

Dog and Cat Rescue Samui Foundation

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Dear animal friends!

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Many thanks for your loyal support. Without your help, all the dogs you see in the following pictures would certainly not be alive anymore.

For me it is especially important that these dogs get help. Many of them (like before the Dog and Cat Rescue Samui Foundation exist) would miserably end up on the roadside. Dr. Sith still castrates at least 6 dogs or cats every day. These castrations are very important, but to help these seriously injured or sick dogs is even a deeper heart wish.

**Please do not let us down in the future,
so that we can continue to help such poor beings:**



The beautiful **SANTANA** has had a serious car accident and several fractures in the lower jaw. She could not shut her mouth and of course could not eat.

Dr. Sith has put a special bandage around the jaw and set a feeding tube, over which we fed her. Meanwhile, this incredible lady can eat alone again.



When **BAGHIRA** was brought to the Dog & Cat Rescue Foundation Samui, he was unconscious for three days. He had multiple fractures in the left hind leg and a severe infection by blood parasites. Baghira survived and he is back home on four legs now!

SYBILLE has diligently cared for Baghira. She is the good spirit at the shelter.

She keeps on coming to the shelter since many years, always stays for some months and supports Dr. Sith at his work.

She spends many hours with the extra care dogs. Only through her, many dogs find back to a new will to live and can get healthy. Dogs that are brought in more dead than alive, have often given up and in those cases medicine is not enough. They need love and care. Many of the stray dogs have survived only through Sybille. Many thanks to Sybille for her certainly not always easy work, because despite the greatest efforts, she can not perform miracles and unfortunately the dogs she has cared for weeks sometimes still die. This of course hurts a lot and is certainly not always easy for her to cope with.

Sybille, is also the person, I owe most of the pictures. Unfortunately our Thai staff is not able to take pictures of seriously injured dogs on arrival. If it ever works, the dog or the cat is often already treated and all wounds taken care of. It is even harder to get pictures of dogs when the wounds have healed and they look really good again. Neither penalties nor rewards have helped anything so far. This is a pity, because injured dogs are brought to us almost daily. If I have had more photos before and after, you would surely understand even better how important our work here on Koh Samui is for the animals.



MAILY (above)

was unfortunately brought to us by her owner too late. Her eye had already become too inflamed and Dr.Sith could not save it anymore. Unfortunately, many Thais wait far too long to come to us with their animals. But better late than never!

RONNY (left)

came to us with several very serious injuries. It looked like knife cuts, but we can't exactly tell. He had probably disturbed someone and should have died.

He was very fortunate because Dr. Sith could patch him up again.

Ronny is already very old and will now take his final life at our shelter. If we bring him back, maybe he will be stabbed...





NOI

has been lucky because her owner has not waited until the infection has spread even more. She should not have waited any longer at all; her darling could have been dead by now.

I don't understand, how Thais think. How could such a strongly inflamed wound heal on its own? Or are they hoping for Buddha's help? I guess they can wait for this help forever...

The treatment is free. Why don't they come sooner? It makes me sad and angry because the poor animals have to suffer unnecessarily long.



LORENZO came to us at the end of January after a poisoning. He had no reactions when he was found, and the skin on which he was lying had deep necrotic wounds. It took days for his body to overcome this severe poisoning, but within six weeks his healing process has been very fast. Lorenzo is back with his family.



SIRIAM

Siriam came to us with deep wounds. Dr. Sith has been able to sew them together again and by now the long coat covers all the serious injuries. She was lucky, her owner did not wait until everything was inflamed, but came to us immediately.



LUZIE

Luzie came to Samui's Dog & Cat Rescue Foundation with a terrible, infected wound on her right side in the beginning of May.

It is almost unbelievable that we were still able to help her with such a bad condition.

Dr. Sith often performs miracles... it was amazing, how quickly she was able to recover.



POO

Poo was brought to us with a bad eye infection.

Dr. Sith could not save the eye.

Poo is now able to get along with only one eye on his right side.

He is raging and playing with the other puppies like crazy.



MAGGIE

Maggie was seriously injured by a grass cutter. The medical helpers Don and Kio have shaved her for the operations.

Dr. Sit was busy sewing the many wounds.

This little strong girl is now back with her family.

We can only hope that she has learned to stay away from the really dangerous lawn mowers.



HARRY

This male dog was found more dead than alive by an animal lover. He contacted us and we picked up the dog immediately. He was severely infected with blood parasites, but he recovered with our medical treatment. Now he is an impressive male and of course castrated. Many thanks to the animal lover who did not hesitate to call for help! The dog, of course, got his name - Harry.

Unfortunately, many dogs on Koh Samui have blood parasites. These blood parasites are transmitted by ticks and we have been tirelessly fighting against them for years.

There are several types of blood parasites: Babiosis, Lyme disease, Anaplasmosis and Ehrlichiosis. Most dogs have Ehrlichiosis. Ehrlichiosis usually begins "lingering" in the dog and it can sometimes take years for the disease to break out. First they being fatigue, low performance and you can observe food denial. Remarkable in the further course is nose bleeding.

The ticks-induced blood parasites can be well treated with doxycycline, a liver protection agent, and vitamin ACE in the early stages.

Leishmaniosis is not as common on Koh Samui, although it is transmitted by sand flies.

Probably we don't have enough sand at our shelter.

However, until the disease breaks out it takes at least two months and often several years pass after Leishmania infection.

It is not curable. One can only treat the symptoms and strengthen the immune system of the dog.



A big thank to Georgia from Italy!

Georgia has been working with us as a volunteer several times and during her last visit in 2012, she also massively supported Jay at the temple work. Georgia now lives in Ireland and has two kids. Even though she has not been with us personally for some time, she continues to support us from far away. On her 40th birthday, she asked her party guests for a donation for Simparica and a great amount of over 14.000 Baht has come together for our ticks-plagued dogs. THANKS TO ALL!

Please support us with a donation or send us Simparica, if you can get it somewhere - it can even be already expired.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH

OUR TEMPLE AND OUTDOOR TEAM

Hundreds of street and temple dogs are cared for by Linda, Jay and Tom. The team alone needs more than 40.000 Baht per month (about 1.200 Euro) to feed the many dogs with dry food. Please support us with a food donation so that we can also fill all the hungry mouths in the future. Thank you very much! For more pictures and information from the temple team and their outdoor work in recent years, visit our homepage: http://www.samuidog.org/TempleProject_en.html



FIGHT AGAINST TICKS

The tireless fight against all the ticks at the shelter continues.

Even **Linda** and **Jay**, who mainly work outwards at the temples and villages on Samui, don't know how to help themselves in many cases.

With the - very expensive- product Simparica we were able to archive great success in the fight against the beasts and even with serious mange cases, the VERY expensive product has proven its power.



Also throughout the shelter, Jay treats our most affected dogs, as well as those who no longer respond to our main remedy.

With great success! Unfortunately we could not order enough, for financial reasons, and so we hope for your support.



JULIA from Germany (in the middle) has been attracted to Samui for many years. She spends most of her vacation at the shelter and helps us where help is needed. Thank you for your commitment and see you next year.



ANNE from London has been with us for two months and she is at the shelter almost daily. She is our new long-term volunteer and has also already helped the outdoor team. At the shelter, she does not only look after the animals, she also takes great care of the visitors. We hope she will stay with us for a long time.



We have had a „visitation" of two net pythons at the cat house. These were the largest to date. Both specimens were over 5 meters long and between 40 and 50 kg heavy. They could easily strangle a human being.

Since I report about snake visits in our shelter in almost every newsletter, I was not surprised about these visitors either.

This is Thailand Cobras and huge scorpions are even worse ... they are poisonous ...

The two pythons have obviously caught a cat every now and then. We've noticed a cat was missing from time to time, but we thought she climbed out somewhere ... You know cats sometimes develop amazing abilities to escape.

We replaced the entire ceiling cladding with a wire mesh net and raised the wall to 4 meters.

Unfortunately, I can not imagine that will stop the snakes. At my house in Chaweng, we already had Cobras visiting us...



Phil, the island's snake catcher, picked them up and released them in the mountains.



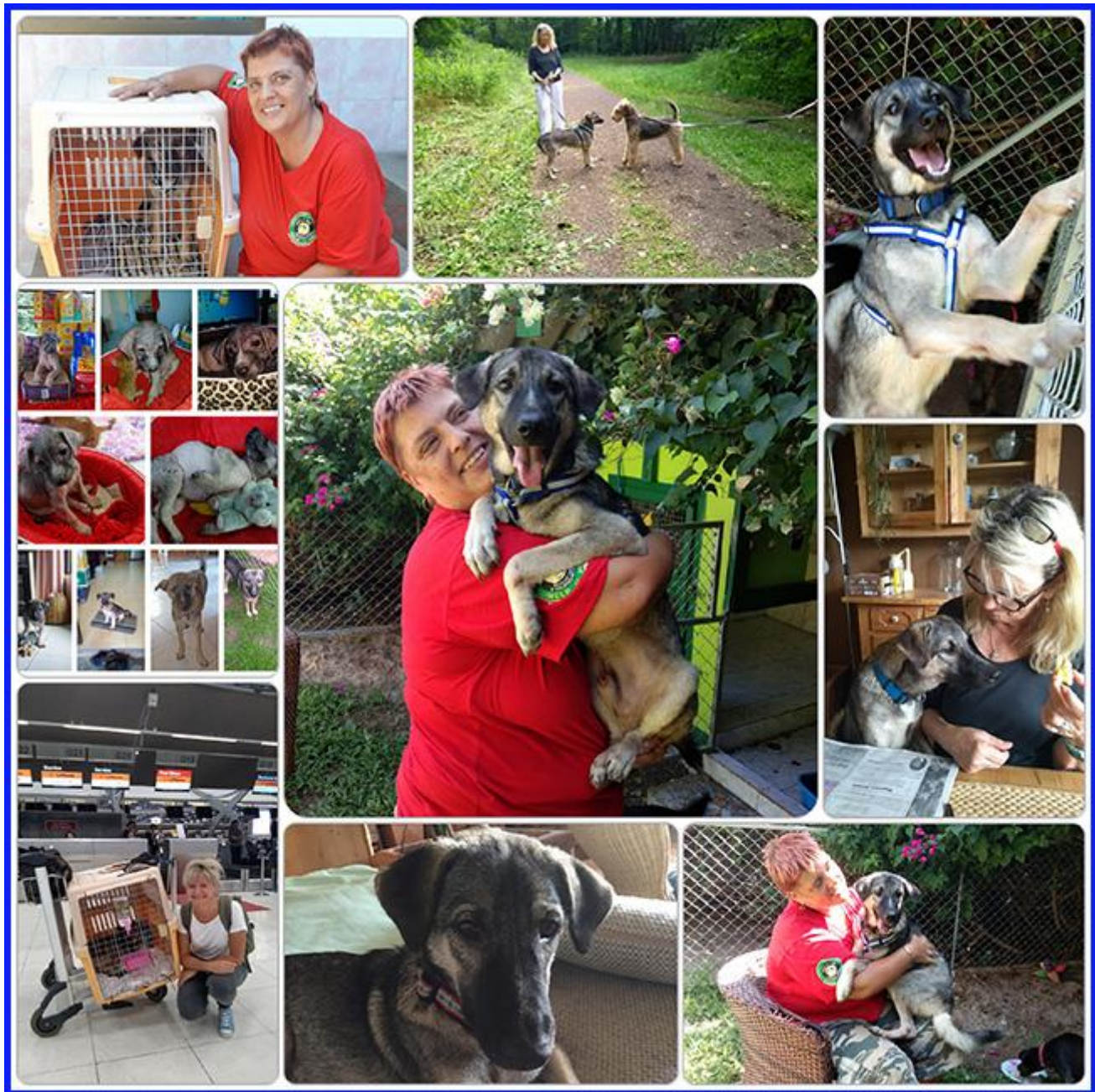
This is NOT the same snake as at the top three pictures. That's the second one! It has made itself comfortable in the roof at the other side of the cat house. It showed up 4 weeks later and our helpers had a lot of fun catching it...



https://www.siam-info.de/giftige_tiere/haeufige_schlangen.html Here you can find a small selection of what you can expect on Koh Samui. And these are just the snakes ...

ANNETTE has been with us since last November and I do not know how we could handle the level of office work without her. She enjoys taking visitors around Chaweng and informing them about our work. In the pictures, you can see her favorite dog Manu. He came to us as a puppy and Jana, who helped us as a volunteer, immediately fell in love with little Manu. When he was seven months old, finally he was allowed to fly to Germany.

Annette is still in contact with Jana and is happy with her, how well Manu has settled in. Jana is not regretting, having taken the very high transport costs to give the small Manu a chance for a happy life in a real family.



Unfortunately, it is becoming more and more difficult to find a home for our adult dogs and our puppies. It is even worse with cats. Most landlords of newly built homes on Samui do not want dogs and cats. The owners of the residential complexes, which are built specifically for foreigners, usually do not allow pets.

I would never move into such a condominium. I can not imagine a life without dogs and cats. Where is the quality of life? These places are often located very nice, with a swimming pool and a beautiful yard, but what is the use of the best ambiance, if you're an animal lover and know how much unconditional love you get from a dog or a cat. Of course, the inhabitants of such dogs and cat-free facilities always need to count with snakes and rats. These are the new "pets" then. It's clear, there are snakes everywhere on Koh Samui, even around me in Chaweng and in densely populated areas, they crawl around again and again.

VISITORS AND VOLUNTEERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME

Visitors are always welcome; there are no prior registration required.

In Chaweng we are open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., at the shelter in Baan Taling Ngam we are open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m... Unfortunately, we have no one who could show you around at the shelter because the Thai staff speaks only a little English.

Of course, I'm also at the shelter, but I don't have any fixed days. Just have a look around and have fun with the nearly 350 dogs. You can enter any enclosure but please make sure to close the doors when you visit the dogs there. Often there is a volunteer who is sure willing to take you around.

A visit to Chaweng is a great experience especially for small children!

We have 16 small dogs in the house and very nice cats.



FOOD- DONATIONS ARE ALWAYS WARMLY WELCOME!



Every month, we buy more than 3.000 kg of dry food and a lot of cans.
Without the donations from animal loving visitors,
we would surely have to buy much more



CATS, CATS AND EVEN MORE CATS



Cats are brought to us almost every day. Mostly mothers with their children and also orphaned kittens.

Unfortunately cats are just as unwelcomed at the hotel facilities as dogs.





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 Aeroflot. 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.



**PLEASE MESSAGE ME
IF YOU WANT TO HELP
A DOG HAVE A HAPPY LIFE!**

Thank you very much again to all the sponsors and helpers from all over the world. Because of your help, since 20 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.

Of course, we are always happy about donations! Drugs are very cheap in Thailand and we expect foreigners to make a small contribution to the treatment of their dog or cat. Of course, if you come for treatment with an abandoned dog, the treatment is also free of charge.

There are always problems with foreigners, who are too stingy, to pay a little contribution to the costs for the treatment of their pet. They obviously expect the donors for the stray animals to also pay for their private animals.

Some men who come with their pets also claim that they have a Thai wife and therefore they are entitled to a free treatment.

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**

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

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 team

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