



Due to the covid emergency, Help Animals India was asked to provide food, vegan of course, to desperately hungry people as well, some of whom, in turn, provide food to animals. We are very pleased that, through the auspices of a generous grant from A Well Fed World, we were able to provide emergency food rations to thousands of underprivileged people in slums and orphanages, as well as stranded migrant workers.

Dear Friends of India's animals,

As 2021 nears an end, we are ever grateful for your support through these challenging times.

Early this year, when India and neighboring Nepal were hit by an explosive second wave of the pandemic, the severe lockdown once again fell hardest on the most marginalized people and animals. With food markets closed, the street animals faced hunger and starvation.

For our partners on the ground, the first wave proved to have been an invaluable dress rehearsal. They now knew exactly how to work with the authorities to feed the hungry animals, even after curfew, thanks to special passes and the emergency feeding grants made possible by your support.

Throughout the lockdown, our vital animal birth control programs continued without letup. For example, our ABC (animal birth control) project with Varanasi for Animals continued to spay/neuter and vaccinate hundreds of dogs each month.

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At our grantees, every community dog is humanely caught, spayed/neutered and vaccinated against rabies, then returned to a much safer life on the streets. Community residents who witness these humane interventions end up feeling safer themselves — and more kindly disposed to the dogs in their midst.



This young man is thrilled to ensure a safer life for his street dog buddy with our sterilization and anti-rabies program.

When an ambulance is more than 'just' an ambulance?



Animal ambulances do more than save lives and limbs. This year, when your contributions to our ambulance fund enabled our colleague Smt. Maneka Sanjay Gandhi (the esteemed founder of People for Animals India) to sponsor the northern state of Sikkim's first animal ambulance, Mrs. Gandhi reports that the *people* of Sikkim were transformed. "This one vehicle has changed everybody's attitude," she enthused in a recent interview. "From having one person

who is an animal welfare person in Sikkim, now they suddenly have over a thousand. And wherever the ambulance goes, people are *warm* towards it!"

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We like to think that transformative effect happens wherever we are able to fund an ambulance for an animal protection group, whether (this year alone) in Kerala, for PFA (People for Animals) Kollam, in Maharashtra for Aurangabad for Animals, in Kolkata for PFA Hoogly, in West Bengal State for PFA Kalimpong and, of course, in Sikkim for PFA Sikkim.

Saving dogs and nurturing compassion in Nepal

We continued to save dogs this year in Nepal and nurture the seeds of compassion in the nation's youth. Our grants to Animal Nepal, Project Humane Nepal and Sneha's Care allowed each of these groups to spay/neuter and vaccinate hundreds of street dogs.

Project Humane Nepal is especially passionate about humane education, routinely visiting schools to reach out to young hearts and minds.

"Our vision is simple," they write, "a Nepal where all dogs, irrespective of being a stray or a pet, are respected and treated with compassion."

Cats in India are the ultimate underdog and need our help, too!

An unintended consequence of controlling dog populations can be exploding cat populations, *unless* the cats have also been sterilized. Sadly, trap/neuter/release (TNR) for cats is still widely lacking in India and Nepal. But there is one *very* bright spot: in Bangalore, our TNR project with Compassion Unlimited Plus Action (CUPA) is thriving and is currently India's largest such program.



Teaching Indian village children humane awareness for kindness to animals



For mother cats, TNR means no more endless litters, no more struggling to feed and protect kittens in a precarious and dangerous environment. For people, it means an

end to the endless battles in apartment complexes between those who fear cats and those who cherish them.

We love cats and we want them to enjoy safe and healthy lives. Sterilization is key. With your kind support, we can continue to broaden our efforts across India and Nepal.

"Three's company" is the new theme at the elephant sanctuary of our grantee, the Wildlife Rescue and Rehabilitation Centre (WRRC). This year, your donations enabled WRRC to provide permanent refuge for yet another



Aneesha, Gowri and Durga! (left to right)

sweet elephant. Durga had endured "all her 22 years of life chained in a shed near a bus-stop in the busy part of her home city," writes WRRC. "She was never taken out, except for occasional trips to a religious institution for display."

WRCC mobilized the local authorities to order Durga's release for emergency veterinary care. After a great effort, she finally landed in her new forever home at the same sanctuary where our two other rescued elephants, Gowri and Aneesha, are enjoying their senior years.



It was not too long ago that cat-lovers in Varanasi had no options for ABC. The vets there, and in many other places in India/Nepal, were untrained in spay/neuter. Today, thanks to your support of our project there, a lady like Gaurda can bring her precious cat Choto in for sterilization.

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All three of these grand ladies are now helping each other heal from their uniquely awful form of PTSD.

“We owe a debt of gratitude to the unstinting support of Help Animals India for their steady commitment to the cause of captive elephants and their well-being,” WRCC writes. And we, in turn, owe that debt of gratitude to you.

More elephant rescues are in the offing! Please stay tuned to our social media and email updates!

A haven where discarded dairy cows can safely become old cows



We know of at least one place where there is no stigma attached to becoming an old cow.

“When somebody calls you an ‘old cow’ it is meant as an insult,” writes our grantee, Karuna Society for Animals and Nature. But for Karuna, providing a sanctuary in Andhra Pradesh where discarded young dairy cows can safely and happily become old cows — instead of starving or slaughtered cows — is a badge of honor.

Since 2002, Karuna has rescued more than 700 cows, buffaloes, donkeys and horses. As Karuna explains: “most milking cows and buffalo go for slaughter after giving birth to a few calves.” Though still very young, they no longer produce enough milk to be profitable for their owners. Consequently, “an old cow is a rare sight. We do not have the power to change the cruel milking industry, but with your help our rescued cattle can live out their natural lives in peace.”



The older cows at another large animal sanctuary we support — Compassion Unlimited Plus Action, or CUPA — welcome an injured rescue. Male calves like this sweet boy are almost always abandoned by dairy farmers to a precarious life on the streets.



In India, where disaster relief is a constant challenge, we help whenever we can. This year, for example, we helped our longtime beneficiary, the MAITRI animal shelter in Bihar (India’s poorest state), recover from the havoc wreaked by a terrible monsoon.

Whether animals are in peril because of too much water or none at all, we are there whenever we can be.



Every year before the monsoons come, when street animals often struggle to find a drop of water, our grantees are busy putting out water bowls to slake their thirst.

And after floods have wreaked their havoc, our grants provide food for the hungry street animals.



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Sometimes, the disasters that befall animals are human-caused, whether accidental or the result of deliberate cruelty. In this sweet dog's case, an unfortunate run-in with a construction site was the cause of the tarry disaster. Fortunately, one of the many People for Animals affiliates we support very ably and tenderly came to the pup's rescue.



Before: *oh my...*



After: 95% back to normal — *life is good!*

We can't resist sharing *just a couple* more photos of the rescued animals who are thriving at the sanctuaries we support, thanks to you.



Lava is one of many donkeys rescued from the brutal brick trade by Animal Nepal.



Nandini is a rescued pig whose spirit shines at Rahaat for Animals, a vegan sanctuary in Dehra Doon.



We support WRRC's rescue of all kinds of injured wildlife. This cutie, a slaty-headed parakeet, was fit enough to be released to the wild after rehabilitation!

When we look into an animal's eyes, we see a sentient being like ourselves who deserves the same love, care and respect. This moral intuition is why we do what we do. It's why the dedicated people we support in India and Nepal do what they do. And we know it's why you do what you do to advance this cause and fulfill this sacred responsibility we all share.

With deepest gratitude, appreciation and best wishes for a better 2022 - from the Help Animals India team, our colleagues in India and Nepal, and the animals.

The Help Animals India team

P.S. Every dollar you donate goes incredibly far in India and Nepal where the animals' needs are great, but the cost of caring for them is roughly **90 percent less than in the United States.**

P.P.S. Help Animals India is committed to **effective altruism** by funding and empowering groups which not only help animals directly but **change people's hearts and minds** so all can be friends of animals, not foes.

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