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## **Annual Report 2020 - 21**

When COVID paralyzed entire world's economical activities, every individual, corporate businesses and non profit institutions suffered badly. There has been a lot of impact on animals and the non profit groups working for animals. We mostly rely on local donations, it was difficult to generate enough and sustain the activities. Thanks to our management that we have our corpus funds to use during this period. We would also like to thank all our institutional donors who continued supporting during the lockdown due to which we were able to pay In this difficult time, we continued paying our teams across all the project sites to help their families.

Ranchi, Jharkhand has been maintaining the rabies free status from 2017 and have a controlled dog population in the city. At Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh we have rescued, treated, rehabilitated and released thousands of animals including cats, dogs, cows, bulls, horses, mules, monkeys, pigs and donkeys. The cat shelter in Aurangabad, Maharashtra attracts many who like to visit and gain information about the way they live in the Shelter. Our Patiala, Punjab project has done outstanding work in rescuing the community dogs and helping in finding a forever home abroad. Our Rishikesh, Uttarakhand project though with a small team has rendered wonderful help to the large animals along with the community dogs.

### *Ranchi*



**Animal Birth Control, vaccination and rescue and rehabilitation:** The Ranchi project has moved a long way, right from temporary camps being organised for Animal Birth Control (ABC) and Anti Rabies Vaccination (ARV) programmes in various localities of Ranchi to a permanent establishment given by the Ranchi Municipal Corporation. We are thankful to Ranchi Municipal Corporation for it. We have a long association with Ranchi Municipal Corporation, it is now over 13 years. We are able to gain

support from International organisations to fund partially which helped Ranchi to be up on the World map in the field of rabies eradication. Ranchi has been celebrating Rabies free status for last four years now and we hope to work with the Government to keep rabies away. Apart from this many local volunteers have also been very active in supporting us in various activities. This year Total of 4353 dogs have been helped out of which 4245 dogs have been operated (Male – 2339 and Females – 1906)



43 dogs have been vaccinated. 79 dogs have been treated successfully and released back, 29 dogs were euthanized. Total of 92186 dogs sterilized since the work started in Ranchi in 2008.



### *Ranchi – Rabies Surveillance*

Under the rabies surveillance activities during the year, total suspected calls for rabid dogs were 9. Out of which we tested 1 positive rabid dog and 8 negative.



## Ranchi Rescue and Animal Welfare



A volunteer informed that she was injured by being hit with the train while crossing the railway track. Thus, had lost her left forelimb. She was in extreme pain. Our Vet observed her and started the treatment by cleaning the wound and putting some stiches on the skin to stop the blood from oozing out. Dressing was done and antibiotics and painkillers



administered. With regular dressing, medication and healthy diet she recovered, On full recovery she was taken home by Mr.

Bipul who came to our centre to pick her.



Mr Dharmesh who got information about us brought a male community dog Lallu, whom he feeds and looks after to our centre in Ranchi from Bagodar (about 200km from Ranchi). He had met with an accident and a wound had developed in hind forelimb. He tried treating him locally but there was no improvement. The condition



became so bad that it developed into gangrene. Our vet observed that the leg had lost all sensation hence he decided to go for amputation. Lallu was with us for more than a month after which Mr. Darmesh came to take him back to Bagodar on his complete recovery. We appreciate him for taking so much pain of bringing Lallu to Ranchi for treatment. The intervention was done at the right time otherwise the dog would not have survived.



## Ranchi - Education



We have been conducting awareness campaigns in that area in and around Ranchi. In this we have been targeting children who are our future as a sensitive

and humane society can be established only when

humanitarian and egalitarian values can be inculcated amongst the children through education. Our aim of education programme is to make them feel, think and act with respect for themselves and for others. We want them to pursue their own well- being while also being considerate of the needs and feelings of others including the community animals. Children who grow with strong, positive values are also able to balance their personal needs and contribute positively to the society. The year 2020 saw the spread of pandemic which led to closure of all schools by the government to break the chain. Hence direct education programme could not be conducted in schools after March 2020. About 18052 school students and 582 teachers, 734 children and 741 adults in the community were educated about prevention of rabies, importance of vaccination. The myth related to rabies is also delt with so that people do not resort to jhar-phook and go for proper vaccination and prevention. People are made aware of being kind to animals, importance of sterilisation and general animal welfare which is linked with the welfare of society.



However by taking all safety measures into consideration like social distancing, proper sanitisation and wearing masks our team continued with their efforts to create awareness especially amongst children and the adult members of the community in various localities of Ranchi

*Ranchi – Out station camps at Hazaribagh and Ramgarh*



We have been able to organise one ABC and ARV camps in Hazaribagh (100 kms from Ranchi) with the

support of our volunteers. In total we were able to sterilise 33 community dogs of Hazaribagh. Till



March 2021 we were able to hold two camps with the support of the Sikh Regimental Centre, of the India Army at Ramgarh (50 kms from

Ranchi), Jharkhand. In them we could sterilise 41 community dogs. We are thankful to the First Lady of the Unit Mrs. Kavitha SriKumar for extending support to us in holding the camp in Ramgarh. Thus, our reach could be felt in the neighbouring districts of Jharkhand other than Ranchi our operational area.



## *Varanasi - Varanasi for Animals*



**Varanasi for Animals** (VFA in short) is the Project name for Varanasi chapter of **HOPE and Animal Trust** exclusively supported by **Help Animals India**. VFA nurture and protect the culture of animal protectionism. It has been engaged in rescue, treatment and release of various community animals. Since Varanasi has high influx of foreign tourists the call for rescue by them comes very frequent. Apart from this a huge number of volunteers and inhabitants of the city who have been vigilant, keep calling for rescues of injured animals. We have been attending 10-15 calls on an average daily to

which we have been responding as quickly as possible.

<b>Dog -Surgery &amp; Treatment Sheet 2020</b>				
<b>Month</b>	<b>Male</b>	<b>Female</b>	<b>Treatment</b>	<b>Euthanasia</b>
<b>Jan</b>	219	198	15	0
<b>Feb</b>	194	188	21	1
<b>Mar</b>	88	112	12	0
<b>April</b>	0	0	22	0
<b>May</b>	21	72	15	0
<b>Jun</b>	87	121	14	0
<b>July</b>	136	182	24	0
<b>Aug</b>	134	146	18	0
<b>Sep</b>	133	175	17	0
<b>Oct</b>	146	153	15	0
<b>Nov</b>	146	98	22	0
<b>Dec</b>	198	113	06	0
<b>Total to Date</b>	<b>1502</b>	<b>1558</b>	<b>201</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Total 2020</b>	<b>3060 Surgeries</b>			

*Varanasi – Rescue, Treatment and Care*



**Before**



**After**

We have been successfully providing treatment to critical cases on spot as well as in our clinic. Cases of maggot wound, TVT, communicable disease like canine distemper, tumours etc. have been successfully treated by our Vet. Treatment of various community animals like dogs, cats, piglets, monkeys, cows, horses, and donkeys are being successfully carried out. After

being cured they have been either released back to the areas from where they were brought or given back to the owner or given after adoption.



*Several such cases have been helped* every case tells one story.....



## *Varanasi – Education and awareness*

Due to the pandemic the education awareness campaigns remained online. We have been able to organise online talks etcetera to bring in young generation in the field of animal welfare. The active involvement of these children had raised a hope for tomorrow. They are to be made aware of the importance of the community animals, to develop compassionate attitude and behaviour towards community dogs. The animal welfare crisis of today can be resolved only when the younger generation participates. The children at an early age easily internalise the values which are put before them. We need to generate a greater understanding of animals amongst them so that there is an improvement in the way animals are treated. Our message is simple, help animals, save lives and to release back to their community. Our awareness campaigns had started yielding results people especially children are bringing the community dogs whom they feed and look after for sterilisation.



## Varanasi – Visitors Diary

We are thankful to all our volunteers who have supported us all times. They have visited us, seen our work and appreciated. We are looking forward to extend this support further.



## Camp at Sarnath



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An ABC and ARV camp was organised at Sarnath 2020. We got immense support from our volunteers who joined hands and helped in making it successful. We

are thankful to Help Animals India for supporting us in conducting our camp at Sarnath. The volunteers of Sarnath actively helped in catching the community dogs for sterilisation. Along with this our team carried one with the awareness campaign regarding rabies it's prevention and cure. Posters and banners were put and our team spread a word regarding it.



*Varanasi – Working in the Field and at the Centre*



## *Aurangabad- Animal Peers*

**Animal Peers** is another Project of **HOPE and Animal Trust** in Aurangabad, Maharashtra. Our Project completed one year of working with Aurangabad Municipal Corporation, however, we stopped after August 2020. Due to lockdown the work and our team as well got disrupted.

With a year's experience, we learned that Aurangabad needs a lot of education and awareness activities, a lot of cruelty and people don't cooperate or understand the project / purpose or animal welfare laws very well. There have been ABC program for years in Aurangabad but the practice of relocating dogs was continued due to which people have become unsensitive and keep pressurizing the Municipal people to relocate the dogs and that was the practice before. However, after we took over, we stopped this practice and making sure that the dogs are not relocated.

There was another section that was neglected, Cat – condition of the stray cats is really bad in the city. Somehow there is a good population of stray cats, to help them we decided and built a small Cat Shelter. We focused our activities primarily towards education and cats, we also worked for dogs and planned to work on education and awareness front.

## *Aurangabad- Lockdown and Feeding of the Street dogs*



A big fund raising drive was taken up and received tones of dog food that was distributed to our volunteers for further feeding stray dogs and cats.

June to December period was very much crucial for stray animals as the Hotels / street side eateries and all the restaurants were closed. It was a very big help to all these voiceless to get food during this period.

## Aurangabad- Animal Birth Control and Rescue Operation



Due to no timely payment from the Government, we continued working until 2020 and stopped our work for the Municipal Corporation. Most of our time has gone under the Lock down, hence we were able to help another about 1500 dogs. Rescued and treated another 46 dogs and got a lot of adoption for these rescued injured souls.



**Before**



**After**



*Aurangabad- Dog Shelter*



Inside the Dog Shelter we built two blocks for multipurpose use for keeping pups / aggressive / male or female separation.

*Aurangabad- Cat Shelter*





We have total 26 cats and 3 Kittens at this facility. This is the first Cat shelter of the organization and only one in Aurangabad. Stray cat population in Aurangabad is a lot and no one is there to care for.

### *Aurangabad- Adoption Efforts*





➤ *Patiala and Rishikesh Guardians of all Voiceless Animals Trust –*



It is an extremely ambitious chapter added by HOPE and Animal Trust. The project has been funded by many international donors across world especially from USA, Mexico, France, UK, Germany and Australia. Apart from this many Indian donors also contribute thereby help the community animals of Patiala and Rishikesh.



These two projects mainly aims at rescues of the injured community animals- dogs, pigs, cats, bulls, goats and cows. Our team is well trained and fully equipped which responses quickly to all rescue calls. The injured is given treatment on spot as well brought to our clinic. We have been successfully in giving treatment to several community animals. We have treated community animals with fracture, mange, vital organ related diseases, eye injuries, Tumor, maggot wound



infestation, TVT and accident cases etc. The injured animal is either released or given back to the owner or given for adoption. We focus on providing temporary shelter to these injured animals and then finding a compassionate guardian for them.

Our project has been successful in launching adoption drive locally as well as internationally. Successfully more than 100 rescued Indie community dogs were adopted in US, Canada and European countries. As owning a pure breed dog is no longer a pride abroad. Adopting a community dog has become the new mantra there. In this race of adoption our Indie breed dogs have won. We got the formalities done and arranged their deportation as soon as possible. Though due to Covid the rate of adoption abroad has gone down.

We aim at increasing awareness about the importance of the community animals among people through our programmes. We try developing compassion and empathy for all sentient beings. We



have organized several workshops, seminars, camps, talks, competitions to empower the community members especially children.

With a small team but with great zeal our Rishikesh team is doing great serve to the community animals. Rescue calls are attended and treatment is carried out every day. Here we have been successful in rescuing dogs, cats and cows. Since the influx of tourist both foreign and Indian is very high the rescue calls are frequently made by them along with the local inhabitants.

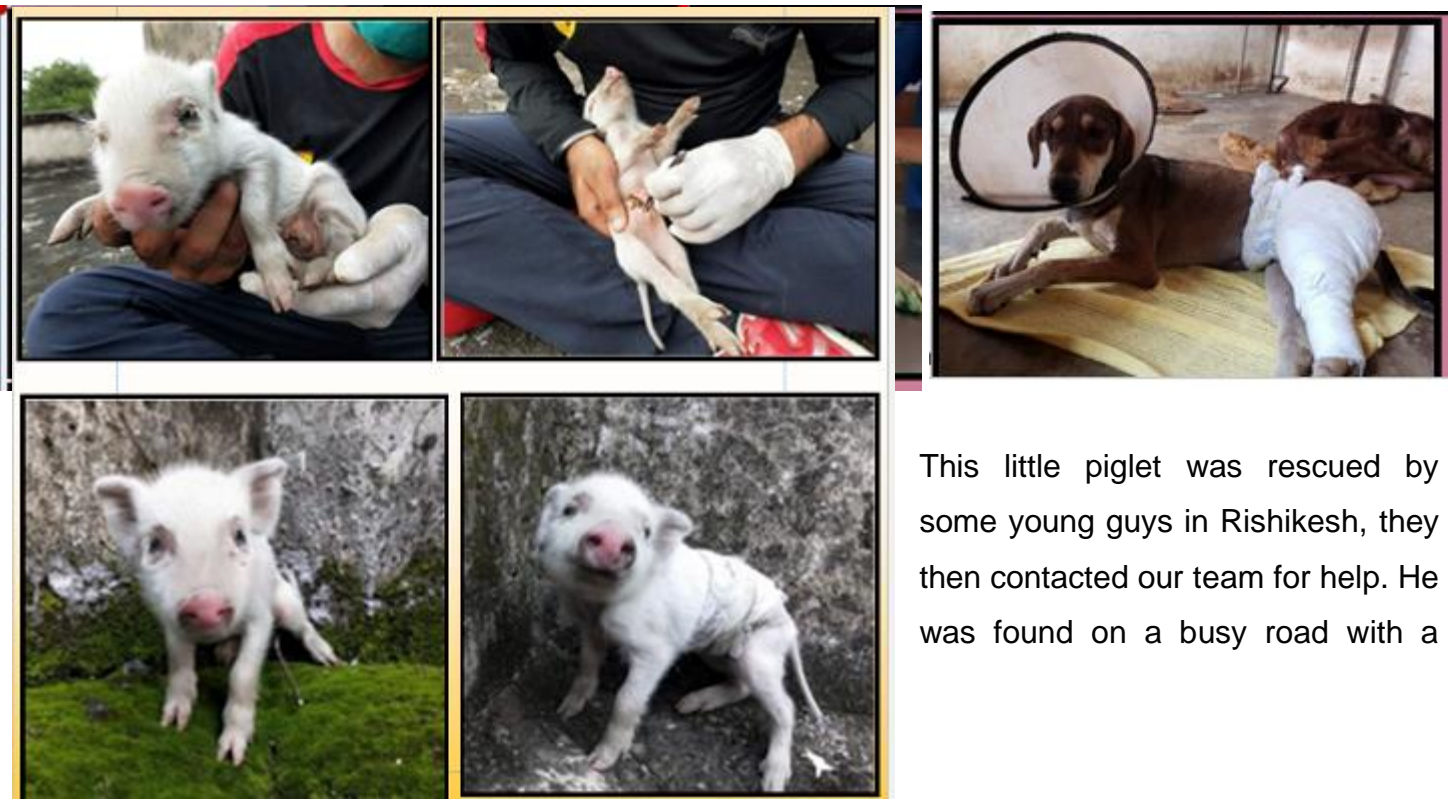
Local feeding of the community animals is organized by us from time to time especially during the pandemic. We have also carried out Animal Birth Control Programmes for the community animals. The injured animals which are rescued are sterilised also before re lease or adoption. This helps in controlling the population of these animals there by promoting welfare of society as well as these animals. As the sterilised community animal is less furious hence incidence of dog bites reduces considerably.

### *Patiala and Rishikesh– Rescue, Treatment and Care*



Taki met with an accident which left him with a fracture on his left femur and another fracture on his right pelvis. He could barely move and to his fortune, locals lost no time to inform us about him. Poor Taki's legs were very swollen. We immediately took him to our shelter where he was given painkillers and food. He needed surgery as well, so he was taken to Ludhiana University Hospital for proper evaluation after which his surgery was performed.

Inspite of regular painkillers he still feels a lot of pain and cannot move around. He sits on a same place and passes urine, so we have placed a diaper to prevent bandage from getting wet. It will take time to heal.



This little piglet was rescued by some young guys in Rishikesh, they then contacted our team for help. He was found on a busy road with a

nasty wound on his stomach. Thankfully the guys saw him and didn't overlook his suffering and they brought him to their village where our team started his treatment. Though he is currently living in a safe space but since the place belongs to someone he cannot stay there for longer. Also leaving him on streets is neither an option because there are higher chances he would get trapped by the butchers. This is why we connected the Barnyard, a farm animal (Rescued) Shelter in Delhi who has gladly agreed to take him in. Currently he is under a course of antibiotics and once he'll get little better we will be driving him to his forever home (Shelter) which is about 260 km.

#### **Future Plan of Action for 2021 – 22**

- Continue Animal Birth Control Program in Ranchi and Varanasi.
- Rescue and Treatment for the diseased/ ill-treated animals in Ranchi, Varanasi, Aurangabad, Patiala and Rishikesh.
- Building a Cat Shelter addition to already built dog shelter and focus cat rescues and adoption in Aurangabad
- Make efforts to continue education and awareness programmes in Ranchi, Varanasi, Aurangabad, Patiala and Rishikesh.
- Make efforts to work with Ranchi, Varanasi and Patiala Municipal Corporation for Animal Birth Control Program.

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