



BLUE CROSS OF HYDERABAD

APRIL 2006 TO JANUARY 2007 NEWSLETTER

FOR ALL SUBSCRIBERS & MEMBERS

*Dedicated to reducing animal suffering,
preventing cruelty and reducing stray
animal population through sterilisation.*

February 2007

Dear Members,

Time has flown and while we were busy helping our animal friends, this newsletter became long overdue! My appologies for this. In order to save postage and paper the printed newsletter has been discontinued. Here after it will be posted on the website. If you would like to continue receiving our updates please submit a request with your email id to bluecrosshyd@gmail.com

Thanking you,

Sincerely service in animal
Amala Akkineni
Founder
Blue Cross of Hyderabad



Oliver, our shelter cat settled in his new home



29,106 ANIMALS & BIRDS WERE HELPED IN THE LAST 10 MONTHS

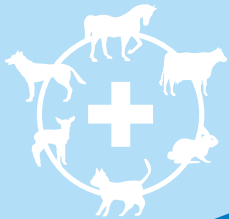
- Animal Rescue Service: 5,870 sick or injured animals and birds were rescued from the city streets.
- Mobile Equine Welfare Project: 10,219 working animals were supported through this effort.
- Veterinary Clinic: 1,311 pet animals were treated at our clinic. Our new Veterinary surgeon Dr. Peter Nolosco is supported by Dr. Kirmani.
- Animal Adoptions: 2,182 animals were adopted into caring homes.
- Cases of cruelty and neglect: 252 animals were rescued from various forms of abuse and cared for at our shelter. Approximately 45% of these were canines and others were cats, donkeys, cattle and wildlife.
- Animal Birth Control /Anti Rabies : 3,500 Stray dogs and cats were neutered and vaccinated.
- 53 Wildlife including snakes, bear, peacock, parrots and other birds were rescued and rehabilitated.



Shelter Staff & residents



Gayatri & Sridevi say hello



SHELTER NEWS

Dr. Yadav our senior Vet. leads the mobile equine welfare project. Dr. Kirmani very kindly stepped into his place at the shelter and ensured the clinic and rescued animals had the best of care through the summer. He managed to ensure meticulous care minimizing the number of deaths of small animals like puppies and kittens at the shelter, whose mortality rate is always a concern. Construction continues and a new shelter for large pups with skin infections was added among others.



New skin treatment ward

Our full time Veterinary Surgeon from Chennai, Dr. Peter Nolosco, is in charge of the Clinic, Rescues and Animal Birth Control programme known for his dedication and efficiency. We recruited a full time Community Facilitator, Mr.Venkateshwarulu, to work with us, coordinating projects, particularly Equine Welfare, at the community level. We are very pleased with both of them.

OTHER EVENTS



Olive Ridley turtles get help

Important days including the annual Big Adoption Day on the first weekend of May were celebrated along with camps and Awareness talks. The national Animal Welfare fortnight was celebrated from Jan 15th to 31st, 2007. Thanks to good planning and execution we were able to help 7667 animals during the fortnight! On 20th Jan a Sterilization programme was started in Devi area, Orissa to bring down the number of the dogs the prey on the turtle nests. A project was started along with Green Life Rural Association, Orissa to protect the nests and enrich the environment at the turtle nesting grounds.



PREVENTION OF CRUELTY

255 cases, mostly of severe neglect on the part of owners, abandonment on the street etc. We were able to counsel some owners. Some animals were confiscated and other owners warned not to keep animals in future.

On **Nagpanchami** a massive hunt for illegal snake charmers was organized by the Bharatiya Prani Mitra Sangh assisted by the Blue Cross. 85 snakes with their mouths stitched were successfully rescued and handed over to the wildlife department.

Legal Panel: The legal panel meets and every quarter to discuss an agenda for the term. A pressing need to stop peacock hunting, illegal camel slaughter, cruel transportation of animals and poultry, animals sacrifice etc., tops the agenda.

If you have any incidents of cruelty to report please email the information with photographs to: bluecrosshyd@gmail.com, attn. "Legal Panel"/Founder.

EDUCATION WORK

The Confederation of Voluntary Organisations (COVA) came forward to co-ordinate animal welfare awareness talks with schools and colleges in the old city. Heera gave a series of talks in Urdu / Hindi and Amala gave talks in English. Together they covered 18 schools and colleges receiving very enthusiastic participation from the children. Other places where talks were organized were at the German Cultural Center, "Bridging Human Animal Conflict" and at Infosys, on community participation in animal welfare.



Snakes rescued on Nagpanchami



Pet cruelty is very rampant



Brick kiln donkey gets relief



Water troughs make a huge difference at work

The Mobile equine welfare programme in partnership with the Brooke

Entering the sixth year with renewed enthusiasm, reaching out to as many communities depending on Equines for their livelihood, the team spreads it's work up to Kurnool, Mahaboobnagar & Anantapur and in Tamilnadu & Maharashtra as well. Teamwork is through continuous interaction with owners and handlers to bring in responsible ownership and veterinary intervention.



Working Animals get help



MOBILE EQUINE WELFARE

The brick kilns around Hyderabad have been using donkeys and ponies for transporting bricks from the kilns to the loading areas. Every year these animals are abandoned at the end of the season to be tended by small children and fend for themselves through the monsoons till the next season begins. We have provided them shelters to house and protect them as well as ensured an adult keeper tends them and provide feed for the months they are not fed. Due to growing development , less and less fields are available for them to graze. This was possible only due to the kindness of Mr.Derek Allpass who witnessed their plight on his last visit to Hyderabad. The Brooke India have also been most supportive in all our decisions and steps to make life a decent one for these working animals.

Community Veterinary workers among animal owners have been trained to give first aid and emergency animal care counseling within their communities. A voluntary effort on their part it has worked very well and saved the team rushing to the spot for simple procedures that can be handled locally.

Over 450 tonga ponies, 200 donkeys are taken care of around Hyderabad, and 6000 equines looked after in monthly visits to Kurnool, Mahaboobnagar & Anantapur Districts. Community interactions thorough meetings and discussions have revealed socio- economic problems that directly affect the welfare of these animals. Guidance and counseling have supported these communities empowering them to deal with these issues.

Camps were also conducted by our team supported by Brooke India, at Metrapaleum and Ooty in T.N. with India Project for Animals and Nature, headed by Mr.Nigel.



OTHER BLUE CROSS ACTIVITIES



New 'Happy Cat' Shelter



(On left) Vikram is our new President

Our new cat shelter was inaugurated by Mr.AGS Reddy. Tibby the office cat was quick to make a tour and give his approval!

Official matters: The Annual Report & Highlights of the Audited Accounts were printed and circulated to members. The Blue Cross Annual General Meeting was conducted on the 20th August 2006. The new office bearers elected were:

Honorary President	:	Vikram Polavarapu
Honorary Vice President	:	Jayashree Sarathy
Honorary Secretary	:	VVS Murali Krishna
Honorary Treasurer	:	Aparna Rao
Committee Members	:	
Mr. P.Subbarao	:	Financial Planning and Accounts
Manpreet	:	Communication & Merchandise
Sangeeth Pakala	:	Jt.Secretary/Computer support
Shelter Directors	:	Meitim Connolly, Padmaja
Amala Akkineni	:	Stray Animal Sterilization, Mobile Equine Welfare, Education & Awareness, Fund Raising & Problem Solving.
Heera Rupani	:	Education & Awareness



NEW AMBULANCE

Donated by **Mr. Amarnath, MD**
TIRUMALA MUSIC CENTER

To funds to purchase a new animal ambulance, a Premiere Show of the Telugu film "Boss I love you" was organized at the IMAX theatre. Sponsored by Mr. Amarnath of Tirumala Music Centre, the event was a grand success and the new ambulance, a Maruti van, is being modified for use. A ver special mention of gratitude goes to Mr. Amarnath from all of us!

ANIMAL BIRTH CONTROL & ANTI RABIES PROGRAMME FOR STRAY DOGS

1 Breeding Pair
of dogs=2000 pups
in their life time



1 pair of dogs
sterilised = 2000 dogs
less on the street

3,500 Stray dogs and cats were neutered and vaccinated in the past 6 months. There still seems to be widespread misunderstandings regarding the issue of stray dogs and what Blue Cross can do about them. To help rectify misunderstandings, please organize informal meetings with or letters to your community. Affidavits from local residents of Yusufguda and Ameerpet areas where the sterilization programme is a success is available at Blue Cross Office.



Impact of the sterilisation efforts - some feedback: from residents of the areas covered

“We find that the operated dogs are all friendly and in good health. But the dogs that were missing and had pups are suffering from scabies (pups too). Please catch them for operations as well as skin treatment.”

- A.A. Agamaiah, Leader, Vinayak Nagar, Yusufguda

“The operated dogs have become friends of all Basti dwellers and we are very happy. Earlier the Basti people were afraid to even touch the dogs and used to chase them away. Now there is no fear and people and children freely play with the dogs”.

- Mr. M. Raju Leader from Gandhi Nagar, Yusufguda.

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Blue Cross of Hyderabad, Animal Shelter at Jubilee Hills :

Animal Help-lines For Emergencies: 32989858, 23544355, 2354 5523

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