

What does Dog Rescue Thailand do?

Dog Rescue Thailand (From July 2023 Dog Rescue MaePhim Foundation) is a non-profit organization with the purpose of helping stray dogs around the area of Maephim, Laemson and Chakadone by taking care of the sick and injured dogs, diminishing the number of stray dogs by TNR method (trap, neuter ,release)and feeding the dog to be able to treat and give vaccine , catch for sterilization and have a check on the number of dogs around the area. The dogs in the shelter are usually stray dogs that come in as puppies and cannot be released or sick dogs and old dogs that need medical care. To storage dogs in a shelter is far from a solution nor is dumping them in the street. A dog was meant from the beginning to live as a family member, they cannot survive in the wild without humans. That is the reason stray dogs are always around where people are.

Why Dog Rescue feed stray dogs?

Dog Rescue Thailand (DRT) feed dogs to be able to know the dogs around the area to keep track of the numbers of stray and to be able to neuter them and give medication and vaccine. Also, by feeding the stray dogs, they will be less aggressive to people and not so hungry knowing they get food from us. That way, both stray dogs and people can live harmoniously together in the area.

Why are there so many stray dogs now?

There will always be stray dogs with current attitude and culture of the people in Thailand. Because of the culture and religion, euthanize a dog is not accepted so people just dump the dogs to get rid of them and their problem. In MaePhim area, we were able to diminish the number of strays to 2019. After 2019 and pandemic, we can see an increased amount of abandoned and dumped dogs every day, causing the increased number of stray dogs in the area.

Is this a new problem?

Dumping of dogs to get rid of them and not take responsibility is the way people in Thailand always have solve their unwanted problems. The number of stray dogs in Thailand is more than the total population in Sweden and is still increasing. Many do not support sterilization because of their religion, which is changing little by little. During the pandemic and after, there is a significant increase of dumped dogs in the area. So, this is not a new problem but must be stopped. It is in all our interest to come together and contribute to decrease and try to solve this problem of stray dogs. As Dog Rescue MaePhim Foundation do not get support from the local municipality, it is hard for us to solve the problem alone.



What shall I do to avoid an aggressive dog?

To avoid aggressive dogs

- -try to walk another side of the road so you do not come in direct contact.
- - Walk slowly and calmly with straight shoulders and arms loose at sides. Do not flail your arms about.
- -talk firmly but not shout and calmly to the dog like "go home"
- -avoid eye contact with the dog

What do you do when a dog comes toward you.

Do not run, it would only trigger the dog more. Stop and make yourself big by standing straight and arms at side. Speak calmly but loud like "stop". If try to bite, use anything you have with you to deter their attention. Throwing treats or splash water from bottle of water without the cap will deter their attention to you. Walk calmly away.

Is there rabies in MaePhim?

There have been no reported cases of rabies in MaePhim for the past years. We try to give rabies vaccines to stray dogs when we have the finances

If I get bitten, what should I do?

If a dog bites you, you should go to a clinic as soon as possible to get the wound cleaned and get the rabies vaccine as preventive measure.

What can I do to help?

To diminish the number of stray dogs around MaePhim area is everyone's concern, both dog lovers and those who do not like dogs. The outcome if we do not work together will result in inevitable problems with the stray dog within the community. A lot of problems we already experience today like increased number of stray dogs due to dumping of the dogs. But to do so, DRT need both financial and social support from all the people living in the area.Y ou can work with us in different ways:

• Support by giving regular donations or become monthly donors. All money goes directly to care of stray dogs. We have open accounting on our website <u>www.dogrescuethailand.com</u>

- Help spread the word about our work, share our post on social media, talk to friends and family about us and come and visit us.
- Adopt, sponsor or volunteer.
- Donate, food, medicine, toys, blanket, towels, etc to the dogs in the shelter
- Work together with us to contact the mayor of local municiplity Suthon Por about stray dogs problem and ask that they put up SIGNS saying "dumping of dogs is not allowed". Even camera surveilance will make a change.



Can we visit Dog Rescue Thailand (Dog Rescue MaePhim Foundation)?

DRT is opened for visitors every day between 10-12 am and 1-5 pm. Everybody is welcome to visit, even children as our dogs love visitors

How do you finance your organisation?

When Dog Rescue Thailand started up, it was finance privately. Today it is mainly through donations from people all around the world. Donations vary from month to month making it hard for us to get the support we need. We are in huge need of monthly donors. Even small amount is a big help. This will help us stabilize our financial situation and help more.

What social media does DRT use?

Website:<u>www.dogrescuethailand.com</u>, Instagram: dog_rescue_thailand Favebook: dog rescue thailand Tik tok: dog rescue thailand Youtube: dog recue thailand