



WSAVA Global Outreach Winged Vets: Neuter program

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Background:

The Thai Winged Vets not-for-profit organization provides much-needed attention to free-roaming and stray dogs and cats. Stray dogs and cats have been a problem in Thailand for decades. These animals are usually poorly cared for and often carry zoonotic diseases such as rabies and leptospirosis. Free-roaming animals also pose threats to other animals including canine distemper, canine parvovirus and feline immunodeficiency virus. These diseases can readily spread across the entire pet community. Add this to fecal pollution, urine spraying, and noise and a major concern for local people is created.



Winged Vets:

“Winged Vets” is a project initiated in 2012 by the Faculty of Veterinary Science, Chulalongkorn University, to provide neutering, vaccination, and healthcare services to stray dogs and cats in various parts of Thailand. The project presented here, will take place on Samet Island, one of the most popular tourist attractions of Thailand. Providing veterinary services to stray animals in the area will not only promote animal welfare in the community but also increase the safety of residents and tourists.



Hands-on Care:

Volunteers are now being recruited worldwide to provide hands-on care to this beautiful region. Activities will focus on neutering, rabies vaccination, and basic diagnostics. Treatment to address needs of the animals will also be offered.



WSAVA Outreach:

This effort is part of the ongoing WSAVA 2015 Global Outreach program for enhancing animal and human welfare on a global basis. Other similar activities are planned across Thailand and beyond. Veterinarians and veterinary technicians that come to the WSAVA World Congress are encouraged to volunteer for this exciting project and help promote both a greater collaboration within the veterinary profession and improved animal health in general.

Details:

Date & Place	11-13 May 2015 (3 days, 2 nights), Samet Island, Rayong province
Activities	Neutering, vaccination, deworming, treating animals
Transport	You are transported in vans (and a boat) to the island
Expense	350 USD/person (this includes all transportation, meals and accommodations)
Number of participants	10 persons (first-come-first-serve basis)
Coordinator	Dr. Chaiyot Tanratana - chaiyottoby@gmail.com (for general info about the program)

Please note that Hill's Pet Nutrition will either pay 50% of the costs of this project to the participant or donate that amount to The Winged Vets Project.

