

Dog and Cat Rescue Samui Foundation

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Dear animal friends!

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As I arrived on Koh Samui again, after two months stay in Germany, and we turned into our small street, everything was dark. This did not particularly bother me, because power failures are not unusual on Koh Samui. A little storm or heavy rain and the electricity are gone for a while...

In the big hotels and bungalow resorts the generators are started immediately, this is why only a few tourists notice how often the electricity fails. This time it was not a normal power failure - caused by a short circuit after a storm, they accidentally put 400 volts into the net.

This had fatal consequences. Almost all electrical equipments were broken.
WELCOME TO THAILAND!



Hans-Peter, Fearn, Monsicha and his meanwhile 18 Month old Son Peter.

Several computer parts were out of order. The two monitors also. It was a real catastrophe.

Luckily, **Hans-Peter** was on Samui and could quickly find out what was going on.

He then bought and installed everything new.

After two days everything worked perfectly again. Hans-Peter makes sure our both computers work since several years.

His wife **Fearn** takes care of our Thai Facebook page. She creates her own reports and also translates my Facebook posts and puts them on this page. The Thais have accepted the site well and they get many inquiries. There are always confusions about the costs of castration and vaccinations. The helpers gladly take an extra charge for themselves. We reach many Thais through the new Facebook site and so we could get two helpers cheating on us. I immediately fired them. I think it is a warning for others and they will in the future refrain from cheating on us

The chance of getting caught is very high because we always ask the Thais to get in contact with Fearn, if there is any uncertainty about the prices.

ALL TREATMENTS ARE FREE!

Of course not only the computer was affected by the electricity also all the light bulbs, all fans, 2 refrigerators, a freezer, 1 washing machine and the fax machine.





In Chaweng we needed to cut down all the bushes and trees in front of our wall, because they had grown 5 meters high and were stuck in the electrical wires.



Now, all the shadow places for the dogs are gone, but they will be back very soon.

STORM at the shelter in Baan Taling Ngam



A giant tree has fallen on the fence of the puppy house because of the heavy storm.



The puppies and young dogs, that lived in this area, were very happy to be able to run free around the main house..



All the helpers were working diligently to fight the tree and carry it in front of our shelter.



There was a huge amount of leaves, branches and trunks that had to be burned

Sven from Berlin is with us again since May. He has represented me worthy at the shelter and I am very glad to have him. I initially wanted to stay in Germany only just for two weeks for celebrating my birthday with my friends and family, as usual. Surprisingly my mother died and I needed to take care of my father. This is how two weeks become two months very easily. Sven has informed the animal friends who visited us about our work and he also had an eye at the helpers in Chaweng. Of course he also did a lot of the paperwork and he took care of my many four-legged favourites.



VISITORS and VOLUNTEERS are always warm welcomed



Small children always enjoy the Chaweng house. Just try it! Your kids will be excited and will not want to go away again!

There were never problems with the dogs so far. Even if you give them treats, they are never dangerous to the small children.



Hendrik from **Denmark** has collected donation for us at his school and on Facebook and he bought tonnes of dry food and canned food for us.



Volunteers are always warm welcomed at Chaweng. Over 20 dogs love to get bathed and brushed.

If you want to help for a few hours, it is better if you come to Chaweng. There are about 30 dogs at the yard that wait for hugs. We have a huge land in front of the gate, where about 40 dogs from us and our neighbours live. There, we always appreciate a helping hand at some cleaning works.

VET STUDENTS



Every year in the summer many veterinarian students come for an internship. They are always highly motivated to execute operations. Unfortunately, they often have to be reminded of the other, previously agreed, duties. We expect them to come on Sundays and help with wound cleaning and other things. Since Dr. Sith has his day off on Sundays, of course, no operations can be carried out. Then, the students also take a day off gladly.

The helpers arrive at the house in Chaweng at 9:00 a.m. and until the plan is written and everything is packed, it takes about half an hour. Then everybody drives to the shelter Baan Taling Ngam. I don't think, it is very nice that the students sit in a happy round, entertain themselves and do not support the helpers. We have a huge area in front of our gate to be searched for dog droppings every morning.



This is an easy work and when I ask the students to "please" help, I make myself unpopular every time. But I can live with that...

You can probably imagine that it's not always a happy-job for Dr. Sith either to keep explaining the same things to every new group that arrives. Of course he has to supervise the operations (castration / sterilization).

Since the students generally have no experience with surgeries, the procedure takes much longer than if he had done it himself.

Since he is spending a lot of time teaching all of the students, I think that it is not too much to ask them to come on Sunday and to help half an hour with light cleaning work around the house in the morning. Here all shops are also open on weekends and all excursions can also be carried out from Monday to Saturday.

VISA REQUIREMENTS

The Thai government is now very serious with the visa regulations, so we needed to say goodbye to three Burmese helpers. They neither had a passport nor a work permit. It has never been a problem before, so plenty of Burmese were working illegally on Koh Samui so far. Of course, also with us...

The officials of the immigration office even needed to work during weekend to cope with the mountains of applications for work permits for Burmese.

Fearn has been in Samui at least 10 times in recent weeks to apply the work permits for our 3 Burmese AU, ZO and MÄN, who have a passport.

Volunteers who want to help for more than two weeks must also have a voluntary visa in the future. You must be invited by us to get a visa, which has never been a problem till now. Volunteers who want to help up to two weeks can get a permit within one day at the Immigration Office. We are not sure, how all this will be going on in the future, but Volunteering will still be possible. In Thailand you can only work with a work permit and a corresponding visa.



The **Wolfert Group** from the **Netherlands** was with us a couple of days. They helped us every day with different kinds of work.

The **SILAWADEE** has donated a lot of towels and sheets. They needed to be cut into small pieces.



Sweeping the leaves must be done every day...



They also helped to build some huts. Therefore the materials needed to be transported through the whole animal shelter. It was really hard work for the young people, who were always exhausted very quickly, so they needed to take many breaks.



Everybody helped diligently to paint all the boxes new and the dogs were able to come back quickly.

Many thanks to the Wolfert – Group for your help!

Volunteers who are skilled at crafted work can always help with repairs. Get in touch with me and we will surely find enough work for you. All the pillars and the grilles of the single boxes need to be painted with rustproof paint. Since we unfortunately never have enough present helpers it would be great if you could support us there. We can not keep up with the painting; the humidity here makes everything to rust.

LING – from the Monkeybar in Chaweng-Noi



Since a few years we take care of the monkey from the Monkey Bar at the beach of Chaweng-Noi. The owner has never taken care of LING regularly. Mainly, he was taken care by loving tourists, who lived in the nearby hotels. We have built a new cage for him in march 2013 and in may 2016 we have completely renovated the cage.

The owner has now agreed for us to take him. We have then picked the cage with a great effort. Unfortunately we found out, all the effort was useless, because the cage was already too rusty to be renovated again.

Jaa, one of our helpers, has built a new cage, higher than the old one was.



A new cage is, of course, not the perfect solution, but at least LING doesn't have to starve anymore or stay without water for some days. He always dumped his water bowl immediately.

In the raining season, he probably went through very hard times, because there were hardly tourists and the owner also rarely looked after him.

I don't know why he suddenly gave us LING. Indeed we are not allowed to give him away, because he wants to come and visit his beloved monkey regularly.

It is not possible to return him to the wild since he was captured for too long.

He will now at least have good food and fresh water always.

You are welcome to come to Chaweng to visit him anytime.

Here you can see a video and some pics of the first cage building.

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



The story of MR. NATHON

Jay, who has been with us for 13 years already and is helping me with her temple & street work and also at the office twice a week, had caught Mr. Nathon with her team colleague **Linda**.

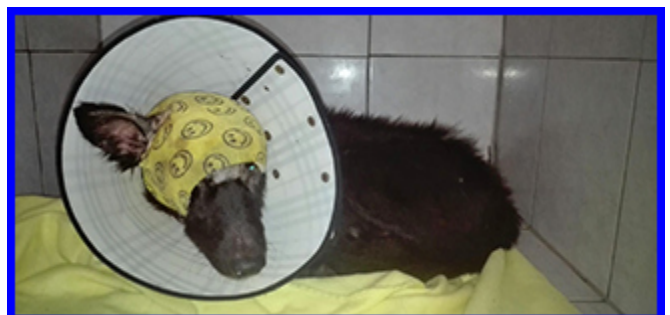
Actually, Jay was enjoying shopping at her free day in Nathon town, when she discovered this big, emaciated and heavily injured dog from far. She immediately followed him. The dog was already completely distraught and at the end of his strength. But when he realized Jay was about to catch him, he kept going ... he went to several stores, but he was always driven out. Who's going to let a stray dog into the shop with such a smelling, infected wound full of maggots?



In fact, Jay managed to convince a shop owner to close the front door of her shop so that Mr. Nathon could not escape. He then only fell over. Jay alerted Linda, who arrived within shortest time. The badly injured dog did not make it easy for them and tried to bite them several times, but Jay and Linda have years of experience in dog catching and so they took Mr. Nathon to our shelter.



Mr. Nathon had a hard and painful time ahead, we all knew that. But he also radiated something that made us believe in his recovery. He clearly showed us that he is grateful for the rescue and





seemed willing to fight for his life. Sybille from Germany immediately had a box for him and also took over the medical care. With great patience and love, she gained the trust of Mr. Nathon. Unfortunately, he had an allergic reaction to the sewing material so that the wound inflamed several times.

The wound still needs to be cleaned daily and the whole new scalp must regrow.

In spite of this, Mr. Nathon is doing well today and he has also opened up towards human and seems to feel comfortable in the animal shelter.



Mr. Nathon has even found a sponsor:
NIKO from Germany,
thank you for taking care of Mr. Nathon!



For over 10 years, our street & temple team - **Linda, Jay** and **Tom** have been taking care of countless dogs and cats at temples and in many villages throughout Koh Samui. Here you can find many beautiful pictures and stories about their daily work in the name of the Dog & Cat Rescue Samui Foundation: http://www.samuidog.org/TempleProject_en.html



TICKS ALERT



There is an absolute TICKS Alarm at the house we rented in front of the animal shelter. The monsters have spread uncontrollably within a very short time. Linda removes the ticks of the mostly young dogs almost daily, they are washed with special anti-tick shampoo and nevertheless the beasts keep the upper hand.



Our helpers spent 2 days „burning" down the whole house, which will have to be repeated soon.

Please help us with tick collars, frontline or other products against ticks when you come to visit us, many thanks!

FLIGHT VOLUNTEERS

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 them, 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.

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.

Unfortunately, a bigger problem has arisen, because the transfer time in Bangkok is too short for almost every animal friend who has agreed to take dogs as a flight volunteer. It is necessary to stay at Bangkok at least 3,5 hours between the flights if you want to check in a dog in Bangkok, because the luggage is no longer checked through. So the luggage in Bangkok needs to be checked in again. Beside this, there is the passport control, which often takes very long. Therefore, animal friends who spend a few days in Bangkok at the end of their holidays are considered to be flight volunteers.



Sebastian is waiting for his flight to the Netherlands. Is there anyone flying to Amsterdam with KLM?

We are happy about every dog who can leave the island because he has found animal friends who want to give him a home. On Koh Samui it is a daily survival fight for the stray dogs and not all of them are strong enough. We will help you to organize the transport to the new home with pleasure.



Noi and **Dan** live happily with **Giovanna** in Italy since some years now. She has never regretted to rescue them from Koh Samui.



Samui now lives with **Daryn** in Canada

Luke lives together with **Carina** in Schwebenried / Germany for some time now. He is obviously feeling great at his new home. He used to live at Centara Coconut Beach Resort in Baan Taling Ngam. It was a very dangerous place for him, because the management doesn't like dogs.



Gourmande now lives in Switzerland with **Brigitte** and her husband.....

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 25,000 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



PLEASE DONATE FOR OUR FEEDING STATIONS, WE HAVE CREATED ON THE ISLAND!

Every month, we buy over 3,500 kg of dry food and a lot of canned food.

In addition there are many food donations, which animal lovers donate at the shelter or in Chaweng.

10 kg dry food cost 8 Euros



If you decide to order at Zooplus.de or at Amazon.de we will receive between 3.5% and 8.5% of your purchase value which will be transferred automatically to the DRCS account. To this end, I would appreciate if you would conduct your purchases through us. In order to do so you need to click on our logo on our GERMAN website www.samuidog.org

We receive every month about 300 Euros thanks to your shopping

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

Furthermore we are since a long time recorded to BILDUNGSSPENDER.

All those four give us a few percent if you buy something there. You can look which of those is the cheapest. There are a few more similar facilities but I don't think that's necessary because all of them have the same shops in their arrangement.

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



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

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



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with food and medicine in the future
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