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## Starting Goshalas in Indian Jails - A Unique Campaign

From the Secretary's desk

### CHECKING OF A ZOO FOR ANIMAL WELFARE

Any collection of wild animals held in captivity is termed a zoo. All zoos are required to be registered by the Central Zoo Authority (CZA). All private zoos (in a home or in a school, exhibition ground or museum), mini zoos and mobile zoos have been banned. No zoos can be run by municipalities unless they are registered with the CZA, which means that they have to have the basic needs of the animals attended to, including ensuring the size of the cages. No zoos are allowed to give/sell animals to circuses.

All animal enclosures shall be designed to ensure safety of animals. It must provide for the full biological needs of the animal. Animals should not be unnaturally provoked for the benefit of the viewing public. Visibility of animals in adjoining enclosures must be minimised to prevent stress. Natural habitat must be stimulated as closely as possible. Every enclosure must have proper drainage and cleaning arrangements. For mammal species, specially endangered mammals, enclosures must have feeding and retiring cubicles. Proper lighting and ventilation must be provided.

Each large zoo (more than 750 animals) shall have at least 2 full time veterinarians. Medium and Small zoos are required to have one full time veterinarian. Every large and medium zoo must have a properly equipped veterinary hospital and basic diagnostic facilities. This hospital must have facilities for restraining and handling sick animals, tranquilising equipment and syringe projector. Small zoos shall have at least a treatment room within the premises where examination and immediate treatment can be provided.

A zoo is often seen more as a picnic place than a learning centre and visitors behave accordingly. Every zoo must enforce a code of conduct for visitors. No plastic packets must be allowed in as these are often tossed into enclosures where animals eat them and die. □

- D. Rajasekar, IFS  
Secretary

CHENNAI: Maj.Gen.(Retd.)Dr.R.M.Kharb, AVSM discussed the new initiatives taken by the Board to make the Gaushalas self-sustainable. The Ministry of New and Renewable Energy, Govt. of India had signed a MoU for installation of six power generating plants for producing electricity from biogas in six Gaushalas and these are expected to be operational by October 2010 and also discussed to start Gaushalas in the jails which is an unique campaign of the Board, so that the inmates in the jails can be educated on animal welfare and association with cows is helpful in transforming them as useful citizens.

The 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual General Meeting of AWBI held on 8 & 9<sup>th</sup> January, 2010 at Chennai, discussed about introduction of Animal Welfare as a subject for children so that some basic things can be introduced in the syllabi of schools and about the participatory ABC programme implemented by the Board with the local bodies. The Board requested the Ministry to expedite the



training programme for veterinarians/ para-vets and dog catchers as this is most essential for success of ABC programme in our country.

The Board has decided that a one day National Conference on Humane Education will be conducted in the month of April 2010 at Delhi. During the discussions it was decided that the habitual biting dogs be neutralized and sheltered separately after verifying the nature of dogs. It was suggested that a rehabilitation programme for biting dogs should be implemented like in the US. The civic bodies may be requested to provide suitable place for rehabilitation of these dogs, said Gen. Kharb.

The Board's publication 'Compendium on Animal Welfare Laws & AWOs' was released. The Member, Shri Vadilal Kamdhar released the book.

The Board members congratulated Maj. Gen. (Retd.), Dr. R.M. Kharb, AVSM, Chairman AWBI, for having been awarded the Humanitarian Award by PeTA, India for 2009 for his outstanding contribution in the field of Animal Welfare in India.

The 113<sup>th</sup> Executive Committee Meeting of the Board was also held on 7<sup>th</sup> January, 2010 at Chennai. Various issues were discussed in the meeting and Jallikattu was one of the most important. It was told that



Jallikattu was initially banned in 2008 and later allowed to be conducted on the basis of guidelines/conditions submitted by the Tamilnadu Government. The main case is still pending in the Supreme Court. As per report of media, jallikattu involves cruelties to both bulls & human beings and both are hurt in the sport. The Jallikattu Act enacted by the Tamilnadu Government requires to be monitored for which AWBI is authorizing various AWO's in the districts.

It was decided that the inspection of organizations for larger grants is to be conducted in time and since organizations are more and inspection authorities are less, Government Agencies such as District Collector, Animal Husbandry Department and Forest Department can be deputed for undertaking inspections.

The regular grants can be released on the basis of available inspection report, Animal Verification Certificate certified by Animal Husbandry Department and other documents submitted by AWOs.

### SNAKE RESCUER HONOURED

CHENNAI: Deepika Devi, a college girl and the rescuer of snakes in suburban Korattur, was awarded for being an animal lover by Manithavala Membattu Peravai, an association of scholars and nature lovers in Chennai on 3.1.2010.

Last fortnight, Deccan Chronicle (DC) broke the story of 19 year old Deepika Devi, who has rescued over 50 snakes in her neighbourhood.

She has been approached by local people whenever some snake entered their homes.

She rescued snakes, both venomous and non-venomous, and let them go back to their burrows. Her services to the neighbourhood were honored with an award by Ms. Angeline

Premalatha, IFS at a function held in Chennai. Prof. K. Ramasamy of the Central Institute of Classical Tamil and other dignitaries were present on the occasion.

"I thank DC for publicizing my talent to the world. I am honoured to be recognized as an animal lover," said Deepika Devi.

### DOG SHOW SEES 50 BREEDS

CHENNAI: "I like any dog which is friendly", said eight-year old Advait. He was one of the many enthusiastic kids who wanted to touch and cuddle every dog on display at the Madras Canine Club's 94<sup>th</sup> and 95<sup>th</sup> dog show on 10.1.2010. "We have a labrador at home and he literally owns it", said his dad, Shri Praveen Krishna. There were

curious enquiries from visitors about the particular breed of various dogs and many kids were trying their best to convince the grown-ups that a pet at home is a good idea.

"I came here looking for puppies. I used to have two dogs at home," said Venkat, a dog lover. "Once you have a pet at home, they become an integral part of the family. It is very difficult to live without a pet after that".

According to Ms. Shalini Singh, shows like these are great for dog lovers who live in flats and cannot own a pet. "I at least get to see breeds like golden retrievers once in a while. It is amazing to see so many dogs in one place".

Apart from dog lovers, there were obliging parents who were at the show just for their children. "My son wanted

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a dog for the past two years”, said Shri Chandrasekharan. “He likes to see big dogs like the Great Dane and Mastiff”.

The dogs were judged on various parameters such as breed standard, obedience trails and agility trails. The show attracted close to 400 entries, comprising about 50 breeds from all over India.

## PONGAL FEAST FOR JUMBOS AT ZOO

**CHENNAI:** The Arignar Anna Zoological Park, Vandalur celebrated Pongal festival for the five elephants. Zoo sources told that this is the first time that the zoo is having four baby elephants at a time and authorities used the opportunity to pamper them.

“We provided five caparisoned elephants jaggery, pongal and sugarcane. They were brought together and we cooked the pongal in front of them. We prayed before the elephants and fed them”, an official at the Arignar Anna Zoological Park said.

Three of the calves are less than a year old, the other one is three years old. “We’ve never had so many elephant calves in our zoo. They are now the star attractions here. We never had the practice of celebrating Pongal inside the zoo. But this time, we have these animals for whom we cooked pongal”, the official added.

## PUNJAB GOVERNMENT INITIATES ANIMAL ADOPTION SCHEME

**LUDHIANA:** The Punjab Government has initiated an animal adoption scheme, where they have offered a chance to adopt wild animals and birds from major zoos of the state, to promote community involvement for animal care.

Under the scheme, any individual, trust or organization can adopt an animal or bird for a year or a few months and contribute towards feeding the animal, maintenance of hygiene and cleanliness of enclosures and meet medical costs.

The scheme will be available at the Mohindra Chaudhury Zoological Park at Chhatbir, zoos in Ludhiana, Bathinda and Patiala, the deer park at Neelon on the Ludhiana-Chandigarh road and an aviary at Patiala.

“Those who are keen to adopt a wild animal, provide them specific information about the upkeep of the animal in the zoo. It is the duty of every human being to contribute to the conservation of wild animals as human beings are only responsible for disturbing their natural habitat and placing them in captivity,” said Shri Vishal Chauhan, District forest officer of Ludhiana.

The Punjab Youth Forum, an NGO in Ludhiana, has adopted almost ten birds and animals from Ludhiana zoo, and has also been working to inspire people to adopt wild animals.

“We are trying to convince people to adopt wild animals and birds and contribute towards feeding them. The annual expense to adopt a lion is 1,800 dollars, where as a deer costs 250 dollars and a bear costs 680 to 800 dollars. There are many people who donate money for organizing community meal at religious places. So, we approach them to adopt wild animals. Through the conservation of wild animals, we can maintain nature’s balance, which is important for both the environment and geography,” said Dr. Kripal Singh, convener of Punjab Youth Forum.

Ranjit, a man who has adopted an animal, said that it is a wonderful opportunity for people to connect with the nature. “By adopting an animal, it helps us to remain connected with nature. If we don’t take up this responsibility, I believe, we are vulnerable to doing anything for the environment,” Ranjit said. After adoption, the person will have the right to check the diet and living conditions of the animal and can seek an explanation about anything pertaining to the adopted animal from the authorities.

## RUBBER MAT INCREASES MILK YIELD - A RESEARCH FINDING

**COIMBATORE:** The Tamil Nadu Agricultural University (TNAU) has found a new technique of increasing milk yield in cows, while providing them

comfort. Cows rested on specially-made rubber mats have shown to yield more milk than those resting on hard ground. TNAU is now experimenting with this technique on goats and pigs.

Dr. R. Balagopal, Professor (Veterinary), central farm unit, TNAU said this technique has helped animal owners benefit considerably – enhanced revenues from increased milk yield and also adding to the cows health. He said that when cows sleep on rough surface, their knees and hock regions are stressed and blood supply to these regions increases. But when these animals rest on rubber mats, the udders are cushioned and blood supply to the udder and teats increase, consequently milk yield goes up.

The densified rubber mats also have therapeutic effect. The animals would be free from laminitis (inflammation of hoof) and mastitis (inflammation of udder). If these diseases are avoided, it has a positive impact on milk yield. The 6x4 feet rubber mats have anti-bacterial properties and also anti-concussion mechanism adding to the animal’s comfort. □

**“DICLOFENAC” should not be used for treatment of cattle; “MELOXICAM” can be used alternatively.**

- AWBI

In the High Court of Judicature at Madras  
Dated 23.12.2009

Coram:

The Hon'ble Mrs. Justice Prabha Sridevan  
And

The Hon'ble Mr. Justice M. Sathyanarayanan

W.P.Nos. 30782 of 2008 and 1102 of 2009

And

M.P.No.1 of 2009

W.P.No. 30782 of 2008

Dr. B. Manivannan ... Petitioner

Vs.

1. The Secretary to Government,  
Health & Family Welfare Department  
Fort St. George, Secretariat,  
Beach Road, Chennai

2. The Secretary to Government  
Department of Rural Development  
Fort St. George, Secretariat  
Beach Road, Chennai

3. The Secretary to Government  
Department of Animal Husbandry  
Fort St. George, Secretariat  
Beach Road, Chennai

... Respondents

Writ petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India praying for a writ of Mandamus directing the 2<sup>nd</sup> respondent to constitute a mandatory Monitoring Committee as prescribed by Rule 4 of the Animal Birth Control (Dogs) Rules 2001 and further direct the 1<sup>st</sup> respondent to initiate the ABC (Animal Birth Control) Programme in a time-bound manner consistent with requirements of the programme, so as to achieve a rabies-free Tamil Nadu.

For Petitioner : Mr. D. Lingeswaran  
For Respondents : Mr. M.Dhandapani

Special Government Pleader

W.P.No.1102 of 2008:

Radharajan ... Petitioner

Vs.

1. The Commissioner  
Corporation of Chennai  
Ripon Buildings, Chennai – 600 003.

2. The Animal Welfare Board of India  
13/1, 3<sup>rd</sup> Seaward Road  
Thiruvanniyur, Chennai – 600 041.

Writ petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India praying for a writ of Mandamus directing the first respondent to strictly adhere to Animal Birth Control (Dog Rules) 2001 in future in every dog mission.

For Petitioner : Ms. Radha Rajan

Party-in-person

For Respondents 1 & 2: Mr. K. Elango

ORDER

(Order of the Court was made Prabha Sridevan, J)

These two writ petition have been filed in public interest.

2. W.P.No. 30782 of 2008 has been filed for constituting the mandatory Monitoring Committee to ensure that the Animal Birth Control (Dogs) Rules 2001 is complied with.

3. W.P.No.1102 of 2009 has been filed for a direction directing the first respondent to strictly adhere to Animal Birth Control (Dog Rules) 2001 in future in every dog mission.

4. W.P.No.30782 of 2008 has been filed by a Veterinary doctor of Theni District who has been actually involved in rabies control measures. He has mentioned about the details of the horrible death that results from rabies.

“2. Rabies is a disease that result from bites by rabid mammals, especially dogs. In most parts of the world, rabies is endemic. Rabies virus, a rhabdovirus present in infected animal's saliva is inoculated into the bite wounds, enters peripheral nerves and spreads to the central nervous system where it causes a lethal encephalomyelitis. Once clinically established, rabies encephalomyelitis. Once clinically established rabies encephalomyelitis is almost invariably fatal, but the disease is entirely preventable provided that complete post-exposure prophylaxis is implemented promptly.

3. The regimen of post-exposure prophylaxis for people bitten by rabid mammals that is currently recommended by WHO consists of a combination of wound cleaning, active immunization with a tissue culture rabies vaccine and passive immunization with equine or human rabies immunoglobulin.

4. Globally, rabies is the tenth leading causing of death due to infection in humans. The threat of rabies exists in most parts of the world. Predominantly, it affects poor people

in developing countries and its true incidence may be underestimated. In the year 2005, there were reports estimating that nearly 60,000 human fatalities occur each year. A WHO sponsored multicentric study estimated that at least 20,000 deaths occurred annually in India alone. More than 99% of all human deaths from rabies occur in the developing world and almost half of those dying of rabies and requiring rabies immunoglobulin are children less than 15 years old”.

5. We find from the affidavit that 85% of deaths occur due to rabies in India and Tamil Nadu is the leading State in India. It appears that India spent Rs.15000 crores per year on rabies and one army man per 6 lakh soldiers dies due to rabies. This is only due to the stray dog population in India and therefore the petitioner has filed above writ petition NO.1102 of 2009 to ensure that Animal Birth Control (Dog Rules) is strictly adhered to, so that the death due to rabies is minimized.

6. Previously, the civil authorities used to keep under check the stray dogs in India by impounding them and put them to death. But, the Animal Welfare activists objected to this and that is how the policy of Animal Control Programme came into existence.

7. When the writ petitions came up for final hearing, learned Government Advocate submitted that he would be able to produce the details regarding the compliance with Rule 4 of the Animal Birth Control (Dogs) control. The first report shows that with regard to the corporation of Chennai, a monitoring committee had been constituted consisting of the following persons:

a) Commissioner corporation of Chennai (Ex-Officio Chairman of the Committee)  
b) Deputy Commissioner (H)  
c) Health Officer, Corporation of Chennai  
d) Secretary, Animal Welfare Board of India  
e) Veterinary Officer, Corporation of Chennai  
f) President, Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA)

g) Chairman, Blue Cross of India, representing Animal Welfare Organisation  
h) Secretary, People for Animals representing Animal Welfare Organisation

Thereafter, all the five corporations and about 60 Municipalities have formed the monitoring committee on 3.11.2009 and 34 municipalities had formed a monitoring committee by 18.11.2009. Now a report has been filed stating that 561 Town Panchayats had been constituted

the Monitoring Committee, virtually, 80% compliance have been achieved.

8. We are satisfied with regard to the constitution of monitoring committee as above and the first respondent in W.P.No. 30782 of 2008, viz., The Secretary to Government, Health & Family Welfare Department, Chennai is hereby directed to constitute monitoring committees where they have not constituted, within a period of three months from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.

9. Considering the seriousness of the problem and the high prevalence of rabies in Tamil Nadu, we direct the respondents to ensure that the monitoring committee will implement the rules strictly. The first respondent in W.P.No.1102 of 2009, viz. The Commissioner, Corporation of Chennai shall issue strict instructions in this regard to all the Corporations, Municipalities and Town Panchayats.

10. Both the writ petitions are disposed of accordingly. No costs. Consequently, M.P.No.1 of 2009 is closed.

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Asst. Registrar

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Sub Asst. Registrar

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Beach Road, Chennai.

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## AWOs REPORT

The following animal welfare organizations celebrated the Animal Welfare Fortnight in a grand manner from 14<sup>th</sup> January 2010 to 31<sup>st</sup> January, 2010.

**Rastriya Gokul Samrakshana Kendram, Anantapur Dist., AP**, conducted Health Camps in Dharmavaram town and they gave vaccinations to large animals. On 11.1.2010 they conducted mobile services and gave treatment to sick animals.

**Sahyog Organisation, Hyderabad** stopped animal games and rescued the animals from various places. They rescued pigeons during kite festival, which were later released into their habitat.

**People for Animals, Balasore** organized a rally for school children to create awareness on animal welfare. They fed 100 animals, exhibited posters on animal welfare in sensitive places and distributed the pamphlets.

**SPCA Kaithal** organized painting competitions in Govt. High School, Chandana along with the District Council for Animal Welfare. 38 students

participated in the competition. The competition was organized to create awareness and to stop cruelty to animals.

**Kalyani, Orissa** organized various camps viz. awareness camp, animal treatment camp, veterinary training camp, first aid camp and health camp to create awareness and to prevent cruelty and animal sacrifice. They organized workshop on prevention of animal cruelty at Bidyapitha, Baku. They distributed fodder to the cattle and conducted various competitions for school children including street play on prevention of 'Gohatya'.

**Animal & Bird Welfare Society, Howrah** celebrated Animal Welfare Fortnight 2010 under the association of State Animal Welfare Board of West Bengal. They organized special awareness at Goga Ramrajatala, U.N.Pur, Howrah. They discussed about the continuous process of action of ABC and immunisation of stray dogs and distributed brochure, leaflets, etc. First aid has been given to the sick and injured animals and birds. □

**All AWOs carrying out ABC programme are requested not to use Ketoprofen, Carprofen and Flunixin (NSID) for their anti-inflammation properties on ABC operated dogs. - AWBI**

## Cruelty Cases in the month of January, 2010 and Action Taken by AWBI

Date of Report & Nature of Cruelty	Communication sent to Officials
<b>13.1.2010</b> Illegal cock fights in Karur and other districts of Tamil Nadu during Pongal Festival celebrations 2010	Shri K.S. Sripathi, I.A.S Chief Secretary, Govt. of TN Fort. St. George, Chennai - 9 Shri K.P.Jain, I.P.S DGP, Office of the Director General of Police, Govt. of TN., Chennai - 600 004.
<b>22.1.2010</b> Illegal capturing of stray dogs and leaving them in the forest areas by Padalur Panchayat, Dist:Perambalur, Tamil Nadu	Ms. V. Vanitha, Joint Police Commissioner & Superintendent of Police, P.O & Dist. Perambalur, TN The Director General of Police, Office of the Director General of Police, Police Headquarters, Chennai - 600 004. The Director, Directorate of Municipal Administration, Govt. of Tamil Nadu, Chennai The Commissioner, Animal Husbandry & Fisheries Department, Govt. of TN, Chennai The District Collector, Collectorate Office, P.O & Dist: Perambalur, Tamil Nadu The District Forest Officer, P.O & Dist. Perambalur, Tamil Nadu
<b>27.1.2010</b> Enquiry into the implementation of ABC programme in Vadodara, Gujarat	Shri M.K.Das, Municipal Commissioner, Vadodara Mun.Corp. P.O. Vadodara, Gujarat
<b>29.1.2010</b> Brutal killing of stray dogs in Mysore, Karnataka	The Commissioner, Mysore Municipal Commissioner, Mysore Shri Sudhakar Roa, I.A.S. Chief Secretary, Govt. of Karnataka, Bengaluru - 560 001. The Director General of Police, Office of the Director General of Police Police Headquarters, Bengaluru - 560 001. The Director, Directorate of Municipal Admn. Govt. of Karnataka, Bengaluru - 560 001. The Commissioner, Animal Husbandry and Fisheries Department, Govt. of Karnataka, Bangalore - 560 001. District Collector, Collectorate Office, Mysore The Superintendent of Police Office of the Superintendent of Police, Karnataka The Health Officer, Mysore Municipal Corp. Mysore, Karnataka
<b>Illegal cock fights in Thanjavur, TN</b>	Thiru M.S. Shanmugam, I.A.S District Collector, Collectorate Office, Thanjavur

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