

A Pilot Project “Stray Animal Population Control at Srichang Island”

“Wherever in Thailand, the prolonged problem of stray animals have been created by man who is careless with no responsibility for their own pets and animals”.

“This is due mainly to the lack of knowledge, sense of love and care and the realization of the role played by animals in the country’s sustainable economic and social development. All these contribute to deteriorating social and environmental problems so that there seems no way to the end. Only through partnership by all parties concerned, can the problems be eventually eradicated”

The effort to control the ever – increasing number of stray animals population at Srichang Island has been initiated by Thai Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (TSPCA) in cooperation with Mahidol University’s Faculty of Veterinary Science and Srichang Municipality and is principally aimed to:

1. Promote tourism in Srichang among local and overseas tourists;
2. Develop better public health and a better natural environment to Srichang Community;
3. Manage stray animals based on a participatory approach to promote animals’ quality of life.
4. Raise public awareness and provide education on animal welfare to members of the local community including 500 schoolchildren.

Time-Frame of Operation

It covers a continued period of 4 months starting from 19 March to June 2006 which includes:

1. The sterilization and neutering.
2. Vaccination against animal-related diseases.
3. Vaccination against rabies.
4. Stray animal sheltering management.
5. The education and awareness raising on the proper care of animals among schoolchildren.

The Key Target Group

It includes all stray animals on the island as follows:

400 stray animals
200 home pets

Expected Output (Results)

1. The population of stray animals on the island can be efficiently controlled.
2. The community’s public health and natural environment of Kao Srichang will be improved.
3. The stray animals’ quality of life will be improved.
4. Members of communities will learn more on the development of a sense of love and care for animals, leading to the end of cruelty to animals.
5. If successful, the project is planned to be amplified and used as a pilot project to solve stray animal problems in other areas of the country.