

Animal Rahat



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Reaching the Scene When Every Minute Matters

“At Animal Rahat sanctuaries, the safety, comfort, and happiness of rescued animals are paramount.”

—Dr. Naresh Upreti

Sanctuary
besties
Sidhu (left) and
Suraj (right)
love one another
and their
retirement.



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

Thanks to your generosity, in addition to all our other work, Animal Rahat's teams rescued **51 animals** from life-or-death situations this quarter. Some were trapped in inescapable spaces. Others were stranded in floodwaters with no way out. There wasn't a moment to spare. Each one of these rescues required quick decision-making, coordination, and calm under pressure. These are at the heart of our work: plucking animals from impending doom, easing their fear, and turning urgent situations into joyful moments.

Imagine carrying pounds of extra weight with no way to sit or walk without discomfort.

Before



After



All gone! A difficult surgery but a successful one

Gently, gently, up we go: precious cargo inside!

Saved



Back at home after his harrowing ordeal

When a young cat found himself stuck in a **15-foot-deep duct** with no way out, the Sangli team jumped into action. There was no safe way for them to climb down, so they lowered a trap cage baited with delicious-smelling food and waited quietly. Half an hour later, the hungry cat dared to step inside. The team gently raised the trap and transported him to the Waddi Village shelter, where they tended to a small wound on his leg, then neutered and vaccinated him. His worried guardian was overjoyed to learn he'd been rescued and treated with care. Once healed, he went home to his loving family.



Her neck was killing her! This embedded rope created an infected, fly-infested wound.



Braving waist-deep floodwater to rescue a stranded mother dog and her four helpless pups

Saved



Stuck fast and scared half to death

Hearing about a street dog who had burrowed deep inside a car's undercarriage and was stuck fast, the Solapur team zipped to the scene. Space was impossibly tight, and she was too terrified to let anyone near her. Thinking **on their feet**, the team arranged for the car to be carefully towed to a service station, where they could lift it high enough to reach her. Once she was sedated, steady hands worked patiently to free her. Then they rushed her to the Soregaon shelter for rest, food, and care, later spaying and vaccinating her. After she healed, the team returned her to live, much the wiser, in her village.

Preventing Suffering Before It Starts



Care for a Lifetime



This quarter, our teams worked in villages across the district to keep animals healthier and safer. We **sterilized 178 dogs and cats**, that way preventing countless litters from being born into hardship. We vaccinated **433 animals for rabies**, protecting them and their communities. We also gave **tetanus shots to 602 equines**, sparing them from a painful and often fatal disease. Each act adds up and creates a kinder world for every animal's life we touch.

What a coup: 100% sterilization achieved



Proud to live in a village with all dogs vaccinated and "fixed"



A tiny poke but a huge impact: protecting this little one from rabies



This quarter, **10 residents** began a new life at Animal Rahat's sanctuaries: **one mule, three bullocks, five horses, and one pony**. All arrived carrying the weight of a hard past and were welcomed with expert care, space to rest, and time to heal. Today, these gentle souls are learning what life should feel like, free to roll, graze, and move at their own pace.

Wendy trusts the devoted staff who care for her.



The simple pleasure of rolling in the cool, soft grass



Once used and overworked, Ananth melts into Dr. Naresh's caring hands.



Self-care keeps old man Gabbar's face as handsome as can be.



A head scratch is still available when staff's otherwise occupied at Kolkata sanctuary.

Vaccines can feel scary, but kindness and a sweet treat make everything better.



A quick shot today shields this gentle soul from deadly tetanus tomorrow.



Jolly's favorite pastime? Kicking up joy!



Changing How Communities Care for Animals

Compassionate citizen workshops promote a kinder future for animals.



This quarter, our teams reached **2,175 students and 121 teachers** with lessons in kindness. Hands-on workshops helped children see animals as individuals who feel fear, curiosity, and joy, just as they do. Our outreach teams are also promoting safe, animal-free mechanization with tractors that spare bullocks and donkeys from carrying heavy loads through crowded streets. These programs are building a future where treating animals with compassion will be the norm.

Compassion in motion: Tractors end backbreaking labor for every "beast of burden."



Welcome home, Chabili. You're safe now.

Cruel control removed! This buffalo can't believe it's gone.



Removing the nose rope removes the pain and restores dignity.

Free treatment not only heals wounds but also establishes trust and sparks discussions about mechanization.



Before

Taking the painful hobbles off



After

Every rescue, every treatment, and every moment of peace after a lifetime of misery is because of your generosity. From answering emergency calls in the dead of night to wading waist-deep through floodwaters or rappelling down well shafts, Animal Rahat rescuers are able to help animals when they need it most because of your support. Because of you, cats are home safe with loving guardians, dogs are free from perilous situations, and animals once worked to exhaustion and beyond can finally rest. **Thank you!**



Karuna found the sanctuary and has taken a supervisory position from his lounge chair.