

TEMPLE PROJECT

August 2013

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.

We treat a lot of cats at the temples too! People automatically assume that cats and dogs are natural born enemies and cannot live happily together. In the temples this is really not the case, maybe it's because of the environment, who knows but they all live as equals, they eat together from the same bowls, play together and in some cases dream together.



HELP US TO GET SOME COLLARS FOR THE TEMPLE DOGS

It is a very well known fact on the island that people react very differently to dogs who are wearing collars than to those who are not. We have several hundred dogs collectively in all the temples we treat and since they have a tendency to wander out in the evening we decided that we would like to provide every one of them with a collar. If you are travelling to Samui and you have any old dog collars to donate, we would be very grateful. So far, half the dogs at the big temple in Bophut-Temple have their collars and happily run around displaying them. It's a sign of ownership and people tend to pet a dog a little more if they have something around their neck, we also believe less harm will come to them if the Thais think they belong somewhere.



Our beloved old Temple-dogs

Our entire team has always cared very strongly over the mental and physical wellbeing of our older temple dogs. Too many times we've had to witness how quickly the older dogs can let themselves go when they are taken out of their familiar environment, home for more than 10 years in some cases, and put into the shelter. This is why, whenever possible, we always try to treat the oldies in their homes. Most monks are happy to help us give the required meds and where not we go every day and do it ourselves, always remembering to give them that extra little snuggle.

Grosi – our famous old Temple-dog



We would like to say a sad farewell to Grosi from Plai Laem Temple. Many people called us about this dog, she was mangy, could hardly walk in the end and had no teeth. BUT she had been living there for more than 14 years and was loved by all. Sadly a couple of months ago, Grosi passed peacefully in her sleep inside a home from someone living at the temple. The caretaker of the temple informed us that they cremated her and the monks gave a blessing.

We say Good-bye and Rest In Peace to a wonderful Temple-Dog we had the pleasure to work with and know for many years.

This dog called Grosi has shown us what a happy dog can look like. In the most amazing way she handled (and often struggled) with her pains that came with age but still never gave up the will to live and be part of 'her Temple' - her home.



Linda giving Grosi her weekly Cream-Session
Great job Linda!

Thank You Linda for making her look forward to seeing you every single week...often several times/week and it never mattered how busy you were, you always took the time to give her just a little bit more than 'just' her cream-session and the medical treatment. You two had a special human-dog relationship and the way you Linda will never forget Grosi, she certainly will always keep a close eye on you and be thankful for every minute you spent on your knees with her...



OPA..... and he is still going strong

As we're saying Good-bye to one elderly dog, we'd like to introduce you to another amazing grandfather-Tempel dog called 'Opa'.

Tempelrun-days are often packed with a full program, speeding from one temple to another with many little appointments in between and it often does get pretty hectic. Meeting Opa is always a highlight and lets us all slow down for a minute (well, since it takes forever for him to walk to our car, we have hardly a choice). Between suffering from ear infections to temporary paralysis and also mange, Opa's had it all!...and he's still going strong, we just love him.

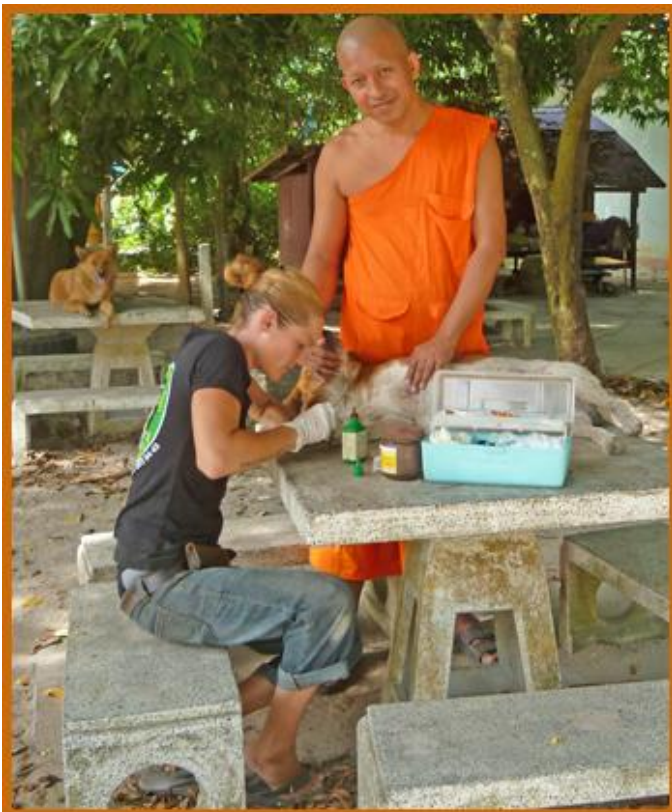


Every single treatment is being recorded and here are some facts in average numbers from the last 3 months:

*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

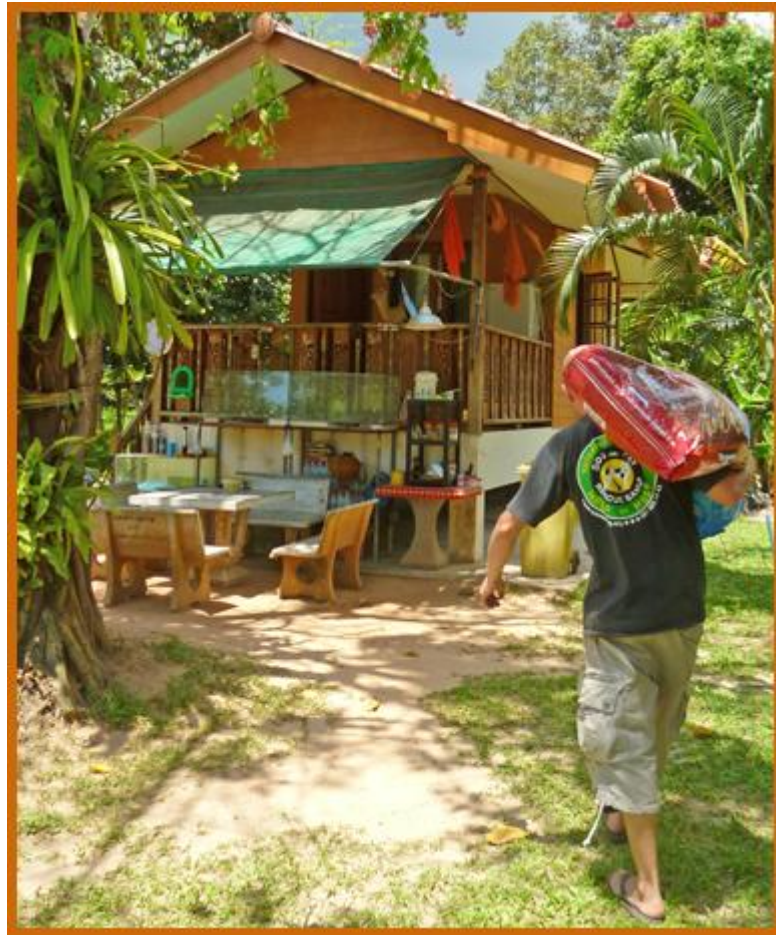


Thankfully many Monks are very supportive when it comes to showing us injured or sick animals



Linda alone on her Tempel-run... often a pretty hard job

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:



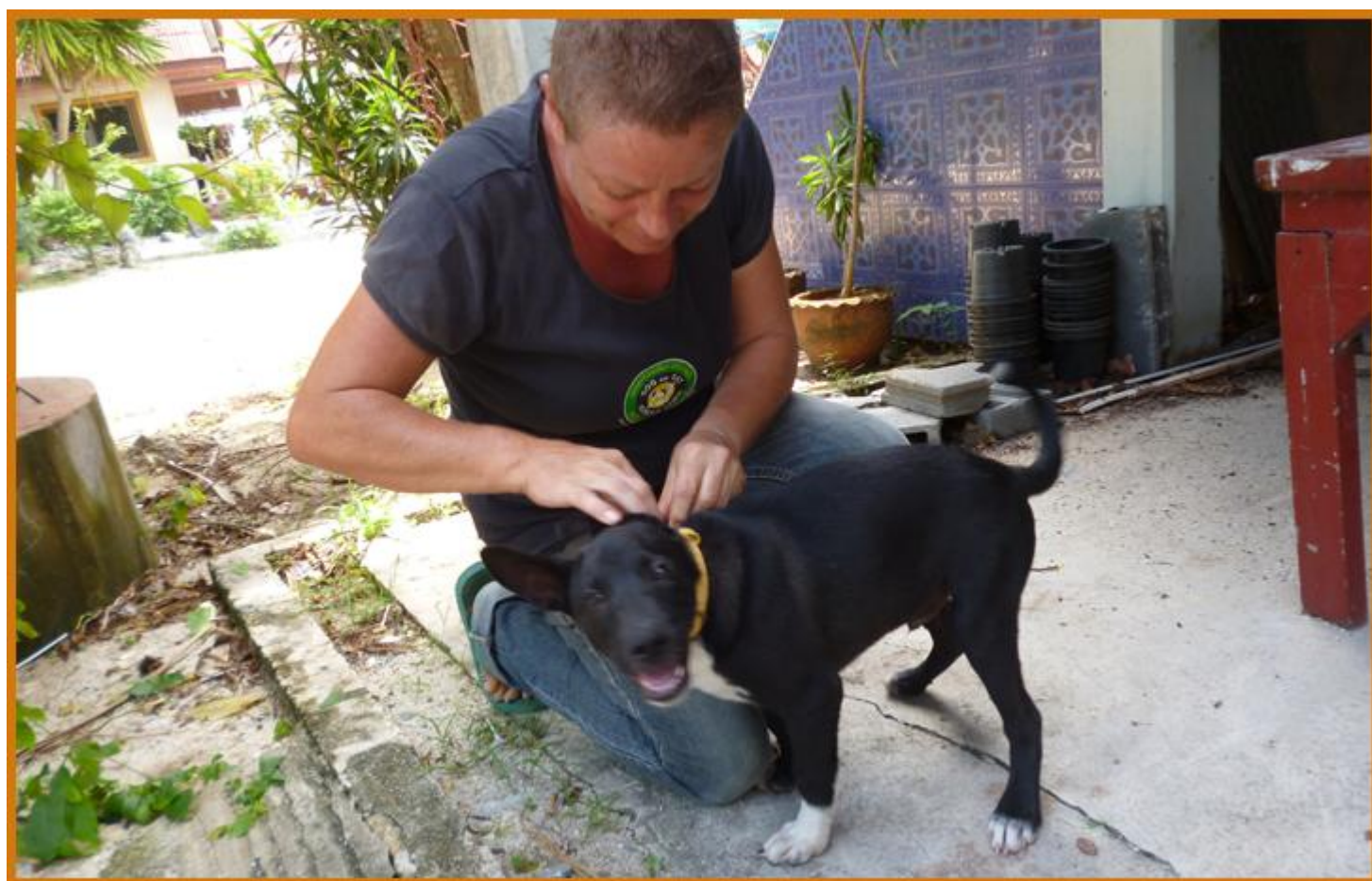














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Here the links to our last few Temple-Reports in case you're up for more stories and pictures:

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

http://www.samuidog.org/Rundbrief_PDF/Tempel_Dec.2012_English.pdf

http://www.samuidog.org/Rundbrief_PDF/Temple_Aug_2012_English.pdf

http://www.samuidog.org/Rundbrief_PDF/Temple_April_2012_English.pdf

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