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Dear friend of the animals of India and Nepal,

In these tumultuous times, we hope that you and your loved ones are keeping safe and strong, whatever challenges life may be bringing you.

As ever, we are so grateful for your support.

The world's troubles may seem endless, but compassion never takes a holiday.

As another year draws to a close, we and our partners in India and Nepal are as determined as ever to continue our work for the animals. **Their need is so great.** We have the skills, the dedication and the **mighty compassion** to continue serving as the animals' allies, thanks to your confidence in us. Our efforts not only serve the animals' needs today; they nurture a culture of compassion that endures long after we're gone. Our focus on **effective altruism** means we support groups that not only excel in their direct care for animals; their advocacy and public outreach changes attitudes in their communities, encouraging everyone to become animal allies.

India's climate brings so many challenges!



In times of drought,
our water bowls save lives.



Emergency monsoon flooding is no
deterrent for this animal angel.

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L to R: Pani, Janumani, Aneesha and Gowri (Durga and Lakshmi are grazing elsewhere)

When working animals like donkeys, equines and elephants are abandoned (or rescued) after years of service, our partner charities fill the void with their compassionate care.

India's captive elephants suffer a uniquely heart-wrenching plight. For many years, it has been our privilege to help care for a growing sisterhood of former captive elephants. Each one has been rescued from a long life of toil and social deprivation by the Wildlife Rescue and Rehabilitation Centre (WRCC) of Bangalore. Now living out the rest of their lives at WRCC's idyllic sanctuary, these great ladies — Aneesha, Gowri, Durga, Janumani, Rani and Lakshmi — have become inseparable BFFs. After lifetimes of isolation from their own kind (elephants are intensely social creatures), the companionship

they now enjoy may be our greatest gift to them. We are so thrilled to continue working with WRCC to bring the same blessing to as many captive elephants as we can.

With their numbers vvvsoaring into the tens of millions across India, every day street dogs face danger, given the public's fear of rabies and the violence it can provoke. One of our main efforts to defuse the ongoing crisis is in Varanasi and Sarnath where, this summer alone, spaying/neutering and rabies vaccinations were administered to over 500 dogs. Our public education efforts there are enlisting enthusiastic community participation.



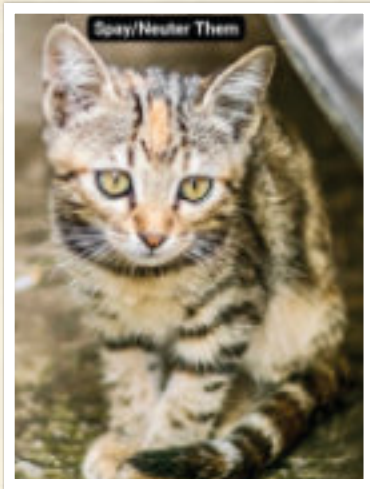
After they've been spayed/neutered and vaccinated, street dogs are escorted back into their communities in class (i.e. in our ambulance)!

Your donation enables our grantees to humanely catch, spay/neuter and vaccinate community dogs, ensuring they have a much safer life after being returned to the streets. Community residents who witness these interventions end up feeling safer and more kindly disposed to the neighborhood dogs.



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Alas, in India cats are the ultimate “underdog.” They need our help too!



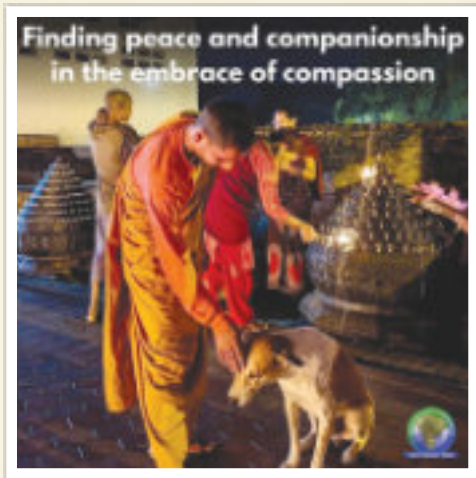
We love cats and we want them to enjoy safe and healthy lives. Sterilization is key. With your kind support, we can continue broadening our efforts throughout India and Nepa.

Late last year, Help Animals India was honored to be a speaker at multiple events in India and Nepal where we co-sponsored the Himalayan Vegan Festival, helping to spread the message of compassion for all creatures. While the speakers all forcefully pled the case for veganism, quite

another story revealed itself on the streets of India and Nepal, with cows and buffaloes roaming everywhere (many, sadly, destined to be illegally trafficked to the meat trade) and goats and chickens barbarically kept, awaiting slaughter.



In Nepal, we are supporting efforts to reform the brutal animal transport industry so that heart-wrenching scenes like this one will become a relic of the past.



Though vegetarianism is commonplace in this part of the world, plant-based milk and dairy alternatives are still limited to nonexistent. Meanwhile, our partner charities are doing their best to advocate for “diet change to stop climate change.”

The vegan festival continued in Lumbini, the sacred place where the Buddha was born. Sadly, unwanted animals are routinely dumped there, but no one was taking care of them. When we witnessed the plight of the abandoned street cows, we partnered with Animal Nepal to commence medical care — and encourage

the local monasteries to join in the effort. A project to spay/neuter/vaccinate hundreds of dogs was launched there as well.

This year, we have welcomed more hard-working groups into the Help Animals India family. The grants we distribute to these groups who do so much for the animals serve an additional purpose: they help the groups develop a base of local support. In time, this can lead to self-sufficiency and reduce reliance on donors from far-off lands. Until that day comes, it is because of donors like you that our work to make that dream come true is possible. Your donation is the lifeline that empowers our partners to save lives, provide vital veterinary care, and feed, house and love the animals, as they move ever closer to self-sufficiency.



Kindness to animals comes naturally to children. Here it’s being nurtured in an Indian village school.

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Your year-end donation will make a profound difference. It may help treat an injured street cow or monkey, or a community dog or cat. It may fund an ambulance, train a veterinarian, or help persuade people to keep animals off their plates. Wherever your donation lands, it will **change lives and save lives**; we promise it will! We can never thank you enough for your kindness.

When we look into an animal's eyes, we see a fellow sentient being who deserves our respect and compassion. This deep knowing, this moral intuition, is why we, you, and all our partners in India and Nepal do what we do.

With deepest gratitude and best wishes for a better year ahead, from the Help Animals India team, our colleagues in India and Nepal, and (of course) the animals.



**Eileen Weintraub,
Founding Director**

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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.



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 WFFC'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!