

## Dog and Cat Rescue Samui Foundation

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Dear friends,

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The bad exchange rate is not enough as there is bombing again in Bangkok and the Thai seem to appreciate to hinder improving tourism in their country. The April bomb in the biggest Samui store had just vanished from our memory: and now we have the bombing again. Luckily there had been material damage only in Samui.

I only hope that you won't be scared coming to Samui for your next holiday: come and see us. For myself Samui is a safe place where you can spend happy holidays without any worry.

It is certainly important for pet lovers that they can find help for injured dogs or cats at their holiday location. There are so many most beautiful spots in the world where people don't care about animals: so the summer vacation may develop into a horror trip for any pet lover. What use is the most magnificent beach, when a miserable dog under your sun bed is asking for help? Help he won't find as there is no veterinary doctor in the island or in the vicinity. Former Samui used to be horror for pet lovers. You could only supply food – but well knowing that this dog wouldn't be found again when you returned for your next holiday. Almost all the hotel resorts solved their dog problem with poison, well supported by the government. I must admit that Samui was overcrowded with dogs and they were everywhere, but poison can never be the adequate solution.

When we started from scratch with doctor Somsak and two helpers more than 16 years ago it took quite some time before our work bore fruit: but this task must be continued– what we did thanks to your support these last years.

Therefore I keep asking you not to let us down but to furthermore support us so that we will be able to continue our neutering project, the temple project, and other help projects, so that the Samui of 20 years back will never show up again. Our warm-hearted thanks go to all the pet lovers visiting us during their holidays. And another big THANK YOU to all the donators from abroad.

At the moment we face an enormous transportation problem, as all our cars are more or less ready for the junk-yard. We had to wave good-bye to one of our buses and the little Nissan conked out as well.

As our foremost task is the animal care, it is often difficult to take the volunteers to the shelter. Transporting animal food round the island is another big challenge as the vehicles are continually in the repair shops, swallow enormous amounts of money – and after a two days use something else gives up its ghost.

Our food-collecting bus (at the same time the one for emergencies) has a continuous subscription for the repair shop and I'm afraid it is fit for the junk yard, too. I do not know how to continue as we are in serious trouble about how to scrape together the operating cost for food, wages for our staff and the medicine.

Our warm-hearted THANK YOU to **Alexandra** and **Philipp** who decided they wanted no wedding gifts, but instead collected 5000 € for us among their wedding guests.

**Our best wishes to them both!** They were happy to hear that their collected money is being used for a new Dog Rescue Car.



We were very lucky as Marcus found a real good deal on the island: a small SUZUKI lorry for only 160 000 Baht, about 4500 Euro. Though it had to be canopied we only had to pay for the material as we can do almost everything ourselves. Our helper Monti made quite a good job. In my opinion it's most important it's waterproof! We will have to have plastic curtains fixed for the "windows". Another such good deal would be perfect!

Alexandra's and Philipp's donation has been such a great help and at exactly the right moment, however we still need another vehicle most urgently to cope with our daily transportation problem.

Don will mostly move around Lamai in this pretty vehicle: it is a donation from Silvana from Switzerland, she had therefore raised funds with all her friends and acquaintances in Switzerland. We thank her and all her friends. Don is so proud of HIS new side-car model!

**Walter Lehmann**, an island resident, had designed it and controlled its construction. He has made a super-job! Many thanks to Walter!



The **Renaissance Hotel** provided us with a great heap of towels and sheets for the dogs and cats. The hotel team was well prepared for a big photo shooting: they had even brought a big advertising sign. We are always extremely glad when we get some support from someone on the island - something that doesn't happen a lot.

We continually need old towels, sheets, products against ticks and fleas, collars, old toys for the dogs, dressing material and self-adhesive sanitary pads



In our April newsletter I told you that we wouldn't accept veterinary students any more, as most of them were only interested in doing surgery as often as possible. As we have a lot of students at the same time in summer there was no guarantee for them to do surgery once or more often every day. Dr. Sith must monitor or advise them which is very time-consuming- time he does not have as there are so many sick animals he has to take care of. Besides, students need much longer than Dr Sith for neutering. We informed all the students that there is no right for surgery every day (mostly when we have got so many students!) and that we expect their support in taking care of the dogs in the shelter. All the registered volunteers were informed about these conditions on arrival; we even received some registrations for next year. We will enlarge our expectations so far: on Sundays, when Dr. Sith is off duty, we expect vet students to be present and help with animal wound treatment and care. Especially on Sundays we have difficulties having enough staff at the shelter. When one of the helpers isn't keen on working on Sundays, he just doesn't show up... I've tried many a time to get this problem under control. Even extremely high fines (more than a day's pay) were no use. In the last years, the students used to avoid coming on Sundays because Dr Sith isn't here and they cannot practice surgery therefore.



This summer a whole crowd of students has stayed with us and after we told them our rules and regulations when it comes to having vet students at our shelter, things worked perfectly well and they were a great help for us.



**A big THANK YOU** to all the **students of veterinary medicine** who worked wonders tending giant wounds covered with maggots, cutting nails, cleaning ears and eyes and fighting innumerable battles against ticks.

**Dr Bert** from the Netherlands has been here again and helped Dr Sith. He is a very experienced doctor and Dr Sith enjoys working with him. He even took over some of his vet students to teach them!



## TEMPEL-PROJECT

For many years **Jay**, **Linda** and **Tom** have been working at about 20 temples around Samui, providing them with medical attention, dog food and making sure the population stays under control by having all the dogs and many cats vaccinated and eventually neutered. Their work has extended to uncountable villages and many hidden places with packs of abandoned or wild dogs where our team has set up food stations and cares for the animals outside the shelter as good as possible.

Since Jay and Linda also respond to almost every call regarding puppies/youngsters and their mother dog, they are constantly on the road heading from one place to the other. That of course results in bumping into many unexpected new cases and constant extra "work" that often requires an extra pair of hands by some of our Thai helpers. Like is the case of the blind dog **Dany**:

Jay was on her motorbike on the way to the office when she spotted a thin young male-dog right beside the main road with a pretty big open wound on his lower back. Once she stopped next to him she soon realized that this totally frightened dog was completely blind, obviously lost and in a lot of pain. Jay called me in the office and I immediately sent one of our Thai helpers to assist Jay with the catching of the dog. Dany was then brought straight to the shelter where Dr. Sith made sure that he got some help. Jay (already got 4 dogs at home), fell in love with Dany from the first moment she saw him standing there on the main road. She and Linda provided him with a nice comfy room at the puppy house in our shelter and worked on his trust issues during the first few days. It was clear that he was not used to human touch but seemed very relieved that his days of running away from other dogs and being chased from place to place were finally over. Beside the wound on his back Dany also suffered from severe blood parasite and would have probably not lived much longer. Thankfully he responded well to the medication and seemed better after only a few days at the shelter. Dany was then completely de-ticked, got a nice shower. Thank you to our volunteer who helped to get Dany ready for his new home.

After a long Templerun-Day, Jay followed her heart, drove back to the shelter and picked Dany up.



Tom is giving First-Aid to a dog they came across while being on one of their Temple-Runs



Please take me with you!  
I need your help!  
I am blind, injured and hungry!







Of course **Dany** headed straight for the sofa and any other soft places in the house.....



After inspecting and learning about every entrance of the house, every step in the way and every coconut tree in the garden, Dany finally let go and caught up with some well deserved rest. He seemed to understand that there won't be much more for him to worry about.



The first few hours in the house he was very concentrated and it seemed like he was taking his new task very seriously and didn't leave even one corner 'un-sniffed'. Once he was done with the inside of the house, Dany headed for the big garden-area where he inspected every little tree, stone and every other possible obstacle. His new sisters of course remained on his heels and found it rather amusing whenever he bumped into things. I guess it was foreseeable that-until he knows his way around, he would collide with the many objects around the garden every so often



Linda feeding the gang. Thankfully Dany nicely waits his turn just like everyone else



**Jay** and **Linda** have added another thankful member to their dog-family and it looks like their 4 girls:

**Sahm** the 3-legged dog, **Coco** who suffered from several strokes already, **Nora** who they found as a very frightened temple-puppy with a huge wound and **Jessy** - who decided to become their dog when she was still a puppy seemed very happy about the male addition.

It is amazing how fast **Dany** found his way around the rather big jungle-place they have. Also the 3 different house-entrances with stairs he had under control in with no time. Dany is a very clever young dog, lucky someone stopped for him when he was standing on the side of that main road.....

The latest news from our Temple-Team and their work outside the shelter you can check out in their latest Temple-Report full of pictures and facts:

[http://www.samuidog.org/Rundbrief\\_PDF/Temple\\_Aug15.pdf](http://www.samuidog.org/Rundbrief_PDF/Temple_Aug15.pdf)



As soon as Jay is in bed,  
Dany is there in an instant

## PUPPY HOUSE

The tick-situation at the shelter has been a complete night mare in the last few months and it seems that whatever we are trying to do against those beasts, they are still coming back again. Especially where there are puppy-dogs, the ticks seem to be the most stubborn. We have that one mother dog and her puppies ready to be moved to our especially build puppy area at the back of one of our outside compounds but the tick situation has delayed the move again and again. It's not like we are not fighting against them in full force though.



**Noemi** and **Miriam** from Switzerland de-ticking one of our shelter dogs with several blood parasite. Our dogs not only appreciate getting rid of the little monsters but mostly the human touch and extra love they get while being de-ticked...



We've got a so-called „burner“ to remove ticks and their brood. Linda and Stefan executed that as accurately as possible, but without any success. However, only a couple of days later, the beast were creeping up the walls again.



Linda has made up a strong solution mix of Bayticol Tick Wash and sprayed the whole Puppy house area as well as the area built for the mother dogs and their youngsters.



Jay, Linda and Au



Au is serving rice with chicken for the doggies in the puppy house.

## A big THANK-YOU

to all the many volunteers who have helped with the fight against the ticks over the past few months. Without the help of all the volunteers who visited lately and gave their time to the fight against ticks, many dogs would have suffered a much unknown destiny.

Thanks to many hours de-ticking, washing and comforting dogs suffering from blood parasite because of the sometimes thousands of those beasts covering one dog, many four-legged souls have gotten better very fast and felt very much cared for on their way to recovery. However dirty you might have felt, however many ticks you might have found on your own body at the end of the day, don't forget that those dogs you helped will never forget those hours you held them and made them feel like someone cares.

Linda and Jay who are in charge for the puppy house at our shelter are very happy that **AU** (our best man when it comes to handing out medication) has taking over the duties of the puppy house, especially now as so many need daily medication including most of the youngsters who were recently moved from the puppy house into one of our outside compound, most of them suffering from blood parasites and depend on someone reliable handing them out their medication twice a day.





Again a giant python paid a visit to our puppy house and swallowed two cats there. We found it curled up homely in one of the quarantine boxes. Linda discovered it. Phil, the island snake catcher, told us that a snake of this size easily kills a human.

Well, Linda was lucky that the snake had already eaten and was not really mobile any more.

Unfortunately Phil has had to stay several times with us to professionally catch pythons, cobras or other snakes; they were taken to a snake farm nearby- and, of course, the snakes aren't killed. Some of them he drives up to the jungle land and lets them free there, far away from humans.





In Thailand dogs move freely everywhere in the streets and on the roads, so that several individuals– consequently- are hit by cars or motorbikes and are left there- paralyzed, on the roadside. In former times they died miserably. Today we are sooner or later informed that such a poor thing is dragging itself painfully, only on its forelegs, towards a safer place. In some cases we can only release them from their pain and misery, but we keep more and more dogs in the shelter exploring their surroundings in their wheelchair they even behave like dogs without such a walking device!



Paul and Maa and  
Charly and Eva



Unfortunately it is not enough to put a dog into an adequate wheelchair or walker. The dogs must be under non-stop supervision: it happens every now and then that they get



caught somewhere and cannot get free all by themselves. Besides, they can't "hang" in their wheelchairs for hours but need a rest. Eva is very good at that: she is wriggling onto her cushion to have a nice nap- without anybody having to help her. Charly has learned that, too. He uses the wheelie in our house because the floor is too slippery. The resting on the pillows doesn't really work with the big dogs but, even in a wheelchair a dog's life can still be fun....



## Our German association

**Bärbel** and **Günther Schäfer** resigned officially as managing director and treasurer. There was no chance for any further cooperation with them, as they wanted me to give them discretionary power for the shelter. Doctor Sith would have quit; besides he would never have accepted them as "bosses". The idea had never occurred that Bärbel and Günther would ever be our successors or be entrusted with an office. As you could read in former newsletters we only spoke of Marcus in that context. Moreover the Thais accept one boss only: the one who pays them the salary! In Thailand people march to the beat of a different drummer – and when the Thais do no longer enjoy their job, off they go. Dr Sith has been working for us for 10 years now, and I could not think of any better veterinary doctor for us.

**Kathrin Schulz** and **Frank Nicolaus** immediately took over both jobs, while **Martina Kraft** remains vice chairman. **Simone Kienle** and **Robert Zwettler** keep their position as internal cash auditors.



**Kathrin** and **Frank** have come to Samui for many years and always help us in the shelter. Their dogs Schlawina and Suzie are, of course, true Samuians!

You know **Martina** from many newsletters. For many years she has successfully taken care of placing our shelter dogs abroad.



My husband and I are in our mid-sixties and it would be extremely positive if we got help in the DCRS. We do not feel too old to stay directors for another couple of years, but of it would be great if I had to worry and care about the main shelter a little less now.

Beginning of 2015, **Marcus**, **Daniela** and **Nico** have moved to Samui and we understand each other perfectly well.

I've got no problem to let them do as they like in the shelter. Marcus checks e.g. where things have to be fixed and we discuss what and how to proceed.

He supervises the carrying out of both construction and repair work-which is a must so it's great that he's around.



Daniela, Nico and Marcus  
Pepper, Titan and Grace



It is incredible how fast tiles for the wall are being set on the floor....Marcus keeps running through the compounds looking whether food and water tins are clean and filled! Daniela is very often in the shelter and takes care of dogs gravely in need of care; besides she has an eye on how the helpers do their job.

### GRACE, TITAN and PEPPER

were dumped at our door together with three more of their brothers and sisters. They were about three days of age! From that moment, Marcus and Daniela took over caring for them and took them back home. Unfortunately two puppies didn't make it, and another one they found a home for.



Now the dogs are 6 months old, are vaccinated, dewormed, chipped and will be ready for departure shortly.

### WE ARE LOOKING FOR A HOME - WHO WANTS TO BE OUR FUTURE OWNER?

The three of us are such loving affectionate dogs!



**Grace** – female- the  
The most curious one



**Titan** – male – the timid one



**Pepper**- female- the watch dog



Ivette and Stefan

For one year and a half **Ivette** has spent almost every day at the shelter and whoever was there has certainly met her. She lends a helping hand wherever it is useful and takes care of the visitors and volunteers.

**Stefan** has been almost daily at the shelter for two months now. Two days a week he follows a Thai language course in the morning. That's a good piece of advice for everybody who plans to settle here, as little English is spoken only in places with tourists. At the market certainly not...

Stefan must settle a couple of affairs in Switzerland, afterwards he intends to stay permanently in Samui. He plans to be at the shelter every day again - trying to work as a "controller". The Thais like him and that is of great importance!





I've got good news: by the end of October, **Sybille** will stay with us again and Dr Sith is looking forward to having her back: she is so kind and will be a great support for him. As Ivette didn't feel well any more in her pretty little house, she moved out because of the sinister atmosphere by night as the next house is rather far away.

I rented the house now and a couple of dogs are already bopping around in the spacious garden. (Please find pictures of the house in our April newsletter). Sybille had always loved that house and will live there and put up elderly dogs from the shelter. Let's hope she will feel well with the old dogs as her „security“ staff!

A small home for the retired wouldn't be bad!

### Change of the bank account for donators in Switzerland

After more than 16 years of account administrating in Switzerland, **Lilly Jenzer** wanted to stop for reasons of health and „old“ age. She had fulfilled that task very seriously and was a great help for us.

A very big THANK YOU to Lilly for a perfect and continuous support for many many years. Nevertheless she will remain as contact person in Switzerland.

**Silvana Ruh** has taken over the responsibility of account and mentoring of animal friends in Switzerland. A big THANK YOU for Silvana as well! Here are Silvana's address and the account data

[http://www.samuidog.org/text3\\_english.htm](http://www.samuidog.org/text3_english.htm)

Silvana would like to found an association in Switzerland for us. Please inform her when you want to support her, thank you!



**FOXI** came to the shelter, after his master didn't want to keep him anymore because of the bad mange. After two months he is looking somehow like a half-plucked hen: maybe he will be coated again by Christmas?



Foxi has settled in very well and is now part of our 15 headed dog pack in our house.



Because of the persisting emergency due to the bad exchange rate and the decreasing numbers of tourists we had to raise the monthly sponsorship amount to 25€. All the existing sponsorships remain at 20€ of course.

If you can somehow or other afford it I urgently ask you to transfer 25€ a month for your sponsor-dog or cat. The sponsorships are our only regular income; they are extremely important for the continuance of our association. In my April newsletter I had informed you that we tried to reduce costs, but this is easier said than done. Unfortunately there is no help against rusty broken cars and ramshackle dog shelters tumbling down because of old age. Many buildings in the DCRS are 10 years old- which means rusting everywhere all over the place.

Very often I just do not know where to start and where to get the money for the repair work. Please do not let us down: the Rains are coming up soon and some of the dog houses in the DCRS do not look trustworthy and won't stand the next Rains.

Meanwhile the helpers have understood that I'm taking drastic measures- so that we have quite a good team at the moment. We have more long-time volunteers than ever before, so that we hopefully will be able to cope with this crisis.

We urgently need another new „second-hand“ vehicle- otherwise I do not know how we should solve all our transportation problems.



**Angie** is here vicariously for all the dogs and cats still looking for a sponsor

Even if you do not want to sponsor an animal, it's definitely worth having a look at our many dogs and cats and read their stories.

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

I'd like to draw your attention to '**foreign animal news**' group on Facebook, where you can find lots of information about the situation in other countries. In my opinion it is important to know what is being done - or not – for animal protection abroad.

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 (please no plastic toys, they often chew it to pieces and sometimes swallow it).

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. [http://www.samuidog.org/OurMonthlyPatients\\_en.html](http://www.samuidog.org/OurMonthlyPatients_en.html)





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[www.samuidog.org](http://www.samuidog.org). We receive every month about 400 Euros thanks to your shopping. We have registered in GOODING. GOODING has integrated – like Amazon- a lot of businesses. Just have a look. Besides, we inscribed the DCRS in BILDUNGSSPENDER long time ago.

The four forward us a certain percentage when you do your shopping there. Which offers are best for you is for you to decide. I suppose there are more similar facilities, but I don't think we would need more! All have got the same range in their offers.

Thank you very much again to all the sponsors and helpers from all over the world. Because of your help, since 16 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 16 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 (as long as we have a helper available at this time). For dogs and cats with an owner, we must ask for coverage of the medicine costs. Medicine in Thailand is rather inexpensive and those who have no money will still get medicine for free.

Also in the last four 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.

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>.

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

Even if you do not want to sponsor an animal, it's definitely worth having a look at our many dogs and cats and read their stories.

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!

Greetings

*Brigitte*

and the DRCS-Team



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[http://www.samuidog.org/text3\\_english.htm](http://www.samuidog.org/text3_english.htm)

Please support us with your donation so that cats and dogs can be supplied with food and medicine in the future

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