



The Animal Welfare Board of India is an umbrella of the SPCAs / AWOs and animal welfare workers. The Board encourages animal welfare activities, advises the Central and State Governments on issues relating to Animal Welfare, particularly the prevention of cruelty to animals, and also helps to formulate animal welfare policies / legislations.

ANIMAL WELFARE VS. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

Animal welfare and concern for the environment are both part of the wider notion of an improved quality of life for all species; a sense of caring for the environment and everything in it. Nowadays, various societies and organisations are working for these two concerns. Concerted co-operative action appears to have an important future in promoting the view of an improved quality of life for all species.

The issue has been discussed widely by Dr.A.Suckling, a known animal welfare activist of UK stating that how science has impacted animal welfare and the environment. It is truly, an area in which science is working in the service of animals. But of course, there are always problems - and therefore, an argument for and against - which science has to try to help and solve. Now science is essentially a practical discipline. A scientist often works by defining a problem, constructing a hypothesis to test, carrying out research to provide objective results pertinent to the hypothesis and then deciding whether or not the hypothesis was correct and whether or not, a solution to the original problem can be found. From this practical standpoint it is difficult to see how to proceed from the philosophical position that must stop using animals now.

He says that it is extremely unlikely that in the next two years, five years, twenty years, or even during our lifetimes, that objective can be reached. In the meantime, the World continues to use animals. I found that science may be used and turned for the best service of the animals and the environment by dealing with achievable objectives in reducing use and improving welfare measures. We must have some core objectives on animal welfare and they must be achievable.

Humane Education is the absolute key to the future. Scientists working for animal welfare must try to educate others, inside and outside science, to promote a more caring personal approach - individual personal responsibility, individual personal sensitivity and compassion. Only when these aims are achieved over a far greater proportion of the population, the cause of animal welfare and care for the environment will be truly linked.

Thus, we may save animals by launching animal welfare measures to prevent Global Warming and Biodiversity of the natural resources. □

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MCD must frame a Policy for Rehabilitation of Horses: Gen. Kharb



NEW DELHI: The Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) has planned to decongest the Walled City by banning oldest mode of transport "tongas". Owners of these humble means of conveyance have out rightly rejected the civic body's proposal more out of sympathy for the animals than themselves" reported by a local newspaper.

The report also states that according to the current plan, tonga owners will have to sell off their horses out of Delhi and obtain a 'certificate' from the concerned district administration as proof of sale of the animal in that town. In lieu of this certificate, the civic body will award a *tehbazari* licence. This is seen by owners as a bizarre decision.

Peeved over the ill-conceived plan of the MCD, owners refused to stop plying their tongas. A front, opened by a group of tonga permit holders, has compelled the MCD to put its phase-out plan in abeyance provisionally. Tongawalas have approached the Delhi High Court in this regard.

Besides tongawalas, who face a threat to their livelihood, the civic body has also drawn flak from animal lovers and activists for being insensitive to the animals. Coming down heavily on the civic body, Major General (Retd.) Dr.R.M.Kharb, AVSM, Chairman, Animal Welfare Board of India (AWBI), said, "Because of the shortsightedness of the MCD, we have approached the Delhi High Court in this regard. We are asking them (MCD) to frame a policy for rehabilitation of the horses. Our submission is that there should be a relief package for owners as well as horses."

According to a tongawala, horses are treated just like their children. Not only that these animals a source of income but they also develop an emotional link with them. There are 232 registered tongas in the city and about 300 horses to cater to the needs of tonga rides in the Walled City area, where the ancient mode of transportation is allowed even today. The tonga rider alleged that the decision of the civic body is discriminatory because when the MCD refused to renew permits of various tonga owners years ago, they were allotted big shops near to their place.

Meanwhile, in a bid to distance itself from the ongoing controversy, the MCD has claimed that the civic body has never given any notice to stop them from plying tongas before their permit expires. MCD is trying to persuade them, not forcing them to stop plying their horse drawn carriages.



The reason is that because of these slow moving animals, it is becoming difficult to move in narrow lanes. The MCD officials also added that the Corporation has not formulated any rehabilitation package for animals.

The horses will not be allowed to be used for tongas. If a person possesses a single licence for horse drawn carriage, MCD will allot him a *tehbazari* or if one has multiple permits, then the *tehbazari* and financial assistance will be granted to purchase a CNG-run auto-rickshaw. □

TWO MORE ANIMAL BIRTH CONTROL CENTRES

VISAKHAPATNAM: The public health department of the Greater Visakhapatnam Municipal Corporation (GVMC) has proposed to open two more animal birth control centres for speeding up the sterilisation of stray dogs and administer anti-rabies vaccine.

The Corporation has tied up with the Visakha Society for Prevention of Cruelty Against Animals (VSPCA) since 2001 for the ABC programme and the society has been performing 900 operations per month. The city veterinary officer, Dr V. Rammohan Rao, said that discussions were going on and it was proposed to open two more ABC centres in the city in addition to the existing one operated by the VSPCA. "We will have a clear picture shortly when we meet the municipal commissioner for a final decision," Dr. Rammohan said.

He said that the centres would run with the assistance of the animal husbandry department. As of now, the MoU signed with VSPCA expired in March and there are no hints of renewal.



Hey Guys, I'm your pal
I don't fight with the guys or run
after the gals
I'm not aggressive and I don't bite
And I don't unduly pick up a fight
I'm cool and I'm fun
I love everyone under the sun
I am content and satisfied
Because Boy! I'm sterilised

The society founder chairman, Shri. Pradeep Nath, told the media that his organisation gets a matching grant from the Animal Welfare Board of India, which the municipal corporation is unlikely to get if it goes on its own.

"We have requested the GVMC to help us in a revaccination programme in the old city area where more than 70 per cent dogs have been sterilised," Shri. Nath said. There has been a decline in rabies cases, dog bites and dog complaints in areas where the programme was extensive, he added.

The VSPCA has the best facility and carries out this programme in two other areas of Bhimili, Steel Plant and coordinating at Rajahmundry. The city has more than one lakh dogs as per corporation records.

FIVE HELD FOR ILLEGAL WILDLIFE TRADE, 48 BIRDS RECOVERED

LUCKNOW: In a major crackdown against illegal wildlife trade, forest department along with revenue and police department swooped down on the shops selling endangered birds at Nakhas on 23.6.2010. Five people were arrested

Get your Street Dog Sterilised and Vaccinated at your nearest AWO or Veterinary Clinic

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ACTIVITY REPORTS

KANYAKUMARI: Himalayan Trust relocated a cow from the Collectors Office, which yielded its calf on 13.6.2010. To safeguard the cow from



the street dogs, they gave medical treatment and relocated the cow and calf to gaushala.

NEW DELHI: JBF (Just Be Friendly), an Animal Welfare Organisation has launched its Eco-Friendly "Dog Transporting Cart (DTC)" on World Environment Day (5.6.2010) for its ongoing "Animal Birth Control (ABC) and Anti-Rabies (AR) Program" at Guwahati, Assam, India. The ABC and AR Program is carried on in collaboration with Guwahati Municipal Corporation. This program is a part of



JBF's Humane Dog Care and Rabies Management Program that also includes other animal welfare activities such as treatment of animals, rehabilitation of homeless animals, special drive for animal health check-up, vaccination camp, advocacy and sensitization programs, educational programs, training and awareness, advisory services etc.

JBF believes that the eco-friendly "Dog Transporting Cart" will have a very good impact on the environment and also to our animal species. It is a three-wheel/tricycle that doesn't consume any fuel. DTC will save the environment from air pollution releasing no carbon-dioxide in the air and also prevent noise pollution. It will also be very cost-effective. Involving more and more people for the noble cause of animal welfare, is the prime objective of the organisation.

After launching the "Dog Transporting Cart" at an auspicious ceremony at JBF Animal Relief Centre, JBF Team with the DTC started a street rally from ARC to the heart of Guwahati city and visited different important offices and places. Being a new concept, it attracted a huge crowd and had a very good response and queries. The team also distributed leaflets, stickers and delivered a brief speech to the enthusiastic public.

JBF Team thanked all well wishers, volunteers, media personals and the general public, who graced the moment with their enthusiasm for successful Animal Welfare campaigns launched by JBF.

FARIDABAD: People for Animals (PFA), Faridabad team rescued an owl from an animal performer on 13 June, 2010 from Ballabgarh city and the owl was handed over to Wildlife Inspector of the city. Shri Ravi Dubey, Jagmohan, Manoj Kumar, Sangam and Varun Singh, team members of PFA, Faridabad, were present during the raid. He said that the animal performers are misusing the animal and they behave in very cruel manner. Often, animals are not fed and provided with water and also compelled to perform.

AHMEDABAD : Jivdaya Charitable Trust (JCT) provides free medical treatment to stray animals and birds. JCT provides medical services through two mobile animal clinics/ animal hospital. Out Patient Department (OPD) and bird's hospital and shelter house are also managed by trust.

The JCT trust is functioning in a 2000 sq.mt. area in Ambawadi, Ahmedabad, since 2007. The trust is registered under charity commissioner as well as recognized by AWBI. The trust has three full time qualified veterinarian along with other 13 supporting staff.



In addition to day to day medical services, the JCT also organizes "Save Bird Campaign" during Uttarayan (Kite Flying Day). In 2010, Jivdaya Charitable Trust received 1961 injured birds. Treatment was provided to these birds by 38 veterinarians invited from different colleges of veterinary science and NGOs. Seventy five percent of injured birds fully recovered and most of them were released. "Save Birds 2010" project is appreciable. □

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Five held for illegal wildlife trade, 48 birds recovered

from the place in the joint action. Besides, 48 birds of different varieties were recovered by the team of officials.

"It is a major success for the department," said C.P.Goel, Conservator, Lucknow. Ram Avatar and four others who were arrested on the day are the prize catch for the department. Avatar is the kingpin of the trade. He was arrested in 2004 but he continued with his ways even after being released. The department tried nabbing him thrice subsequently but he absconded each time. This time the department had been cautious of its move. "The others who have been arrested are all somehow related to him," said Ashok Mishra, DFO, Awadh. The recovered birds included 20 parrots, 22 pigeons and 2 pintails. "Trade in them is prohibited under Wildlife Protection Act," said BP Singh, SDO, Lucknow. The action will be taken against the arrested five under Wildlife Protection Act. □

(Courtesy: Ms.Manjari Mishra, TOI)

GOVT. OF GOA

DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY DIRECTORATE OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY & VETERINARY SERVICES

NOTIFICATION

No.14-9-AH/2010-11/GSABAW/600

The Government of Goa is hereby pleased to re-constitute a State Advisory Board for Animal Welfare in the State of Goa under the Chairmanship of Secretary (Animal Husbandry) and having the following members with immediate effect:-

1.	Secretary (Animal Husbandry)	-	Chairman
2.	Conservator of Forests	-	Member
3.	Director of Municipal Administration	-	Member
4.	Director of Panchayats	-	Member
5.	Director of Animal Husbandry	-	Member
6.	Dy. Director, Dept. of A.H. & V.S.	-	Member Secretary
7.	The Under Secretary (AW II)	-	
	(Representative of Animal Welfare Board of India)	-	Member
8.	Ms. Norma Alveres, Member of Animal Welfare Board of India G-8, St. Britto's Apartments, Mapusa	-	Member
9.	The Representatives of People for Animals (PFA) G-8, St. Britto's Apartments, Mapusa	-	Member
10.	Representative of Goa Animal Welfare Trust Bansai, Cacora, Curchorem, Goa	-	Member
11.	Representative of International Animal Rescue Centre, Assagao, Bardez, Goa	-	Member
12.	Representative of Goa SPCA Torda Salvador-do-Mundo	-	Member
13.	Representative, PAWS, St. Inez-Panaji-Goa	-	Member
14.	Dwarkapuri Gosewa Ashram, Tisk, Usgao, Goa	-	Member
15.	The Green Cross, Dattawadi, Mapusa, Goa	-	Member
16.	Dr. Rozario Menezes, Vaddem, Vasco	-	Member
17.	Ms. Pravina Kerkar from Haveli, Curti-Ponda	-	Member
18.	Animal Rescue Squad (ARS), Bicholim	-	Member
19.	Arch, Girish Kalekar, r/o.Priol, Mardol	-	Member

The functions of the Board shall be as under-

- To ensure that the provision for the prevention of cruelty to animals as in force in India are implemented by the Government properly giving special emphasis to amended provisions under sub-section (1) of section 38 of the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, 1960, published in Official Gazette of Government of Goa, Series 1 No.7 dated 16-5-2002 and to undertake study of problems if any faced for effective implementation of such law from time to time.
- To advise the Central Government in framing rules under the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, 1960 (59 of 1960), with a view to preventing unnecessary pain or suffering to animals generally and more particularly when they are being transported from one place to another or performing animals or when they are kept in captivity or confinement.
- To advise the Government or any local authority or other person on improvements in the design of sheds, water troughs and the like and by providing for veterinary assistance to animals;

- To take all such steps as the Board may think fit, for amelioration of animals by encouraging or providing for the construction of sheds, water troughs and the like and by providing for veterinary assistance to animals;
- To advise the Government or any local authority or other person in the design of slaughter-houses or in connection with slaughter of animals so that unnecessary pain or suffering, whether physical or mental, is eliminated in the pre-slaughter stages as far as possible, and animals are killed, wherever necessary, in as humane a manner as possible;
- To take all such steps as the Board may think fit to ensure that unwanted animals are destroyed by local authorities, wherever it is necessary to do so, either instantaneously or after being rendered insensible to pain or suffering.
- To encourage, by the grant of financial assistance or otherwise, the formation or establishment of pinjarapoles, rescue homes, animal shelters, sanctuaries and the like where animals and birds may find a shelter when they become old and useless or when they need protection;
- To co-operate with, and co-ordinate the work of association or bodies established for the purpose of preventing unnecessary pain or suffering to animals or for the protection of animals and birds;
- To give financial and other assistance to animal welfare organizations functioning in any local area or to encourage the formation of animals welfare organisations in any local area which shall work under the general supervision and guidance of the Board.
- To advise the Government on the matters relating to the medical care and attention which may be provided in animals hospitals whenever the Board think it necessary to do so;
- To impart education in relation to the humane treatment for animals and to encourage the formation of public opinion against the infliction of unnecessary pain or suffering to animals and for the promotion of animal welfare by means of lectures, books, posters, cinematographic exhibitions and the links;
- To advise the Government on any matter connected with animal welfare or the prevention of infliction of unnecessary pain or suffering on animals;

II Office of the Board, term of office, etc.

- The office of the Board shall be located in the Office of the Director of Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Services, Patto, Panaji-Goa.
- The term of the Board shall be three years from the date of its constitution.
- The term of office of the ex-officio Member shall continue so long as he holds the office by virtue of which he is such a member.
- The Government may, at any time, remove, for reasons to be recorded in writing, a Member from office after giving him/her a reasonable opportunity of showing cause against the proposed removal and any vacancy caused by such removal shall be treated as casual vacancy for the purpose.
- The Non Government members of the Board are entitled to sitting fees of Rs.400/- per meeting. Only one person will represent each NGO.

This Notification supersedes all previous notifications issued in this context in the past.

By order and in the name of the Governor of Goa.

P.K.Patidar, Director of Animal Husbandry & Ex officio Joint Secretary.

Panaji, 7th May, 2010.

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VETS ROLE IN ANIMAL WELFARE

Veterinarians play a host of roles as doctor, surgeon, trainer of apprentices, and occasionally, clairvoyant since their patients can't talk to describe their symptoms. With a growing community of people with companion animals, qualified and caring vets are the need of the hour.

Dr. S.V. Sujatha, who runs Sri Krishna Vet Clinic in Abhiramapuram, Chennai, Tamil Nadu is known for her calm demeanor and experience in bringing animals back from the brink of death. She reconstructs the legs of accident victims, brings back the shiny fur of mange-ridden dogs and even treats a rooster for breathing difficulties.

Every day is a new challenge for her. Dr. Sujatha recalls an incident when a dog was brought in by his panicked owner. The mischievous pooch had swallowed eighteen decorative marbles and was rushed in for an X-ray. With the help of a specialist surgeon, she extracted them all. "We were concerned that one marble was missing in the X-ray and wondered if there was an overlap. Luckily, they found the marble at home."

Ms. Vasanthi Rajiv who regularly brings to the clinic,



homeless dogs for treatment speaks of the importance of a vet's welfare outlook — "Dr. Sujatha is one of those vets, who doesn't differentiate between pets and community dogs. When animal lover need to rehabilitate dogs, she does her best to find them homes." Ms. Vasanthi mentions a case where the doctor made trips to give injections and drips to a destitute dog, as it couldn't be brought to the clinic.

From the days when she was worried about patients biting her, Dr. Sujatha has come a long way. "Now I instinctively know which ones are frightened and handle them accordingly," she says.

For details on how to become a Vet, check the Veterinary Council of India website: www.vci-india.in.

Be Veterinarian and Save Animals □

Cruelty Cases in the month of May, 2010 and action taken by AWBI

Date of Report & Nature of Cruelty	Communication sent to Officials
17.5.2010 Brutal killing of dogs in Tirupati Airport, Tirupati	The Manager, Tirupati Airport, Airport Authority of India P.O Tirupati – 517 501. Andhra Pradesh The District Collector, Collectorate Office, PO. Rajmundhary, A.P. The District Collector, Collectorate Office, PO. Kakinada, Andhra Pradesh The Superintendent of Police Office of the Superintendent of Police PO. Kakinada, Andhra Pradesh The Commissioner, AH Dept. Secretariat, Hyderabad, AP
19.5.2010 Brutal and barbaric killing of stray dogs in Udaipur, Rajasthan	The Commissioner, Udaipur Mun. Corp. P.O Udaipur, Rajasthan Chief Secretary, Govt. of Rajasthan Vidhan Soudha, Jaipur – 302 001. The Director General of Police, Office of the Director General of Police, Govt. of Rajasthan, Jaipur-1 The PCCF, (WL), Office of the PCCF Govt. of Rajasthan, Jaipur -302 001. Director, Directorate of Mun. Admn. Govt. of Rajasthan, Jaipur – 302 001. The Director, AH Dept., Govt. of Rajasthan, Jaipur – 302 001. The District Collector, Collectorate Office, P.O Udaipur, Rajasthan The District Forest Officer, Forest Department, Govt. of Rajasthan, Udaipur-1 The Supdt. of Police, Office of the Supdt of Police, P.O. Udaipur, Karnataka The Health Officer, Udaipur Mun. Corp., P.O Udaipur
Overloading and illegal transportation of cattle	The Supdt. of Police, Office of the Supdt. of Police, P.O & Dist: Krishnagiri, TN
20.5.2010 Cruelty inflicted to horses at Bharat Serum Vaccines Ltd., Mumbai	The Director (AW) & Member Secretary, CPCSEA, Animal Welfare Division MoEF, New Delhi – 110 001.
21.5.2010 Brutal killing of dogs in airforce residential area in Kanpur	The Station Area Commandant Officer, Airforce Residential Area, P.O Kanpur, U.P. □

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- Two more animal birth control centres
- Five held for illegal wildlife trade, 48 birds recovered
- Vets role in animal welfare



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