

Animal Rahat to the Rescue

This year, Animal Rahat provided thousands of animals with veterinary care and rescued 315 animals of 27 species, including jackals, owls, storks, kites, and snakes. Here are just a few examples of the animals we rescued:

- A dog in Solapur who was starving and dehydrated because his head was stuck in a plastic jug – our staffers sedated him and carefully cut off the jug
- Two puppies who were trapped inside a flooded drainage ditch and had been spotted by a kind village boy who called for help
- A donkey who was hopelessly trapped after falling into an abandoned septic tank
- Jaya, a pregnant pony whose vulva had been stapled shut in a crude and inept attempt at birth control – after gently removing the staples, Animal Rahat staffers transported her to our sanctuary, where she gave birth to a colt named Rudi
- A terrified jackal whom Animal Rahat staffers sedated and hoisted to safety after he fell into an 18-metre-deep well
- A frightened pig who had stumbled into a dry water tank that someone had carelessly left uncovered

Thank you to all of our supporters!

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

I have always loved animals. They are noble, beautiful, and pure. To see them suffer at the hands of humans is horrifying to me. I recently funded the purchase of two ambulances for Animal Rahat in memory of my beloved horses, Danny and Jackson. It is nice to know that help is going out to desperate souls, and I know, in their way, they are grateful.

Allison Burgess

PETA's mission is worldwide, as animal cruelty respects no borders. We support the rescue of animals wherever and whenever needed. That is why we believe so strongly in Animal Rahat. Truly, all animals are our friends.

Ron and Patty Allison

Financial Statement

REVENUE

Donations and Legacies ₹ 69,044,751

Other Income ₹ 774,744

Total Revenue ₹ 69,819,495

OPERATING EXPENSES

Direct Expenditures ₹ 33,010,771

Staff Costs ₹ 6,476,764

Depreciation and Amortisation ₹ 1,805,393

Other Expenses ₹ 2,938,776

Total Operating Expenses ₹ 44,231,704

CHANGE IN UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS*

Net Assets Beginning of Year ₹ 41,186,276

Net Assets End of Year ₹ 66,774,067

OPERATING EXPENSE ALLOCATION

Direct Programme Support 94.85%

Indirect Programme Support 4.08%

Management and General Support 1.07%

*Net assets include fixed assets of ₹ 54,525,346, of which ₹ 17,450,826 is land. It also includes ₹ 11,868,719 that Animal Rahat is holding in a fixed deposit account.

The financial statement shown here is for the fiscal year ending 31 March 2021 and is based on our independently audited financial statements. Operating expense allocation percentages are calculated by management and reviewed by an independent third party.

Working to Protect Animal Kind



**ANIMAL
RAHAT
2021
Annual Review**

Animal Rahat



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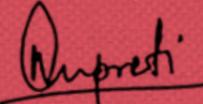
Have you ever imagined living in a mango orchard? That dream became a reality for an orphaned bull calf when he found his way into Animal Rahat's new sanctuary located in a picturesque mango grove outside Delhi. Seeing contented bullocks and horses lounging under the trees, the calf – who has since been named Bajrangi by Animal Rahat staffers – seemed to understand that he'd be welcomed with open arms, which he was, along with a garland of beautiful and delicious marigolds. Now the sanctuary (and the mango orchard) is his home!

Meanwhile, our spacious sanctuary in Sangli – already home to more than 100 bullocks, buffaloes, cows, horses, camels, dogs, donkeys, and chickens – has welcomed a bullock, a camel, a buffalo calf, a mare and her foal, three dogs, seven ponies rescued from a tonga stand, and three dozen donkeys who were seized by police from an illegal sand-mining operation. Since their arrival, five of the donkeys have given birth to healthy foals. It's a huge, happy family!

COVID-19 lockdowns were both a blessing and a curse for animals: with a few exceptions, most major festivals were cancelled, sparing thousands of bullocks and horses the arduous journey of 160 kilometres or more to and from these events. However, the lockdowns also prevented many people from caring for community animals. Animal Rahat staffers and volunteers leapt into the breach, frequently taking to the streets of Sangli, Satara, and Solapur in Maharashtra to provide 10,286 dogs, 2,215 cats, and over 200 cows with food. Animal Rahat also rushed to help when unprecedented monsoon rains left some parts of Maharashtra flooded, killing hundreds and leaving countless animals at risk of drowning or starving.

Your support enables us to rescue animals in danger at a moment's notice, improve the lives of thousands of community animals, and do so much more. Thank you for your compassion and support.

For all animals,



Dr Naresh Upreti
Chief Operating Officer

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Hemant Jain



Dr Nandita Shah



Nigel Otter



Ensuring Better Treatment for Animals

During the past year, Animal Rahat **treated 29,315 animals** for ailments ranging from skin infections and parasite infestations to gastrointestinal diseases, eye cancer, open wounds, and lameness.

Animal Rahat also enlisted law enforcement's help with cracking down on illegal abuse at sugar factories in Kolhapur, Sangli, Solapur, and Satara, including the use of spiked yokes, beating animals, and forcing them to work while injured. **During these law-enforcement drives, police lodged more than 86 cruelty cases against bullock owners.**

During the past season, **8,880 bullocks were replaced with 1,130 mini-tractors and 545 large tractors or trucks at 11 sugarcane factories.** In addition, after discussions with Animal Rahat, **two additional sugarcane factories** – Lokmangal in Bhandarkhavathe, Solapur, and Rajarambapu's Wategaon unit in Sangli – assured us in writing that they **will be completely free of bullock carts by the next sugarcane harvest season.**

To encourage other sugar factories to follow suit, we gave the chair and senior management of Rajarambapu a **Compassionate Business Award.**

Animal Rahat **saved seven ponies from hauling heavy loads** after we assisted cart owners at a stand operating tongas (two-wheeled horse-drawn carts) in replacing the beleaguered animals with auto-rickshaws, vending carts, or alternative means of earning a livelihood. In addition, **the tonga drivers signed an affidavit vowing that they would never again use animals.** The ponies were moved to our sanctuary, where they are now enjoying rest, relaxation, and the companionship of other rescued animals.

Animal Rahat's intervention at the Karwani, Bail Pola, and Bendur festivals prevented more than 10,397 animals, including bullocks, buffaloes, cows, calves, and goats, **from at least 111 villages** from enduring painful horn shaving and painting with toxic paint.

When the Chinchali Fair was cancelled because of the COVID-19 pandemic, Animal Rahat alerted villagers via print and electronic media, helping to **prevent thousands of animals from making the gruelling journey to and from Chinchali.** Knowing that some people would still attempt to make the trip anyway, our teams **scouted the fair routes looking for animals in need of assistance.** As a result, **with the help of police, we confiscated 15 torture devices and five whips** and **treated 17 bullocks** for lameness, diarrhoea, wounds, eye discharge, and other conditions. We also **treated seven dogs** for mange and parasites. In addition, with the help of police, we **stopped more than 1,000 bullock carts** en route and turned them back.

The COVID-19 pandemic also closed schools, yet Animal Rahat's education officer still **reached students and educators – in person and virtually – with the Compassionate Citizen humane education programme,** including **1,716 students and 121 teachers** in Belgaum, Karnataka, and in Kolhapur, Sangli, and Solapur in Maharashtra. Practicing social distancing and other safety measures, students gathered to watch videos of animal rescues and discuss compassion. **More than 6,600 students pledged not to set off firecrackers, which frighten animals.**

We also **invited 48 students and six teachers** who had participated in Compassionate Citizen lessons **to visit our sanctuary in Sangli,** where they were given the opportunity to meet the animals and help staffers feed and groom them, thereby learning more about their personalities and needs. Every student was given a vegan lunch, and they also learned why they should always eat vegan.

Promoting Compassionate Care

Animal Rahat's Animal Birth Control and rabies vaccination programmes continued to serve small villages that have high populations of dogs but no local administration to implement these initiatives, as some larger cities do. **We sterilised and vaccinated 399 dogs, including 100% of those in one village in Sangli.**

We also continued to encourage government authorities to implement the ABC (animal birth control) and rabies vaccination programmes in villages in Solapur.

We conducted painless castration training sessions for Maharashtra Animal Husbandry Department veterinarians, during which 286 government veterinarians in five districts of the state were trained. Without this training, castration is a violent, horrific ordeal for bullocks.

We persuaded bull calf owners in all our intervention areas to get their animals castrated at an early age (6 months or younger), thereby preventing them from having to control the bulls with painful nose ropes and instead allowing them to use comfortable cotton morkees (face halters).

As result, **more than 120 bull calves were humanely castrated and spared the agony of a nose rope.** In total, **we humanely castrated 179 bulls during the past year and took more than 1,925 torture devices away from owners, including 1,185 nose ropes, 168 ropes, 109 logs, and 464 sharp nails, sticks, and whips.**



Brinda enjoys being brushed with a grooming mitt.

