

Dog and Cat Rescue Samui Foundation

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Dear Animal friends

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Ivette from Germany

Thanks to everyone who helped us once again throughout this year, be it either by volunteering your time, donating your money or donating supplies. With your help this ensured medical treatment for all dogs and cats that required it.

From the 17th to the 30th of December, **Ivette** from Germany will live in our house and take care of the daily needs of the cats and dogs who live here, it is always good for us to have peace of mind knowing that our animals are well taken care of.

In the last months, Ivette helped at our big shelter welcoming visitors, showing them around and answering any questions they may have had. Whilst she stays here, she will do the same and also try to supervise our helpers, which as you know from my newsletters is not an easy task. However, Ivette has lived in Thailand for a long time and knows the helpers, so I am sure it will all work out fine...

Jay will arrive back on Samui at the 19th of december and will work for two days a week in the Chaweng office and will take care of email correspondence.

As usual, **Wit** our manager, will handle the daily tasks and organization the work of all of our helpers. He will, as always, give his best. Where would we be without him?

In case you are on Samui and find an injured dog or cat then please call Wit on **087 895 89 28**.

He will send you one of our helpers to pick up the injured or sick animal.



Wit, our manager



Sybille, Linda and Jay

Sybille who helped so much in the shelter until the end of April has come back by the beginning of December! While we are absent, she will care for the dogs and cats in the shelter. Dr Sith loves working together with her.

Jay and **Linda** will continue taking care of the puppy house and the temple animals and those in the villages.

Tom and **Stefan** from Switzerland are back again in Samui and support the temple team.



Marcus, Daniela and Nikola and their own dogs who will accompany them to Samui. This goes without saying.

I've got very good news for you: **Marcus, Daniela** and **Nikola** burnt their bridges in Germany and are going to live on the island continuously.

Marcus and Daniela have been helping us for years as volunteers.

Marcus will care for letting and repairing his bungalows. But there will be enough time left for him to lend us a very solid hand in the shelter.

The bungalows are on the Bang Por Beach <http://www.bungalow-samui.de/>: Marcus himself will look after you and your well-being!

Because Nikola will spend his day at school Daniela will certainly be free to spend her time with our dogs and cats: she is looking forward to doing so!



Susanne from Germany has helped us for many years translating the newsletters into English. Thank you very much indeed, Susanne!



Jana from Germany stayed in Samui for six months: she was a perfect volunteer- either in the shelter or as an office help. Jana edited almost all the photos for "Nice Pictures 2014".



Your donations enabled us to buy a new anesthetic machine without getting in money trouble!

A big **thank you** to all the generous contributors!

As surgery takes more time with this machine, Dr Sith continues using Nebutal and Zoletil – if available- as narcotics for dogs and cats.

Meanwhile he handles the machine without difficulty and we will no longer have serious problems with our neutering program because of a lack of narcotics supplies.



HOPE

It is almost unbelievable that this gigantic wound full of maggots healed within only ten weeks. Without a treatment, Hope wouldn't have had any chance to survive. The maggots would have eaten him up – alive.



Oben: Nui, Don und Gon. Unten: Au, Eeg und Em.

THAI HELPERS

In our last newsletters I informed you about our problem to find helpers with a driver's license for cars- a problem solved meanwhile!!

We hired 3 new helpers with a driver's license: **EEG**, **DON**, and **GON**. For the time being, these three will work with us in Chaweng where they are slowly trained to perform all the due tasks: collecting food leftovers at the hotels, picking up injured dogs or cats- or catching them all by themselves! – rendering first aid in accidents or poisonings, vaccinating, taking phone calls and taking care that our manager or I will be informed about emergencies.

Besides they've got to perform the necessary cleaning jobs and the care for the cats in the cat house and the preparation of the rice and chicken meals for the dogs and cats in the house. As I must regularly talk things over with the helpers at the house, I've got no more Burmese in Chaweng.as it

is of utmost importance to communicate without difficulty at the house because of the diversity of the tasks here. **EM** is a Thai, too, though without a driver's license, but he can weld and is an excellent mechanic.

AU and **NUI** are Burmese working in the Ban Taling Nam shelter. Jay and Linda are very satisfied with the work from Nui in the puppy house. AU was charged with cleaning the single boxes and the big compounds. We'll wait and see who will still be here at the time of the next newsletter ...

Of course we complain about a number of losses. An up-to-date survey about our helpers may be found on our homepage. http://www.samuidog.org/OurVetAndStaff_en.html



Nui, Jay, Linda and Maa in the Puppy House

PUPPY-HOUSE

For anyone who doesn't know the story of superstar Maa, she is one of our temple dogs who was run over by a car leaving her paralyzed. We sent out a plea asking for help to get her a wheelchair which we, thanks to you all, managed to get. However Maa was having difficulties getting in and out of the chair and the harder it became the less effort the monks would make to put her in her chair so we decided that she needed to come to the center in order to have physiotherapy every day. The hope is that once she can happily get into the chair without pain then she will return home to the temple. Our new puppy house man, Nui, is doing a wonderful job with her. Nui was given supervised training on how to perform the physio and was allocated one hour each day to work with her and Maa is responding very well, by now she trusts Nui which makes everything a lot easier and she loves running around in her chair now.

If any of you should visit the shelter whilst Maa is still with us and would like to spend some time with her or take her for a walk in her chair then please feel free to do so, it would really make her day.



Linda showing Nui how to do physio training with Maa



Tom and Maa in the Puppy House



Jay and Tom move out the 'big puppies'



So we mentioned that Nui is our new puppy house man, Thai unfortunately had to be replaced because he became too unreliable on a day to day basis. Jay and Linda were both very sad to see him go but following training by the girls on how the puppy house needs to be run, Nui is proving to be a very suitable replacement, he is intelligent, hard working and above all is kind to the animals. He also uses his initiative and is very aware when any of the dogs starts to get sick so points this out straight away, this is crucial if we are to try and stop any spread of sickness throughout the house.

It's a sad fact that not every puppy gets adopted and all too soon they grow up and become permanent residents at dog rescue. That's why every few months Linda and Jay, who are in charge of the Puppy House, have to make sure that the grown up puppies are being placed in one of our big outside compounds. This is not an easy task for them, it's a bit like sending your children to school for the first time and worrying if the other kids will be nice to them, but thankfully they know the characters of the dogs very well and can make individual decision for every dog. Never is the case that only one of the teenagers is moved to the big compounds on it's own, this would be far too stress full a transition.

Actually the teenagers of late have more or less managed to move together. Of course we still have to be careful and time has to be spent with them to ensure there's no bullying by the older dogs and they can

easily be allowed to go to the food and water. For this reason we normally plan a day for the moving, when we can spend the time required to help them settle in to their new environment.

TEMPEL-PROJECT

Since unvaccinated puppies have as good as no chance of survival at our shelter, our Temple-Team takes care of an innumerable number of stray puppies outside the DRCS. You would be amazed at how easy it seems to be for people here to just abandon puppies, very often real babies or put them into a box and then just drop them anywhere, like garbage, sometimes with the mother dog but more often we find them on their own. They have absolutely no chance of finding food or water, are so terrified that they just lie on top of each other to stay warm and starve to death unless they are found by us or some other concerned individuals. Our team comes up with some great ideas to create safe, warm, waterproof shelters for them where they can have a constant supply of food and water, which is refilled every day by them.

Not only babies are being cared for, the Team has also set up about 15 Food Stations around Samui, especially in places where stray dogs live with not many people around.



Jay, Linda and Tom not only put down food for those dogs, they all get de-wormed, vaccinated and then they will take them into our shelter for a week in order to get spayed. However, it is often the case that when they do find new groups of dogs, they are sick and have to be put on medication and since they are going most days to fill up the food stations it makes perfect sense to also give the medication. Thanks to their Street-Work and daily meds, this month alone, over 35 dogs didn't have to come to the shelter and are now completely healthy and happy

Jay feeding some of the many stray puppies

Most of you probably know by now that we had a big problem at the shelter with not being able to carry out any sterilization due to having no anesthetic to put the dogs under. This in turn became a huge problem for our temple team, who work with the promise that they will control the existing population inside the temples. They won't let any of the dogs get pregnant, and so far they have always kept that promise. The added problem of course is that it's not just temple dogs any longer, it's all the village dogs and the food station dogs that they also had to think about. Luckily they keep records and have an operation list ongoing of all the dogs who are due or nearly due for sterilization. They knew they would have to do something quickly so they set up a contraception program to get some breathing space until the situation got back to normal at the shelter and they could go back to having their 6 operations a week. This may all seem very easy but the problem with using contraception is that it's not always a guarantee, normally it's good for 3months but if the dog is in the wrong cycle it may not work at all so they just keep their fingers crossed and hope for the best.

Here you can find a lot of nice photos and stories from our Temple Team:

http://www.samuidog.org/Rundbrief_PDF/Temple_12.14_English.pdf

DOG-FRIENDLY HOTELS



This sign is put up at the Imperial Boat House on Choeng Mon Beach. Such signs may be found in many bungalow sites; in some feeding of dogs or cats is strictly forbidden. But no one can forbid that you feed the animals outside the bungalow site!

PLEASE FEED DOGS AND CATS IN THE STREET OR ON THE BEACH OR WHEREVER YOU FIND THEM.

PLEASE DO NOT FEED THEM IN ANY CASE INSIDE THE BUNGALOW SITES: this might mean their death, as guests may complain and the manager has the dog or cat removed.



In the last years a lot of expensive Hotels and bungalow sites were constructed in Koh Samui. Equal to the rising number of "spas" we see an increase in hostility against dogs. Every now and then I have phone calls from managers who demand (from me!) the removal of all the dogs from their ground and from the beach- best would be to do so in a 10-kilometers radius!

Several times in the course of this year I was unfortunately forced to ask for help, will say YOU should write to the hotels that you didn't agree at all with their proceedings against dogs. Every time we were very successful with such organized protests and meanwhile it is almost sufficient that I threaten to inform everybody about the mischievous plans of the hotel managers.

PLEASE CONTINUE PARTICIPATING in these actions in the future.

TOGETHER WE ARE STRONG:

some of the managers realized this and think twice before they order any poisoning or removing of the dogs.

A large bungalow site, situated moreover in the neighborhood of a temple, will never be a no-dog-area. When you stay in a bungalow site and you don't see any dogs there or on the beach, you can assume that the management sees to removing all the unwelcomed guests whatsoever.

As the dogs are afraid of the Thais, I can't imagine how a gardener or guard might manage to catch a dog, put him into a car and take him to another spot in the island. It is much easier to give the dog some poison, and when he can get rid of the dead body fast and secretly enough, no one would ever notice that a dog had intruded into a dog-hostile hotel.

Unfortunately things work like that in this place. Whoever is regularly staying in the same bungalow site, and will see other and new dogs there, he must conclude from that fact that the dogs are being killed. Whenever a dog finds a "home" in a special site, he will never leave that spot again on his own. When a sufficiently large pack has formed, new dogs won't join, as neither the males tolerate rivals nor do the females.

On the site dog-friendly hotels

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

You may find more information about the hotels.

RAINPROOF ACCOMODATION FOR THE DOGS IN FRONT OF OUR HOUSE IN CHAWENG

During some period of time more and more dogs came to our house. Of course we feed them and take care of the medicinal supply if they need. These dogs come and go on their own decisions. When the rainy season started and the first big rain was over, we realized that the dogs had no possibilities to find some dry space. The wooden bench was rotted and the roof was way too small and even leaky. This time our staff really worked great and in particular very fast. In just two days a nice and dry place was constructed. More pictures can be seen at "nice pictures 2014".



Regularly school classes visit our shelter in order to lend a hand and learn more about the work that we do.



In the last two years I assembled a collection of the most beautiful pictures and completed them with a couple of little storiesI have done the same this year.

Result: this year's collection is an enormous 500 "nice pictures" !

They represent a photo story about the work we do and I am sure you will learn a lot about our different tasks. Enjoy looking and reading!

http://www.samuidog.org/Nice_Pictures_2014_one%20e.html



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. We can always use these things.

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.



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 400 Euros thanks to your shopping.

Thank you very much again to all the sponsors and

helpers from all over the world. Because of your help, since 15 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 15 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 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 20 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 15,000 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

Banking details for sponsors:

http://www.samuidog.org/text3_english.htm



Lady is here vicariously for all the dogs and cats still looking for a sponsor.



**Merry Christmas and
Happy New Year
wishing
Brigitte and the Team**