



TEMPLE PROJECT April 2013

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.

Once again we were able to treat a lot of dogs and cats outside the shelter, saving them the stressful trip to the shelter and the danger of picking up a virus or bacterial infections at the DRCS. Lovely Chica from the Koh Samui Temple is one of our mange-before/after cases. When we first met Chica at the temple, she had hardly any hair left, couldn't stop scratching and many parts of the skin already started to open. It would have been a matter of a few days and she'd been totally bloody and covered in open wounds. Thankfully she reacted straight away to the injections we gave her and the monk made sure she got her daily medicine against the scratching. Chica dropped her depression in with only a week and her hair started growing back quickly. She was one of the lucky ones who never had to leave her environment in order to get better...



Chica when we first met her





CHI CA after 3 weeks of treatment



Jeahhh!! CHI CA today!

SOME OF THE CASES WE COULD NOT TREAT AT THE TEMPLE AND HAD TO TAKE THEM INTO THE SHELTER:

Fozzy has been living at the temple for many years and is one of the monk's favorite dogs. He got involved into a nasty fight with a new and much stronger male that turned up at this temple. Fozzy was left with a huge wound and immediately holed up in a secret corner for several days.

We from the Temple-Team were informed right after the fight happened but even after returning to the temple several times, Fozzy couldn't be found. When we finally did find him, Fozzy couldn't even get up anymore. He was completely dehydrated, the wound absolutely covered in maggots and he obviously had already given up. We took him straight to the shelter, where he received intense treatment over several days, an own room in the Puppy house and lots of love from several volunteers.



.....and only a few weeks later.....



Fozzy made a remarkable recovery and was delighted to be
back at the shelter

MR. BO PHUT

Mr. Bo Phut's skin condition was actually nothing special to us at first, a case we deal with every week and usually treat the animal without ever taking them to the shelter. However, Mr. Bo Phut had nobody who could have given him daily medication and for some strange reason he did not react to the medicine we injected every week at all.



We took him into the shelter and made him comfortable in the Puppy House, where he got special treatment and was creamed every day. This was all he needed and shortly after, his suffering came to an end and his skin recovered.....

Just last week we brought Mr. Bo Phut back to his Temple where his friends hardly recognised him:



Mr. Bo Phut happily back at his home

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

*85 Vaccinations / month
90 Wound cleaning / month
120 Mange treatment / month*

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

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



Jay treating a small wound on the ear of a Puppy at the Temple



Tom treating a little bigger wound on another dog



How Things Can Change...

It is amazing how often we experience a big change in Thai people's behaviour and attitude towards stray animals once they get to know about the DRCS. Every time we take on a new village or individual person with many dogs and cats, the outcome is usually the same: The Thai person becomes the official owner of the animal, happy and proud to see how the skinny, mangy and often sick animals who constantly proliferate themselves, turn into happy and confident dogs - vaccinated and sterilised. Stories like the one from the older Thai Lady we mentioned in the official newsletter, makes us go out there, talk to people, show them that when we all work together, many things can very quickly change for the better.... Here some more pictures from our lovely old Thai Lady who has taken in Miss Skinny and her 9 puppies and takes care of many stray dogs- which are now her beloved pets. We are happy to support her kindness with dog food and medical treatment whenever needed and stop at her house every week...



Jay preparing vaccines for the new dogs



...at the Thai Ladie's home



Happy dogs, getting their new bag of dog food....



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





We are going to make a special effort taking care of all the Temple-Cats over the next three months, get as many as possible vaccinated and spayed/castrated.

Working with cats is always a lot more difficult since very often the dog is the dominant animal at the Temples.... BUT NOT ALWAYS as you will see in our next newsletter.

Thank you for your support for the cats! We have been delivering a lot of cat food and have many monks who adore the cats at the temples. Most of them have a great life....

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

















The Temple-Team

Here the links to our last 4 Temple-Reports in case you're up for more stories and pictures:

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

http://www.samuidog.org/Rundbrief_PDF/Tempel_Dec_2011_ENG.pdf

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