

Animal Rahat



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The Animals Enjoy Spring at Animal Rahat

“Every time a child chooses kindness over cruelty, every time a life in peril is saved, and every soul rescued is a victory not just for those individuals but for the whole of creation.”

—Dr. Naresh Upreti, Chief Operating Officer, Animal Rahat



*Don enjoys snacks
from a young visitor.*

Read more about the animals whose lives we improved this quarter. 

Respite Stations Bring Vital Relief



Because of our marvelous, caring donors who contributed to Animal Rahat's Chinchali Fair fundraising drive, we set up three rest and veterinary care stations along the festival route and one right there at the Chinchali temple, where animals forced to haul families on multiday journeys to the religious event received fresh water, nourishing food, medical care, and critical rest.

Our teams persuaded **3,469** cart owners to accept help; confiscated **165** sharp bits, shock devices, and spiked neck cylinders that cause immense pain to the already exhausted animals; and persuaded guardians of **2,990** bullocks to travel on our buses, sparing those animals the arduous trek.



Improving Lives, Impacting Hearts



As usual, we did a LOT of work this quarter, providing free veterinary care to **7,842** bullocks, horses, donkeys, and other animals who are forced to toil in fields and factories, including treatment for colic, lameness, other injuries, yoke gall, saddle sores, and numerous other ailments.

We demonstrated proper husbandry techniques; convinced indigent owners to allow animals suffering from hoof, leg, and muscle injuries to be afforded desperately needed rest, even subsidizing that rest if they had absolutely no other income; and confiscated **1,070** whips, spikes, and other torture devices that are used to keep long-abused animals moving.



We Deliver Help When It's Needed Most



Emergencies keep flooding in, and we responded to **60** calls for urgent assistance this quarter. As a result, we rescued dogs, calves, snakes, and many other animals trapped in wells from which there was no other means of escape; dislodged village dogs' and cats' heads from plastic jars that threatened them with a slow death from starvation and dehydration; removed kite strings that were cutting into birds' wings; and much more.



Before



After

This dog in Solapur was in such severe pain from an embedded porcupine quill that tears streamed from his eyes. After a successful emergency surgery, he was neutered, groomed, fed, and returned to his waiting group of friends. By the way, we sterilize, deworm, and vaccinate all dogs and cats we encounter in emergencies—a great bonus to them and communities!



An old turmeric storage pit could well have been a tomb for a curious donkey in Sangli, but rescuers enlisted a man who owned an excavator and got him to use it to lower them inside and then gently hoist the donkey to safety. Following a thorough exam, he was returned to his greatly relieved owner.



Getting Ahead of the Game by Teaching Kids About Kindness



We all have hearts and eyes as well as thoughts and feelings! Through our **19** Compassionate Citizen humane education workshops, **1,177** students and **51** teachers experienced the world from an animal's perspective and learned that we are all alike in all the ways that matter. Students shared their ideas on how to act compassionately, such as by forgoing frightening firecrackers and properly disposing of trash. Our teams also held 80 community meetings, educating hundreds of animal owners on compassionate care and the benefits available through our mechanization program.



Saving Lots and Lots of Animals Through Spaying

We spayed or neutered **250** village animals—**31** cats and **219** dogs—and provided them with vaccinations, parasite prevention, and other essentials. And not just cats and dogs, as 28 owners of young bullocks who had attended our information sessions requested humane, painless castration, sparing the animals from having their testicles crushed between rocks without painkillers.



Home, Sweet Home at Last —Meet Our Newest Refugees



Virat

Twelve terrified ponies were being forced to compete in dangerous high-speed races on congested freeways before PETA India intervened and, with the help of law enforcement and local courts, gained custody of them. The “Delightful Dozen” are now recuperating at our Sangli sanctuary and, despite their abusers’ efforts to have them returned, will remain safe for the rest of their lives.

Munmun was wandering alone after having been abandoned on a roadside in Kolkata. A kind person phoned us, and we swiftly secured the confused pony and brought her to our nearby stop-over facility. Grateful not to be on her own any longer, Munmun took to her caregivers and the other horses instantly and will soon meet her new family at her permanent sanctuary home.

Some of the animals who come to live at our sanctuaries we’ve known for years through our working animal relief programs. For others, all we know is that they needed help. That was the case with **Virat**, a charming kid brought to us by PETA India. Who knows what trouble he’s seen in his short life, but whatever it was, it’s all in the past now. He immediately settled in at the Sangli sanctuary as the other goats trotted over to welcome him. Healthy, happy, and a little regal, he’s already entertaining staff with his antics and getting into mischief with his new goat gang.

Then there was a hideous hoarding situation: An illegal pet store and breeding operation in Karnataka was keeping more than **200** wild and domestic animals in small, filthy metal cages, where they were deprived of food and water as well as suffering from respiratory infections, lesions, paralysis, distemper, and other serious health issues. Some were dying in their cages! With help from authorities, PETA India raided



Munmun



the facility, rescued all the animals, and transferred them to rehabilitators. Animal Rahat took in **20** cats and kittens in need of intensive veterinary care and immediate lodging, working swiftly to transform an existing structure at the Sangli sanctuary into a large, airy, sunny cattery that includes an array of hanging swings, padded perches, and climbing trees.

Happy Holi, Everyone!



Afzal

Holi is the Hindu celebration of springtime, color, love, and equality, and our sanctuaries celebrated by treating our lovely residents to a fabulous feast to demonstrate that they, too, deserve respect and consideration and should be allowed to have a great time. Animals enjoyed fresh fruits and vegetables, sweet treats, festive music, edible flower garlands, and even bobbing for apples.

On behalf of the more than **600** bullocks, buffaloes, cows, camels, horses, ponies, donkeys, goats, dogs, cats, rabbits, chickens, and roosters who call Animal Rahat home, *thank you!*



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