

Dog and Cat Rescue Samui Foundation

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Dear animal friends!

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Another year has passed and the work for the dogs and cats is not getting less. My very sincere thanks to all who have supported us for all these years.

Hopefully, any of you who visited us for the first time this year could also convince themselves of our tireless work for the dogs and cats. We would be very happy if you would continue to support us from afar. Without YOU, I would have only dreamed my dream and who knows if someone else would have dedicated his life to the animals here.

Help from the island is almost non-existent. It's the complete opposite- many foreigners who are established here, have an incredibly high standard of expectations and expect us to jump immediately and fulfill their wishes when it comes to an injured dog or cat. Of course, it should also be done for free. Since the treatment of Thai animals is free of charge, foreign men like to send their Thai wives. Incredible- there is always enough money for a beer, but they are too stingy to pay a vaccination once a year.

VISITORS AND VOLUNTEERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME

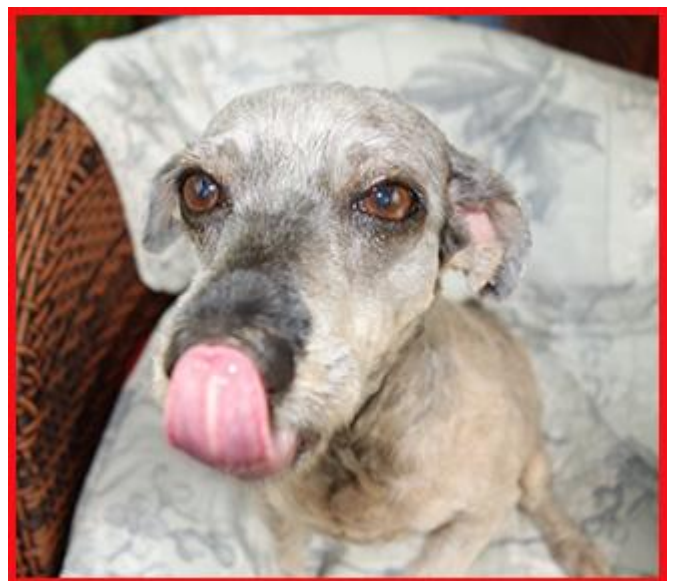
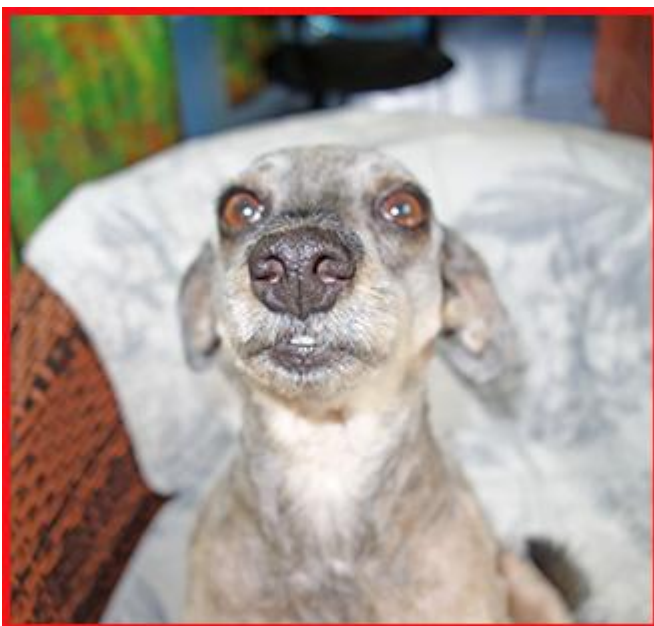
Visitors are always welcome! No prior registration is required! In Chaweng we are open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. At the shelter in Baan Taling Ngam we are open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Unfortunately, we do not always have someone to guide you around at the shelter. The Thai staff speaks only a little English.

Of course, I'm also at the shelter but I don't have any fixed scheduled days.

Just have a look around and have fun with the nearly 350 dogs. You can go to any enclosure. Please close the doors when you visit the dogs there. Often there is also a volunteer who is sure to take you around. Since 6 weeks **Joelle** helps at the cat house regularly. She likes to show you everything and tell you what we do for the animals. You will surely find her in the cat house or nearby. She speaks German, French, Italian, English and Swiss.





Emma is always happy about visitors. If you bring some treats even more



The dogs get used to being bathed by volunteers. But they are always happy when it's over.



Brushing after bathing usually pleases them very well. It's almost like caressing.



Margrit and **Peter** from the Swiss society wanted to get a real impression of our work and therefore helped as volunteers for a longer time. They also brought medicine donations. Many thanks to both of them.



Kathrin, has been coming to Koh Samui several times a year since 2003 and is always a diligent helper. Over the years we have become good friends.

I also call **Kathrin** when she's not on Koh Samui and I tell her my sorrows... Kathrin has been spending most of her vacation at the shelter for many years. **Marcus** and **Kathrin** are the only volunteers, who dare to report to me if helpers are not working properly. I am very grateful for that because after a "small" admonition from my side, the Thais usually then work very well gain...

FOOD and IN-KIND DONATIONS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!



A visit to Chaweng is a great experience especially for small children! At the moment we have 16 small dogs in the house and lots of nice cats. Everyone is waiting eagerly to be petted. In the neighboring garden, we have set up a small puppy station for visitors in Chaweng. Everyone, large or small, likes puppies. I also love puppies, but take a look at the chair in the picture. That's how all my furniture would look if I took them into my house. They also gnawed a leg of a dresser overnight until it fell off. Fortunately, it has 6 legs and is now is still doing quite well on 5 legs. We have never had so many puppies as this year.



Marcus always monitors the large enclosures at the shelter and checks, if all dogs have enough dry food and fresh water.

He also helps with repairs and likes to work with our other long-term volunteer **Markus**.

Marcus has a small bungalow complex in Bang Por. There are only animal lovers desired.

Take a look at his webpage:

<http://www.bungalow-samui.de/>

Maybe it's also your favorite beach on Samui.

Marcus is always very committed to providing the best for all guests. He drives you safely to the shelter and leads you around there.

Additionally, he and his wife often drive along the streets in the evenings and feeds many stray dogs at his own expense. He also tries to convince his guests to support us and has already collected many donations for us! Marcus has been here for over 20 years!



Markus comes to us again and again during the winter months. He repairs everything throughout the shelter, has plastered a lot of walls and you can see his well done work everywhere. He has built very great dog sofas and **plastered** them colorful. They will never have to be painted again and will hopefully last a long time. Now he lets Tom teach him how to weld. Tom belongs to the temple team and he can weld perfectly. However, Tom does not have time to help with the welding at the shelter because he is needed at the temples and on the streets.

Markus and **Tom**, you are both great volunteers.



Sybille is back and is taking care of the hopeless cases. Some dogs have lost their will to live after major injuries or serious illnesses and it is not enough just to feed them and give them water. These dogs need a lot of love and attention. Sybille managed it again and again, by her loving nature and with a lot of patience, to help those dogs on their paws again, who certainly would not have survived without her.

She is the good spirit of our animal home.



As every year, many veterinary students were with us during the summer months. We already have registrations for next year! Of course we cannot accept all of the requests because Dr. Sith must monitor each of their activity closely.

ANNETTE

Annette has been with us for a year now. She has greatly set in and can now do almost all office work independently. She also likes to help with the visitor care.

That she loves cats about everything, you can surely see at the pictures.

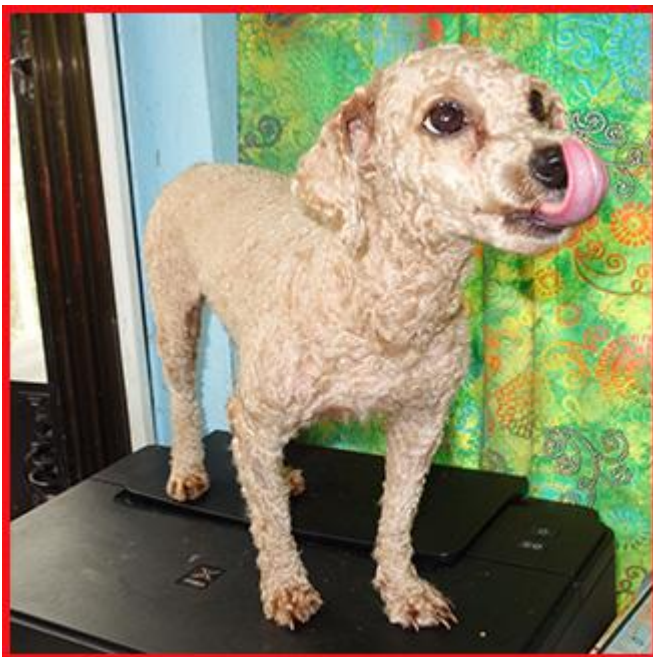
She also takes care of the medical treatment of many cats at our cat station at the neighboring house.



This is the way Annette is greeted each morning by her darlings. They exactly know what time she is to be expected and they ALL are there on time...



The printer is constantly **besieged** by cats or dogs. That can be quite annoying, if several pages need to be printed.



Annette constantly has to clear the office desk to work at all. Since she loves cats more than anything else, she doesn't mind ... actually she even enjoys the fact that the cats "support" her at work.

TEMPEL UND AUSSENTEAM



A big THANK YOU to Jay's Family and Friends in Switzerland!

Our long-term volunteer, **Jay** from Switzerland, has been part of the Dog Rescue team for over 15 years. She spent her first years on Koh Samui with daily work at the animal shelter and took care of the dogs and especially the puppies at the shelter. At that time she had set a puppy house at the big shelter as a goal, which we were able to realize.

Together with **Linda** from Scotland, she founded the Temple and Outdoor Team in 2007.

For years, **Jay, Linda** and **Tom** take care of the countless road and temple dogs throughout Koh Samui and almost all temples on the island.

Due to our difficult financial situation, this very costly project is constantly fighting for survival.

In order to continue to finance the high quantities of dog food for the countless street and temple dogs, a call for financial support was unavoidable. Jay is absolutely overwhelmed by the support from her family and friends from Switzerland and would like to thank them once again in this way all - especially to her mother Claire, her father Franz and her brother Marco and his wife Moo.

Anne from London has been with us for 6 months and is actively helping out at our shelter almost every day. She helps wherever help is needed and, with her empathetic nature, she is an asset to the many dogs in the puppy house, at the individual boxes and in the outer enclosures. Thanks to her tireless efforts to raise funds, we do not want to miss her anymore.

Especially now - where we can hardly survive the year financially - her knowledge and efforts in this field have been greatly appreciated.

Jay and Anne got together and looked for ways to raise the much needed donations. Anne has supported the Temple & Outside team from the very beginning and has been a great



Successful crowd-founding project.

The goal of 12.000 Euros to keep the temple project alive for the coming months initially seemed unattainable, but now it is clear:

We have made it and would like to thank all of you who have donated! We go ahead with full power!

The 12.000 Euros collected so far should cover the project for 6 months. We sincerely hope for further support. A further 6.000 Euros would secure the project until July 2020, for which we would all be very grateful.

It would be a huge relief for the team not to work on the brink constantly.



PUPPY HOUSE

Our puppy house at the big shelter is no longer just a house for the little dogs.

For years, countless temples and street dogs, who were brought to the shelter for intensive care by Jay, Linda and Tom, have found a caring place to come back on their paws.

The team often takes dogs from the individual boxes, which need special care, into the puppy house. Here Linda, Jay or Anne take care of the medical and mental care of these animals. The puppy house is also the reason why Linda from Scotland joined Dog Rescue 13 years ago. She had little experience with dogs before, but had always said that if we built a puppy house one day, she would help.



Our puppy helper **Au** is on site every day and has been taking care of the dogs with a lot of heart for years.



Linda gives Amie a lot of extra attention.

RESCUE AT THE LAST MINUTE



GRETTA and FOXY

Dogs that have lived at the same hotel on the beach for a long time keep disappearing during the low season.

I now have a horrible suspicion that the sellers, who offer all sorts of things for sale on the beach, are involved in kidnapping or killing the dogs.

Since they certainly cannot catch the dogs, I assume that they poison them or kill them. **Vadim** from Russia could just barely prevent the worst at the beach of the **New Star Hotel** in Chaweng Noi. Several traders had armed themselves with long rods and tried to hurt Jack or kill him. I could not believe how brutal they wanted to go against Jack.



JACK

What kind of monsters are they? The rods are used at the fire shows.

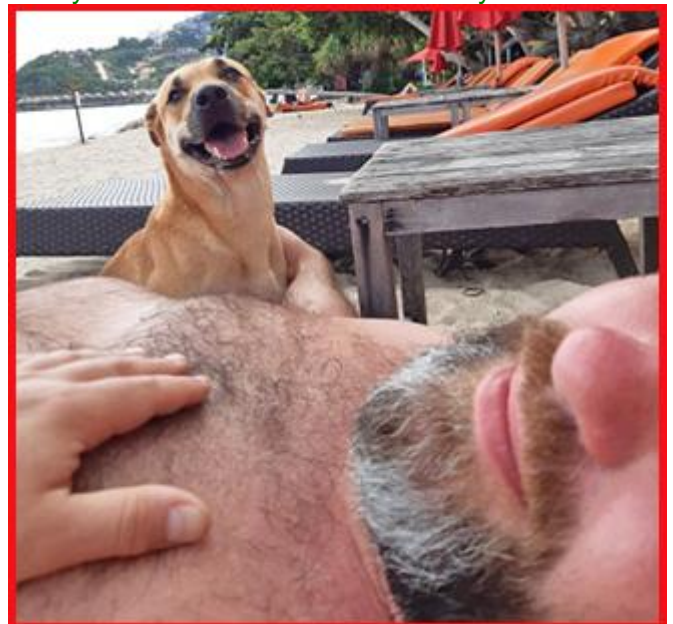
Vadim immediately intervened and was able to save Jack. They have also threatened him with clear gestures. The traders who sell pictures with monkeys or reptiles are the worst. They shoot the mothers to get the baby monkeys.

PLEASE DO NOT TAKE PHOTOS WITH THESE KILLERS.

After these terrible incidents on the beach, Vadim decided to save Gretta and Foxy from the beach. He came back here and picked them up personally... Many thanks to Vadim and his family!



Jack, Gretta and Foxy will be living with Vadim and his family in Russia in the future.





LENE has brought **MIE** to us from Koh Pahjam, where she was probably beaten by locals a lot. Mostly Muslims live there, who think dogs are unclean. Mie is extremely shy and is very afraid of men. That was Mie's only chance of survival.

Many thanks to Lene for saving Mie.



Unfortunately, **CHARLY** and **MAUSI** passed away. Anyone who has ever been to Chaweng can surely remember these two dogs. We miss them very much.



Mausi

CAT HOUSE



The renovation works at the cat house and garden at the shelter has finally been completed.





JOELLE has been helping at the cat house for 2 months now. She loves cats above all, but she first needed to get used to the fact, that we cannot help all animals if they are too sick or heavy injured.

Of course, this is not easy for her. I know how hard it is not to save every animal. I can deal with the suffering quite well now, but I've seen so many terrible things over the years, so I also had to keep a little distance otherwise I couldn't do it.
If one of my pets dies I still suffer terribly...



REPAIR WORKS AT THE ANIMAL SHELTER

A small storm and again a dog hut is destroyed.

In the meantime, almost all dog accommodations were covered with plastic sheets. They often only get bumps and are almost always reusable.

Before we used Eternit plates, which were always broken into 1000 pieces. Some huts still have the old roof structure made of bamboo poles. These are always getting renewed when the storm makes a roof fly away again.

We thought that bamboo poles are a good solution for the roof construction. Unfortunately, this turned out to be a mistake because we simply cannot win the aggressive attacks of termites.

The do not like steel beams, but we have to fight against the rust in this case.



We don't just have to fight with branches and leaves. The last Eternit roof tiles, which have not yet been replaced by the new plastic roof tiles, also cause a lot of work when they get destroyed by falling branches.





This is a dog hut in front of the animal shelter. We often get visits from dogs that have discovered the feeding station. Making a fire seems to bring great joy to Thais. Everyone is always enthusiastic about it. The trees and bushes grow incredibly fast and once we cut everything at the shelter, we can start all over again....



The fight against ticks continues. If a particularly large amount of ticks have attacked the dogs again, we spray all enclosures with Baiticol Ticwash. That definitely helps a bit. We cannot afford SIMPARICA for all shelter dogs. Once a month, all of our dogs are treated with Frontline. They also get Ivomec for deworming and ticks.

CONSULTATION IN CHAWENG

Every Tuesday and Friday from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. **Dr. Sith** is at my house in Chaweng to carry out consultations.

As you can see, the opportunity to get free treatment for dogs and cats is used by a lot of Thais.

We always ask for donations, of course, but those who have no money cannot donate.

Of course, all animals are treated and get medicine.



Since cats without a box were brought to treatment again and again, we had to put this sign outside.

It says that cats are not getting treated without a box. We have about 20 wild dogs in front of the house!



Wit, our manager, helps **Dr. Sith** with the treatments. Often it's just about vaccinations ...

Dr. Sith would not be able to treat the many Thais seeking for help for their animals in only one hour.

His two helpers also diligently give vaccinations or prepare the doctors prescribed medicine for the patients.







The consultation hour is almost exclusively visited by Thais with their dogs and cats. The foreigners residing on the island prefer to call and expect us to pick up their dogs and cats for treatment or would like me to send a helper to their home to vaccinate them. Hardly a day goes by, for me not to be annoyed by the outrageous demands of some foreigners living here. They want everything immediately and of course free of charge. If I don't immediately fulfill their wishes, they will write poorly about us in Facebook. If it wasn't for the animals, I would reject any treatment of dogs and cats from foreigners based here.

OAN



ROBBIE is back home with his family. His real name is **OAN** and he is already 15 years old. He was brought to us because he was helplessly walking the street. He is blind. We called him Robbie. He immediately felt comfortable with us. His family, who lives in Lamai, had looked for him everywhere.

In the end, they decided to take a picture of their darling to the large shelter in Baan Taling Ngam and ask if they had seen their dog.

Lek, a member of our staff, told them Robby (Oan) is in my house in Chaweng. The reunion was great and Oan cried out of joy. They have had Oan since he was a puppy and you could see that they love their dog. We are happy with Oan and his family and wish them many happy years together.

STRUPPIE



This is **Struppie** from the **Fairhouse Beach Resort** on **Chaweng Noi Beach**. She always needs a new haircut. The last one was not that long ago, so she still looked quite passable. Of course, she ran away seeing us again and the first attempt to catch failed. Unfortunately, the animal friends never believe me when I tell them that Struppie will immediately leave when she sees one of our helpers. Often she will not be seen for a while then. Once we have her, she patiently takes the new haircut...

ANNA and BUBU.

were left with us by a German Anna is 7 years old and Bubu is 9 already. He already had the two as puppies. He went back to Germany and was not interested in taking them with him. Unfortunately, this is not an isolated case. Some simply leave their dogs and cats on the street and are gone forever... The two were lucky that they were handed over to us. They had only little chance of survival on the street.



This is our Pinscher group: Gina-Lisa, Bobbie, Bubu, Anna and Tinkerbelle.



INSTAGRAM

ALISA helped us as a volunteer for 2 months and was able to convince me that younger animal lovers are more involved in Instagram and have left Facebook long time ago.

Of course, we also want to reach these animal friends through social media. Alisa tried to explain Annette and me Instagram step by step. The whole thing seemed quite complicated to me, even more complicated than Facebook... I did not even know what a "hash tack" is.

I also do not know why we need so many different social networks. I have unsubscribed from Twitter. I can deal even less with this than with Instagram.

Since we have no other news for **Instagram** than for **Facebook**, Alisa has agreed to take care of the posting on Instagram. We are very grateful for that. She can answer most questions and if it gets complicated she will consult me.

Many thanks to Alisa for her great help from afar!

FACEBOOK

I now have almost 5,000 "friends" on my FB profile **Brigitte Gomm**. Almost all of them have something to do with animals. You can imagine how many terrible messages are posted there daily. I stopped checking FB in the evening's long time ago because I often cannot get the fertile pictures of the tortured animals out of my head.

I have also signed out from the group "**Dog and cats on Koh Samui**" in Facebook a long time ago.. There were and still are bad comments about our work. The time is too short for me to deal with alleged animal friends who only make demands and are not willing to give any real help. I know what Dr. Sith with his Thai helpers and our long-term volunteers achieve daily and I don't have any interest or time to deal with people from the island who don't have the slightest idea what we do for the dogs and cats each day.

FLIGHT VOLUNTEERS

We are always looking for flight volunteers for our shelter dogs and for other dogs that have managed to convince an animal lover that they absolutely have to take them with them. Otherwise they would face an uncertain future at the beach in front of a bungalow complex or wherever on Koh Samui.

The dogs are waiting for their departure at our shelter, if possible with flight volunteers, because freight transport costs a lot more.

These airlines transport dogs on particularly favorable terms: Aeroflot, Lufthansa, KLM, AUA, and AirFrance.

Thai Airways is a bit more expensive, but is well suited for dogs that are not too heavy. Unfortunately, a bigger problem has arisen because the transfer time in Bangkok is too short for almost all animal friends who have agreed to take dogs as flight volunteers.

It takes at least 3 hours of stay in Bangkok, because the luggage will not be checked through if you want to check in a dog in Bangkok. So the luggage has to be checked in again in Bangkok. Then there is passport control, where it is often very busy.

So only those animal friends, who spend a few days in Bangkok at the end of their vacation or who have enough transfer time are considered as flight volunteers.



**PLEASE CONTACT ME IF YOU WANT TO
HELP TO MAKE A DOG A HAPPY LIFE!**

On Koh Samui, with YOUR help, every dog and cat has had the opportunity to receive medical treatment for free for over 20 years.

For stray animals that cannot survive on Koh Samui alone, there is the possibility of being taken in at the shelter. With your help, at least 6 animals can still be neutered every day. Thanks to your donations in the past few months, we have not yet had to make any cuts to our spaying and neutering program. Within the past 20 years, over 25,000 dogs and cats have been neutered and innumerable vaccinations and treatments have been carried out.

We offer free medical treatments for ALL stray dogs and cats. Dogs and cats that have a Thai owner receive all treatments free of charge. Medicines are very cheap in Thailand and we expect foreigners to make a small contribution to the treatment of their dog or cat. If you come for treatment with a stray dog, the treatment is of course free of charge. In the past few months, due to the financial state of emergency, we have had to ask Thais for a contribution to medical treatment, which means, they should pay for the medication, if possible. Everyone paid for medicine according to their options.

It also helped to bridge our financial situation.

However, I'm afraid that if we no longer receive regular donations, we will again face a major problem at the end of January and I will have to think about possible savings measures again. I fired a helper and one of them no longer came to work on his own.

I can't lay off more helpers. Repairs are now almost impossible. Only when all the helpers are at work, there is something going on.



If you order from Zooplus.de or Amazon.de, we get between 3.5 and 8.5% of your purchase amount transferred to our account.

I would be happy if you would do your shopping with us. Please click on the logo on the German homepage of the homepage www.samuidog.org

We get about 200 euros credited through your purchases every month.

We also registered with **GOODING**.

Similar to Amazon, GOODING has a lot of shops on offer. Just have a look.

We have also been registered with **BILDUNGSSPENDER** for a long time.

All four give us a percentage if you order something there. Which provider is the cheapest for you, you might have a look. There are certainly a lot of similar facilities out there, but I don't think there is need for more. They all have the same shops on offer.

Of course, new dogs and cats are taken to the shelter because they have not found a place to survive alone during the last months.

Your sponsorship can ensure that their bowls are always well filled.

Please take a look at the dogs and cats on our homepage.

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

Sponsoring a dog or cat costs 25 euros a month.

The ongoing costs for the DRCS are around 17.000 euros per month.

If you are on Koh Samui, come and have a look at the documents. You are very welcome.

The dogs and cats are always happy to receive visitors and pats!

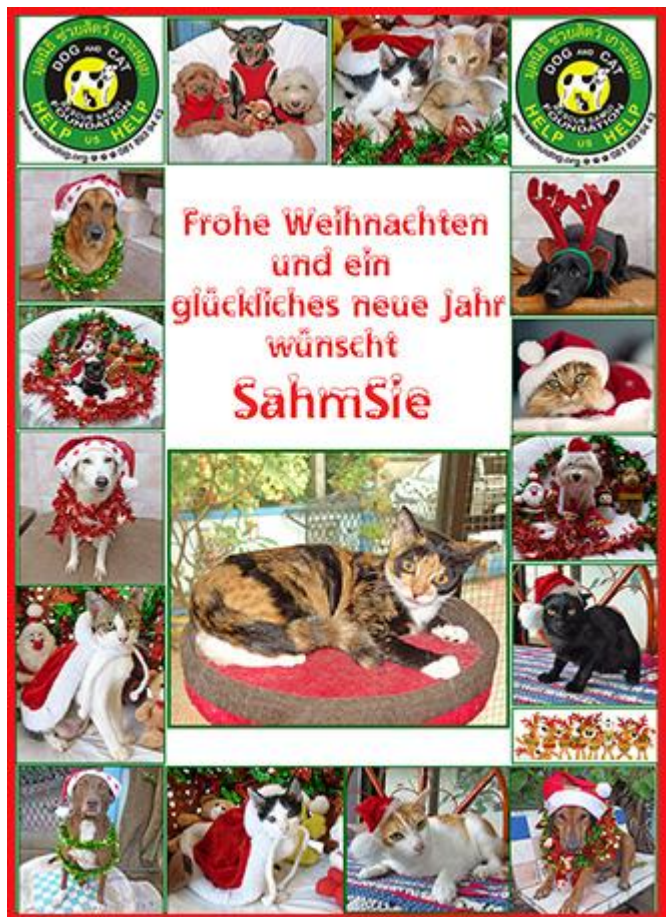
Many greetings

Brigitte

and the DRCS team

BANK CONNECTION FOR DONORS:

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



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

