



## VISAKHA SOCIETY FOR PROTECTION AND CARE OF ANIMALS Annual Report - 2012-2013



2012 - 2013 has been very Productive and Gratifying

### **Zero Rabies for this region has been reached:**

This was finally achieved! It could have been done two years ago but for the unfortunate stopping of the ABC program by the Municipality. However, noticing the need for continuous programme (i.e. puppies on the street again!) we were asked to do the ABC programme and we will continue to do this for 2013 – 2014 too. We are thankful to Greater Good organization, Net AP, Mayhew Foundation, and Animal Welfare Board of India for their sponsorship to this vital programme.

### **The formation of exclusive Dog and Cat Adoption team:-**

Month wise ward /wise mobile Medical camps have been functioning and we hope this will provide awareness and increase comprehensive adoptions with follow-ups and consultancy experts in place. We are looking forward for an exciting period and positive results. We are thankful to Help Animals India for their sponsorship of this vital program.

### **The Cattle Respect Programme India (CRPI) :-**

Is another major initiative that began work from January 2013. A joint venture of Animal's Angels and VSPCA the project covering Visakhapatnam, Vizianagaram and Srikakulam Districts in the first phase is to stop the immense cruelties during transportations of cattle. We are very happy to join hands with the experts Animal's Angels, Germany to alleviate the sufferings of the cattle during transportations. The project includes awareness campaigns at village levels ultimately working towards building animal welfare at the point of supply and stopping from sending to slaughter houses.

**The other major achievement :-**

has been to stop the horrendous auctioning of male calves by the thousands indirectly moving towards illegal slaughter houses. We were finally successful in stopping this after almost 8 years of protests by various ways. However, the bigger challenge will be to streamline the male calves that will remain once the devotees offer to the Simhachalam Temple, Visakhapatnam. We have taken in hundreds of unwanted baby male calves already and prevented the theft of many hundreds more by the black market dealers as we continue our negotiations with the Temple authorities to provide for them.

**Plastic Cow campaign continues:-**

Surgeries for rescued cattle with the support of A Well Fed World, Help Animals India and NetAP.

**We are glad to report :-**

that VSPCA receives more students from respectable Institutions from within the country for professional internship and choosing animal welfare organizations is gradually proving that animals and environment occupy an important place in the Earth's biodiversity.

**We obtained the organic certificate:-**

for both the Kindness Farm and our first shelter (Shelter 1) . This is not meant to earn a premium for our produces but to prove that the byproducts from the rescued cattle are a premium for producing better results providing quality soil and trees and plants through which the farmers can learn to utilize the cattle byproducts until their natural deaths. The Kindness Farm is extremely busy with all the required development works taking place and this will be a place that everyone would love to live in. It is a Shelter / Refuge to show kindness to all beings. Our extreme gratefulness to The Winsome Kindness Constance Trust and Modi Trust.

**VSPCA is growing from strength to strength :-**

with regards to animal welfare activities with different projects aiming towards respectable objectives and our working message is spreading far and wide and every scope for larger concrete expansion programmes with likeminded people. The Kindness Ocean and Kindness Skies are being well received by the Government and they are keen partners to this initiative at least in terms of using their permissions and logistic support.

All said and done with every achievement achieved and recorded comes the recognition and with that comes the challenge to help and support in more areas. We are happy to do this and we look for all your support as always which makes all the difference and which allows us to march forward into new areas with new situations to overcome.

*Pradeep Kumar Nath*

*Founder / President*

## AWARENESS AND EDUCATION PROGRAMMES

As every year our basic aim towards providing an effective awareness and education campaign, the mode of reaching the desired results as per our experience, we strongly adhere to the concept of achieving the purpose via practical education programme. In this regard, our campaign in this direction has been towards the sea turtle protection and stopping the abuses to the beach horses. Also at the villages for being kind to animals and adoption programme in fact, every project of our include awareness component with effective materials the campaign is very strongly moving in the desired direction and we continue comprehensively work to more extended areas. We remain grateful to Modi Trust and Help Animals India for making this possible.



Awareness Camp at Village

## KINDNESS MOBILE RESTAURANT

**(Vegan meals the poorest of the poor having compassion for animals):-** We have reached into the 3<sup>rd</sup> year of the campaign which is to provide nutritious and warm one time meals to the poorest of the poor who have a natural and genuine affinity to the street animals. This Kindness Mobile Restaurant has moved into different areas benefitting more needed human beings. This campaign has made tremendous impact into the section of the people targeted for the purpose. The best observation of this programme has been the identification of local heroes who are having natural compassion for the animals. It is our endeavor to connect the living beings that have and face the same problems when abandoned. There are many touching stories of this kind of bondage between like humans and the animals. While the humans now act as soldiers for the abandoned dogs, the dogs look upon their masters and protect them and their belongings. Which means they are socially, morally and ethically bonded. Our heartfelt thank to The Winsome Constance Kindness Trust for initiating and providing continued support.



Hot Nutritious Vegan Meal



Feeding the Street Dogs

## CAT PROTECTION

Our exclusive cat refuge at shelter-I is now almost full with 125 cats and kittens rescued from different situations across the districts and nation. At the most we can add another 25 of distress cats to the facility. To overcome the need, we need to urgently come up with a similar facility at the Kindness Farm. We are very happy to mention that the coming year we will have one such building with the exclusive support from NetAP, Switzerland. However, we still need to strive hard to raise money for the maintenance of the cats and the buildings. This year we rescued 19 cats and 15 kittens from the roads and from hunters. As much as we wish that the cats live happily on the streets or as pets,, yet is increasingly difficult to protect them from certain death, from their biggest predators -- the poachers. Even so called "soft release" does not work. Therefore, our strategy has been to continue their rescue and increase in our efforts for re-homing them by stepping our efforts for that practical education programmes. Until then we help to provide a natural and substitute habitat for them at our refuge. We also are grateful to Help Animal India, Ms. Olive Walker and Greater Good Organization for supporting this cause.



**At our Cat Refuge**



**Feeding Time**

## RESCUES

We continue to make steep progress and attend to all rescues both domestic and wild through our 24hrs mobile and rescue teams. With exclusive provisions made in our policy to help the animals from distress situations, we continue to maintain with momentum. With over-filled conditions at the shelter, we are also looking into options with more on spot treatment and follow-up measures. With industrialisation of city with every passing day, over grown human population and increase in traffic congestion, the increase in animal accidents has reached high proportions. Thus, it is inevitable that our mobile services are always kept on alert.



**A Puppy Rescued From a Demolished Building**



**Rescued Puppy from the Road**



**Recent Duck Rescues from Slaughter Houses**



**Rescue Parrot fell from tree**



**Rescued Cattle from Illegal Transportations**





**Rescued Bat**



**Rescued from Parrot  
Astrologer**



**Rescued Eagles**

## VICTORY for SIMAHACHALAM CALVES

After a sincere hard battle over six years with many effective methods finally the dreadful auctioning of male calves which numbers annually over 15,000 have been stopped.! We consider this as one of our major achievement considering the immense suffering and the days old calves cruelly separated from their mothers and these calves are only going to the slaughter places. This effort is not only applicable to our place but to the entire state of Andhra Pradesh. The reality of this stoppage is still to sink in us because this was a battle without any hope due to the involvement of big influential politically and religious categories. However, it is necessary for us to help meet the need and care of these calves that will now be at the temple areas. We are working closely with the related departments to provide the best possible solution to look after the thousands of male calves offered by the devotees.



**Auctioning banned saving 15000 Male Calves from going to Slaughter Houses every year.**



**Looking after more than 1000 Male Calves left abandoned by devotees at the foot hills of the Sri Varahalakshmi Narasimha Devasthanams.**

## KINDNESS FARM

The Kindness Farm flagship of the Kindness concept is under heavy reconstruction work hit by the recent cycle. The extent of damage has made us to double our work efforts and in another couple of months' time we should be able to provide a better, a stronger, planned, shelter for humans and kind support from Modi Trust, The Winsome Kindness Constance Kindness Trust, Help Animals India, Ms. Olive Walker and, Animal Welfare Board of India.

### **We will be able to provide :**

1. Boundary wall to the entrance and to the Goshala Area.
2. Water storage tanks 30Lts tanks 3 Nos.
3. Cat shelter for 150 nos. ( Sponsored by Net AP).
4. Dispensary for the small animals with 10 Kennels .
5. The front OPD and Security Room.
6. Essential drainage system.
7. From the entrance to the 2<sup>nd</sup> gate road leveling by gravel and will do a cement road in future once some more money is available for this.
8. A room at top of worker's rest room for office.
9. Cattle shed- 1, 90feet X 25 Feet.
10. Two more bore wells.
11. Medical equipment and instruments( individual donor referred by you ).
12. Biogas plant with generator to provide 11 hours electricity.
13. Composting sheds.
14. Cow distilling unit.

The summer is very hot and the ground water level is very low therefore, we are also going into watershed management that includes rain harvesting and digging of storage points.

The Kindness Farm is getting busier this year and through this year the transformation would have been in place with more essential infrastructure ready. We will be able to use this facility for more animals and continue the ABC Programme in the rural areas. We propose to start from June when four volunteer vets from the UC Davis in the USA will be visiting. We are talking to local vets with part time salary to attend to the medical needs as we grow in rescuing more numbers of animals in distress.

There is so much to be done and we hope that three years down the line this will be the place where every kind of living being would love to stay.



**Kindness Farm**

## KINDNESS OCEAN

The Sea Turtle Programme under the Kindness Ocean this season 2012-13 has been absolutely fantastic in the sense that with two big hatcheries the results has been 90% saved. It gives immense satisfaction to us that we also were able to send into the ocean 90 % of the babies under our care. The remaining 10% pertains to under developed and undeveloped eggs. This year we been able to purchase scientific instruments related to the temperatures and measurements to achieve better results from the 30Kms of length. So far 342 nestings have been sighted and 48,060 eggs collected within 8Kms from Naval Coastal Battery to Rushikonda Beach alone indicating the high profile choice by the sea turtle to lay the eggs here meaning and confirming as important nesting ground. This year the rate of nesting trebled than last year and most of them young matured turtles providing the concept that due to imprint technology in the hatchlings the matured mothers after the 15<sup>th</sup> year have come back to the place of the birth and this could be the reason why so many have started to come this year being exactly sixteen years of the projects implementation. However, with a view for a practical conscious decision we have decided from now to release hatchlings further North near Sagar Nagar beach where there are no disturbances. We feel as part of our obligations that the future should be in safe hands and continue to help more as we do now and build the conservation level for these endangered species. It is important to build this network to get the right persons into this project because the way human population is increasing and the way Tourism development is growing over here, it is thus a matter of time that the human juggernaut will overrun all other habitats if we do not take concrete measures to protect these important places and we will be left with human species only. We remain grateful to A.P. Forest Department, The Winsome Constance Kindness Trust, Greater Good Organization, Help Animals India,

Ex-situ Protection and Care of Animals								
Area	January		February		March		April	
Zone -1	No of Nest	No of Eggs	No of Nest	No of Eggs	No of Nest	No of Eggs	No of Nest	No of Eggs
	30	3583	112	13876	46	5346	13	1554
Zone- II	22	9453	77	9453	38	4283	04	512
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>13036</b>	<b>189</b>	<b>23329</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>9629</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>2066</b>



Sea Turtle Babies Ready  
For release



Hatchlings competing  
to reach the ocean



One of the thousands  
Hatchlings in action in  
the ocean relaxing and  
travelling

## Kindness Skies

The birds have gone back with their Hatchlings. There were lesser casualties than last year. However the number of birds has reduced. It could be the early cyclone issue . There were more than 1700 Migratory Birds and more than 40 Indian species who were found at the feeding point now. The biggest predator for these birds is the Thermal power station. Ironically, the human butchers and hunters are now protecting the birds as they feel that the availability of the birds in these areas are a positive reason for them to prove to the higher authorities that the thermal power plant will destroy the habitat of the wet land. For them this excuse will get better compensation . The birds are now caught between the two political parties. Also, the sea turtle season adjacent to this wetland is at the same time proving the great importance for this area and a strong biodiversity lies existing here. On our part we have now in place persons to take care more progressively and innovative programmes. The placement of suitable protective measures and a regular team to keep a watch have allowed better results. Plantation of trees also will be taken up during the monsoon season. With the new Divisional Forest Officer, Shri. Vijay Kumar we have a personal touch with him having worked together for years in Visakha. Thus we plan to submit a more detailed proposal for 2013 – 2014 year. Utterly thankful to The Winsome Constance Kindness Trust for continued support.



**Pelicans and Painted Storks**

## ABC (ANIMAL BIRTH CONTROL )

The biggest news and the happiest announcement has been the achievement of zero rabies in this city. We would have achieved much before but for the stoppage of work for 2 years by municipality. However, from June 2012 understanding the fatality of stopping this programme, they have once again entrusted to do this ABC project. We have conducted 5,000 dogs under their programme. And 7400 here we continue to do more ABC in the rural areas with support from NetAP , Mayhew foundation and Help Animals India. The Greater Good Organisation has also been providing support for the ABC programme with re-vaccination to the dogs already sterilised. We are thankful to all of our supporters which now allow us to conduct a programme on continuous basis consolidating the places where we began the programme and extend to more areas.



**Dr. Rajeswar operating on a Street Dog**



**An ABC dog on full time happy release**

## ADOPTION (DOGS & CATS)

Finally, after a lot of deliberations and planning we got an exclusive adoption team in place. The reason is to provide a proper follow up to the animals provided. Also the adoption team will be responsible for holding monthly wise camps that includes pre medical services, counseling and enrolment of volunteers in the different areas. We hope to increase the number of such camps and programmes and provide better adoptions. The adoption team is also responsible for making visits and enquiring about the well-being of animals adopted. Cats are a big taboo and ostracized in our society, Therefore, this team will hold exclusive education efforts to sensitize and remove the myths surrounding the cats. Very happy that Help Animals India, and Ms. Olive Walker could make this possible.



**Launching of the Adoption Programme**

## CATTLE PROTECTION

Despite our unfortunate stopping of raids due to space constraints upon the illegal transportation of cattle for slaughter purposes yet we received cows from illegal slaughter transportations from high emergencies and handed over by authorities. And as usual the animals were in a very bad shape requiring a lot of care. We hope to use our Kindness farm once we provide the basic facilities and resume raid and rescue more and look after them at our Kindness Farm. The by products are well known for the usefulness and we plan to use at our extensive Kindness Farm area which ultimately be a training ground for the farmers to not sell their cattle but to use them till their natural death. Added to this is our special extended village education team of cattle Respect Programme India – Joint initiative of Animal Angels and VSPCA. who have covered almost 70% of the rural Visakhapatnam since January-2013.



**One of the rescued Calves**



**Medical Camp at one of the Villages**

## Plastic Cow Campaign

We eagerly await the final decision from the Supreme Court of India with regards to the total Ban on Plastic at the ground level our campaign continues with vigor besides the surgeries to remove plastic from the affected cows, pushing hard on awareness campaign.





## Cattle Respect Programme India

Animals' Angels together with the VSPCA is very happy to announce the joint foundation of the **Cattle Respect Programme India**. (CRPI). We have been aware of the animal welfare problems in the transport of cattle in India for many years. With the Cattle Respect Programme we have found a way to sustainably fight for a change on the ground. It is great to have the VSPCA as a reliable, well-respected partner" states Christa Blanke, founder and director of Animals'Angels. Animals' Angels visited Andhra Pradesh in 2012 to get an understanding of the way cattle are kept and transported in India. She wrote: "Quite frankly, we were shocked. The way cattle is loaded onto trucks at shandies and transported over long distances is horrendous. The abuse takes place hidden from the Indian public and sometimes even hidden from the farmers' eyes. We have not expected to see such cruelty on such a big scale."



**CRPI officers speaking to the villages about the Illegal Transportation**

## HORSE CAMPAIGN

Our horse campaign has continued this year conducting awareness, counseling and providing medical facilities. Our horse campaign has provided a channel to reach out to the owners and the handlers of these horses who are generally very rough with the horses. They receive us with happiness and very co-operative because there are no proper veterinarians for the horses. With our inputs from foreign volunteer of vets, we use their services for helping these horses and our vets gaining valuable experience. We In this regard specifically thank Ms.Jane Courtney Koutinik and Help Animals India for exclusive horse assistance.



**Free Horse Medical camp at R.K. Beach, Urban Viskaha.**

## VOLUNTEERS

Overseas volunteers continue to visit us to assist and as well to learn. As a sharing opportunity the volunteer's services are in valuable



Nora Schenedier



Janine Vocke



Dr. Caroline



Uta



Ronjha

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