

BREED

by Chatchawan Amsomkid

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Thavibu Gallery is pleased to present the art exhibition Breed with new three-dimensional works by Chatchawan Amsomkid. Marking his debut solo exhibition, the sculptural installation comprises resin-moulded canines performing acrobatics that carry overtones to life's daily circus.

Man's best friend, the dog is a prevalent and unavoidable character to Thai life. Found roaming stray on any street, or left out to guard an owner's territory, pooches serve as both devoted companions and beasts of burden. Trained to perform on cue, boutique attired, and displayed in photo albums, in contemporary society where child rearing has become optional rather than compulsive, dogs have supplanted as our surrogate offspring.

Defined by breeding and distinctive behavioural traits, particular canine characteristics provide convenient metaphors to human personalities. The feral street dog could be analogical to the poor and down trodden, while pampered imported toy dogs are characteristic of Bangkok's indulged urbanites. Against the current political and social backdrop, where class distinctions and disparities of wealth have been pushed to the fore, Chatchawan's



bestial parodies are extremely pertinent to the heightened societal discord.

Having studied both a BFA and MFA in Sculpture at King Mongkut Institute of Technology Ladkrabang, Chatchawan currently teaches sculpture at the same

institute. He has featured in several group exhibitions, as well as picking up the bronze (2007, 2009) and silver prizes (2008) in the Mixed Media category of the annual National Exhibition of Art.

A Cutie, 2010 ▶
Resin and mixed media
18 x 22 x 60 cm



◀ **Crouching Critter, 2010**
Resin and mixed media
20 x 40 x 66 cm



Endearment, 2010 ▶
Resin and mixed media
21 x 26 x 58 cm



Treading Carefully, 2010 ▶

Resin and mixed media
120 x 40 x 89 cm



◀ **A Balancing Act, 2010**

Resin and mixed media
65 x 52 x 161 cm



Dozing Off, 2010 ▶

Resin and mixed media
50 x 70 x 36 cm



Breed is the fifth exhibition in the yearlong project, 3D@Thavibu, highlighting three-dimensional art in Suite 307 of Thavibu Gallery. Curated by Steven Pettifor, 3D@Thavibu presents a series of exhibitions featuring established and emergent Thai and international artists.



Chatchawan Amsomkid
b. 1976

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