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Annual Report 2004-2005

Medical Care:

In May 2004 the Karuna clinic shifted from the rented building to our own property, Karuna Nilayam, which had been generously donated by an animal-lover. All medical treatments for small animals are given here, and the operation theatre and office are here as well. We keep a large number of disabled animals in the garden and outside the compound.

We have 488 permanent residents and this year 3,138 patients were given 27,174 treatments. For the adoption program, the following animals were given: 6 dogs, 33 puppies, 8 cats & kittens, 1 donkey and 3 deer.



Puppies:

There are hardly any more puppies in Puttaparthi, thanks to the ABC program. We are satisfied doing mainly females and we only take the mother for operation if her puppies are approximately 4 months old and independent. We take the mother and the female pups for operation and we release them in the same area if the pups do not go for adoption. It is worth mentioning that the number of puppies receiving treatment and the number of their death has declined drastically (in 2002-2003, 608 puppies received 15,327 treatments with 95 deaths; in 2004-2005, 451 puppies received 4,038 treatments with 77 deaths – they mainly came from further away, outside of Puttaparthi area).

ABC program & Anti Rabies Vaccination: (Animal Birth Control Program)

➤ This year we did a total of 662 ABC operations and 817 AR vaccinations; and on special request of Mrs. J. Muller we sterilised over 250 dogs from Whitefield, Bangalore district. Our veterinary surgeons attended a special course on aseptic surgery and advanced surgical techniques. We recently completed construction of four new rooms for post-operative care for operation dogs on the first floor of Karuna Nilayam.



Cattle Rescue Project:

For the 618 cattle we rescued since 2002, we are still attending six court cases. No decision has been given on any case till date. The cattle are still under the custody of Karuna Society. We gave 211 bulls and 70 buffaloes to local farmers for caretaking. All farmers who have received bulls or buffaloes have signed official documents stating the cattle will remain with them. We check up on the cattle regularly and all are accounted for.

Wildlife Rescue:

We rescued two monkeys that had been electrocuted. We had to amputate one arm on the first monkey, and one arm and one leg on the second monkey. They are in good condition and are still with us at present. One reindeer and three deer were rescued and given to the deer park nearby. We also received a small baby monkey, whose mother had died. Most recently we rescued a baby painted stork that had fallen out of its nest during a storm. Now it eats one kilo of fish per day!



Bear Paradise:

One of the highlights this year was the opening of our bear paradise. Balu, our black female sloth bear which was rescued last year, is now living very happily in the half acre plot we built for her, with three rooms and a pond. We hope to rescue one or more friends as company for her.

The compound for our rescued bear was completed in November 2004, with a kind donation from Free the Bears, Australia and The Winsome Constance Kindness Trust, Australia.

Tsunami Animal Rescue



After the tsunami hit on 26-01-2004, Clementien left with all supplies to the affected area in Tamil Nadu on 01-01-2005 with two trucks and four people and was joined by two trucks from Blue Cross Chennai, and they spent a total of 18 days in feeding and watering animals in need. Total animals looked after by the Karuna Society team: 3,250 (1,678 cattle; 295 dogs; 10 horses; 1,267 goats). For this initiative, Karuna Society, along with other animal welfare societies, will receive the Llewyt Award (given annually by the North Shore Animal League) in Singapore at the end of June 2005.

What animal welfare is for animals, organic farming is to the earth, the soil and for all beings. Instead of abuse, there is respect. Instead of only "taking," there is sharing.

Organic Vegetables & Organic Dairy Products:

When the clinic shifted, Clementien and her husband started to live in an Indian house in nearby Rayalavaripalli village, where Karuna leases 10 acres of land to grow organic animal feed - mainly for the cows, buffaloes and bulls of the small dairy farm, from which no calf or other animal is sold or goes for slaughter. The organic milk is used to make dairy products only from raw milk. These high quality products are sold in our shop in Puttaparthi together with our organic vegetables and Spirulina. (See our separate pamphlet on dairy products.)



We constructed two bio-gas plants in Karuna Sanctuary and Karuna Nilayam, with which we are getting gas to cook for our dogs and other animals. The leftover slurry is being used for organic compost. We are expanding and improving upon Organic farming, through training from Satavic Farms organisation.

Planning:

➤ Finally we are able to buy a big ambulance truck that can transport all types of animals, and a large number of dogs for operation, thanks to three animal-loving ladies and the Animal Protection Society from Netherlands. With financial assistance from Animal Welfare Board of India and assistance from Animal Protection Society, Netherlands, we are ready to take up the ABC operations on a large scale (total Anantapur district) from the 1st of July.

➤ Just now we bought land around Karuna Nilayam for the Large Animal Hospital, thanks to our Vice-President of Karuna Society. Our application for funds to help construct the Large Animal Hospital is pending with the Animal Welfare Board of India.



❖ Our shop in Puttaparthi is open from Monday till Saturday, from 8 – 11 AM
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--- Clementien Pauws, President, Karuna Society