



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.

Today, our Temple-Team Jay, Linda and Tom work at around 20 temples all around Koh Samui and several villages with BIG NUMBERS of stray dogs and cats, places where people have either no knowledge of the dog rescue (and therefore do nothing to stop the population from growing), simply tolerate the animals there but wouldn't care much for them or they are so poor themselves that out of fear or having to pay something, they just wouldn't do anything.





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

*70 Vaccinations / month
90 Wound cleaning / month
180 Mange treatment / month
60 Animals taken in for neutering / last 3 months
30 Animals taken in for further medical treatment / 3 months*

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





PUPPIES.....PUPPIES.. And More Puppies!



We have been working at the DRCS for 7 years now and it seems like there have never been as many puppies. Of course it has to do with the fact that we have made a name for ourselves and people think first of calling us or dropping them at the temple before (sometimes in pretty cruel ways) getting rid of them.



A Puppy House full of little ones...



...and a similar picture at the temples



At the temples and villages we work in, all healthy young dogs and cats get vaccinated as soon as they are old enough. The danger of a virus spreading is everywhere where you have many animals living together.



Jay about to give vaccine to a young Temple Dog



Linda cleaning a wound on Fozzys face

The puppies get their first worm and deTick/Flea treatment at only a few weeks old. With a minimum age of 6 weeks they get vaccinated for the first time. Every new and healthy animal we meet at the temple gets immediately wormed and vaccinated and eventually spayed/castrated.





A HUGE THANK YOU to our German Vet Anna! Once again it's been super to have you here, to work with you...to learn from you...to have great fun making a difference in so many animals lives with you!

**Whatever it is we have to do to get you back here sooner than you planned (perhaps a little Sang Som?), let us know and consider it done! ☺
THANKS FOR EVERYTHING AND SEE YOU SOON!**

First poisoning inside a temple...

Unfortunately we have some very sad news, too:

One of our resident TempleDogs Mr. Blue Eyes has been killed!

The monk told us that someone had given him poison.....

This is the first case of poisoning inside a temple area we have heard since working on the temple project. Apparently it was a dog hater who attended some festival that was going on inside the temple area.

Mr. Blue Eye had lived a happy life there for many years and was the only one that was poisoned.

The monk (very attached to the dog) has given him a very personal and special funeral... he told us with tears in his eyes.



Aside from the vaccinations, picking up dogs for spaying and food drops we are in regular contact with the monks and the people around the temple areas, so it is normal that our working day hardly ever passes without a call from them regarding an animal in serious need of medical attention. The serious cases are taken to the shelter, but we try to give onsite treatment whenever we can. Thankfully many of the monks are willing to continue to give the medicine on a daily basis. The same applies if we are stopped by people from surrounding villages or just people on the street. We do the treatment, then involve them in administering the medicine. A trip to the shelter can be a very harrowing experience for an animal, who is already suffering.



Anna putting on a bandage on a little ones injured leg





A young Monk helping Linda in giving medicine to a dog with blood parasite



Jay cleaning a wound on a Tempel-Puppy



Linda treating a mangy dog and her little mangy puppy friend

Besides the often hard times, the dogs and cats at the Temples and on the street have to face, there is also time for:

1. FUN...





.....and 2.: LOVE



The Temple Project has saved hundreds of lives already and has proven very successful. The costs for food, vaccinations and medical treatments have become so high that we need your desperate support to keep this project alive. We have decided to take some of our best known temple dogs into the adoption/sponsoring program, animals we've known and treated for years..



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











The Temple- Team