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CLINIC FOR SMALL ANIMALS IN & OUTPATIENTS

This year the main problem has been the lack of funds for the free treatment of local dogs and cats. We have intensified our fundraising, mainly under the owners of breed dogs.



Animals treated	:	1,741
Dogs	:	1,605
Cats	:	136
No. of treatments	:	23,967

Income & Expenditure of the small animal's clinic:

- Clinic Medicine, Food, Salaries, administrative and other maintenance expenses Rs. 16,86,349/-

POWER POINT PRESENTATION AT FIAPO CONFERENCE

Karuna Society, as a member society of the FIAPO, participated at the first FIAPO Conference 30 January 2011, by presenting a power point presentation and information about shelter management. The focus is on nursing sick and disabled animals.

Nursing is what animals need beside the medical treatment.

We ask foreigners to leave their towels behind. Sick, paralyzed animals lie on grass and towels and are cleaned/ washed regularly.

Give attention to the place, in the sun, outside sun, cool, no draft, separate/private, turning the animal to prevent sores.

Bandaging of paralyzed animals that move around to prevent wounds

Attendants can do many bandages.

Many dogs don't like to be separate or locked up and they like to move around freely. We mix all dogs, puppies, inpatients and permanent animals as and when possible. No jealousy or territorial behavior, they seem to understand the concept of "CLINIC" They chose where to sleep, with whom etc. is better for their recovery. We have mainly Indian dogs, from local owners/farmers.



ANIMAL BIRTH CONTROL & ANTI RABIES

Karuna Society stopped the weekly ABC operations temporarily as we were facing management problems and we ran out of government funds. At present we continue to sterilize new dogs as much as we can from our direct environment. We are faced with a specific problem;



Every month new dogs enter the area as the villagers around Puttaparthi are bringing in new dogs for hunting in the forest. The forest department is not able to put a stop to this. Dogs that are not performing satisfactory?? are left on the road and sooner or later enter Puttaparthi where there is food available by people feeding street dogs or in the Ashram. They don't leave the area and start again reproducing.

This problem is a serious drawback for our efforts to control the dog population in the area.

Although cats are not a serious problem in Puttaparthi, we are happy that we have received a grant from Marchig Fund, Scotland to sterilize 100 cats.

No. of ABC operations	: Dogs – 1,252 No
	: Cats - 14 No
No. of AR vaccinations	: 1,469 No
Expenditure on operations	: Rs. 6,77,354/-

KARUNA CATTLE HOSPITAL

At present, Karuna “owns” 300 rescued cattle.

Apart from the treatment of our own rescued cattle and the treatment of emergency cases from outside, we found ourselves suddenly faced with a new and disturbing problem for cattle; "The plastic Cow".

On December 4th, 2010, the Commissioner of Anantapur Municipal Corporation organized a meeting at our cattle hospital.

Recently, Karuna Society received 36 street roaming cows from Anantapur the largest town in the district. Karuna immediately provided these cows with medical

treatment, fodder and shelter. One of these cows died suddenly and the postmortem showed it was caused by plastic ingestion of 40kg. The Karuna Board members held a series of discussions with the Commissioner resulting in this important meeting.

Emergency surgery was performed in presence of the cattle owners to show how much their cattle suffer when they let them walk free in the streets to feed on garbage in town instead of natural feed.

Sedated cow being prepared Two cows were operated on. One cow had 42 kgs of plastic removed while the other had 32 kgs taken from its stomach. Each operation took approximately 2 hours. Unfortunately, the first cow died two days later despite the best efforts of the Karuna staff. It already had been in a weakened state for too long before the surgery.



On the day of the event, the Municipal Environmental Engineer, the Sanitary Inspector, the President of the Puttaparthi Gram Panchayath as well as regional cattle owners were invited to witness two such operations. The media was also invited to film and report this news to raise public awareness. Reporters from seven media channels and all district newspapers attended.

After the event, the Commissioner showed the footage of the operations to all district officers. A decision was then made that from March 1st, 2011, plastic will be banned all over Anantapur District. In addition, they decided that Karuna's cattle hospital would be the best place to operate on cows that are suffering from plastic ingestion as the necessary facilities and inpatient care is available.

In all big and small cities in India, cows are often let loose on the streets to scavenge in garbage and to save the cost of natural feed and grass. There are an enormous number of plastic bags in the street garbage. Many contain leftover food that attracts the cows to eat them. These polythene bags are stuck in the cow's first stomach (Rumen). These plastics cannot be digested but accumulate over time resulting in a slow death as the cows are not able to ruminate with proper grass and feed. There is no space left in the rumen to start natural digestion. They only survive on the waste food; they slowly starve to death. In addition, the poor animals are in constant pain. Calves born from affected cows are small in size due to lack of food and space caused by packed rumen plastics. As much as 65 kgs of plastic has been removed from one cow's stomach during a life-saving operation performed at Karuna's cattle hospital.



Local anesthetic is given



Incision being made at cow's stomach



Plastic bags being removed from stomach

Unfortunately, the owners of the street cattle roaming the streets are not real farmers. This is a most abusive business for the animals. Many are bought from farmers at the cattle market for very little money. The new “owner” simply leaves them on the road to fend for themselves. They mark the animals as their property. Whenever it suits them and the animal “looks fat”, they sell them off for a lot of money to an unsuspected real farmer or for slaughter.

When the farmer feeds natural feed and grass, the animal dies from indigestion and so the farmer and the cow are both victims of a cruel and immoral practice. If we think only about Anantapur town there are still hundreds or more cattle left on the roads. They are sentenced to a slow cruel death. This is a cruelty most people are not aware off, when they see the animals walking in the street. Think about the big cities like Delhi, Kolkata, Chennai, Bangalore, how many animals are suffering.

Up to March 1, 2011, seven rumenotomies have been performed. For three animals the surgery was too late to save their lives. Four are doing well and are under observation. For some time we will continue the surgeries every Saturday.



UPDATED NEWS

March 31, 2011. Out of the thirty four rumenotomy operations, to remove plastic bags from the cow's stomach, that were performed on the stray cattle from Anantapur, as of March 31, 2011, four animals died before we could do the surgery and four died after the surgery and couldn't be saved because our help came too late. At least their suffering came to an end.

We are thanking Phillip Wollen, Kindness Trust Australia for his generous donation to fund 100 rumenotomies as a pilot project.

No. of treatments	-	1,382
No. of animals treated	-	294
Plastic Cows Operated	-	34

Surgeries, medicine, food, salaries and other maintenance exp. Rs.14,49,259/-

THE KINDNESS FARM & ORGANIC GARDEN AT KARUNAPALLI

The Kindness farm at Karunapalli

Karunapalli is the name we have given to the place on the other side of the Chitravathi River, where Karuna maintains the cattle rescue project with appr. 250 cattle, the organic garden, the mango orchard and the new Kindness land. The Kindness Farm is an initiative from Philip Wollen whose Kindness Trust contributed considerably to enable us to buy the much needed agricultural land to provide the future food security for animals and people at Karuna Society. Philip said that the purpose of his grant was "to grow Kindness"



At present, we grow peanuts, pulses, lettuce, many vegetables, wheat grass and herbs. From June into August we harvest the organic mangoes.

All our produce is highly valued by our customers, the ashram western canteen and several restaurants. Karuna Society owns an information

center/shop in Puttaparthi which is an outlet for the organic produce.



What are the ingredients “TO GROW KINDNESS”?

Soil, Plants, Animals and People

In nature there is a simple circle to keep life on the planet going. There is grass in the forest, animals eat, live, reproduce and die, they produce dung and urine, recharge the soil, spread the seeds and new grass is growing. But this “Paradise is lost!!”

Still this circle is our guiding principle.



For the Earth it means we have to feed and protect the soil; feed Mother Earth to enable her to continue the production of food. Composting waste material with the help of cow dung is an old practice to recharge the soil, almost forgotten with the availability of chemical fertilizer and pesticides.

At the Kindness Farm the compost is produced with dung and urine from our own rescued animals. Their byproducts are unpolluted by stress, cruelty and fear of death.

Plants should grow from original seeds, able to reproduce themselves. This has become almost impossible as most seeds available on the market are hybrids or even genetically modified.



Lettuce



Chillies



Wheat Grass



Coriander

“To grow Kindness” means growing plants and grains which provide physical, mental and spiritual well being for animals and humans and thus for society.

Animals at the Kindness Farm;

Karuna's organic produce is not only organic; it has the additional value of kindness towards our animals and the acknowledgement of their rights.

=Right to life

=Food, water and shelter

=Free movement by grazing

=Calves stay with the mother

=Medical care

=Natural death



Buffaloes at Karuna

It is very difficult to control the reproduction of buffaloes when they graze freely outside. All the males are already castrated. This measure has to be taken as the reproduction for milk business is the root of all the problems concerning cows and buffaloes and we cannot maintain an ever growing herd.



Organic garden

Expenses on cultivation (Fodder, grains & vegetables)	: Rs. 2,50,067/-
Income from Cultivation	: Rs. 5,99,185/-

EDUCATION PROGRAM

The humane education program could not be extensively held in 2011 due to the passing away of Sri Sathya Sai Baba. Schools were closed for more than a week. Exams/ test followed the re-opening and then the summer vacation.

This year an added feature to the program was the introduction of the concept of Veganism, supported with a DVD called "A life connected" and a quiz.

The following are schools where the program was conducted in 2011:

1. SRI SAI VIDYA NIKETAN SAI GEETHA SCHOOL – Puttaparthi
Classes 3 & 4 on 29/7/2011

2. SRI SAI VIDYA NIKETAN SAI GEETHA SCHOOL - Puttaparthi
Classes 5 & 6 on 5/8/2011

3. SRI SAI VIDYA NIKETAN SAI GEETHA SCHOOL - Puttaparthi
Classes 7 & 8 on 19/08/2011

4. SRI SAI VIDYA NIKETAN SAI GEETHA SCHOOL - Puttaparthi
Classes 9 & 10 on 09/09/2011

5. THE CHILDREN'S PROJECT SCHOOL - Puttaparthi
2 Sessions were held for the school students:
8/10/2011 and 22/10/2011

6. HAPPY HOME NURSERY - Puttaparthi
1 session - 18/11/2011

KARUNA WILDLIFE RESCUE CENTER

Improvements after the CZA inspection:

Animal housing and animals enclosures

At present Karuna is keeping 6 disabled monkeys, Bonnet Macaques, for life time as they cannot be released. As explained in our Master Plan, we want to construct new facilities for monkeys at the new "Kindness Wildlife Sanctuary" in the near future. The monkeys should not be kept at the clinic.

Sloth Bears

The paddock area for the Sloth Bears has been increased by opening the gate between the two enclosures. The total area for 5 Sloth Bears is now appr. 3000 m².



- ❖ A gate is constructed for the keepers gallery
- ❖ The locking system for the bears has been improved.
- ❖ The welded mesh at the feeding and retiring rooms are repaired and maintained. (see above)
- ❖ Anti venom drugs and first aid kit are at the premises.
- ❖ Used tyres, metal pipes and other unnatural material have been removed from all animal enclosures.

Black Bucks and Sambar Deer

The Sambar and Blackbuck are now housed separately; also separations for male/females have been constructed.



A double gate entry has been provided

The Blackbuck and Sambar enclosures have been provided with feeding platforms and shades



All staff involved with the healthcare of the animals are screened for zoonotic diseases.

- o All are proved healthy copies of the lab reports are available

The following records are maintained;

- o Acquisition, animal history cards, medical record, feeding chart, keepers diary,
- o post mortem reports in case of death,
- o administration regarding release/transfer
- o daybooks

Veterinary and infrastructure facilities

At present we receive very few animals mainly black bucks. There are already two rescue rooms. In the far end of the facilities is separate building with three rooms which can be used for any necessary isolation. The rooms' non specific as we never know what kind of animal will arrive. At present our wildlife facilities at considered as temporarily as we are planning to shift all enclosures.

After transfer of the facilities to the Kindness Sanctuary, this will have our special attention in the planning.

No. of animals treated - 32

No. of Treatments -242

No. of Animals Rescued - 31

Wildlife maintenance expenses: Rs. 3,18,902/-

PLANNING FOR 2011-12

- o To continue the in and Out patient department as usual
- o Sterilize more cats
- o Continue ABC
- o Continue with rumenotomies of the plastic cow
- o Planning to visit Nagpur Gorakshan Vigyan Kendra to have more knowledge on cow byproducts.
- o More Bio gas pits
- o Development of the kindness farm
- o Start kindness kitchen