

TEMPLE PROJECT December 2014

In October 2007, the DRCS started providing dog and cat food for many of Samui's temples. In April 2008, the Temple Project-Team (Jay, Linda & Tom) started to not only give food but also vaccinate and 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

Maa has a special part in our hearts and even though we treat and care for an uncountable number of animals every day,
Maa is and will be one in a kind.

Since so many of you helped -and still are - to finance the caretaking for Maa, we are happy to provide you with a little update and some more pictures from the past weeks.....



Maa arrived at the shelter and loves the Puppy House



Nui our PuppyHouse-man, Jay and Linda with Maa



...Hardly a time when she doesn't smile





Maa can even run on sandy ground 😊



The fun is over and the daily training starts....



....Maa trusts that nobody hurts her anymore.....



Linda is showing Nui the necessary daily gymnastic



...and he's been doing a great job and also bonding nicely with Maa



...it seems like Maa gives her very best in any situation. Doesn't matter if she's at the temple or in the Puppy House at the shelter, as long as she is cared for and worked with, she never stops smiling 😊
What an amazing example for us all.....



Our Temple-Team-Man Tom is back from Switzerland and ready to continue with his great work for the dogs around the island, the temples as well as the shelter. Here he is in the puppy house with smiley-face Maa. Of course she recognized him straight away 😊

WHERE IS THE ANASTETIC!

Some of you may already know from our main newsletter that we recently had a problem with not being able to get anesthetic we use, this resulted in no sterilizations causing a huge problem for the temple project. From the very beginning, when we were still trying to gain the trust and approval of the monks, we made a commitment to them, that if they would ensure a safe environment for the animals we in turn would care for them, treat them, supply food for them and above all else ensure that we would not add to the existing numbers of dogs. We would have all the females sterilized before they came into heat, this is a promise that we have always kept. However, new animals (normally groups of puppies) are dropped every other day at the temples so our promise is always ongoing, so much so that we keep records of all the females, when they were vaccinated and when they are due for operation. We are allocated 6 operations a week, every week, which we never fail to use and often ask for a few more, since we now have a lot of village and food station dogs that we are dealing with. After finding out that there would be no operations for at least a month we had to do something fast so the only choice we had was to give contraception to all the females 6months and above. Under normal circumstances this should give protection for a period of three months but it depends entirely if you manage to inject at the right time of the animals cycle. Although we were very successful with getting all the animals we still have to keep our fingers crossed that they don't get pregnant before we can get them operated.



Tom is giving a Temple-Dog her contraception

Food-Stations



When we find an abandoned family in places where there is no food around for the dogs, we set up a Food-Station for them.....



.....and start with our usual program: Everybody gets dewormed, if old and healthy enough vaccinated, and eventually neutered at our shelter.





Many hungry mouths to feed....



Due to the rainy season, we have set up some warm puppy-houses, where the little ones can find some shelter.....





We are treating, feeding and caring for over 100 dogs around the island **beside** the almost 20 Temples we work at. Many Food-Stations have been put up for abandoned dogs away from humans and easy-access-food leftovers. The dogs are being fed & vaccinated until ready to be neutered.

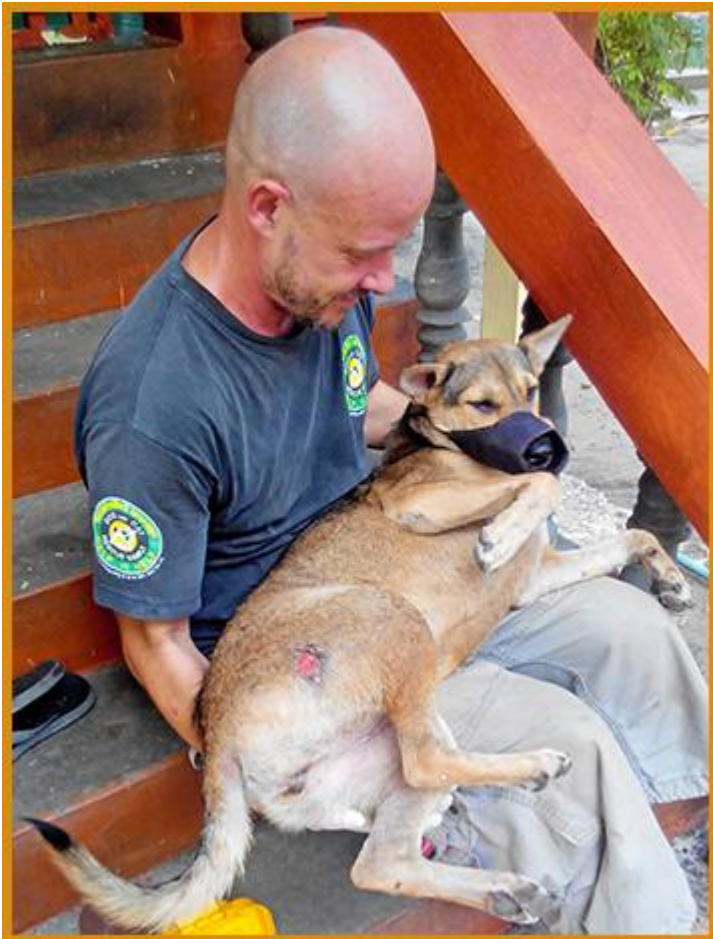


Every single treatment is being recorded and here are some facts in average numbers from the last 3 months:

55 Vaccinations / month
80 Wound cleaning / month
120 Mange treatment / month

50 Animals taken in for neutering / last 3 months

30 Animals taken in for further medical treatment / 3 months



Before AND After: Mr. Big-Wound

Even though we have learned a lot over the last 10years and are by now able to treat a lot of cases by ourselves, there are always the 'extremely bad' ones which need to be taken into the shelter for intense treatment.

Like Mr.Big-Wound here. Linda and Jay were on one of their Temple-Runs when they saw a dog far away...walking all funny and leaning his heads to his side.

Experience has shown that this is most likely a dog with a wound. So we followed him and chased him until we finally caught him.

It wasn't an easy task but it was definitely worth it. Mr. Big-Wound would have not made it a lot longer since the whole head and neck was alive with maggots.

We had a free room in our puppy house where he could calm down and recover.

Turned out he loved the puppy house and after only a few days he turned into a pretty funny old dog!



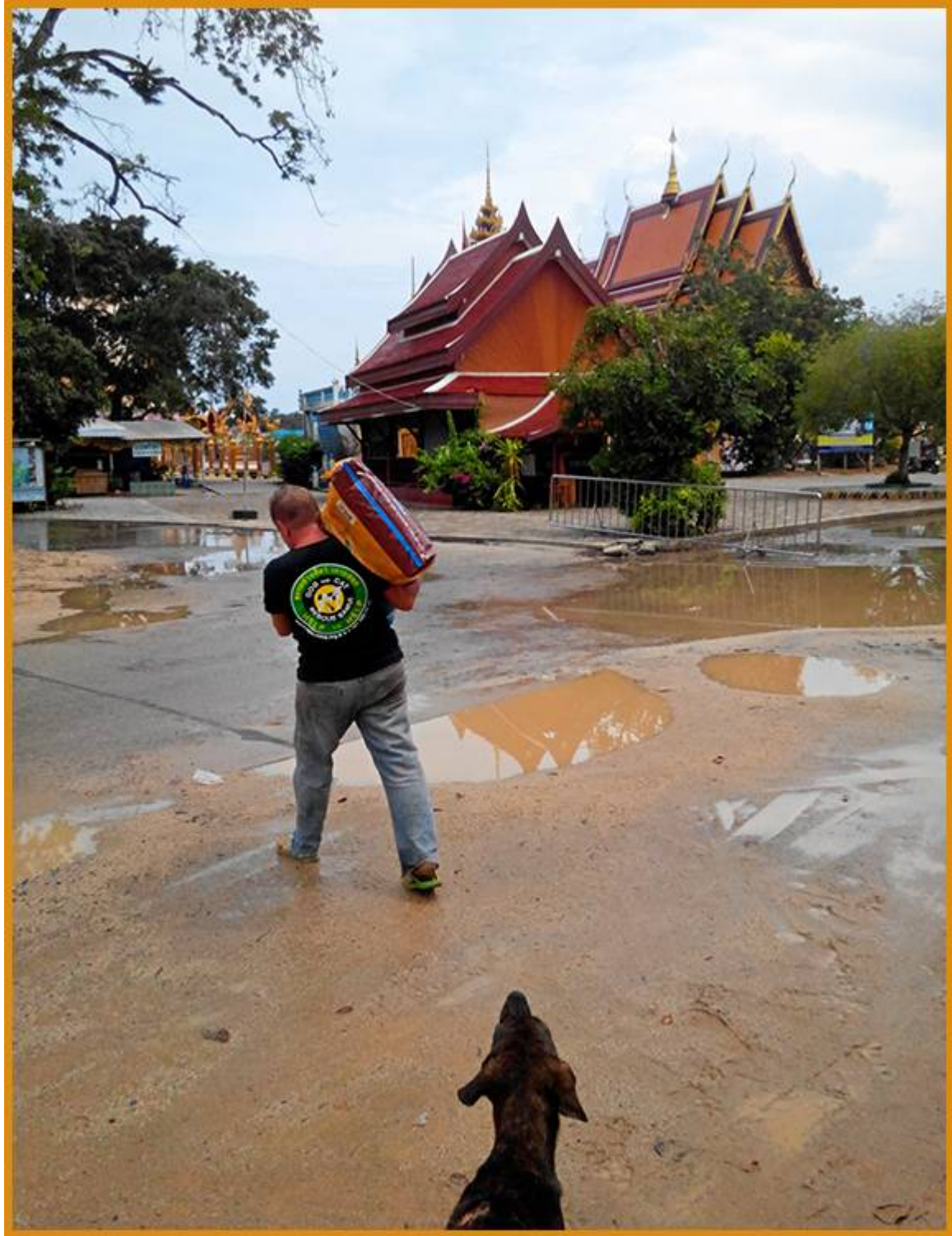
JUST 10 days later:



....and not even one more week later:
Happy to be home!



Every month we deliver over 1,000 kg!
of dog and cat food to the temples



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















The Temple-Team Jay, Linda & Tom

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

http://www.samuidog.org/Rundbrief_PDF/Temple%20NL_Aug_2014_engl.pdf
http://www.samuidog.org/Rundbrief_PDF/TempelApril2014English.pdf
http://www.samuidog.org/Rundbrief_PDF/Tempel_December_2013.pdf
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