

PEOPLE FOR ANIMALS DEHRA DOON in PARTNERSHIP with HELP ANIMALS INDIA





Sanju, the Amputee Girl Mule from Uttarkashi, on her way to Raahat

# **NARRATIVE & FINANCIAL REPORT**

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1. Sustenance Model (Proposed) Grooming Centre cum OPD

Target Group	Homeless & Needy Animals
Geographical Area	Garhwal, Uttarakhand
Financial Year	April 2013 – March 2014

## **Overview**

People for Animals Dehradoon, an independently Registered Charity, addresses various animal welfare issues aimed at providing direct benefit to animals. One of its major initiative is Raahat All Animal Shelter & Veterinary Hospital in Dehradoon which depends entirely on private philanthropy.

Since 2012 Help Animals India has been the single largest donor of the Raahat Animal Shelter, the only one of its kind in the State, while also supporting its other activities. Help Animals India came forward to support the ABC Programme in 2012 with a Grant of \$ 3000.00 to PFA Doon for the sterilization of 200 female dogs. The support was significant as the implementation was and is still entirely dependent on private donations.

Over a period of time Help Animals India has supported PFA Dehradoon's rescue & relief efforts not only in the capital city but also in other parts of Garhwal. It also enabled the organization to make a meaningful intervention at the time of disaster. Besides, its support towards the infrastructure development work at the Shelter Facility has been invaluable.

However a reasonable shift towards developing a self sustenance model for the Shelter cum Veterinary Facility has been initiated with the funding of a Grooming Centre cum OPD by Help Animals India & other Patrons.

In year 2013 -2014, a Grant of USD 11500.00 was extended by Help Animals India for Disaster Rescue & Relief work, advertising campaign for animal rights, rehabilitation of animals from Garhwal and infrastructure development work @ Raahat Animal Shelter & Remodeling and Maintenance of the Raahat Rescue Van.



# **GRANT I (USD 7000.00)**

#### Programmes (Year 2013 – 2014)

#### 1. Advertising Campaign:

A campaign to create awareness on various animal welfare issues was launched in Dehradoon in 2 phases. The objective was to sensitise the general public on the need to promote adoption of homeless dogs, their sterilization, stop the dislocation of stray animals, take action against animal cruelty and need to make ethical choices by adopting vegetarianism.

In Phase I, 2ft x 3ft billboards were mounted at 40 places in the city, from Dilaram Intersection to Darshanlal Intersection.

In Phase II, 20 ft x 10 ft billboards were mounted at Inter State Bus Terminal (ISBT), Chakrata Road, Rajpur Road & Gandhi Road.

The Campaign was supported by Help Animals India, SSEWWA & Media 24x7.



## 2. Disaster Rescue & Relief Work

In June 2013 several parts of Uttarakhand were devastated by flash floods and thousands of animals lay marooned, without food & medical care.

PFA Dehradoon, supported by Help Animals India, lent hands on support in the rescue & relief efforts in three districts.



**Photo Courtesy Reuters** 

**District Chamoli** 

PFA Dehradoon's rescue & relief efforts on the Hemkund Trek, where 70 odd equines were in need of veterinary care, had been supported by Help Animals India prior to the floods.

Our Team camped on the Hemkunt Trek where 1000+ equines had been stranded with the connecting bridges having been washed away. While the volunteers on ground zero ensured an uninterrupted air supply of animal feed & veterinary care for the stranded animals, Members in Dehradoon liasoned with the Government to expedite the building of a temporary bridge for the evacuation.

After more than a month, it was on July 20, 2013 that the animals, stranded across River Alaknanda, were evacuated. The bridge which finally got made was the same for which the volunteers of PFA Doon had lobbied at the highest level in the govt.



Veterinary care being provided to stranded animals at Govindghat & Village Bhundyar in District Chamoli

### **District Rudraprayag**

PFA Doon also lent its hands on support in the rescue of a lone mule which had been stranded on a dry river bed in Sonprayag. An attempt at a manual rescue was made by our volunteer on 13th July, 2013 but finally the animal could only be air lifted to safety on July 16th.



PFA Doon Volunteer with the Rescue Team

The Sonprayag Mule being air-lifted to safety

## **District Uttarkashi**

PFA Dehradoon was contacted by other AWOs to assess the ground situation in the upper regions of Uttarkashi as there had been reports of animal abuse in Times of India.

The department of Animal Husbandry was contacted to attend to the injured animals on way to the villages from where incidences of violence against dogs had been reported.

Two incidences were reported to our volunteer, where dogs had been shot at by the villagers.



The veterinary officers from the Deptt. of Animal Husbandry attending to sick animals in Uttarkashi, supported by volunteer PFA Doon

### Support

PFA Dehradoon's rescue & relief efforts at the time of the disaster were sponsored by Help Animals India in the form of medical supplies for the affected animals while also covering the travel, accommodation & other miscellaneous expenses.

#### Assessment

The rescue & relief work in June & July 2013 helped the organization to make a correct assessment of the needs of the working equines and their owners. Subsequently in November 2013, a 3 month Relief Intervention Programme was carried out by PFA Dehradoon in District Chamoli, Rudraprayag, Tehri & Uttarkashi.

## 3. Permanent Rehabilitation

Raahat Veterinary Facility provides permanent rehabilitation to animals from Dehradoon as well as from outside the capital city.

The buffalo bulls rescued by the District Pauri administration from animal slaughter were rehabilitated @ Raahat way back in 2008.



The amputee girl mule from Uttarkashi on her way to Doon Sanju from Uttarkashi & Gracie from Rishikesh bonding @ Raahat

### **Rishikesh & Uttarkashi**

Injured & disabled equines from Rishikesh & Uttarkashi have been sheltered @ Raahat.

An amputee girl mule from Uttarkashi was rescued by PFA Doon with help from a local social welfare organization. Both the animals are now permanently housed @ Raahat along with the other resident animals.

### Support

Help Animals India has sponsored the rescue, veterinary care & general up-keep of the above animals.

As Raahat Animal Shelter depends entirely on private donations for all its recurring needs, Help Animals India's support for its general operational expenses has indeed been a great help.

# 4. Infrastructure Development Work @ Raahat

Raahat, only Facility of its kind in the Uttarakhand, provides rescue & relief services not only in Dehradoon but animals are also brought for shelter & veterinary care from outside the capital city. There is an ever present need to create more housing space, and upgrade the Facility aimed at providing better facilities.

Building work @ Raahat had been long overdue and it was Help Animals India which came forward, yet again, to sponsor the urgent requirement.

The Grant has helped in not only catering to the needs of larger number of animals but, at the same time, has also improved the quality of housing space.

The following structures have been renovated / added to the existing Facility.

### Nursery

A Nursery for the puppies had been the most awaited building requirement @ Raahat. A sum of Rs 2.00 lac had been sanctioned under the MPLADS. A matching Grant was sanctioned by Help Animals India for the Nursery in 2013 and building is now ready to house the shelter puppies.

The Nursery is an RCC roof structure, for future first floor construction, with marble flooring, tiled walls and a raised platform for wooden kennels to keep the puppies warm in winters.

Keeping the puppies separately will help reduce spread of infection as the diseased ones will be identified easily and will then be shifted to isolation wards. The separate housing will also ensure individual care for the puppies.



Nursery Sponsored by Help Animals India and MPLADS FUND

### **OPEN SHEDS / TREATMENT AREA FOR RESIDENT ANIMALS**

Two open sheds have been added to the main building and the large animal enclosure. These sheds will serve as a relaxing area for the resident animals during summers and monsoon. The shed adjoining the main building will also serve as an Indoor treatment area during the day and a shelter for small animals in the night.

The sheds will gradually be converted into enclosed structures to accommodate the increasing demand for housing space.



Treatment cum Feeding Area for Resident Animals, Small and Large

## **CAT HOUSE**

Till now the injured cats were being kept in cages as the facility houses a large number of dogs.

With Help Animals India's support the Hay storage room has been renovated and fitted in with wire mesh throughout. The same will now serve as a Cat House.

With a separate housing facility for cats, the organization will now be able to take up cat sterilization. The separate enclosure will provide a bigger space for cats to recuperate, roam about freely and play in their designated area.

The enclosure will gradually be partitioned to segregate injured cats from the healthy ones.



**Cat House** 

### **ISOLATION WARDS**

Another crucial requirement at Raahat has been fulfilled with help from Help Animals India. So far the isolation need was being fulfilled through cages which could only provide a very small area to the animals.

Built on the terrace of the main OPD building & staff quarters, the Isolation Unit has 4 wards on each terrace. The wards have been fitted in with gates and a separate seating area for each dog. There is also a main gate for each terrace with open area for dogs to roam around during the day. The wards are well protected from the rains but get enough sunlight.

The isolation wards will house distemper or suspected distemper dogs as such cases are brought very frequent to the shelter and which need to be housed as far away as possible from the ABC & IPD Uints.



Isolation Wards on the O.P.D. and Staff quarter terrace

### **RECORD ROOM CUM OFFICE**

It will serve as the supervisor's office cum record room. The rescue calls will also be received in this room and it will accommodate a computer and other material for general office use.

A provision of 2 doors has been made for future use as medical store.



**Facilitating better documentation** 

### 5. RAAHAT RESCUE SERVICE - REMODELING AND MAINTENANCE



Thank you Help Animals India!

Night Rescue of Laila and her family

Raahat Rescue Service, the only service of its kind for small animals in Uttarakhand, has rescued and rehabilitated thousands of animals since 2005.

In the year 2014 its remodeling and maintenance was funded by Help Animals India. The support enables us to rescue and relocate scores of needy animals from across the capital city every day.

### NOTE

Besides Help Animals India, Members & Patrons, PFA Dehradoon have also supported the building requirement in monetary terms as well as in kind.

# **GRANT II (USD 4500.00)**

## **Sustenance Model for Raahat Animal Shelter**

### Need

The recurring needs of Raahat Animal Shelter depend entirely on private donations. There is an ever present need to upgrade the facility while at the same time expand the overall scope of activities. Therefore Raahat needs to be converted into an income generating facility to help support its stray animal work better.

### **Grooming Centre cum OPD (Proposed)**

To fulfill the above need, a Grooming Centre cum a new OPD is proposed at Raahat. It will cater to the pet population of the city. The income generated from the same will support the recurring needs of the animal shelter.

The construction on the above will commence shortly and will be completed over a period of time, depending on the funds raised.

# **FINANCIAL SUMMARY**

#### **Receipt & Payment Account**

#### **Project: Animal Welfare Programmes in Garhwal**

Sponsor Help Animals India Grant Money USD 11500.00

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Designing for Advertising Campaign	
Veterinary Medicines for Disaster Relief	
Travel, Accommodation & Misc Expenses of Volunteer Member	
Rescue & Relief	
Infrastructure Development	\$ 8365
Remodeling and Maintenance	\$ 352
Total Expenditure Incurred	\$ 9517

#### Note: The figures, given above, are approximate.

## Raahat



## **VOTE OF THANKS**

Members PFA Dehradoon, extend their heartfelt thanks to all the volunteers donors of Help Animals India for their invaluable support for the various animal welfare Programmes in Uttarakhand. We hold your painstaking efforts and commitment, to serve the animals in India and elsewhere, in highest esteem.

Thank you for bringing a definitive change in the lives of animals, across India.





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