

ROYAL GESTURE

King donates pet food to woman who cares for 43 street dogs

His Majesty King Maha Vajiralongkorn has graciously granted a large amount of pet food to 58-year-old Wandee Moongkhamen who cares for 43 street dogs in the Muang district of Samut Songkhram province.

Royal Thai Airforce Maj-General Thawatchai Srikaew presented the pet food to Wandee at a ceremony yesterday morning at Puang Malai temple.

Also in attendance were Samut Songkhram Governor Khanchat Tansathien and the provincial livestock development office head Wilailak Kanchanawat.

With tears of joy in her eyes, Wandee said she felt deeply grateful for His Majesty's kindness to her and her dogs.



Thawatchai also visited the Wandee Moongkhamen Animal Shelter at its new location – a five-rai plot of land in Tambon Thaihad, which belonged to construction business owner Uthai Damrongthasm.

Uthai gave Wandee permission to keep her dogs there free of charge on condition that the dogs must be nurtured and given rabies vaccines. The businessman also had the land cleared and levelled and will provide her with tap water and electricity. A house for Wandee is under construction.

It was also revealed that the Muang Samut Songkhram Municipality has provided 50 kilograms of rice for the dogs on a monthly basis while the provincial livestock development office gave vaccines, dog and cat sterilisation services and veterinary treatment. Several state agencies also pitched in with other necessities.