



## Prevent Cruelty to Animals - Be Informed and Get Involved

The Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act - 1960, details every act of cruelty to animals punishable by law. Here's how to stop animal abuse. There can be no moral debate on the law. Just plain and simple caution about the law, what is good for us and what is good for the animal.

### **1) Do you know of a temple where Animal Sacrifice takes place?**

> Meet with the Temple authorities to have a board put up with the following words in the local language. You may contact Blue Cross to attend the meeting with you.

“Animal Sacrifice is against the Law. Killing animals in the temple is not permitted”

### **2) Do you have a chicken shop near your home or work place that transports chickens upside down?**

> Counsel them with the information that they must use a basket or cage to transport the chickens. Hanging them upside down is a crime and can be reported to the Traffic Police. You may hand out pamphlets from the organizations mentioned later.

### **3) Do you see astrologers carrying parrots in cages?**

> Ask for his registration and license for the parrot. If he does not have one, report him to us with his correct location. Counsel people not to encourage these practice. Wildlife belong in the Wild.



**4) Do you see a pet tied up all day, everyday?**

> Please counsel the owners not to tie up their pet to make it territorial. Animals are naturally so and tying them up for lengths of time is a big punishment and is both physically and psychologically damaging. An abused pet is damaged for life. If they do not respond to your counseling, call Blue Cross with the details.

Ensure pets are vaccinated against Rabies / Canine / Feline diseases. Blue Cross provides affordable pet care.

**5) Do you know of any animal breeder that keeps the animals in pathetic, cramped and unhygienic conditions?**

> Please take pictures if you can and report it to us.

**6) Do you know any school that dissects live animals for Biology Class?**

> Biology is the study of life, not death. Request the teachers to use alternatives to live dissection that are economical, known to yield better results and are more humane. Models and computer software are available for demonstration at Blue Cross.

**7) Have you seen lorries carrying cattle overcrowded and piled on top of each other? Have you seen any form of animal abuse?**

> Report the cruelty immediately to the mentioned animal help lines.



**8) Do you know of a temple where elephants are used? Do you know of a circus with animals performing?**

> Look for signs of abuse, injury, sickness or starvation. Inform and urge the Police, Wildlife Department or Animal Welfare Organization to take action.

All Wildlife are protected and cannot be hunted or kept as pets. Sloth bears, squirrels, snakes, mongoose, monkey, star tortoise, are all protected wildlife and best left to live naturally in the wild. Wildlife have certain traits of aggression and communicate diseases that make them unsuitable as pets. Some like the Star Tortoise are just far too endangered to be allowed as pets.

Report those who keep Wildlife as pets or counsel them to hand over such animals to the Zoo.

**Animal Helplines**

- 1) Blue Cross of Hyderabad (between 9am and 5pm):  
040-23544355  
040-32989858 : After hours emergencies only  
040-23545523
- 2) People For Animals, Hyderabad:  
27547540 / 41  
24738268 : Animal Shelter
- 3) Bharatiya Prani Mitra Sangh (between 12pm and 4pm):  
040-55531107  
9394005600 : After hours Volunteer Mr. Mahesh
- 4) Friends of Snakes:  
9391367447 – (Rs. 350/- per rescue)