



# PFA HYDERABAD



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## Dear Supporters,

*We are pleased to share with you the Quarterly Highlights of People for Animals Hyderabad, for April-June 2016. It has been an exciting quarter and we're thrilled to report our progress. We'd like to take this moment to really thank our donors for their benevolence on behalf of every animal under our care. We are also thankful to our volunteers who continue to support us through their gift of time, but most of all their compassion towards animals. We hope you will find this glimpse into the daily work of People for Animals interesting.*

## ANIMAL PROTECTION WORK

Animals, being the most vulnerable of our society, are regularly at the receiving end of endless cruelty and neglect in the hands of humans. It's a shame considering that they undergo this plight in spite of giving unconditional love and loyalty to us.

We receive cruelty complaints from both AP and Telangana. We identify, investigate, counsel and prosecute the offenders wherever necessary. Listed below are the highlights of some of the noteworthy cruelty prevention work by PFA Hyderabad this quarter:

### OPERATION KARUNA

On the 4th of June, 87 camels that were being taken for slaughter were spotted by a PFA volunteer. They were made to walk all the way from Rajasthan to Bantwaram, over a distance of 1,372.4 km, with the motive of selling them off in the meat markets of Hyderabad.



Team PFA led by Executive Officer Mr. Dattatraya Joshi; Mr. Jasraj ji (Bharatiya Prani Mitra Sangh), Mr. Surendra Bhandari ji (GHSPCA), and other senior volunteers like Srinivas Rao and Shantilalji sprung into action and stopped the camel handlers. An FIR was lodged against the accused on the same day and custody of the animals was granted to PFA.

Nine of the camel handlers who had been produced in court for violating IPC section 429, PC Act and Transport rules were sent to Cherlapally jail on remand for two weeks.

There were pregnant camels, calves and lactating ones in the group. Majority of the camels were sick, dehydrated and starving with their hooves damaged due to the long walk of over 1,372.4 km. They were not given enough food or water during the journey. All the camels were wounded badly with maggots eating away their live tissues from the inside.



On the 22<sup>nd</sup> of June, the petition filed by the camel butchers had been dismissed by the Vikarabad Magistrate. The court didn't accept their ownership of the camels in the first place! We would like to thank the honourable magistrate, GHSPCA and BPMS.

### **TRANSPORTATION OF THE CAMELS**

On 27<sup>th</sup> July, with collaborative efforts from Bharatiya Pranimitra Sangh, GHSPCA and volunteers, PFA started the process of moving the camels home. After an 8 hour long effort of loading the camels into 21 trucks using a crane and a JCB, the journey to PFA Sirohi had finally begun.

The trucks were made to move slowly at about 20-30 kilometres per hour, halting in between to feed and rest the animals. The ropes were untied frequently and the camels were made to move around within the trucks for exercise.

We travelled across Maharashtra, Gujarat and Rajasthan to reach the destination, PFA Sirohi on 30<sup>th</sup> July.



For this success, on behalf of every camel; we would like to thank each and every donor for empathizing and supporting the cause.

Our special thanks to the SP of Vikarabad, Ranga Reddy District, Hiten Shah of Kutchi Mitra Mandal, Manav mitra, volunteers of Muthi Bhar Anaj and the Jain Samaj of Hyderabad, Secunderabad and Bolaram.

We would like to thank our team comprising of Mr. Dattatraya Joshi from PFA Hyderabad, Jasraj ji from Bharatiya Pranimitra Sangh, Hema Bandela, Dr. Chaitanya; Mr. Surendra Bhandari, Mr Dinesh Jain, Mr. Amit Jain and Soudharm Bhandari from GHSPCA, who have accompanied the camels to ensure safe passage to Rajasthan.

Finally, a big thank you to the caregivers Suneel, Shiva, Chagan Lal and Bhagawan Das who have tirelessly been nurturing the extremely sick and weak camels.

Heartwarming rescues such as this reinforce our faith in humanity and make us more determined to carry forward this fight for animal rights in India.

## CANDLELIGHT VIGIL FOR SHAKTIMAN

**April 21, 2016:** Shaktiman had a great track record as an exemplary service horse. The tragedy was that he died due to a fatal blow ministered by BJP MLA Ganesh Joshi for no reason. The entire nation rose together to protest against this inhumane act.

In a grand show of solidarity against animal abuse, People for Animals Hyderabad, Humane Society International/India, and Blue Cross of Hyderabad held a candlelight vigil on April 21 between 6.00 and 7.30pm, to demand a revision in the penalties for animal cruelty under the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act.



## RESCUE: ANIMALS FROM KAIVALYA SUMMER MELA

**14 May 2016:** Upon a complaint by some animal lovers, PFA Hyderabad rescued numerous birds and animals from Kaivalya summer mela, an exhibition being conducted at People's Plaza, Necklace Road, Hyderabad that was exhibiting starving and unhappy animals in 45 degrees heat as an entertainment for humans.

This is a violation of The Prevention of Cruelty to Act, 1960, the Municipal Act, and the Performing Animals (Registration) Rules, 2001.

Dr. Wilson, Assistant Director of GHMC Central Zone, rushed to the spot along with the rescue team, led by Dattatraya Joshi, Executive Officer, PFA Hyderabad; seized the animals and shifted them to the hospital for treatment.

Please note that the chemicals used to colour little chicks kill them slowly and painfully. There is only 1% survival rate for coloured chicks.





## #NoMore50 CAMPAIGN

**May 12, 2016:** People for Animals and Humane Society International/India commenced the #NoMore50 campaign calling for stronger and higher penalties for animal cruelty. The campaign transited through a series of videos from Indian celebrities, including Usha Uthup, Sudesh Bhosle, Anup Jalota, Tara Sharma, Arman Mallik and others, asking the Ministry of Environment to increase punishment for animal cruelty in the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, 1960.

The penalty in the PCA Act for violation of animal rights and any kind of abuse has not been revised since 1960, giving maltreats the advantage of this frail law to continue inflicting unbelievable amount of cruelty on animals. Currently, the maximum penalty even for the most heinous form of animal abuse is a petty Rs 50.

Smt. Poonam Mahajan, MP from North Mumbai, has introduced a private members bill seeking an increase in the penalties for animal cruelty through an amendment of the PCA Act. Leaders from different political parties like Dr Shashi Tharoor, Baijayant 'Jay' Panda, Dr Satyapal Singh, Varun Gandhi, Meenakshi Lekhi and several others already support the campaign.

PFA receives hundreds of complaints concerning pet abuse, wildlife sale; and community and working animal abuse every month. PFA teams counsel, guide, and finally prosecute the offenders wherever required.



## NIGHT RESCUES: NOTEWORTHY WORK

This boy, fondly named as Snowy by the rescue home staff, was rescued from Narapally, Koremullu. In November 2015, we received a call from an animal lover about this dog who was heavily infested with maggots, all the way to his cranium; and was in a very serious condition. We brought him over to the PFA rescue home immediately. His treatment went on for six whole months. We are happy to report that he has been successfully treated, vaccinated and sterilized; and was released back into his territory by the PFA Hyderabad team on 24<sup>th</sup> May 2016.



*Snowy, before and after treatment*

Julie was diagnosed with eye cancer, due to which she was having constant eye problems. She underwent a surgery to remove the tumour, and has made full recovery. Our veterinarians have assured us that her wounds have healed, and we were delighted to see our brave Julie leap and happily trot away to her territory on 26 June 2016!



*Julie, before and after treatment*

## UPDATES FROM THE RESCUE HOME

### Animal Birth Control (ABC) and Anti-rabies Vaccination (ARV) program

Our Animal Birth Control (ABC) and Anti-rabies Vaccination (ARV) program for dogs and cats has been successfully initiated. Here are some details of the program:

The fee\* for performing ABC:

Male Dog - Rs 1200

Female Dog - 1800

Male or Female Cat – 2000

\*The charges are inclusive of surgery and post operative care.

Pick up and drop of the dogs from your locality is available at rs.12 per km. To book an appointment, please contact +91 93915 38098.

### Requirement of foster carers

PFA Hyderabad needs permanent foster carers for little pups and kittens. The foster carers would be taking care of the animals until suitable adopters are found. Interested volunteers please contact 9177229087.

## VOLUNTEER VISIT



*Visit by volunteers from 'A Beautiful World Movement'*



*Volunteer visit from Facebook on Global Causes Day*

## NEWS FROM THE ANIMAL WELFARE WORLD

### **HC for ban on fireworks, elephant parade**

May 28, 2016: The Kerala High Court observed that it was high time that the State government banned the use of fireworks, involving explosive substances, and parading of elephants in connection with religious festivals and ceremonies.

### **Kendriya Vidyalayas to Teach Students about Being Kind to Animals**

May 10, 2016: Kendriya Vidyalayas across the country will now include in their curriculum a humane education programme designed to teach children to be kind to animals.

“Compassionate Citizen” is designed to teach 8 to 12-year-old children to be kind to animals and has been endorsed by the Animal Welfare Board of India and the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE). The programme offers tools and lesson plans to teach children to view animals as feeling, sensitive beings. It consists of a teacher's guide, reproducible activity sheets, a reading unit and a 28-minute video all devised to help students use their reading and reasoning skills to examine the complex lives of animals, how our relationship with them has changed over time and how to respond when animals are in trouble.

### **Govt bans commercial dogs import for breeding**

April 25, 2016: Government banned import of dogs for breeding or any other commercial activity. However, it said that import of dogs is allowed only for the specific purposes such as pet dog with valid pet book and relevant records/documents in the name of importer; dogs imported by the R&D organisations for conducting research

with the recommendation of Committee for the Purpose of Control And Supervision of Experiments on Animals (CPCSEA). It said that for the internal security by the defence and police force also the imports are allowed.

This notification comes after PFA and Humane Society International/India urged the government to ban the import on dogs for breeding as it was resulting in overpopulation of street dogs in India and the suffering endured breed dogs due to difference in climatic condition. Currently, a large number of dogs that are not suitable for the country's tropical climate such as St Bernards, Siberian Huskies, Alaskan Malamutes and others are imported by breeders in India.

### **Indian Soap and Detergent Manufacturers Prohibited From Testing on Animals**

April 19, 2016: A circular was issued by the Committee for the Purpose of Control and Supervision of Experiments on Animals (CPCSEA) to manufacturers and industry associations that prohibit tests on animals for many household products in India, such as soaps, detergents and other surface active agents.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**



FIAPO is back with India's biggest national conference for animal activists - India For Animals 2016; a one of a kind, biennial premier event that brings together all animal protection organisations and activists under a common banner to connect, build and learn from each other.

**Slated to happen from October 21st to 23rd in Mumbai; registrations for IFA 2016 are now open.**

Celebrating the animal protection movement in the country, IFA 2016 will play host to a wide array of interactive sessions, discussions and debates, regarding significant issues concerning animal protection and their resolution.

So register now and be a part of India's biggest gathering for animal protectionists, as we move forward with our collective goal of reducing and ending animal suffering everywhere!

For more information, click on <http://www.fiapo.org/ifa16.php>

## MAKE A DONATION

People for Animals as an organization is mainly into implementing the animal protection laws of India. India is one of the countries in the world where animal right laws are among the strongest. In spite of that, due to huge human population, conflict between human and animal is very high and poses a great challenge to the working of PFA. The costs to sustain and maintain the rescue home, as well as to fight for animal rights, are high and we depend entirely on donations to rescue, feed and provide necessary veterinary care for the animals. Any donation, big or small is welcome and we really appreciate your help.

### **Tax-deductible Monthly Donation Scheme**

Join PFA's Tax-deductible Monthly Donation Scheme\* and donate according to your heart's desire to help us continue our lifesaving work. Every rupee that you contribute makes a difference in lives of the animals.

You have the following tax-deductible options to choose from:

1. 99 ₹ per month
2. 299 ₹ per month
3. 499 ₹ per month
4. 999 ₹ per month

### **Sponsor a rescue**

You could sponsor the food and treatment charges of one animal at our Rescue Home by donating 1000 ₹ each month.

### **Sponsor Sterilisation & Vaccination of Community Dogs**

Sponsor Animal Birth Control (ABC) and Anti-Rabies (AR) vaccination of stray dogs. Sponsorship costs are as follows:

- Dogs: Female: 1,800 ₹ per dog  
Male: 1,200 ₹ per dog  
Cats: 2,000 ₹ per cat

\*The charges are inclusive of surgery plus post operative care

**Celebrate an occasion at PFA**

Celebrate a special occasion like a birthday, anniversary, etc with your animal friends at the Emergency Rescue Home. You could donate money, food and clothing to the animals, and spend some quality time with them. You will get a special mention in our Monthly Newsletter, along with your picture taken at our shelter, for donations of 10,000 ₹ and above.

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*-Vasanthi Vadi  
Founder Secretary*