

In the name of all our dogs and cats we want to thank you from all our hearts for your help in our desperate situation. From now on, we can look forward into the future with confidence. For those of our friends who have joined our "club" recently, I recommend reading this text first. http://www.samuidog.org/Rundbrief_PDF/August_2012_english.pdf

We have managed to reduce our costs. But it wasn't so easy to execute all these economizing measures as they meant extreme consequences for the health of our dogs. We had to realize very quickly, that it was a MUST to prepare cooked rice and chicken. Some of the dogs do not like tinned food very much or do not eat it at all. The extremely skinny dogs are given extra food to have a chance to get healthier again as they wouldn't eat dog pellets. We strew L-Lysine and vitamins over their rice and chicken and some tinned food as well - All the dogs love it! Thai dogs are rice eaters, and meat eaters - if there's any meat to eat! Before ending up in the DRCS shelters they have mostly lived of leftovers and, of course, mainly rice - and they have lived on this kind of food more or less happily.... Tinned food or pellets are almost unknown by most of them.

At the temple project we were scarcely able to save any food. The costs for vaccinations and treatment of the dogs cannot be lowered as the temple dogs have no money. The dog owners in the surrounding villages are among the poorest in the Thai society !!!



The vet now charges only the cost price for the medicine. We charge 500 Baht for castrations (13 Euro). Almost everybody showed some understanding and those who were really not able to pay (or didn't want to!) just said: It isn't my dog - I only feed him! However, I have heard this sentence a lot of times already...so what.....

Only for a very short time we did reduce the number of castrations, as neutering is our foremost task.

Your help is vital for the castrations of Samui dogs and cats !

Please donate 22 Euro for a castration:

We need more than 3000 Euro for castrations per month, 6 per day is the average performed by our vet.

Concerning our effort to send shelter dogs to Germany, I have received a lot of e-mails, all of which have got the same opinion: We should try to find new homes for our dogs in a real good family! As our shelter has been overcrowded, every dog leaving, gives room for another one. In 18 months the flight costs will have been made up for and we have another happy dog at least. On Martina's site the link for placing dogs and finding new homes has been reopened.



You probably remember Fibi from the last newsletter. She made it and has grown into a fine young dog-lady.

Fibi was about 10 days old when she came to us with her three brothers and sisters. Two of them found a new home here in Samui. Unfortunately the third one didn't survive.



This is Fibi today. She is one of the lucky shelter dogs and is soon flying to Germany. Sarah, one of our hard-working long time volunteers, has fallen in love with Fibi and hopes, that Fibi can follow her to Germany next January. We are now looking for flight companions, who can help? Meanwhile we have found out that different Airlines have fairly reasonable prices for dog transports.

Due to our financial situation and the shortage of staff, a lot of planned repair work could not be done or completed.

In order to save some money, we had to dismiss two of our helpers. Shortly after, one of our best workers, THAI, had to return to his hometown on the main land to help and support his mother. The sister of his mother died and in Thailand it is normal then to step in immediately and help with what's often most important in life: family! THAI has left for an indefinite time and our Burmese helper WIN has never returned from his holiday back home, therefore we once again are looking for new employees.

Some of the dog houses have broken down and many dogs have no longer a bench to sleep on. At the moment they'll have to sleep on the floor, which is not too bad since it's always warm here and hopefully it's only a temporary case anyway. Having a new bench built costs about 30 Euro, provided I have a helper available who knows how to weld of course. At the present time, all the helpers are doing their everyday job and only on days when all helpers turning up for work, we can do repair work done or build new benches.



Some of our hard working volunteers: Sarah, Johanna, Angie, Thorsten and Daniela

Due to the money issues, we have not yet gone ahead with the yearly vaccinations. We will wait until we have enough donations together for all the vaccinations.

Some animal friends have found the following homepage on the internet: <http://www.siamdogsanctuary.tk/> I think it's despicable how they claimed that we keep animals in small cages for ages and never have any dogs adopted or re-homed. Does anyone know what we can do against such an attack? Any lawyer who can help?

This is what they wrote:

„Our mission:

To provide a sanctuary for the stray dogs on the islands of Koh Samui, Koh Phangan, Koh Tao and other neighbouring islands in the Gulf of Thailand. To provide them with food, a safe place to sleep and medical care.

At the moment the dog shelter on the island of Koh Samui is inadequate to provide for the needs of these stray dogs. The biggest problem being that the island is a tourist destination, and the dogs in this shelter almost never get adopted. In other words, the dogs in this shelter are destined to spend the rest of their lives locked up in a small cage, receiving a life sentence of misery without doing anything wrong.”

The Christmas Newsletter is coming soon with more detailed information.

Please don't forget about the dogs and cats on Koh Samui, they need your help and support!

Kind regards

Brigitte and the DRCS-Team

Here you can find the bank account:

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