

Blue Cross of India

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REPORT OF THE GOVERNING BODY FOR YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2023



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A NOTE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Aug 29, 2023

Having completed 59 years and well on the way to our 60th anniversary, I would like to thank all our members, supporters, volunteers and donors for their contributions by way of Work, Wisdom or Wealth.



All three Ws are essential if we are to succeed in our mission to help animals in distress.

As I had mentioned in an email to our Governing Body members about five months ago, we have come a long way since 1964 but still have a great distance to cover to reach our objective – probably a goal we will never truly reach but our vision remains the same – a world in which every animal is recognised for its intrinsic value as a living being and not as something that is recognised for what it contributes to human well beings.

We are happy that the Animal Birth Control programme for street dogs almost sixty years ago was introduced in Madras in 1996 and its success led to the Government of India passing the Street Dog Control (ABC) Rules of 2001 which made killing illegal and mandated catch-neuter-release as the only humane way to tackle the twin problems of street dog population and rabies. When we first proposed this programme, it was dismissed out of hand not just by the authorities in our country, but also by "experts" like Dr. H. E. Bywater from the RSPCA in London in 1964 who, in a programme in the Madras Veterinary College actually ridiculed the concept out of hand and stated that our aim should be to find a "humane and painless way to kill these dogs"!

We are also delighted that in the past year, Mr. Philip Wollen graciously agreed to be our first Patron. He has been a major voice for animals, children, the aged, and the environment for several decades and a donor to the Blue Cross of India for over 20 years.



In the final analysis, we must remember that we are fortunate that we have a group of professionals on our

Governing Body who donate their time and efforts on a purely voluntary basis to look after much of the administration and special projects. This ensures that donations received by us go into helping animals without being unduly eroded by administrative expenses. The animals also benefit greatly from our hundreds of volunteers who put in so much physical work especially on weekends cleaning and scrubbing and painting at our Guindy centre.

We have a most dedicated group of Community Care Givers who not only feed the animals in their areas, but also ensure they are neutered and receive timely vaccinations and medical aid. And finally, our thanks go out to our thousands of donors who have made our work possible.

S. Chinny Krishna



AWARDS BY GUIDESTAR INDIA

Blue Cross of India is happy to announce that **GuideStar India** Platinum Award for the Highest level of Transparency in operations has been issued to us. Blue Cross of India is one of very few AWOs in India to earn this certification. GuideStar India has awarded the Platinum certificate for the highest level of Transparency in operations since 2013-14 and the current award is valid until January 2024.



Ask for our Due Diligence Report for details.

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IMPORTANT EVENTS

SPECIAL ADOPTATHONS

THE GREAT INDIAN DOG SHOW IN APRIL 2022

The Great Indian Dog Show at Phoenix Mall on 24th April 2022







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INITIATIVES TAKEN TO STREAMLINE RESCUES

Blue Cross of India is implementing the Registration of Rescue requests, ABC Requests through our Online forum links: bit.ly/bciresq and bit.ly/bciabcr respectively.

We are actively using the ZOHO ONE software, donated for free by ZOHO Corp, to store our records in the database from September 2019.

OTHER MAJOR DEVELOPMENTS

Visit of Ms. Nidhi Pundhir, Director and Vice President of HCLFoundation in Dec 2022

Ms.Nidhi Pundhir, Director and Vice President of HCLFoundation visited BCI with the HCLF team on 19th December 22 and interacted with the Board Members. She inaugurated and dedicated the HCLFoundation sponsored Lab for the animals' welfare. She also planted a sapling to support the environment.





MOBILE HOSPITAL FOR ON-SITE TREATMENT OF ANIMALS

Two more Mobile Hospital (MoHo) vehicles, sponsored by DahNay Logistics and Ranka Steels were inaugurated by Mr. Murali Babu of DahNay Logistics and Mr.Mahesh Kumar, Deputy Mayor of Greater Chennai Corporation in November 22 and March 23 respectively and is being used for providing on-site treatment to the distressed animals. A veterinary doctor and a paravet cum driver goes in the fully equipped vehicle and hundreds of animals are treated since its inauguration. Follow up treatment will be done with electric bikes procured on the sponsorship of Four Paws.

Inauguration of MoHo2 sponsored by DahNay Logistics Pvt Ltd in Nov22





Inauguration of MoHo3 sponsored by Ranka Steels in March 2023







Improvement of Treatment section (by Tiling) sponsored by Mr.Viju Mahataney





Meadow for the Horses



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Cat section tiling and roofing







Development works at Kunnam shelter sponsored by Jain Resource Recycling P Ltd Water Troughs for the cattle







OPEN YARD DEVELOPMENT











Cattle shed



Building Terrace







INAUGURATION OF MODULAR KENNELS SPONSORED BY Mr.RAVINDAR

The modular kennels, 13 in number, sponsored by Mr.Ravindar and Mrs.Malliga Ravindar were inaugurated in January 2023







WATER BOWL PROJECT-WATER BOWL FOR ANIMALS & BIRDS

Blue Cross of India's annual project of distributing water bowls was done this year also. Free water bowl distribution has engaged a lot of volunteer participation and helped thousands of animals quench their thirst.



OTHER EVENTS- WOMEN'S DAY CELEBRATION ON 8th MARCH 2023





BLUE CROSS OF INDIA CELEBRATED PONGAL FOR THE STAFF AND THE ANIMALS ON PONGAL DAY







WORLD RABIES DAY

Blue Cross of India observed World Rabies Day by vaccinating all the permanent resident dogs in BCI and also conducted an Anti Rabies vaccination drive in Pallikaranai area by vaccinating around 150 dogs.

Vaccination of dogs on World Rabies Day on 28th Sep 2022







TACTICAL RESCUES

SPECIAL (TACTICAL) ANIMAL RESCUES DURING 2022-23

During the year 2022-23, over 250 tactical rescues were conducted to rescue dogs, cats, cow and other animals from difficult circumstances like from a well, ditch, trap, drainage ponds, snares...etc

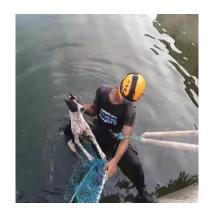
Animals are often found trapped in ways that they cannot get out by themselves. Poor urban landscaping, ignorance about the dangers of improper construction and lack of care for one's animals are just some of the reasons.

Some staff members and volunteers of Blue Cross of India are trained to rescue animals from such situations. They work as a team and save lives. This is apart from the thousands of routine rescues done by the BCI rescue teams in and around the city.

Here are a few such rescues:

Dog rescued from temple water tank





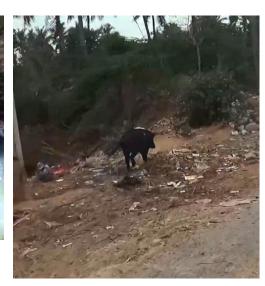




Pigs rescued from a well.







Dog rescued from a well





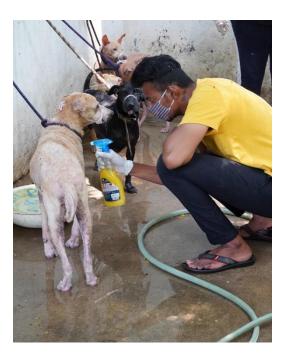
Dog rescued from a water sump! #rescueddog #dogs #animals #video #helpanimals #viralvideo



OUR VOLUNTEERS-PILLARS OF SUPPORT

An Animal Welfare Organization can do a lot more with the support of volunteers. We are indeed lucky to have many volunteers who give their time, efforts and resources to help us help the animals. We conduct volunteer induction sessions at our shelter to guide them to help us in our shelter. Trained and skilled volunteers often go for conducting special rescues with our General Manager (Rescues). We are thankful to all of our volunteers for offering us their services.







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RESCUES AND TREATMENT

MASS VACCINATION OF DOGS AT KANNAGI NAGAR SPONSORED BY HCLF

The summer started with great wellness, as at our Blue Cross of India, a gesture took place beyond all the ways to showcase the essentials for our paw friends, along with the support of Hand in Hand by the @hcl_foundation.

It all started on 12th March 2023, and on two subsequent days, at Kannagai Nagar, Thoraipakkam, Chennai, where over 1000 community dogs underwent vaccination to protect them deadly viral diseases like CD, Parvo....

A great number of over 300 dog owners eagerly brought their dogs to this movement. It was indeed an adorable sight to see how people are so involved with animal wellness! The organizing team involved doctors, caregivers, scout volunteers, and staff from Blue Cross who gave their valuable time and efforts for this successful event.





Pictures of few of our rescued animals, before & after treatment, and some stories at our hospital and shelter

If he is looking a little naked it's because he has mange. We see mange in younger dogs often because their immune systems are not fully developed, so the mange mites can basically have a field day on their skin. Mange is not considered a contagious disease. Mange is extremely uncomfortable for dogs, especially those like this boy, that have had it for so long that most of their hair falls out and the skin is itchy, inflamed, and scabby. This tiny spitz cross came to us last month with severe mange. He looks abandoned because the owner of this dog is not able to treat his skin condition. Our doctors, caregivers

and volunteer gave attention and care. and going to have



him all the necessary medical Now he is free from all itching happy life ahead!



Kutta is a super friendly dog, lives in Alandur, Chennai. He is one of the most loved dogs in his streets.

Couple of weeks before, Kutta's feeder found him on the road with a serious cut injury under his right foreleg. He was bleeding badly and its blood was everywhere. After seeing his condition, his feeder immediately raised a emergency request with us.

Our mobile hospital team immediately rushed Kutta's place and treated him. Our doctor gave him the drips and required treatment which included follow up visits.

After the multiple visits, Kutta showed a good come back and now his wound has healed completely.





How many of you remember "THARA"?

She was brought to our shelter last month with a serious strangulated wound in her forelimb. After examining, our vets found a rubber bank embedded into her skin, tore and went on the bone. She almost lost her leg because of a small rubber band. After the constant support given by our doctors, she's free from all pain and trauma. Kudos to our super vets.



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At first glance, you might feel sorry for

* Dog of the Week * Max, but he would not want you to!

This handsome boy lives his life just like any other dog, and he is ready to win you over with his sweet personality, not sympathy for his story.

Max was brought to our shelter just a month ago. He was covered with hundreds of ticks & fleas, severely malnourished, dehydrated and dumped on the road. He was almost in the verge of death while rescuing him. Max was brought to the shelter and our doctors gave him the best care which he badly needed. After the constant support given by our vets, caregiver and volunteers team now he has turned to a handsome dog.





It's "LUCKY" turn in the spotlight. And judging by his handsome poses, he's ready! Lucky came to us with a severe maggot wound on the maxilla region (probably bitten by another dog) last month.

He was badly dehydrated and hundreds of maggots crawling on its face.

Our doctors attended to him immediately and gave him the pain killer shots and removed all the maggots slowly. After the constant support and care given by our doctors and animal care givers, lucky is finally recovered from all trauma.





We thank the following Rice Donors:

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We thank our donors Mrs.Khiran Swaminathan, Chatnath Trust, Mrs.Mavis Johnson, Sri Abubaji Charitable Trust, M/s K M Pandia Charitable Trust, Mr.Gokul Jayachandran, Mr. S.Ravi, Ms.Sumithra, Mr.Niranjan Sundarraman, Mr. Mukandan Seshasayee, Ms.Vijaya Rani, M/s V.R.Durgambaa Charitable Trust, M/s Guru Mishri Charitable Trust, Mr.Ravi Menon & Ms. Mini Krishnan, Ms. Shoba Swaminthan, Mr. Ramamoorthy, Guardian Pharmacy, Kandala Eleswara Sarma, Mr.Shashikant Albal, Mr.Rakesh C. Parikh, Ms. Susanna Vimala Benegas, Mr. Lalithraj Pandia, , Kleton Foundation, Mr. Harsh Singh, Harsh Skanda Sundaram, Mr.Shanthilal Jain, Mrs.Saraswathi Haksan, Ms.Sharada Rajamani, Mr.Venkateswaran Sundar, Mr.Karthikeyan Saravanan, Mr.A.P.Jaganathan, M.M.Forgings Ltd, Mr.Vyapuri, Mr.Arvind, Mr.Santhosh Kunnath, PAWGA, Mr.Kumar Markandan, Mr. Tarun, Ms. Indubala Ashok, Mr. Ganesh, Ms. C.R. Sumana, Ma. Anita Manohar, Avant-Garde Systems & Controls Pvt Ltd, Ms.Ayesha A. Malick, Beawar Association Trust, Cast Alloys, Ms. Lata Praksah of Change A Life charitable Trust, Irys Electronics Engg Services P Ltd, Pune, Ms.Kalyani Anandaraman, Ms.Laxmi Natarajan, Ms.Chitra Ramaswamy, Ms.Sripriya Ramaswamy, Mr.Suraj Chugh, Ms.Swetha Sridhar, The EIMCO-K.C.P. Ltd, Ms.T.K. Varalakshmi for helping us serve the animals...

We also thank all those donors who have donated feed, medicines and other materials through our Amazon Wish list and all those who have donated in kind for the welfare of animals.

We thank the following good Samaritans/organizations who helped the animals through us:

- 1. HCL Foundation for supporting us through the CSR program for animal feed, medicines for treatment of the distressed animals, for sponsoring the operating costs for an animal ambulance and spaying of dogs.
- 2. SITA Information Networking Computing (India) Pvt. Ltd for supporting us through their CSR program for animal maintenance and for sponsoring the fuel and maintenance for an animal ambulance.

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- 3. DahNay Logistics Pvt Ltd for donating a Mobile Hospital (MoHo) vehicle to treat street animals on-site.
- 4. Ranka Steels for donating a Mobile Hospital (MoHo) vehicle to treat street animals on-site.
- 5. Marchig AWT, Help Animals India, CHAL USA, Aspick Engineering for their continued support for running of our hospital and shelter.
- 6. Four Paws for the sponsorship for the operating expenses of the Mobile Hospital on Wheels for on-site treatment of animals and for procurement of three new electric bikes for follow up treatment.
- 7. Jain Resource Recycling Private Ltd for their donation to develop our Kunnam shelter
- 8. RNBDG Foundation for their regular and continuing support to support our services.
- 9. Ms.Roshni Nadar Malhotra for continued support for running our operations.
- 10. Quintessence Bussiness Services and Solutions Private limited (QBSSPL) for sponsoring the operating costs for an animal ambulance, taking care of animals.
- 11. Mr.and Mrs.R.K. Raman for their regular donations to support our operations.
- 12.Mr.Jay Sankaran and Mrs Suchi Mouly for their regular donation to support our operations.
- 13. Ambattur Infra India Pvt Ltd for sponsoring for the development of the cat shelter roof, tiling of the cat shelter and treatment section and concretising of the elective surgery section and for development of the horse shed and meadow for them and for the rivers sandbed and shed for the paraplegic dogs.
- 14. Animal Aid Unlimited for expenditure for their support for running our hospital and shelter
- 15. Nilpeter India Pvt Ltd for sponsoring the fuel and maintenance costs of one Ambulance.
- 16. TVS Motor Company for the donation to take care of the animals
- 17. Mr. Vinoth of Bruhat Logistics for donating for the feeding of animals at the shelter.
- 18. Ms. Sumithra for making a donation to the Corpus Fund
- 19. Mr. Mukundan Seshasayee for his regular donation to support our operations.
- 20. MARS India International Pvt Ltd for supplying free dog and cat feed for the animals.
- 21. Mr. Pattabhiraman for his donation to run our operations.
- 22. Mrs. Jayadevi Cholayil for her donation to run our operations.
- 23. Depenning and Depenning for their donation to run our operations.
- 24. Shashwath Steels for their donation to help the animals.
- 25. Essco Furnaces for taking care of the maintenance of the small animal crematorium.



- 26. Mr.D.S. Karthikeyan of Chennai for his donation to help the animals
- 27. Khivraj Foundation for their donation to help the animals.
- 28. Mr.Raman Kannan of Bangalore for his donation to help the animals.
- 29. Singhvi Charitable Trust for their donation to help the animals.
- 29. Environmentalist, animal rights activist, and a long-time friend of the Blue Cross of India, <u>Philip Wollen</u> gave us the greatest privilege of all by becoming our first patron. His guardianship, support, encouragement, and activism over the decades have made us so much better at what we do. Blue Cross of India is privileged and honoured to have him as "The first patron of Blue Cross". His patronage means a lot to us, and we are sure to reap great benefits from this association which he so kindly has granted us.

Our Major Donors:

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We are grateful to all the donors for wanting to help the animals through Blue Cross of India.







Saving lives by eradicating rabies























SHELTERS

At the end of the financial year, on 31st March 2023, the number of animal in the shelters were as follows: **SHELTER AT VELACHERY**

DESCRIPTION	PHYSICAL COUNT
ABC DOGS	90
TREATMENT DOGS	110
GERIATRIC DOGS	41
ABANDONED PET DOGS	97
ELECTIVE SURGERY - DOGS	32
TVT Dogs	9
INFECTIOUS WARD	9
MANGE DOGS	40
ORTHOPAEDIC CASES -DOGS	46
PUPPIES	261
CATS - SHELTER	65
ABC CATS & TREATMENT CATS	26
KITTENS	115
CATTLE & BUFFALOES	75
HORSES	19
DONKEYS	1
PIGS/Piglets	9
GOAT	4
RABBIT	12
GUINEA PIG	200
PIGEONS	167
CROWS	53
SQUIRRELS	30
Love birds	12
Cockateil	2
RoosterCocks	21
Hen	15
Other Birds	4
White Rats	1
TOTAL	1566

KUNNAM				
CATTLE	58			
BUFFALOES	68			
CALVES	2			
DOGS	33			
TOTAL ANIMALS	161			
THODUKKADU				
DOGS	30			
GRAND TOTAL	1757			



ANIMAL BIRTH CONTROL - ANTI RABIES - FOR DOGS

MONTH	AT GUINDY
APRIL,2022	293
MAY,2022	411
JUNE, 2022	499
JULY, 2022	667
AUGUST, 2022	504
SEPTEMBER, 2022	463
OCTOBER, 2022	552
NOVEMBER, 2022	609
DECEMBER, 2022	545
JANUARY,2023	385
FEBRUARY,2023	123
MARCH,2023	549
TOTAL	5590

SUMMARY OF ABCs DONE (DOGS)

	(200)
ON RESCUED ANIMALS	268
FROM CORPORATION	4326
MUNICIPALITY & OTHERS	996
TOTAL	5590

ANIMAL BIRTH CONTROL -CATS

MONTH	Nos.
APRIL,2022	66
MAY,2022	41
JUNE, 2022	58
JULY, 2022	55
AUGUST, 2022	58
SEPTEMBER, 2022	33
OCTOBER, 2022	58
NOVEMBER, 2022	56
DECEMBER, 2022	44
JANUARY,2023	15
FEBRUARY,2023	3
MARCH,2023	12
TOTAL	499



RESCUED ANIMALS

DOGS	6409
PUPPIES	10005
CATS	1101
KITTENS	4839
BIRDS	500
CATTLE	254
SQUIRRELS	143
RABBITS	103
HORSES	9
PIGS	2
GOAT	3
COCKS	15
PIGEONS	29
TOTAL	23412

TREATMENT/SURGERY

MONTH	Out Patient Clinic	Wild Animals Treated	Elective Surgeries	MoHo On-site
-	Nos.	Nos.	Nos.	Nos.
APRIL,2022	1114	31	20	42
MAY,2022	1044	12	18	105
JUNE, 2022	1491	28	10	127
JULY, 2022	1661	11	10	58
AUGUST, 2022	1490	0	10	96
SEPTEMBER, 2022	1321	11	18	67
OCTOBER, 2022	1433	0	23	62
NOVEMBER, 2022	1130	0	18	82
DECEMBER, 2022	1208	0	15	75
JANUARY,2023	1521	1	28	0
FEBRUARY,2023	1051	0	21	37
MARCH,2023	1221	0	35	103
TOTAL	15685	101	226	854



MONTHLY ADOPTIONS

MONTH	DOGS	PUPPIES	CATS	KITTENS
APRIL,2022	2	79		31
MAY,2022	1	94		40
JUNE, 2022	0	71		31
JULY, 2022	0	91		34
AUGUST, 2022	2	106		51
SEPTEMBER, 2022	2	55		35
OCTOBER, 2022	5	100		34
NOVEMBER, 2022	4	108		65
DECEMBER, 2022	2	147		48
JANUARY,2023	0	118		46
FEBRUARY,2023	1	118		44
MARCH,2023	2	117		68
TOTAL	21	1204	0	527

VACCINATIONS/DIAGNOSTICS

	ARV	DHPPI	Feligen	FMD	CBC	Biochem	X-Ray
MONTH	Dogs	Dogs	Cats	Cattle		istry	
	Nos.	Nos.	Nos.	Nos.	Nos.	Nos.	Nos.
APRIL,2022	568	302	52		528	87	163
MAY,2022	672	327	30		482	69	197
JUNE, 2022	739	310	38		719	94	126
JULY, 2022	965	370	50		836	106	200
AUGUST, 2022	805	306	32		846	101	147
SEPTEMBER, 2022	895	225	33	102	690	95	120
OCTOBER, 2022	819	271	58	125	734	82	106
NOVEMBER, 2022	820	206	56		573	79	105
DECEMBER, 2022	759	274	44		177	22	140
JANUARY,2023	658	295	39		332	28	178
FEBRUARY,2023	416	297	22		248	32	126
MARCH,2023	796	1333	40	132	192	34	179
TOTAL	8912	4516	494	359	6357	829	1787



TRANSFER OF HEALTHY LARGE ANIMALS

Date	Animals shifted	Orgn to where shifted
18-July-22	Cows-15	SRI JAYAM GAUSHALA
26-Nov-22	Cows-12, Bulls-1	SRI JAYAM GAUSHALA

CONCLUSION

Despite the difficult situation, coming out of the Covid pandemic period, thousands of animals injured in accidents or young puppies and kittens separated from their mothers are rescued by us each year. Thousands of ABC/AR operations on dogs and several hundreds on cats are carried out every year. Close to 1500-1800 of injured and sick animals are in our shelters at any time. We thank the staff and the volunteers for rising to the occasion to ensure that the shelter did not close down even for a day due to the pandemic. Blue Cross of India salutes each and every one of them. We have introduced new on-site treatment service through our Mobile Hospital vehicles from this year. All our services, with the exception of requesting the cost of vaccines from guardians with pets, are provided totally free of charge. In spite of so much of our work being done by volunteers, the running of so massive an operation needs a lot of money. It is, therefore, with sincere gratitude that we acknowledge the generous help of our supporters and patrons without whose help the above work would not have been possible and we hope that they will continue to help the animals.