

Working to Protect Animalkind

ANIMAL
RAHAT
2020
Annual Review



Dear Friends,

This year, Animal Rahat's sanctuary welcomed many new residents, including Sahdev, an abandoned bull whose tight neck rope had created a painful wound; Bablu, a buffalo calf who had been abandoned in the streets; and five overworked tonga ponies. Like all the other sanctuary residents, they are free to frolic with their friends or lounge in the shade whenever they please, as well as enjoying fresh grasses, psychological enrichment, and regular grooming and veterinary care.

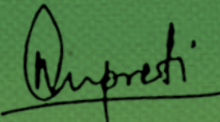
Outside the sanctuary, Animal Rahat treated more than 21,300 animals for various ailments, including skin infections, lameness, wounds, and yoke gall. We also gave tetanus vaccinations to more than 600 donkeys forced to work at brick kilns.

When the COVID-19 pandemic struck, our teams got even busier, scouring the streets to feed thousands of starving community animals. We also rescued 130 tiny chicks who were about to be buried alive because of COVID fears. They're now thriving at a safe haven we secured for them.

Despite school closures, Animal Rahat's education officer found ways to reach students and educators with the Compassionate Citizen humane education programme, including nearly 2,000 students and 136 teachers from 21 schools in Belgaum, Kolhapur, Sangli, and Solapur districts. With social distancing and other safety measures in place, students gathered to watch videos of animal rescues and discuss compassion. One student's father told us that after her class, his daughter had persuaded him to unchain their dog.

Your support enables us to conduct round-the-clock rescues at a moment's notice, improve the lives of thousands of community animals, change the minds and practices of villagers, and so much more. We thank you for your compassion and continued support.

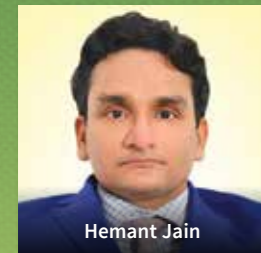
For all animals,



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Ensuring Better Treatment for Animals

Animal Rahat's Tractor Project met with and convinced stakeholders – including *mukkadams* (contractors), sugar factory managers, and bullock cart owners – that using tractors and trucks is more efficient and humane than using bullocks. The result? A total of **6,260 bullocks** were given respite this year from the back-breaking toil of hauling heavy loads of sugar cane in the scorching heat. Instead, 1,110 motorised vehicles will be used at 19 sugar factories in Kolhapur, Sangli, Satara, and Solapur. Since we launched the programme in 2011, we've replaced 31,002 bullocks.

Our law-enforcement drive at sugar factories in those districts helped **ensure that police lodged more than 315 non-cognisable offences** against bullock owners for forcing lame animals to work, using torture devices, overloading and beating animals, and engaging in other acts of cruelty. Green Power Sugars Ltd, a sugar factory in Satara district, was persuaded to stop using bullock carts – and afterward, we gave the company a Compassionate Business Award to encourage others to follow suit. We also presented a Hero to Animals Award to Assistant Police Inspector Uttam S Bhapkar for his valuable assistance.

Animal Rahat **saved five ponies from hauling heavy loads** after we persuaded cart owners at a tonga stand to replace the beleaguered animals with auto rickshaws or vending carts – and they signed an affidavit that they would never again use animals. The ponies – named Sallu, Balumama, Muskan, Roshani, and Roshan – were moved to our sanctuary, where they are now enjoying peace and comfort and the company of the other residents.

Animal Rahat relieved the suffering of thousands of animals forced to haul families long distances to annual festivals and fairs by promoting and providing alternative transportation and setting up rest areas. This year, we **persuaded people in 46 villages to spare more than 3,000 bullocks by taking buses, taxis, trucks, vans, and other means of transport to the Chinchali Fair** – and many communities were inspired by our interventions in previous years to sponsor their own humane modes of travel.

For the animals forced to make the gruelling trek to and from the annual Chinchali Fair, Animal Rahat **set up roadside campsites in Ainapur, Mangsule, and Shedbal**, and we persuaded the Karnataka Animal Husbandry Department to set up a camp in Kudachi. Over **3,850 bullocks and 450 ponies came through the camps** and were able to benefit from food, water, and rest, and **176 animals were treated** for lameness, indigestion, eye problems, wounds, and other health issues. Poster galleries set up at the camps informed people about proper animal care and illegal abuse.

During the Karwani, Bail Pola, and Bendur festivals, our **pictorial displays reached thousands of people** with vital information about the harmful effects of shaving animals' horns and colouring them with toxic paints, which can cause cancer. As a result, **more than 10,100 bullocks, buffaloes, cows, calves, and goats in at least 112 villages were spared** this dangerous procedure. Our teams counselled owners on the importance of grooming animals and keeping their stables clean and explained how to choose natural dyes (such as turmeric powder) for the horns and body instead of the toxic coloured powder that's commonly used.



Promoting Compassionate Care

Animal Rahat promoted our animal birth control and anti-rabies outreach to village panchayats. This year alone, we **sterilised and vaccinated 414 dogs, including 100% of those in Aitwade village** in Sangli district. We encouraged government agencies to take on a larger role in sterilising and vaccinating dogs in Solapur.

Animal Rahat **held meetings with bullock owners to promote the practice of painless castration over the traditional castration method, which is painful and frightening**, in which bulls are thrown to the ground and their spermatic cords are crushed without anaesthesia.

We also shared the benefits of sterilising animals at 6 months of age or younger, in part to prevent owners from later forcing them to wear painful nose ropes, which are inserted through a hole pierced through their nasal septa, out of fear of not being able to control them. And we stressed the importance of regular grooming to gain animals' trust. The bullock owners responded favourably, and we **humanely castrated 148 animals, including more than 90 bull calves**, who are now likely to be spared the lifelong misery of wearing a painful nose rope.

Our teams **confiscated more than 1,580 torture devices**, including nose ropes, yoke spikes, spiked bits, hobbles, whips, and horn-shaving implements from abusive owners and gave them a warning or counselled them on ways to treat animals humanely.





Animal Rahat to the Rescue

Animal Rahat teams rushed to the rescue of more than 328 animals in extremely perilous predicaments: more than 70% were wildlife, including jackals, rhesus macaques, owls, and cobras. Rescues included the following:

- A mother dog was unable to eat, as she had a large piece of bone wedged in her mouth. After sedating her, we removed the bone, cleaned her wound, and administered pain relief. A month later, we returned and sterilised her.
- A baby crocodile had been swept by floodwaters into a reservoir and was unable to climb up the slippery bank. Our team waded into the water and, despite the baby's efforts to hide, managed to catch him and release him into a nearby river.
- A kingfisher fell victim to a glue trap. After a kind person freed him, he was still in shock and covered with sticky glue. We removed the glue, cleaned his feathers, and revived the stressed bird with a drink of sugar water. Once he dried off, he flew away.
- A buffalo named Jasmin slipped and fell 10 metres into a well. We were unable to secure a crane because of the pandemic lockdown, but with determination and ingenuity, our team used an excavator, a tractor, and a combination of nets, ropes, and padded straps to lift the frightened, 600-pound animal out of the well to safety.



Thank you! Your dedication and generosity make Animal Rahat's work possible.

Animal Rahat has such a strong track record of helping and improving the lives of working animals, and I know my support will have a direct and positive impact on the welfare of animals.

Khaleel S Sulaiman

Animal Rahat's passion for improving working animals' lives is humbling and inspiring. Donating to Animal Rahat makes me proud because I feel like I'm right there with them helping animals. I couldn't make such a powerful impact for animals without Animal Rahat.

Hiren N Kara and Family



Financial Statement

REVENUE

Contributions	₹ 43,377,777
Other Income	₹ 801,159

Total Revenue ₹ 44,178,936

OPERATING EXPENSES

Direct Expenditures	₹ 32,814,622
Employee Benefit Expenses	₹ 6,619,664
Depreciation and Amortisation	₹ 1,848,508
Other Expenses	₹ 3,381,330

Total Operating Expenses ₹ 44,664,124

CHANGE IN NET ASSETS*

Net Assets Beginning of Year	₹ 41,671,464
Net Assets End of Year	₹ 41,186,276

OPERATING EXPENSE ALLOCATION

Direct Programme Support	94.74%
Indirect Programme Support	4.14%
Management and General Support	1.12%

*Net assets include fixed assets of ₹31,930,122, of which ₹16,476,246 is land. They also include ₹5,313,614 that Animal Rahat is holding in a fixed deposit account.

The financial statement shown here is for the fiscal year ending 31 March 2020 and is based on our independently audited financial statements.

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