.



**Markus** has diligently done renovations again.

He works very independently and has particular concerns about improvements around the puppy house this year. Markus helped Sybille with the care of the dogs of course, too. I am sure that some dogs have only survived through the intensive and loving care of these two. Dogs who have experienced a lot of bad things often give up and then a cure is very difficult



My special thanks to **Sven** from Berlin. He helped with the office work every day in January and February. He has updated many pictures at our homepage and also cleared up all other things remained undone since. Jay and I hope he will be back with us at the end of April. Unfortunately it is impossible to find an office helper on the island for our support.

It is often impossible for me and Jay to be constantly up to date, because it has become more and more office work over the years: I would need to answer the e-mails every day. There are two phones with WhatsApp messages and 3 Facebook accounts (Brigitte Gomm, Dog and Cat Rescue Samui Foundation and my group Foreign Animal News) and the homepage. During the day I hardly get to the office because I have to worry more or less constantly about the instruction of the helpers. Then the phone rings without ending, visitors come into the house and new patients are brought.



For the last 18 years (unfortunately) I did not become younger and it is not easy for me to be fresh the next day, when I worked till 2.00 am. But I've always been a night person and nothing has changed to this. I would like to make more on Facebook and the homepage often falls by the wayside, but as long as we won't find no other office power, I see no improvement, because the day is simply not long enough. In the past years, we have had a lot of volunteers who helped with the office work, so I hope that Buddha sends us help soon... Once or twice a week, I check the animal shelter. There, my main task is always to get rid of all the small garbage angles that the Thais erect always and everywhere. If enough helpers are there to make a large-scale operation, it goes quite fast.



**Hans-Peter** is still diligent in keeping our computer running. He lives on the mainland in Khan Nom, but by remote maintenance, that is not a problem. When it comes to the fact of some part to give up the ghost completely and has to be changed, he can be at Samui within half an hour with the ferry. At the moment, however, he is somewhat restricted due to lack of sleep. His wife Fearn has given birth to their son and that means sleepless nights for him. Fearn and him are very committed animal rights activists and try to do as much as possible for the dogs and cats in their vicinity. He takes care of the vaccinations and then takes them to Samui for sterilization / castration.

**Fearn** speaks English very well and has opened a „Dog and Cat Rescue Samui Foundation“ page in Thai for us. She is reporting about her own experiences and she also translates my reports into Thai there. The Thais are positive about the page and there are already many requests concerning the animals, mostly by phone. You all know, how it looks like if it comes to the English abilities of the Thais.





Thanks to the **WWF** for the FRONTLINE donation. Since we are always struggling with ticks, this great donation came more than welcome. The dogs get an injection with ivermectin once a month. This also helps a little against ticks.

Many thanks to **Selina** from Switzerland. She has sold almonds for us and collected 810 SFR money from relatives for us.

But in addition FRONTLINE will hopefully finish the beasts off ...







Branco thought it was great, to be the midpoint. When visitors come, there are almost always treats. Strokes are there in any case and since I have only 2 hands, helpers are very welcome to give some hugs to the doggies.



Children always have fun with our house dogs. The dogs and cats are extremely patient with them, and have never bitten a child. At the moment we have 22 dogs at our house.



Dr. SITH

**Dr. Sith** has been working for us for over 11 years. He neuters at least 6 dogs or cats every day. Many other operations have to be done every day, mainly amputations. In addition, many sick and injured dogs are treated by him. SCHAPOO - Dr. Sith!



Marie from France has been with us since February. She is a great help for Dr. Sith. In July she has her final exam and then she will be an certified veterinarian.



DON and KIO, the vet helper







## DONATION PARTY IN REGGAE PUB

**Raffaele Sabatini** from the Reggae Pub has organized a donation party for us. At first, we scheduled the 4th of April and we have already sent out the invitations. Then once again there were really heavy rainfalls, so that half Chaweng was flooded in the beginning of April, so the party was cancelled at short-term. Raffo has kept his word and organized the party right after Songkran (Thai New Year's Day on 13 April) again.

However, after Easter many tourists leave the island and the high season already finished and accordingly only few visitors have come. Nevertheless, we have been able to collect 8.825 Baht (around 235 Euro). I wouldn't have expected that it will be this much with only so few people. It is not easy to collect donations in the "nightlife" anyway. At the party we also received a great donation: several bottles of Amitraz (wash lotion against parasites).



We have taken the opportunity and went to Chaweng-Beach to share out the flyers for the event. We were definitely able to inform some animal friends about our work.

It is unbelievable how quickly the beaches have emptied after Easter.





## VOLUNTEERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME AT THE SHELTER

Of course not only leaves are swept at our shelter. But the cleaning work is unfortunately a time-consuming activity. The dogs also want to be brushed and pepped.



## CONSTRUCTION IN THE SHELTER



**Marcus** is still diligently rebuilding the huts destroyed by storm and rain. He will probably never finish it, because the next big storm will come soon. Meanwhile, we have to expect storm and rain in all seasons.

In December und January we couldn't do almost anything at the shelter. On the contrary, more huts have been partially destroyed.



## RAINING SEASON on KOH SAMUI

This year, the rainy season has slammed completely unexpectedly in December and January- it is the absolute high season on Samui. Since our house in Chaweng is very centrally located and most tourists also stay at Chaweng beach, of course, many animal friends can not come to our house to get informed about our work or just to play with our very friendly house dogs and cats. Of course also to make a donation. They'd have had to fight themselves all along through the waist high water the whole of January. A great High Season!



In case of continuous rain, the dogs are very dear to each other. They gather together and warm each other. Luckily it is never really cold here.



The dogs from inside have a short look at the situation in front of the door. We try to pump our property empty. However, if the water level is too high and the water is already the same height everywhere, pumping makes no sense.



What I can not understand is, why does the public water supply still not work? We still have to buy expensive water. After so much rain ...



## TRAGEDY ON THE GARBAGE DUMP IN HUA THANON

Whenever new huge rubbish dumps have accumulated, they are covered with earth and then with large black plastic covers. After it rained, there is a toxic yellow lake arising between the covered garbage piles. Here you can have a look at the garbage dump from above:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=plM9n2oJrXw>

We were called in the morning that a dog has been sitting in one of those large toxic lakes for the last three days and, of course, can not come out by himself. **Jaa**, one of our helpers, went there and found out that there is nothing he can do just with the help of the woman from the dump. He also got to know, that three dogs have already miserably died in there after days of suffering and anxiety. They must have been very hungry and thirsty, and have drunk off the surely poisonous broth out of desperation. That a dog was still alive is already a great miracle.

Once again nobody cared to call us on time. The indifference of the Thais can not be surpassed by anything. I've often been on this dump, because I had promised Daniela personally to take care of the dogs there. Jaa brings at least 25kg dry food to this place every week. We are well known there.

Anyway, Jaa immediately thought about how to help the dog. He got a really thick rope and got two helpers to help. The dog was unfortunately not ready to go into the box by himself, which Jaa had lower down at the rope into the pit. But he has eaten some of the food with the anesthetic and was now laying down, slightly stunned, in front of the box. Jaa has then raced down into the deep hole and has saved his life through his great commitment. The helpers raised Jaa and the dog on the rope. Without help he would not have had a chance to get out of this trap again. The plastic cover is very slippery and the walls are very steep and 10 meters are also not small thing ...

We called the dog "ChockDie" (good luck).



Jaa was able to call ChockDie from the sandbank in the middle of the huge pit to the edge, but then to get the dog into the box and just simply rise it was probably a little too much to demand from a dog. ChockDie is also extremely shy and anxious





Right in the corner in the middle of the yellow lake you see ChockDie who hopes for help. It was not easy to convince Chockdie to leave the sandbanks in the middle of the pit and come to the edge.



There was "water" accumulated at the edge of the pit already and it was only a question of the time when the "sandbanks" would disappear.



ChockDie with his savior. He has now grown well and is not running away anymore.

He has been with us at the farm in Chaweng for six weeks now and he is still very shy. It was very difficult to take a picture of him and his rescuer.

When someone tries to approach him, he runs like a madman. He has no problems with the other dogs on the farm. Since many visitors arrive in Chaweng, it is not possible to prevent the gate from being closed properly.

Many dogs walk out to the market around and then come home for the feeding. A big pack now lives outside the door. ChockDie also goes in and out as he wants...





## POISONING IS STILL HAPPENING

Officially, the state-organized poisoning campaigns in Koh Samui have already come to an end several years ago. Thanks to our Dog & Cat Samui Foundation and our intensive sterilization program, which we have been taking care of for many years now to get the population of the street dogs under control, the dogs are no longer being killed in a cruel way, literally poisoned. Out of the more than 30 sterilizations that we do every week, 7 operations are usually reserved by our temple & street work team Jay & Linda. One of their most important goals is, of course, to get all the dogs sterilized, that they work with daily at the many temples as well as countless villages. This also includes some feeding places. These are remote places with many exposed dogs with no real access to food or water. Just at such a feeding place, several dogs were recently poisoned and our team was threatened several times by people who live nearby. They were accused of bringing the dogs to this place themselves, which is, of course, not true. All dogs were injured and / or not sterilized there. Our team provided the dogs with food, water and often medicine almost daily. After the poisoning action a quick solution had to be found, since we were forbidden to take care for the dogs there..and it was made clear to us that they do not want to see us turning up every day anymore...OR.... – such an ‘or’ we better take serious!



These are just a fraction of the dogs living at this food station



**Jay and Linda** asked me to rent the little bungalow right at the entrance street to our shelter again (due to financial difficulties we gave it up just about a year ago). In with just a few days, Jay and Linda got together almost a hole years' rent; all donations from friends and family.

**THANK YOU SO VERY MUCH TO EVERYONE WHO  
HELPED OUT WITH A DONATION  
IN THIS VERY DIFFICULT SITUATION**





Everything happened very fast after that and the first Mama-Dog could move in with her little ones.



**Tom** from the temple-team came along with his welding machine and extended the already existing fence around the land and built a new entrance gate.



... after some negotiation talks with the village residents of the nearby feeding station, Jay & Linda have agreed with them, that they would take some dogs out of there and only come by to fill up the food and water station twice a week. Of course they then also check all the dogs and anyone in need of help would be taken into the shelter for further treatment.

**Please support us with your donation so we can keep up this project!**





**Jay** and **Linda** are taking care of the vaccinations of the new group and they also control their well-being daily. For the cleaning of the property and the feeding of the doggies, they have asked our hard-working helper **AU** - who now works at the puppy house, for some help. In the meantime, many abandon puppies have already moved into the property, which wouldn't have had any space in the official puppy house at the shelter.



**One very special little one has also moved into the house: FAITH**



**Jay** met the self-confident puppy **FAITH** a few weeks ago in a village outside a temple. She treated him for mange, and dewormed him. A village citizen then gave the needed medicine every day.

The little one was doing well and he was an exceptionally independent and happy puppy, even if he was the only puppy in the area and no one knew where he came from. The next week, **FAITH** was untraceable and no one could tell Jay where the little one had gone to - they said, he had simply gone away.

A few days later, when Jay was in the puppy house to check for the dogs, she discovered a freshly-delivered puppy, which had his leg amputated after a car accident. Despite a heavy operation and the missing leg, the little boy was doing well and greeted Jay quite stormy.





She could hardly believe her eyes, it was undoubtedly the 'lost' self-confident FAITH. The operation went well and FAITH has recovered great in the puppy house and now is a unique experience for animal & human beings. Still so little and went through so much already. Now he is one of the funniest and full of life radiant dog in the shelter. Now it is time for FAITH to tumble around, even with only three paws, so we presented him to the pack in the other enclosure. He was warmly welcomed and now has enough space to enjoy playing with many other puppies.



Further pictures and information's to our temple team and their street work, you can find in their own temple report, as usual:

[http://www.samuidog.org/Rundbrief\\_PDF/Tempel042017E.pdf](http://www.samuidog.org/Rundbrief_PDF/Tempel042017E.pdf)





## FLIGHT VOLUNTEER

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, 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.



Many thanks to **Eva** and **Anke** for taking PICO to Germany for Susanne.

These 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.



Thank you very much again to all the sponsors and helpers from all over the world. Because of your help, since 18 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 18 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



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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.





Some animal friends actually choose their sponsor animal when they come to visit: Thank you very much to Marie and Marvin from Germany for taking over the sponsorship for MORTY. Since we solely rely on donations, guaranteed donations like sponsorships are very important to us.

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>

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](http://www.samuidog.org/text3_english.htm)



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