

Dog and Cat Rescue Samui Foundation

Brigitte Gomm

112/35 Moo 6 Bophut/Chaweng

Samui 84320 Suratthani

Thailand

Phone: 00 66 77 413 490

Mobile: 00 66 81 893 94 43

E-Mail: info@samuidog.org

Website: www.samuidog.org

Facebook: Brigitte Gomm



Dear animal friends!

December 2017

My deepest thanks to all the animal lovers, who believed in us in 2017 Again and who have supported the Dog and Cat Rescue Samui Foundation, whether by donating things, volunteering or donating money.

Personally, it was a very difficult year for me. It started with my husband Being hospitalized at the turn of the year caused by an accident in Bangkok. After 3,5 months, he was finally released. In May, my mother became very ill and Werner and I took a flight to Germany. My mother died after a short illness and I had to take care of my father for 2 months. Unfortunately, Werner had to go to the hospital again for 6 weeks. He should then take a cure in October, but it did not come to that, because he died on 24th of October. I had just returned to Samui for two weeks, when I heard of his death. He was on the way to recovery and it was totally unexpected. I had to fly back to Berlin immediately to take care of the funeral, the apartment's liquidation, and 1000 other things.



Since I spent almost the second half of the year in Germany, I am very proud to have a good team. I would especially like to thank Wit, our manager. He took care of EVERYTHING. For example you need to check who is responsible for cleaning the boxes daily or who has to take care of the cats in the shelter. Actually, the helpers in the shelter do the same work every day, because the dogs get used to the helpers and it is then much easier



We have now hung a picture to honor of the king at the entrance to the shelter.

to let them out of the boxes for cleaning. To get the dogs out, of course, is not a problem, but the chase to get them back is more difficult. The dogs do not always want to go back to the box voluntarily. Since the working morale of Thai helpers has not improved, even after many years and they are often missing, it is necessary to be looked at who is doing what daily.

Luckily, **Dr. Sith** and **Wit** are not affected by this mystery virus, even after many years the two are never missing. Remarkably Jay, Linda and Tom from the temple team are never sick either.

Sven, our faithful helper at the office, was in Berlin for 4 weeks to arrange some personal matters. He has been back in action since November 24 and hopefully will stay with us for a long time. When I am back in Samui in January, I will take care of the Facebookposts again (with Svens help).



Volunteers and visitors are always welcome.





We are always happy about visitors and volunteers. You can visit us at the house or shelter without a on. We are open for visitors from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. - 7 days a week.

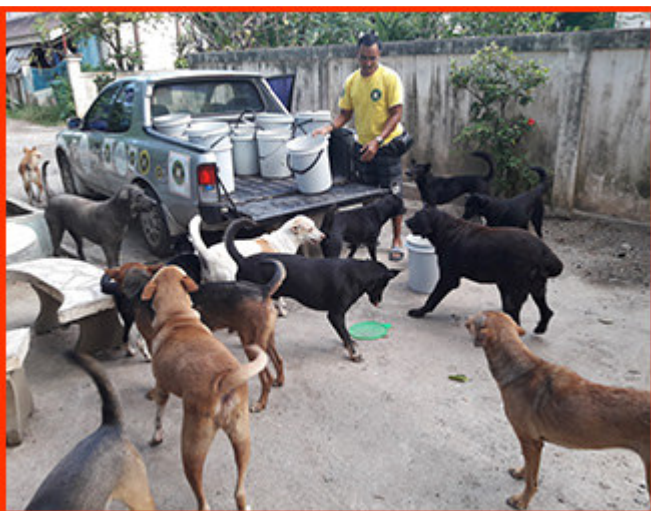
Unfortunately, the Thai government seems to be serious and wants to strictly check whether all foreign companies meet all requirements.

This also means that all volunteers must have a volunteer visa to help us. It is not a problem to get this visa. All we have to do is write an invitation and the papers from the foundation must be presented.

The visa is valid for 3 months and it can be renewed as often as you like. For volunteers who want to help only a few days or a few hours, of course, this effort is not worthwhile. These volunteers would have to report to the immigration office and then get a short-term visa issued. I think it's easier if

Finally the food arrives

Bang is always urgently awaited by our dogs in Chaweng. He picks up the leftovers from the hotels every day. The dogs love this mix of rice and all kinds of leftovers.





The shelter in Baan Taling Ngam

Visitors and volunteers are always welcome. You can 7 days a week from 10:00 to 17:00 clock without registration our favorites visit there.





Unfortunately, most of the visitors only see the front part of the animal shelter, because it is necessary to cross an enclosure to get to the back with the three large enclosures. Of course, the dogs are excited and jump at the visitors mercilessly. Even animal lovers who are not afraid of dogs get cold feet. The shelter is more than 7.500 sqm and the dogs in the back enclosures are, of course, even more thankful for the visits and pats.





Here, the next two waiting for the grooming appointment at the barber.



Repair work at the shelter

Of course, there is always a lot of work to be done in the animal shelter, which has nothing to do with the actual dog and cat care.

The plants and trees grow here at a speed you can not imagine if you have not experienced it yourself. When I came to Samui 18 years ago, I could not imagine it and made a big drama whenever I thought the helpers might have cut off too much. Today I see that much more relaxed and sometimes I wish, we had a chainsaw. Constantly the electrical wires have to be cut free!

Recurring storms often cause big trees just to fall over or huge branches break off and bury the huts of the dogs below them. There are always repairs needed.



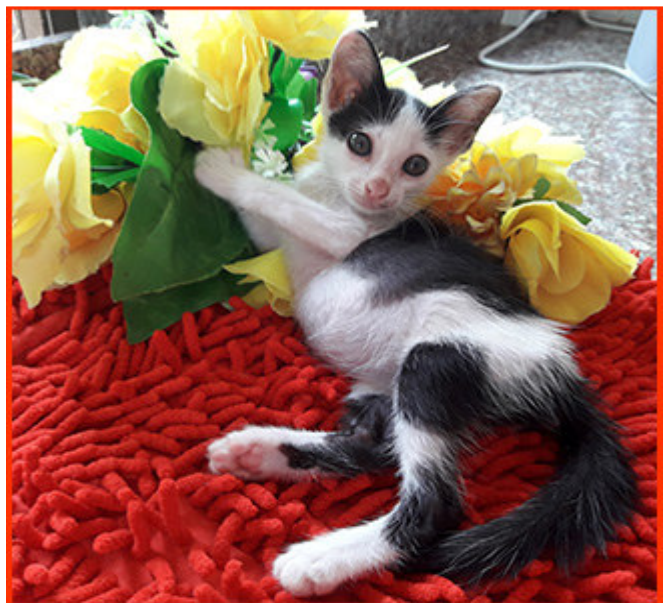


When we hire new helpers, I now not only make sure they are animal-loving, but also whether they have some skills at craftsmanship. I also only hire new employees who are a bit older and if possible have a wife and children. Older employees with a family are hardly absent. I think, their wives make sure they go to work on a regular basis. Whenever there is enough money and helpers, we tile one of the dog houses again. The dogs love to relax on the cool tiles.



The Cat House

Cat lovers will surely feel well at our cat house. Again and again cats have disappeared from the enclosure without a trace, so we decided to place an exit to the big wide world at the fence on the wall. Many cats take advantage of this opportunity and take their walks. If you want to meet as many cats as possible we recommend to visit the shelter in the afternoon.



Dogs at the dump in Hua Thannon

Of course, we still take care of all the dogs at the dump in Hua Thannon. At least twice a week we bring them food and water and check, if they are fine. They are running after our car already excited, when we arrive. Unfortunately, our shelter is overcrowded and it is not possible to accommodate all of these dogs there.



Ling

Ling has settled down with us. She has become very picky in food. As she used to live on the hill at the end of Chwaweng-Noi Beach, she sometimes had to stay hungry for days. She needed to rely on animal-loving tourists only. The owner has hardly cared for his monkey in the past years. Ling means monkey in Thai. That's why I gave her this name. In the meantime we have found out, she was called Chompuu by the owner and also reacts to this name. She loves to drink Coke. Of course she only gets a small amount and of course not every day.



R.I.P BRANCO



Anyone who has ever been to our house will remember Branco. Unfortunately, he got very sick and we had to let him go. Branco, we miss you very much.



Age-related, Branco has become increasingly lazy and weaker in recent years. For a Galgo, he still got very old: 12 years. For the last six months he only liked short walks and spent most of the day on the sofa, sleeping a lot. Since the tiles at the side house are significantly less slippery and he often slipped in my house, he spent his last weeks in the side house with our helper JAA. There he could run better and have a great time with Pomelo, who lives there. JAA is very kind to animals and he took great care of him.



Our Temple & Outside Team



Linda, Jay and Tom would like to sincerely thank all animal lovers who have supported their daily work at the many villages, temples and feeding stations over the past year!



Plenty animals were successfully treated by Jay, Linda and Tom outside the shelter. In many cases, then the 'owners' give the medicine daily and our team comes over often several times a week for more intensive treatments.

Just like in Sally's case - who lives in a small village with many other dogs and is also very happy. Unfortunately, she suffers from a very serious skin disease, but was luckily discovered by our team and now treated right at the spot. We are sure, we will be able to show you some completely different photos of Sally in the next newsletter. Since she has never been vaccinated, a treatment 'at her home' is much safer than in our shelter, where unfortunately we have to fight against many viruses.



Our team brings over 1.000kg of dog and cat food to the temples and villages - included our feeding stations - every month.

There are also costs of the countless vaccinations, medical care and fuel to add. Without your support and donations to our temple team, they would no longer be able to take care of the many dogs and cats outside our shelter.

The Puppy House



One of the many dog mums that was just abandoned at our door. Unfortunately, the chance of survival for the unvaccinated puppies in our shelter is very low. Also the amount of mothers, who were exposed to us overnight and then got really sick in the shelter, has risen again in the last few months.



Especially for Linda and Jay, who have been looking after the mothers and puppies in and outside the animal shelter for more than 10 years, it is always painful to see how healthy dogs catch a virus at our shelter and hardly one of the little ones survives. Too many critically sick animals come through our gates daily. This is one of the reasons why our team is now concentrating on the outside work mostly and tries their best to bring only vaccinated animals to Dog Rescue.

The house we rented just outside the main entrance of our dog Rescue Centre is mainly home to dogs brought in by our Temple & Outside Team Jay, Linda and Tom



Unfortunately it has not always been the perfect and protected home for the ones in need of help. The house was –beside all the efforts of daily de Ticking, spraying the house, burning the beasts etc - invaded by ticks and most of the already physically struggling dogs got even sicker. Jay – who has been working with me in the office for over 10 years is normally doing all the correspondence with potential volunteers and was happy to hear that Rieke from Germany decided to come to Koh Samui and help at our Dog Rescue for several weeks. Our team knew from the start, that Rieke is not in Samui for partying but purely for the dogs and so it was not surprising to hear that she wanted to move into the Dog-House outside the shelter and dedicate her time – beside working at the shelter all day- to the dogs in the house. With the support of Jay, Linda and Tom, she was equipped with the very basic things like a little mattress, cooker and some sort of running water and so she managed to settle in quite well. Today we are happy to say that all the dogs are doing great, experienced how nice it can be to have someone living with them and they sure bonded like a big happy (and little crazy at times) family.



Who knows him? That's NOI

Anyone who has spent his holidays in Chaweng-Noi in the past years will surely know this dog. He has spent a lot of time catching fish, which was delighting everybody around. He has now hit the jackpot and will soon fly to Marcel in Switzerland.

Many dogs from Chaweng Noi Beach have found a new home. That makes me extra happy, because the First Bungalow Beach Resort is one of the most dog-hostile on Koh Samui. However, they have recently become smarter and ensure that the dogs that were poisoned by them are disposed of by the staff on time. The staff, of course, claims that the dogs just ran away and now live elsewhere. This is completely implausible, because once dogs have found a good "feeding place", they never give it up voluntarily.

Flight volunteers

We are always looking for flight volunteers for our shelter dogs and for dogs that have managed to convince an animal lover that they absolutely must take him, otherwise he would face an uncertain future. On the beach of a bungalow resort or wherever on Koh Samui. At our shelter, the dogs are waiting for their departure, if possible with flight volunteers, because freight transport costs a lot more. These airlines carry dogs on favourable terms: Lufthansa, KLM, AUA, AirFrance and Aeroflott. Thai Airways is a bit more expensive, but well suited for dogs that are not too heavy.

Unfortunately, a bigger problem has arisen with almost all animal friends, who have agreed to take dogs as flight volunteer because the transfer time in Bangkok is too short. It takes at least 3 ½ hours stay in Bangkok because the baggage is no longer checked through when you want to check in a dog in Bangkok. So the luggage has to be re-checked in Bangkok. Then there is the passport control, where it is often very full. Therefore, only animal lovers who spend a few days in Bangkok at the end of their vacation qualify as flight volunteers.



With your support, every dog and cat on Koh Samui has the opportunity to receive free medical treatment over the last 18 years. For stray animals that can not survive alone on Koh Samui, it is possible to be adopted into the shelter.

Through your help, at least 6 animals can still be neutered every day. Over the past 18 years, over 25,000 dogs and cats have been spayed and countless vaccinations and treatments have been performed.

We offer free medical treatment for ALL stray dogs and cats. With pick-up service outside the opening hours, as far as a helper is available at this time. Dogs and cats that have a Thai owner get all the treatments for free.

Of course, we are always happy about donations!

Medicine is very cheap in Thailand and we expect foreigners to make a small contribution to the treatment of their dog or cat. Unfortunately, the foreigners established here are often unwilling to do so, claiming that it is not their dog, but they are just feeding it. HAHA.



When you order from Zooplus.de or Amazon.de we will get between 3,5 and 8,5% from the purchase amount transferred to our bank account. I would be really happy, if you could use our link to shop there. Please go on our german website and hit their logo before you start ordering. www.samuidog.org

Every month we get about 300 Euros credited from your purchases

We have now registered at GOODING. GOODING has a lot of shops similar to Amazon. Just have a look. In addition, we have been registered with „BILDUNGSSPENDER“. All four give us a percentage share if you order something there. Which provider is the cheapest for you – just take a look. There are certainly many similar facilities, but I don't think we still need more. All have the same shops in their offer.

In the last few months dogs and cats of course had to be taken into the shelter because they did not find any place to survive on their own.

Through your donations you can make sure that their bowls are always well filled. Please look at the dogs and cats on the homepage.

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

Since I have almost spent the second half of the year in Berlin, I couldn't pick out the most beautiful pictures of 2017 yet. Sven has already started, but there are many more beautiful ones. I think we'll be done with that by the end of January. I will send you a short mail.



**A sponsorship for our dogs or cats
Costs 25 Euro/month**

If you are on Koh Samui, come over and look at the details. You are sincerely invited.

The dogs and cats are always happy about visitors and cuddles!

Best regards

Brigitte

and the DRCS team

BANK CONNECTION FOR DONATIONS:

<http://www.samuidog.org/text3.htm>



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

HELP US HELP

