

VISAKHA SOCIETY FOR PROTECTION AND CARE OF ANIMALS



ANNUAL REPORT

YEAR: 2021-2022





PRESIDENT'S WORD

The year 2021-22 has been extremely challenging yet noteworthy. Incessant rains for days on end, have stalled VSPCA's strong progress since 2016, as the "go-to" animal organization in the city dealing with the devastating fallout from the Corona Virus. The last two years have taken VSPCA a few steps back, in terms of planning and executing projects around climate adaptation. The increasingly severe nature of natural calamities is more than anyone could anticipate in March 2020, when the virus brought humanity to its knees.

However, we rise, remaining strong for the animal and natural world, demonstrating incredible results (words of our donors) as we conquer all varieties of dire situations and circumstances. Our staying power conspires from the Universe, and is based on supporters and donor strenght, and your care for animals.

Thank you from the bottom of my heart for your consistent support and care for Mother Nature and her agents like VSPCA. We request that you keep us in your thoughts when you are able to spare more to care for Animal Welfare and Ecological Resilience. Wishing you all a very happy, healthy, and prosperous 2023!

- Pradeep Kumar Nath, CEO of VSPCA



DOG PROTECTION PROGRAM (D.P.P)

THE MAIN OBJECTIVE OF VSPCA'S DOG PROTECTION PROGRAM IS TO PROMOTE CO-EXISTENCE BETWEEN CANINES AND HUMANS TO REDUCE HUMAN-ANIMAL CONFLICT, AND KEEP RABIES ERADICATED ACROSS REGIONAL VISAKHAPATNAM

VSPCA STRATEGIES INCLUDE:

SPAY/NEUTER/IMMUNISE/RE-HOME

- **NO.OF SURGERIES DONE = 7,824**
- **NO.OF DOGS IMMUNIZED = 7,950**

RESCUE/ REHABILITATE/RE-HOME

- **NO. OF DOGS RESCUED = 782**
- **NO. OF DOGS RE-HOMED = 295**

ENCOURAGE RESPONSIBLE FEEDING

- **NO. OF FEEDING STATIONS MANAGED ACROSS THE CITY = 24**
- **DOGS BENEFITED= 587 PER DAY**

AWARENESS AND LOBBYING

- **NO. OF CASES FILED = 11**
- **NO. OF CAMPAIGNS HELD = 24**



NO HUMAN CASUALTIES! DUE TO RABIES

VSPCA'S D.P.P. IS MISSION-CRITICAL IN BRINGING RABIES CASES DOWN TO ZERO CASUALTIES IN HUMANS IN THE CITY - A STEADY STAT FOR 25 YEARS

CAT PROTECTION PROGRAM (C.P.P)

VSPCA'S CAT PROTECTION PROGRAM WAS INITIATED TO ADDRESS AND MITIGATE THREATS FACED BY COMMUNITY/STREET/FERAL CATS

COMPETITION FOR FOOD, RECKLESS LITTERS AND UNMANAGED KITTENS, HORRIFIC ABUSES AGAINST CATS, AND CAT POACHING FOR THEIR FLESH, ARE CONFLICTS IMPACTING CAT HEALTH AND SURVIVAL

TO MITIGATE HUMAN-FELINE CONFLICTS, VSPCA ORGANIZES A VARIETY OF COMMUNITY-SENSITIZING CAMPAIGNS AT FISHING HAMLETS, FOOD MARKETS, AND SUCH CONFLICT ZONES:

TO ADDRESS SOLUTIONS AGAINST:

- INHUMANE ABUSES AGAINST CITY'S CATS
- MERCILESS CAT KILLING
- CAT POACHING FOR THEIR FLESH (RAMPANT UNDERTAKING BY POACHERS, ACROSS THE CITY)

VSPCA ADVOCATES AND IMPLEMENTS FOR:

1. SPAY/NEUTER/IMMUNIZATION

- NO.OF SURGERIES DONE = 84
- NO. OF CATS SHELTERED = 84

2. RESCUE/REHABILITATION/RE-HOMING

- NO. OF CATS RESCUED = 18
- NO. OF CATS = 88

3. TOLERANCE AND ACCEPTANCE.

- NO. OF SENSITIZATION CAMPAIGNS DONE = 44
- NO. OF AREAS COVERED = 23

4. FEEDING STATIONS.

- NO. OF CATS FED = 106 PER DAY
- NO. OF FEEDING STATIONS COVERED = 24



ZERO CAT POACHING INCIDENTS REPORTED THIS YEAR

OUR C.P.P TEAM BUILT A NETWORK ACROSS THE ENTIRE VISAKHAPATNAM REGION, IMPLEMENTING COMMUNITY CAMPAIGNS TO PURSUE AND NAB CAT POACHERS, PREVENTING THEM FROM LETHALLY HARMING COMMUNITY CATS, AND OFFERING THEM ALTERNATE LIVELIHOODS



CATTLE RESPECT PROGRAM (C.R.P.I)

VSPCA'S CATTLE RESPECT PROGRAM INDIA IS A HOLISTIC AND COMPREHENSIVE INITIATIVE ADDRESSING PROBLEMS CATTLE FACE:

- CATTLE TRAFFICKING WITHIN/ACROSS STATE'S BORDERS
- ILLEGAL SLAUGHTER OF CATTLE AND EQUINES
- HORRIFIC ANIMAL MANAGEMENT AT SHANTIES/ANIMAL MARKETS, TRADE ROUTES, AND UNDER PRIVATE OWNERSHIP
- "PLASTIC COW" PROJECT (SURGICALLY ADDRESSING CATTLE INGESTING PLASTIC)
- RESCUING CATTLE IN DEEP DISTRESS

OUR CAMPAIGNS ARE ORGANIZED IN THE CHAOS OF ANIMAL MARKETS, TARGETING CATTLE TRAFFICKERS, MIDDLEMEN AND FARMERS. WE BRING AWARENESS AROUND PROPER HANDLING AND HOUSING OF CATTLE, UN-EXPLOITATIVE MEANS OF MAINTAINING SPENT CATTLE (VS. SUPPLYING THEM TO BUTCHERS), AND HUMANE TRANSPORTATION STANDARDS

NO. OF CAMPAIGNS HELD = 48

OUR SENSITIZATION CAMPAIGNS EDUCATE ON CRUELITIES TAKING PLACE IN THE INTERNATIONAL TRADE OF ANIMALS, GRUESOME SLAUGHTER AND HARMFUL ECOLOGICAL IMPACTS DUE TO LARGE-SCALE MASS SLAUGHTER OF CATTLE

NO. OF CATTLE REGIONS VISITED = 18

VSPCA'S "PLASTIC COW" PROJECT ALONG WITH THE RESCUE OF DISTRESSED CATTLE HAD DIRECTLY RESCUED AND REHABILITATED THOUSANDS OF CATTLE IN GREAT AGONY

NO. OF ANIMALS RESCUED & REHABILITATED = 486

NO. OF ANIMALS SHELTERED = 469



C.R.P.I EXTENDED ITS HELP TO SAVE OVER 450 CATTLE DUMPED ILLEGALLY IN A GUASHALA

SAVING SIMHACHALAM CALVES

SAVING THE SIMHACHALAM CALVES HAS BEEN VSPCA'S TARGETED MISSION FOR TWO-AND-A-HALF DECADES. OUR VIGIL PERSISTS AGAINST MIDDLEMEN WHO CONSIGN THESE ANIMALS TO SLAUGHTER.

WITH COMMUNITY-CENTRIC EFFORTS, WE WERE SUCCESSFUL IN BRINGING DOWN THE ANNUAL CALF ABANDONMENT NUMBERS FROM 25,000 BACK IN 2000S, TO 3000 IN THE YEAR 2020. THIS IS DIRECTLY ATTRIBUTED TO OUR DOOR-TO-DOOR CAMPAIGN IN VILLAGES THAT REVERE SIMHACHALAN DEITIES

WE PRIMARILY EDUCATE TO RE-SENSITIZE THE DEVOTEES AT THE TEMPLE SITE, WHERE CALVES ARE ABANDONED, BY SHOWCASING THE ATROCIOUS CONSEQUENCES FACED BY DAYS-OLD CALVES LEFT AT THE GOD'S ALTARS.

REACHING ABANDONMENT STATS OF 3000, HAS MOTIVATED OUR TEAM TO KEEP OUR GOAL AS ZERO DONATION OF CALVES TO SIMHACHALAM BY DEVOTEES

RESCUING AND REHABILITATING THE CALVES IS AN INTEGRAL PART OF THIS PROJECT, WHERE WE RESCUE NUMEROUS CALVES FROM TRAFFICKING, ACCIDENTS AND NEGLECT, ENROUTE TO SIMHACHALAN, AND WORK WITH FARMER COOPS TO TAKE THEM IN AND MAINTAIN THEM UN-EXPLOITATIVELY, YET USEFULLY - MANUFACTURING FERTILIZER AND GROUND CLEANER FROM THEIR DUNG

No. of Campaigns Completed = 82



**DRASTIC DECLINE IN THE
ABANDONEMENT OF CALVES
FROM 25,000 TO 3,000**

ONE-STOP COMMUNITY DOG- FEEDING STATIONS

SINCE THE PANDEMIC, SCARCITY OF FOOD IS IMPACTING STREET ANIMAL BEHAVIOR AND HEALTH. VSPCA HAS INCREASINGLY GROWN ITS ESTABLISHED AND ORGANIZED NETWORKS OF 'COMMUNITY DOG' FEEDING STATIONS IN VARIOUS SECTIONS OF THE CITY, WHERE THERE IS SERIOUS COMPETITION FOR FOOD AMONG COMMUNITY ANIMALS.

TODAY, WE HAVE DEDICATED SERVICES AND SERVICE PROVIDERS HELPING US THROUGH THE DAY, WITH AN INCREASED NUMBER OF FEEDING STATIONS WE'VE ESTABLISHED. SINCE THE MUNICIPALITY EXACERBATED THE ALIENATION OF DOGS, MIXING UP THESE TERRITORIAL ANIMALS IN DIFFERENT NEIGHBORHOODS DURING THE PANDEMIC, OUR FEEDING STATIONS ARE KEY TO DOG HEALTH AND REDUCED HUMAN-ANIMAL CONFLICTS.

NO. OF FEEDING STATIONS COVERED = 24

NO. OF DOGS BENEFITED = 587 PER DAY



**VSPCA'S FOUNDATION PROJECT
THE ONE-STOP COMMUNITY
ANIMAL FEEDING STATION HAS
ENTERED ITS 50TH YEAR**

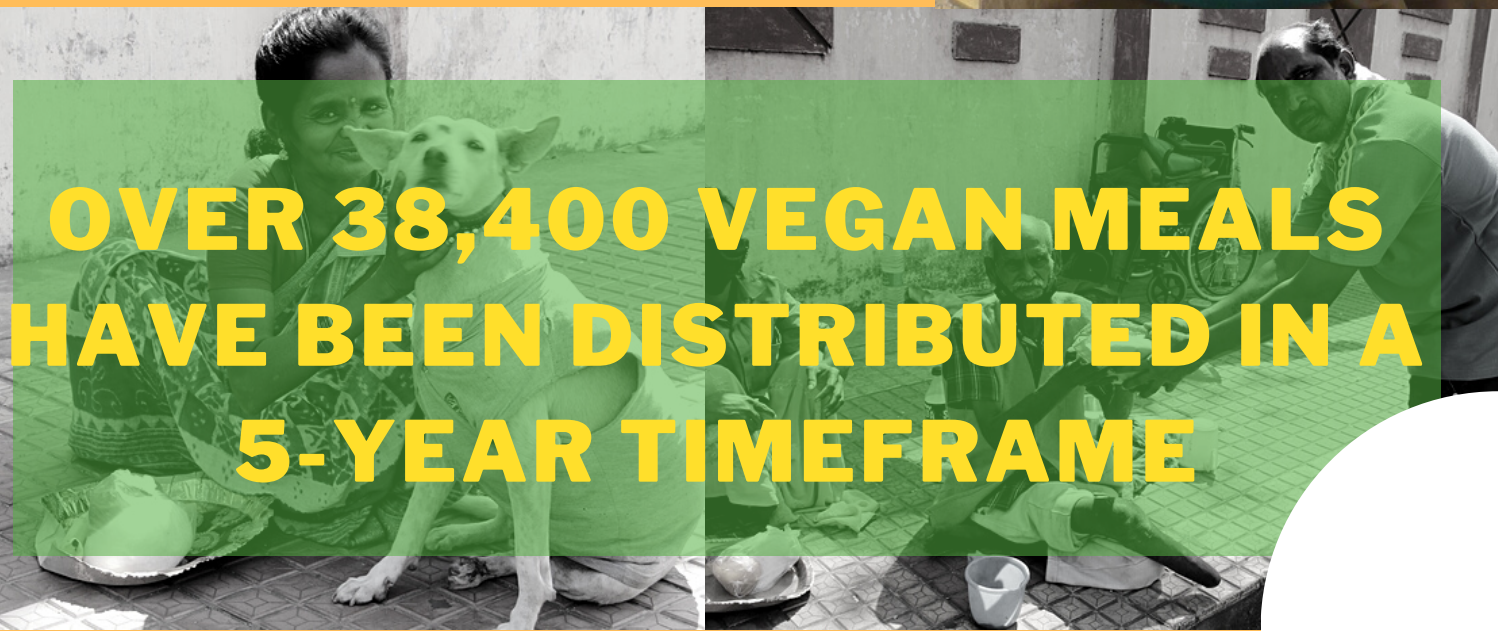
KINDNESS MOBILE RESTAURANT

VSPCA'S KINDNESS MOBILE RESTAURANT INITIATIVE SERVES THE NEEDY AND UNHOUSED HUMANS. THE PROGRAM CATERS TO THOSE WHO ARE LEFT TO STARVE ON THE STREETS AND WHO SEEK OUT THE COMPANIONSHIP OF ANIMALS.

NON-DAIRY VEGAN MEALS ARE DISTRIBUTED TO NEGLECTED, ABANDONED, SPECIALLY-ABLED MENTALLY CHALLENGED, AND MARGINALIZED INDIVIDUALS VIA OUR "KINDNESS MOBILE RESTAURANT."

MOST OF THESE INDIVIDUALS HAVE ADOPTED COMMUNITY ANIMALS, SENDING URBANITES A MESSAGE OF PURE LOVE AND COMPASSION TOWARDS ALL BEINGS. VSPCA URGES OUR RECOGNITION OF SUCH GENEROSITY, ESPECIALLY WHEN ONE HAS NO MATERIAL POSSESSIONS.

NO. OF BENEFICIARIES = 1920



AWARENESS, EDUCATION, AND OUTREACH - DEFYING SPECIESISM!

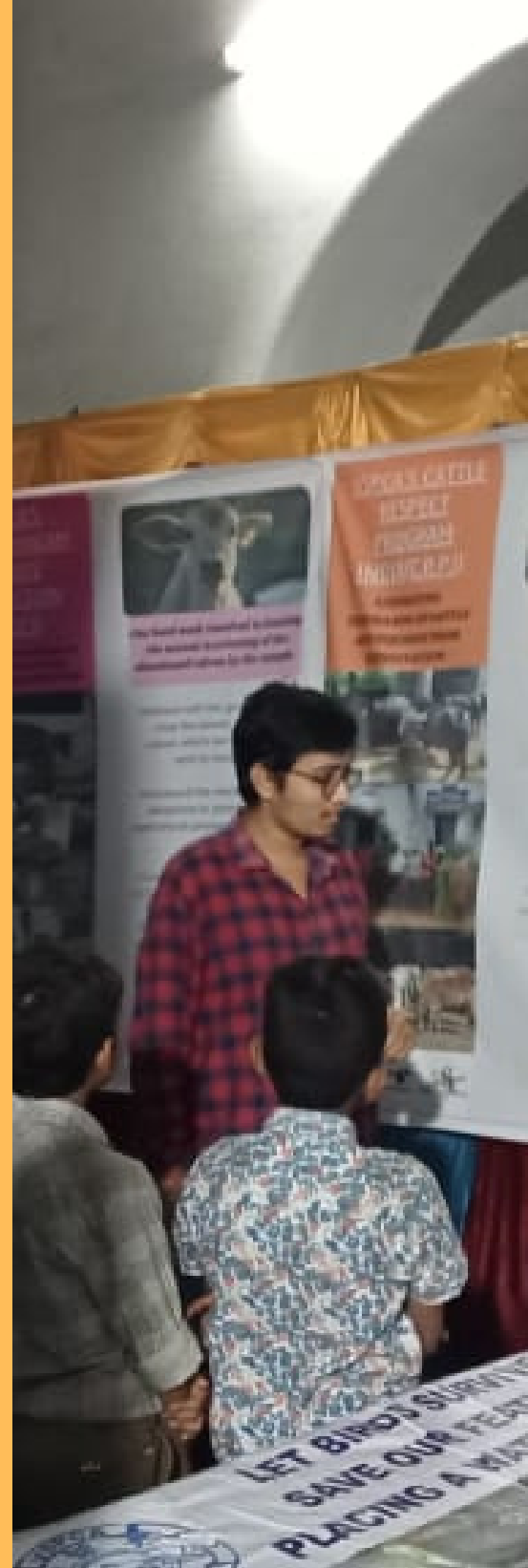
Awareness and Education Outreach is an effective tool VSPCA applies to resolve real-time challenges exploiting animals and Mother Nature.

Protection of the Environment, preserving ecological relationships in Nature, and safeguarding the last remaining natural habitat for all species is paramount for VSPCA.

Effective campaigns undertaken by VSPCA are :-

- Promotion of Animal Birth Control over brutal culling of community animals.
- Campaigning to halt Olive Ridley Turtle poaching. Thereby, inspiring the fisher community to drive community-led conservation initiatives and measures.
- Sensitizing communities in order to rid ourselves of superstitions and bad omens held against street cats, encouraging their acceptance among the people. This has eliminated the widespread culling of stray and feral cats.
- Liberating cobras, parakeets, star tortoises, monkeys, and other trafficked wildlife from the clutches of performers and poachers.
- Campaigning against plastic ingestion by cows under the Plastic Cow program.
- Bringing Awareness in Rural Communities, through animal markets, to maintain standards & facilities for animals, avoiding their inhumane display/trafficking & illegal slaughter.

NO. OF CAMPAIGNS HELD= 35



OVER THE YEARS, VSPCA'S EDUCATION/AWARENESS CAMPAIGNS HAVE ACHIEVED SIGNIFICANT RESULTS IN HALTING SEA TURTLE SLAUGHTER AND CULLING OF COMMUNITY ANIMALS, WHILE LIBERATING MANY WILDLIFE SPECIES

LIBERATION OF WILDLIFE

VSPCA is vigilant for the cause of wildlife liberation. We make effort to re-wild animals after rescuing them from the clutches of poachers, wildlife trappers, street entertainers, etc. where animals are forced to perform illegally.

Parrot astrologers, snake charmers, poachers, and traffickers are people we confront repeatedly to confiscate and busts their networked operations, resulting in the liberation of various species in Scheduled Lists, which have been rehabilitated and re-wilded.

Over the years, stats and reporting show a steady decline in occurrences of wildlife trapping in the city, which has been attributed to our relentless efforts and strong vigil against wildlife crimes in our region.

NO. OF ANIMALS RESCUED = 19

NO. OF CONFISCATIONS = 14



VSPCA ACTS SWIFTLY TO PREVENT AND ELIMINATE CRIMES AGAINST WILDLIFE. OUR EFFORTS HAVE SIGNIFICANTLY REDUCED WILDLIFE TRADE ACTIVITIES IN VISAKHAPATNAM. PARROT ASTROLOGY, MONKEY ENTERTAINMENT, AND TROPHY HUNTING ARE RARE IF ANY ACROSS THE DISTRICT

VSPCA SHELTER & SANCTUARIES

Shelters and Sanctuaries play a crucial role in mitigating the suffering of distressed and rescued animal residents of the city.

The upkeep of animals at the shelter - their rescue, rehabilitation, and re-homing; and additionally, caring for specially-abled animals, performing spay-neuter surgeries, and ensuring shelter-sustaining activities, remain among our biggest challenge.

VSPCA has been doggedly pursuing revenue generation through product manufacturing, despite combating natural calamities.

NO. OF ANIMALS RESCUED= 970

NO. OF SHELTERED= 1021



DESPITE CHALLENGES IN CLIMATE SHIFTS AND WORSENING CIRCUMSTANCES FOR ANIMALS, VSPCA HAS BEEN PROVIDING SAFE REFUGE FOR THOUSANDS OF DISTRESSED INDIVIDUALS. 850 ANIMALS HAVE BEEN RESCUED BY OUR TEAM THIS YEAR ALONE

SHELTER 1



KINDNESS FARM



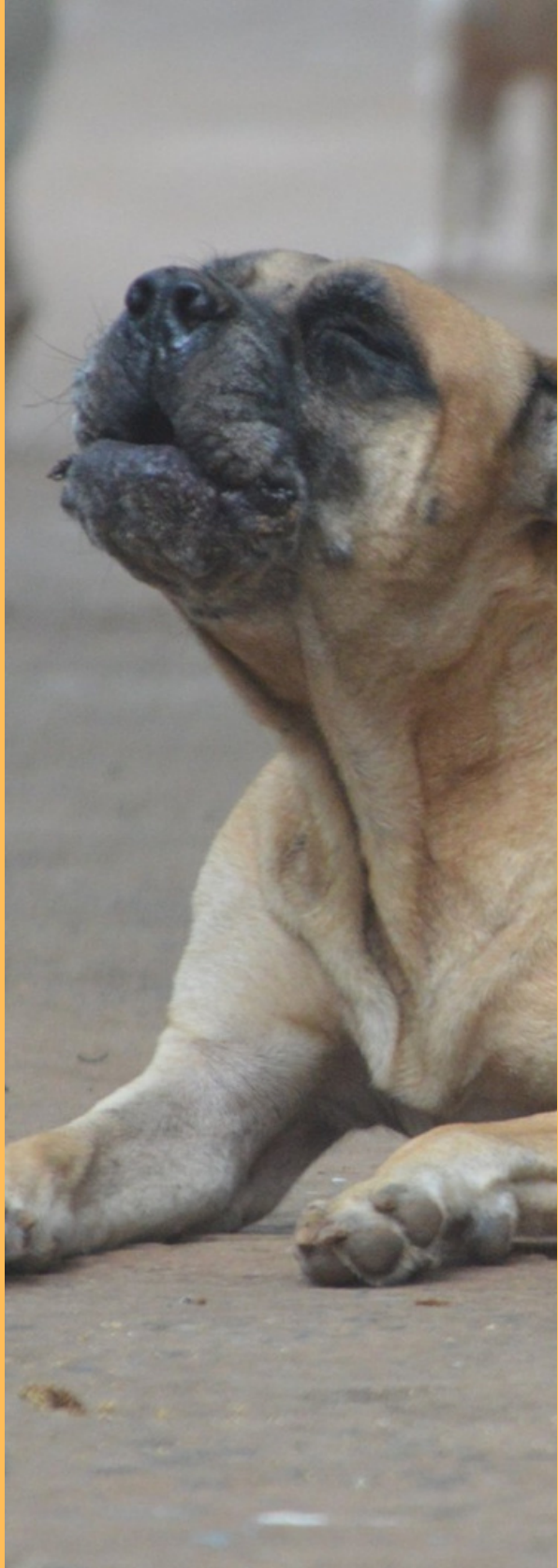
PEDIGREE DOG PARADISE

The issue with Abandoned Pedigree Dogs is highly distressing becoming a thorn in the holistic welfare of all dogs.

Abandoned non-spayed and unvaccinated dogs are at high risk of casualties while creating greater vulnerability among community dog populations, with the potential rise of both diseases and dog-dog/human-dog conflicts. VSPCA worked to resolve this issue by establishing a facility for Rescue/Rehabilitation of Abandoned Dogs. It is now **a model for city governments with large dog populations and unused open areas**. With this facility, we have the capacity to rescue and shelter abandoned dogs, re-home them to their forever families, or shelter them permanently.

Most of the dog housing construction is complete with trees and recreation facilities (swimming pools, burial grounds, play areas, individual bungalows, etc.)

As the facility is fully operational, it will serve as a demonstrable mechanism for resolving the issue of abandoned pedigree dogs.



OVER 80% OF THIS DELIGHTFUL DOG PARK'S CONSTRUCTION IS NOW COMPLETE. IN 2023-24, THIS FACILITY WILL BE FULLY FUNCTIONAL. WE ENCOURAGE EVERYONE TO VISIT THE WORLD FIRST-EVER DOG PARK

BIOPHILIC VISAKHAPATNAM

Biophilic Visakhapatnam is a pioneering initiative to safeguard the city's natural and green spaces and integrate interspecies / human-animal co-existence scenarios within urban ecology and the ecosystems in the district of Visakhapatnam.

Biophilic Cities Network (a global organization headquartered in VA, USA) brings together planners, architects, conservationists, scientists, and activists with a mission to rebuild greener cities and enhance inter-species co-existence in urban landscapes.

VSPCA representing Visakhapatnam city, is an ally within the Biophilic Cities Network, launching and pioneering the Initiative **Biophilic Visakhapatnam**, a first of its kind in India.

Under this initiative, VSPCA is working in habitat restoration, rejuvenation, and preservation of destructed landscapes helping re-brown/blue/green Visakhapatnam city under the universal laws of interspecies co-existence.



**VSPCA HAD ITS FIRST-EVER DISCUSSIONS
WITH
GOVERNMENT/CORPORATION/COMMUNITY
REPRESENTATIVES TO LIST AND WORK
TOWARD GOALS FOR BIOPHILIC
VISAKHAPATNAM FOR THE YEAR 2022-23**

NATURAL CALAMITIES

Natural Calamities have been relentless over the city of Visakhapatnam. The city has been ravaged by depression, cyclones incessant rains, and heat waves. This region is prone to depressions and cyclones often, due to low-pressure area formations in the ocean.

This year we were hit with depression seven times, with several downpours of unprecedented rainfall.

VSPCA shelters were often hit by flash floods, submerging low-lying areas, turning them into swamp.

VSPCA staff strive to avoid casualties. However, safeguarding the animals and securing the infrastructure and their food resources, has become a significant challenge.

We strive to minimize the losses; however, the damage this time has never been seen before.

Please support VSPCA in our mission to protect animals and natural habitats.

Losses = Rs.27, 41,400



EACH YEAR, WE HAVE BORNE HEAVY LOSSES DUE TO CYCLONES, RAINS, AND HEAT WAVES. OUR CRITICAL DRY FEED STOCKS, ENCLOSURES, AND INFRASTRUCTURES ARE HEAVILY DAMAGED. THOUGH WE ENSURE ZERO CASUALTIES, LOSSES ARE BURDENSOME

SAFEGUARDING AND PROVIDING SPECIAL ASSISTANCE TO NEGLECTED CATTLE

During the period between September and January 2022, we confronted a serious issue, where over 500 cows, calves, and bulls were confiscated by various groups at key trafficking arteries. The cattle were dumped in the local "gaushala" (cow pens) with a housing capacity for 40 Animals.

Periodically, confiscated cattle from various District Police Stations destined cattle to this gaushala, where none of the groups spared a hand in taking care of the animals! Without proper management and intense neglect, hundreds of cattle were dying of malnutrition, prolonged illness, and trauma. VSPCA intervened to manage the situation providing medical assistance to over 450 bovine. We rehabilitated the sick, disabled, and orphaned calves to various shelters in the city and monitored resident cattle to recovery.



FASCINATING RECOVERIES

Remarkable Rescues and Welfare Activity



Dog with Deadly maggot wound: recovered and re-homed



A severely wounded dog recovered from a near-fatal porcupine attack: quills safely removed



Dog near death, given a second lease at life

FASCINATING RECOVERIES

Remarkable Rescues and Welfare Activity



Piglets rescued from being stuck in a narrow wall: reunited with their mother.



A severely wounded dog: rescued, rehabilitated, and now re-homed



Dog treated from a cruel acid attack. Now, re-homed

FASCINATING RECOVERIES

Remarkable Rescues and Welfare Activity



A Black Kite entangled in "manja" (kite flying thread with glass) rescued from the tree



Parakeet rescued from astrologer rehabilitated at our sanctuary



A sad story: a dyed chick, rescued and given for adoption

FASCINATING RECOVERIES

Remarkable Rescues and Welfare Activity



Star-tortoises: confiscated from a middleman and rehabilitated at VSPCA's Main Shelter.



Energetic parakeets: from cruel confinement to liberty






Parakeet rescued from an event: now in our aviary

MOBILE AMBULANCE CAMPS

DOOR-TO-DOOR AWARENESS AND EDUCATION IN SERVICE OF ANIMALS WHO HURT

"MOBILE AMBULANCE CAMP"

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Advocating for the **principle of interspecies coexistence**, and **welcoming community dogs as pets**, we consistently **encourage community residents to care for/become dog owners**: toward this goal, we conduct weekly health checkups and immunization drives.



IMPACT REPORT

**We had an amazing year
aiding distressed
animals, through our
various initiatives,
mitigating several
challenges, and ushering
in the holistic animal
welfare approach**

**THE OVERALL DIRECT
BENEFICIARIES
OF 2021-22**

1,28,420



7,950

**SPAY/NEUTER
SURGERIES AND
IMMUNISATION
S DONE**

970

**DISTRESSED
ANIMALS
RESCUED**

10,000

**HUMANS
BENEFITED
THROUGH OUR
AWARENESS
OUTREACH**

1,09,500

**FOOD PACKETS
DISTRIBUTED THIS
YEAR AT OUR
FEEDING STATIONS**

IMPACT REPORT



**We had an amazing year
in awareness and
education - in nurturing
ecological relationships,
speaking to habitat
conservation, ecosystem
management, and
interspecies coexistence
in many communities
across Visakhapatnam**

**THE OVERALL IMPACT FROM
OUR EFFORTS EFFECTED A
POPULATION OF 2021-22**

18,92,607

3,75,000

**CARE GIVEN TO
3,75,000
ANIMALS
SERVED PER
YEAR**

6,205

**RESCUES
APPROACHED**

1,902

**VEGAN MEALS
DISTRIBUTED**

15,09,500

**CITIZENS OF
VISAKHAPATNAM
BENEFITED THROUGHOUT
THE CITY THROUGH OUR
A.B.C AND A.R.V. (RABIES)
PROGRAM**

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have done it
without your
generous
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