

## TEMPLE PROJECT APRIL 2015

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



**A very sad Good-Bye to the 6 Temple-Dogs we lost through the poisoning attack. All of you have -from scared, sick and smelly little Temple-Dogs- turned into beautiful, healthy strong characters – full of life.**

**Thank you for all the moments when we drove into the Temple and you jumped around with joy to see us.**

**Thank you for trusting us when you were not well so we could help to make you better.  
We are still in shock and finding it hard to get over this and go back to 'your home', your temple where you had such a good and happy life until this horrible day...  
You are being missed.....**

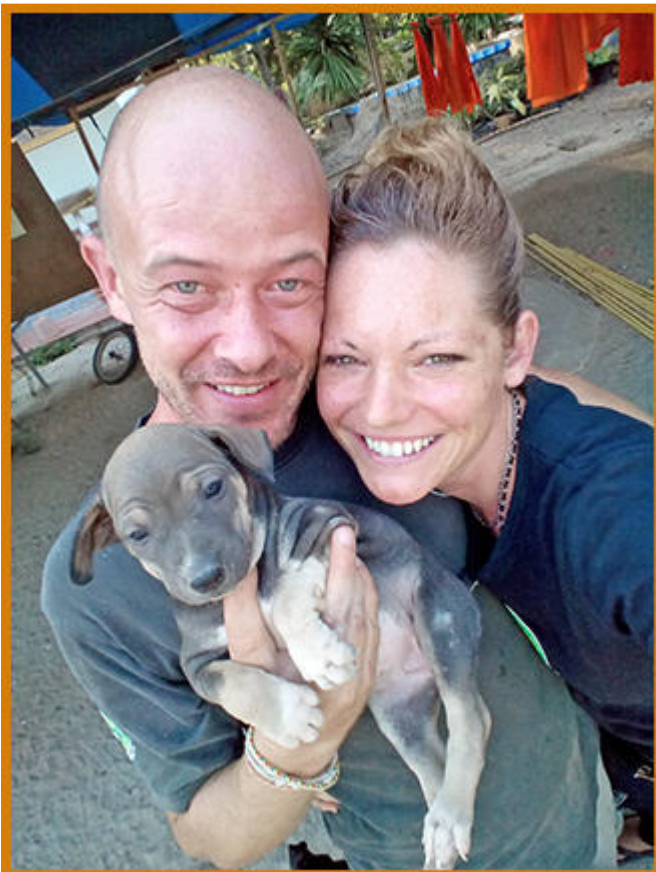


### MOTHERS and PUPPIES AT THE TEMPLE

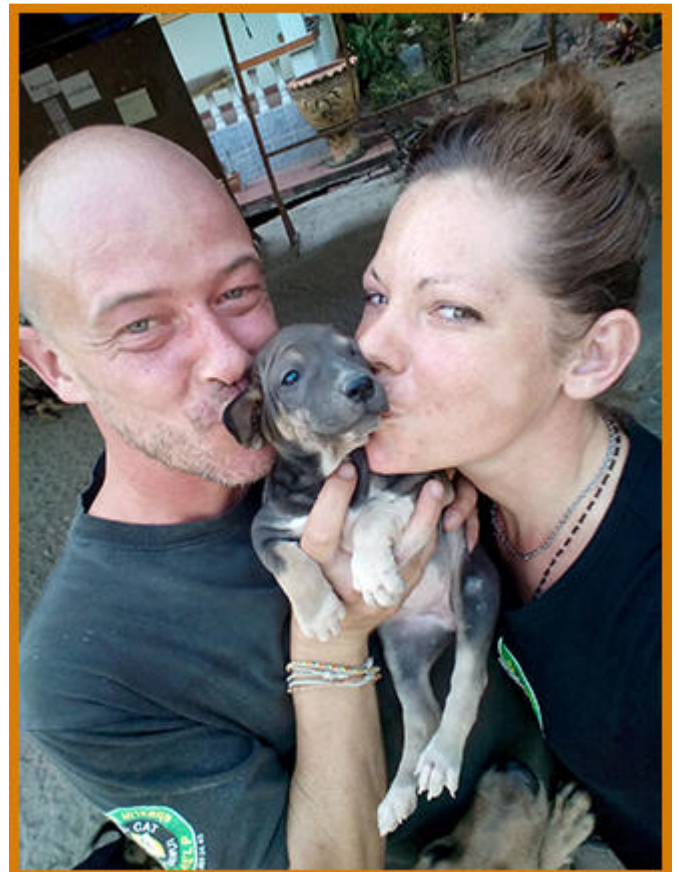
In the last 3 months we've been finding a huge amount of puppies at the temples – many times together with the mother dog. Since there is always food available at the temple, they usually settle in quite fast. Mothers always act very protective



of their babies and are therefore strong characters and straight away tolerated and left alone by the other resident temple dogs.



Every little one gets straight away de-wormed, if healthy



enough vaccinated and a few Months later – neutered.





At most Temples there is one Monk in charge for the dogs and gives his best to keep the often wild puppies and youngsters under control. There are sometimes up to 15 abandoned puppies at one temple. Thankfully some of them always get adopted by people visiting the temples.





(USUALY) We deliver over 1,000 kg! of dog and cat food  
every month  
to the temples -  
our many food stations included

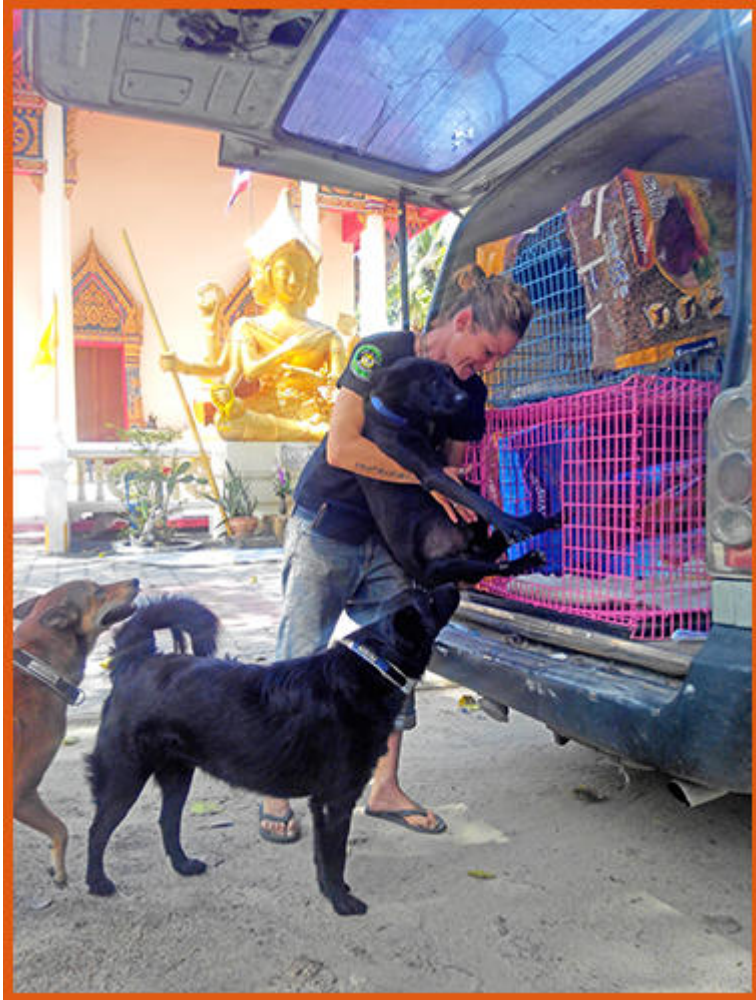


Due to our financial problems, we had to drastically reduce this amount. We have explained the situation to the monks and the people helping out at the temples and most of them have agreed to cook an extra amount of rice which they will then mix with the Dog Food we deliver.





Thankfully our financial situation did not influence the number of dogs and cats we could bring into the shelter for sterilisation. Normally our Team takes in 6-8 dogs / week from the Temples and villages we work at. For our team it's extremely important to have EVERY SINGLE dog neutered, we can't afford to miss even one dog and have one of our Temple-Dogs get pregnant and therefore add to the -already high- number of Temple dogs.



Even though we are giving our best to take care of the Dog Rescue-Van, it let us down again this month and broke while we were on the road. Thankfully we work together with a great garage who always fixes everything for free for us and we only have to pay the parts needed. In return our Team takes care of their many dogs they have around their garage whenever help is needed.

However, every garage-bill has to be paid for and especially right now we don't need all those extra costs.

We were glad that the van was fixed in with just a few days and would like to express a special

**ThankYou to the Garage Good & Sons Car Care in Maenam for all their support!**





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

*50 Vaccinations / month*  
*85 Wound cleaning / month*  
*110 Mange treatment / month*

*55 Animals taken in for neutering / last 3 months*

*25 Animals taken in for further medical treatment / 3 months*





# 2 Temple-Dogs now happy in Germany



## JOYS STORY

Joy was dumped in one of our temples as a very young puppy along with her 8 brothers and sisters. All of them managed to survive the vaccine program and grew up happy and healthy in the temple. When she was around 6 months old we received a call from the monk to say that Joy had been run over by a car. When we picked her up we knew several bones were broken on both her back legs but she was still trying to walk, she never cried once. We took her to our shelter and we had her x-rayed, the extent of her injuries were worse than we had imagined, she had a broken hip and breaks in both back legs. There was nothing we could do for her, she required major surgery, which could not be done by us and the costs to have it

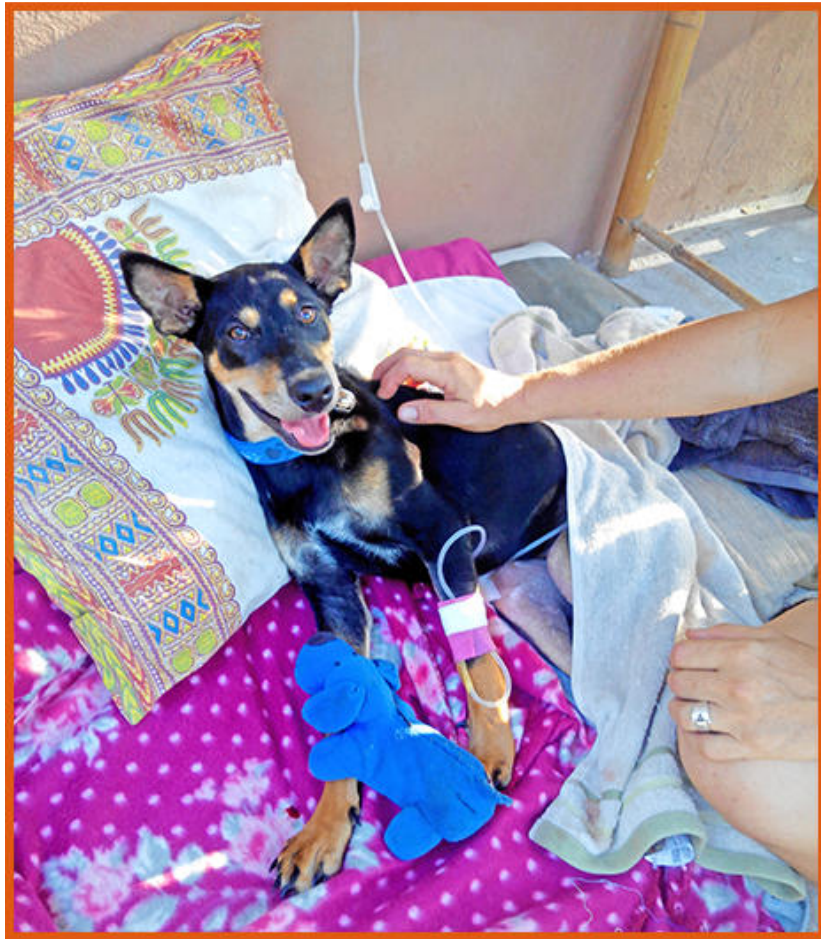
done in a private clinic were weigh to high for us to cover. Our vet said we would give her a week to see how things transpired and yet Joy was still trying to walk, broken bones and all, so we prayed for a miracle. That miracle came in the form of Gaby and Uwe from Germany. They were visiting our shelter when they saw Joy, asked of her story and then immediately offered to pay for the surgery, even though they knew the risk of survival or failure to walk again, they insisted. Gaby spent the whole day with Joy and it was love at first sight.

2 days later Joy had her surgery and was immediately taken to the home of Jay and Linda for recovery. The surgery was a disaster from the start, within the first week Joy developed massive infection in one leg and had to have a drain put in, she was so sick we were not sure if she would survive, this infection was to last for almost 4 months. Within the first month had to switch to manual drainage because to get the puss out, it was awful and yet crippled as she was she was still trying to walk.



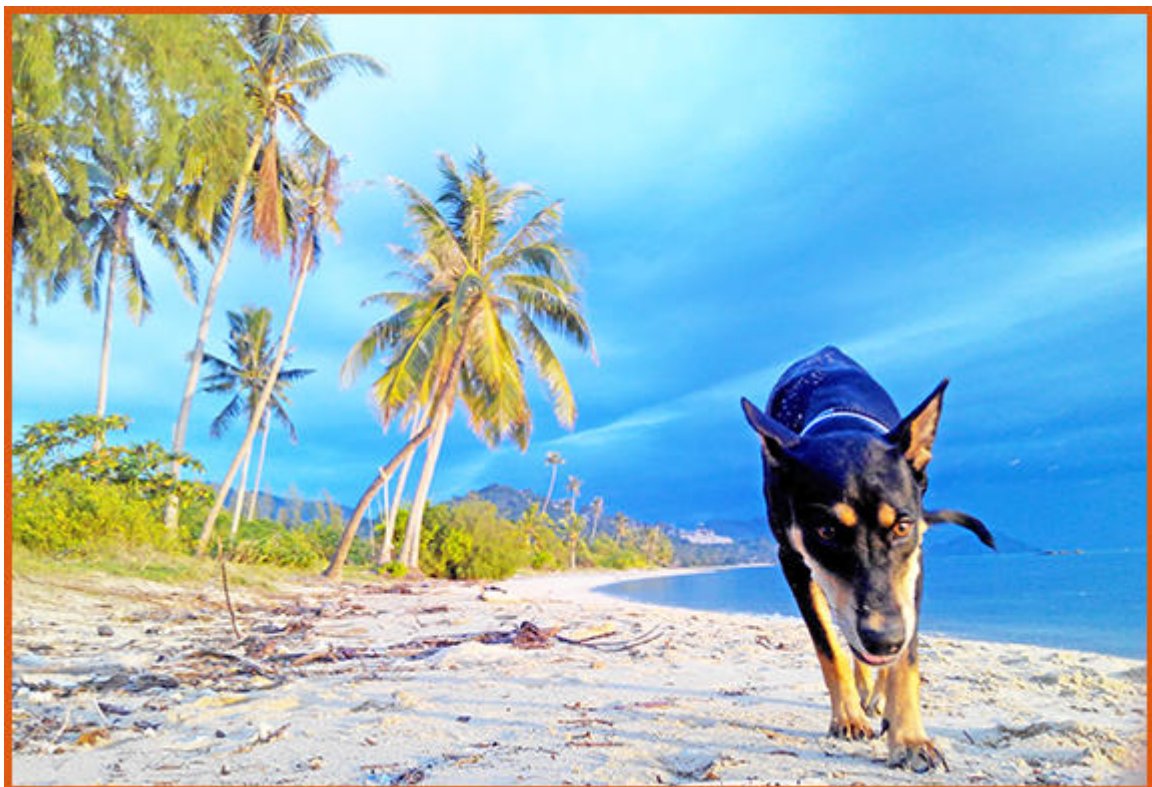
We all took turns and gave our best to be there for Joy as good as possible....





Unimaginable pain....  
and still a smile  
on her face and full  
of joy.....

Less than 3 months after surgery Joy started to show pain, real pain so we took her to our vet, he opened the leg again and to our horror we discovered one of the very expensive titanium wires they had used to connect the hip to the leg, had snapped in two causing the wire to shred the flesh inside like mincemeat. Thankfully the bones had already started to fuse together so our vet cut the loose wire and reconnected what he could. After more antibiotics Joy started to improve. We switched her to toms house where she could exercise on the beach. She had physiotherapy every day and every day she improved



Gaby and Uwe had already told us that they wished to give Joy a home with them in Germany but to be honest we were not 100% sure that she would ever be fit enough to travel but she was a fighter. The one day Joy suddenly started to run and run and run and we knew she would have her chance to go to a loving new family.



## CARAS STORY

Cara was also a puppy when we found her at one of our temples, she was very sick from an early age, we put her onto the necessary medication and went every day to administer it and gradually she improved.

This is a picture of Cara we found when she was a pretty sick puppy at the temple:



She and her sister again managed to survive the vaccine program and grew up happy at the temple. When her time came she was taken to our shelter for sterilization and then returned to her home at the temple. Then not long after we got a call to say that she had been hit by a car. Nothing broken but she was in pain and it left her limping for a very long time. During this time a very strange thing happened, her sister and the other temple dogs started to turn on her and attack her at every opportunity.

Cara retreated into herself and became very solitary and depressed; she started to spend all of her time hiding away, generally under parked cars. We were keeping an eye on her because her behavior was becoming stranger and stranger. Then one day we found her half dead unable to move. We took her to our shelter and ran blood tests. She had severe blood parasites and was immediately put on an iv drip along with daily medication.

Slowly but surely Cara improved, it was obvious to us that she could not return to the temple so she remained at the shelter in our puppy house where we could keep a close eye on her, she remained on medication for a month. She once again became a loving happy dog but what to do with her? It was during her time at the shelter that Gaby and Uwe met her, they had decided that they did not want Joy to be alone in Germany so were looking for a companion and after hearing her story, chose to also give Cara a much needed home. Cara was taken home to Tom's place to be with Joy and to make her strong enough to travel, she was very happy and the two became immediate friends.

**On the 21st of February both girls flew together to their new home in Germany, where they were eagerly met by their new loving family.**







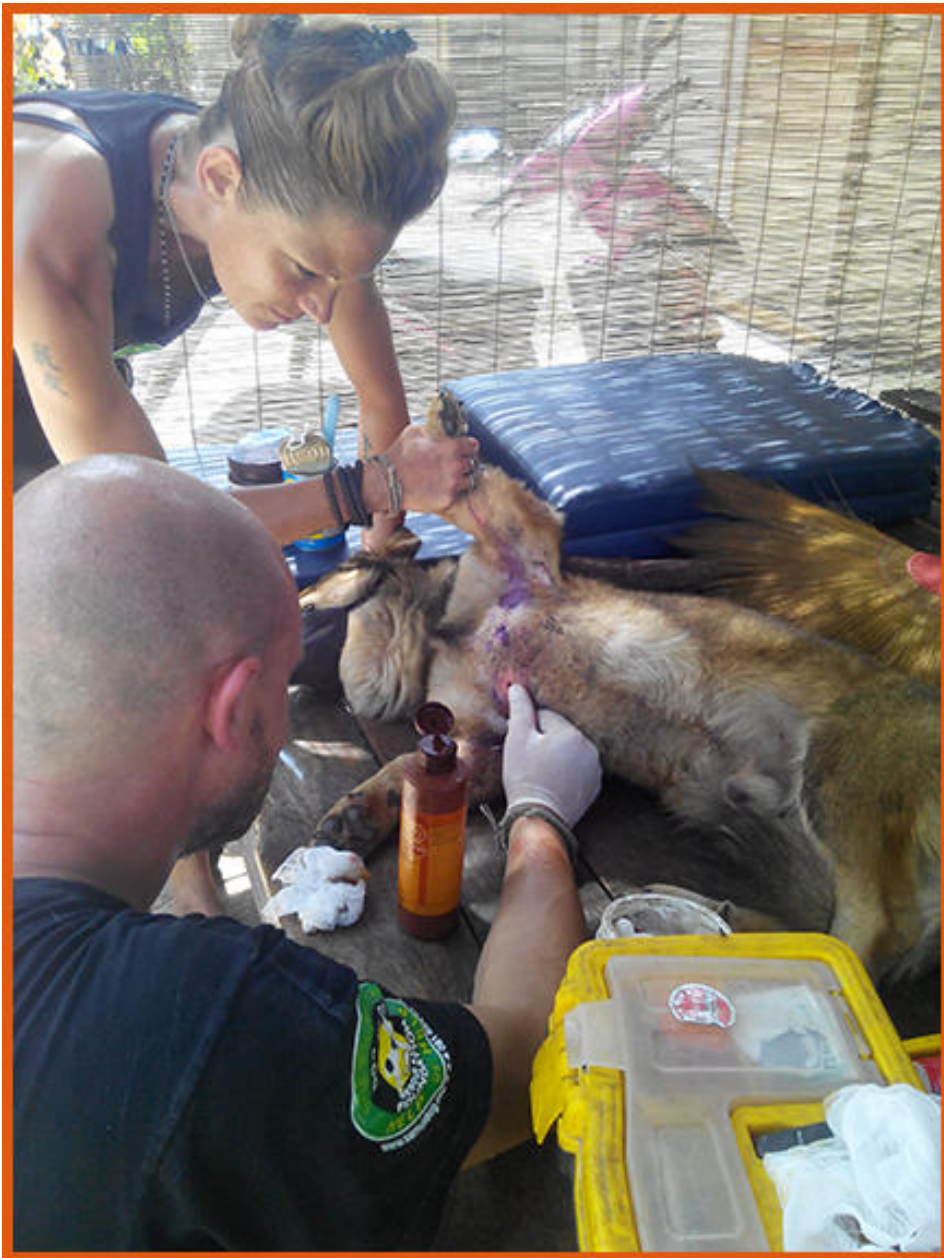
Some pictures from the work at the Temples in the last 3 months







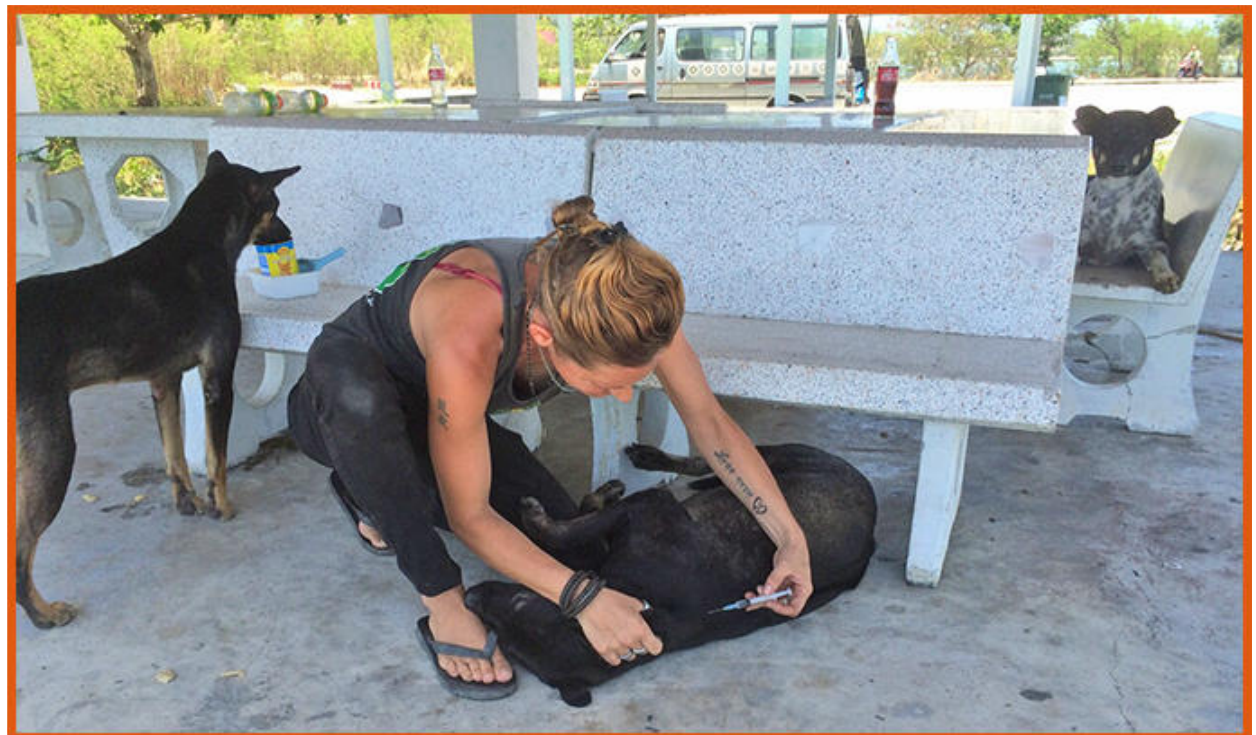




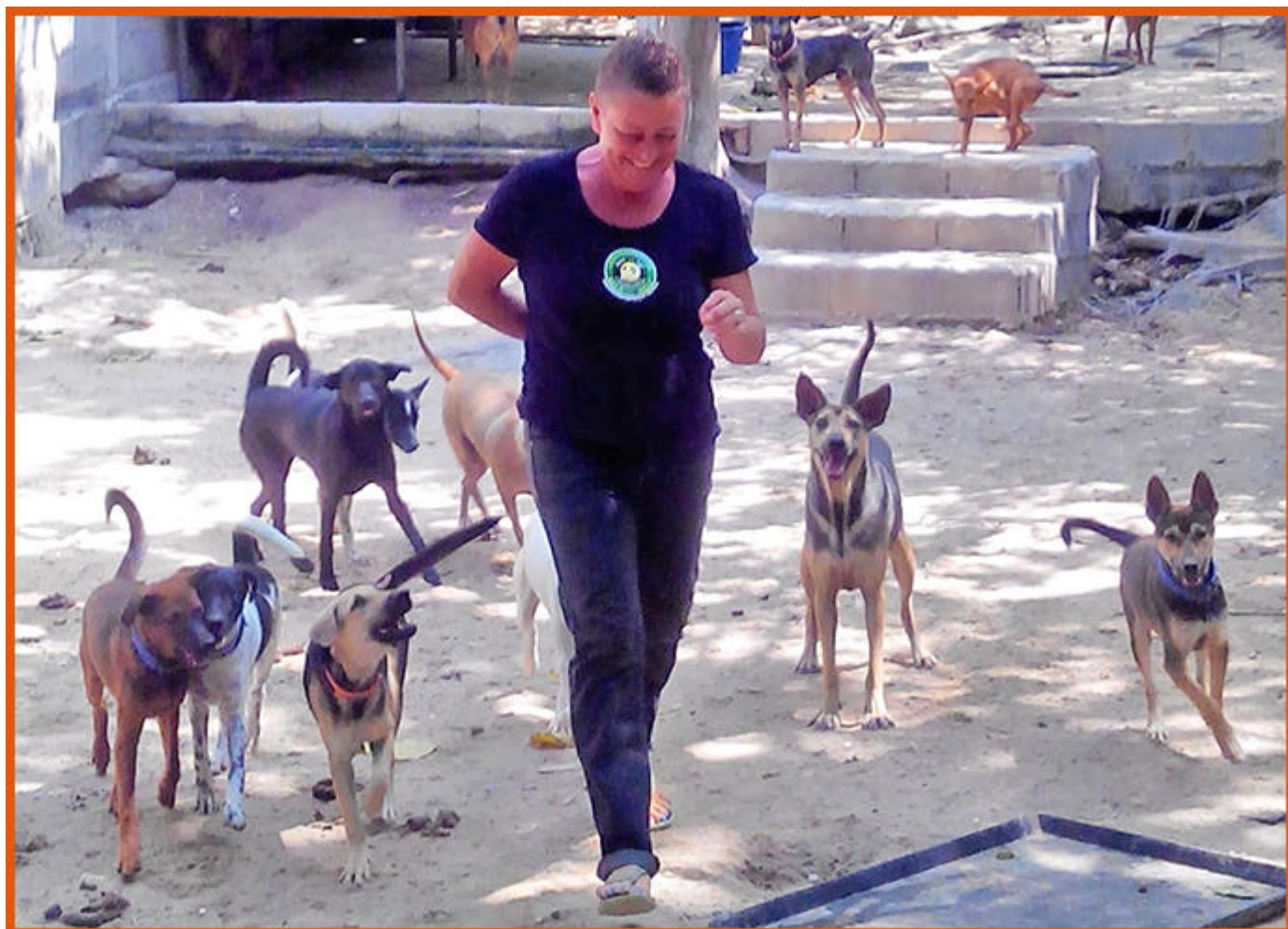
























## The Temple-Team Jay, Linda & Tom

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\\_12.14\\_English.pdf](http://www.samuidog.org/Rundbrief_PDF/Temple_12.14_English.pdf)
- [http://www.samuidog.org/Rundbrief\\_PDF/Temple%20NL\\_Aug\\_2014\\_engl.pdf](http://www.samuidog.org/Rundbrief_PDF/Temple%20NL_Aug_2014_engl.pdf)
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