

KARUNA SOCIETY FOR ANIMALS & NATURE

ACTIVITIES APRIL 2003 – MARCH 2004 **&** **PLANNING APRIL 2004 – MARCH 2005**

General Information on Activities April 2003-March 2004:

This financial year the activities of Karuna Society show important changes. There is a change in awareness which is caused by our experience that people, animals and earth are interconnected and one. Long term well-being is only possible by considering people, animals and earth equally important. It is not right to “rape” the earth with pesticides and other pollution for a short-term gain. Only respect for animals and nature can bring long-term benefits for all involved. For example, all cattle need to be treated with respect as an equal living being, instead of a production unit of milk, labour or meat.

To implement the existing animal laws is one step. Another step is organic farming. Valuable compost (without plastic bags, household waste, clothes, paints, glass, etc.) must be able to nourish the earth and secure the production of food. Natural pesticides should replace the poisonous ones. Milk production should not be increased but be of better quality and milk should not be wasted on milk powders being used in unhealthy, useless food products. The demand for milk could be reduced and the price should go up.

Maybe the most important step is the realization that we “civilised” humans have a dark side and are the most destructive, dangerous animals around, killing and destroying whatever we like to use and as such polluting our own nest – the earth.

Garbage control and reuse of waste materials is no news but how can we make this happen?



Cattle graze on garbage and eat the plastic bags along with the food – sadly, in this case with fatal results.



We grow organic fodder for our cattle.

FINANCES AND INVESTMENTS:

On the financial front, we realized that we cannot sit and wait till “lakhs and lakhs of rupees” are deposited into our bank account. Sometimes we were not able to pay salaries in time and we had to take loans to bridge the gaps. The idea occurred to us that one part of the project could earn money for another part of the project. Instead of being totally dependent on donations, we can do something ourselves. That is why we started the Spirulina production and the organic vegetable garden. After arrival of the cattle (including cows and buffaloes) we started with a small amount of milk to make milk products for sale on the market.

Our big investments this year - new operation rooms at Karuna Nilayam, the building of the Spirulina tanks and three storerooms in Karuna Sanctuary like, rent of the shop in Puttaparthi and the lease of the land in Rayalavaripalli (on loans) - are meant to create more financial security in the near future of the animals and for the people working at Karuna Society.

Additional small investments in Karuna Sanctuary this year included construction of a bathroom, latrine and kitchen, buffalo pond, and improvements to the cattle shed & donkey paddock. We purchased a new bullock cart, another bicycle and a used TVS for Karuna work.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT FROM GOVERNMENT

We submitted applications to the government requesting funding for various projects, for drought relief and maintenance to the AWBI, Chennai, and applications (for the second time) for the Hospital for Large Animals, an ambulance and the ABC program to the AWD, Delhi.



Our Karuna Shop



Our rescued buffaloes joyfully take a swim in the pond!

ACTIVITIES:

Thanks to our successful ABC program for the last few years, which covers Puttaparthi plus 20 villages around, there is no over-population of dogs, and it is very rare that we see a female with puppies. As a consequence, there are fewer puppies and dogs to be treated for distemper, parvo and accidents. Due to our continuous efforts to pick up sick animals, the over-all population of dogs is healthy and well-fed. Leftover stray dogs became community dogs, mixed with the dogs of owners and farmers. They are hardly any threat to the public.

Gradually our attention shifted from suffering dogs to the suffering of cattle and other animals. This resulted in the rescue of 305 cattle from illegal transport and slaughter (see pictures).

Slaughter came to our attention by inspecting illegal slaughter places in Puttaparthi. We wrote letters to the police and Health Department, bringing to their attention the extremely unhealthy conditions and surroundings of the pig breeding and open slaughter places. We compiled a list of slaughter houses in and around Puttaparthi (28 total), and sent a request to the authorities to stop the illegal slaughter at those places. We received positive feedback from the authorities but adequate action is yet to be taken.

WILDLIFE RESCUE:

We rescued a reindeer and deer. In January 19th, 2004 we rescued a black bear in Dharmavaram. Currently our bear friend is on the roof of Karuna Nilayam. We plan to build a place for the bear to live on a section in Karuna Sanctuary. We have a kind donor from SOS Wildlife, who is very happy to assist us in the construction of an enclosure for the bear.



PLANNING:

- We want to shift Karuna Clinic due to unnecessary expense that could be instead redirected to land rent in Rayalavaripalli, and move all of our clinic activities to Karuna Nilayam. (THIS WAS DONE IN JUNE 2004.)
- One of our first priorities is a new ambulance, because the old one is hardly working and cannot be repaired any longer.
- We want to give our bulls for caretaking to local farmers as a rehabilitation program. (THIS WAS DONE IN MAY 2004.)
- We want to build a small bear sanctuary within the premises of the existing Karuna Sanctuary. (THIS WAS COMPLETED IN NOVEMBER 2004.)
- First-aid Hospital for large animals: we sent our application several times to the Animal Welfare Division, New Delhi, but have received no response as yet. We are considering what our next action should be.
- We want to improve the organic farming on our land and to increase the sales of organic vegetables, milk products and Spirulina in the shop.
- We will continue our actions against illegal cruel transport of cattle. In our own small farm, we prefer the Indian the local breed cows and bulls. In the far future we want to start a cooperation with local farmers to encourage organic farming and milk production with local breed cow and bulls. This will not stop us from rescuing bulls and buffaloes of any breed.

MEDICAL CARE FOR ALL ANIMALS
Activities April 2003-March 2004:

| <u>Description of Activity</u> | <u>Numbers & Costs involved</u> |
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| <p>Medical care, nursing and feeding for dogs, puppies, cats, birds, pigs, donkeys, cattle, etc., for in- and out-patients</p> <p>We treat accident cases, distemper and parvo, skin problems, internal diseases, broken bones, including several serious cases of cattle and burn cases of cattle, etc. We also keep disabled animals.</p> <p>We have 15 disabled or wounded donkeys as permanent residents. We continue to treat donkeys that are brought in and give them a permanent place if needed.</p> <p>Foods that are given to the animals: <u>Dogs:</u> Milk, curds, rice, ragi, dahl, vegetables, jaggery, herbs <u>Cattle:</u> white grass, peanut grass, green grass, dry mixes, etc.</p> | <p>2,891 animals treated 20,034 treatments 449 permanent animals</p> <p>Out of which: 93 died naturally and 28 were euthanized</p> <p>2,808 treatments to 310 puppies 31 of these died a natural death and 9 were euthanized.</p> <p>82 donkeys received 791 treatments</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Total Costs: Rs 16,34,714</u> Grant from AWBI: Rs 25,000</p> |
| Adoption program | 1 bird, 17 puppies, 3 dogs, 9 kittens, 3 donkeys, 1 reindeer, 1 deer and 3 cows |

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| <p>ABC program & Anti Rabies vaccination (Animal Birth Control Program)</p> <p>We did not have funding for our ABC program and besides that, we were getting complaints from neighbours about the noise of the dogs. Because of that we had to greatly reduce the number of ABC operations from June 2003 till January 2004 when we built the new operation theatre at Karuna Nilayam.</p> <p>In December 2003 a grant of Rs 1,20,000 was sanctioned for our ABC program from AWD, New Delhi. Rs 62,000 was released, which we are using.</p> | <p>198 ABC operations</p> <p>271 AR vaccinations</p> <p>Costs:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="954 353 1546 544"> <tr> <td>SURGEON</td> <td>58,450</td> </tr> <tr> <td>MEDICINES</td> <td>53,362</td> </tr> <tr> <td>MISC. EXPENSES</td> <td>3,250</td> </tr> <tr> <td>1 ATTENDANT</td> <td>33,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>FOOD</td> <td>19,720</td> </tr> </table> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>TOTAL: Rs 1,67,782</u> Grant from AWBI: Rs 62,000</p> | SURGEON | 58,450 | MEDICINES | 53,362 | MISC. EXPENSES | 3,250 | 1 ATTENDANT | 33,000 | FOOD | 19,720 | | | | | | |
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| <p>Cattle Rescue Project against cow slaughter and illegal & cruel transport:</p> <p>We received a total of Rs 50,000/-- from the Animal Welfare Board of India, Chennai, for maintenance and drought relief this year. In addition, in August 2003 we received over Rs. 2,03,730 lakh for the maintenance of the cattle under court order, rescued in 2002 (<u>for costs incurred during the year 2002-2003</u>). That was the first time funds were received for those cattle. At present we are awaiting an additional 2.5 lakhs for those cattle, 4 lakhs for the 305 cattle rescued in December 2003 and 3 lakhs sanctioned for drought relief.</p> <p>In December 2003 we rescued 305 cattle from illegal transport and overloading, with which our struggle for fodder began. We had to take loans to feed those cattle.</p> <p>Besides, court cases and dealings with lawyers go hand in hand with rescued animals. We were kept busy quite often with these activities and all the expenses that go along with it. We will send an application for government funds. We have plans to give them in adoption to local farmers. The court case to get ownership continues. At present they are still under the legal ownership of the government.</p> <p>We took nearly 10 acres of land on lease in Rayalavaripalli (in February 2004, covered by a loan), where organic rice, maize, and other products will be grown to feed our animals.</p> | <p>Costs:</p> <p><u>80 cattle rescued in 2002:</u></p> <table border="1" data-bbox="954 772 1546 1070"> <tr> <td>Food & Transport</td> <td>2,44,779</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Labour (including several field workers growing fodder)</td> <td>79,840</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3 Caretakers & 1 Cleaner</td> <td>90,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Misc. Expenses</td> <td>6,813</td> </tr> </table> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Total: Rs. 4,21,432</u></p> <p>Remunerations from AWBI till date: NOTHING.</p> <p><u>305 cattle rescued on December 15, 2003:</u></p> <table border="1" data-bbox="954 1406 1546 1637"> <tr> <td>Food & Transport</td> <td>3,12,720</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Labourers (14 people day and 10 at night)</td> <td>1,99,310</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Medicines</td> <td>18,412</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Misc. expenses</td> <td>34,795</td> </tr> </table> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Total: Rs. 5,65,237</u></p> | Food & Transport | 2,44,779 | Labour (including several field workers growing fodder) | 79,840 | 3 Caretakers & 1 Cleaner | 90,000 | Misc. Expenses | 6,813 | Food & Transport | 3,12,720 | Labourers (14 people day and 10 at night) | 1,99,310 | Medicines | 18,412 | Misc. expenses | 34,795 |
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SALES: SPIRULINA, ORGANIC VEGETABLES, DAIRY PRODUCTS

We rented a shop in Puttaparthi to sell our produce (milk products, Spirulina and vegetables) on March 1, 2004.

Spirulina Project

One of our first activities in this financial year was in the second week of April 2003, when we began the construction of the Spirulina tank. By mid-July we began selling Spirulina, the profits going to the upkeep of our animals. We have received very positive feedback and good test results from our Spirulina. At present we are producing about 1 kg of dry Spirulina per day. In future we plan to build another Spirulina tank and increase production.

Organic farming

In August 2003 Babaiah and his wife joined Karuna to take care of the organic garden, with help and advice from Kasi. Vegetable sales also began in the month of August.

This year we started selling our organic vegetables and salads to devotees to earn money for our activities. We rented a shop in Puttaparthi to sell our produce.

Dairy Products

In November, 2003, we began to use the milk from some of our rescued animals to make and sell organic curds, cheese, sour cream, etc.

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Donations may be sent via POSTAL MONEY ORDER, INTERNATIONAL MONEY ORDER or PERSONAL CHEQUE made out to "KARUNA SOCIETY FOR ANIMALS AND NATURE" and sent by snail mail to the above address. Bank transfers may also be done - our bank account information available on request. Receipts will be sent to you by post. Thank you for your support!

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