

Health Matters!

Posh Puppy

A few weeks ago, a lady came to our Health Centre with a young puppy sporting a pink bandage on her hind leg. This Good Samaritan had come across the pup laying injured after a traffic accident and had taken her to a vet clinic for treatment. There a fractured femur was diagnosed, a cast applied and the pup sent on her way.

After a few days it was apparent that all was not well and the concerned Samaritan brought the pup to SCAD for further investigation. It only took a glance to know that the pup was in distress. We rushed her to hospital where X-rays revealed that the leg fracture was so bad as to require surgery, and her hip was also broken. Not only that but Posh – as she came to be named because of her classy pink cast - was also suffering from a ruptured diaphragm which meant her intestines were protruding into her chest cavity. This youngster must have been in agony for some time. These appalling injuries should have been identified at the first vet clinic, but they failed even to take X-Rays.



Posh



Posh with her bandage

Posh has now received the surgery she needed to save her life and although it was touch and go for a few days, is now recovering. She will convalesce at SCAD when she is well enough to be moved. Without the kindness of a passer-by who persevered and the expertise of the vets at Suwannachart Hospital who took the time to make a correct diagnosis, Posh would have died from her injuries.

Emergency cases such as this prove expensive. We follow our hearts with each case brought to us, but the dilemma never goes away. The money spent to save Posh (Bt 15000 **(\$500)**) could have spayed 25 soi dogs, relieving them of the burden of continual unwanted litters. Please

help us to help ALL the animals in need...

Please donate - turn to page 3 to find out how

Ramkamhaeng Street Dog Project

In January SCAD was invited by “Jerhigh Pet Lover TV” to become involved in a documentary they were filming about stray dogs in a small village in the Ramkamhaeng area of Bangkok, where animal lovers Khun Weera and Khun Pom care for around 50 dogs.. Rather than sit back and enjoy a well earned retirement, Khun Weera, Ret. Air Marshall with the Royal Thai Air Force and Khun Pom, previously director of TV programming at Ch9 MCOT, have spent their time and resources caring for the dogs, treating disease and injury, preventing the birth of puppies by contraceptive injections and giving love and succour to these lucky animals. They have paid to have some of the females spayed, but that expense coupled with the ability of the wily females to escape capture has meant that many remain unsterilised.



Some of the dogs that Khun Weera and Khun Pom care for.

SCAD promised help with the sterilisation of all the dogs and also the myriad of cats that prowl the area. The SCAD team picked up 12 females on the day of our first visit – a good start to the project, which will continue after filming ends.

We'll keep you updated on progress with this great community capture-neuter-release (CNR) project.

The story of Khun Weera and Khun Pom and the strays they care for was aired in February on UBC7. The SCAD team was overwhelmed by the couple's altruism, dedication and compassion. They are an inspiration to us all.

Diary Dates

Barking Banquet

Date: Wednesday 5th March 2008. **Time:** Fun starts at 7.30pm, tickets Bath 600. **Location:** Jamesense Restaurant, Garden Grove Building 2F, Sukhumvit Soi 16. Enjoy Mediterranean Buffet with complimentary glass of wine and place your bids for the bargains available in the Dutch Auction. Good company, good food, good fun.

ReTails Craft & Gift Fair

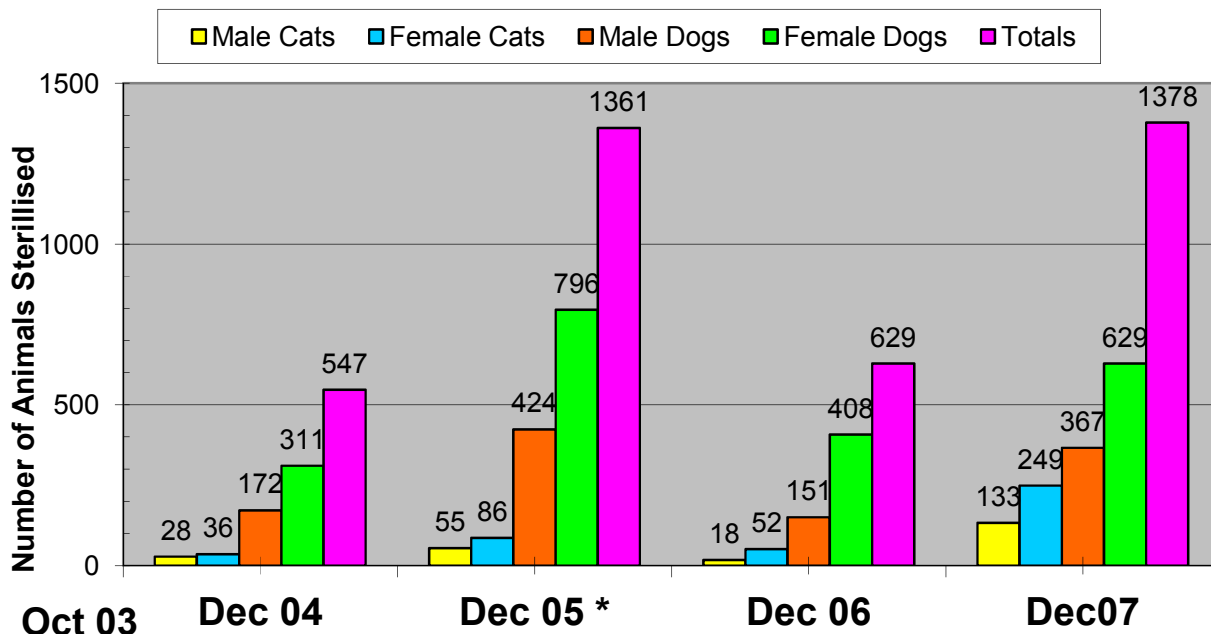
Date: Sunday 9th March 2008. **Time:** 10am – 3pm. **Location:** ReTails Too, 289 Soi 42, Sukhumvit 71. Browse through the exquisite array of crafts and gifts on display and treat yourself to a snack or home cooked lunch at **Scoffees Café** whilst enjoying the antics of the adoptable kitties in their unique skytunnel and botanical playpen.

Big Stuff Auction

Date: Sunday 16th March 2008. **Time:** Viewing from 10am, auction commences 11am. **Location:** ReTails Too, 289 Soi 42, Sukhumvit 71. Dining furniture, beds, lounge suites...the lot is under the hammer so come grab a bargain! Entertainment for the kids, beer tent for the big boys and Pimms for the ladies! Refreshments available from **Scoffees Café**.

For more information on these and upcoming events, please check out our website: <http://www.scadbangkok.org/events/index.htm> or contact Tami on tami@scadbangkok.org

SCAD Animal Birth Control Project Total Spayed/Neutered per Annum (2003-2007)



* High numbers due to team of visiting volunteer vets from Scandinavia.



Dr. Komkrit spaying a dog

Since 2003, SCAD has been joining with local communities to sterilise and treat stray dogs and cats in target neighbourhoods in and around Bangkok to help control numbers and relieve suffering. To date, we've sterilised over 4,000 strays and treated far more for disease and injury than we are able to count. Dr. Komkrit joined us as SCAD Vet in May 2007 and that year we recorded our best ever spay/neuter surgeries, preventing 1,378 animals from breeding and producing more unwanted litters. A phenomenal achievement from such a small team and proof that our decision to employ a vet was sound judgment.

SCAD depends on donations, no matter how big or small, to continue this vital work. One female dog spay costs Bt 600, and when food, rent, staff and utility bills are added each month, the challenge to raise sufficient funds to keep going at this pace is mighty.

PLEASE DONATE GENEROUSLY IF YOU CAN

To donate within Thailand	To donate outside of Thailand
<p>Bank Deposits Bank: Bangkok Bank Account No: 130-7-05295-9 Account Name: Homeless And Sick Dogs` Funding Association.</p> <p>For information about cash donations and to confirm your donation via a bank deposit please email: treasurer@scadbangkok.org</p>	<p>Please go to our donations page: www.scadbangkok.org/donate/donate.htm click on the PayPal button and follow the PayPal Instructions.</p> <p>In the case of difficulties or enquiries please email: treasurer@scadbangkok.org</p>

♥ REHOMING OUR RESCUES

AMBASSADORS OF LOVE

Love comes in all forms. It celebrates devotion, compassion, affection and respect. Our rescued soi dogs have the power to spread love far beyond the borders of Thailand, to touch us wherever we may happen to live, and affect our lives in surprising ways. These dogs are responsible for bringing strangers together. They move us with their forgiveness, affection, and indomitable spirit. **These animals are the Ambassadors of Love.**



Mee -Noi available for adoption now

OPT TO ADOPT



Ngao - available for adoption now

Please open your heart to a rescued animal and give an ex-soi dog a loving home. Ngao (pronounced 'now' and meaning shadow) was found abandoned on the edge of a busy highway, terrified and hungry. A family moving away from the area early in the New Year had callously dumped Ngao to survive alone on the streets. She is housetrained and walks well on a leash and is waiting patiently at our rehoming centre for a new chance at happiness. If you can help Ngao or others like her, please contact:

Carrie (International Adoptions) intl_adoptions@scadbangkok.org
Carol (Local Adoptions) adoptions@scadbangkok.org

TRAVELLING TO USA OR CANADA? Here's how you can help...

SCAD is always searching for travellers to escort a rescued dog to a new home in USA or Canada. If you are flying from Bangkok to North American destinations, especially Vancouver or Calgary in Canada, or Washington DC, Seattle, New York or Boston in USA and are willing to take a dog as excess baggage (at no cost or disruption to you), please contact Carrie or Carol.

Carrie (International Adoptions) intl_adoptions@scadbangkok.org
Carol (Local Adoptions) adoptions@scadbangkok.org

TOP BARKS TO OUR SPONSORS - WE COULDN'T DO IT WITHOUT THEM



We gratefully acknowledge that the truck used by SCAD for transportation of Soi cats & dogs to and from our Health Centre was kindly sponsored by **The Marchig Animal Welfare Trust, UK**

Goings on at the SCAD Health Centre

Our Animal Birth Control (ABC) and veterinary treatments are run from our Health Centre, situated in a rural area on the outskirts of Bangkok. There, resident vet, Dr. Komkrit, carries out on average 140 sterilisations per month and provides around 200 treatments for dogs and cats in need. We're proud of these achievements, but running the centre is a costly business and medical supplies are not the only daily expense. Behind the scenes volunteers and staff face a constant battle to keep the buildings and environment in good order. The weather also takes its toll on the facilities: wood rots; metal rusts and in the rainy season there is often flooding, making each day an adventure!



Photos from the Health Centre: Extra steel bars on the kennel run cages are attached and flooded road to the Health Centre

Our patients are the cause of considerable damage too! Many of the animals have never been confined before and are very affronted by wire caging and steel doors. They will go to extraordinary lengths in their efforts to escape - a dog can chew through the heavy-duty steel mesh of a cage and then through the steel wire of the kennel run doors in a matter of hours if determined.



Dog at the Health Centre

Each day at SCAD's Health Centre, up to 60 dogs and 30 cats receive the medical attention they so desperately need or sterilisation to prevent more unwanted litters. Repairs, renovations and improvements are therefore ongoing as they are vital to the safety and well-being of the stray animals in our care. SCAD always needs financial help to achieve the best we can for the animals and to assist in keeping the Health Centre safe and efficient.

Please donate today

No matter how small your contribution, you are giving the gift of a better life to the stray animals of Bangkok

Example medical costs:

Complete treatment for mange for one dog: 40 Baht (\$1.30)

One female canine sterilisation and vaccination: 750 Baht (\$24)

Example equipment costs:

Steel cages (various sizes): 10000 - 15000 Baht (\$322 - \$483)

A note from Miss Moneybags

Recently we've had a couple of people deposit funds directly into our bank account without leaving their details. If you're wondering why we haven't acknowledged your donation, please accept our sincere apologies and PLEASE get in touch with our treasurer, Belinda, on treasurer@scadbangkok.org: she's waiting to hear from you. If you prefer to remain anonymous, we offer our sincere gratitude for your support and thank you on behalf of all the stray animals your generosity will benefit.

Lucky 'Lom' lives to tell the tale

Many of the animals that enter SCAD's neuter & treatment programme come from neighbourhoods that tolerate strays. There is often a community member who cares for the animals to varying degrees. This is dependent on many factors: the number of animals, the income of the carer, the free time they have available and the attitude of the community towards both the carer and the animals. They are known as 'aunties' (or occasionally 'uncles') and would give their last grains of rice to animals in need. SCAD is continually humbled by their selflessness in such difficult circumstances.



Lom

One such auntie brought a cat to SCAD in January 2008. She had found the distressed kitty in her neighbourhood and was horrified by its condition. The little white female had obviously been subjected to some trauma – we can only guess at the history; it may have been a road traffic accident, a dog attack or a cruelty case. One eye protruded grotesquely from its socket, the other was clouded and blue. There had been some attempt to treat her and she had been abandoned on the street shaved along her back and abdomen and doused with green antiseptic fluid; her tail was wrapped in a filthy bandage.

Our resident vet, Dr Komkrit, found that the cat had suffered nerve damage to the tail at the point where it joined her body. The protruding eye was beyond saving and the little cat had only limited vision in her remaining eye. He operated to remove her tail and one eye. Although disorientated and frightened, Lom (as she was named, meaning Wind in Thai) was affectionate and enjoyed human contact.

Lom was given cage rest after surgery and a great many cuddles by SCAD staff and volunteers! As time drew nearer for her release, the SCAD team fretted about her future – even in the cage Lom struggled to locate her food bowl and litter tray and it was very apparent that she would not survive on the street. Then serendipitously, the 'auntie' came to say that she had found a home for Lom - a friend had offered to care for this brave little cat for the rest of her life. SCAD was sad to see her go, but happy and grateful that she has a second chance at life.



Lom after the operation

Like the wind she is named after, Lom wafted in to touch our hearts before breezing on.



Desktop Calendar Downloads available from SCAD

Check out our specially created downloadable desktop calendars with photos of real SCAD rescues - a new one each month - and tell all your friends. Perfect desktop photos for animal lovers everywhere: <http://www.scadbangkok.org/education/downloads.htm>



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Email: edusquare.info@gmail.com

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Dangerous Tick & Flea Product

A tick and flea preventative product on the market in Thailand known as 'Detick' can have an adverse effects on animals. Its use on your pet may cause convulsions and permanent damage to the liver. If your pet starts salivating, shaking or convulsing after tick & flea treatment, please seek veterinary attention immediately.

SCAD in the news

MorningTalk

In December, SCAD hosted the TV magazine programme 'MorningTalk' at ReTails Too to talk about the plight of stray animals and the SCAD mission to improve their lives. Our own Claire Deacon did a wonderful job of showing how community involvement and education is vital in bringing about change and that compassion and empathy with the animals that surround us makes our world a better place to live. The TV crew enjoyed their time with the dogs and cats in our Re-Homing Centre and a great day was had by all. Thank you to the TV crew for their unending patience and good humour – we're glad the kitties in their unique sky tunnel and botanical playpen finally woke up to their starring role! The MorningTalk edition featuring SCAD was aired at the end of December.



TV crew at the SCAD Re-Homing Centre

The Grim Reality

A recent article in Bangkok Post highlighted the cruel practice of shipping live dogs across the borders of Thailand to enter the food industry in surrounding areas.

These terrified animals are callously rounded up from the outskirts of Bangkok, and other large cities and then transported long distances in the most appalling conditions. Around 700 dogs at a time are crammed together into cages until there is simply no space left even to breathe, and the cages are then stacked onto the open back of a truck. Left fully exposed to the elements – enduring fierce sun or torrential rain during their final journey, crushed, bleeding and broken, the remaining hours of these dogs before an unspeakable death is the stuff of nightmares. SCAD hopes that the discussions and outrage that the article provoked will mean an end to this cruel and unnecessary trade.



Photo taken Feb 08, courtesy of Edwin Wiek, WFFT