



BLUE CROSS OF HYDERABAD

16TH ANNUAL REPORT
2008 - 2009

PREVENTING CRUELTY & SUFFERING FOR ANIMALS





BLUE CROSS OF HYDERABAD

Registered Society recognised by the Animal Welfare Board of India

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OUR GUIDING PRINCIPLE :

"We believe that all animals are sentient beings. And whether they are used in the production of food, science, entertainment, for transportation, stray, homeless or wild; they deserve freedom from cruelty."

SERVICES :

1. Ambulance and rescue service for animals
2. Shelter for sick, injured and abused animals, birds and reptiles
3. Veterinary Clinic for pets and strays & Veterinary Camps
4. Mobile Equine welfare efforts for working animals
5. Prevention of Cruelty to Animals
6. Adoption of homeless animals
7. Animal Birth Control & Anti Rabies efforts for stray dogs and cats (ABC-AR)
8. Humane Education and Environmental Protection
9. Organic Vermicompost and Fertilizer Production
10. Cattle Protection and rehabilitation efforts during Natural Calamities

FUNCTIONING OF THE ORGANIZATION :

- 🐾 All services are conducted by salaried staff
- 🐾 Services are monitored by an Honorary Monitoring Committee
- 🐾 Day to day activities are monitored by the Shelter Directors, Founder
- 🐾 There is an Honorary Advisory Committee
- 🐾 Committee meetings are held on the first Saturday of every month
- 🐾 The Annual Audit is conducted every year
- 🐾 The Annual report is published every year and circulated to members
- 🐾 The Annual General Meeting is conducted every year by the month of July
- 🐾 All funds come from donations, grants and sponsorships that are entitled to 80G Tax Exemption.





FOUNDER'S LETTER



Dear Members well wishers and friends,

Our year started with a jolt from the recession and though we expected donations to drop, which they did, we also discovered that Animal Welfare has sound support from a group of animal loving citizens who come forward to help no matter how hard times get- and for this we are truly grateful. On our part we cut costs and luxuries- like extra milk and pedigree pet food for the animals. We took on self sustaining efforts like improving our Veterinary Clinic and surgery that has become popular with the community and improved the production of vermicompost, organic fertilizer etc.. On the whole we managed to carry on our services and activities without impediments. However, there has been a continued shortage of work force and it is getting difficult to find good workers to maintain the shelter.

I hope you will take time to go through our annual report and appreciate the outstanding and dedicated efforts of our Staff, Committee Members & Volunteers. The impressive numbers of animals helped, 38,640 to be precise, are due to a well coordinated team effort established over the years. On my part I personally assure you that Blue Cross of Hyderabad will continue its efforts to curtail and prevent misery for our animal friends. Results are not always what one would like, as many a time we are required to be silent observers. But we always ensure that our findings are recorded in the most crucial and important places and finally the perpetrators of animal abuse are brought to task.

Let us together pause a moment and make note that in the midst of the greatest extinction process played out in the History of Earth, to the largest number of living creatures by our species- humankind- we dared to be different and spend our time helping the animals.

To conclude, let me thank each one of you for having helped us so graciously with time, concerns, money, through untiring, brave efforts, unconditional support and even professional help. Without this it would be impossible to imagine another meaningful day at the Blue Cross! I quote an Irish blessing for you : "May the road rise up to greet you, may the trees protect you from the heat (cold) and rain and may the Universe shower blessings upon you and your loved ones - for you have been kind to the animals!!"

With warm regards from Nagarjuna and myself

Amala Akkineni





LETTER FROM THE HONORARY PRESIDENT



Dear Friends,

Respected Members,

I would like to thank all the members and institutions whose vision and support has helped Blue Cross reach out further. I would like to recognize the efforts of all the staff that have helped our organization grow year after year.

I was wondering as to what might be the utopian solution to have man and animal living in harmony. It then struck me that evolution has entrusted the care of certain species to man while the others have been endowed with survival instincts. The oldest example that comes to mind is that of the domesticated dog mentioned in the Mahabharata. On his journey to heavenly abode Yudhishtara is followed by his dog while trekking through the Himalayas. This gentle creature continues to be our best friend even today. We have several dog lovers that pamper them yet there are close to 300,000 that need a master. Yes these are collectively referred to as the stray dogs in Hyderabad. We may have a tough time finding a master for many of these animals. However the one thing that we can do is to ensure that future generations of dogs don't encounter a similar problem. For that the best solution that we have is animal birth control. The faster we accomplish this task the sooner the citizens of Hyderabad and the animals will be a happier lot.

The other thing that caught my attention was the sudden increase in monkey population in the urban areas. These siblings of Lord Hanuman have always been inhabitants of forests. However they seem to have been forced out of their natural habitat by the rapid erosion of forests. Today its monkeys, tomorrow it could be other wild animals. The only real long term solution that I see is to ensure that these animals stay away from urban areas is to prevent further reduction in forest land. Wherever possible let us push towards increasing forest coverage to the extents that were prevalent couple of decades ago.

Lastly I've been advocating the avoidance of plastic bags. The fact that they are not biodegradable does immense harm to the environment. We have from time to time witnessed animals dying from having ingested plastics bags along with the food that they scavenge out of rubbish bins. So the next time we go shopping lets carry a bag along with us and be glad that what we are doing is very animal friendly.

With warm regards

Vikram Polavarapu



THE BLUE CROSS OF HYDERABAD - ACTIVITY REPORT (2008-2009)

S.No.	Type of Animals	Rescues	Treatment at Pet Clinic No. of cases	Adoptions	Animal Birth Control Operation & ARV		Revaccination ARV only	Wild Life Rehab	Camps	(In Partnership with the Brooke's Mobile Equine Welfare for Working Animals)	Prevention Cruelty to Animals
					Male	Female					
1	Buffaloes	8	2	1					2		12
2	Bullocks	1		2					50		3
3	Camels	1							20	203	
4	Cats	143	50	10	27	56			21		18
5	Kittens	260	35	140							4
6	Cows	12	2								17
7	Dogs	6122	2811	68					27		604
8	Puppies	1659	494	358	2686	2328	3166		3041		109
9	Horses	6		2					12		2
10	Foals								59	251	
11	Ponies									2	
12	Donkeys	3		6					325	400	
13	Mules								5437	6557	
14	Ducks	2	11					1	1		1
15	Goats	2	112						149		1
16	Piglets	10							2		1
17	Poultry	6	5						44		
18	Rabbit	88	43	64	3	1					
19	Sheep		4								
20	Bats	3						1			6
21	Cranes	4						3			
22	Crow	4						3			2
23	Deer	1						3			2
24	Dove	1						1			1
25	Fishe	2						1			
26	Kingfisher	1						2			
27	Kites	14						12			5
28	Koel	4						2			
29	Mongoose	1						1			
30	Monkeys(Rehsus)	26			49	0		18			14
31	Owls	6						4			2
32	Parrots	4						5			2
33	Peacocks	6						3			5
34	Pigeons	87	14					65			4
35	Birds	2	18	2				2			2
36	Squirrels	4	2					4			
37	Tortoise / Turtles	10	7					8			1
Total		8503	3610	653	2765	2385	3166	137	9190	7413	818

Total number of animals helped : 38,640



April 2008

On April 1st, we signed an Agreement with Chalapathi Estates, P. Ltd at the Office of the GHMC Commissioner Mr.Sastry, and awarded them a plaque. They declared that all 19 and a half thousand homes being developed by them at Shamshebagh will be PET FRIENDLY in perpetuity. No other residential decisions can come in the way of this basic right. Considering there are housing communities such as these, people have no excuse to abandon a loyal pet which is callousness in the extreme!!

Maj. General Karb of the Animal Welfare Board of India paid a visit to the Blue Cross. An informal meeting was held with animal welfare groups from the twin cities.

A second borewell was successfully sunk, thanks to the kind help of Mr A.G.S.Reddy, as our first borewell ran dry with all the creeping construction on our boundaries. All cost for the effort was sponsored by Mr. A.G.S.Reddy. We are very grateful to him for solving our water problems.

May 2008

The Grand Adoptathon was held in the first week of May from the 1st - 7th. We walked our adult abandoned Dogs with Sri Ram, Volunteer, and friends in the Public Gardens to create awareness for our Adult dog adoptions. 3 were adopted after the walk along with 20 pups and three kittens.

June 2008

Deloitte IT Company held a SEVA week for fund-raising for the BCH. They also conducted a Questionnaire Survey for us with the public on Animal Matters. Two interesting facts emerged. (a) 54% of persons knew about the work of the Blue Cross and its services and



Blue Cross AGM official matters



PETA's President Ingrid Newkirk made a visit to Blue Cross. Later seen at the launch of her book "50 Easy Ways Kids Can Help Animals".





facilities (b) 43% of people admitted to being afraid of homeless animals on the streets.

August 2008

Awareness work for Nagapanchami was conducted on the streets and at temples in Hyderabad. The help of a number of students was enlisted. Basically, people have yet to understand that Reptiles are not milk drinking mammals and are protected wildlife.

Independence Day Celebrations took place with Flag-Hoisting, lunch and sweets for everyone at working at BCH Animal Shelter.

Blue Cross Annual General Body Meeting was held on August 18th. All Official matters were completed as required and the new elected body along with members who agreed to continue from before, took charge. They were highly appreciated for their work and the time devoted to Blue Corss activities A hilarious skit "Moving House with your Pet" written by Meitim Connolly and Nikhil Sinha was the grand finale. The turnout at the AGM was good and the participants optimistic for the future.

October 4th

World Animal Day (St Francis of Assisi) was celebrated with the inauguration of our evening Clinic masterminded by Dr. Prity and graced by Dr. Kirmani. A Camel Camp was held by the Equine Team led by Dr. Yadav. This was a first at Medhipatnam and evoked a good response. Feeding of a large number of animals was carried out in our local areas.

Flood Relief work was carried out in Orissa attended by a team from Blue Cross including 2 Vets, Dr. Shushant Yadav and Dr. Kandari from Vets Society for Animal Welfare, Rural Development and our paravets Krishna, Anjaiah and members of the Green Life Rural



Increase of abandoned pets on the street



Injured buffalo gets help





Association. They helped with severe animal and cattle distress due to the Floods. (Treatment, medicine and other relief measures were provided. Subsequently recognizing the acute shortage of fodder in the area, where in some villages the animals had not eaten for 2 weeks, a train load of dry fodder was collected from A.P. by Swami Das and transported to Orissa . The South Central Railways kindly allowed free freight for the effort. We are very grateful for their timely help.

January 2009

The National Animal Welfare Fortnight was celebrated successfully.

The AP Veterinary Council organised a Seminar on Animal Protection Laws. Amala, Mrs.Vansanthi and Krishna Vadi and Dr.Lakshmi Ramana gave talks on various topics orienting them to the present situations and steps that needed to be taken. Some important Key resolutions and recommendations were passed by the council post seminar that will substantially further the cause of animal welfare and bring it into the purview of Veterinary Officers Officially. We appreciate the efforts of A.P.Veterinary Council and intend to follow up with the interactions.



**AP Veterinary Council seminar
on prevention of cruelty to animals**



**CM presents outstanding achievement award to
Heera Rupani receiving on behalf of Sadhu Vaswani Mission**

A meeting was held with the Animal Husbandry Department, Meat Corporation of A.P., the private and Municipal Slaughter House authorities on Humane Slaughter Rules and their implementation.

February 2009

Jane Goodall, Champion of Chimpanzees and wildlife conservationist, visited Hyderabad. Members attended her talk and the fund raiser and were very appreciative of the event. Rukmini Devi Arundale's birthday was celebrated with a Talk at VSK Memorial School on animal welfare.



RESCUE SERVICE REPORT BY MEITIM CONNOLLY



To highlight the work of our ambulance and rescue service, 8500 animals were rescued, sick, injured and a busied from the streets. Dr. Prity and her team did an excellent job treating and helping these animals recover.

However, despite executing this enormous task successfully and ensuring that these animals got the best of care, we also received plenty of abuse because of public indifference and reluctance to observe their own civic duties, A failing to understand the reality of the distances that can be covered by an ambulance ; that we are a voluntary organization, etc; does not seem to filter public abuses and egoistic outbursts from animal loving callers.

In a day we can receive 25 calls that have to be prioritized. Hence we have drawn up Policies that are explained below. Kindly take a few minutes to read and understand them.

Here again we point out that we have relay rescue volunteer centers; we offer callers bus or auto fare if people bring the animal to us. Besides there are Govt. Hospitals and Vets all over the twin cities capable of treating injured animals in emergency. To end on a very positive note, as there are abusers, there are many hundreds of kind hearted callers willing to take care of the injured animal in emergency and people who do take them to the nearest vet for treatment. We recognize their efforts gratefully and respectfully for that is true animal welfare! May God bless you all!

Currently, we have 3 ambulances : An older auto, we hope to retire soon for small animals, a Maruti van, a cattle truck with hydraulic weight lifting system.

We are deeply indebted to the generosity of Mr.Amarnath, M.D.Tirumala Music Centre, for donating us a new vehicle which will be used as an ambulance and dog catching van for the humane stray animal control efforts and ABC/AR.



Camel receives emergency care



Dr. Prity assists young visitors





PHOTO GALLERY



Regular clinic visitors



Rescued barn owl



Goose with Tumour on fore head
benefitted from surgery



Calf recovering from road accident
where its mother was killed



GST recovered completely after wild boar attack.
Jaw was surgically wired for 2 weeks



Overloaded cattle truck -
reported to police



SHELTER REPORT BY MRS. PADMAJA, SHELTER DIRECTOR



Struggling for the rights and welfare of our animal friends we report the small satisfactions after great effort as follows:

The number of cases with positive outcome have been many. The successful treatments of an adult dog stricken with tumor in the testicles, a pup subjected to acid attack (adopted after treatment), a cow calf which met with a severe accident, disabling it from standing. Painstaking and imaginative treatment of the calf by our dedicated team of doctors resulted in its regaining its capacity to stand on its own. Likewise there are many more cases with positive outcome, but the shortage of space does not permit writing about all of them.



Among some adorable creatures who came through our shelter last year were the poor hutch dog, an enormous turtle, an inquisitive pea hen and three newly born piglets. The pig mother was killed leaving them to the painstaking care of Mrs Meitim Connolly, they grew into healthy adults. A special place was earmarked for blind dogs, so that they can have a free area to move. There is a very good quarantine ward to isolate cases of infection. Unfortunately due to parvo virus on the street, a large number of pups died this year. There was a decline in the cases of distemper cases.

As a result of cutting away thousands of trees for road widening, there was an increase in temperature and many animals suffered. The extremely hot treeless roads are literally roasting the stray dogs, cows etc. Many stray animals meet with terrible accidents and the number of rescues increased greatly.

Sometimes in extreme cases, hard decisions of bringing painless death have to be taken. In these cases of euthanasia, the doctors have to arrive at that decision after complete examination. Then it has to be approved by a member of the committee. Only when the quality of life is totally painful or hopeless these decisions are taken to end agony. Unfortunately due to the economic recession and also due to the spread of apartment culture, abandonment of pets increased.

On the average at any time there are between 700 to 800 animals in the Shelter. As a result, there is a great need for help. All types of help, either in money or kind will be greatly appreciated.

WE HAVE TO SPECIALLY MENTION THE SINCERITY AND DEDICATION OF ALL OUR STAFF- VETERINARANS, PARA VETS, ADMINISTRATION, CARETAKERS AND OTHERS WHO CREATED THE NEEDED SYNERGY.





It has been a disappointing year for the adoption of puppies and adult dogs and kittens as our numbers have been an all time low. The adoption of rabbits however remained constant. Various reasons for the decrease are in part responsible:

1. The increasing trend of people moving to apartments.
2. The development of independent house sites into large apartment blocks
3. The high price rise of foodstuff, milk etc making it more difficult to feed dogs.
4. The increasing cost of the private veterinary fees if one had a sick or constantly ailing or a old animal needing attention.
5. Weather changes especially hotter summers, load shedding, water shortages making it difficult to keep pets.
6. Recession in general.



Adopt a homeless animal

Our cattle are no longer in the adoption service due to their abuse by farmers who sold adopted animals for slaughter. We now give cattle only for fostering during their working years. If it is a non-working animal we allow for care to those offering care and grazing. We provide some training to the carers and make regular visits to check on their condition. This year animals adopted were:-

68 adult dogs, 358 puppies, 140 kittens, 10 adult cats, 61 rabbits
Fostered 2 bullocks and 1 buffalo
Fostered 2 horses and 6 donkeys by Mrs. Upasana Kamineni at her farm.

A grand total of 648 animals were able to leave the shelter and find homes.

Besides these, 99 abandoned dogs were brought / collected by BCH, many of these were ill, very old (left on the roads) and died peacefully at Blue Cross.

We would like to emphasise that the Blue Cross holds morning and evening clinics and constantly strives to provide quality veterinary care. We hope this will encourage more people to adopt from our shelter and from the street!





HUMANE STRAY ANIMAL CONTROL EFFORTS ANIMAL BIRTH CONTROL & ANTI- RABIES VACCINATIONS FOR STRAY ANIMALS



Blue Cross of Hyderabad is part of a world wide movement committed to humane stray animal control. We believe that the friendly stray dog, if vaccinated against Rabies and sterilized so as to avoid population increase- can be a valuable asset to the community. The ABC program spearheaded by the Animal Welfare Board of India, Ministry of Environment & Forests, Govt. of India, and has a clear guidelines of standards and procedures. Blue Cross is committed to ensuring these standards. This year the Animal Birth Control programme recorded a total of 5101 operations. Of these 2716 were male dogs and 2385 were female. Dr. Ajay and his team deserve much appreciation for this.

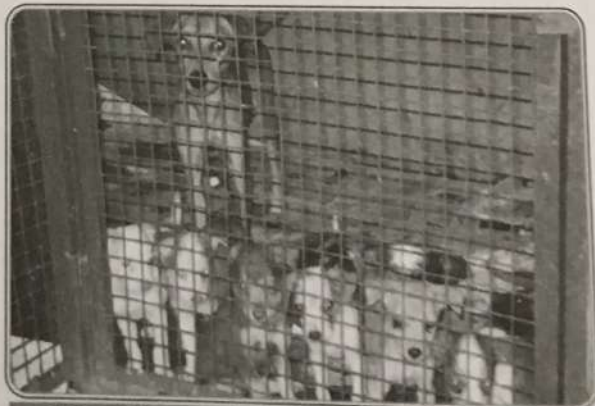
Besides this Anti Rabies Vaccines were repeated for over 3166 dogs that were already neutered. Blood samples were collected and sent for Titan testing. The reports confirm that with proper Anti Rabies vaccination community dogs do not show any signs of Rabies.

During the course of the year 7 cases of confirmed Rabies in dogs were recorded. The dogs were initially quarantined and later euthanized. The locations from where the animals came from were visited, the people bitten by the Rabid dog were counseled to get anti rabies inoculations at IPM. The community was counseled regarding the importance of ABC and anti rabies vaccination for pet and stray dogs. The dog victims were also kept under observation to avoid further spread of Rabies.

The GHMC have been facing difficulties controlling stray monkeys. We were able to help vasectomize 49 Male Monkeys, as required by the Regulations for rehabilitating urban monkeys into the forest.



Safe dogs ensure safe communities



Whelping mother & pups await action





NEGLECT AND CRUELTY TO ANIMALS REPORT 2008-2009



While most owner neglect cases end up at our clinic, where we can advise and counsel the owners on their responsibility, cruelty cases may involve Police procedures, litigation, confiscation of animals, etc. Incidents and action taken are indicated in this report.

In so many cruelty cases, inadequate evidence is the stumbling block to achieving justice for the animals. Without collection of evidence, little can be achieved to eradicate cruelty and instill compassion in the perpetrators. Vehicle pictures with number plates, at least 2 witnesses with full addresses and phone numbers, photos of the animal(s) victims involved, photos of the perpetrators, these are the minimum requirements to raise an FIR.

Besides registering calls reporting cruelty, investigating them and extensively counseling the perpetrators, only 2 cases actually included an FIR. Most cases were dogs tied day and night without shade, food or water, shooting of stray dogs, superstitious killings, goat sacrifices, merciless beating of homeless dogs, acid burns, animal hoarding, wildlife hoarding, etc. The 81 Breed dogs abandoned on the roads is another great shame. Members and supporters are requested to keep vigil and inform us about animals that need to be rescued from the streets.

The Prevention of Cruelty To Animals Act 1960 is being amended. Presently though all cruelty to animals is punishable by Law, the fines are nominal and hence not taken seriously by the Law enforcers and offenders. However, in compromise, Blue Cross has always managed to settle for confiscation of the abused animal, ensuring the safety of the animal at our Shelter. We are grateful to Swamy S.B.Das for his help to investigate and counsel offenders.

ANIMAL OWNER - NEGLECT CASES

1) Owner pets abandoned at the Shelter	18
2) Owner pets abandoned in the streets	81
Owner Neglect:-	
a) Failure to provide safety leading to accidents on the roads	12
b) Failure to provide timely Veterinary treatment	21
c) Failure to provide adequate food and water	6
d) Failure to groom and provide any exercise.	4
4) Rabies cases due to lack of vaccination	6
5) Road accidents due to rash driving	
Canines	471
Felines	19
Cattle	29
Equines (2 horses and 1 mule)	3
Duck	1
Total	523





Brief Introduction: The Mobile Equine Welfare Unit conducted by The Brooke in partnership with Blue Cross of Hyderabad started in February 2000. For the past 8 years the Unit (team) has worked tirelessly in remote areas with economically poor communities devoted to ensuring a better and more prosperous existence for both humans and their equines through animal welfare. This year, our team won the Best team of the year award from the Brooke. Our hearty congratulations to Dr. Yadav , Prem Kumar, Anjaiah and Wajid for their outstanding achievement.

Report for the year 2008-2009

Areas where working equines are covered by the welfare efforts:

In and around Hyderabad

Ghasmandi, Chudibazar, Kongra & Ravilkala, Puranapul & Dhoolpet
Yadgirigutta, Solakpalli & Relleguda, Choutuppall, Alampur,
Ramonjipur brick kiln, Karwan, Kodkanchi brick kiln, Yellammaguda, Talabkatta

The 22 areas covered on route through three districts are Ranga Reddy, Medak and Kurnool

1.	Gooty	53 Equines
2.	Pattikonda	51 Equines
3.	Gadwal	14 Equines
4.	Ieja	15 Equines
5.	Alampur	15 Equines
6.	Kovelakuntala	41 Equines
7.	Panyam	15 Horses and 160 Donkeys
8.	Parla	10 Equines
9.	Velduruthi	15 Equines
10.	Nandikotur	20 Horses and 120 Donkeys
11.	Allagada	60 Horses and 146 Donkeys
12.	Kurnool	12 Horses and 514 Donkeys
13.	Peravalli	80 Donkeys
14.	Joharampura	51 Donkeys
15.	Maktha	10 Horses
16.	Dhoolpet	16 Horses
17.	Karwan	06 Horses
18.	Adhoni	35 Horses and 200 Donkeys
19.	Kodmur	25 Horses
20.	Banaganapalli	56 Horses
21.	Kalva	15 Horses
22.	Husainapuram	157 Donkeys



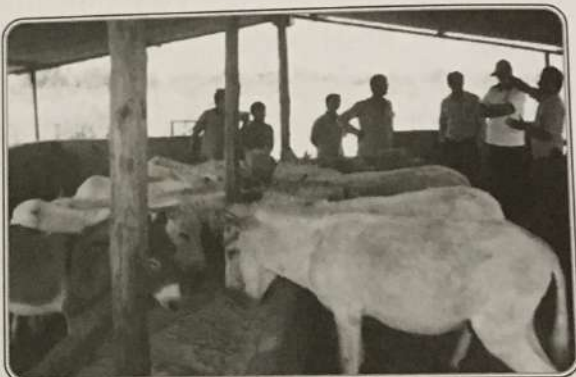


The welfare team have fixed days and methods of reaching timely help to the working animals. Besides Veterinary Care and regular counseling visits, this year a lot of time and effort was spent discussing issues with owners and handlers at Brick kilns about watering, feeding and shade shelters and their cleaning.

Health issues were also key topics of discussion and our Veterinary Assistant /Community Motivators provided brick kiln animal handlers with First Aid kits for emergency treatment and follow up for dressing of wounds etc. The importance of Preventive measures for disease like TT vaccinations got a lot of importance and Govt. Veterinary Hospital services and strengths were built up for lasting and sustainable animal welfare.



Branding practices performed on the equines



Food, Shelter & Water for working animals

Individual and group discussions were held in all covered areas. Where there were tonga stands then these discussions were held with their groups and unions. On the whole, besides our visits for Veterinary care a lot of training and awareness building was focused upon.

As with brick kiln munshis and tonga owners welfare issues were discussed and solutions were found. So as with donkey owner unions in Kurnool and Tonga owner groups at Ghas Mandi (market areas) etc. Some of the key issues and victories are listed below:

- Awareness about respiratory tract diseases and preventive measures and treatment was conducted extensively.
- Schooling for animal handler's children was sourced and encouraged.
- Maintenance of shade shelters and water troughs, and their cleaning was covered thoroughly.
- General animal welfare issues were covered and importance of regular hoof and eye cleaning discussed
- Saddle wounds and their prevention were highlighted



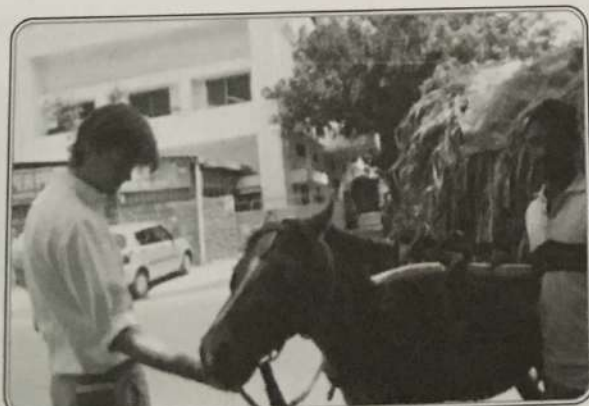
- Facilitated the forming of cooperative groups for saving money
- Impressed upon the importance of getting TT vaccination for their animals.
- Introduced the importance of adding salt to the feed and how much to add.
- Set up animal welfare committees among tonga owners to ensure it makes a difference in the general health and welfare of the horses.
- Building and maintaining water troughs and shed shelters
- Preventing overloading
- Animal owners at Mahanadi agreed that the improved measures to prevent saddle sores have worked and they are currently implementing them.
- Making use of government veterinary facilities for Equine treatment

Training was also provided :

Four paravets at the government hospital were given training Concept of the five freedoms for Animal Welfare for all animal owners First aid and preventive measures against colic, lameness, correct means of restraining, how and where to inject. A vaccination camp at the government hospital in Kurkunda was conducted for local animals along with animal welfare, that created an awareness for Equine welfare.



Dr.Yadav examining the teeth of an equine.



John Greany, making friends with Balesh's pony.

Mr. Balesh – Ghasmandi
(Tonga Pony Owner) says,
"I am happy with your services provided in the last 8 years and I have learnt about feeding , care and disease prevention for horses. In emergency I am approaching the government veterinary hospital for treatment and so I am not facing any problem.. Thank you !"



THE NATIONAL ANIMAL WELFARE FORTNIGHT JANUARY 15TH TO 31ST 2009



The fortnight started with a large procession attended by 400 activists in full force from Animal Welfare Groups of the twin cities on Jan 13th 2009. The Theme "Stop Animal Cruelty" was supported by banners declaring and calling for a 'Ban all experimentation on animals for Cosmetics and Toiletries', 'Beauty without Cruelty' etc. It was an enthusiastic and successful procession launched by the District Collector, Mr. Navin Mittal to flag us off and other enthusiastic, and noted Animal Activists.

A Press Meet was held by BCH prior to Animal Welfare Fortnight to highlight the celebrations. We were able to tend 8,570 Animals by way of vaccinations and treatment this year. The GHMC Vehicles to help us were kindly arranged by Dr. Venkateshwar Reddy, Chief Veterinary Officer of the GHMC. On Jan 23, the BCH celebrated its 17th Anniversary by conducting free clinics and feeding for all homeless animals in Jubilee Hills, Banjara Hills, Madhapur and High Tech City. A quick estimate of helping animals for 17 years brings us to approximately three lakh animals assisted.

Jan 26 Republic Day celebrations at BCH. Some Volunteers were felicitated. Mr. SriRam as Best Volunteer, special mention for volunteer Swati for her help. Big Heart Award to Ms. Priyanka, who has rescued countless pups and mother dogs. Republic Day is always interesting and gives us an insight into what our Staff feel about our country and what it means to them.

Deworming, 7 in 1 vaccination, FMD Vaccination, H.S. & B.Q. Vaccinations were also conducted. Anti Rabies Re-Vaccination Camps were held at the various places listed below and Blood collection for titan testing. Results were very positive.



Camel Camp



Bullock Camp





THE NATIONAL ANIMAL WELFARE FORTNIGHT
JANUARY 15TH TO 31ST 2009



Borabanda, areas by 3 Govt.Schools ,Mothinagar, Rahamathanagar, Chandanagar, BHEL,MIG, Ashoknagar, Yousufguda,Vengal Rao Nagar, Sanathnagar, Balanagar, Subashnagar, Jawaharnagar, Kukatpally,Yellamma Banda, Sainikpuri, Vikrampuri Colony, Ameerpet, Dasaribasthi, Mehindipatnam, Guddimalkapur, Tollichowki, Chaitanyapuri colony, Vanasthalipuram, Abids, Gunrock Enclave, Mahendrahills, West & East Maredpally Kavuri hills, Madhapur, Gachibowli, Kondapur, Hapeespet, Hitech city, Jubilee hills, Banjara hills, MLA colony, near TDP Office, Tarnaka, Seethaphalmandi, Malkajigiri

Besides the ARV Camps other events conducted were:

Camel Camp at Gudimalkapur where 20 Camels were treated.

Equine Welfare Camp at Sagroli, Maharashtra where 5337 Equines were treated.

Cattle & Equine Camp at Ghas Mandi where 45 Bullocks, 18 Equines were treated.

Animal Welfare /Climate Change Talks at VSK Memorial School , Kukatpally and St.Anns College, Begumpet.

Blue Cross volunteers worked tirelessly to help Dr. Ajay, Dr.Prity , Dr.Kirmani . Paravets and BCH staff Krishna , Arjun, Srinivas, Pradeep were assisted by GHMC dog catchers to conduct the events. Dr. Yadav and the mobile team were also helped by our dedicated Volunteers to ensure the fortnight was a grand success.



Working teams for ARV Camps with VASWRD and University Volunteers

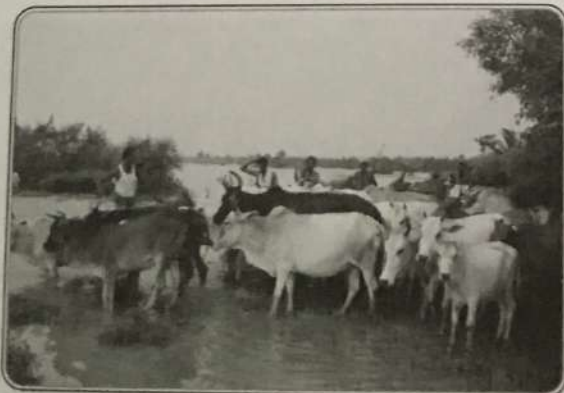




Almost every year, due to the effects of Climate Change, our neighboring State Orissa is hit by floods or cyclones. Each year the intensity of storms is seen to be stronger. In response we send out teams to assist them in any way possible. This year we sent 2 teams: A team of Vets from Vets Society for Animal Welfare & Rural Development accompanied by Blue Cross Paravets and workers armed with medicines, feed and supplements and fodder for 500 cattle, visited flood hit areas and provided timely relief to poor farmers and their livestock.

Fodder cultivation had been destroyed and cattle had been starving for 2 weeks. The efforts though small were highly appreciated by local authorities. The government of Orissa Department of Animal Husbandry provided Veterinarians for Veterinary treatment along the way. Blue Cross is indebted to the following Officers who ensured relief to marooned, afflicted and starving, animals:

Mahanga Block: Dr. Birendra Kumar Prusty (Addl. Asst. Surgeon),
Nischintakoil Block: Dr. Basantha Kumar Behra (Addl. Asst. Surgeon)
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Kantapada Block: Dr. Umesh Chandra Rao(Addl. Asst. Surgeon)
Dr. Dilip Kumar Das (Vet. Asst. Surgeon)
Dr. Pravajan Nanda (Livestock Inspector)
Tangi Block: Dr. Asmini kumar Nayak(VAS),
Tigiria Block: Dr. Mishra (VAS)
Badamba Block: Dr. S.C. Bhuyan (VAS)





FLOOD RELIEF IN ORISSA



South Central Railways and AWBI come aboard as saviors!

A team led by Swami S.B Das followed soon after having surveyed the situation all over Puri District where fodder was completely destroyed by flood and a long drawn scarcity prevailed. Surrounding cultivation fields had been water logged by sea water – destroying the capacity of quick recovery until waters receded and land recovered from salinity. The Minister for Agriculture, Govt. of A.P. and District Collectors from several districts of A.P.State arranged for us to purchase dry fodder at low cost. South Central Railways provided a goods train free of cost, to collect the fodder and reach it to Bhubaneshwar on the 13th of November 2008. The Director of Animal Husbandry, Shri Bishnupada Sethi, members of Visakha SPCA and Rural Green life Association ensured the distribution to affected villages. The Herculean efforts would not have been possible without the timely concern and participation of Animal Welfare Organizations, and the Department of Animal Husbandry, Govt.of Orissa and South Central Railways. We are indebted to the following officials who gave outstanding and timely help to ensure animal welfare:

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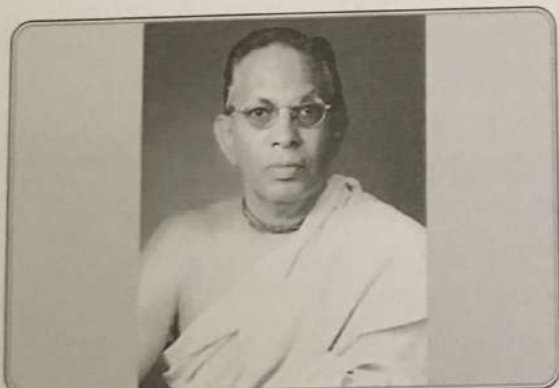




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Form the Animal Welfare Sector our sincere gratitude goes to:
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Mr.Pradeep Kumar Nath, Visakha SPCA
Sovakar Behera, Rural Green Life Association
Swamy S.B. Das



Swamy S. B. Das leads efforts for fodder distribution for flood hit Orissa





WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS



LIFE MEMBERS 2008-2009

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Poojitha Tumuluri
Sri Purushotham Jain mandal
K. Olivia
Ankita Kumar
Sneha
Pooja Krishna

FAMILY MEMBER'S

Dr. Prakasamma
Vijaya Jami

*Hearty Congratulations to our Vets
Dr. Prity and Dr. Ajay for their Wedding.
Blue Cross wishes them a very happy married life!*





FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS FOR THE
YEAR 2008 - 2009



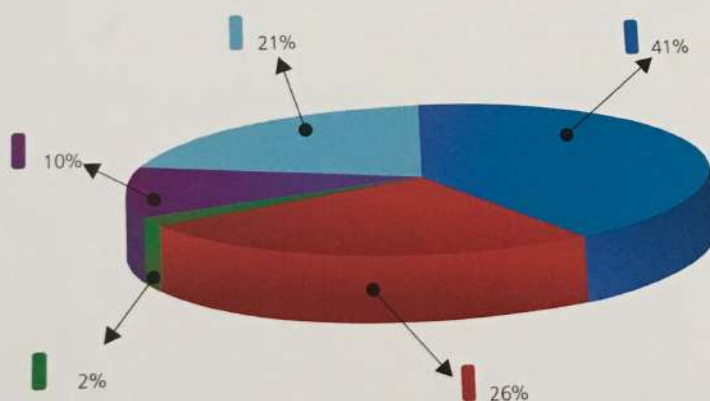
		(Rs. In thousands)	
		Amount	Amount
INCOME ::			
1	Membership subscription	2	
2	Donations	4,783	
3	Interest & Other Income	140	
4	Grant from AWBI for ABC/AR Programme	550	
	Grant from AWBI for Rescue Shelter & Establishment	90	
	Grant receivable from AWBI for Flood Relief for Cattle in Orissa	300	
5	Grant from Brooke Hospital for Animals, UK for Mobile Equine Welfare Project	1,451	
			7,315
EXPENDITURE ::			
1	ABC/AR Programme	2,885	
2	Rescue & Shelter home for animals and Administrative Establishment	1,862	
3	Animal Welfare Fortnight Expenses	138	
4	Gowshala & Cattle Rescue/Flood Relief for Cattle in Orissa	731	
5	Brooke Hospital for Animals, UK - Mobile Equine project	1,451	
6	Depreciation	402	
			7,470
		Income Over Expenditure	(155)
		Add: Depreciation	402
		Net Cash Accrued	247



UTILISATION OF DONATIONS AND GRANTS

Breakup of Expenditure

	Rs.in Lakh	Sl No.	Percentage
ABC/AR Programme	28.85	1	41%
Rescue / Shelter & Establishment expenses	18.62	2	26%
Animal Welfare Fortnight Expenses	1.38	3	2%
Gowshala & Cattle protection / Flood Relief	7.31	4	10%
BHA / BCH - Mobile Equine Project	14.51	5	21%
Total Rs:	70.68		100.00



All donations are entitled to 80G Tax Exemption.



Introduction: Skin diseases in dogs and cats are mainly caused by external parasites like fleas, ticks, lice, mites & fungal. Some of them are due to allergic and hormonal imbalance. Most of the skin diseases in dogs & cats are having zoonotic importance and also highly contagious to community dogs & human beings. The fleas biting produce lesions like redness, irritation, itchy bumps on their ankles & lower legs.

Ticks can transmit diseases like Rocky Mountain spotted fever and lyme disease. The mites (*Sarcoptes scabiei*) cause pruritic skin disease, erythema, and wheal formation in both animals & human. Ringworm causes raised circular lesions, hyperkeratosis, alopecia in human and this is due to direct contact with the dog / cat having the same infection.

Skin dogs at BCH: The year 2008-09 saw a peak in the intake of dogs with serious skin diseases into the Blue Cross shelter. Both kinds of mange Sarcoptic and Demodectic, advanced cases of pyoderma and dermatitis were seen. The skin treatment wards at BCH were full, posing a challenge to the Doctors. Ivermectin injections, weekly antitick bath/sprays and skin oil applications ensure most of the skin dogs showed varying degree of recovery after getting treatment for months.

Blue Cross plays a key role in the rescue & treatment of dogs with skin problems, and a vital role in prevention of spread of skin diseases to community dogs & zoonosis. The BCH rescue service prioritizes emergency calls relating to mange conditions and sends out regular dog collection parties on Mondays to catch the worst affected dogs to contain the disease. We are indebted to Dr. Kirmani for his caring treatment for all these animals.



Dog with dermatitis



Medicated bath

Prevention of Zoonosis:

- 🐾 Avoid direct contact to dogs with dermatitis.
- 🐾 Use full hand gloves while handling these dogs.
- 🐾 Wash hands properly with antiseptic after getting contact with the dogs.





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Future Plans - A quick look at the Year Ahead

1. Campaigning work : An intensified effort to ban Cosmetic Testing on Animals.
2. Support Campaign of World Society for the Protection of Animals (WSPA) Universal Declaration of Animal Rights.
3. Conduct regular training efforts on animals welfare and prevention of cruelty to animals with all concerned departments of the Government: Police, Animal Husbandry, GHMC, Meat Corporation, Veterinary College, RTA, others.
4. Efforts to improve slaughter houses and implementation of humane slaughter rules in A.P.
5. Intensify Animal Birth Control and Anti Rabies efforts for stray dogs with GHMC.
6. Start a Humane Education / Environmental Education Centre.
7. Start out Mobile Equine Welfare efforts in Kurnool District and open an Office there.





CASH FLOW STATEMENT FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2008 - 2009



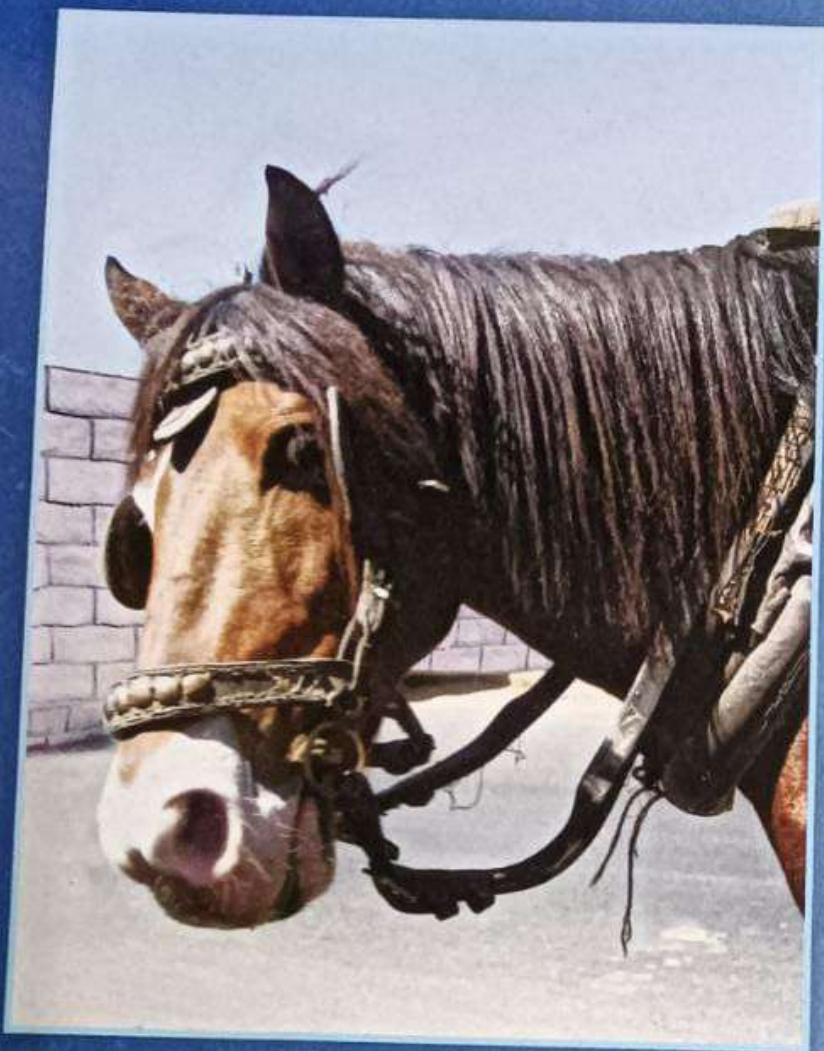
	(Rs. In thousands)	
	Amount	Amount
SOURCES ::		
1 Life & Family Memberships	97	
2 Decrease in Fixed Deposits	686	
3 Receivable from AWBI towards Flood Relief for Orissa Cattle	300	
4 Decrease in Unutilised Grants	34	
4 Excess of Income over Expenditure before depreciation	247	
		1,364
APPLICATIONS ::		
1 Increase in other fixed assets	529	
2 Increase in advances/medicine stock etc.,	65	
4 CASH & BANK BALANCES		594
Add : Opening Cash & Bank Balances		770
		671
CLOSING CASH & BANK BALANCES		1,440



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Life	1,500
Family	5,000
Corporate	50,000

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please call
Blue Cross Rescue Service

Tel : 32989858, 23545523,
23544355

Working hours:
9am to 5pm,
After hours emergencies only.

DO YOU HAVE A COMPLAINT ?

if you don't get rescue response within one hour there could be a genuine reason.

Please send the animal to our shelter in an auto, the fare will be reimbursed. You may alternately contact relay rescue volunteers. Other complaints may be address to the Hon.Secetary, Blue Cross of Hyderabad

Email : bluecrosshyd@gmail.com, info@bluecrosshyd.in



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