

TEMPLE PROJECT

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In October 2007, the DRCS started providing dog and cat food for many of Samui's temples. In April 2008, our Temple Project-Team has started to not only give food but also vaccinate and to provide medical attention to dogs and cats. If absolutely necessary, the injured or sick animal is brought to the shelter for further treatments. Our work includes a lot of street work and many little villages surrounding the temples.

.....And this is what we do:

Never a single day passes where there isn't an animal in need of help. Most animals in the boxes at the shelter have been brought in by someone, many have an owner or some animal friendly person has called us to report the sick or injured dog. We as the Temple-Team however are constantly on the look-out for the dogs and cats nobody would call in for. There isn't a day that goes by when we don't find an injured dog on the street or at the temples we visit every week. We usually try to do as much treatment there and then ourselves so that not every animal we find has to be taken into the shelter.





It's of course not always the case that the injured or sick dogs come straight to us and show us their problem. On a daily bases we have to let our experience show and with a concentrated mind make sure we ourselves don't get injured while trying to treat an animal. It often takes time for the animal to realize that we are only there to help. Drastic measures are required and not always pleasant for the dog in need of help.





But in most cases it takes only a minute for the dog to realize that they can trust us and we give our very best to immediately after the often harsh catch, show them some love and make them calm down....

Every single treatment is being recorded and here are some facts in average numbers from the last 3 months:

65 Vaccinations / month
80 Wound cleaning / month
110 Mange treatment / month

75 Animals taken in for neutering / last 3 months

25 Animals taken in for further medical treatment / 3 months





Thankfully many Monks are very supportive when it comes to showing us injured or sick animals. For sure there are exceptions but at many temples we work hand in hand together with the monks and often they are more than happy to give medicine on a daily basis for us. No-one likes to see sick animals, so when they see what a difference even a few days of meds can do it encourages them to help.

[Every month we deliver over 1,000 kg! of dog and cat food to the temples](#)

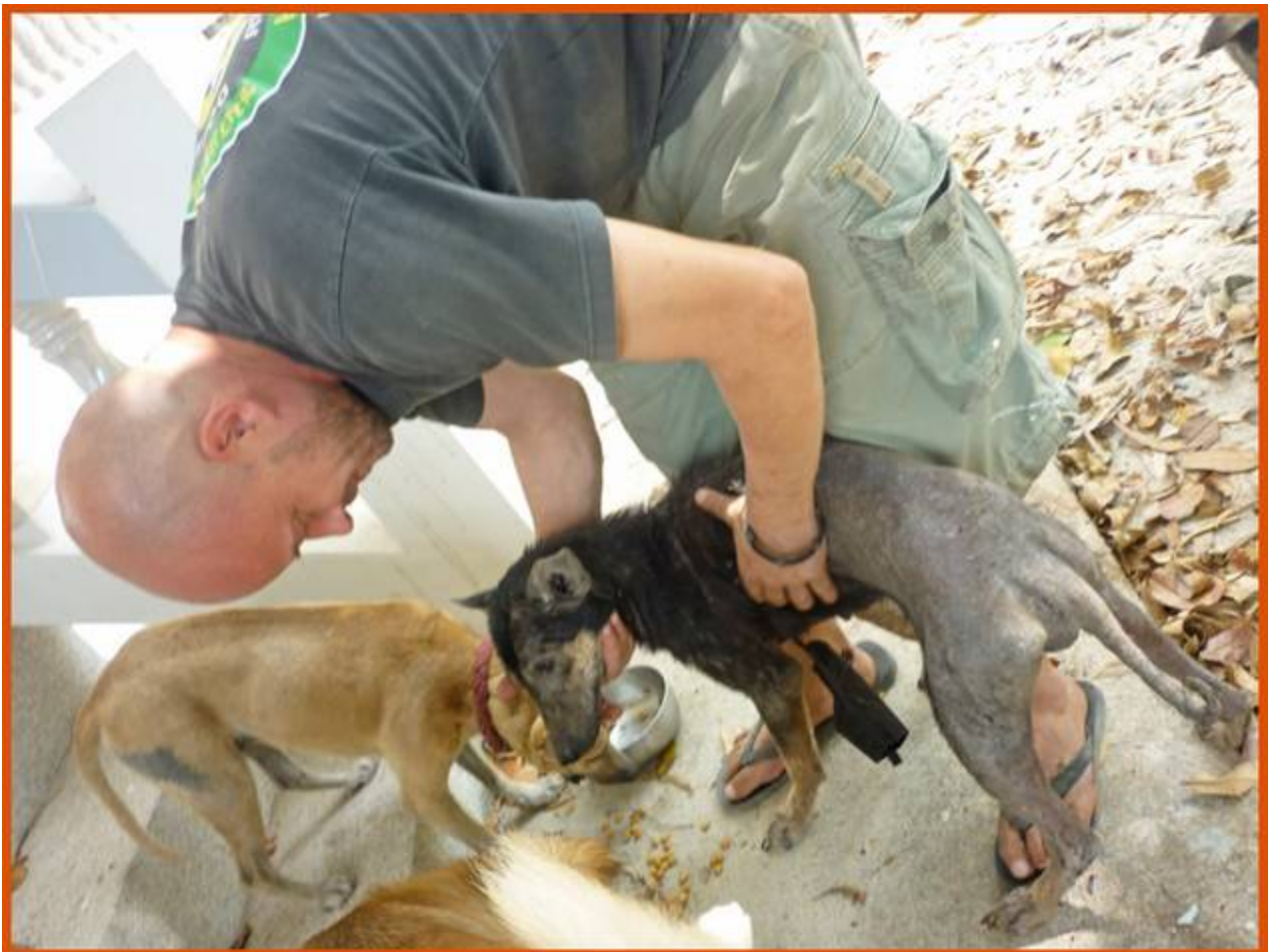


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Before /After

Our before/after case is called Sally and approached us only a few weeks ago while we were working at one of our temples. It was actually just outside the temple where we set up a Food and Water-station for approximately 25 dogs (inside the temple there are about 40 more dogs). Sally was obviously in huge discomfort and had several open wounds all over her body. In the first week Sally wouldn't let us come close and the other dogs were not too keen on her either. However, she needed help and was a new female dog there, meaning the only one not spayed as well. So we invested quite some time to gain her trust and started treating her.



We treated her at the temple for 3 weeks, had her also deWormed and vaccinated, and then took her into the shelter for the sterilisation. Only one week later she could go back to her new home at the temple....



Sally was happy to return to the temple. The mange treatment will have to continue for another few weeks....



But the confidence she's won, nobody can take away from her anymore



Some pictures from the work at the Temples in the last 3 months:











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Here the links to our last Temple-Reports in case you're up for more stories and pictures:

http://www.samuidog.org/Rundbrief_PDF/Tempel_December_2013.pdf

http://www.samuidog.org/Rundbrief_PDF/Temple%20Aug2013engl.pdf

http://www.samuidog.org/Rundbrief_PDF/Temple_Newsletter_April%202013_E.pdf

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