

Dog and Cat Rescue Samui Foundation

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Dear Animal Friends

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Corona, Corona, Corona there is no other topic anywhere in the world. I hope that you are not affected by this terrible disease yourself. If so, we wish you a speedy recovery. Everyone is going through their own story now and it sure is rather horror movie like.

I am not surprised that the virus came from China. They are now killing all dogs and cats because the Chinese government has announced that the virus could also be transmitted by dogs and cats. Even in Germany the animal shelters fill up because some people are so stupid to believe such rumors. In Egypt, unfortunately, they also believe that the dogs transmit the virus and abandon or kill their dogs. When Wuhan was evacuated, all dogs and cats had to be left behind. Most have slowly starved to death, thirsty or have been killed by their owner.

**In this terrible crisis, dogs and cats must now suffer too
even though they have nothing to do with it.**



Many thanks to EVERYONE who supports us from afar.

Now we only have you to help us

In Samui ALL tourists have left the island and the beaches are empty. As a result, our income from donations has almost dropped to 0. Of course we also get donations from animal lovers on the island, but we won't get very far with that alone.

Many hotels and bungalows are closed for 3 to 5 months. I still don't know how we will survive such a long time. We collect leftover food for the dogs from many hotels every day.

For the dogs on the beach, animal lovers have come together who want to feed every 2 days. This is not necessary on my "house beach" in Chaweng. I walked the entire beach and the few dogs that were still there have owners who will take care of them. At Central Bay (public access to the beach) there are 6 dogs. They have been there for a long time and they are almost exclusively cared for by Thai people. Since many Thais are no longer allowed to work, the beach is as full as never before and the dogs are well looked after.

OUR OUTSIDE AND TEMPLE-TEAM



Linda is now solely responsible for looking after the streets and temple dogs.

The current situation is also a tough challenge for our temple and outside team **Jay, Tom** and especially for **Linda**.

Jay came to Koh Samui to help Dog Rescue over 15 years ago and has been part of the team ever since.

Almost all foreigners who work here have to leave the country every three months.

Unfortunately Jay had to do this "Visarun" when all surrounding countries (Malaysia, Myanmar etc.) had just closed their borders. The immigration officers on Koh Samui were unfortunately not interested in this problem.

The Swiss consulate also did not support Jay in helping to extend her visa.

Her corona nightmare became a reality and she had no choice but to pack her bags overnight, leave her house and her 4 dogs behind and fly to Switzerland, where she is currently in isolation in a small room. Jay was afraid that she might have difficulty applying for the next visa because having an overstay stamp in your passport is a serious violation of Thai law and may result in not being allowed to enter Thailand again.



Jay in exile in Switzerland with the donation bottle from her sister-in-law. Many thanks to Moo!

(www.moos-massage.ch)

When she can return to Samui is not yet foreseeable. She has settled in well and is supported by her family and her best friend and TempelTeam colleague Tom.

Even for Tom, it is not yet possible to estimate when he can come back to Samui and help the TempelTeam. Even if they are only allowed to 'hug' each other through a glass window at the moment, the family is of course extremely happy to see Jay again

Our TempelTeam hopes that you will not forget us completely in this historical and difficult time and support us - if possible - with a donation. Only in this way will we continue to be able to cover the high costs for dog food for the countless streets and temple dogs.

At this point Jay would like to thank her sister-in-law **Moo**. She has made a 'very special Dog Rescue donation box' and collected it for us in her shop (www.moos-massage.ch) in Switzerland in the last few weeks, until she had to close her studio too. After her arrival in Switzerland, she was able to hand Jay over 310 CHF for the temple project. Many thanks to Moo and Marco and all animal friends who support us in a similar way!

It's a very hard time for **Linda**: full commitment is required. She currently covers all the outside and temple work on her own and has already organized plenty of dog food in order to provide as many temples and villages with food and medical care as possible in the coming weeks.

She has spoken to the monks and informed them that we will soon be unable to deliver the usual amount of dry food.

We will deliver more rice and the monks will mix it with canned and dry food.

It is not the first time that we are faced with the problem that we have to save. The monks have played along quite well in recent years.

Linda has also been with us for almost 15 years and we all would like to take this opportunity and express a big thank you for her tireless work for the many animals in Koh Samui.

The journey is the reward, even if she has to go it alone in such extraordinary times.

We can only hope that the Thai Immigration Office will continue to support our long-term volunteers like Linda with a special visa extension until they have the opportunity to go on a visarun again.

There was total chaos at the immigration office for a few weeks. Annette was there at 7 a.m. and got the number 191. Only 200 numbers were issued! She was sent home at 4:00 p.m. The next day, she was able to collect her passport at 2 p.m. with a 30-day visa extension. Lucky! Others only received an extension of 14 days!



Hundreds of street and temple dogs are cared for and looked after by **Linda**, **Jay** and **Tom**. The team alone needs over 40,000 baht (approx. 1,200 euros) per month for dog food in order to feed all temple and street dogs. Please support us with a "food donation" so that we can continue to feed the many hungry mouths in the future. Thank you very much!

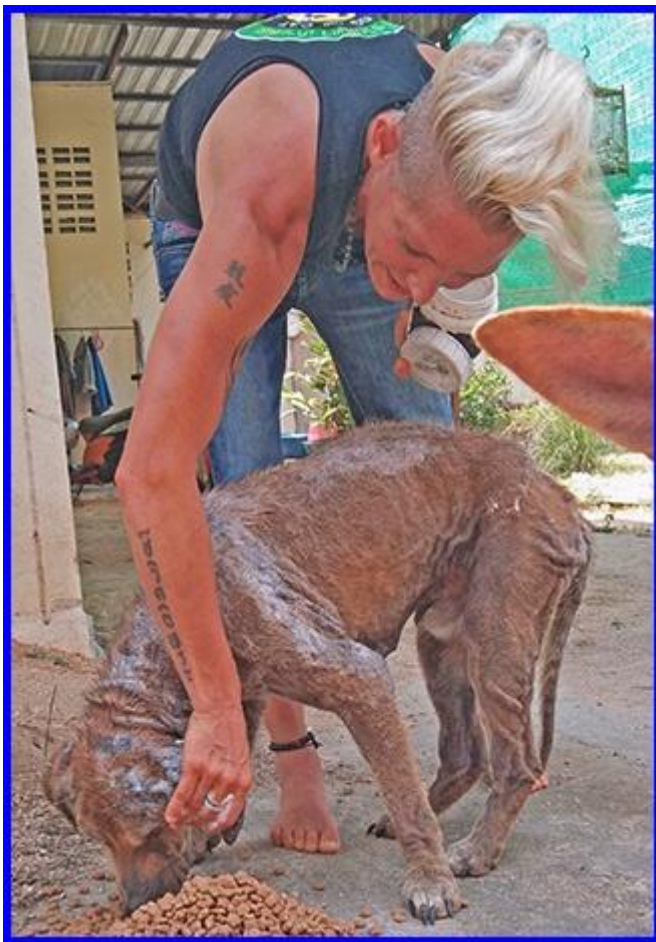
More photos and information from the temple team and their field work in recent years can be found on our homepage:

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

Current news about their work you can find in our latest newsletters.



Carrying **Linda** while feeding sacks



Jay and **Tom** will of course return to Koh Samui as soon as possible and continue their work for the Dog Rescue. Jay usually helps with office work twice a week. She speaks English very well and normally answers all English E-mails. Of course, she tries as best she can to help us with office work from afar. Jay also took care of the sponsorship and entries on the homepage which is hard to do from a distance. But we try to handle things and cover all work as best as we possibly can.

Jay sends a heartfelt **THANK YOU** to Julia from afar:

Julia from Germany has been coming to Samui for many years to help us as a volunteer during her vacation. This February Julia has now moved to Koh Samui for at least 1 year and is helping almost every day at the shelter and wherever an extra hand is needed.

When Jay had to leave so hastily, Julia immediately agreed to move into Jays house with her dog in order to take care of Jays 4 dogs and her house.

Let us all follow this example and help each other wherever we can.

FOUND-RAISING EVENTS FROM OUR LONGTERM VOLUNTEERS



Our LongTerm Volunteers, **Julia**, **Sybille** and **Anne**

Our long-term volunteer **Anne** from London has tried very hard to help us with various fundraisers in recent months. She has launched a very successful online fundraising campaign for our temple project and our feeding stations. The campaign raised 12,000 Euros. Unfortunately, we already had to spend it all on dog food – the dogs have literally already eaten it all up.

Without Anne's fundraising event, there would have been major problems in providing our temple project and the feeding stations around the island with sufficient food and medical care in recent months.

Unfortunately we are now faced with an even bigger problem, because we do not know how many animal friends can support us from a distance in this difficult time.

Also the second -and 1st official in Samui- donation campaign organized by Anne was a complete success. The Silent Auction at the **ROAD LESS TRAVELED** in Nathon brought in an excellent 63,000 baht! Many local artists donated a piece of art, which could then be bought in the course of the evening. **Jay** and **Peter** were visibly 'happy' about the successful evening and will hopefully lead to many more future events for the dog rescue in Koh Samui.



Jay with Peter from "The Road Less Traveled"



Tom, Linda, Jay, Sybille and Anne.



Brigitte with Rob from the Viper Room

Another fund-raising event took place in Lamai in the **VIPER ROOM** at the beginning of March. Many thanks to **Rob** and his hardworking team from the Viper Room. They made it possible for our volunteer team to organize this event for us. A big thank you to **Anne, Julia, Jay** and **Renee** for organizing this very successful event. Many thanks also to **Linda, Tony, Stefano** and **Sergio** for their great support!

It was a fun evening with a large number of animal lovers from all over the world, residents and tourists. We collected some great donations through the sale of self-designed T-shirts (TopJop Julia !!), donation boxes and a raffle competition.

At the end of the evening an incredible 43,700 baht came together!
This enables us to re-vaccinate all dogs in the shelter which is absolutely lifesaving!



Juli, Jay and Anne



Jay, Julia and Brigitte announcing the raffle ticket winners

Here you can see that many hotels, bungalow complexes, restaurants and other businesses have supported us with vouchers for the raffle. Thank you all very much to make this all possible.



These are our expenses from last year. Here you can get an overview of how much money we need in baht per month to provide all dogs and cats with medication and food. We have to put all of our tax audit bills and receipts into a tax office every year. You are more than welcome to have a look into all our “books” when you are on Koh Samui.

Expenditure 2019									
	Staff	Medicine	Gasolene	Taling Ngam	Building	Office	Transport	Food	Total
January	228.300	59.933	27.800	28.349	51.545	22.822	22.414	178.529	619.692
February	224.560	178.257	31.980	29.258	80.812	26.442	0	154.775	726.084
March	188.790	4.865	28.500	37.530	89.230	28.612	0	184.510	561.997
April	231.270	246.362	25.335	34.378	70.098	28.669	0	173.299	809.411
May	212.310	85.733	23.800	21.432	92.230	23.894	23.720	192.432	675.351
June	251.860	218.184	26.010	36.042	47.777	23.081	520	214.104	817.578
July	233.790	160.255	25.610	45.768	54.791	17.722	0	189.297	727.233
August	242.405	18.360	28.060	21.834	29.999	27.957	0	198.811	567.426
September	226.770	268.353	21.100	26.005	23.575	21.191	16.122	195.702	798.816
October	217.270	1.810	32.795	26.233	26.416	32.626	16.296	166.299	519.744
November	228.780	193.610	24.990	36.526	60.704	32.992	16.221	164.602	758.425
December	225.090	185.620	22.880	36.446	25.485	16.508	0	173.109	685.137
Total	2.711.155	1.621.342	318.840	379.801	652.662	302.316	95.293	2.185.469	8.266.877

Staff	Personnel costs	Building	Building material
Medicine	medicine	Office	Electricity, water, telephone, office
Gasolene	petrol	Transport	Cages
Taling Nam	animal shelter	Food	Dogs and cat food

QUEEN SISSI

Queen Sissi - our dog from **BIG C**, who we tried to catch without success for absolute ages, is now finally with us and stays at the big shelter. For weeks, many animal lovers from the island tried to catch her. Without any success. Almost every day for weeks I received calls from tourists and expats that a dog at the BIG C parking lot was in a terrible condition and would die without immediate help. We were there three times, but our Thai helpers were no more successful than the many animal lovers who tried everything to catch them. **Queen Sissi** never let anyone get close enough ... for weeks! Various animal lovers from the island have fed her daily for a long time. That did not help either, Queen Sissi remained steadfast. In the end, tourists managed to lure her into a dog box during a night operation. We immediately picked her up and since then Sybille has been caring for her. She wouldn't have lasted much longer in the parking lot. She could barely keep on her paws.



She clearly feels comfortable in her basket



With **Sybille**, Queen Sissi is in the best hands. She trusts Sybille, what you can see from her "smile" and her look.



Dr. Sith examined **Queen Sissi** and since she has constant diarrhea, she now needs special food over a longer period of time to put her intestinal flora back in order. We suspect that several animal friends from the island have given her antibiotics or other medicine and her body has yet to recover from it. With normal food, she constantly has diarrhea.

The special food is very expensive and we really cannot afford it.

We started getting food for her from animal friends on the island, but interest waned quickly.

Please help us and donate to Queen Sissi. She has been through so much, it would be sad if we could no longer buy the necessary special food.

ADDISON



Addison came to our Dog & Cat Rescue Samui Foundation in January. He had a large inflamed wound in the abdomen and genital area with a massive hematoma. Much of his skin and the underlying tissue had already died.

Such wounds often occur when the animals are hit by a car or moped, basically when they got under a wheel.

We surgically removed the dead tissue, but the wound was far too large and inflamed to sew everything back together.

Daily wound care and dressing changes including antibiotic therapy and pain relievers did the rest.

After eight weeks everything is completely healed.

Addison was a great patient who patiently endured everything every single day.

He is now back home.

AYRA



This very gentle doggie **Arya** was a complicated case.

She was run over by a car. Her left front leg was shattered, she had several open fractures and the bones were sticking out. Unfortunately, her left hip was also broken.

Arya couldn't do anything at first and we didn't know if we could help her at all.

Of course, we cannot undertake complicated trauma surgery operations with bone screw connections or inserting metal plates ... unfortunately.

And of course, amputating both legs was not an option.

So we started conservative therapy and Arya turned out to be a real fighter.

She received good pain medication and we started acupuncture. When the pelvic fracture became more stable, we started physiotherapy to strengthen Arya's muscles again.

We could not save her front leg, but after a long time of therapy the young lady can stand up again. A beauty on three legs.

BERTIE



Bertie came to the Dog & Cat Rescue Foundation Samui with one of these typical wound infections. Such wounds look terrible, but are actually part of our daily business. Mostly caused by a really small bite or another injury.

Due to the climatic conditions in Thailand, without medical care, these small wounds can become infected quickly; flies lay their eggs, maggots develop in the wound and the wound is getting bigger. This can all happen in with just a few days. Fortunately, such wounds are easy to manage. Daily wound cleaning, antibiotic therapy and everything gets healed after just one week. Bertie was the perfect patient and totally happy on his probably first moped ride when we brought him back to his place.

SANSA



Sansa was run over by a car quite some time ago and has lived with us at since then. The wounds have all healed, but neurological damage remains. Sansa was unable to use her back legs properly and could not coordinate normal movements. Most of the time Sansa dragged her back legs behind. We started with massages and acupuncture. She had to endure a lot of physiotherapy. We had to find a solution for Sansa to better manage the often slippery floor, so we made her a pair of shoes with more grip. In the meantime, she has hardly any deficits and the best thing is that a friend from the island has adopted her and has now found a great and loving home with someone who takes real good care of her.

JACK



Jack came to the DCRS in a miserable condition. Only when we had completely shaved him did we see the extent of his massively infected wound on his back. The little guy is also **blind**. Thai people had always given him food, but did not notice that he was seriously injured. It took quite a while for the huge wound to properly heal.

I keep most small dogs inside my house. Jack is actually a little big for my group of small dogs, but since he is **blind** there was only one way to accommodate him. So in the future he will live with me in the house with the other "Poodle Mafia". Poodles are particularly smart and are aware of that fact! It took him a few days to settle in. He is now moving very safely through my house and you can only tell from his slow movements that he is blind. There are 20 smaller dogs in my house at the moment! **Feel free to come visit them!**

DIE VERGESSENEN HUNDE VON DEN „FIVE ISLANDS“



The Thai government has declared the “Five islands” off Lipa Noi a nature reserve. The Thais who lived on one of the islands and "harvested" the swallow nests all had to leave the island. Unfortunately, they didn't take their dogs with them.

Of course, we couldn't just rent a boat and go there, but first had to apply for a permit in writing from the government in Nathon. That was surprisingly unbureaucratic.

The dogs were extremely shy and we needed 4 separate trips to catch the dogs.

Our heartfelt thanks to Mike, who provided his boat and didn't give up until we had the very last dog.





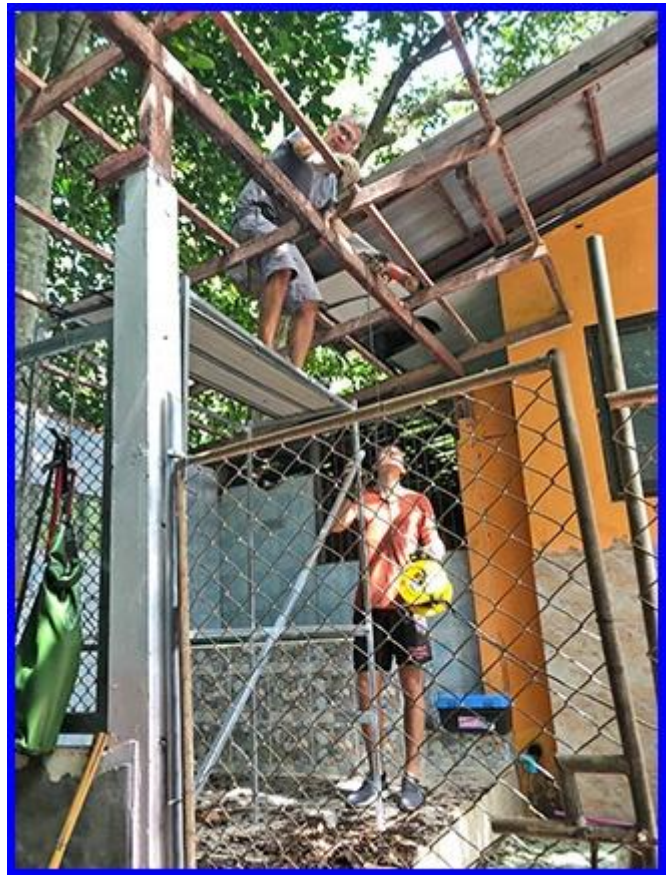
CONSTRUCTION WORK AT THE SHELTER



Marcus had been doing a lot of cement work in recent years. He plastered countless meters from our endlessly long wall. He mixed the color straight into the cement which of course makes the color

last almost forever. Due to the often heavy rain, the paint never used to last long. This year he learned to weld and is now busy renewing all the rotten steel beams. This is urgently necessary because there was already a big risk of the roofs collapsing which of course is dangerous for **EVERYONE**.





Markus and **Marcus** get along really well. They have worked together many times.

In the middle of **Em**: He worked diligently and dragged trunks that no one else could handle alone.



Once again we had a "small" storm that had half-folded a huge tree. Fortunately, he didn't fall on a dog shelter but on a fence. However, it was totally flat and could not be saved. Marcus welded a really nice new one. Some of my helpers can weld quite well if they want, but unfortunately they always neglect to conscientiously paint. Marcus is now busy painting as many grids as possible with special paint against rust throughout the shelter. The color is unfortunately very expensive.

We fought with mountains of branches and leaves. It took a long time until everything was burned. We made benches out of the thick trunk. They have become very beautiful and stable.

VISITORS AND VOLUNTARIES ARE ALWAYS VERY WELCOME

Sooner or later the corona virus crisis will come to an end and tourists will come back to the island. The only question is when? And will we be able to survive financially without those donations?

We will be relying almost exclusively on help from abroad in the coming months, I can only hope and pray that you will not let us down. We ALL don't know what comes next. This uncertainty scares me. Every one of you is affected by this crisis. I wish you ALL that you get through this difficult time well.

Here are a lot of photos of animal friends who have visited us in the past few months. Many had brought some amazing donations for our animals. I can't even think about the fact that I have heard from many hotels that they want to close for up to 5 months ... Not much will happen before August / September. The rainy season starts in October. There will probably no longer be any tourists. The year has just started and the prospects are extremely bad. So now the photos of the many many visitors come first. Pictures we will probably not be able to take in the months ahead.



Wendy and Sue from UK



3 Sweedish Girls



Alejandro,Dean and Anna-Maria from Germany



Alexey and Family from Russia



Ania and Veronika washing dogs in Chaweng





Jack from China



Jessica and **Stefan** from Germany



Nadja and **Daniel** from Germany



Julie, **David** and **Amy** from Australia



Hans and **Bärbel** from Germany



Ida from Norway



Anna-Maria and **Alejandro** from Germany



Estella und **Katariina** from Finland



Anna and **Dean** from Germany



Josie from Germany with Joosie on her lap



Nikita from Norway



Anouck and friend from France



Layla and **Raffael** from Switzerland



Jacqueline and **Mirko** from Germany



Thea – Veterinarian helper from UK



Kaya Elizabeth from UK



Louise and Davis from Sweden



Nadja and Daniel from Germany visited both shelters.



Marjolaine + Oliver from Switzerland



French Family



French Family



Therese, David, Maya and Harvey from Sweden



Daisy from UK

Daisy tries to collect donations for a **blood test machine** in England. Every little donation is welcome.

www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/drinkin



Jesse, the partner of Daisy from UK



Jessica and Stefan from Austria



Katie from Canada, she actively supported us in the large animal shelter in Baan Taling Ngam



Mariina and Henkka from Finland



**Feed donation from the
Thai International Hospital**



Sarina and Marco from Switzerland



Heiko from Germany in Baan Taling Ngam



Tina from Germany with Queen Sissi from Big C



Dean from Germany



Estella from Finland



Many thanks to **Nikita** and **Ida** from Norway





Nikita and Ida



Sarina, Marco, Sylvia and Thomas



Sarina, Marco and Thomas



Veronika, our volunteer, gave us two weeks of active support in Chaweng.

She helped in the cat house and also in bathing the small dogs in Brigitte's house.

Many thanks to Veronika.



Sandra and Christian from Austria



Mira came to visit very often only to play with the cats





Paul from Austria was very fond of Shompoo and other visitors liked to hold out their heads or arms so that Shompoo could "louse" them.



The Ritz - Carlton staff went on a company outing to our shelter and brought donations. Thank you so much!





Donation from the **Marriott Bonvoy**



Feed donation from the
Thai International Hospital





FLIGHT VOLUNTEERS

We are always looking for flight companions for our shelter dogs and for dogs that have managed to convince an animal lover that they must take him/her with them, because otherwise he/she would face an uncertain future either on the beach in front of a bungalow complex or wherever else on Koh Samui.

At our animal shelter, the flyer-dogs are waiting for their departure, if possible accompanied by a flight companion, because cargo transport cost a lot more. At the moment, 15 dogs are ready to depart, but since there are no flights to Bangkok until at least the end of April, even cargo cannot be transported. It will be a long time before animal-loving tourists can get back on the island again. Most hotels are closed for at least 3 months and how many shops can actually survive this we will have to wait and see. Please help us survive the crisis with a small donation.

The following airlines carry dogs on particularly favorable terms: Aeroflot, Lufthansa, KLM, AUA, and AirFrance. Thai Airways is a bit more expensive, but is well suited for dogs that are not too heavy. Unfortunately, a bigger problem has arisen because their transfer time in Bangkok is too short for almost all animal friends who have agreed to take dogs as flight companions.

A minimum stay of 3 hours in Bangkok is required because luggage is no longer checked through if you want to check in a dog in Bangkok. So the luggage has to be checked in again in Bangkok. Then there is passport control, where it is often very full. As a flight companion, only animal friends are considered who spend a few days in Bangkok at the end of their vacation or who have enough transfer time.



PLEASE CONTACT ME IF YOU WANT AND CAN HELP TO MAKE IT POSSIBLE FOR A SAMUI-DOG TO GET A NEW HAPPY LIFE ABROAD.

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.



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.

<http://www.samuidog.org/patenhunde.htm>

Sponsoring a dog or 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

Brigitte

and the DRCS team

Stay healthy!

BANKVERBINDUNG FÜR SPENDER:

<http://www.samuidog.org/text3.htm>



**Please help us with your donation
the dogs and cats continue with
To provide food and medicine**



HELP US HELP