

KARUNA SOCIETY FOR ANIMALS AND NATURE



Annual Report: April 2023 to March 2024

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Introduction

Karuna Society for Animals and Nature is a registered non-profit animal welfare organization in India under the Societies Registration Act XXI of 1860. We were registered in Anantapur on September 18, 2000, Nr. 685 of 2000. This year marks our 24th Birthday!

This was a busy year! We relocated most of our rescued cattle from Enumulapalli (where our clinic is) to the Ahimsa Farm (Karunapalli). We had to end donations through our usual Paypal account in USA, and we are now partnering with Help Animals India to funnel donations through their account. Animal Welfare Board of India (AWBI) finally came for a required inspection of Karuna Society in late March 2024, towards renewal of our recognition. Also, we sadly lost two critical donors from India who have generously been supporting us every month for many years: the Mission of Mercy and the Rural Development Trust.

We'd like to specially mention the small group of Indian animal lovers who have been supporting Karuna faithfully over many years – THANK YOU to all of you!

Our management became streamlined, with our Secretary, C. Narendra Reddy, now in complete charge of the wildlife centre activities – which includes rescue, maintenance of the animals and the construction at the new wildlife centre site. Our President, Clementien Koengras, is in charge of the clinic and domestic animals. She has recovered well from her health issues of the past two years, and is active again.

Total Animal Caretakers	Total Administrators	Total Volunteers
32	4	1

Annual Totals for All Animals

Animals Treated	Number of Treatments	Total Permanent Residents	Total Income	Total Expenditure
1,573	9,167	326	Rs 11,574,908	Rs 11,982,512

Donations, Grants & Volunteers

Karuna could not continue without the on-going dedicated support of our many donors. We would like to acknowledge our special long-time supporters who give generously and continuously, year after year. A huge THANK YOU to: **Help Animals India (USA)**, **The Marchig Animal Welfare Trust (UK)**, **Mission of Mercy Foundation (India)**, **Rural Development Trust (India)**, and **Vital Solutions (Singapore)**!



Small Animal Clinic

Karuna Society's aim is to provide free treatment and shelter to all stray/street/free animals in need of help. After 20 years of service, continuing animal birth control, and medical treatment, the living conditions for animals in Puttaparthi has drastically improved. People bring injured and sick animals from far and wide! ***We especially wholeheartedly thank the Marchig Animal Welfare Trust for their annual contribution to food and medicines, which is critical in supporting our rescued small animals!***

Celebration Function & Opening of the Cattery

December 2023

We held a function on December 25 for all employees which combined the celebrations of two milestones: Retirement Ceremony to honour P. Narasimhulu and his wife Gangamma, who both dedicated 25 years to serve Karuna Society; and the Opening of the Cattery, thanks in part to the generous donations of **Help Animals India**. A lunch was given to all. The entire function was sponsored by Karuna's President Clementien, so no general funding was taken from the care of animals.





Conclusions During General Body Meeting Regarding OPD

December 2023

- Any animal in distress brought to the OPD can receive free first aid treatment but "out of area" animals cannot be admitted for inpatient care. Other solutions have to be discussed.
- The area for our services (rescues) needs to be limited to only Puttaparthi Mandal, Bukkapatmam Mandal and Kothacheruvu.

Small Animal Clinic Totals

Small Animals Treated	Number of Treatments	Total Expenditure
1,416	8,251	Rs 2,291,271



ABC (Animal Birth Control) and AR (Anti Rabies) Vaccination

After 20 years of animal care, ABC and Rabies prevention, Puttaparthi is a safe area for devotees, tourists, working people and farmers. As we do not receive any financial support from the local government, we depend upon donations. ***A special THANK YOU to Help Animals India for their generous ongoing donations to support our ABC Project!***

May 2023 ABC & AR Program in Kadiri

June 2023

The Municipality of Kadiri officially requested, and Karuna Society accepted, to conduct ABC and AR program in their area. Unfortunately, after several months we had to stop the program because Kadiri did not pay their bills as agreed. As of March 2024, there is an outstanding balance of Rs 3,19,210.



As of that date, we had sterilized 622 out of the 1,000 dogs as per our MOU.

Total Kadiri ABC Surgeries	622
Total Local ABC Surgeries	169
Total AR Vaccinations	815
Total Kadiri ABC Expenses	Rs. 7,75,420
Total Local ABC Expenses	Rs 1,379,173

Cattle Rescue Project

Our rescued cattle live in two groups: one at the animal clinic/shelter in Enumulapalli where we keep the old and disabled ones who need special care; and the other group is at Ahimsa Farm (Karunapalli) village several kilometres away, close to the forest (211 cattle total). The cattle at Ahimsa Farm are healthy and are allowed to live their life freely in the herd as they go out grazing during part of the year when there is fresh green grass growing. A few cows are unsterilised because we could not catch them anymore for surgery, so occasionally there are a few new-born calves. This herd of cattle is slowly "Rewilding", remembering who they truly are. Maintenance and funding of Cattle Rescue project is something always on our mind because we are always looking for solutions for the future. ***We want to gratefully acknowledge Help Animals India, who give generous donations which support our Cattle Project!***

Karuna Cattle - Daily Routine Video

August 2023

A number of videos were taken and then combined to make a 'Daily Routine' video to show all the work behind the scenes in taking care of Karuna's cattle! It was posted on our YouTube Channel here: https://youtu.be/k_LIMC5S6Wo?feature=shared



Vegan Cows Newsletter

December 2023

Vegan Cows: What? What are You Talking About?!

Dear Friends of Karuna,

Cows are for milk, meat and useful byproducts! Isn't it?

Around 2012 Karuna Society took the unusual decision to sterilize healthy rescued cows and buffaloes to liberate them from all forms of use and abuse.

As a consequence there is no income from milk and byproducts to take care of their upkeep. No income for the salaries of their attendants who take them out every day to graze in the forest and to feed them during the drought inside the compound.

We appeal to Vegans all over the world - Vegan groups and Vegan organizations, to support our initiative to stop the domestication and reproduction of cows, bulls, buffaloes (and all other species) for human use. – Clementien

Please see our article, "Waking Up from Domestication", about our Wild Herd!
<https://karunasociety.org/the-fundamental-betrayal-of-trust>

YouTube videos highlighting our daily routines:

Enumulapalli Large Animal Compound: https://youtu.be/k_LIMC5S6Wo?feature=shared

Karunapalli Cattle Compound: <https://youtu.be/vlef1MFmlu4?feature=shared>.

Cattle Maize Grass Supplies

February 2024

Every year we face severe drought during the summer season. For our 211 rescued cattle, it means that there will be no grass in the forest to feed on. It is thanks to a generous donation from **Help Animals India** that we have been able to purchase 128 tractors of maize grass from local farmers and stock it up. During



the coming 5 months we will provide green fodder, maize grass and cattle feed inside the compound for all our rescued cattle, until the monsoon showers have arrived and the grass has grown back in the forest.

Cattle Project Totals

Cattle	211
Horses	3
Donkeys	4
Total Expenses	Rs 3,124,861

Wildlife Rescue and Rehabilitation

We currently have 49 rescued wildlife animals, many of whom have been with us for many years! Most of them were brought in on the initiation of the local Forest Department, as our centre is the only facility within hundreds of miles to house injured and traumatised wildlife. ***We want to especially thank Mr. Krishnan of Vital Solutions, Singapore; and Sri Raghavendra Malladi of Hyderabad, for their generous donations to build and improve the new Wildlife Centre.***

Forest Under Threat - Newsletter

November 2023

Red Alert: The Forest and Wild Animals Under Threat! Who Cares?

Karuna Society has been rescuing wild animals (small and large) in our forest since the year 2000. Over the years we have been observing the decline of the forest and many problems for wild animals. Everyone knows it is illegal to enter the forest, especially with dogs used for hunting. It is still happening.

Injured dogs come to the Karuna in and outpatient clinic for treatments. When we ask the owners about the cause of the injuries, they say the dogs are injured by wild animals like wild pigs, porcupines, or electrocution, etc. People are saying that they rear sheep and goats, and they need dogs for security, but they are actually using them for hunting. They collect dogs from surrounding villages which are close to the forest where wild boars have their habitat. Most people have a lot of dogs (each person has more than 5 dogs). All together they serve as a collective hunting pack.

1. At present people are going out day and night to hunt pangolins, porcupines, and monitor lizards by using dogs in the forest (especially when it's raining). Then they sell the animals (wildlife trade).
2. The farmers have laid electrical wires in the field to protect the crops and to kill the animals.
3. They create traps for the wild animals for the meat trade.
4. They inject poison in the carcass of dead wildlife to kill the leopards, etc. (for their skin).
5. People are using alarm headlights to catch rabbits and birds.
6. They make small snacks with dynamite, like bombs, to kill the wild animals for the meat trade. They also hunt turtles, snakes and other small animals for export.

Many of the dogs are stolen from other areas like Bangalore. Hunters want strong aggressive dogs. If the dogs perform well for a long time, they sell them off for big money. If they do not perform well, they do not get any food and are abandoned in our Puttaparthi area and they become an extra burden for our society.

These problems are known by everyone. The main cause is the use of dogs. We are requesting the Chief Conservator of Forests to take serious action because: Karuna cares about wild animals and the forest!

Please support our new Wildlife Rescue and Rehabilitation Centre!

Thanking You,

Narendra Reddy, Secretary



Peacock Rescue and Release

Renewal of Permission from Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (PCCF)

June 2023

On 29 August 2001, we were granted permission from the PCCF, Wildlife, in our state of Andhra Pradesh, to rescue injured and illegally used wildlife in our area. Since then, we have officially worked closely with the forest department in rescuing, rehabilitating and releasing (when possible) all kinds of injured and ill wildlife. In June 2023, we requested renewal of that permission, as required by the government of India. Despite several attempts, no one has replied to us regarding the issuance of the renewal.

Technical Visit to Bannerghatta Zoo

January 2024

In January we sent our construction team to the Bannerghatta zoo in Bangalore to see the enclosures, get technical advice and to purchase the required material for building our wildlife enclosures. They came back with complete information. The trip was very useful and the zoo also arranged for their technical team to help our local engineer. We got quotations from the different sellers to get the best price with the best quality and ordered in bulk.

Updates on the Old and New Wildlife Centres

March 2024

Our efforts to close our existing 6-acre Wildlife centre near to the Super Speciality Hospital, and complete the construction and transferring of our animals to our new 18-acres of land near to Rayalaseema (purchased in October 2008), continued this year. In November 2021 we received a letter from the Central Zoo Authority (CZA) confirming the re-recognition of our Wildlife facility from 30 June 2017 until 15 November 2023. We have already applied for renewal of the recognition according to the timeline given by Central Zoo Authority, and are awaiting scheduling of the required in-person inspection.

In June 2023, Karuna received the long-awaited permission for the proposed establishment of the Karuna Wildlife Rescue and Rehabilitation Society in Rayalavaripalli. In August 2023, the Master (Layout) Plan for the Wildlife Centre was approved, and the enclosure drawings of deer/antelope, bird aviaries, primate, and the bear/leopard enclosures were approved.

Thanks to **Mr. Krishnan at Vital Solutions, Singapore**, we are receiving a 7-lakh donation per month to pay expenses to complete the new Wildlife Centre (up to 3 crore rupees total). We are eternally grateful for that!

On 1 December 2023, we officially started the second phase construction of the Karuna Wildlife Rescue Centre (animal enclosures) with a small Puja. For the marking and other technical details, one of our board members Mr. J. N. Jagadeesh, civil engineer, is helping us.



In March 2024, Mr. Brijraj Sharma, whose company designed our Master Plan, visited our centre to check the progress. In a concluding meeting, he advised us on improvements on the construction and told us we are on the right track!

In the small riverbed we improved the bridge, constructed two check dams and one road-bridge. The main power line was repaired and a new pole installed. In the kitchen, all the pending small jobs were completed, including tiles, electrical, doors, windows, plumbing, sewage pits and roof plastering.

The framework for the Peacock enclosure was completed but the mesh is of special quality and must be ordered from Bangalore. The first monkey enclosure is mostly completed except for the night cages. The building of the second monkey enclosure has also started.

We hope to complete the animal enclosures by the end of the 2024, and shift all the animals from the old centre to the new one. We are so excited for the animals - soon their dream of a new and larger home will be a reality!





Wildlife Centre Totals

Peafowl	5
Sloth Bear	6
Black Buck	19
Bonnet Macaque	14
Grey Tufted Langur	2
Sambar Deer	3
Total Wildlife Animals	49
Total Animal Expenses	Rs 1,371,509
Total Wildlife Centre Construction	Rs 1,702,774

Organic Farming

Nearly 20 years ago we started our Karuna organic farm at Karunapalli, and a few years later we started the 'Ahimsa' product line. We ran our local shop on the noble and lofty ideals of promoting a vegan lifestyle and implementing eco-friendly farming methods such as using the byproducts of our rescued cattle. The profits were not as we hoped, and we finally had to close down our shop during 2020, just before the Covid lockdown.

We inspired many people to live a healthier life and all the proceeds helped the rescued animals under our care. Although our shop has closed down, we have never stopped growing vegetables. We have the land, and the dung from our rescued cattle to make compost.

For the Karuna clinic and wildlife centre we need many kilograms of vegetables and fruits every day - cooking for the dogs, supplies of vegetables and fruits for the wild animals in our care, and all leftovers for the rescued cattle. To buy all this from the local market is very expensive. We try to grow as much as possible ourselves: lettuce, herbs, tomato, brinjal, onions, bottle gourd, carrots, radish, pumpkin, chilly, papaya and mangoes.



Other News

Need for a Corpus Fund & Fundraising Team – Newsletter

June 2023

The Need for a Corpus Fund, by Clementien



Over the last 23 years we have built up solid relationships with donors and friends; they keep Karuna alive and afloat. However, whatever we receive is spent immediately on our current projects. How can we ensure that Karuna will survive after my time? We have become painfully aware that Karuna Society does not have a corpus fund which will institutionalise it for years to come and which will prevent it from disintegration and shutting down. It is my primary aim at present to raise that corpus fund from which we can draw an interest in case of less or no steady donations.

Karuna is the single largest organisation in the surrounding districts, providing free service to all local animals and wildlife in distress. We run a free in- and outpatient department for small animals, and we keep a large number of disabled animals, donkeys, horses and rescued cattle. We have an ongoing free animal birth control program, conducting surgeries to control the dog population and giving vaccinations to prevent rabies. Last but not least, we have 32 employees!

Our basic monthly expenses for our current day-to-day activities is Rs. 10 lakh (\$13,000).

Our new wildlife rescue centre, which has been under construction for many years, requires immediate funding for the new animal enclosures and hospital to enable the relocation of 49 wild animals to the new centre. Funds needed for the new centre construction is Rs. 4 Crores (\$520,000.)



Without a substantial fundraising effort, we will not be able to survive or accomplish our goals!

The Karuna Rescue Plan

We need individuals and donor organisations who will form a small group and will take it upon themselves to secure the fundraising for Karuna through their own activities, contacts, friends or through social media. We have "clouds" full of information about Karuna, including informational films/videos, as well as pictures and stories as we document all our activities. We do not know what legal form this association should have, but we are open to advice!



Something More Happening in the Shadows!

July 2023

In our communications about the Karuna activities and in social media, we always focus on the animals and the rescues. In the shadow something more is happening: processing of donations, accounting, writing emails, official communications, grant applications, storage of reports and official papers. That is the office, mostly handled by the Secretary Narendra Reddy, supported by Rajeswari our accountant. One step further in the shadow is our Social Media volunteer, Divya, who makes all the posts on Facebook, updates our website, and who prepares our Annual Reports. For once, we want to make all of you "visible", and say a big "Thank You!" – Clementien



Dasara Gifts to Staff

October 2023

Karuna Society gave a bonus to all the staff on the occasion of the festival of Dasara on 23 October 2023. One of our regular donors, Vani Valuri, donated Rs.30,000/- especially for the staff. Each staff member got Rs.1000/-. In addition, Mr. Lakshmi Narasimha, Retired Vice Chancellor, donates every year new clothes for the staff during Dasara festival. This year the staff received a raise in salary, the bonus and new clothes. They celebrated Dasara very well and are very happy!

We also sent a special Dasara gift to our long time social media volunteer Ms. Divya, whom you know from Facebook!



Fundraising MOU with Birendra Kumar

November 2023

We enlisted fundraising expert Birendra (Delhi), who took multiple steps to add Karuna to platforms such as Google, Meta monetization, etc. Nothing came of it up till the end of the fiscal year (March 2024), but we are hopefully his efforts will eventually bear fruit.

Web Master Cheluvraj's Visit

February 2024

Cheluvraj helped us years ago to update our Karuna Society website, and the time has come again when we need to update it. He visited Puttaparthi for two days to brainstorm how our website can be improved and updated, which he will be carrying out with consultation with Clementien, over the next few months.

Fundraising through DonateKart

January 2024

We sent information to Aditi at DonateKart for fundraising efforts on 21 September 2023. In October, we sent audited reports as they requested. In January 2024, we sent them a signed MOU regarding fundraising for Karuna. They visited our clinic in early 2024 and they took pictures and videos to make a campaign of our activities for fundraising. No reply since then, despite several attempts to contact them.

PLANNING

Here are some of our future goals:

- Secure the funds necessary to complete construction of the new wildlife centre. Although we are receiving 3 crores total over the next three years from Vital Solutions (Singapore), we require additional funds.
- Move our rescued wild animals from the old centre to the New Wildlife Centre by the end of the year 2024.
- Find an all-round accomplished Administrator who can deal with CSR fundraising as well as general administration.
- Find and appoint an experienced Veterinary Surgeon, and apply for a grant to support their salary (about Rs.50.000/- or \$700 a month).
- Start applications for Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) grant funding.

S. No	Project	Expenses 2023-2024 ProjectWise/Rs	Estimate Budget for 2024 - 2025 /Rs	Estimate Budget for 2024 - 2025 in USD
1	Animal Birth Control	INR 1,379,173.00	INR 1,517,090.30	USD 18,155.00
2	Cattle Project	INR 3,124,861.00	INR 3,437,347.10	USD 41,134.00
3	Clinic Project	INR 2,291,271.00	INR 2,520,398.10	USD 30,161.00
4	Wildlife Centre	INR 1,371,509.00	INR 1,508,659.90	USD 18,054.00
5	Administration	INR 1,794,093.82	INR 1,973,503.20	USD 23,617.00
5	Agriculture	INR 318,831.00	INR 350,714.10	USD 4,197.00
6	Wildlife centre construction	INR 1,702,774.00		
TOTAL Expenses 2023- 2024		INR 11,982,512.82	INR 11,307,712.70	USD 135,318.00
TOTAL Income 2023-2024(Rupees two crores)		INR 11,574,908.00		
Upcoming project WL Construction		INR 20,000,000.00		

Annual Treatment Report



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ANNUAL TREATMENT REPORT FOR ALL ANIMALS FOR THE YEAR 2023-2024

Cases of In & Out Patient animals	No. treated	No. of animals admitted	No. of treatments	Improved & discharged	Still under treatment	Natural death	Euthanized	ARV
Distemper in dogs	218	13	1101	207	0	7	4	0
Parvo-Virus in dogs	191	4	1349	187	0	4	0	0
Rabies	14	8	34	0	0	0	14	0
oAccident/injury	66	19	405	55	1	9	1	0
Surgery	15	1	55	15	0	0	0	4
Others	1010	50	5548	989	1	17	3	203
Resident Animals	42	0	242	36	0	6	0	1
Patients under treatment	17	10	433	2	14	1	0	2
Total	1573	105	9167	1491	16	44	22	210

Animals operated	ABC		Other surgeries	ARV
	Male	Female		
Dogs	367	424	24	815
Cats	0	0	0	0
Cattle	0	0	0	0
Others	0	0	0	0
Total	367	424	24	815

Resident animals	Number
Dogs	41
Cats	21
Cattle	211
Horses	03
Donkey	04
Wildlife	46
Total number	326

The total number for the year 2023 -2024:

Animal Birth Control: 791 other surgeries: 39

Animals treated: 1573 Treatments given: 9167

ARV given: 1025 Rescues: 87

We are adding this below Newsletter as a bonus to the Annual Report,

to show as a Recap, what we do every day!

THIS IS WHAT WE DO!! EVERY DAY!! (Newsletter)

February 2024

Main Animal Shelter and Office at Enumulapalli

Karuna Society has 32 employees. When they come on duty in the morning the first thing to do is cleaning the living spaces for the 353 animals and preparing the food. We are currently taking care of 18 inpatients: accident cases, very sick puppies, distemper, and parvo. We care for 56 permanent and disabled dogs who move around freely in our compound. All of the paralyzed dogs need fresh bandages to prevent damage to the legs. Our 20 cats are cleaned and fed. Venkatesh is in charge of the clinic animals and the outpatients.

After the morning work is done, the staff goes out for breakfast. All employees live nearby in the village and have been working for Karuna for many years.



Outpatient Department

At 10:30 am the outpatient department opens up. Patients are waiting. We treat approximately 20 outpatients per day. This month we treated 163 animals. They come from near and far, by rickshaw and bike. We can only take in patients for inpatient care if it is very serious. This month we had 26 inpatients. It is our experience that the animals recover much better when the owner/caretaker brings the dog for treatment every day. There is less stress for the animal and we try to teach the people that the animal is family and we have to share the responsibility. It works well. At 4:00 pm the routine repeats itself. Outpatients come and all inpatients and animals are cleaned and fed. Then the night watchman takes over.



Animal Birth Control (ABC)

The attached compound is for ABC patients and we always have 20+ dogs recovering from the ABC surgery and 10 permanent dogs living there as well. This month we sterilized 59 dogs. The surgeon also performs amputations, pinning of broken legs, removal of tumours, etc. At present we are doing the ABC project at Kadiri, a nearby town. We can only perform 20 surgeries per week. Bhaskar is in charge of the ABC dogs, the operation theatre, all equipment and the aftercare of the dogs. He assists with the surgeries also.



Office & Administration

At 9.30 the office opens up and our accountant Rajeswari starts the accounts, pays the bills and does all administration work needed. Narasimhulu is the general manager who oversees all staff movements, purchases, and he keeps primary administration.



Rescued Cattle

In the meantime the old and disabled cows, bulls, buffaloes, horses and donkeys have been fed in the next compound. There are currently 26 Buffaloes, 38 cows, 26 bulls, 4 donkeys, 3 horse, and 6 calves.

On the other side east of the Chitravati river is a small village, Rayalavaripalli, and outside of this village Karuna maintains a shelter and compound for a large group of healthy cattle who are being taken out to the forest for grazing. Here there are 28 buffaloes, 65 cows, 30 bulls, 5 calves and 9 attendants. Most of the animals are castrated and cows and buffaloes sterilised, but not all. There is very little reproduction and the animals are very free as we do not take anything from them. During the summer drought the animals are fed inside the compound for 4 to 5 months. This is very costly for us.



The Organic Garden

Here we also maintain our organic garden and mango orchard. At present, we use the produce only for all our rescued wildlife and for the dogs.

Wildlife Rescue and Rehabilitation Centre

The old wildlife rescue centre is located a few kilometres away, west of Puttaparthi. Here we take care of 46 wild animals who cannot be released into the wild. It is not a zoo and not open to the public. At present we do not have permission to take in more animals but still we are active in rescues in coordination with the local forest department.



Construction of the New Wildlife Centre

Last, but not least, our new wildlife centre is being constructed on an 18-acre plot of land next to the Reserve Forest. We started the construction in 2016 but it has taken us many years to get all of the recognitions and permissions to continue the construction. We have received a separate grant to build all the animal enclosures.



As President I (Clementien) work together with Mr. Narendra Reddy, Secretary. We both together are responsible for all implementations of the policies and the working of the offices and finances.