

Karuna Society for Animals and Nature

Annual Report 2005-2006

Introduction.

The goals of last year's planning have materialised.

We have purchased the multi-purpose ambulance, land to build the hospital for large animals, land to build an efficient ABC centre for a-septic surgery and postoperative care for the whole of Anantapur district.

We have accomplished even more thanks to the hard work of more than 35 people working at Karuna Society and the generous donations of a.o. 'Dierenbescherming Zutphen' in the Netherlands who donated part of the ambulance and five hundred ABC operations. They also provide the veterinary doctors-volunteers working at Karuna.



Expansions at Karuna Nilayam Hospitals and ABC



On the west side a plot of approximately one acre has been purchased to build the Hospital for Large Animals, with the grant for shelter house from the AWBI.

We want to give specialized care for large animals which is usually not available at dispensaries.

The surrounding wall has now been completed. The first priorities are; in-patient facilities, operation theatre and treatment area. Later, we hope to provide X-ray, laboratory and scanning facilities.

The expansion on the east side of the existing animal hospital consists of a plot of 29 cents for the new ABC unit. We are searching for funds to build the ABC operation theatres, as well as kennels.



Construction has started.

The wall surrounding the total of Karuna Nilayam was completed. Inpatient cattle sheds and a large shed for the ambulance are currently under construction. On the clinic side, three extra large kennels with an outpatient treatment room have been constructed, in addition to one multipurpose first aid room for birds.



Construction for Wildlife at the Karuna Sanctuary



Deer enclosure

We have made temporary arrangements for the two deer and a peacock. The bear is still happy in her compound.

Our long-term planning is to establish a wildlife project behind **Karunapalli** (see next page), within the vicinity and part of the surrounding forest. However, we need official permission from the Zoo authorities before this project can be officially launched.

At the Karuna Sanctuary, we have separated half of the land for wildlife.

An inspection took place by the Zoo authorities for permission to keep wildlife on the property.

We must make a proper plan to submit to the Zoo authorities, and to appoint a veterinary surgeon to look after the wildlife.



Construction of deer shelter



Fundament of the monkey enclosure



Orphan monkey

Karunapalli



As we need much space and resources for our rescued cattle and the small number of milk-yielding cows and buffaloes, we purchased 5 acres of land with mango trees outside Rajalavaripalli close to the forest within reach of the grazing lands. 2006-2007 is the last year of our lease of 10 acres of fodder land at Rajalavaripalli.

We named our new property Karunapalli, and we will build a large compound with sheds for the cattle, as well as separate sheds for milk animals.

Construction of the watchmen's houses has started. Later on, sheds for milk products, packing, and storage facilities have to be built.

At Karunapalli we will keep all healthy cattle in one place. Sick or dying cattle will be treated and nursed at the Large Animal Hospital at Karuna Nilayam.



Construction of watchmen's houses

Karuna Nilayam Hospital Activities.

Nursing of sick and disabled animals at the clinic



After many years of nursing recovering distemper dogs, parvo puppies, accident cases, tick fevers and broken bones, we have become very experienced in nursing techniques that are helpful and sometimes unorthodox.

We still use colloidal silver for wound-healing and green clay to support fractures and splints.

Six months ago we received one wheelchair for Blacky, a dog that we received several years ago as a paralysed puppy. We want to provide more of our 22 paralysed animals with wheelchairs, including puppies and larger dogs.

Now we are in contact with an engineering school in Holland, and the students will design wheelchairs for all different sizes paralysed dogs.

As a result, these dogs will have a chance to run and play freely.



Wheelchair for paralysed dog



It is our opinion that sick and disabled animals have a right to receive treatment and attention. Their problem cannot be a convenient excuse to kill. As a consequence, we have 22 disabled animals to care for, and a large number of permanent animals.

ABC Project



Caesarean operation.



ABC.

Two of our doctors and one board member attended the workshop for aseptic surgery in Chennai at The Blue Cross of India. It took us two months to implement the changes to establish a proper routine to be followed by every doctor who comes for surgery. In the first month we focused on the aseptic routines before and around the actual surgery. The second month, we improved surgical techniques. After doctors and staff were all satisfied with the improvements, the number of surgeries could go up. Now one doctor can perform 20 ABC surgeries per visit.



ABC.

As a member society from WSPA we received a donation, for a second operation lamp, a table and other new equipment for the new ABC-unit.

The number of deaths due to surgery is absolutely minimal (less than 1%).

We are working on a manual to share with other NGO's to show that good results not only depend on the doctor, but that no ABC programme can be carried out without responsible management, trained assistants and a good nursing team. Old routines die hard.



As per ABC dog rules 2001 no.7 (9) it is not allowed to operate on pregnant female dogs. This female (left) was highly pregnant when picked up for ABC surgery. We kept her separate and after a few days she delivered her beautiful pups. They will certainly go for adoption.

We wrote a letter to AWBI to make an addition to the dog rules about puppies not being separated from their mother. See annex.

The pictures below show the coming and going of ABC patients. Some are waiting, ready for surgery, while others quietly recover afterwards.



Recently we received a request from Leslie Robinson to start a new Karuna-Branch in Tiruvannamalai, where Leslie was very active to stop the planned killing of dogs. Now a proper ABC centre has to be set up. We are working at the formalities to start the branch there.

Cattle Rescue.

In February we rescued **38 male buffaloes** from illegal transport and slaughter.



The cattle in custody of Karuna going out early morning, grazing near the forest at Karunapalli.

The High Court in Hyderabad gave the order* for permanent custody to Karuna Society for the 305 cattle rescued in Dec. 2003

*CLR.R.C.Nos. 763 and 764 of 2004 and 514 and 515 of 2005

Wildlife.



One deer was rescued by the police of Kanaganapalli police station who handed it over to us.

Now we have two deer and we made a temporary enclosure for them in Karuna Sanctuary. At the same place we keep one rescued peacock with two chickens as company.



Three painted stork babies were rescued from Veerapuram in 2005 and released in 2005 and 2006.



Release!

Organic Farming and the Shop.



In our organic garden we went through numerous changes. All of us – staff and labourers – followed a course on organic farming, and we learned about proper composting, panchakavya, nursery soil, vermicompost, liquid organic fertilizer and pesticides.



At present, we have an effective program to produce lettuce, herbs, tomatoes, onions, carrots, rice and ragi, without depleting the soil and without any artificial fertilizers.



Sales in the shop are very good, and according to the plan for the coming year, it will be even better.

Restaurants and the western canteen in the ashram are also our customers.

(See brochure for product information).



Special activities.



On 26-9 2005 we left Puttaparthi with two trucks with material and food and 10 people to help the Vishakapatnam SPCA which was flooded after heavy rain. .

It was a frustrating experience and a long way to go. At first we were impressed by the damage we thought was done by the flooding.

After two days of observation and cleaning it became clear that one part of the area was really damaged by the collapsed wall and the water coming in; real loss was there, but we found that the miserable situation in which the cattle found themselves has already been like that for two years. In the area of the cattle sheds only one is more or less functioning to protect animals.

The total area of several sheds are not interconnected, there is no drainage at all, the animals are standing knee deep in dung, mud and urine and because the new sheds are too high, the rain is coming in freely. Everything drips to the lower area where cattle are standing at night.



On the way to Vishakapatnam we ran into an accident situation where a truck had killed more than 10 sheep of a flock.

Three sheep were badly wounded and we gave first aid. We took them back to Puttaparthi, where they did not survive due to specific sheep infection



To come to the rescue of VSPCA we stopped all our work at home. Construction and ABC programme stopped. At VSPCA there was little activity to change the situation so finally we took our own decision and advised Pradeep to build temporary shelters outside the project on higher ground. Our masons repaired one well, our other people cleaned out one shed but refused to do it again the next day because the situation was the same.

We felt that we could not do much for VSPCA as their problem seemed more structural than the flooding.

Planning.

- To open a Karuna-branch in Tiruvannamalai (TN), mainly for ABC
- To write manuals about the complete ABC procedures, about nursing of animals in shelters and about the rescue and maintenance of cattle.
- We also want to give individual training to doctors, managers and attendants on the above subjects.
- We hope to have a continuous support from voluntary doctors from the Netherlands.
- The wheelchair programme for disabled animals

What do we need?

- To buy 10 more acres around Karunapalli to produce food for our large animals and clinic animals (10 lakhs),
- Funds to construct the ABC-operation theatre and kennels (5 lakhs),
- X-Ray and scanning facilities for the large animal hospital,
- From the forest department we need permission to use a forest area for wildlife,
- **Last but not least we need your support to realize our goal to make Karuna financially more independent. Through the production of food for our animals and the sales of our organic vegetables, cheese, grains and Spirulina we will become self sufficient.**



We cannot live without Healthy Animals on a Healthy Soil.
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