

# VOICE OF PAWS

June 2020



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**CELEBRATING  
5 YEARS  
OF OUR  
HELP4STRAYS  
PROJECT!**

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## "HOW CAN YOU DO THIS WORK?"

Quite often I hear from people: "How can you do this work? Isn't it sad and isn't it just a drop in the ocean?"

- Yes it can be very sad. There are cases that are so terrible, that many people prefer not to hear about it. In our daily work we are constantly confronted with animals suffering from diseases, neglect and abuse. It is heartbreaking to hold a dying animal in your arms, realizing that all your rescue efforts failed or that your help just came too late. It also makes extremely angry to see animals that were failed or even killed by humans.

But all the sadness is countered by something far more powerful. It is the ability to change things for the better and to be there for these animals at their darkest hour. This is what keeps us going and what makes everything worthwhile.

Just a drop in the ocean? I can promise that a tiny drop means a whole new world for an animal who has been rescued.

There is no shortcut if we want to see change happen. We need to walk the extra mile and we need to have the courage to face the pain.

I am forever grateful for some of the truly amazing people who have joined us along the way and I couldn't be more proud of our team who is tirelessly working to save lives and to improve the living conditions for the strays on Koh Lipe.

Although HalfwayHouse 4 Paws has accomplished a lot for the strays on Koh Lipe, we cannot slow down. There is still much work to be done and these animals still need us. We couldn't do all this if it weren't for the generous support from people like you.

Thank you from the bottom of my heart for your help and kindness.

June was an intense month, with a large number of severely ill animals, cases of animal cruelty, but also priceless moments of joy. This newsletter gives you some updates and insights on what we achieved together in June 2020. I hope you enjoy reading it.

Sincerely,

*Desirée*

Co-Founder & CEO



## HELP4STRAYS KOH LIPE JUNE 2020



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**MEDICAL CARE FOR 67 STRAYS,  
THEREOF 34 RECEIVED INTENSIVE  
MEDICAL AND NURSING CARE**

**1000 KG DOG & CAT FOOD FOR  
THE STRAYS**

**29 DOGS AND 18 CATS STAYING  
AT OUR RESCUE CENTER FOR  
LONGTERM CARE**

## SPECIAL THANKS

Our heartfelt thanks to Angelo from the GREEN VIEW RESORT KOH LIPE not only for volunteering and his love for the animals but also for his two generous donations of total Thai Bath 24'500.- in June 2020.

HalfwayHouse 4 Paws doesn't receive any government funding and therefore we rely on donations.

Angelo's generous contribution came exactly at the right time and helped us to cover part of the expenses for food and medicine in June.

**Thank you so much, Angelo!**





## CHAI DEE & NAM CHAI DESERVED A CHANCE

Our animal care taker Nittaya was heartbroken when she discovered Chai Dee and Nam Chai in front of a house on Koh Lipe. Both kitten's hind legs were paralyzed, additionally they were showing other neurological symptoms and had problems to swallow any food. The kittens were just lying and crawling on the floor unable to reach shelter from sun or rain.

Chai Dee, Nam Chai and their mother had an owner who told us that the mother cat had already several litters with disabled kittens of whom most had died during or shortly after she gave birth.

It became clear that the kittens are most likely suffering from an inherited disease which made it even more important to get the mother spayed.

The owner didn't have the resources and time to provide them with the needed care and surrendered the kittens and the mother cat to our Animal Rescue Center.



At first we were not sure if the kittens will survive and we questioned what their quality of life would be but we decided to give them a chance.

It required a lot of time to hand feed them small portions several times per day. We also tried to help them to improve their physical impairment by daily physiotherapy exercises.

These efforts in combination with love and patience are starting to show results.

Chai Dee and Nam Chai still have physical impairments but they can now eat on their own and they even regained the ability to walk.

It is priceless and heartwarming to see them happily playing and how they enjoy their food.

Chai Dee and Nam Chai will stay at our Rescue Center until we find a loving forever home for them.



## BECOME PART OF OUR GARDEN OF LIFE

The Help4Strays Garden of Life is a wall painting at the entrance of our Animal Rescue Center on Koh Lipe.

Each leaf, butterfly, bird, flower and tree purchased is personalized to symbolize your generous donation to help us continue our mission of helping the homeless cats and dogs on Koh Lipe.

Why not give your loved ones and friends a holiday or birthday present of joy and hope?

It is also a great way to give in Memory of a Special Person or Pet.

Become a part of our Garden of Life:

<https://www.help4strays.org/garden-of-life>



# HOPE FOR COCO-SIMBA

Coco-Simba lives near our Animal Rescue Center and has always been happy and healthy until he got cancer.

One and a half years ago we saw that he lost weight and that he had a bleeding tumor on his penis. We immediately contacted our veterinary on the mainland and Coco-Simba was examined and diagnosed with TVT.

TVTs are malignant (cancerous) tumors, spread by the transfer of living cancer cells between dogs, usually during mating.

Coco-Simba underwent chemotherapy, which he tolerated well and total remission of the tumor was achieved after two months.

We were all very happy to see his recovery, and since metastatic cases of TVT are uncommon, we were hopeful that he wouldn't have any further problems.

Unfortunately Coco-Simba was not so lucky and the cancer came back one year later.

This time he had a tumor on his left eye. The tumor was growing very rapidly and it was obviously painful and affecting his quality of life.

We started his second chemotherapy in February 2020. Coco-Simba is in remission again since 4 months and he is doing very well.

Although he is already approx. six years old, he looks almost like a youngster after his second recovery.

We all love this gorgeous boy and we really hope that Coco-Simba has finally beaten the cancer.



Although TVT is still a serious problem for the dogs on Koh Lipe we have achieved great success in reducing the number of infected strays.

**HERE** you can read more about our TVT treatments on Koh Lipe.

Click **HERE** to see more photos of our TVT treatments.



## VOLUNTEERS SPOTLIGHT

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### **Time to say huge thanks to "Mimi" - Milos Prelevic!**

Mimi began volunteering for our help4strays project in spring 2017 and is ever since helping out when he is on Koh Lipe.

He is one of those people who are there when you need them the most.

**Mimi thank you so much for the countless hours of work and for being a wonderful and inspiring person!**

P.S. Mimi is not only an animal lover but also a great photographer.

Visit his Facebook page and blog to get an impression of his amazing work:

<https://www.facebook.com/PrelevicMilos/>

<https://youtu.be/WSnXHBhRmEU>

# CRUELTY BEYOND WORDS

WHY? Why would anyone throw kittens and their mothers into a bag and then dump them on a roadside right next to a pack of more than 15 stray dogs who then would attack and kill the kittens.

All of us were shocked when exactly this disgusting act of cruelty happened on Koh Lipe at the end of June.

Cristiano, who volunteers for our rescue found five dead kittens in a bag right next to the spot where he usually feeds the stray dogs. He then also found the mother of the kittens and another mother with her kittens hiding in a bush.

The poor mother cats and surviving kittens are terrified and now recovering at our Animal Rescue Center. We will have them all spayed/neutered and vaccinated.



If you would like to help these four kittens and the mother cats then please do so with a donation towards their vaccinations and spay/neuter surgeries.

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# MY NAME IS BROWNIE AND THIS IS MY STORY

I am only two years old, but I've been already through a lot.

At the end of 2018 I got very sick because of an infection with ehrlichiosis canis, a tick born disease.

The HalfwayHouse 4 Paws team took me into the Animal Rescue Center where I received treatment. I responded well to the lifesaving medical care but sadly soon after I got a big swelling on my upper jaw and nose and was diagnosed with primary cutaneous extragenital canine TVT (transmissible venereal tumor).

I had to undergo eight cycles of chemo which I tolerated very well and I am now in remission.

I don't have anyone who stepped up to sponsor me. This means that the expenses for my food, shelter and medical care are not covered.

Unfortunately love alone doesn't save lives and my two-legged friends here desperately need kind and generous people like you who step up and help with monthly donations which will allow them to continue helping doggies like me.

Are you that special person who takes action by becoming my sponsor?



When you sponsor a dog or cat of our Animal Rescue Center you will receive regular updates throughout the year on the animal you are sponsoring. As an acknowledgement, we will also place a note "Sponsored by ..." with your name on the dogs profile at our website.

**SPONSOR BROWNIE**



## WHAT CAN YOUR DONATION DO FOR A STRAY?

- € 5,00 - Full course of deworming for a puppy or kitten
- € 10,00 - One monthly tick and heartworm prevention
- € 20,00 - One bag of 20kg dog food
- € 30,00 - Spay / neuter for a stray
- € 50,00 - Full course of vaccinations for two puppies
- € 100,00 - Helps offset transport expenses for one dog
- € 170,00 - Covers the average monthly costs for one dog at our shelter
- € 630,00 - Funds treatment for a dog suffering from TVT (transmissible venereal tumor)



**THANK  
YOU!**

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# 2020 IS THE 5TH ANNIVERSARY OF OUR HELP4STRAYS PROJECT

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**We are looking back at 5 years of an amazing journey with lots of ups and downs, along with happiness and tears.**

**Thank you to all of our volunteers and supporters who helped us to save as many strays as possible and to ease the suffering and pain.**

**A whole island has changed for the better and this means the world for Koh Lipe's strays.**

**Stay tuned for our upcoming online events where you are invited to celebrate with us. We will announce them soon on Facebook and our website.**



“When I look into the eyes of an animal, I do not see an animal. I see a living being. I see a friend. I feel a soul.”

— Anthony Douglas Williams