



Animal Rahat *to the Rescue*

This year, Animal Rahat **provided thousands of animals with veterinary care and rescued 379 mammals, birds, and reptiles**, including a jackal, a woolly-necked stork, snakes, and kites. Here are just a few of the animals we rescued:

- Staffers freed a dog who was stuck between the metal bars of a gate and frantic to escape. Then we sterilised, vaccinated, and returned him to his village.
- Animal Rahat's rappellers carefully scooped a beautiful blackbuck (Indian antelope) out of the deep well she had tumbled into. Once her feet were back on solid ground, she sprinted into the forest.
- Staffers helped a desperate dog whose head was stuck in a plastic jar, making it impossible for her to eat, drink, or even breathe properly. After the jar was removed and crushed, she was spayed, vaccinated, and returned to her village.
- A snake was found swimming for his life after falling into a deep well, but we helped him out and onto dry land. As he was uninjured, he was released into a nearby forest.
- Fishing lines and hooks are hazardous to animals both in and out of the water: alerted by conscientious callers, we helped an Indian flap shell turtle with a hook lodged in his throat and a village dog whose lip was pierced with one. In both cases, the hooks were carefully removed and the animals made a full recovery. The turtle was released into the Krishna River, and we vaccinated and sterilised the dog and returned him to his community.

Thank you to all of our supporters!

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

"When I was a teenager, a little donkey lived in a meadow close to my grandmother's cottage in Tipperary, Ireland, so donkeys have always had a place in my heart. Now they have Animal Rahat in India, which allows them to experience life as they deserve."

– Doreen Dykes

"Having started a rescue operation for donkeys, mini horses, and farmed animals, I know how much effort and tenderness goes into helping these needy animals, and I thank you, Animal Rahat, for doing this vital work."

– Nanci Alexander

Financial Statement

REVENUE

Donations and Legacies	₹ 58,900,040
Other Income	₹ 1,916,740
Total Revenue	₹ 60,816,780

OPERATING EXPENSES

Direct Expenditures	₹ 40,666,150
Staff Costs	₹ 7,115,630
Depreciation and Amortisation	₹ 2,124,240
Other Expenses	₹ 2,691,070
Total Operating Expenses	₹ 52,597,090

CHANGE IN NET ASSETS*

Net Assets Beginning of Year	₹ 66,774,070
Net Assets End of Year	₹ 74,993,760

OPERATING EXPENSE ALLOCATION

Direct Programme Support	95.03%
Indirect Programme Support	4.04%
Management and General Support	0.93%

*Net assets include fixed assets of ₹ 59,532,930, of which ₹ 35,907,410 is land. They also include ₹ 7,317,130 that Animal Rahat is holding in a fixed deposit account.

The financial statement shown here is for the fiscal year ending 31 March 2022 and is based on our independently audited financial statements. Operating expense allocation percentages are calculated by management and reviewed by an independent third party.

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**ANIMAL
RAHAT
2022**
Annual Review

Animal Rahat

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Dear Wonderful Supporter.

Throughout 2022, we welcomed many animals to our Sangli sanctuary, including bullocks who were rescued from an ice factory, 15 donkeys, five ponies, some dear dogs, and more than 150 sweet, curious mice and rats who desperately needed a safe home after their rescue from an illegal experimentation facility.

Our Ranapur sanctuary has 30 new residents, including a bullock the staff has named Mahadev, who had fallen into a very narrow, 22-foot-deep well while foraging for food. Our rescue team used a crane to lift him to safety and then brought him to his new peaceful home.

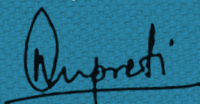
And as you may already know, we purchased a 25-acre parcel of land filled with mango and teak trees in Gundlupet in Karnataka to build a third sanctuary. The soft grass will be perfect for our rescued horses, ponies, and donkeys, as many of them have arthritic joints from years of hauling heavy loads on hard pavement. As I write this, crews are busy transforming the property, installing fencing, sheds, water troughs, and more.

The continuing COVID-19 pandemic resulted in cancellations of most fairs and markets in Maharashtra, which spared thousands of animals horrendous abuse and gruelling journeys.

Schools reopened, and students were welcomed back to the Sangli sanctuary for fun-filled field days. We added a charming video called "A Bull's Life" to our Compassionate Citizen presentation to encourage kindness towards bulls – so far it's been viewed by well over 4000 students. And our friend and beloved actor John Abraham wrote to Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan to suggest making the video available to all students across the country.

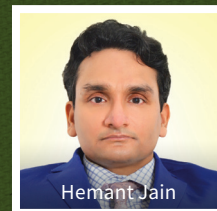
We're extremely grateful for your compassion and generous support, which enables us to rescue animals from all sorts of dangers, improve the lives of thousands of community animals, help animals who are forced to work, and do so much more.

Thank you for all that you do for animals.



Dr Naresh Upreti
Chief Operating Officer

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Ensuring *Better Treatment* for Animals

In the past year, Animal Rahat **treated 20,164 animals** for ailments ranging from skin infections and parasitic infestations to gastrointestinal and respiratory diseases, eye cancer, open wounds, and lameness.

We **visited factories during sugarcane season to improve working conditions and monitor the treatment of bullocks**, who are used for hauling heavy loads and subjected to overloading, inhumane handling, and cruel restraining methods and given a poor diet, insufficient water under the blazing sun, and inadequate rest. These animals commonly suffer from abscesses, muscle and joint ailments, and yoke gall, a painful condition that can be caused by exposure to constant friction, carrying extremely heavy loads, walking on uneven roads, or being forced to haul goods while paired with another animal who is not the same size.

We **promoted "Animal Cruelty Awareness Week" at the sugarcane factories** to draw attention to the routine cruelty that bullocks endure. Law enforcement officials took action against violators, and in the Sangli district, they **issued more than 80 citations against bullock owners**.

Animal Rahat's teams informed bullock owners about the importance of providing their animals with nutritious food, water, and rest – and also promoted the overwhelming benefits of replacing them with trucks and tractors.

During the 2022 sugarcane season, Animal Rahat's **Mini-Tractor Project helped replace 17,560 bullocks with 2759 vehicles in 21 sugar factories**. Since the program's launch in 2011, we have helped retire more than 57,400 bullocks from 26 sugar factories, replacing them with over 13,700 trucks and tractors.

Animal Rahat's veterinarians visited brick kilns to help working donkeys who are forced to haul backbreaking loads. We **vaccinated them, tended to their wounds, trimmed their hooves, and discussed with donkey owners the many benefits of switching to mechanised modes of transporting the bricks**, such as tractors and trolleys.

Animal Rahat **rescued 15 donkeys from hauling backbreaking loads at three brick kilns after persuading their owners to replace them with tractors and sign an affidavit stating that they would never use animals again, and we transferred the donkeys to our Sangli sanctuary**. Now they spend their days frolicking with other residents, exploring enrichment toys, and relaxing under shade trees.

Animal Rahat **persuaded cart owners at a stand operating tongas (two-wheeled horse-drawn carts) to replace five**

beleaguered ponies with auto rickshaws or vending carts – and the drivers signed an affidavit stating that they would never again use animals. **Then we transported the beautiful animals to our sanctuary**, where they are enjoying peaceful lives and the company of the other rescued residents and where their every need is met by resident caretakers and veterinarians.

There was no official permission for the Chinchali Fair in 2022 to take place because of COVID-19 restrictions, which helped spare thousands of animals the punishing journey. Still, we knew some would travel anyway, so **Animal Rahat teams surveyed the routes to monitor animals' conditions**. We **treated 109 animals for lameness, wounds, stiffness, diarrhoea, neck swelling, and other conditions and persuaded one bullock's guardian to transport his lame animal home on a truck**. We also **confiscated 81 torture devices, including sharp nails, cylindrical spikes, whips, and metallic nose rings**. In the months leading up to the fair, we **conducted community meetings that ensured 252 bullocks were spared the long journey** as their guardians opted to travel instead by state transport buses subsidised by Animal Rahat.

Animal Rahat's **intervention at the Karwani, Bail Pola, and Bendur festivals prevented more than 10,070 animals, including bullocks, buffaloes, cows, calves, and goats from at least 97 villages from enduring painful horn shaving and painting with toxic paint**. We **displayed posters in the villages depicting the harmful effects of this practice and met with community members** to discuss the detrimental effects on animals as well as safe alternatives before the festivals took place.

With help from some of our valued volunteers, **Animal Rahat shared the Compassionate Citizen programme with 7143 students and 452 teachers in 96 schools in the Sangli, Solapur, Satara, Kolhapur, and Belgaum districts**. And before the Diwali celebrations began, our teams reached out to **more than 6600 students from 20 Sangli schools, who pledged not to set off firecrackers**, which terrify animals, during the festival.

We also **invited 113 students and 12 teachers who had participated in Compassionate Citizen lessons to visit our sanctuary in Sangli** to meet and groom the rescued residents while our caretakers shared details about each animal's personality and specific needs. Students enjoyed a vegan lunch and learned that eating vegan foods demonstrates compassion for animals.

Promoting Compassionate Care

Animal Rahat continued its Animal Birth Control and rabies vaccination programmes in small villages that have high numbers of community dogs but lack the resources necessary to implement these vital methods of humane population control and disease prevention. In 2022, **Animal Rahat sterilised 747 dogs and vaccinated them against rabies, including 100% of the dog population of five villages in the Sangli and Solapur districts**.

Traditional castration is terrifying to bullocks, and it's performed without the use of anaesthetics by traditional castrators, livestock supervisors, and some government veterinary doctors with no regard for the suffering, stress, and pain the animals have to endure. But Animal Rahat's **senior veterinarians conducted painless castration training for 138 government veterinarians in two districts and 440 students and faculty members of three veterinary colleges in Maharashtra**.

We also **persuaded bull calf owners in all our intervention areas to get their animals castrated at an early age (6 months or younger) and start regular grooming sessions with them to help build a bond of trust**. These practices can help ensure that comfortable cotton morkees (face halters) can be used instead of nose ropes, which require painful piercing of the nasal septum and threading a thick rope through it. As a result, **more than 100 bull calves were humanely castrated and spared the lifelong agony of a nose rope**. We also **humanely castrated 64 bulls during the past year**.

Additionally, we **confiscated more than 1419 torture devices, including 678 nose ropes, 262 ropes, and 431 sharp nails, pointed sticks, and whips**.

