

# ANNUAL REPORT 2014-15



The year witnessed the worst cyclone hit and also the best team work and extraordinary effort. We bring to you the highlights of the year showcasing the milestones achieved in spite of odd situations



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## *From the President*

### **Greetings,**

*We are pleased to present VSPCA's 2014-15 Annual Report. The year showed us the most difficult time of our 19 years effort, when super cyclone HUDHUD hit our city and left us devastated and shattered, we were entrusted with the responsibility of over 1200 animals in the shelter and hundreds on the streets. My respect to the passion, bravery and capability of VSPCA staff members and supporters has never been stronger.*

*We fought back and with the support of each and everyone, for which we are grateful from the deepest corner of our heart, we came back bigger and better. Difficulties make us strong every year and we learn to resolve bigger challenges of near future.*

*Your collaboration and support is the key of our success, our achievements are motivation to many and illuminating path for many milestones yet to be achieved.*

*We are extremely grateful for your continued commitment to animal welfare. Thank you.*

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'Pradeep', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

**Pradeep Kumar Nath**  
**Founder/President**

## **Our Approach and Aim**

VSPCA works to overcome sufferings and miseries of the animals. To achieve the greatest possible impact, VSPCA works at community level. We aim to protect all kind of animals which are essential part of the environment and society.

Our approach is holistic. We aim to address the animals in need and equally to support them in bringing about positive change and realize their rights.

We tailor our support by combining a mix of humanitarian, longer-term development and campaigning and advocacy strategies, so that everything we do is connected and mutually reinforcing.

VSPCA is an independent organization recognized by Animal Welfare Board of India, Chennai, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, New Delhi.

**Registration No.:- 865/96**

**Income tax exception detail pertaining to 12A (b) of the income-tax Act, 1961**

### **Charitable Objects :**

As stated in the Memorandum of Association the objects for which VSPCA is established for the welfare of animals are :-

- Prevent any type of cruelty towards animals, belonging to all categories, including those domesticated, stray and all those in captivity.
- To educate the general public and inculcate a love for animals and a healthy interest for their welfare.
- To promote an awareness to the existence of animals as an essential part of life.
- To prevent inhumane and indiscriminate killing of stray dogs and other animals.
- To recommend merciful and pain-less killing of animals suffering from incurable and painful diseases.

***The organization is not a profit making organization; it is purely for the welfare, preservation of all animals.***

## **Organization Governance**

### **Jurisdiction and tasks of Board and Management during 2014-15**

#### **The Board –**

- Is ultimately responsible for strategy, policy, budget and result.
- Approves audited financial statement and ensures the organizations compliance with laws and regulation.
- Sees to it that the activities of the organization are aimed at realizing the target and contribute to its mission.
- Examines the strategic long term plan and the individual annual plans and budgets and reviews the progress of the plans throughout the year.
- Decides adjustments of plans, budgets and investments.

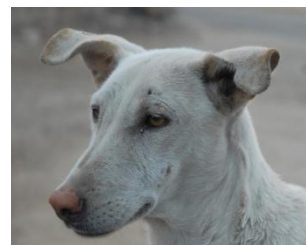
### **Composition of the Board as on March 31, 2015 :**

- **Project Director/ Founder/ President: Mr Pradeep Kumar Nath**
- **Vice president – Ms Usha**
- **Secretary – Ms Mallika Buddhiraju**
- **Treasurer – Mr J. Sridhar**
- **Joint Secretary – Ms Sarada Buddhiraju/ Mr JVVS Rajsekhar**
- **Joint Secretary – Mr Pramod Agarwal / Mr Subhash Kedia/ Mr Srikanth**

#### **Advisory Board**

- *Mr Phil Wollen and Mrs Trix Wollen*
- *Ms Eileen Weintraub*
- *Ms Margaret Gebhard*
- *Ms Esther Geisser*

## ANIMAL BIRTH CONTROL



Yet another successful year of the ABC project; more than 5,000 dogs were revaccinated under the anti rabies programme and ---- dogs were neutralized. This was our fourth year of Zero Rabies in the city. The programme was well supported by everyone and the team did tremendous job , operating 20 dogs per day with 80:20 Female – Male dogs respectively.

With growing area under municipality now we have greater responsibilities to perform. Along with the zone 1, 2, 3 and 6 which is under our project, there is now 100% new extended area of Anakapalli and Bheemli to be covered. Instead of many issues during the year which hampered the project, we have not stopped. Abandoned pet dogs which constitute around 40% of the total dogs in the city are another issue hampering the project. These 40% dogs are not vaccinated and are the most potential carrier of rabies. Hence, there is the need of an immediate clamp and regulation of the pet traders and to the pet owners.

We had been planning on extending our efforts to the surrounding rural areas where the need is more, by putting base at the Kindness Farm for a systematic full time ABC Programme . It is now going to be possible through the support of NetAP and ably supported by Help Animals India. We are very grateful to them for procuring a new ambulance for the project which aims to cover the spay/neuter programme in rural areas, named as **Dog Protection Programme**.

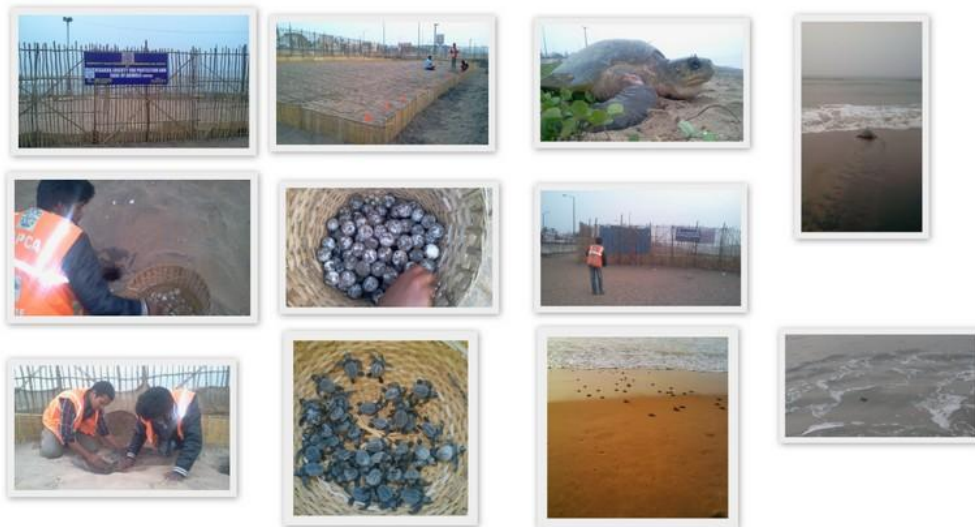


### From 01-April -14 to 31- March -15 ABC Operations

GVMC	5000
Steel Plant	168
Total	5168



## OLIVE RIDLEYS



This time unlike every year, expectations with the nesting was not high because of the worst hit of super cyclone Hudhud that destroyed the primary nesting ground of sea turtles. But like never before, we received record nesting this year which proved all the negative predictions wrong.

Although it was a good year for the sea turtle protection programme team, our beach also witnessed unfortunate habitat loss due to beach erosion. The root cause of tragedy is very clearly the human interferences on the beach. Beach side Constructions, tourism development and violation of coastal regulation zone are few reasons adding to the habitat loss. Our fight to protect the habitat on the shore is still strong and we wish to do it more strongly for the turtle protection on the sea which includes action against the trawlers using turtle unfriendly nets.

Area	Nests	Eggs Received	Undeveloped Eggs	Dead Hatchlings	Hatchlings Released
R.K. Beach Area covered - Coastal Battery to Vuda Park	123	15,016	1,181	730	13,105
Jodigullapalem Area covered - Vuda Park to Rushikonda upto Bheemili	197	23,777	2,113	1,274	20,390
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>320</b>	<b>38,793</b>	<b>3,294</b>	<b>2,004</b>	<b>33,495</b>

Also this year we tried to extend our education awareness programme to the general public on the beach. Our team educated people about the sea turtle lifecycle and our conservation efforts to save them.





## CAT PROTECTION PROGRAMME



Our very new programme for this year which is sponsored by NetAP and ably supported by Help Animals India, is a very positive step towards the protection of Indian street cats. Cats are vulnerable around the nation because of the superstition attached with them of all kinds. Under this programme we aim to rescue the cats from vulnerable places and to spay/neuter them before their release. We have been rescuing the cats from the hotels, streets, dustbins and other places. We wish to spread it deeper in slum areas. With two team members who go out looking after the cats and thrown off kittens in the surrounding 20km area, we have rescued many distressed ones in need of special care. To remove cats from their hotels, schools or houses, people call the cat hunters as they consider them reliable and suitable for the solution, which is definitely not true. We have clamp down many poachers in the area who trade cats for their meat. We are now educating and informing these places to approach us for the shifting of cats. We believe it is a very special programme to support the sustainability of Indian cats and hope the project will move with greater pace in coming months.

## SIMHACHALAM CALVES



Our programme to save the days old male calves of Simhachalam has moved positively all year long. It is very painful to see young calves suffering from severe malnutrition with very less chance of survival, given as offerings to the temple. On a happy note, this is the second year that there is no auctioning of the male calves that were donated by the devotees to the Simhachalam temple. Also due to our campaign the numbers have greatly reduced to around 3300 this year compared to the annual average of almost 15000. However, even these 3300 is a high number and we are trying to stop the devotees from bringing them and donating to the temple who do not want to take care of the jersey males and protect the Indian breed. Hence we are taking them in and giving for suitable adoptions to poor farmers with complete monitoring system.

Also the unfortunate hit by super cyclone Hudhud affected the programme temporarily. Sheds were blown away both at the shelters and the temple goshala, it was very necessary to rescue and shift calves to the shelter who had the chance of death by hypothermia. We had very heavy loss of infrastructures and being the only active organization of the region, we had the complete responsibility of rescuing the animals of 40km radius.

Apart from rescuing the days old babies, we continue to give adoption under very strict screening with monitoring team in place. So far around ---- male calves were given for adoption. Our team regularly visit villages and educate people to donate in artificial images, which has successfully been done. We are dealing with few arrivals that we still confront on some religious occasions. Our aim is to commit every village a place for unwanted cattle and utilizing their by products for improving the agricultural activity of villages. Our efforts so far:-

## PLASTIC COWS



We are continuing to rescue cows with the case of plastic contamination. The PIL that was filed in 2012 in the Supreme Court of India has shown positive hope but we still wait for the final verdict in favour of removal of plastics from the streets. We are operating vulnerable cows in need of emergency operations. The surgeries are quite long and require extreme skills with experience to achieve full success. We have operated 4 cows this year on the basis of emergency.

We are very positive that during this year we will take more cases of plastic contamination with the support received from you.

## ILLEGAL TRANSPORTATION AND SLAUGHTERING



We have moved very strongly this year to stop the illegal transportation. We confronted number of cases of illegal transportations and rescued bunches of cattle.

Illegal slaughtering happening in the government slaughter houses were raided and many cows and their progenies were rescued and shifted to our Kindness Farm. We are not only raiding but are also fighting legally to stop these slaughter houses, which hide from law and run this heinous business.

Saving Simhachalam calves from slaughtering is our biggest success. Orphaned male calves were earlier smuggled secretly, which are now completely banned. We are concentrating more on the team effort with the collaboration of volunteers who can step forward to stop such illegal activity with us. We are seeking support of the locals to do it on a large scale. In spite of the risks involved, we are facing it bravely. This year has been very productive; we undertook more than 1200 cattle in our Kindness Farm rescued from the illegal slaughtering. Being the only major goshala in the region, we have total responsibility on us. Rescued cattle now stands at 1,230 from both our Shelters.



## KINDNESS SKIES



This year was not easy in many ways, although we face cyclones and heavy rainfall every year, the worst hit of super cyclone was completely a nightmare come true. Pelicans, Asian open billed storks and other species of 20,000 birds that come every year faced the wrath of cyclone. Hundreds of chicks died while many eggs had fallen off the nests and hundreds of birds left the area. Exactly this time last year 'Phailin' destroyed hundreds of birds and we had to work hard to save the remaining thousands.

Our emergency rescue team was scattered in the city as soon as cyclone started relenting. This was not easy as we were surrounded with emergency from all sides. We are extremely thankful to the emergency help we received from other organizations. This was our 14<sup>th</sup> year of project at Telenelipuram and Telekunchi in Srikakulam District saving and protecting the migratory birds and we wish to see birds arriving more strongly next year.



## DR. PAW – HEALING HUMANS



This is our old programme that connects humans and animals in a common bond of love. Animals have the power to heal humans, which is a fact that everyone has witnessed who connects with them. Our Dr. Paw programme this year was very exciting, we had the chance to visit 4 physically impaired Institutions, covering more than 400 beneficiaries Including mentally challenged, physically handicapped, vision impaired and elders where the message of kindness and compassion was spread among everyone. Our Dr Paw this season were 'little' and 'QT', two white furry friends and Florence (blind dog) who interacted with vision impaired kids. Their interaction with children was very delightful; it gives us immense pleasure to see compassion among young kids for the animals. With the aim of spreading compassion among people, we wish many more interactions in coming years.

## KINDNESS MOBILE RESTAURANT



This very sensitive and compassionate programme was very successful this year, which began under the stewardship of Mr. Phil Wollen (Winsome Constance Kindness Trust), to honour the people who love animals on the street and to bridge the gap between the souls. We covered maximum beneficiaries who share warmth and love with the street animals.

We were there to provide food to the people on the next day of cyclone hit even though it was difficult. We are grateful to our supporters who helped us to continue the programme even when the food prices were going high. We were happy to know none of our beneficiary was harmed in cyclone. We hope to receive your continuous support in coming years.

## ONE STOP FEEDING STATION



With the heavy loss to our shelter due to cyclone and emergency situations in the city, we did not forget our more than 200 stay animals that we feed every single day in 14 stations spread over the old city. This is the oldest and foundation project of VSPCA and we understand the need of developing community dogs as an integral part of the ABC Project. Our feeding time every day, (6:00am to 9:00am, 4:30pm to 8:00pm and 10:00pm to 10:30pm) remains unchanged, which force us to be very punctual as we know we are expected on the spot at the exact time. We were amazed to see dogs in front of feeding stations even at the day of cyclone and we had to shift them to a safer place for feeding. The bond of VSPCA's President with the strays around the city has been unbroken since past 40 years. As said by the famous Charlie Chaplin "One who feeds the hungry animal, feeds his own soul", we are grateful for your continued support to this wonderful cause.

# Rescues





## How To Donate

### Donate to VSPCA

VSPCA relies on donations of all sizes from people all over the world. Without your help, we could never continue to care for, and fight on behalf of India's animals.

There are three ways to donate to VSPCA. *(Please note that PayPal donations are not tax deductible. For Indian tax deductions please send by post or wire per below as per options 2 and 3 below. For USA tax deduction please see option 2 below.)*

(Those in India can [download our membership form here.](#))

#### 1. Donate Online

The fastest and easiest way to donate is online via PayPal. You don't need a PayPal account to donate, only a credit card.

Where would you like your donation to go?

- ☒ Wherever it is needed most at the shelter
- ☐ Spay/neuter and rabies vaccination program for cats and dogs
- ☐ Cow protection team (to investigate and report on the illegal cattle trade)
- ☐ Cat protection team (to patrol and stop the cat eaters)

How much would you like to donate?

*A few examples: \$15 pays for spay/neuter/vaccination for one cat or dog; \$25 pays for one cow or cat protection patrol person for one week; \$125 pays for one qualified veterinarian for one week.*

- ☐ \$15.00
- ☐ \$25.00
- ☒ \$75.00
- ☐ \$125.00
- ☐ \$500.00

☐ Or, donate a different amount: \*

☐ Please make this a recurring monthly donation

\* Minimum donation is \$5.

(You might also consider [sponsoring one of our shelter animals.](#))



## **2. Donate By Mail**

USA tax-deductible contributions can be sent to Help Animals India, a 501(c)(3) organization. The Help Animals India board has agreed to help VSPCA. Mail your check made out to "Help Animals India" (with "VSPCA" in the memo) to the address below.

**Help Animals India**  
**19215 32nd Avenue N.E.**  
**Seattle, WA 98155**  
**USA**

Alternatively, you can send your check directly to the shelter in India (make the check out to "VSPCA") at the below address — a receipt will be mailed back to you from India once it is received.

**Visakha Society for Protection and Care of Animals**  
**26-15-200, Main Road**  
**Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh, India 530-001**

**PAN NO. AAATV1603N (for Indian tax statements).**

## **3. Donate by Wire Transfer**

When donating via wire transfer, please send us an email to let us know. This way we can watch for the incoming transfer and notify you when it has been received.

### **If sending from outside of India, wire to:**

**State Bank of India**  
Dwarakanagar Branch, Visakhapatnam, 530 016  
**A/C No: 10615619893**  
Bank Code: 3060  
IIFC Code No: SBIN 0003060  
Swift No: SBI NIN BB123 (State Bank of India, OverSeas Branch, Visakhapatnam)  
Address: State Bank of India  
Dwarakanagar Branch  
Dwarakanagar  
Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh, India 530 016

### **If sending from *within* India, wire to:**

**State Bank of India**  
Maharanipeta Branch, Visakhapatnam, 530 002  
**A/C No: 10849854432**  
Bank Code: 754  
IIFC Code No: SBIN 0000754  
Address: State Bank of India  
Maharanipeta branch  
Collector office  
Visakhapatnam, 530 002  
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# Activity Report 2014-2015

<i>Sea Turtle Programme</i>	<i>No. of Eggs</i>	<i>No. of Hatchlings Released</i>	<i>Total</i>
	38,793	33,495	33,495
<i>ABC for Dogs</i>	<i>No. of Dogs Sterilized</i>	<i>No. of Dogs Provided Anti Rabies Vaccination</i>	<i>Re-homing /Adoption</i>
	5,168	5168	5168 ( Rehomed)
<i>SOS Wild Animals</i>	<i>Rescues</i>	<i>On Spot Treatment</i>	
<i>Monkey</i>	1		1
<i>Parrot</i>	10		10
<i>Star Tortoise</i>	4		4
<i>Owls</i>	1		1
<i>Squirrels</i>	2		2
<i>Snakes</i>	5		5
<i>SOS (Domestic)</i>			
<i>Dogs</i>	241	12	253
<i>Puppies</i>	10		10
<i>Cats</i>	43		43
<i>Calves</i>	4300		4300 Adoption
<i>Kitten</i>	15		15
<i>Horse</i>	1	1	2
<i>Pigeon</i>	1		1
<i>Rabbits</i>	12		12
<i>Birds</i>	10		10
<i>Pigs</i>	2		2
<i>Goat</i>	1		1

One Stop Feeding Station	No. of Animals covered ( Feeding + Treatment)			
	73,000			73,000
Natural Disaster	Dogs 574	Cats321	Cattle 13000	Sheeps & Goats 5700 19,595
Wetland Protection	Telineelapuram Village			
	1543 ( Migratory Birds)			1,543
Animals Under Care	Shelter -I		Shelter - II	
	1080		616 1,696	
Total No. of Distressed Animals Benefited				1,39,169
Total of Beneficiaries covered under Vegan Meals Programme				14,400
Summer Activity Prevent Humans from Sun Stroke Provide Glucose Water May & June				3,600
50 Nos of Water Bowls Benefited Animals				1100