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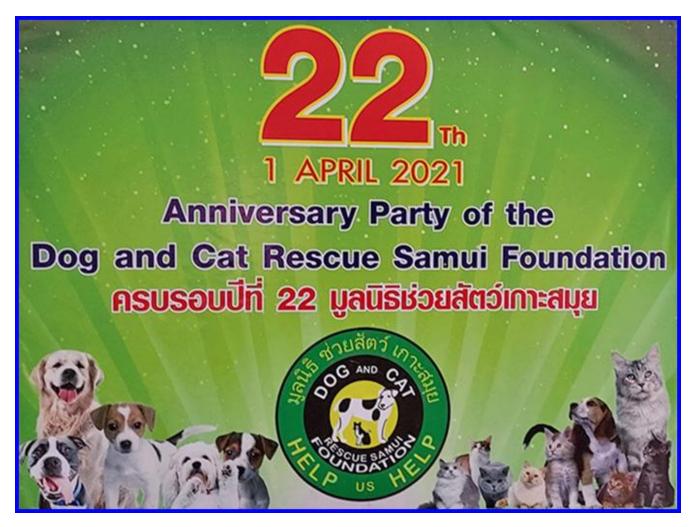
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Dear Animal Friends April 2021



Last year in April saw the beginning of the terrible pandemic which has since had the world firmly under control. Of course, I was very worried about the survival of our foundation, but thanks to your help we have survived the first year of the pandemic without problems. Only because of YOU it was and still is possible to offer free treatments for the stray dogs and cats. As there have been almost no tourists for a year, we have started to feed stray dogs and cats all over the island. Please do not let us down now, the dogs and cats on the island are completely dependent on you and would starve without your help. Only recently has it become evident, how often tourists have fed the dogs on the beaches and in the streets. Fortunately, there are many animal-loving Thais and foreign residents who are on the road every day and feed hungry dogs. We provide many of them with food and medicine. And we are only able to offer this help because YOU support the dogs and cats from afar. Please continue to support us, the dogs and cats have only YOU.

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Last year, it was strictly forbidden to have a party and there was a strict alcohol ban. This year we were allowed to celebrate again, and we are delighted that we have found a sponsor for the big party. The sponsor saw that we had worked hard all year and covered the costs of the party. Many thanks to the wonderful benefactor who wishes to remain anonymous.

We had a lot of fun, of course, and were able to forget the worries of everyday life for a few hours. The corona pandemic, of course, affects almost everyone without exception. My employees are very happy that they, unlike so many others on Koh Samui, have not lost their jobs and can therefore continue to feed their families. With your donation you will not only help the dogs and cats on Samui but also the employees and their families. Almost all of them have children, and finding a job on Koh Samui at the moment is almost impossible.





















ANNETTE has been working for us in the office for almost 3 years. You won't believe it, but for me she is the most important employee. If Annette stopped working for us and I couldn't find a replacement for her very quickly, I would unfortunately have to close the Dog and Cat Rescue Samui Foundation. Sounds dramatic, it is. I am now 70 years old and I am slowly noticing that my strength is weakening. It would be completely impossible for me to do the office work alone. But only on the computer can I win donors by writing newsletters, answering emails, making Facebook posts, answering WhatsApp inquiries, making accounts, editing the webpage, organizing dog transports, etc. Annette is irreplaceable for me. All other helpers are easily exchangeable.

The only things that matter are **Dr. Sith**, **Wit** our manager, **Dam** my maid and of course our **volunteer**, but without Annette I would have to close. Let's keep our fingers crossed that she can bear my mood for a long time. But I don't only need Annette in the office. She takes care of visitors and in the cat house that the cats get appointments for a sterilization / castration, that they receive their vaccinations and are dewormed. Since she knows almost all cats, including the newcomers, she is of course very well informed and therefore also supports Joelle.

In the pictures you can see how Annette is always surrounded by our dogs and cats.



VOLUNTEERS AND VISITORS

During the past few years, we welcomed loads of volunteers and visitors in the shelter and the dogs got lots of cuddles. Now we have only a few volunteers left. But it does not always depend on the quantity of people but also on the quality of the care. We are very lucky to have the best volunteers you can wish for.

Tourists no longer visit us at all. Not surprising, as there are none at the moment. From time to time, there are a few Thai visitors, but not many.

.MARCUS





has been with us since the beginning and has made it his job to check all the large enclosures for cleanliness several times a week. Of course, he also checks if the dogs are healthy. If he finds an injured or sick dog, he takes it to Dr. Sith for treatment. He also checks if the water bowls are filled with fresh water and have been cleaned before. And on top of that, he takes a close look at the single and double boxes. The helpers like to "forget" to clean the walls. He checks if the dogs still have enough bamboo benches. Unfortunately, the benches do not last forever; the dogs love the benches!





The cost for a dog bench is 25 Euros.
Unfortunately, we never have enough of them. Please donate for a dog bench.
I will happily write your name on the bench and send you the photo!

SYBILLE and JULIA - our two powerful women with a heart of gold.



Sybille and Queen Sissi



Julia and Pinky





JULIA – has a huge heart for dogs, and the dogs love her. With her calm nature, she is the ideal partner for Sybille.







SYBILLE and **JULIA** take care of the dogs, which would probably have no chance of survival without them. They give them love and attention. The helpers take care of food and cleanliness. But for some of the dogs this is by far not enough as they arrive at the shelter so badly injured that they no longer have any will to live. They sit in the box and stare at the wall. Some have to be animated to eat because they have given up on themselves. Julia and Sybille then often sit with the dogs for many hours to give them confidence again. The helpers would never do that, not even for 5 minutes! They prefer to check their phones at every opportunity and play games... Love for animals is something you cannot buy.

ELENA



ELENA is also still with us and is a great help to our medical assistants. She takes care of wound cleanings and the many dogs that need eye drops several times a day. Without her, many dogs would not be able to see again, as the cream has to be applied very often.



Since the beginning of April, **ALINA** and **JOCHEN** are helping us at the shelter and are hard working volunteers. They have done the 14 days quarantine and hope that they will be allowed to stay a few more months. The Thai government gives tourists a visa extension for 1800 Baht every 2 months. They work closely with Julia and Sybille and are a great team.





ALINA and **JOCHEN** with their new companions **KIKO** and **LOUI**. They fell in love with the two puppies right after their arrival and will take them back home to Germany.





FEEDING STATIONS

There are many volunteers who feed the dogs around the island. There are **PATRICIA**, **SANDRA** and **RAINER** who take care of the Valley Dogs in Lamai. Also **MIRA** and **SAMUI PETER** with their children **PEACH**, **LANEA** and **LENNY** who take turns with **HEIKE** to feed the dogs in the Baan Taling Ngam Area. **WIEBKE** feeds the dogs preferably in Maenam on the beach. **ROD** and **JULIA** have their feeding tour at the old pier while **LINDA** takes care of the temple dogs. Not to forget **MARCUS**, who is always on feeding duty at the garbage dump. They all go out daily to help the dogs survive this terrible time without tourists. I thank all the helpers, known and unknown to me, for their tireless efforts on behalf of the animals!

HEIKE is back from Germany and also on a regular feeding tour again. During the time Heike was in Germany, **MIRA** and **WIEBKE** took turns to take care of Heike's dogs and regularly provided them with food and water.





The dogs have not forgotten the sound of Heike's motorbike and all came running purposefully. The joy was enormous.













HEIKE often goes to see the puppies on the old pier in Thong Krut with **WIEBKE** on Sundays.









MIRA, SAMUI PETER and their children PEACH, LANEA and LENNY regularly feed the dogs in the Baan Taling Ngam area.





















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FEEDING THE DOGS AT THE OLD PIER

JULIA and **ROD** feed the dogs at the old pier every day. The number of dogs is increasing almost daily as a lot of people just dump unwanted dogs there. At the moment, app. 120 wait to be fed by them.





Julia Rod















JULIA and ROD feed the dogs at the old pier.

Besides food, Julia and Rod have to take many liters of water to the pier every day. There are no hotels nearby where the dogs can normally find water in flower pots standing around. A day without food is certainly not so problematic, but without water? April and May are the hottest months and it almost never rains.











MARCUS is taking care of feeding the dogs at the garbage dump.





MARCUS – drives to the garbage dump every other day to take care of the dogs. He always leaves enough dry food so they have enough to eat for the next day as well.

Fortunately, the security guard at the dump is a great animal lover and also helps with the feeding. He gets the food from Marcus. In the hot season it is important that the dogs always have enough water and the guard is happy to help.









There are a lot of black dogs at the dump. This is certainly because black dogs are not very popular and many have been abandoned there. I keep hearing that black dogs mean bad luck. Who did you think of this nonsense?











LAMAI VALLEY DOGS

PATRICIA, **SANDRA** and **RAINER** take care of the dogs in Lamai Valley and go out every day with buckets of food to make sure that the four-legged friends get at least one proper meal a day. They work closely with us as we help with vaccinations, sterilizations and medications. Unfortunately, the number of strays is constantly increasing, as people probably find out about their feeding tour and drop off their unwanted dogs. At the moment they feed about 85 dogs every day on their tour.

The dogs are always eagerly waiting for the sound of the motorcycle.





Sandra



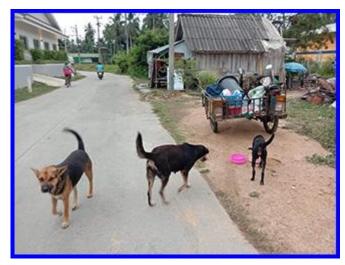
PATRICIA and **RAINER**











TEMPLE





LINDA feeds over 700 dogs at the temples and in her own villages every month. The monks are that kind and give that food to the dogs.

However, they are not ready to give medicine to sick dogs. If a dog is sick at the temple, Linda has to go there every day and give the dog the medicine. The "Lord Monks" are too fine for that! Praying and hanging around is definitely more important than helping an animal.

















Many kittens at Wat Chang Nathon





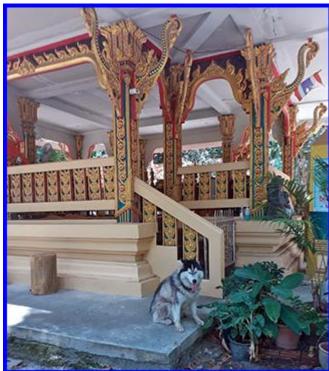
Garbage Village Lipa Noi

Personally, I don't believe in anything. Help yourself, then God will help you (whoever it is). So far I haven't felt bad about Buddhism, because they supposedly also respect animals. But the experiences I made with the monks here in Thailand are almost unbelievable. I have lost my faith in God as there are rituals in every religion that include the torturing of animals. There are some temples here where we are not allowed to feed. If dogs or cats appear at these temples, they are immediately poisoned or otherwise disposed of by the monks.

What kind of monks are they? Have you ever read up on the meaning of Buddhism?! Probably not.

I was invited to a wedding and the behavior of the monks surprised me a bit. After the usual singsong was over, they diligently took part in the binge. Is that Buddhism?













CATS

JOELLE has been working in the cathouse in Chaweng for a while. She loves cats more than anything and it shows in the way she treats them. The cats really have hit the jackpot with Joelle.













PUPPY HOUSE in Baan Taling Ngam

is totally overcrowded and the dogs have no possibility to run around. Almost all day long, they sit together on this dog bench. We hope that we will soon be able to move the dogs to the enclosure at the entrance of the shelter.







Our new helper **NON** in the puppy house speaks perfect German, good English and of course Thai. When the tourists visit the island again in the distant future, he will be able to inform the animal friends about our work. Maybe we can even find new homes for some of the puppies.





CONSTRUCTION WORK

At the entrance to our animal shelter, we have rented a plot of around 800m2 for 5.000 Baht (around 140 Euros) for several years. In the beginning, we also used it as a place to live for our volunteers. The house has a large room with a separate bedroom and a bathroom.

We have only accommodated 12 dogs there at the moment, because it was not possible to make the "fence" escape-proof. Since the edges of the metal sheets are very sharp, they can be easily injured. The dogs scratch these corrugated sheets until they have found a place where they can bend them apart and then they push their way outside. They then go for a walk and lie between the newly planted durian trees. The neighbor doesn't think that's great at all, but he is an animal friend and has not yet threatened us with sanctions.

Our puppy house is hopelessly overcrowded and we would love to bring dogs here from there. But as long as the area is not escape-proof, that is of course not possible.

We have now set up another dog shelter on the site, because the dogs that have lived in there already for a long time will certainly not be ready to share the house with newcomers.

Before we can finally use the enclosure for the dogs, we first have to solve the problem with the "fence". Marcus now wants to take care of it himself and try to close the holes. Marcus is a good craftsman and I am confident that he will solve the problem.















The dogs curiously have a look at the new "dog house".











In the background, you can see the new dog house. Now only the "fence" has to be made really escape-proof somehow, then the dogs can move out of the completely overcrowded dog house.



A new dog house also had to be built in one of the larger enclosures. Fortunately, we have some very skilled helpers, who are very talented in their craft. We cannot afford any major construction work at the moment, but we cannot leave the dogs "out in the rain" either.





The animal shelter is over 7.000 m2 large. There are always repairs to be carried out on the doors of the dog boxes, on fences or roofs.







Renovating of the kitchen in Baan Taling Ngam

Since we can no longer pick up leftovers from the hotels and bungalows, we cook 75 kg of rice and 40 kg of chicken carcasses for our dogs at the shelter every day. In order to be able to process these huge amounts of rice and chicken, we had to completely rebuild our kitchen. Four gas stoves were firmly anchored in the floor and all broken tiles were replaced. There was also a plastic bathtub in the kitchen. Unfortunately we have a lot of mice and rats at the shelter and they have eaten huge holes in the plastic tub.



Why they do this is a complete mystery. Plastic is certainly not tasty and easily digestible. The new plastic door to the toilet also fell victim to them. They have eaten a hole in the door and tirelessly create new building materials for their nest in the toilet every day to raise babies. Every morning they are finished with it and the helpers remove the "building material" again. So far they haven't given up. The door to the operating room is also made of plastic, but since cats are constantly in the operating room, the rodents have so far refrained from gaining access to these rooms at night.

The new bathtub is definitely safe to use.





The kitchen was also cordoned off for the dogs by a fence so that safe cooking for the dogs is now possible.









The helpers always distribute the food together in the 4 large enclosures. The bowls are filled and then they are hand out as soon as possible. If every dog has his own bowl, there are no fights. The helpers have to make sure that the shy dogs also get their bowl of rice. It took a while for the helpers to do it well, but now it works really well and every dog gets his bowl of food.





We had just finished renovating the kitchen when the plaster ceiling came down. It's not that bad, because we wanted to remove the ceiling anyway. In some places we had already punched large holes in the ceiling, because this was the only way we could remove the snakes that had made themselves comfortable in there. In the last few years, we have had major problems with pythons weighing up to 50 kg and up to 6 meters long. They like to hide in the roof. They always find a hole somewhere to get in. There they wait for a good opportunity to grab a cat or a smaller dog. We now have all the plaster ceiling removed in the cat house.



Doesn't look nice, but it's the only way to keep the snakes away. Instead of the plaster ceiling, we now have a grid. You can see the snakes from below and start catching them before they eat our dogs and cats. The helpers always have a lot of fun catching snakes!

SOIDOG

SOIDOG has been on the island since February and sterilizes 30 dogs and 10 cats every day.

Unfortunately, they are constantly changing their approach and it is difficult to find out what is the current one. At the moment they are only neutering stray dogs and no cats.

A few days later owners are also allowed to come with their dogs and cats are also being sterilized again. They have been on Samui already three years ago, stayed for 6 months and performed sterilizations every day. SOIDOG is a great help for Samui and of course for us, too.

We are very happy that they are back on the island and help us to solve the dog and cat problem.

Unfortunately, they haven't changed their way of work and I've had endless senseless discussions with their boss on Samui again. They neuter 3-month-old puppies, regardless of whether the mother still has endless amounts of milk or not. In almost all of these cases it would not have been a problem to wait another month with the sterilization, because the mother has been at this area for a long time and is sure not to change it. When a dog weighs 3 kg, it is neutered. Unfortunately SOIDOG is not ready to make exceptions. The dogs are captured, neutered and returned to the place where they were captured just the same day. There is no follow-up inspection of the wound.

SOIDOG is on Samui with 2 doctors, 2 medical assistants and 4 dog catchers. There are also 2 Thais who take care of the management. If you find injured dogs and cats that need longer treatment, call us and we will pick them up and look after them at our shelter.







When SOIDOG came to the island at the beginning of February, Marcus, Sybille and I talked to the people in charge and it looked like we would work well together this year. When they were on the island three years ago, there were always problems because they neutered puppies which were clearly too young for the operation. After a while, I didn't even care anymore what they were doing and just waited for them to leave the island six months later. This time, I thought it would be different ...





I can hardly imagine that these tiny puppies already weigh 3 kg. But our hands are tied when it comes to the directives of the great guru John Dalley of SOIDOG from Phuket. We can only watch helplessly if they sterilize dogs as young as that. They are stray dogs, so without an owner, anyone can do what they want with them. Three years ago, I wrote a long letter to John in which I begged him to have mercy with the tiny puppies. He answered only succinctly that it is usual practice to castrate dogs starting from a weight of 3kgs and there would be no exceptions. Three years ago, many of the puppies paid for these directives with their lives and Linda is absolutely shocked that they are again sterilizing these tiny puppies. A complete litter has died after the castration, whereas it was not entirely clear why the dogs have died directly after the operation. SOIDOG tried to find out what happened, but could not find any real reason. In their opinion, it was definitely not because they were castrated too early.

Of course, it is much easier to catch a whole family of dogs than having to run after adult dogs, which may even bite when they are being locked in the car or cage. Linda drives around the island daily, and if she knows of any dog families which have been castrated by SOIDOG, she visits them to feed them and check on the operation wounds. There are over 700 dogs in the temples around the island which Linda feeds and if necessary, treats with medication. The people from SOIDOG know that we take care of the dogs at the temples. Why can't they wait until the puppies are a little bigger and stronger for sterilization?

Again, I would like to clarify that I am very grateful to them for being on the island and neutering up to 40 dogs a day. However, it makes me very sad that also this year, cooperation with SOIDOG is only possible to a very limited extent.

DR. SITH

It would be no problem for Dr. Sith at all to do 20 sterilizations a day, but then all injured and sick dogs and cats that are brought to Baan Taling Ngam or Chaweng every day would not be able to be cared It It would be no problem for Dr. Sith at all to do 20 sterilizations a day, but then all injured and sick dogs and cats that are brought to Baan Taling Ngam or Chaweng every day would not be able to be cared for. The 50 single and double boxes are almost always full with sick dogs and the cats are always waiting for help in the cat house. Thais come all day long with their sick dogs or for vaccinations. He also has office hours at my house twice a week. The office hours are always well attended. He neuters up to 7 animals a day despite all the work that he already has! The operations that he unfortunately has to perform almost every day are considerably more time-consuming than sterilization.

Here are some examples of his daily work:

ERNIE

Ernie was taken to the DCRS with a large wound in his right ear. He lived up north of Samui near the airport. The wound was badly infected and maggots had already eaten a large hole in the scalp. Poor guy! We cleaned the wound in an operation and cut away the dead tissue. Unfortunately, we could not sew up the wound because the skin could not be stretched at this point. Ernie was given a large head bandage and we cleaned the wound every other day. He didn't always like that, but overall he was an exemplary patient. After only four weeks this wound was closed! Then we found out that Ernie no longer has a home. The owners had meanwhile moved away ...

Ernie now lives in one of the large enclosures and has become a big guy himself. Incredibly playful and fluffy.



SIRIUS

Sirius came to us with a huge infected stomach wound. Even the owner couldn't tell us where he got it

In an operation, that lasted for hours, Dr. Sith did his best for the cat to survive.

For now, it looks like he's going to make it.
Let's keep our fingers crossed, that the healing is really progressing well.



RED

Patricia, Sandra and Rainer take care of the dogs every day that are on the long road behind Wat Lamai. They are there on a feeding tour every day. Yesterday Rainer and Patricia had to apprehend what some bad person did with RED. Red had a rubber band and wire tightly wrapped around his muzzle. The wire had already cut deep into the flesh. RED has lived in this area with her mother for a long time. They also have a suspicion who the animal abuser is there, but as always the evidence is missing ...During the operation we saw that the injuries were much more severe than we thought. The wire had cut the skin and flesh down to the jawbone. We sewed everything up well and these deep wounds healed very quickly. Although RED has experienced so many bad things, she always smiles all over her face.

And then there was a happy ending. Rainer, who found RED, adopted her!



SOFIE

I'm used to a lot and luckily such dogs have become very rare.

Sofie has a nasty skin fungus and Sarcopticmange, which is very difficult to treat.

There was also a large wound in her neck full of maggots. Dr. Sith took care of it immediately.

The maggots would have eaten little Sofie alive. But she would have died of blood poisoning beforehand. A nice Thai had informed us and we got Sofie immediately. When Sofie came to DCRS, she was incredibly hungry. She devoured three large plates of sausages. She is very kind and tame. In such cases I remember again, what I'm doing all this for. The Dog Rescue Center is often the last resort, especially for THOSE DOGS, who are only pushed away everywhere.

Sofie is now no longer recognizable. She got a really great coat. But she definitely doesn't want to live in the animal shelter! Who would like to give little Sofie a home?



ROGER

Roger is an abandoned dog. He was found on the street in late October 2020 with a huge wound on his neck. The wound was heavily infected and hundreds of maggots lived in it.

Roger would have died on the street and we can't imagine what he had to go through until then.

When he came to us, he was already very weak and emaciated. Dr. Sit had to perform a major plastic surgery to close this large defect in the neck. Everything has healed very well, only a small area on the right ear still needs to grow. Due to the risk of infection, Roger has to stay in the hospital area. He has gained weight now, way too much.

Our volunteers Sybille and Julia go for a walk with him every day now, so that he can stretch his paws. When everything is healed, he would have to be integrated into one of the large enclosures, but he is larger than the others and we do not know whether he is ready to fit in there.

Roger is a very big cuddler and very people-oriented. It would be so nice, if he could find a real home. Who would like to offer Roger a "basket"?



BINO

Bino came to the DCRS in January. Where his tail was, there was only a large hole with lots of maggots.

We don't know what happened to him. Did someone want to chop off his tail or kill him?

The wound was very infected and looked older.

Fortunately, it healed well under antibiotic therapy and Dr. Sit was able to sew up the wound well.

Bino has recovered well and is always in a good mood.

He hit the jackpot. BINO will fly to Aenne and Yannick from Germany in September.

They saw him on Facebook and instantly fell in love with him.



DONATIONS

ALICE from Rastatt helped us as a volunteer and got to know our work. After her return to Germany, she stood up for us at her employer **Mercedes-Benz** and took part in a fundraising campaign for employees.

The employees can determine who the donation goes to.

We were very fortunate that Alice's application was successfull. A short while ago we were able to order a blood test device. Dr. Sith was very happy about it. He can now make diagnoses much easier and thereby help the dogs and cats better.







FACEBOOK

I make several posts on my page **BRIGITTE GOMM** almost every day. I also make the same posts on the page **DCRS - Dog and Cat Rescue Samui Foundation**.

Facebook distributes the information according to a key that is completely unknown to me.

I never get information about many of my friends in my news via Facebook. Many of these Facebook friends post news on a daily basis and they NEVER show up in my news. If I want to know what they have posted, I have to go directly to their page. I could imagine that many of you are friends with me on Facebook and NEVER hear from me.

I post dog stories and photos of the many feeding places almost every day. There are also funny animal stories. So if you never hear from me, you should go to my Facebook page from time to time and check out the posts.

I know a lot of people who generally reject Facebook, Instagram or similar, which is of course a pity, because I can't put as much information as I post daily in an info letter.

On the other hand, I understand that people don't have a Facebook account.

Freedom of expression is not possible on Facebook anyway. I often have to over think every word of my post and then I still wrote something that violates the Facebook regulations.

In case of animal cruelty that clearly originates from certain groups, I often can't hold back and then I'm banned again for a few days.

Of course we also have INSTAGRAM: dog_and_cat_rescue_samui



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On Koh Samui, thanks to YOUR help, every dog and cat has had the opportunity to receive free medical treatment for over 21 years. For abandoned animals that cannot survive alone on Koh Samui, there is the possibility of being admitted to the animal shelter. Every day at least 6 animals can still be neutered with your help. Due to your donations in the last few months, we have not yet had to cut our catration program. Over the past 21 years, over 30,000 dogs and cats have been neutered and innumerable vaccinations and treatments have been carried out. We are still offering free medical treatments for ALL stray dogs and cats.

Unfortunately, at the moment we can no longer treat dogs and cats from Thais free of charge. We have changed our signs accordingly. The Thais now also have to pay 500 baht (approx. 14 euros) for the castration / sterilization of their dog. We take 1000 baht from foreigners. Foreigners generally earn more than Thais and therefore we see this as justified. All over Thailand there are different prices for many things for Thais and foreigners.

The most important thing in the near future is that we all get enough dogs and cats. If necessary, we could stop the castrations to save costs. Please don't let it get that far and help us with a donation for food.

10 kg of dry food costs 10 Euros.

If everyone donated just one sack, we could look after all the animals for a very long time.

Of course again dogs and cats needed to be admitted to the shelter in the last few months, because they have not found a place to survive on their own.

Your sponsorship can ensure that their bowls are always well filled.

Please have a look at the dogs and cats on the homepage.

https://www.samuidog.org/animallist/animals-looking-for-sponsor

A sponsorship for a dog or a cat costs 25 euros per month.

The running costs for the DRCS are around 18.000 euros per month.

If you are on Koh Samui, come by and look at the documents.

You are cordially invited to do so.

The dogs and cats are always happy about visitors and cuddels!



Please help us with your donation to continue to provide food and medicine for the dogs and cats.

Greetings

Brigitte

and the DRCS-7eam

Stay healthy!

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PLEASE HELP US HELP