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**Dear Animal Lovers!** 

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The summer is slowly coming to an end and some of you may have spent your holidays on Samui. I hope, you had time to stop by. You know how much the dogs enjoy visitors.

Around and in my house and of course at the shelter, you will always be greeted with tail wagging joy. Visitors are always welcome!

We are open 7 days a week from 9 a.m. to 5.p.m. You can even come to my house until 6 p.m.

Unfortunately, the last few months we have experienced a drop in the number of visitors, as a result our donations have also dropped. There has however been an increase in the number of Chinese and Russians to the island but they are not so interested in visiting or donating.

My heartfelt thanks to the many loyal donors who still support us from their homeland. We could close here without you, because the donations we collect on Samui are by far not enough for dog and cat food, human resources, medicine, electricity, water and gasoline.

Unfortunately, these more or less fixed costs do not include the unpredictable costs of damage to the shelter, spare parts for the computers and repair costs for the cars. There is simply no end in sight. Again and again, large branches break from the many huge trees and cause damage to the kennels and walls. Most of the time, it's a total loss ... But more on that later. Now the good news:



Shaun Shadow from Australia donated a microscope to us. The acquisition of a microscope was one of the requirements of the commission. Many thanks to Shaun.

# Finally done: our clinic has passed the control.

After fulfilling all requirements of the Surat Thani commission and documenting everything with pictures by our manager Wit, they refrain from conducting another check.

In the February and April newsletter, I had detailed the review:

Here you can find the newsletters:

http://www.samuidog.org/Newsletter\_de.html

Unfortunately, the check did not bring the desired result. For us, the most important thing was to be able to order Nembutal again. But since the law has changed in the meantime, Nembutal it no longer available in Thailand, it is no longer produced here. With Nembutal, the operations are also cheaper to than with the gas anaesthesia machine, because in this case a helper must monitor the anaesthesia all the time.

Dr. Sith now uses Zolitil most of the time, which is much more expensive. We have used this only for cats since, because an overdose is hardly possible.

**Wit**, as the president of our foundation, is now the employer of **Dr. Sith.** Nothing has changed for the Dog and Cat Rescue Foundation.

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The expenses for the fulfilment of the government conditions were very high and since we hardly have any reserves, the upcoming rainy season worries me a lot.

In the rainy season from October, of course, only very few tourists come to the island. This is when the starvation time for the street dogs begins.



Many dogs are usually fed by tourists and these dogs now also need to be taken care of by us ... We have set up many feeding places for freeliving dogs.

If we have to cut our costs down, we can only do so by saving on food and dismissing staff.

The medical costs can only be reduced by less castrations / sterilizations.

We definitely have to take care of the sick and injured dogs. But hopefully it will not come to that.

# Please donate for the preservation of feeding places





**Jay** and **Linda** are happy that **Tom** from Switzerland comes back again in October to join the temple team and will actively support the ladies in their outdoor work.

Our team supplies the temples, countless villages and feeding places with more than 1.000 kg of dog food a month.

This is why, especially Jay and Linda are happy about the new dog food deal with Smile Lamai





Linda, Namon from the Smile Lamai shop and Jay. Many thanks to Namon.

Pet Shop, who support us with a generous discount. Jay and Linda no longer have to carry 25 kg, but "only" 20 kg bags. Hundreds of dogs are supplied by the temple team not only with food, but also with all medicine, mange and wound treatments.





## As always, there is a lot of work in the shelter

We have decided to rejoin the three small enclosures 6.1, 6.2 and 6.3. A few years ago we decided to make three smaller ones out of the big enclosure No. 6.

As it has so far worked well to keep the dogs in large groups, we have torn the walls again.

The dogs jumped around after the opening and only one had to be moved into another enclosure. He suddenly started arguing with the dogs that he had been in the small enclosure with before.

Of course, larger construction projects can only be handled quickly if enough helpers appear to work. The work ethic of the helpers is still bad. They skip work more or less regularly - a day or two. On the days, when really almost all helpers appear at work, I usually drive to the shelter myself to carry out the major clean-up works. I can hardly predict where animal friends can meet me, because I have to mind the helpers.

You can also visit my house in Chaweng when I am not there, no problem. The helpers will let you in. The dogs in the house will greet you with great excitement. Feel comfortable!

At the neighbour house, you can have a look at Chompoo, our monkey, and many cats as well.









#### Storm damage at the shelter



Storm and rain have hit us again and destroyed several huts and left mountains of branches everywhere.

We have been using plastic roofs for the dogs accommodations since a long time, whenever the roofs were destroyed by falling branches.

A few kennels still have the old Eternit plates. Of course, with them, there is always a total loss. The plastic roofs get only bumps and are mostly usable again.

Concerning the substructure, however, we had to learn, you cannot use bamboo for it, because a vermin infestation cannot be prevented.

We now take wood from which the bark is removed first and then painted with special paint.











Additionally to the repair works, there are still the regular maintenance works and there are never enough dog banks.

Of course the benches do not last forever and new ones have to be built constantly. The shelter is over 7.000 sqm and we are never finished.

Every day mountains of leaves have to be swept up. The grass grows incredibly fast and we hardly get along with the mowing. Luckily we do not have a meadow in all enclosures.

I have tried to eliminate the grass completely by ripping it out - unsuccessfully. Of course, strong chemical substances are not the answer to that. The drainage outside the shelter must also be cleaned regularly and of course the area in front of the shelter.

Every day from 3 p.m. to 3.30 p.m., all the helpers will meet in a designated enclosure or area and clear it up. It works quite well and when I am around even better ...









#### Vaccinations for our dogs and cats



The vaccinations for our dogs in the shelter are overdue and we would like to carry them out before the rainy season starts.

But with over 350 dogs in the shelter and a steadily increasing number of cats in my house, these are again almost 3500 Euro.

# Please donate for the important vaccinations.

Every little donation helps. For 10 Euro, a dog can be vaccinated against rabies and all kinds of diseases. In addition there is a deworming, flee and tick treatment and in many cases a mange treatment to be done.



### Snake visiting the shelter

Once again we had an uninvited guest. This is unfortunately not uncommon in the shelter. This time, a gigantic python had strayed into the kitchen area. The dogs had tracked it there.

Luckily, Phil of the Wildlife Rescue Samui, quickly came to capture and take it back to where it can live without problems and annoyance. Many thanks to Phil for the great effort.

Unfortunately Phil is our guest very often. Not so long ago, a similarly sized python had eaten two cats in the puppy house. It was so fat afterwards that it locked itself in the box.





Snakes are very good climbers and obviously you have to count with them everywhere in the shelter.

## Party time for our dogs





We got 1.000 kg chicken as a donation from the MILLENNIUM VENTURE SAMUI COMPANY, 105/5 Moo 1 Market for our darlings.



They would have preferred to pull it out of the big tub right away. But they had to keep their patience.





We cooked day and night so we did not have to throw any of the chicken away.



A day in land of milk and honey: For all at my house there was chicken as much as they wanted.

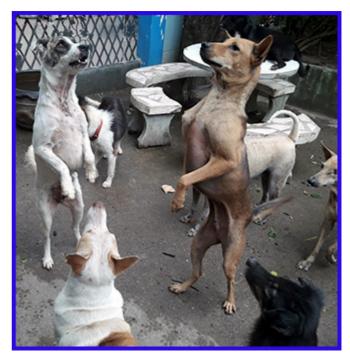




Gina-Lisa was a bit overwhelmed with the huge mountain of meat.



For chicken, they are all waiting in line.





After the big party everyone was just tired



Cats, cats and even more cats.



At the moment a lot of kittens come to us. Luckily, many come with their mothers:







Predator feeding in the morning







From the moment, the babies are no longer nursed, the mother is getting spayed and then released with her children at my house. The mothers often move to the neighbouring house, but the children stay.



Hacki has some girlfriends, who cuddle up to him whenever they can.



Hacki continues to be the most popular foster father here. All our new cats love to cuddle with him. From time to time there are too many who Hacki needs to care for. But he can bear it without complaining and grumbling.

Over 40 cats have accumulated at my house and at the neighbouring house. There are certainly more, because some of them, we don't see for days and then they are back again.

Some shy cats sneak in at night to fill their bellies and then quickly disappear. The whole garden is full of cats in the evening. Since they are all probably on the prowl.

The two properties are fencing away the dogs, but they are open to the other side. In front there is a large undeveloped property with up to two meters high scrub. A Paradise for mice and cats.

### R.I.P. Bonzo

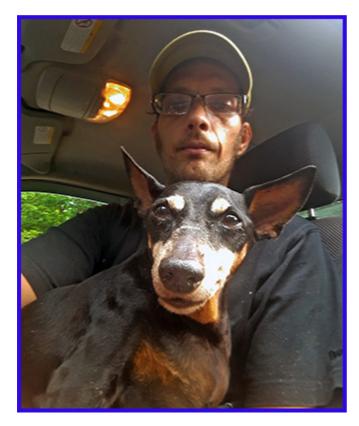
Unfortunately we had to let one of our darlings go over the rainbow bridge again. Bonzo suddenly had acute liver and kidney failure. He was not feeling well. He could barely stand on his paws and refused any food. He was always a very good eater and anyone who has been to Chaweng can remember "Coffetable", for sure. He has had this nickname for a long time, because he had a huge back, on which you could have conveniently put down a coffee cup for sure.

We could only end his suffering, with a heavy heart. He is now resting together with Branco and Biba in my garden. Bonzo, we miss you!





**Volunteers** The summer is over and the volunteers have moved on or went back home.





Uscha, Julia, Gon und Hemed

**Sven,** our faithful helper for the last two years, unfortunately left us. He was a great help at the office and we already miss him.





Markus from Germany

Panu from Finland





**Sybille** obviously fell in love with Koh Samui, the shelter and our inmates because every year she comes back and looks after our dogs. She especially cares for very seriously injured and sick dogs. Many of them wouldn't live without her loving care anymore. She has just been here for three months and, as always, she did a great job. She will be back by the end of this year and we are all looking forward to it.

Not only does **Hans-Peter** take care of the constant maintenance of the computers, but he also has a lot of work to do with the bureaucratic requirements for our German Foundation.

It's all a lot more complicated than I ever imagined. Hans-Peter is probably the only one keeps the overall view. Thanks to him for dealing with this matter. The German Foundation is very important because donors from Germany can deduct their donations from the tax.

Hans-Peter lives in Kannom and tries to vaccinate all dogs in his near environment gradually and bring them in to get them spayed. This works better every day. One of our helpers goes to his family living on the mainland almost every weekend, so he takes the dogs with them. **Fern** still looks after the Thai Facebook page. This page is becoming more and more popular with the Thais.

Unfortunately, the Thais, who do not work in the tourism industry, can hardly speak English and we reach a lot of Thais through this site, who cannot understand the English page. Many thanks to the two for their great help.

## **Veterinary Students**



Students from France: Charlotte, Lauriane, Pauline, Franny, Camille, Albane & Charlotte



Nianh, Julija, Sindu, Eimear from University College Dublin, Irland

As every year, veterinarian students came to do their internship with us again this summer. We already have applications for next year.

#### Visitors and volunteers are always welcome

We are open every day from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the shelter. In Chaweng until 6:00 p.m. Volunteers need a volunteer visa to help us. For animal lovers who only want to help for a few days, there are also opportunities. Please contact me beforehand or come to my house in Chaweng at 9:00 a.m. any day. The dogs and cats are looking forward to see you.



Andrea & Volker Penny's sponsors came to Chaweng to visit their dog. Please support us with a sponsorship for one of our dogs or cats at the shelter. http://www.samuidog.org/adoption.htm



They had a lot of great stuff for Penny and our other darlings.















## Dogs that have made it ...

At the homepage: <u>http://www.samuidog.org/TheyFoundANewHomeOversea01\_de.html</u> you can find the stories of many dogs and cats. They all managed to convince animal friends, so that they now have a new family member.



Daniela and Marco from Switzerland with Legolas



### **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. The following 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 in 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.





Kira & Oliver from Germany

Lucy with Michael from Austria





Ivana and Blsko from Slovakia



King from Melanie from Germany

I was in Berlin in may to dissolve our apartment. Believe me that was not easy for me. Werner and I had the apartment for 43 years and it was full of personal memorabilia.

Unfortunately, I had to leave almost everything behind. But I've been living in Thailand for 20 years and I think I'll continue to stay here. I cannot abandon my many favorites.







Gina-Lisa is any time ready for departure.

Thank you very much again to all the sponsors and helpers from all over the world. Because of your help, since 19 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 19 years, over 20,000 dogs and cats have been neutered and countless vaccinations and treatments have been carried out.

We offer free medical treatment for ALL stray cats and dogs, with a pick-up service even beyond our opening hours. For dogs and cats with a Thai owner we make everything for free.

Of course we are happy for donations!

Medicine in Thailand is rather inexpensive and from non Thais we need a little donation for our treatment with their dogs or cats.

If you come with a stray dog for treatment, the treatment is of course free of charge.



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.

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

#### One Sponsorship for a dog or cat costs 25 Euro / month

The running costs for the DRCS amount about 17 000 Euros per month. If you are on Koh Samui, you are more than welcome to come over and have a look at our records. And of course our dogs and cats love to get some cuddles too!

Best regards and thank you very much!

Brigitte and the Rescue-Team

Accounts for sponsors:

http://www.samuidog.org/text3\_english.htm

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.



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



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